

# Newsmakers

## Taylor's latest love: jewels

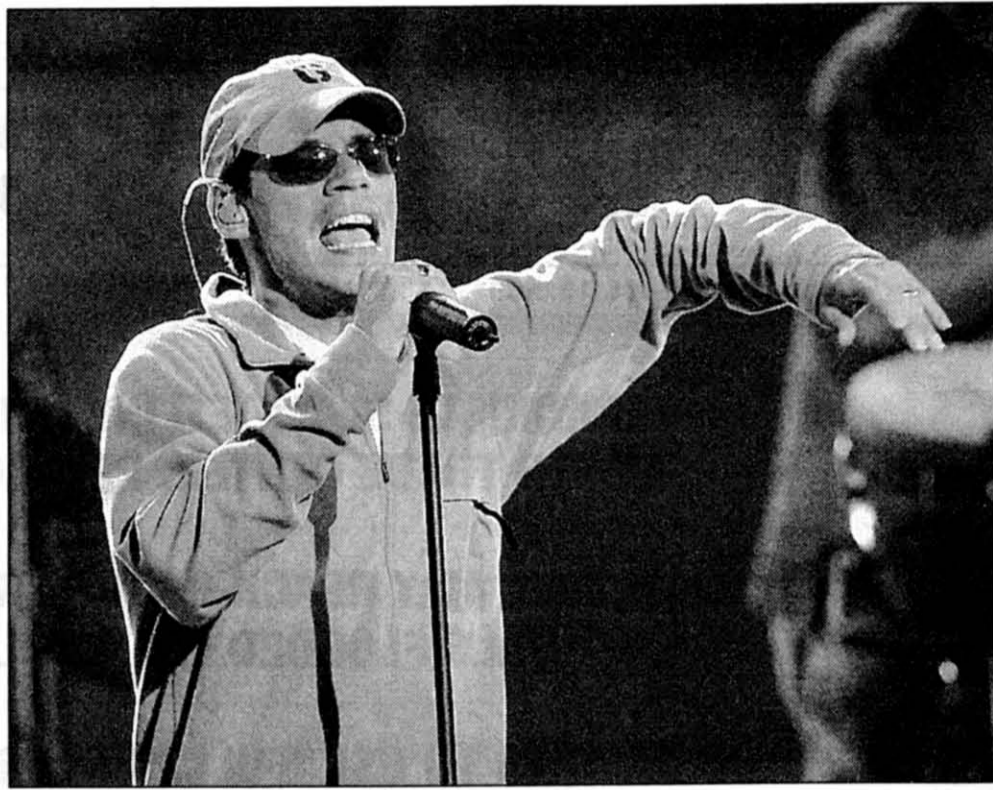
Now you can learn more about what makes Elizabeth Taylor glitter. The Academy Award-winning actress is writing a book about her private jewelry collection, considered among the world's most valuable. *Elizabeth Taylor: My Love Affair With Jewelry* will be published by Simon & Schuster in 2002. "I'm so excited to be able to share the moving, funny and beautiful memories behind these pieces of jewelry," Taylor said in a statement. According to Simon & Schuster, the actress will write about lovers, friends and various special occasions, and relate them to specific items in her collection. The book will feature 100 photographs, all chosen by Taylor. With pieces from Van Cleef & Arpels, Cartier, Bulgari and Schlumberger, her jewelry has been appraised by Sotheby's and Christie's auction houses as one of the finest private collections in the world.

## Heche but a 'dim memory'

Steve Martin was all smiles promoting his new film, *Novocaine*, at the Toronto International Film Festival until a reporter brought up his past relationship with Anne Heche. Martin's smile disappeared when asked at a news conference about Heche's comments last week in an interview with Barbara Walters about emotional problems she has had. "The whole thing with me and her happened eight years ago," Martin said Sunday. "It's like a dim, dim memory." Pressed on Heche's admission that she was hearing voices at that time, Martin said only: "No, I didn't have any experience with that at all, sorry."

