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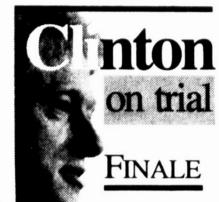
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Blumenthal faces inquiry

WASHINGTON (AP) Frustrated that the Senate apparently won't pursue whether presidential aide Sidney Blumenthal lied, House prosecutors may find a more receptive audience at the Justice Department or prosecutor Kenneth Starr's office.

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Justice considering probe of prosecutor

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department is inching toward opening an investigation of Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's handling of the Lewinsky affair, officials

The department's internal watchdog agency, the Office of Professional Responsibility, recently wrote Starr that it intends to investigate Starr's office over several matters, but the office is awaiting Starr's response to that notification before starting the inquiry, according to officials who spoke Monday on condition of ano-

One topic for the impending

Republican said.

investigation is the Jan. 16, 1998, offer by Starr's deputies to former White House intern Monica Lewinsky of an immunity deal conditioned on her not discussing it with her lawyer, Frank Carter.

Justice Department rules prohibit government prosecutors from discussing immunity deals with defendants outside the presence of their lawyers. Starr's office is required to follow these rules unless doing so would undermine the purpose of his investigation.

Starr has denied any im-

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nton Senators begin debate

The Associated Press

After listening quietly for weeks to testimony and argument, senators are ready to debate President Clinton's fitness to remain in office. But first they must decide whether to hold their historic deliberations in public or behind closed doors.

Even as deliberations begin, senators are struggling to draft a strong censure resolution condemning Clinton's behavior in trying to hide an extramarital affair. Proponents of censure hope to bring it to the Senate floor immediately after the trial.

With all the evidence submitted, including videotaped testimony from the woman at the center of the sex and cover-up case, former White House intern Monica Lewinsky, the Senate was on a path to end the first presidential impeachment trial in 131 years on Thursday or Friday with an expected acquit-

But before senators begin debating perjury and obstruction-of-justice charges today, they were deciding whether to change a Senate rule requiring closed deliberations.

Proponents of openness had

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the difficult task of capturing a two-thirds majority in the face of opposition from Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss. Lott said he would allow senators to enter statements in the official record to explain their votes.

Opponents feared that if the television cameras stayed on, senators would use the maximum time allowed under the rules — 15 minutes per senator, or a total of 25 hours — for debate on the two articles of impeachment.

"I have a heavy tilt toward not opening them up because I want to save some time for the censure resolution," said Sen. John Chafee, R-R.I. The Senate begins its annual February recess at the end of the

But in closing arguments

Monday, the chief House pros-

native. "Do you really cleanse the office as provided in the Constitution or do you use Air Wick of a censure resolution?" he asked.

ecutor, Rep. Henry Hyde, R-

Ill., derided the censure alter-

White House counsel Charles Ruff, summing up for Clinton, ridiculed the prosecutors' case, saying it was built on "shifting sand castles of speculation." He said prosecutors were "more focused on retribution, more designed to achieve partisan ends, more uncaring about the future we face together."

While a bipartisan group of senators was writing and rewriting censure language, Democratic leader Tom Daschle moved to force a procedural vote designed to get a censure resolution before the Senate.

The procedural motion may be the most that pro-censure senators can achieve for now, because censure opponents might have the muscle to block a resolution from reaching the Senate floor. But the test vote would at least give senators a chance to record votes to criticize the president's conduct in concealing an extramarital affair with Ms. Lewinsky.

Daschle also told reporters that Democrats would force the Senate to return to the issue later this year if Republicans didn't agree to permit a vote on censure. But Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said on Sunday that it was unlikely that senators would revisit the issue after the Senate begins its annual February recess next week.

Daschle indicated that about five of the Senate's 45 Democrats opposed censure and that it would take 20 Republicans to gain the 60 votes needed to overcome any filibuster.

New Jersey Sen. Frank Lautenberg said he's one of the Democrats skeptical about a censure.

76th Texas Legislature

Perry touts tax break for oil producers, says it's job preservation

AUSTIN (AP) — A bill to give a \$45 million temporary tax break to small oil producers isn't about corporate welfare but job preservation for many everyday working people, Lt. Gov. Rick Perry says.

The Texas Senate was to take up the measure today. Perry said he expected stories from senators about "blue-

collar, workaday men and women whose jobs are on the line, whether roustabout crews or small businessmen who've got supply companies." This is not some welfare program for rich oil, big oil," the

The bill sponsored by Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, R-Lake

Jackson, would exempt small oil producers from the state's severance tax when the price for crude oil falls below an average \$15 per barrel for three consecutive months. Gas producers would be exempt when the price dips below \$1.80 per thousand cubic feet.

The current severance tax on oil is 4.6 percent of the value at the wellhead and 7.5 percent on natural gas.

Officials said the exemption — for wells producing 15 barrels or less per day — would cover 83 percent of wells in Texas and about 38 percent of output.

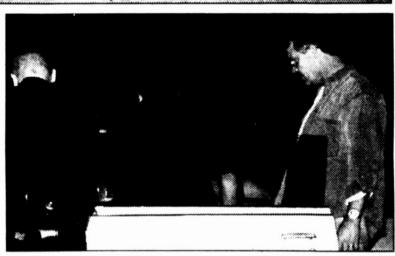
If approved, the tax exemption would apply from Feb. 1 until the end of the current budget year, Aug. 31. The issue has been declared an emergency by Gov. George

W. Bush, who said he hoped it would keep small producers from having to prematurely shut in wells. Oil producers have said that at the current low price, it costs many of them more money to keep pumping than they

earn from the small wells. The temporary oil tax break bill is SB290.



BRAND/Mauri Montgomery Driver dies -- Deaf Smith County Justice of the Peace Johnnie Turrentine (above) completes a form at the intersection of Avenue A and Union about 8 p.m. Sunday following the death of E.F. Vogler at the wheel of his car. Hereford Police Chief David Wagner (right) observes as Vogler's body is removed from the vehicle. See Mr. Vogler's obituary, Page A2.



Economy

Americans' productivity up 2.2% during '98

election Candidates can begin filing Feb. 15 for spots on the ballot in the May 1 municipal election. Filing for positions on the ballot will end March 17.

Filing set

for city's

The positions to be on the ballot are mayor, Place 1 commissioner and Place 3 commissioner.

The incumbents are Bob Josserand, mayor; Silvana Juarez, Place 1 commissioner; and Tom Coneway, Place 3 commissioner. The terms are for two years.

The polling place on Election Day will be the community center, 100 Ave. C.

Early voting by personal appearance will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m. April 14-27 at the County Clerk's Office in the courthouse, 235

WASHINGTON (AP) — A surge in productivity during the final three months of 1998 helped produce a healthy 2.2 percent increase in Americans' output per hour of work last

The advance in productivity at nonfarm businesses, reported today by the Labor Department, marked a significant improvement over the 1.2 percent gain in 1997 and came close to the 2.4 percent rise in

In the fourth quarter, productivity surged at a seasonally adjusted 3.7 percent annual rate, the best since the first three months of 1996.

Economists consider healthy productivity gains the key to prosperity and rising living standards. Sizable gains mean companies can pay employees more, hold the line on prices and still deliver increased profits to shareholders.

