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Texas' poorest shoulder much of tax burden

HOUSTON (AP) — In a government report that comes as little surprise to sales tax critics, the poorest Texans shoulder a disproportionate amount of the state's total tax burden, according to the *Texas Journal of the Wall Street Journal* reported.

In its biennial study, the state Comptroller's Office found that while the lowest income residents pay the greatest percentage of state taxes, the highest income Texans benefit most from exemptions on sales and franchise taxes.

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Exemptions on sales and franchise taxes will total \$20.5 billion in fiscal 1999, which ends Aug. 31, the newspaper reported. By comparison, the state is budgeted to spend \$43.1 billion.

Some common exemptions tend to benefit the wealthiest one-fifth of Texas families more than the poorest one-fifth. For instance, the top fifth saves \$174.4 million under the food exemption while the bottom fifth saves \$142 million.

Opponents of the sales tax are criticizing Gov. George W. Bush's stated intention to use an estimated \$5.6 billion surplus to reduce school property taxes by \$2 billion. The comptroller's report says property taxes are less regressive than sales taxes, the *Texas Journal* reported.

"Even though the governor says he's giving the money back to the hands that earned it, he's taking a surplus created by sales taxpayers and giving it back to property taxpayers — and those are not necessarily the same people," said Dick Lavine, a tax analyst with the Center for Public Policy Priorities, an Austin-based advocacy group for low-income Texans.

Many poorer Texans who pay sales taxes don't own homes and could only benefit from property tax breaks if their landlords pass along the savings, Lavine said.

Critics are missing the big picture, according to Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes. The tax-cut plans are designed not only to lower the tax burden on property owners but to make the state — as opposed to local property taxes — the primary funding source for schools.

Lavine and state Sen. Eliot Shapleigh, the El Paso Democrat who sponsored the 1997 legislation requiring the tax study, propose applying the comptroller's analysis to legislation that would significantly affect state revenues.

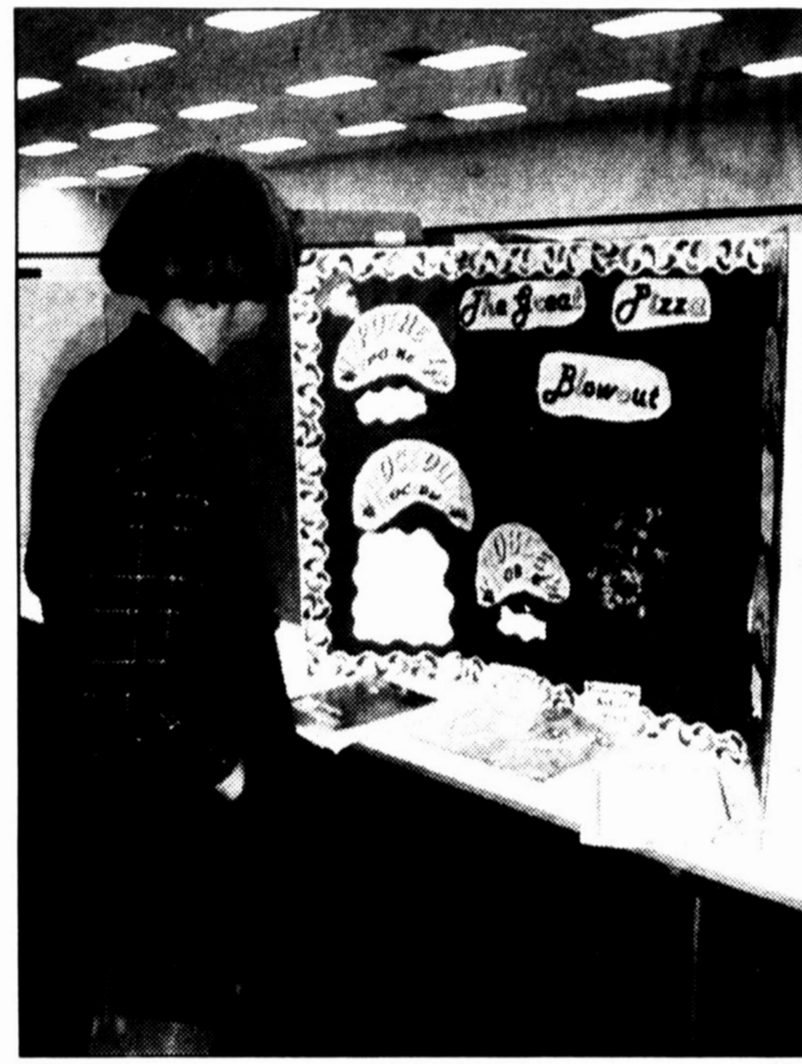
Other, more influential lawmakers, aren't convinced such tax incidence analyses would make much a difference whether or not a bill passes.

"Simply because some economist makes a statement that a tax impacts one segment or another, it doesn't necessarily translate into members' votes," said Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, who chairs the Senate Finance Committee.

As an example, the comptroller's numbers don't seem to affect Ratliff's viewpoint on the sales tax.

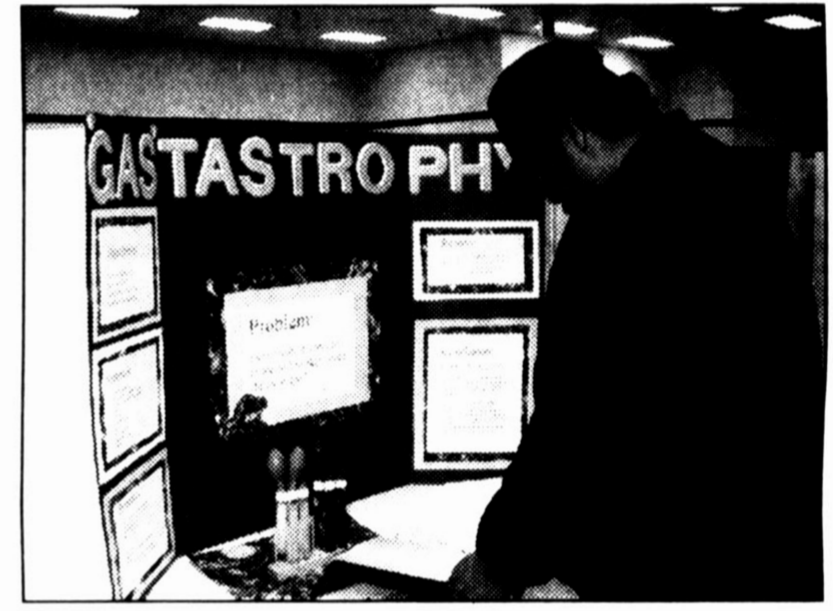
"While people always talk about the fact it's the most regressive, our constituents also tell us the sales tax is one tax you don't have to pay if you don't buy anything."

Science fair



Grace Paschal (left) and Nick Celaya (below) were among the Hereford area residents who were at the Hereford Independent School District Administration Building this morning to look at the projects entered in the district's annual science fair. Science projects of more than 650 local students were on display until noon today at the HISD administration building, 601 N. 25 Mile Ave. Students from throughout the district entered more than 410 projects, which they designed and put together. Projects were judged Tuesday and Wednesday by 28 residents representing the local community with awarding of top honors at special ceremonies Thursday.