## Testing mettle in *Rock Star*

Stephan Jenkins knew a little something about being a rock star before he played one in the movie *Rock Star*. That's because he's



Associated Press

## Latin Grammy Awards canceled

Before the Latin Grammys were canceled due to Tuesday's terrorist attacks, entertainers had spent many hours preparing for the star-studded event. Singer Marc Anthony, rehearsing *Celos y Envidia*, was to perform the song during the second annual Latin Grammys, which were scheduled to be broadcast live Tuesday night from Los Angeles.

the lead singer of Third Eye Blind. Jenkins plays the singer in a heavy-metal tribute band that rivals the tribute band in which Mark Wahlberg's character performs. He said some aspects of the movie, in which Wahlberg's character gets a shot at rock 'n' roll fame after toiling for years as a wannabe, are

accurate. "You live on tour buses," Jenkins said. "You've got 22 people who work for me on the road, and it's very seductive, and it is in some ways corrupting, and it makes you crazy." *Rock Star*, which opened Friday, was the No. 4 movie at the box office in its first weekend, grossing about \$6 million.



Joplin

seum director Dick Messer. "It embodies all that she was and all that she wanted to be." After Joplin's 1970 death, the Porsche was kept and driven until 1977 by her manager, Albert Grossman. It was then obtained by the singer's sister and brother, Laura and Michael Joplin, who decided in 1993 to restore

it. Joplin's Porsche is the latest addition to the museum's Cars and Guitars of Rock 'n' Roll exhibit on display until Jan. 28. Joplin grew up in Port Arthur.

## Winning numbers

TEXAS	
Lotto (Sept. 8)	6-13-17-26-40-54
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Lotto (Sept. 8)	2-5-15-25-28-38
Pick 3 (Sept. 11)	6-5-6
Cash Quest (Sept. 8)	10-14-22-34
Powerball (Sept. 8)	6-12-13-28-48
In La. and 20 other states	Powerball 26

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# Nation

## More stem cell lines seen as necessary

### Advisory group for research also urged

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The National Academy of Sciences says new embryonic cell lines will be necessary in the future, not just the 60 or so lines permitted to receive federal funds under an order by President Bush.

In a report released Tuesday, the academy also called for continued federal funding for the research.

And it urges that, because stem cell research is raising ethical questions, an advisory group be created at the National Institutes of Health to oversee research on human embryonic cells.

Stem cells are the basic building blocks of the body's parts. Scientists are trying to learn how to coax them to become new, healthy cells to rejuvenate, restore and repair ailing hearts, livers, brains and other organs.

"Given the promise of stem cell research for treating and perhaps curing a variety of debilitating diseases, our committee felt strongly that research not be limited, but include work on both human adult and embryonic stem cells," said Bert Vogelstein, chairman of the committee that prepared the report.

But obtaining embryonic stem cells, those that are most versatile, requires the destruction of a human blastocyst, one of the earliest forms of the embryo.

That raises ethical questions that prompted Bush to order that federal funds be used only for work on cell lines that already exist, not on any newly developed ones.

Vogelstein, of Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, said in a statement accompanying the report that "new embry-

onic stem cell lines will need to be developed in the long run to replace existing lines that become compromised by age, and to address concerns about culture with animal cells that could result in risks for humans."

Over time, all cell lines kept in laboratories accumulate harmful mutations and there is no reason to expect stem cells to be any different, the report said.

In addition, human embryonic stem cells are nurtured in lab dishes with the help of irradiated mouse feeder cells. The irradiation kills certain germs but may not kill viruses.

The Food and Drug Administration requires proof that scientists used healthy mice and properly performed all available infection tests.

Scientists also have raised questions about the suitability of many of the existing cell lines for research, noting that many are in the very early stages of development.

That criticism is unfair, Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson has said, contending that

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many of the lines in earlier stages will develop over the next several months.

The report, "Stem Cells and the Future of Regenerative Medicine," says federal funding is the most efficient means for promoting basic research, which is necessary in this case.

Stem-cell research is in its infancy, far from the point of providing benefits to sick people, the report said.

While private, for-profit research can be instrumental in translating basic research into medical advances, industry is unlikely to invest in work that may take many years, the panel said.

## Crowds racing to see singer's 'hippie-mobile'

A 1965 Porsche that belonged to singer Janis Joplin is drawing crowds to the Petersen Automotive Museum in Los Angeles. The red 356 Cabriolet is splashed with psychedelic butterflies and flowers, a God's eye symbol on the hood and a sun face with Joplin's Capricorn birth sign. "The Porsche is an eye-popping, traffic-stopping, original hippie-mobile," said mu-

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