In 1998, for instance, inflation-adjusted hourly wages and benefits jumped 2.6 percent, the largest gain in 12

At the same time, growth in unit labor costs, a key barometer of underlying inflation pressures, slowed. They rose 2 percent in 1998, compared with 2.3 percent in

Productivity, after growing at nearly a 3 percent rate in the 1960s and early 1970s, slowed to an anemic 1 percent rate from 1974 through 1995. Since then, it's been growing at nearly a 2 percent rate, leading some economists to speculate that the economy has embarked on a new era of productivity growth, driven by computers and other high-tech innovations

In fact, some believe productivity recently has been even better than measured beAt factories, many of them hard hit by loss of export sales to Asia ... productivity still increased a strong 4.3 percent

cause it's difficult to gauge the output of many services. They say it's the key factor behind the economy's ability to produce the lowest unemployment rate in 29 years, the lowest sustained inflation since the 1960s and the longest peacetime stretch of economic growth in history.

At factories, many of them hard hit by loss of export sales to Asia and other economically struggling parts of the world, productivity still increased a strong 4.3 percent in 1998, down from a fiveyear high of 4.9 percent in

In the manufacturing of durable goods — items from cars

to computers expected to last three or more years - productivity surged 6.8 percent, the biggest advance since

The ability of manufacturers to maintain, and in many cases improve, productivity reflects their determination to operate efficiently in the face of lost sales abroad. That, in turn, has caused the loss of more than 200,000 jobs in the sector since March.

In the fourth quarter, the strong increase came with a drop at a 0.2 percent rate in unit labor costs — the first decline since the first quarter of 1996 — and an increase at a 1.5 percent rate in inflation-adjusted compensation, the smallest in a year and a

In manufacturing, fourthquarter productivity grew at a 5.6 percent annual rate, the best in a year and a half.

Cotton seminar planned

Area producers can receive information about advances in technology

By Dianna F. Dandridge Hereford Brand Staff Writer

Area cotton producers will get a chance to learn about the latest advances in cotton production technology at the Southwest Panhandle Cotton Conference Friday at the Hereford Community Center, 100 Ave. C.

Topics to be presented during the conference include:

Methods and materials to control herbicide drift, Hershel Wade of Loveland Industries;

Managing cotton for profit, Dr. Randy Boman, assistant professor/extension agronomist with Texas Agricultural Extension Service (TAES); and

Cotton insect identification and control, Brant Baugh, Lubbock County extension agent. John Saylor, a Bailey

County cotton producer, will present an update on the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication

Other items to be discussed include transgenic cotton varieties, irrigation management, marketing, seed selection, planting methods, fertilization and harvest aides.

In addition to the speakers, a number of cotton-specific companies will display product and wares.

The Texas Department of Agriculture has approved 5.25 continuing education units for private, commercial, non-commercial pesticide applicators, and certified crop advisors.

The conference is sponsored by the Deaf Smith, Randall, Oldham, and Potter county offices of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the Deaf Smith County Crops Committee and the Hereford Farmers Co-op Gin.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. Friday and the cost is \$5, which includes a meal.

Individuals planning to attend are asked to call the Deaf Smith County Extension office so meal plans can be

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Local roundup

Commissioners postpone insurance bids

Deaf Smith County Commissioners Tuesday delayed action on the proposed insurance bids for the county.

Proposals from Texas Association of Counties, Insurance Solutions and Plains Insurance were presented.

Commissioners heard each proposal and asked representatives to return in two weeks with modifications which will make all bids fall within the advertised specifications.

Commissioners were scheduled to open bids on chemicals used by the county, but none had been received.

Bid invitation will now be issued to individual companies. Final item on the agenda included granting permission for West Texas Rural Telephone to lay fiber optic cable in the road bed of a county road.

Appointments available

A representation 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 Novem-

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.

Partly cloudy Tonight, partly cloudy, low in the lower 40s, south to southwest winds 10-20 mph.

Wednesday, increasing clouds and breezy, high in the lower 70s, less than 20 percent chance of showers late, southwest wind 15-25 mph, becoming 20-30 mph. Wednesday night, cloudy and colder, a 30 percent chance of rain or snow showers, low in the upper 20s.

Extended forecast

Thursday, decreasing cloudiness and blustery, chance for morning snow, high in the lower 30s.

Friday, mostly clear, low 15 to 20, high in the mid-40s. Saturday, mostly sunny and warmer, lows around 30, high in the mid-60s.

Monday recap

High, 71; low, 37; no precipitation.

Wall shows Grand Champion at Ft. Worth

students and their livestock projects hit Cow town last week and walked away knowing they were some of the year's top animal.

best of the best. Amanda Wall left Hereford, leading her reserve breed champion, Chunky Monkey, and arrived in Ft.Worth with the Grand Champion steer at the Southwest Exposition and Livestock Show.

A number of Hereford area weight exotic steer was among the six finalists and sold for \$81,000 at the auction Saturday- \$6,000 more than last

Local steer owners weren't the only showmen to make Hereford proud.

Zachary Vasek earned a place of fame with the reserve Hampshire champion which sold for \$2,500.

Madison Urbanczyk placed Wall's 1,232 pound medium fifth in Hamphires; Truett

Schlabs came in sixth with a Duroc barrow and Cal Wallace's spotted pig placed

Other Hereford area steer showmen placing at the Ft. Worth show included: Cory Marsh, first with a Polled Hereford; Ian Isaacson and Justin Johnson both had fourth place cross bred steers; Catherine Beville placed fifth with a Polled Hereford; Craig Campbell's shorthorn came in

sixth; eighth place, Nelson Beville, with an American cross; ninth, Brent Carleson and 11th Evan Isaacson, both with shorthorns.

Other local steer participants were Jerad Johnson, Ivory Isaacson, Chelsea Campbell, Cody Marsh and Ben Sublett.

Locals participating in the Ft. Worth Hog show included: Josh Fetsch and Phillip

Police continue investigation of Saturday beating

Two victims of an early Saturday morning altercation, between rival gangs have been released from the Hereford Regional Medical Center.

The two men, Nicholas Watley Jr., 18, and Alvin Ewing, 20, sustained cuts and bruises after being dragged from their parked cars at about 1:45 a.m. Saturday by four adults and two juveniles.

Police officials say the incident is still under investigation. Officers report they are having a hard time getting a clear picture of exactly what lead up to the incident, as witnesses present mixed information.

"We're not really sure what started the incident," said police chief David Wagner. "The warrants were served, without any problems and the individuals believed to be responsible were arrested."

Wagner was reluctant to identify the specific gangs, saying it would give them more notoriety.

Officers report the victims had been beaten with batlike clubs, and rocks, stomped, kicked, dragged and beaten again. Wagner said the individu-

als involved in the incident have been investigated for gang related events in the past.

"Nothing about this incident is really new," he said. "These people are in the police reports every week." Police consider this type of

incidence more gang violence by young people looking for a place to fit in. Unfortunately, it is also considered a prelude to more damaging acts of violence. Wagner continued by say-

children to fight and even encourage fighting are only asking for kids to get into trouble. "When people are out that

ing parents who teach their

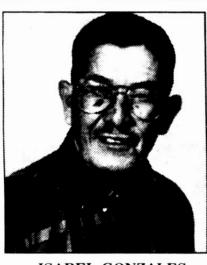
time of night, they're up to no good," said Wagner. Victim's injuries were not

considered life-threatening. Michael Perales, 18, Robert Suarez, 21, Thomas Suarez, 18, and Andrew Delgado, 20, are still being held on \$50,000 bond each. The names of the two minors were not released.