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Economy: Nation's jobless rate remaining steady at 28-year low

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's unemployment rate held at a 28-year low of 4.3 percent in January with retailers, financial and real estate firms and construction companies all reporting job gains.

The seasonally adjusted rate matched the level achieved in December and last April, and before that in 1970, the Labor Department said today.

Employers added 245,000 jobs to their payrolls — nearly 100,000 more than projected by economists — on top of 298,000 in December.

The report shows the U.S. economy entering the new year with considerable momentum after growing during the final three months of 1998 at the fastest rate in 21 1/2 years.

It could raise questions in financial markets about how much longer the Federal Reserve can resist raising short-term interest rates. At Fed policy-makers' most recent meeting, this week, they decided to hold rates unchanged.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan expressed concern in congressional testimony last month that labor shortages would propel faster wage increases, which in turn would drive up inflation.

"The traditional danger signals for the Fed, strong job growth and rising wages, are flashing, but I think the Fed is struggling because there still are no clear signs of inflation," said economist Bill Cheney of John Hancock in Boston.

Interest rates rose in U.S. credit markets after the figures were released. Yields on 30-year bonds, a barometer of long-term borrowing costs for consumers and business, climbed to 5.33 percent from 5.29 percent just before the data were released. The Dow Jones average of industrial stocks rose 41 points in the first hour of trading to 9,346.

Today's report showed the average hourly wages of nonsupervisory workers rising 6 cents in January to \$13.04. It was the largest monthly increase since August.

Agriculture secretary says Y2K won't cause food shortages

WASHINGTON (AP) — Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman says it is unlikely the Year 2000 computer problem will cause widespread food shortages, partly because few U.S. farmers use high-tech systems that might be susceptible.

"The American public can be confident that the major domestic companies, which provide most of the key foods, will continue to operate," Glickman told a Senate committee.

Glickman warned consumers against "needless and frivolous stockpiling of supplies." Still, he added, "No matter what you do there will be some glitches."

He promised his department will work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to distribute food in case of

shortages. U.S. officials are working to ensure that trading partners are prepared for a smooth transition. They note that 40 percent of the nation's fruit, mostly bananas, is imported as well as 60 percent of seafood and about 10 percent of vegetables.

"The basic foods Americans expect to be in their grocery stores will be there," Glickman said.

The hearing was the first this congressional session by the Senate Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem, led by Robert Bennett, R-Utah. There are 329 days until Jan. 1.

The committee also was expected to hear testimony from

executives with Cargill Inc. of Wayzata, Minn., the nation's largest grain exporter, and Suiza Foods Corp. of Dallas, which produces milk, fruit drinks and plastic packaging.

Glickman said results from a survey being released today show that only about one-third of the nation's farmers use computer systems, mostly for record-keeping.

Many computers originally programmed to recognize only the last two digits of a year will not work properly beginning Jan. 1, 2000, when machines will assume it is 1900. The estimated cost to fix the problem is \$6.4 billion.

Some computers can be reprogrammed, but many devices have embedded microchips that must be replaced.

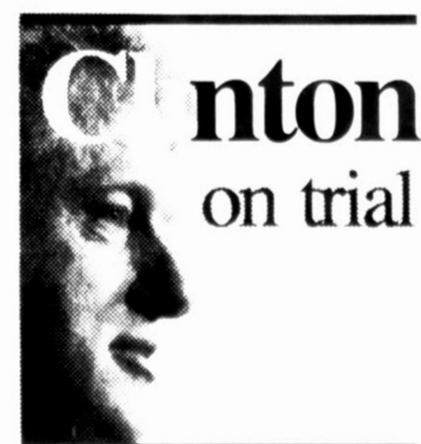
Academic decathlon



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Clarification — The photograph of the members of the Hereford High School Academic Decathlon Team on the front page of Thursday's *Hereford Brand* was unclear on the identification of the team members. The academic decathletes are (standing, from left) Lisa Coneway, Torrac Hayes, alternate Brigham Brown, Melanie Bristol, Dwayne Dotson; (seated) Lynita Dotson, Tan Nguyen and Jacob Spriggs. Not present were Reuben Coronado Jr. and Josh Rowe.

Lewinsky has 'mixed feelings'



The Associated Press

Sentimental without swaying from her story, Monica Lewinsky declared to House prosecutors in a videotaped deposition that President Clinton never suggested she file a false affidavit to deny their affair. She said she was "a pest" to presidential friend Vernon Jordan in seeking a job.

Lewinsky said she now has "mixed feelings" for Clinton

and objected when her congressional inquisitor, Rep. Ed Bryant, referred to her relations with Clinton as "salacious."

Congress today released transcripts of depositions taken this week from Ms. Lewinsky, Jordan and White House aide Sidney Blumenthal.

Ms. Lewinsky also recounted that in a middle-of-the-night telephone call from Clinton on Dec. 17, 1997, the president informed her she might become a witness in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case and suggested she could file an affidavit to avoid being deposed.

But in testimony that undermines one aspect of the perjury and obstruction of justice charges against Clinton, the former White House intern insisted Clinton never told her to file a false affidavit. "There was no discussion of what would be in an affi-

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But when Bryant pressed further, Ms. Lewinsky conceded that during that same conversation she began thinking to herself that she would deny the relationship because she and the president had always planned to use "cover stories" to conceal their affair. "From what I learned ... through those cover stories ... from what I learned in that conversation, I thought to myself I knew I would deny the

relationship," Ms. Lewinsky explained.

She refused to say whether she felt Clinton lied when he denied touching her in a sexual manner.

"I really don't feel comfortable characterizing whether what he said was truthful or not truthful," she told the House prosecutors. "I know I've testified to what I believe is true."

In her sworn testimony to prosecutor Kenneth Starr, Ms. Lewinsky has said Clinton touched her. Clinton denied that he touched her in a sexual manner although he acknowledged an inappropriate relationship.

Several times in her deposition, she reflected sentimentally on her secret affair with the president and the tumultuous times when it was exposed and exploded into an impeachment crisis.

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Local roundup

Picture buttons

Team members in the YMCA Youth basketball program will have an opportunity this weekend to have picture buttons made at the Hereford Y.

Photo buttons, which cost \$4 each, will be made from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Saturday. Proceeds will go to the Hereford High School Band Booster Club for scholarships and camps.

For more information, call 364-1855.

Appointments available

A representative from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development office in Amarillo will be in Hereford on the third Tuesday of March, May, July, September and November.

The representative will be in the Deaf Smith County USDA Service Center, 317 W. 3rd.

Office hours will begin at 10 a.m., but may vary as the field work requires. Anyone needed to see the representative is encouraged to make an appointment.

For appointments, call the Amarillo office at (806) 468-8600, extension 102.

Tree and shrub sale

The Tierra Blanca Soil and Water Conservation District is continuing its tree sale through the first week of March.

Trees and shrubs will be delivered about March 17. Officials recommend placing orders early for best selection.

For more information please contact the office at 364-6995.

Recycling day

Community Christian School Service Club and Hereford Beautification Alliance will hold a recycling day 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday in the parking lot of St. Anthony's School, 120 W. Park Avenue. Bundled newspaper, aluminum, and other metals, and car batteries will be accepted. No glass or plastic please.

Weevil eradication foundation seeks members

AUSTIN — Cotton producers in the Northwest Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone wishing to represent the five-county area on the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation's statewide board of directors have until Feb. 10, to officially place their names into nomination.

The deadline comes as cotton farmers and landowners who farmed cotton in 1998 get set to decide in a March 12 referendum whether a boll weevil eradication program should be initiated in the Northwest Plains zone.

Cotton producers who farm in the zone and have grown cotton for at least seven years are eligible for the position.

Those wishing to be placed on the ballot must fill out a nomination form along with a biographical information sheet. In addition, the nomination must be supported by the signatures of at least 10 other eligible cotton growers in the zone.

Producers can mail the form to Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin TX 78711 or fax the form to (512) 463-7593. Nominations must be postmarked by Feb. 10.

Forms are available at local county extension offices. The Northwest Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone consists of approximately 500,000 acres in Bailey, Castro, Deaf Smith, Lamb and Parmer counties.

Mostly cloudy

Tonight, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain, lows 30 to 35.

Saturday, mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain, cooler with a high 50 to 55. Saturday night, partly cloudy, lows around 30.

Extended forecast

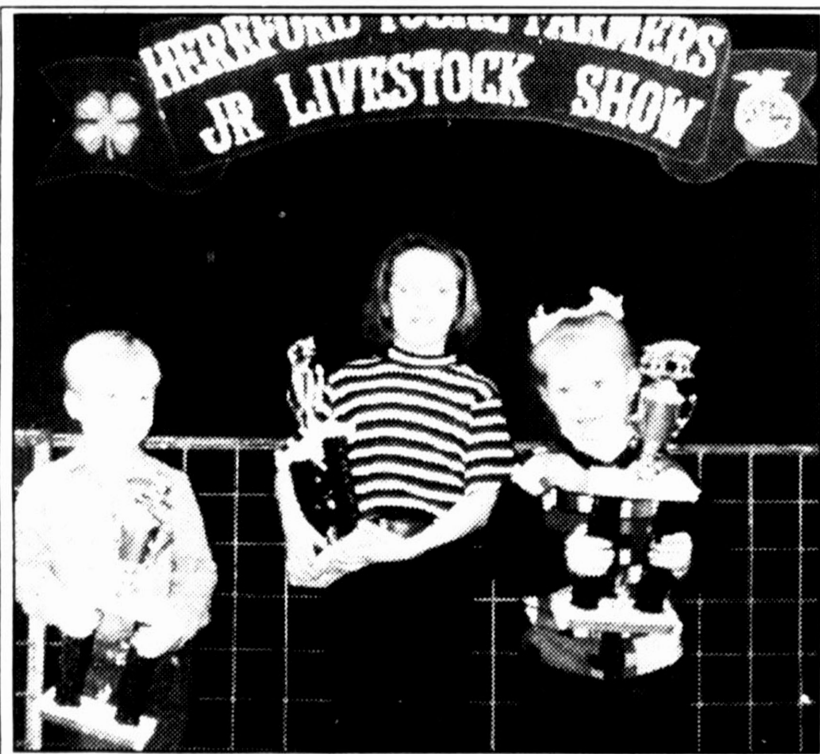
Sunday, mostly clear, highs in the upper 60s.

Monday, mostly clear and mild, lows in the mid-30s, highs in the lower 70s.

Tuesday, partly cloudy, lows near 40, highs in the lower 70s.

Thursday recap

High: 55; low 45; no precipitation.



Pee-wee showman -- Pig lovers start at an early age and these little showman showed their stuff at the 1999 Hereford Young Farmer's Livestock Show. Winning the 4 and under class was Caleb Urbanczyk; 7 and 8 year-olds class, Lauren Beville; and Haylee Collier won top place for 5 and 6 year-olds.

Elsewhere:

ATTORNEY CONFLICT: Henry Watkins Skinner, 36, could get an execution date today in Pampa. His attorney says Skinner's conviction should be reversed because his court-appointed trial attorney was a one-time district attorney who had prosecuted him on two previous occasions. ... **SUPPLEMENT FIGHT:** The Texas Supreme Court has agreed to hear oral arguments in the state's attempt to cancel a contract that VitaPro had to supply prisons with a food supplement.

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Barn fire -- Members of the Hereford Volunteer Fire Department including Joe Hamby, responded to a barn fire 10 1/2 miles north on U.S. 385 Thursday. The fire was a result of paint thinner and stripper containers being sparked by a pilot light of a barn heater. The owner of the barn, Bobby Veigel, told fire officials he had been refinishing a racquetball court inside the barn and had turned off the heater but failed to turn off the pilot. The barn sustained smoke damage from the heavy black smoke.

New treatment slows elderly vision loss

WASHINGTON (AP) — It is one of the most insidious problems of aging, a type of creeping blindness that steals people's vision from the center out.

First, fine detail fades. Your crossword puzzle seems OK at a glance, until you try focusing on just one word. People's faces start to blur. You cannot read or drive. Eventually, elderly people with the worst form of this "age-related macular degeneration," or AMD, go blind.

Scientists now are experimenting with a handful of therapies that may preserve patients' eyesight, starting with a light-activated drug called Visudyne that could be available within a year.

Visudyne is not a cure, cautioned Dr. Neil Bressler of Johns Hopkins University. Nothing can restore already-lost vision.

But for early-stage patients, "we may be able to slow down vision loss, or reduce the chance of AMD costing them

any more vision," said Bressler, who heads a nationwide Visudyne study.

The National Eye Institute, worried that the graying of America means millions more people are at risk, is pouring \$25 million into research to curb the disease. Among the work:

—An ongoing trial of 4,800 people is comparing whether vitamins C, E or beta carotene or the mineral zinc can stop the progression of AMD-caused vision loss.

—A government-funded study is about to enroll 350 people to see if a new type of surgery to remove a tuft of disease-caused blood vessels could stop the blindness.

—In March, the government starts a third study to see if removing drusen — yellow deposits on the retina that are a precursor of AMD — from people's eyes can prevent the disease from ever striking.

AMD is a budding epidemic, warns institute director Carl Kupfer. Some 1.7 million suf-

ferers already are legally blind, but the aging population means some 6 million more could go blind in 20 years.

The macula is the light-sensitive layer of tissue in the center of the retina. Two types of AMD destroy it.

"Dry" AMD, which accounts for 90 percent of cases, slowly breaks down the macula's light-sensitive cells. There is no treatment. But the damage occurs very slowly so victims only gradually notice a blind spot in their central vision and do not completely lose sight.

"Wet" AMD is rarer but much worse. New blood vessels form behind the retina, leaking onto the macula and rapidly destroying it. First, straight lines appear wavy. Then sufferers suddenly develop a central blind spot that often progresses to blindness within two years.

So research focuses on wet AMD.

There is one treatment, a laser that cauterizes the blood vessels. But only 15 percent of patients qualify, because if the blood vessels are in the wrong spot the laser can hurt more than it helps.