Students of the month -- The local Kiwanis Club recently named their choice for Students of the Month based on their scholastic involvement. Chosen this month were Melanie Ann Bristol, front left, and Torrac Hayes, front right. Both students participate in a variety of academic and / or athletic events. Bristol is a member of the Academic Decathlon team; twice nominated for Who's Who and plans to major in archeology. Hayes also participated in the Academic Decathlon team; was a member of the varsity cheerleading team and was named All American; a member of the student council. Hayes will report to the United States Air Force in July. Pictured with Bristol is her mother, Kim Bristol. Standing with Hayes is his grandmother Betty Williams and mother Elizabeth Hayes.

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ISABEL GONZALES Feb. 8, 1999

Funeral services for Isabel Gonzales, 73, of Hereford will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Anthony's Catholic Church with Msgr. Orville Blum officiatng. Burial will be in St. Anthony's Catholic Cemetery. Rosary will be recited 7 o'clock tonight at the Rose Chapel of Gililland-Watson Funeral Home. Arrangements are under the direction of Gililland-Watson Funeral

Mr. Gonzales died Monday at North West Texas Hospital. He was born Nov. 19, 1925, in Ballinger to Julian Gonzales and Francesca Queirino Gonzales. He married Elida Gonzales on May 28, 1946, in Ballinger. He came to Deaf Smith County in 1950.

Mr. Gonzales had worked as a security guard for Holly Sugar and Frito Lay. He served in the Army during World War II, where he received three Bronze Stars, a Good Conduct Medal, Purple Heart, the Victory Ribbon and two overseas service bars.

Survivors include his wife; one daughter, Melinda E.

Don Cooper

Jay Guerrero

Guerrero, of Belen, N.M.; one son, Nathan Thomas Perez of Amarillo; two brothers, Rafael Gonzales of San Angelo, Gabino Gonzales of Bakersfield, Calif.; one sister, Andrea Pena of Ballinger; four grand-

children.

E.F. VOGLER Feb. 7, 1999

Funeral services for E.F. Vogler, 84, of Hereford will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Immanuel Lutheran Church with Rev. Erik Stadler, pastor officiating. Burial will be in Rest Lawn Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Gililland-Watson Funeral Home.

Mr. Vogler died Sunday. He was born May 17, 1914, and Gertrude Alma Gantz. He married Anna Marie Drager on July 22, 1936, in Rhea. He came to Deaf Smith County in 1947 from Lamesa. He was a farmer; a member of Hereford Senior Citizens and Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Mary Ann Fisher of Hereford; three sons, Walter Vogler, Leon Vogler, Harry Vogler, all of Hereford; three brothers, Freddie Vogler, Henry Vogler, Rinehard Vogler all of Lamesa; three sisters, Ella Caudle of Hereford, Anna Standefer of Lamesa, and Laverne Burger of Midland; six grandchildren; East First and charged with and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 1988.

BEULAH LEE R. CARTER Feb. 8, 1999

AMARILLO -- Funeral services for Beulah Lee R. Carter, 91, daughter of a Hereford pioneer family were 2 p.m. today at the Schooler Funeral

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Home. Burial was in West Park Cemetery in Hereford. Arrangements are under the direction of Schooler Funeral Home.

Mrs. Carter died Monday. She was born and raised in Hereford on the family ranch. Her parents moved to Deaf Smith County in 1900 from Denton. She graduated from Hereford High School and West Texas Normal College with a degree in education.

During the Depression, Mrs. Carter worked for the farm agency. She then worked for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. During World War II, she started work in accounting at Amarillo Air Force Base, where she worked until retirement.

She was a member of the International Club and the Antique Collectanea Club, where she served as president. She was an avid supporter of the Panhandle Plains Museum.

Survivors include one daughin Winters to Fritz Carl Vogler ter, Harriet Carter of Ama-

gency services personnel for

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrests

- A 45-year-old man was

- A 35-year-old man was

arrested in the 500 block of

South 25 Mile Avenue and

charged with public intoxica-

arrested and charged with De-

partment of Public Safety war-

rant, driving without a valid

license, and exhibition of ac-

- A 20-year-old woman suf-

fered a fractured nose, cuts

and bruises when she was at-

tacked by a male friend in the

- A 25-year-old man was

arrested in the 600 block of

Avenue F and charged on a

- A 42-year-old man was

arrested on East Highway 60

and charged with public in-

- A 23-year-old man was

arrested and charged with an

outstanding Deaf Smith

County warrant for violation

300 block of Avenue J.

number of warrants.

- A 21-year-old man was

arrested in the 1000 block of

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Emergency services

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a seat belt.

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Airforce recruiters turn to TV

SAN ANTONIO (AP) -Like other branches of the military, the Air Force is struggling to meet recruitment goals. So it's turning to television to reach more young

people. The Air Force announced Monday it will use paid television ads to try to boost enlistment. The TV campaign will cost \$54 million for ads in the current and upcoming fiscal years and push the Air Force's overall advertising budget to \$76 million.

"We need the awareness that television can generate right now, so it can begin to have an impact this year," said Brig. Gen. Peter U. Sutton, commander of the Air Force Recruiting Service at Randolph Air Force Base.

The Air Force is 6 percent short of its recruitment goal of 33,800 so far this fiscal year. If the annual goal is not met it will be the first time that has happened since 1979.

Incidents

hicle was reported at two sepa-

rate locations in the 100 block

of Fir and two more in the

the 100 block of North Centre

was hit by an unidentified ve-

hicle in a hit and run acci-

was reported in the parking

lot of a motel in the 500 block

of West First. No charges were

- A 20-year-old woman re-

ported an ex-boyfriend struck

her in the face. She declined

- A Rottweiler attacked it's

owner in the 100 block of

Northwest Drive. The woman

was taken to Hereford Re-

gional Medical Center where

she was treated and released.

The dog's owner scheduled the

animal to be taken into cus-

vehicle was reported in the

- Theft of beer was reported

- Disorderly conduct was re-

200 block of Douglas.

Mile Avenue.

A burglary of a motor

to file criminal charges.

A domestic disturbance

- A travel trailer parked in

Burglary of a motor ve-

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS **Texas lottery**

Cash 5

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery: 8-14-23-27-31

Pick 3 The winning Pick 3 num-

bers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-6-5 Lotto Texas

One ticket matched all six

numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The ticket was worth an

estimated \$10 million. 2-12-15-35-36-44

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$4

million. Pick 3 The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday by the

Texas Lottery, in order: 1-3-9

North Lee.

ported in the 500 block of

Northwest Drive. - A domestic dispute was reported in the 500 block of

- Discharge of fireworks was

reported in the 200 block of

Avenue H. - A reckless driver was re-

ported on Northwest Drive. - Theft of gasoline was reported from a convenience store in the 2900 block of East First.

- A reckless driver was reported in the 100 block of Northwest Drive. The suspect vehicle was located and action was taken to curtail his erratic driving.

- A theft of gasoline was reported from a convenience store in the 100 block of South 25 Mile Avenue.

Hereford High School. No one was taken into custody. - A reckless driver was reported in the 200 block of

A fight was reported at

 A domestic disturbance was reported in the 200 block of Harrah. No assault was reported.

the 2900 block of East First. - A two-car accident was reported in the 100 block of

- Prowlers were reported in

Avenue B. No injuries were reported. - A two-car accident was

from a convenience store in > 300 block of North 25 reported at the intersection of Avenue K and 13th. No injuries were reported.

- A theft was reported in the 100 block of Kibbe. A runaway was reported

in the 300 block of South

Texas. - A disturbance was reported in the 200 block of Beach.

- A theft was reported in the 1300 block of East Park. - A theft was reported in

the 600 block of Irving. - A 38-year-old woman was

taken to North West Texas Hospital on a mental commitment.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT Arrests

- A 22-year-old woman was arrested and charged with theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000 - A 24-year-old man was

arrested and charged with delivery of marijuana. - A 47-year-old woman was arrested and charged with theft over \$1,500 and under

- A 20-year-old woman was arrested and charged with

theft over \$1,500 and \$20,000. - A 47-year-old man began serving time on a driving while intoxicated conviction.

Incidents A domestic dispute was reported.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - 7:08 p.m. Firefighters responded to a kitchen fire at 409 Barrick. Officials report a woman left biscuits in oven.

LIFESTYLES

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Student from the past



Chokedee (Dean) Navigamooi, center, attended Hereford High School in 1969-1970 as an American Field Service exchange student from Thailand. Navigamool lived in the home of Jack and Helen Nunley. He kept in touch with them for about 10 years after returning to Thailand, but the Nunley's had lost contact with him until recently. Navigamool is currently corporate purchasing manager of the Michelin Siam Group, which has three Michelin factories in Thailand. Pictured with Navigamool are his family, from left, Tamnieb, Pattra, Chokedee, Kodchapol and Padcha.

Hospital **Notes**

Patients in Hereford Regional Medical Center on Feb.

Milton C. Adams, James Murrell Brown, Alicia Castillo, infant boy Castillo, Carrie M. Doak, Florence Gaytan, Mendy J. Gonce, infant boy Gonce, Anthony Irlbeck, Nora Lawhon, Elaine Z. Rowan, Joyce L. Thomas.

Patients on Feb. 9: Milton C. Adams, Alicia attendance. Castillo, infant boy Castillo, Christopher Contreras, Carrie M. Doak, Blanca Garcia, infant girl Garcia, Mendy J. Gonce, infant boy Gonce, Monica Gutierrez, infant boy Gutierrez, Anthony Irlbeck, Manuel T.

Supper honors Stevens as chapter sweetheart

Beta Sigma Phi honored its Chapter Sweetheart, Kaye Baptist Church parlor.

Valentine cards and gifts were also presented to Stevens by the twelve members in Barbara Burkhalter and Jinny Jackson were hostesses for the evening.

Plans for the Valentine Sweetheart Tea were finalsion. Alpha Alpha Chapter ments.

Alpha Alpha Chapter of will be in charge of the food for the tea which honors all Beta Sigma Phi chapter sweet-Stevens, with a salad supper hearts in Hereford. The tea Tuesday evening in First will be held at 3 p.m. Feb. 14 in Central Church of Christ.

> Spring Rituals will be held on April 15. Founders Day, scheduled for April 30, will be held in Hereford Community Center. The meal will be catered by Shirley Wilson.

After the chapter meeting, the decorations committee for Founders Day had a short ized during the business ses- meeting to discuss arrange-

Ramirez, Joyce L. Thomas

While They're Away **College Report**



Kit Myers

Kit Myers, daughter of Ronnie and Wanice Jones and granddaughter of Billie and Harvey Jones of Hereford, received a Bachelor of Science in Psychology during December commencement ceremonies at Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

Myers graduated from Hereford High School in 1995. She is currently attending graduate school to obtain a master's in counseling.

She is working as a graduate assistant for Department of Educational Administration, Counseling and Psychology at Tarleton.

Three Hereford students were among the more than 1,400 students receiving degrees during fall commencement exercises at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Bethany Allison Farr graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Restaurant, Hotel and Institution Management.

Melissa Marie Berend received a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing and Jill Louise Walser received a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood.

More than 3,700 Texas Tech University students qualified for academic honors lists at the end of the fall semester.

Students on the President's List earned a 4.0 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of class work. Students who earned 12 or more hours with a GPA of 3.5 to 3.9 qualified for the Dean's

List. Hereford students on the President's List were Misti Michelle Davison, Bethany Allison Farr, Karon Kelly Harder, and David Lynn Ver-

Named to the Dean's List were Joseph Paul Artho, Kim-

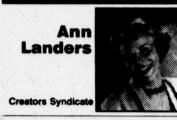
berly Briar Baker, Stephanie Renee Bixler, Melissa Lynn Brorman, Kate Wesla Denison, of drinks and napkins. Christina Marie Kuper, Brenda Minchew, secretary, Katerina Malouf, Natalie Clara reported that Founder's Day McWhorter, Melinda Marie Salazar, Cory Michael Schumacher, and Christopher Roger Williams.

Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene announces that two Hereford students have made the honors lists for the fall 1998 semester.

Miriam Wilks has made the President's List, honoring students who completed 12 or more semester hours with a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

Scott C. Shaw has made the Honor Roll, honoring students who completed 12 or more semester hours with a 3.60 or better GPA.

Whether he's biological dad or not, don't bring up topic for discussion



Dear Ann Landers: This is in response to "Totally Baffled in Spokane," whose father told her that he wasn't her biological dad when she was preg-nant with her first child. Her mother told her, "Dad doesn't know what he's talking about." You agreed with the mother and told her to forget about

After my older sister was born, my father had a vasectomy. Six years later, I came along. For years, my father argued with my mother about "that mystery pregnancy" and told me to my face that I wasn't his child. Mother always insisted I was. After my little brother was born, Dad went to a doctor and was told his vasectomy had come "undone" and he was indeed capable of fathering children.

Dad acknowledged that my brother was his child, but he has yet to do the same for me. He has never apologized for the things he said or the way he behaved. What he did was so hurtful, I have never gotten over it, even though we get along fine now. I was so happy when I met my husband because I finally felt like I belonged to someone who

loved and wanted me. We are expecting our first child soon, and I am happier than I have ever been. Now, Ann, what do I do about my father? — Loose Ends in Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear Corpus Christi: Forget about trying to force an apology out of your father. It is no longer important. One day, he may decide to apologize on his own. Until then, consider the topic off limits because it will be an emotional tug of war with no way

Dear Ann Landers: I have noticed a trend taking place that has started to concern me. Recently, our young children have gone to parties where the birthday child doesn't open the gifts until the guests are gone. I feel this does a disservice not only to the guests but also to the birthday child.

The joy our children have in selecting a special present, wrapping it and making a card is pretty exciting stuff for them. To watch their friends' faces when they open the gift is a delight in itself. From this, our children learn patience, the rewards of giving and how to handle themselves when someone else is in the spotlight. At the same time, the birthday child learns to take time with each gift, be appreciative and act appropri-

I think parents should reconsider this new trend. It's not only a big letdown for the

Hereford Community Center. A.

meal of beef and chicken fajitas

will be catered by Shirley

Day rush party were discussed.

Betzen, Lali Castillo, Angie

Constancio, Cash, Minchew

Plans for a Saint Patrick's

Members present were Gwen

guests but also doesn't encourage the gracious behavior so necessary for the rest of their lives. - Caring Mom

Dear Mom: I respectfully disagree. The child who has little to spend could be embarrassed by the obvious difference between his gift and the others. I vote for opening the gifts after the guests have left. And it goes without saying that the birthday boy or girl should write a note of thanks to everyone who brought a gift.