Now Bressler is leading a 600-patient study of Visudyne, a light-activated drug that is injected into the arm but then

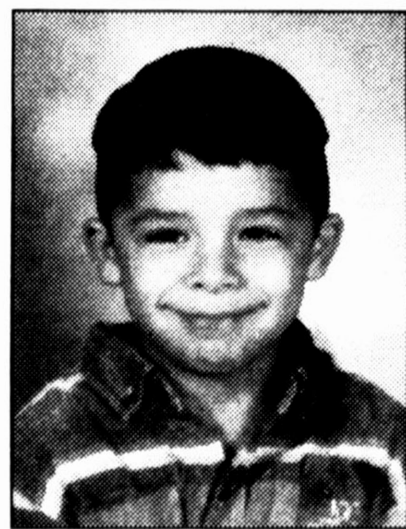
migrates into the eye's abnormal blood vessels. Shine in a non-burning beam of light and the drug "switches on," eliminating those blood vessels without hurting surrounding tissue.

Sixty-one percent of Visudyne patients had stable or slightly improved vision after a year, compared with 45 percent of patients given a placebo. The study is continuing another year, important because more rapid vision loss usually occurs in wet AMD's second year.

But manufacturer QLT Phototherapeutics is about to ask government permission to sell Visudyne based on the early data, approval that Bressler expects by 2000. Until then, the Visudyne trials are full — anxious patients will have to wait.

For now, people over 40 need regular eye exams, with their eyes dilated, to hunt early disease signs, like those drusen deposits. AMD sufferers and those at risk should ask an ophthalmologist about new treatments, including studies like the National Eye Institute's, Bressler advised.

A small radiology study presented last month suggests two weeks of low-dose radiation might help wet AMD, too, although Kupfer cautioned that better studies are needed for proof.

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ObituariesISIAH ANTHONY MORALES
Feb. 3, 1999

Funeral services for Isiah Anthony Morales, 8, of Amarillo will be 2 p.m. Monday in La Iglesia De San Jose with Fathers Domingo Castillo and Hector Guerrero officiating. Burial will be in West Park Cemetery. Rosary will be recited 8 p.m. Saturday and 7 p.m. Sunday at Rix Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of Rix Funeral Home.

He died Wednesday at his home in Amarillo.

He attended Oakdale Elementary School in Amarillo and was an avid sports fan. He loved to sing and dance and was a Dallas Cowboys fan.

He attended Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in

Amarillo where he was to have had his first communion in March.

Survivors include his father Pedro Morales of Hereford; his mother Jennifer Morales of Amarillo; three sisters, Marina Morales and Mercy Morales of Hereford and Marcy Morales of Amarillo; grandmothers, Elvira Morales and Cresilla Garza of Hereford; great grandparents, Jesusita Griego and Gilberto Herrera of Hereford.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Red Cross of Amarillo.

VIRGINIA ERLE REED STAGGERS
Feb. 2, 1999

TUCSON, Ariz. — Funeral services for Virginia Erle Reed Staggers, 78, formerly of Hereford, will be 1 p.m. Tuesday at East Lawn Palms Mortuary. Burial will follow in East Lawn Palms Cemetery in Tucson.

Mrs. Staggers died Tuesday. She was born in Hereford and had been a long time resident.

Survivors include her husband Darrell; one daughter, Sherri Staggers; one son, Tom Staggers; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two sisters, La Wanda Laird and Betty Kay Van Boyel.

The family suggest memorials be made to the Leader Dog School for the Blind, P.O. Box 5000, Rochester, MI.

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Feb. 4, 1999, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrests

— A 28-year-old man was arrested and charged on theft warrant from Potter County.

— A 29-year-old man was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated and driving without a valid license.

— A 40-year-old man was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated and for unlawfully carrying a handgun by a license holder.

Incidents

— Charges of criminal non-support have been filed on a 24-year-old woman who has failed to pay court ordered child support.

— Theft of beer charges was reported from a convenience store in the 500 block of South 25 Mile Avenue.

— A fight in progress was reported in the 300 block of Miller. The caller also reported a person wielding a knife had threatened someone. The police were unable to locate any evidence of the altercation. No

injuries were reported and no charges were filed.

— An attempted theft of beer was reported at a convenience store in the 2900 block of East First.

— A two-car accident was reported at the intersection of U.S. 60 and Main.

— A second two-car accident was reported at the intersection of U.S. 60 and Main.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

— 4:36 p.m. firefighters responded to a barn fire 10 1/2 miles north on U.S. 385. The structure sustained smoke damage.

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Texas lottery

Cash 5

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery:

4-10-15-17-36

Pick 3

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-6-9

LIFESTYLES

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Prepared to cook — Boy Scout Troop 52 members will cook breakfast for early risers Sunday as they prepare pancakes and German sausage in the fellowship hall of First United Methodist Church from 6:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Cost will be by donation with proceeds to be used for summer camp for local scouts. Pictured are, front row, Jimmy Cook, Cameron Caraway, Josh Schroeter, Toby Meeks; back row, Brandon Morris, Joe Russell, Paul Hammarbeck, Michael Claudio and Joe Wilson.

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Ann Landers



Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I commend you for printing the letter from "Sick of It in South Dakota," whose children lived with their father after her divorce. She said it's time to accept the idea that sometimes the kids are better off with Dad.

I am a divorced father with two boys, ages 7 and 9. They live with their mother. I pay out a lot of money for child support, but I doubt that the money is being spent on the children. If it were, I wouldn't have to take them for haircuts and buy them sneakers and winter jackets. I've asked my lawyer if there is any recourse but was told I could not dictate where the child support money goes.

I have recently remarried. My new wife is very supportive and has a great relationship with my sons. She is more of a mother to them than my ex-wife. I see my children every Wednesday and on alternate weekends. When it is time for them to go home, they cry and tell me they don't want to go. They have asked to live with me. I know they would be happier if that were possible and they would have a more stable and secure environment, but unfortunately, the courts do not see it that way.

I have attempted to get custody of my sons, but the courts seem interested only in how much money I can pay. And have you noticed that when a couple gets divorced, the kids almost always end up with the mother, leaving the father

with a painful court battle and an expensive legal bill? In spite of the aggravation, I refuse to give up. I'm still fighting for my boys. Ann, please tell all the divorced dads who love their children that they must stay in their children's lives, no matter what. Their children need them. — Been There and Done That in New York

Dear New York: Your letter speaks more eloquently than anything I might say. Every divorced dad who has walked in your shoes is grateful to you for writing.

Dear Ann Landers: "Frustrated in L.A." blamed the impossible-to-open drug containers on the guy who spiked the pain-reliever capsules. Wrong target. The reason those caps were designed was to stop toddlers from killing themselves. It's worth it.

Please tell your readers that those containers CAN be opened. Place the bottle on the kitchen or bathroom counter. Then, put your palm on the bottle top and lean on it while turning your palm counter-clockwise. If you use body weight to twist the cap, it will unclick from the locked position and be easier to open. — Brad in Highland Park, Ill.

Dear Brad: I tried it, and you're right. It works! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Dear Ann Landers: I would like your help in eliminating a phrase from our vocabulary. It is "rule of thumb." This may seem innocuous to you, but the history of the phrase could make you change your mind.

Before enlightenment and more civilized thinking, there were rules regarding when and how a man could beat a woman. For example, he could

not beat her on Sundays and was not allowed to beat her with a stick that was thicker than the breadth of his thumb. Hence the expression "rule of thumb."