Dear Ann Landers: I read that letter from the bride who said if someone agrees to stand up at a wedding, that person should just buy the dress and shut up. I say, if the bride truly wants someone in her wedding, SHE should buy the dress and not

put that burden on her friend.
My best friend, "Tessie," wanted me to be her matron of honor, but I was too broke to afford the dress. On top of that, I discovered I was pregnant and would probably be huge for the wedding. Tessie not only said she would be proud to have me walk down the aisle, even if I looked like a blimp, but she also paid for my dress. Is that a friend or what? - Miss X

Dear Miss X: Cherish that friendship. The bride sounds like a gem. Wouldn't it be wonderful if all brides were as thoughtful and generous?

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Program on recycling is given for AIM Chapter will be April 27 at 6:30 p.m. in

Wilson.

and Turpen.

Recycling was the program topic at the Thursday meeting of Alpha Iota Mu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi in the fellowship room of the Central Church of Christ.

In presenting the program, Jean Turpen listed the top four recyclable materials and recommended that everyone needs to do their part for recycling.

During the business meeting, president Sonya Cash provided information about the national convention which will be June 4-6 in Fort Worth.

Members discussed preparations for the Sweetheart Tea which will be held at 3 p.m. Feb. 14 in Central Church of Christ. AIM Chapter will be in charge

Bouquet orders deadline is near

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 Thursday and will be delivered Friday and Saturday.

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

New **Arrivals**

Jarrett and Laura Baker are the proud parents of a son, Jermyn Lane, born Feb. 5.

He weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 20 inches

Grandparents are Jeryl and Judy Baker and Larry and Linda Carver, all of Hereford, and Luis and Janie Griego of

Great-grandmother is Reba Watson of Hereford



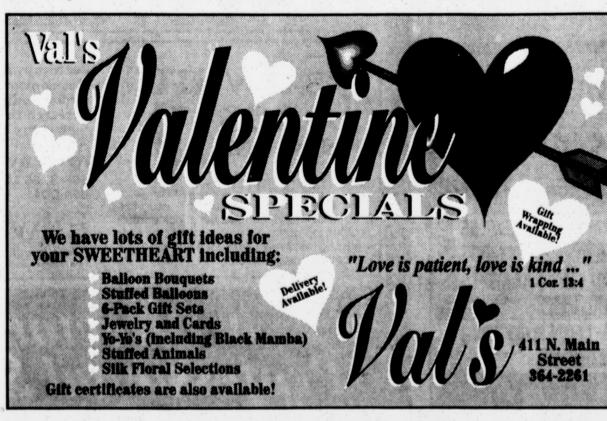
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Library display-Pat Reily, right, and Arlen Redelsperger are emphasizing February as Natural Resources Conservation Service Awareness Month by displaying information and equipment from NRCS (formerly the Soil Conservation Service) at the Deaf Smith County Library. The display includes the old surveying instruments contrasted with the computer surveying used today. With the newest technology, what once took two weeks to complete by hand now can be produced in two hours.

Looking Back

Today in History

By The Associated Press Today is Tuesday, Feb. 9, the 40th day of 1999. There are 325 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 9, 1943, the World War II battle of Guadalcanal in the southwest Pacific ended with an American victory over Japanese forces.

On this date:

dent of the United States, William Henry Harrison, was born the moon. in Charles City County, Va.

In 1825, the House of Rep-Quincy Adams president after no candidate received a majority of electoral votes.

In 1861, the provisional Congress of the Confederate States of America elected Jefferson Davis president and Alexander H. Stephens vice president.

In 1870, the U.S. Weather Bureau was established.

In 1942, the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff held its first formal meeting to coordinate military strategy during World War II.

In 1942, daylight-saving "war time" went into effect in

The Associated Press

style, this may be your year.

dresses, plus tunics and long

jackets, are showing up in the

is Freeport Studio, a new

women-only venture from cata-

frocks paired with coordinat-

ing jackets, like a sleeveless

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the United States, with clocks turned one hour forward.

In 1950, in a speech in Wheeling, W. Va., Sen. Joseph McCarthy, R-Wis., charged the State Department was riddled with Communists.

In 1964, The Beatles made their first live American television appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show."

In 1971, the "Apollo 14" In 1773, the ninth presi- spacecraft returned to Earth after man's third landing on

In 1984, Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov died at age 69, resentatives elected John less than 15 months after succeeding Leonid Brezhnev; he was succeeded by Konstantin U. Chernenko.

> Ten years ago: President Bush, in his first major speech to Congress, proposed a \$1.16 trillion "common sense" budget for fiscal 1990.

Five years ago: PLO leader Yasser Arafat and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres initialed an agreement on security measures that had been blocking a peace accord. NATO delivered an ultimatum to Bosnian Serbs to remove heavy guns encircling Sarajevo, or face air strikes.

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ing items are mid-calf-length turtleneck dress (\$178) in

both in dusty blue. For quick (\$21) and even a calf-length

The Bosnian Serbs agreed to withdraw artillery and mor-

One year ago: The Pentagon said it would send as many as 3,000 U.S. ground troops to the Persian Gulf region to discourage what one official called "any creative thinking" by Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein. At the Nagano Games, German Georg Hackl won the men's luge for the third consecutive Olym-

Today's Birthdays: Actres Kathryn Grayson is 77. Television journalist Roger Mudd is 71. Actress Janet Suzman is 60. Singer-songwriter Carole ing is 57. Actor Joe Pesci is 56. Singer Barbara Lewis is 56. Author Alice Walker is 55. Actress Mia Farrow is 54. Singer Joe Ely is 52. Actress Judith Light is 50. Rhythmand-blues musician Dennis "DT" Thomas (Kool & the Gang) is 48. Country singer Travis Tritt is 36. Actor David Gallagher ("7th Heaven") is

Thought for Today: "If your neighbor is an early riser, you will become one." — Albanian

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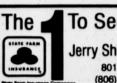
Walker home meeting site for Garden Beautiful Club

A program on the lifestyle in the Ukraine was given by Yulia Murphy of Dimmitt at the Friday morning meeting of The Garden Beautiful Club.

President Marguerite Cole presided at the meeting which was held in the home of Darlene Walker with Doris Bryant as co-hostess.

Roll call was answered with songs about Valentines and garden tips.

Refreshments were served to Louise Axe, Audine Dettman, Marcella McLain, Dorothy Noland, Helen Spinks, Louise Streun, Jerrye Wheeler, Cole, Walker and Bryant.



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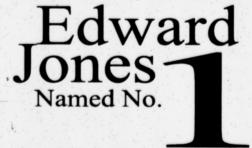
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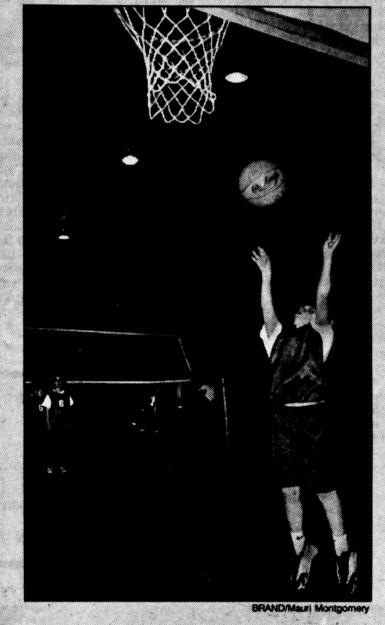
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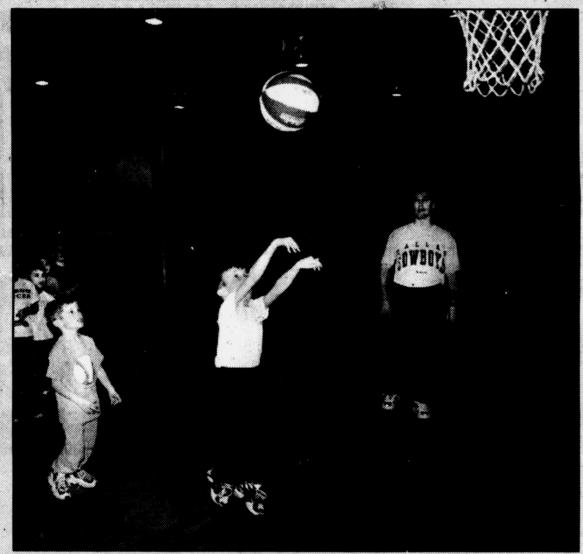
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Reach for the heights