I think we should eliminate that phrase from our vocabularies out of respect for the abused women of the world. Will you help? — New Rules in Grand Forks, N.D.

Dear N.D.: I don't recall ever having used that phrase, and now that I know the origin, I doubt that I ever will. Thanks for the info.

Gem of the Day: There are no new sins. The old ones are just getting a lot more publicity.

Do you have questions about sex, but no one to talk to? Ann Landers' booklet, "Sex and the Teenager," is frank and to the point. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check, or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Teens, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$4.55.)

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Girl Scouts offer balloon bouquets for Valentines

Cadette Girl Scouts are taking orders for balloon bouquets for Valentines Day. Bouquets will include balloons with a Beanie Baby in a basket, candy kisses, candy, in a pot or with a coke.

Orders need to be placed by Feb. 11 and will be delivered Feb. 12 and 13.

To order, call 364-1857, 364-2248 or 364-6772 or any Cadette Girl Scout.

Suggs gives program for La Afllatus Estudio

Aileen Montgomery was hostess for the Tuesday meeting of La Afllatus Estudio Club.

Mary Williamson led the Club Collect. Members answered roll call with their "Thought of the Day" then president Margaret Baxter conducted a short business meeting.

Emily Suggs, program chair-

man, used as her program the book "When I Am an Old Woman, I Shall Wear Purple" edited by Sandra Martz.

Refreshments were served to Virginia Beasley, Virginia Curtsinger, Merle Boozer, Alberta Higgins, Della Stagner, Louise Streun, Evelyn Morrison, Montgomery, Baxter, Suggs and Williamson.

Kurien to be speaker

Jacob Kurien will be guest speaker at Community Church of Hereford during services at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday.

Kurien, who is well known in this area, has in recent years had a phenomenal ministry to Hindus and Moslems.

Kurien has a powerful healing ministry and each time he returns from overseas he brings reports of thousands being saved.

Community Church is located just north of 15th and

Whittier. For more details or directions, call the church office at 364-8866.

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What's for lunch

School Menus

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Breakfast

MONDAY-Waffles with syrup; or cereal, buttered toast, mixed fruit, milk choice.

TUESDAY-Breakfast burrito; or cereal, buttered toast, orange wedges, milk choice.

WEDNESDAY-Scrambled eggs with sausage, flour tortillas; or cereal, buttered toast, apple juice, milk choice.

THURSDAY-Sausage patty, biscuit and jelly; or cereal, buttered toast, rosemary applesauce, milk choice.

FRIDAY-Cheese toast; or cereal, buttered toast, banana, milk choice.

Lunch

MONDAY-Chicken Parmesan with spaghetti, garden salad with dressing, black-eyed peas, cornbread, apple crisp, milk choice.

TUESDAY-Sloppy Joe on bun, border beans, French fries with catsup, rainbow fruiti freeze bar, milk choice.

WEDNESDAY-Sliced turkey with gravy, fluffy potatoes, green peas, whole wheat roll, gelatin with mixed fruit and topping, milk choice.

THURSDAY-Beef enchiladas with picante sauce, lettuce with tomato bits, Spanish rice, seasoned pinto beans, sliced pears, cowboy bread, milk choice.

FRIDAY-Corn dog with mustard, creamy cole slaw, potato wedges with catsup, fruit cup, applesauce cake, milk choice.

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TUESDAY-Smothered steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, apricots, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Ham and cheese melts, French fries, corn, cherry cobbler, milk.

THURSDAY-Hamburgers, tator tots, lettuce/tomato/pickle slices, pineapple cake, milk.

FRIDAY-Soft tacos, refried beans, tossed salad, fruity Jello, milk.

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Irish consider life in the Big Ten

And the prospect worries a lot of folks, including Notre Dame alumni and some Big 10 presidents

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — There's more at stake than just 111 years of football independence Friday when Notre Dame's trustees decide whether to go ahead with negotiations to join the Big Ten.

The decision affects millions of dollars in bowl and TV revenues, recruiting and academics, among other things. More importantly, Notre Dame's status as the national, Catholic American university could be forever altered.

"Notre Dame's identity nationally is so linked to football that people worry if the football program were restricted from a national schedule to a regional schedule, that would have an impact on the identity," said Notre Dame professor George Sterling, who favors the move. "This is touching the nerve center of the university."

Even though the decision affects far more than the football team, how the Big Ten would affect the future of the Irish legacy, which includes 11 national championships and greats like Knute Rockne and Frank Leahy, is of utmost concern to most with ties to the school.

"The only thing we're really addressing here is the extent to

which the athletic department is advanced or not by virtue of our football program changing its status," said athletic director Mike Wadsworth, who played football for the Irish in the 1960s.

As an independent, Notre Dame takes home every cent of its gate receipts, all of proceeds from bowl payouts and an estimated \$7 million a year in its exclusive TV contract with NBC, which is expected to jump to \$8 million a year for the 2000-2005 seasons.

But as a member of the Big Ten, it would enter a revenue sharing program that splits up a portion of each school's gate receipts from football and basketball, bowl revenues, TV contracts and proceeds from the NCAA basketball tournaments, Delaney said.

"Regardless of whether you're up or you're down, those bowl revenues are there," Big Ten commissioner Jim Delaney said.

"Whether you're in the Rose Bowl or not, you get the money. Whether you're on ESPN or not, you get money. So, basically it's a shared risk, shared upside, shared downside."

Should the trustees, meeting in London to dedicate a new Notre Dame facility there, decide to proceed with talks to join the conference, school and Big Ten officials will still have to decide several issues. But Delaney anticipates no problems to resolve those "competitive and financial issues."

"It'll be disappointing if they're not interested in taking the next step," Delaney said. "It's somewhat implicit that when we decided to contact Notre Dame as the first institution to talk to, that we felt they would be the best fit for us."

Problem is, an overwhelming majority of Notre Dame alumni don't think the Irish are a good fit for the Big Ten, in part because the decision has academic implications as well.

Notre Dame, known for its undergraduate programs, trails far behind the Big Ten schools in research and graduate programs. Some see joining the Big Ten as a way to improve those programs because conference affiliation also includes membership in the Committee on Institutional Cooperation, the academic arm of the Big Ten that includes all 11 conference schools and the University of Chicago. It allows the schools to share resources freely.

But some also see that as a threat to Notre Dame's Catholic identity, especially in a conference of secular schools, and some Big Ten presidents have grumbled privately that Notre Dame's

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"Our brand name is something special. We'd rather be one of one, than one of 12. ...Not that we're better than anybody. ...We're different."

■ Chuck Lennon
Executive, Notre Dame Alumni Association

NBA's opening night finally arrives

By CHRIS SHERIDAN
AP Basketball Writer

For the first time in 291 days, there will be run-of-the-mill NBA games. Opening night has finally arrived, and a new era begins.

Let the tainted season begin

The dynasty from Chicago that won those six championships this decade is gone. Everyone else has a better chance now, but they'll only have 13 weeks and 50 games to show it before the playoffs begin.

Let the tainted season begin.

"Some teams in basketball and in other sports like to build it up and tear it down, but that's not what we're trying to do," said Jazz coach Jerry Sloan, the longest tenured coach in the NBA as he begins his 14th season tonight. "We've got a bunch of quality players together, and they've played together for a long time."

Sloan's team, including Karl Malone, John Stockton and Jeff Hornacek, won't recognize many of the fellows in the Bulls uniforms when Utah plays Chicago. Only Ron Harper, Toni Kukoc, Randy Brown and Bill Wennington remain from last year's playoff roster.

The coach has changed, too, with Tim Floyd replacing Phil Jackson.

Odds-makers made the Bulls the biggest underdogs of the night, installing Utah as a 15-point favorite, and Jazz fans will come ready to mock the remnants of one of the sport's greatest teams.

"They are going to boo us as soon as we get off the airplane," said Harper, the only remaining starter from last season.

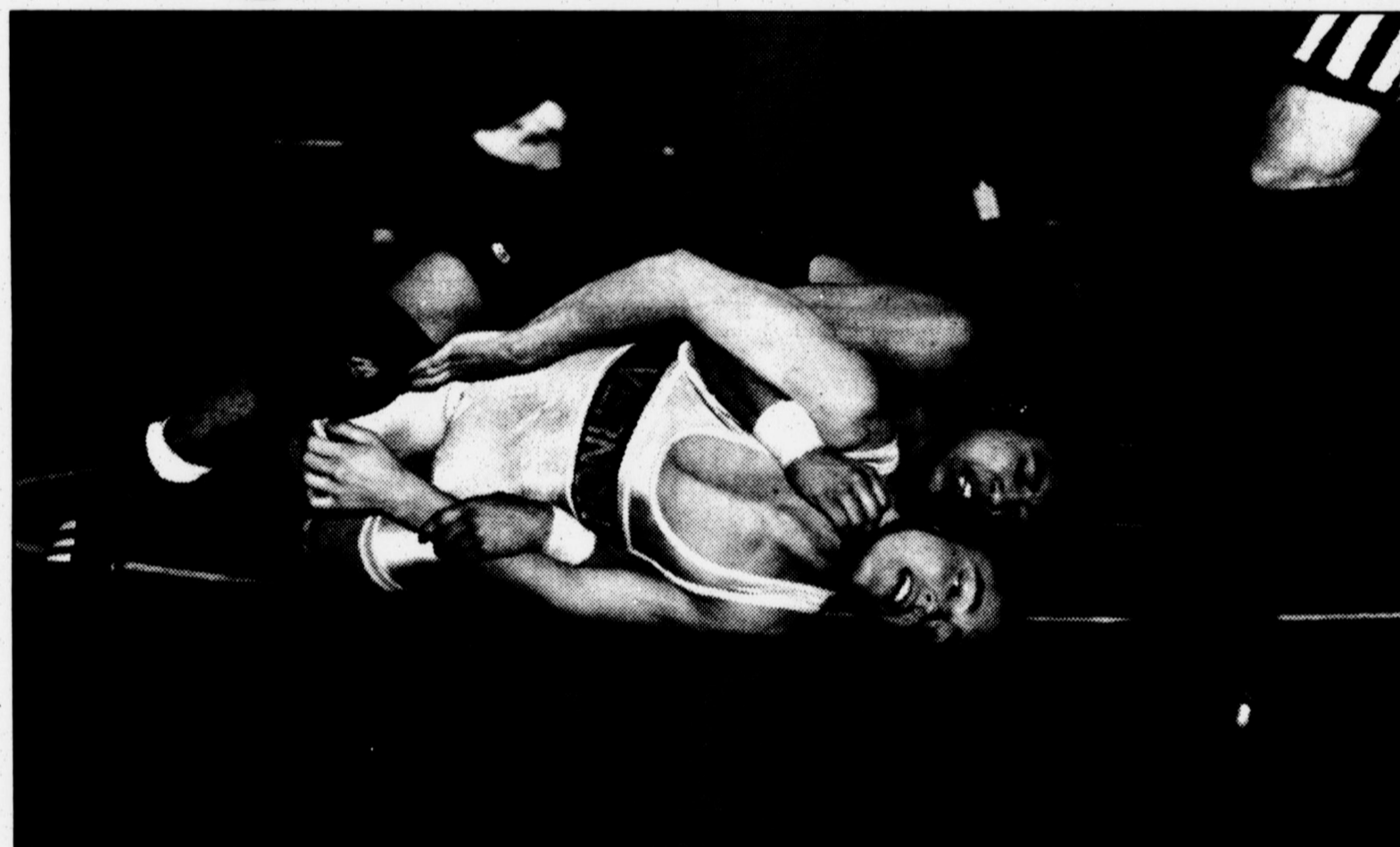
They might boo them in Chicago, too, once the fans in that city fully comes to grips with the dismantling.

It's a brighter picture elsewhere tonight.

All three Texas teams are in action tonight. The Houston Rockets open at Los Angeles against the Lakers, Dallas is at Seattle and San Antonio

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Big effort



Almost — Hereford wrestler Albert Chavarria works hard to turn over a Vernon opponent Thursday during the District 8 wrestling tournament in Vernon.

HHS wrestling team places four in Region I tournament

From staff reports
VERNON—Hereford High School wrestling team made history Thursday, even if it was a small footnote in the scheme of worldly affairs.

Competing in its first year of district competition, the team placed four HHS wrestlers in the Region I tournament and watched Chris Gavina best Randall High School's Curtis Crosley as the team's first-ever district champion Thursday during a District 8 tournament with Vernon and Randall High Schools in Vernon.

"We took 11 and placed four, so I was pretty pleased with the way things turned out for us," Hereford wrestling coach Mike Dominguez said. "When you consider the fact we're wrestling against teams who have wrestled in 500 matches and we've wrestled in 10, I'm very pleased with the way these kids performed."

"We actually could have placed a couple of other people — the matches were real close, but we showed a little too much adrenaline and a little too much inexperience," Dominguez said.

Hereford's lack of experience didn't show in some areas, though.

Gavina went 5-0 against Crosley in the 103 pound division as the Whiteface wrestling team's top finisher, and Javier Alonzo won first place in the 135 pound class by defeating Randall's Michael Sinclair.

Hereford's Bobby Barba and Kristoffer Hammarbeck earned 2nd place finishes in the district tournament to qualify for the regional match.

Barba divided matches with Johnathan Ochoa in the 215 pound weight class and Hammarbeck split with Randall's Matt McCormick (McCormick was named the meet's outstanding wrestler) in the champi-

onship match of the heavyweight division.

"We some some of the toughest talent we'll see as region and state tournaments get underway," Dominguez said. "Texas has three main hubs of wrestling — the Dallas, Amarillo and El Paso areas. And we have two of the three in our region."

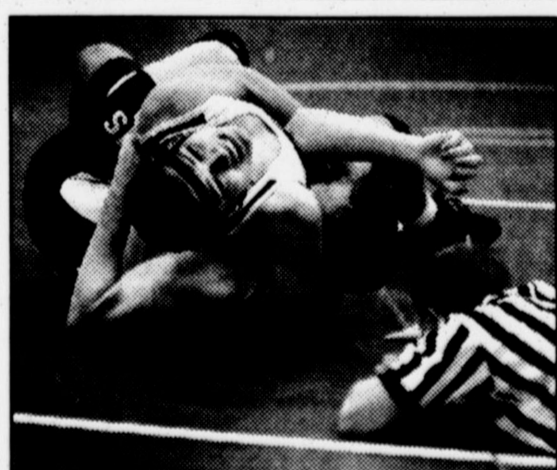
As a comparison, El Paso will have 18 schools represented in the Region I tournament.