Local kids, dealing with the unyielding laws of gravity, recently aimed big basketballs toward heavenly rims during Little League practice at the Hereford YMCA. At left, Nathan Bridges, 8, used tiptoes in his launch, while sixyear-old Ryan Leonard (below) uses some coaching from his dad Chris, and a running start to accomplish his goal.



Tennis team marks first tourney play

LEVELLAND - Brent Berend's game didn't have too much rust in it when the Hereford High School tennis player took his place in match play Friday and Saturday during a varsity tennis tournament in Levelland.

The top-seeded senior raced through four brackets of play to win first place in the boy's singles portion of the tournament, Hereford's first formal court action of the year.

Berend led the way for what HHS head tennis coach Ed Coplen deemed a good first effort - considering.

"We were pleased with this first effort," Coplen said, "especially since eleven inches of snow kept us from getting on the courts until one day before the tournament. We got only one day to practice before we

Berend began with a firstround bye before beating Lubbock Monterey's Michael Park 6-0, 6-2; Lubbock Trinity's Chase Powell 6-3, 6-0; and then earned a two-set win over Levelland's Parker Payne in the championship match, 7-6,

Hereford's Nelson Beville split and went 2-4 in boy's singles play, beating Levelland's Parker Payne 6-3,

Another bright spot in Hereford's overall showing came in girl's doubles play. Diana Detten and Noelle Merrick won 3-4 matches to claim third place in tourna-ment, while HHS teammates

Brynne Bryant and Lisa Riley. The Whitefaces carved-out a fourth place finish after splitting 2-4 matches.

Hereford girl's duo, Denee Brinkman and Katherine Fry, also split two of four matches in double's competition.

Riley Hall and Amit Patel gave Hereford a consolation win in boy's doubles play. The HHS team took a 6-0, 6-1 decision in their final match to claim three out of four matches.

The Whiteface team of Harrison Hoffman and Clayton Blackshear went 1-4 in doubles

Rounding out girl's singles play in the Hereford team's first effort were Lindsee Goforth, 1-3; Kimberly Scott 1-4 and Valerie Pesina, 0-2.

The Whiteface varisty tennis team will travel to Levelland again this Friday for a quadrangle meet with Andrews, Levelland and Randall High

Tyson defense team reviews options in sentence appeal

a no-contest plea got Mike Tyson a year in jail, what would a guilty verdict bring?

That's the crux of the discussion inside the offices of Tyson's lawyers as they consider whether to risk an appeal of the former heavyweight champion's sentence for assaulting two motorists after a fender bender in suburban Gaithersburg, Md., in August.

Tyson pleaded no-contest meaning he neither contested the charges nor admitted guilt - in December. His one-year sentence, levied Friday by District Court Judge Stephen Johnson, could mean the end of the career of the 32-yearold boxer, once on course to become one of the greatest heavyweights.

One corrections department official, however, raised the possibility that Tyson might be allowed to train, and perhaps fight out of town, while serving his sentence.

"Since boxing is his employment and his job, we'd have to verify where he is and that he remained drugand alcohol-free," Russ Hamill, acting director of the Montgomery County (Md.) Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, told The Washington Post.

He would be eligible for second time in two years.

WASHINGTON (AP) - If the work-release program within 60 days, the Post reported today.

> The lawyers must decide within 30 days of the sentencing whether Tyson's career would be further jeopardized by an appeal to Circuit Court, where a judge could then decide not to accept the no-contest plea and order a trial by

> If found guilty, Tyson would not only have another convic-



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lines that call for a jail term of three to seven years.

In addition, a conviction would worsen Tyson's standing in Indiana and Nevada.

Indiana authorities must decide whether Tyson violated his probation for a 1992 rape conviction, and Nevada boxing authorities could revoke Tyson's boxing license for the

In Indiana, Judge Patricia Gifford, who presided over Tyson's rape trial, is awaiting paperwork from Maryland before ruling on whether he violated probation.

The Post also reported that Tyson's Indiana probation officer, George Walker, suggested that the Maryland jail sentence would not automatically lead to a probation violation hearing in Indiana.

"Somewhere along the way, we might get everyone together and say, ney, do really want a big circus in town to do something with him, or can we do something without a hearing and save a lot of taxpayer money?" the newspaper quoted Walker as saying. "There are different ways of working on it."

The risk of an appeal was discussed at length by Tyson's lawyers on Monday, a source inside the office of lawyer Paul Kemp said.

Press on condition of anonymity. Neither Kemp nor Tyson's other attorney, Robert Greenberg, returned calls.

Prosecutor Douglas Gansler, who led the call for jail time for Tyson, said the boxer could be fighting again in 1999 under his current sentence if he behaves.

"There's a strong argument to be made that he's better off not appealing," Gansler said.

Hill scores career-high in Piston win

NBA shooters make marks early in league's short season

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Hill

By CHRIS SHERIDAN **AP Basketball Writer**

Three games into the season, Kobe Bryant is playing like the league's next super-Bryant isn't alone, though,

and his competition, Grant Hill, put up a Jordanesque point total Monday night while



two cru-HILL cial free throws after a highly charitable foul call, as the Pistons improved to 3-0 by beating the Wash-

ington Wizards 106-103. Bryant, meanwhile, had 19 points and 10 rebounds for the Los Angeles Lakers as they beat the San Antonio

Spurs 80-75. Bryant has reached double figures in points and rebounds in all three of his games this season after failing to post any double-doubles during his first two NBA seasons. In other games, Houston

handled Denver 99-80, Charlotte edged Miami 94-91, Orlando downed Boston 107-90, Indiana beat Cleveland 95-89 Portland defeated Vancouver 95-76.

Hill shot 14-for-21 from the field and 18-for-22 from the line. He also had seven assists, seven rebounds, two steals and two blocked shots - including a rejection of Tim Legler from behind the 3-point

line on the game's final play. But the game turned on two free throws by Hill after a questionable foul call on Juwan Howard with 13 sec-

onds remaining. Rod Strickland's layup gave since going 4-0 to open the Washington a 103-102 lead 1996-97 season, their second

with 14 seconds left. On the Pistons' next possession, Hill had to decide whether to drive the baseline or call a timeout. As he lost rebounds and helped hold

his balance and fell out of bounds, Howard was called for

Howard threw up his hands in disbelief.

"I went out there and just tried to at first deny him from catching the ball, like I'd been doing all game," Howard said. "He was totally off balance, fell out of bounds, and the foul was called. I felt I played good defense on him."

Television replays seemed to confirm Howard's version. Hill sank both shots for a 104-103 lead.

"Grant is a handful," Wizards coach Bernie Bickerstaff said. "He's a great basketball player. He penetrated and he dropped it off."

"I just don't think Mitch (Richmond) or Rod was shown the same respect," Bickerstaff

Jerry Stackhouse scored 29 points for the Pistons. He and Hill were the only Detroit players in double figures.

Three straight wins represent the Pistons' best start under Doug Collins.

Lakers 80, Spurs 75 At San Antonio, Shaquille O'Neal had 26 points and 13 David Robinson to 11 as Los Angeles handed the Spurs their first loss of the season.

After seeing that San Antonio was picked ahead of the Lakers in some preseason publications, O'Neal voiced his displeasure toward Robinson while also calling Tim Duncan "too light."

"I'm known for backing up what I say, and you all know I come out to play every night," O'Neal said. "We realized that they were going to come out strong after reading my statement. I do that on purpose to get pumped up."

Los Angeles outrebounded San Antonio 51-38. Eddie Jones added 21 points for the

Rockets 90, Nuggets 80 Scottie Pippen had 24 points and 13 rebounds in his home debut and Charles Barkley continued his fast start for Houston with 15

points and 19 rebounds Houston's threesome of Barkley, Hakeem Olajuwon and Pippen shot a collective 74 percent from the field in a take-charge first half that ended with Houston ahead by

Barkley's 12 second-quarter points led a 21-4 charge that put the Rockets in control as they took a 53-31 halftime lead, and Pippen had eight points in the first eight minutes of the third quarter.

Olajuwon had 14 points and 13 rebounds, giving the Rockets three double-double performances.

Hornets 94, Heat 91 At Charlotte, J.R. Reid

made several key plays in the final 72 seconds, David Wesley had 18 points and 12 assists and Chuck Person and Bobby Phills had 16 points apiece for the Hornets, who came back from a 15-point, thirdquarter deficit.

Miami, playing the second of three games in three days, was without leading scorer Jamal Mashburn, who sat out to rest a deep thigh bruise.

Magic 107, Celtics 90

At Orlando, Penny

Hardaway had 28 points, eight rebounds and six assists in perhaps his strongest allaround performance since before knee and calf injuries forced him out of the lineup for 63 games last season.

"That's the best I've seen Penny play in two years," coach Chuck Daly said.

Pacers 95, Cavaliers 89 Reggie Miller scored 28 points, Chris Mullin had 22 and the two made big 3s in

the second half as Indiana spoiled Cleveland's home opener.

Miller took control of the game after halftime by scoring 10 points in the third.

Registration begins for summer baseball

Hereford Kids Incorpo-rated baseball and Babe Ruth baseball will be conducting a sign-up for sum-mer baseball at the Here-ford Community Center be-tween the hours of 9:00 a.m.

to 4:00 p.m. on Feb. 20. The age criteria for sign-

The age criteria for sign-ups are as follows:

Kids Inc. — Open to all boys and girls who are five-years-old by August 1, 1999.

Babe Ruth — Boys who

are between the ages of 18 and 15. Participants can not be 16-years-old on or prior to August 1, 1999.

Ryan player carries on dad's legacy

Like father, like son the game of basketball is in Peabo Boyd's blood.

ballhandler, fancy passer and tenacious defender, Ryan point guard Peabo Boyd has made quite a name for himself this

The Raiders (22-5 overall, 7-0 in District 7-4A) are ranked seventh in the TABC (Texas Association of Basketball Coaches) Class 4A state poll and Boyd is a major reason why.

The team leader in assists and steals, the 5-foot-8 sophomore strikes fear in the eyes of opponents, creating opportunities for his team at both ends of the court with his superior court vision, cat-like reflexes and sprinter speed.

"For his age, he has tremendous court awareness," Ryan coach Dick Scofield said. He sees the floor and anticipates people opening up. Defensively, he'll steal you blind

DENTON, Texas — A slick in a New York minute. He'll pick you before you know what's going on."

> In four of Ryan's six district games, Boyd has led the team in assists. His districthigh came during Ryan's 84-44 thrashing of arch-rival Denton High Jan. 22, when he dished out 13 assists.

He also has led the team in steals twice during district play, recording four in the district-opener at home against Burkburnett and four two weeks ago against Wichita Falls High.

"He's scored in the 20s," Scofield said. "But his value is his ballhandling and defense. He'll set a record in steals and assists before he leaves this place."

Boyd reminds many longtime Denton area basketball fans of a flashy talent that used to burn up the hardwood at the Purple Pit in the mid-1970s.

A few inches taller than Ryan's star point guard, this kid had the same moves, the same skills, the same ambition and the same basketball

His name graces a pair of banners at the Purple Pit for twice being named all-district. As a junior in 1974, he helped lead Denton High to the state tournament, the last time a Denton school has made it that

His still lives in Denton and still attends a lot of high school games, the majority of which aren't at the Purple Pit, but at Ryan.

So why is he not supporting his alma mater? Because he's supporting something more important, his son, his namesake Greg "Peabo" Boyd.

"Peabo is my only son," Greg Boyd said. "He's special to me. He's my best friend. He's a good kid and I'm proud of

Greg sees a lot of himself jaw-dropping drives to the basket, the behind-the-back passes, the way he picks a defender's pocket like it's not

moves from me," Greg laughs. "I played similar to him. I came to please the crowd when I played."

And please the croa silky dribble that can't be learned, you simply have to be born with it.

"He was a great guy to play with," said Randy Alexander, a former DHS teammate and current head boys coach at Kaufman High School. "I think Greg was before his time. (At 6-3), the way he handled the ball and passed it, teams had to respect him.

"Looking back on it now (as a coach), you'd love to have a guy like Greg on your team. He could play point guard,

two guard or post you up."
"It's just in my blood," explained Greg, who played two years of college basketball before tearing up his knee. "It's in Peabo's blood, too."

Dad takes great pride in watching his son play the game and teaching him some of its finer points. He loves when he watches Peabo — the answering Peabo's questions and doesn't hesitate to offer him any advice. That goes for anything, not just basketball.

You see, of all the similarities Peabo and Greg share,

"He inherited all those there's one important one they don't.

From the second grade forward, Greg grew up without a daddy around the house. without somebody to teach him how to shave, how to tie a tie, how to mow the grass, much less how to block-out, how to make a bounce pass and how to shoot a free throw.

He did have a mother to help him with all of those things. And bet your life he appreciates her, but as any man who grew up without a dad knows, there is nothing like another guy to talk about guy things with.

Greg was determined to be the father he never had to Peabo. He counsels Peabo about girls, cars, school and, of course, basketball. Needless to say, Peabo appreciates

"We have a great relationship," Peabo said. "I can talk about anything with him. He thinks the same way I think."

During games, Peabo can usually look up in the stands and see his father, who adjusted his schedule at Premier Manufacturing, where he now works the graveyard shift, to ensure that he will make it to most of the games.

"I enjoy having him at games watching me," Peabo said. "It helps a lot. When he's watching a game, he's right over my shoulder telling me what I need to do."

But Greg's not just there to watch Peabo. He supports Peabo's teammates, too, treating many of them like his own

"My daddy used to tell me about Greg," Ryan junior swingman Micah Mack said. He's a legend."

Maybe one day, they'll be saying the same thing about Peabo. Carving out his own name at his own school, Peabo is well on his way to equaling, if not surpassing all of his dad's achievements. But that's really not important to him now. What is important to him is simply playing basketball

and enjoying himself doing it. "Peabo, needless to say, has an enormous amount of potential," Scofield said. "He will grow physically and mature each year. His best is yet to

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Salt Lake City awaits report in Olympic corruption probe

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) -The top two officials of Salt Lake City's Olympic bid are expected to be the focus of a lengthy report from an internal ethics investigation of the biggest corruption scandal in the history of the games.