"Our region is awfully tough and full of talented wrestlers," Dominguez said. "If you can place in region, then you've gotta figure you can compete at the state tournament because you will have seen some of the best talent the state has to offer right up here."

In other wrestling competition, the Whiteface's Albert Chavarria and Valentin Sustaita landed third place finishes; and Joe Wilson, John Paul Gutierrez, William Shows and Paul Estrada took fourth place berths. Ruben Lancon finished with fifth place points in the 145 weight division.

The Region I tournament will be held at the Amarillo Caprock Activity Center Feb. 12-13, and will encompass schools from Amarillo, Lubbock, El Paso and Vernon-area schools.

Opening ceremonies for the meet are set to begin at 9:30 a.m. Friday. Wrestling is slated to start at 10 a.m.



Taking it to the limit — Paul Estrada stretches for all he's worth to pin the shoulders of a Amarillo wrestler earlier this year.

Six-week tennis course planned

The Hereford High School tennis program has announced plans to host a six-week tennis Drill Group for 6th - 8th grade students beginning Feb. 9th.

Instructors for the course, which will introduce basic tennis fundamentals to students each Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 - 8 p.m., will be Amarillo Tennis Center professional Michael Thackerson and HHS assistant tennis coach Michael Brewer.

Cost for the six week course is \$100, and pre-registration is preferred.

More information regarding the course or registration for the course may be obtained by calling head HHS tennis coach Ed Coplen at 364-6969 after 5 p.m.; or Michael Brewer at 364-5247 after 5 p.m.

NCA teams run rampant over BHCS

The Nazarene Christian Academy Eagles and Lady Eagles continued to dominate area church league basketball teams Thursday as both tallied strong wins against Bible Heritage Christian School here.

In the first game of Thursday night's doubleheader, Alyssa Hill riddled the rim for a season-high 22 points to lead the Lady Eagles to a 70-5 runaway win. Jenna Urbanzyck and Brynne Huffaker also hit double-figures in the tilt. Urbanzyck added 15 and Huffaker hit 12 to add to the scoring fest.

The win advanced the Lady Eagle's season record to 14-6.

Josh Casey led the NCA boys, now 18-2 overall, to a 37-20 victory over BHCS with nine points over the evening. Esrael Silva tossed in seven.

NCA will host Faith Temple School of Portales in its final home game of the season Tuesday.

Amarillo YMCA offers lifeguard certification class

The Amarillo YMCA recently announced it will offer an American Red Cross lifeguard certification class February 19-21 and 27th.

The class will be held at the Downtown YMCA at 816 S. Van Buren.

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hosts Sacramento.

The rest of the schedule has Washington at Indiana, Philadelphia at Charlotte, Cleveland at Atlanta, Detroit at Miami, Toronto at Boston, New York at Orlando, Minnesota at Denver and Phoenix at the Los Angeles Clippers.

Busy nights will be commonplace in the NBA this season as teams squeeze all their games into just 13 weeks.

"I think it's important to start with a little more urgency and get some wins early on," Phoenix Suns coach Danny Ainge said.

What remains to be seen is

NBA At A Glance

Friday's Games

Washington at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Boston, 8 p.m.
New York at Orlando, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Denver, 9 p.m.
Chicago at Utah, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Toronto at Washington, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Boston, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Houston at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Miami at New York, 1 p.m.
Indiana at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Utah at L.A. Lakers, 3:30 p.m.
Atlanta at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
Denver at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Portland at Seattle, 8 p.m.
Chicago at L.A. Clippers, 9 p.m.
Vancouver at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Golden State, 9 p.m.

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Weak graduate programs are not a good fit for the Big Ten, either.

"Our brand name is something special. We'd rather be one of one than one of 12," said Chuck Lennon, executive director of the Alumni Association. "Not that we're better than anybody. We're different, and I think that's important because there is a very positive feeling about the quality of the Big Ten academically and athletically, but it just is not the right mix for us."

how the fans will respond. When the baseball strike ended in 1995, the backlash from the public was fierce.

Longtime fans stopped going to games, casual fans stopped watching on TV and a trio of New Yorkers even ran onto the field at Shea Stadium and threw \$1 bills at the players, a la Abbie Hoffman's famous protest on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

No one is quite certain how any fan backlash might manifest itself in the NBA, but the

league has been taking steps to mend fences with its paying customers.

"You have to do some damage control, I guess. Personally, I don't think free tickets and autograph sessions are gonna do it. I think that's kind of phony," Grant Hill told the Detroit Free Press. "I think the best way to do it is to go out and play hard and win. I think you'll see — and the cities that win, the cities that are in the playoffs — the fans will come back. And the cities that have losing teams,

they'll be a little lukewarm."

If there's one factor that may draw them back more than anything else, it's the heightened competition that comes with every game meaning a little bit more and every team having a little more of a chance in the post-Jordan era.

"I think the true NBA fans are going to be the ones who obviously were disappointed with the lockout, but are just very, very happy that we're back to playing," Knicks coach Jeff Van Gundy said. "What they want to see is good play,

hard play, competitive play."

Knicks fans have already taken a liking to the team's newest scorer, former Golden State guard Latrell Sprewell, who will be playing his first regular season game in more than 14 months when the Knicks play the Magic.

The Jazz are widely being picked as the favorite to come out of the West, but the competition will be tougher now that Scottie Pippen has joined Hakeem Olajuwon and Charles Barkley in Houston. Rockets coach Rudy

Tomjanovich scoffed when somebody pointed out that his frontcourt has three Hall of Famers, while his backcourt is comprised of considerably less.

The next 90 days, and they will be hectic days, will determine who makes the playoffs and tries to succeed the Bulls as champions.


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She recalled with a laugh that during her first meeting with Frank Carter, the lawyer Jordan found for her to help in the Jones case, "I asked if I could sue Paula Jones."

The questioning turned personal when Bryant asked Ms. Lewinsky whether she still had "feelings for the president" a year later.

"I have mixed feelings," she replied. She answered "yes" twice when asked if she still admired the president, and she said she appreciated "what he is doing for this country as the president."

She also expressed gratitude for some of the gifts Clinton gave her, particularly a hat pin. "It was the first gift he gave me. It was a thoughtful gift. It was beautiful," she recalled.

And when Bryant asked her about "the first so-called salacious occasion," she interrupted him, saying, "Can you call it something else? ... I mean, this is my relationship."

Bryant said, "What would you like to call it?"

Ms. Lewinsky replied, "It was my first encounter with the president, so I don't really see it as my first salacious — that's not what this was."

The Senate on Thursday voted not to call Ms. Lewinsky to testify in person. Instead, portions of her videotaped testimony will be used in arguments by House prosecutors Saturday, affording Americans their first opportunity to see her tell parts of her story.

The trial was in recess today, so both sides could prepare for Saturday's presentations. Closing arguments will be held Monday, and then deliberations, with a vote expected next Friday or sooner on conviction or acquittal of the president on the articles of impeachment. Republicans and Democrats agree that the 67 votes needed to convict and remove Clinton are lacking.

Thursday was a day of retreat both for the House managers and for Senate Republicans, who abandoned proposals for "findings of fact" that would have declared presidential wrongdoing without removing Clinton from office.

"I do think it's time we get to a vote and we move on" to other issues, Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said.

Lott said some language to disapprove Clinton's conduct was still under consideration by Republicans, but it was unclear whether any GOP proposal would mesh with a planned Democratic censure resolution.

In her deposition, Ms. Lewinsky stuck closely to her earlier grand jury testimony, but cast doubt on Clinton's sworn testimony that he told her she might have to turn over his gifts if they were subpoenaed in the Jones case.

"Did the president ever tell you to turn over the gifts?" Bryant, R-Tenn., asked in the Monday questioning. "Not that I remember," she answered.

House prosecutors are trying to show that the president's and Jordan's efforts to find Ms. Lewinsky a job were linked to her filing a false affidavit denying her affair with the president and that the hiding of gifts he had given her was part of a scheme by Clinton to obstruct justice.

Of Jordan's efforts to help her find work, Ms. Lewinsky said, "I was a pest."



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Repairing road — Construction crews were busy Thursday sealing cracks in U.S. Highway 385 North. The snow that blanketed the Hereford area may have been good for the farmers who have been needing some moisture before spring planting, but the snow and ice wasn't good for the highway, which was left with many cracks when the snow melted.

King Hussein on life support

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
News in brief

AMMAN, Jordan — Gravely ill with cancer, King Hussein returned home today to a nation deeply worried about their monarch's health and the future of their country if he dies.

Hussein was hooked up to an IV and was still breathing when he was taken off the plane, said a royal palace official who saw the king. Another source said the king was conscious but declined to provide details.

Both sources spoke on condition of anonymity. A motorcade of more than 70 cars escorted by the king's elite security detachment drove slowly from the airport. Two ambulances, one of them carrying the king, drove at its head.

An official announcement had said the king would be flown by helicopter to a military hospital called the King Hussein Medical City for further treatment. It was not immediately clear why plans were changed. The hospital was closed to the public.

The 63-year-old ruler left an American hospital Thursday night after his body rejected a bone marrow transplant meant to fight off his lymphatic cancer.

New clot-busting drug helps treat strokes

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A newly developed stroke-stopping drug can be given up to six hours after symptoms start — double the current limit — substantially increasing the number of people who could escape the crippling attacks.

The drug, called prourokinase, is the latest in a growing list of medicines being tested to dissolve clots in the brain, which cause 83 percent of the nation's 600,000 strokes annually.

Currently, the only approved treatment for strokes is TPA, a clot dissolver that is also the mainstay of heart attack therapy. To work, it must be given within three hours after the numbness, slurred speech

and other warning signs of strokes begin.

Since most victims do not get to the hospital soon enough, doctors would like to have something that gives them more breathing room. On Thursday, researchers from the Cleveland Clinic Foundation presented results of the first large-scale testing of the new drug that appears to do just that.

"This will be the second major revolution in stroke treatment in this decade," predicted Dr. Randall Higashida of the University of California, San Francisco, who took part in the study.

Hope in fighting elderly blindness

WASHINGTON — It is one of the most insidious problems of aging, a type of creeping blindness that steals people's vision from the center out.

First, fine detail fades. Your crossword puzzle seems OK at a glance, until you try focusing on just one word. People's faces start to blur. You cannot read or drive. Eventually, elderly people with the worst form of this "age-related macular degeneration," or AMD, go blind.

Scientists now are experimenting with a handful of therapies that may preserve patients' eyesight, starting with a light-activated drug called Visudyne that could be available within a year.

Visudyne is not a cure, cautioned Dr. Neil Bressler of Johns Hopkins University. Nothing can restore already-lost vision.

But for early-stage patients, "we may be able to slow down vision loss, or reduce the chance of (AMD) costing them any more vision," said Bressler, who heads a nationwide Visudyne study.

Has Chelsea Clinton become fair game?

WASHINGTON — Bill Clinton gushed about the time

his daughter, Chelsea, asked if unmarried girls can have babies. Hillary Rodham Clinton chimed in, laughing, about Chelsea's plea to have her ears pierced.

That was 1992, in the heat of their first run for the White House, when the Clintons invited *People* magazine into their backyard for a cozy family photo shoot and interview.

This is 1999, in the denouement of the crisis sparked by President Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinsky, when a similarly flattering *People* cover story — "Hillary & Chelsea: Grace under fire. An intimate look at the deep bond of love" — set the White House into an icy stew.

Press secretary Joe Lockhart, peppered with questions Thursday about an unusual statement from the president and first lady prefacing the release today of the 8-page magazine feature, refused even to entertain the question about whether Chelsea is, as *People* managing editor Carol Wallace called her, "a valid journalistic subject."

Serbs, Albanians uncompromising

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — Just a day before peace talks aimed at stopping the bloodshed in Kosovo, Serbs and ethnic Albanian rebels were standing firm in their opposing demands.

The Serbian government was to name its team of negotiators today after a grudging acceptance Thursday of the internationally brokered negotiations.

But harsh rhetoric in Parliament signaled that whoever was chosen would be under orders not to cede authority over Kosovo.

A Kosovo Liberation Army negotiator said the separatist rebels will push for independence at the talks in Rambouillet, France, and doubt an agreement can be reached.

Western leaders, meanwhile, were moving ahead with plans to put as many as 30,000 peacekeeping troops in Kosovo, despite Serb warnings against foreign intervention.

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES

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Recycling of used phone books slated

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Until Feb. 28, 24-hour dropoff locations will be operating to recycle the old telephone books. The dropoff centers include the City Recycling Drop-off Center at 27th and Hayes, the Keep Amarillo Beautiful Recycling Centers at Western Plaza and at Plains and Avondale.

Also, Luby's cafeterias at 4530 Canyon Drive and 2101 S. Coulter will offer a free dessert to anyone purchasing a meal and presenting an outdated directory.

Telephone books can be recycled into a variety of products. Those collected this year will be used to make insulation materials.

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HAVING LEARNED THAT HIS NEPHEW, LOT, HAS BEEN TAKEN PRISONER BY THE KINGS WHO HAVE INVADDED SODOM, ABRAHAM ARMS ALL HIS SERVANTS AND NOW PREPARES TO GO TO LOT'S RESCUE....

AS IT HAS TO BE IN THESE ANCIENT TIMES, ABRAHAM'S MEN ARE ALL TRAINED IN WAR FOR THIS IS THE ONLY WAY SHEEPHERDS CAN HOPE TO SURVIVE IN A WILDERNESS OF DANGER!

COME! FOLLOW AFTER ME!

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FROM HIGH ON THE HILL ABOVE THE VALLEY NOW ABRAHAM SURVEYS THE SCENE BELOW. HE HAS LITTLE MORE THAN THREE HUNDRED MEN, THE INVADING ARMY NUMBERS IN THE THOUSANDS - SO HE MUST MAKE A DIFFICULT DECISION!

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