The report, scheduled for release today, is expected to concentrate on the actions of Tom Welch, who directed the successful bid for the 2002 Winter Olympics, and Dave Johnson, his top lieutenant.

Gov. Mike Leavitt said the report by the Salt Lake Organizing Committee's ethics panel should not be looked at as complete, since the panel did not have subpoena powers and some people refused to be interviewed. The board spent much of its time examining documents.

The ethics panel probe is one of five investigations into the payments of cash and freebies to International Olympic Committee members.

Unlike the IOC commission report last month, which focused on international committee members, the report by the SLOC ethics panel concerned the role Utah Olympic boosters played in seeking the 2002 Winter Games.

The IOC investigation said \$800,000 in cash payments, scholarships, medical care and travel expenses was paid to 14 IOC members. So far, nine have been expelled or have resigned.

Olympics officials said today they had not seen the report in advance of the briefing, but several newspapers quoted unidentified sources as providing some details.

The New York Times and USA Today said the report would primarily target Welch and Johnson, with the Times reporting that the two would be accused of hidden payments and deceptive practices that kept other members of the committee from knowing what

was going on.
The Washington Post said that Welch's dealings with Alfredo La Mont, the U.S. Olympic Committee's former

director of international relations, will be detailed in the report. The Post, citing an unidentified source, also said an investigative panel appointed by the USOC is focusing on La Mont.

La Mont resigned from the USOC in January after revealing a business arrangement with Welch. Welch's lawyer, Thomas Schaffer, said Welch hired La Mont "strictly as a lobbyist" to influence IOC

members from Latin America and South America and paid him from \$2,500 to about \$3,500 a month. The Post's sources said the payments totaled about \$30,000.

The Wall Street Journal said the report also would identify Craig Peterson as a central player.

Peterson handled finances for the bid committee after he joined in 1990.



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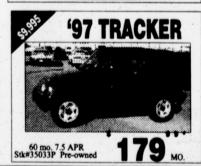




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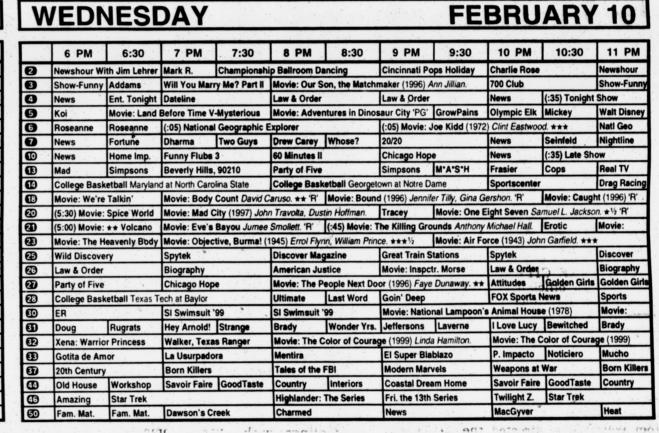
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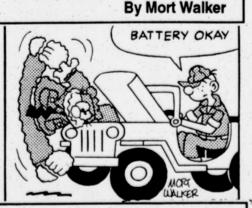


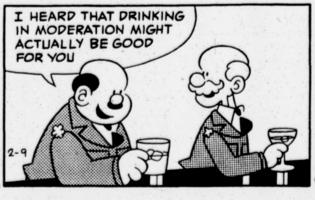


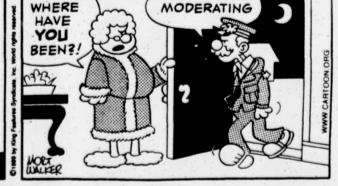
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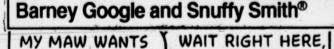


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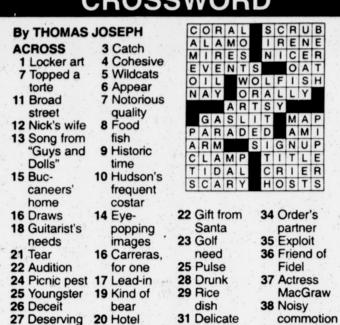
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Inquiry

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Journalist Christopher Hitchens and his wife signed affidavits stating that Blumenthal told them last March that former White Monica House intern Lewinsky was a stalker. Journalist Scott Armstrong signed an affidavit Monday saying he was told by Hitchens and his wife, Carol Blue, about their conversation with Blumenthal and the "stalker" comment.

Blumenthal told the Senate last week that he never fed the news media President Clinton's false account from January 1998 about his relawith Monica tionship Lewinsky.

Regarding the possibility of criminal probe of Blumenthal, Starr spokesman Charles Bakaly declined to comment and Justice Department spokesman Myron Marlin said Congress has made no formal referral.

House managers pressed the Senate to subpoena the three journalists.

"The president may have engaged in an intimidation campaign" against Ms.
Lewinsky in January 1998 and Blumenthal "may have testified falsely before the Senate," House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill., wrote the Senate majority and minority leaders. Democrats eager to conclude the trial objected to Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott's motion to admit the affidavits of the three journalists.

According to Blumenthal, he was told by the president in January 1998 that Ms. Lewinsky said her peers referred to her as "the stalker" and Clinton said he'd rebuffed a sexual demand she made on him.

Last week, Blumenthal told the Senate, "I never told any of my colleagues about what the president told me. ... I didn't mention it to my friends, I didn't mention it to my family, besides my wife. ... And I certainly never mentioned it to any reporter."

In a statement Sunday, Blumenthal said, "As I testified to the Senate, I talked every day about the stories in the news concerning Miss Lewinsky to my friends and family, just as everyone else is doing."

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U.S. wary of military involvement in Africa

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — As the first American secretary of defense to visit South Africa, William Cohen represents both the possibility of closer U.S. ties to this continent and the reality of America's reluctance to extend its defense commitments.

In three days here, Cohen will meet with South African government officials, possibly including President Nelson Mandela, to discuss U.S. initiatives for peacekeeper training and an African Center for Security Studies, which the Clinton administration hopes will professionalize the region's armies.

Cohen's visit, beginning today, was not intended as a sign of American interest in intervening in the civil wars flaring across Africa. Rather, he hoped to reinforce the message President Clinton brought on his visit here last March: Help the Africans help themselves, but don't expect the United States to step into the middle of civil strife.

To that end, the administration is pushing — with only limited success so far — its African Crisis Response Initiative, which is using U.S. Army Special Forces troops to train African soldiers in peacekeeping. The goal is to train at least 10,000 soldiers so Africa can have its own "911" force to respond to military crises and provide humanitarian relief.

About 3,600 soldiers from six countries — Benin, Ghana, Mali, Malawi, Senegal and Uganda — have completed the first session of training. Ethiopia and the Ivory Coast, are in line, but South Africa has made clear it does not want this U.S. help.

The last U.S. attempt at keeping a peace in Africa was the Somalia debacle of the early 1990s. It began as an attempt — largely successful — at stopping an epidemic of starvation; but when it evolved into "nationbuilding," it fell apart and American troops lost their lives.

Constance Freeman, director of African studies at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, said reluctance to get into another "Somalia situation" has tied U.S. hands in other African conflicts where intervention might help.

Albright told Jordanian king will continue father's quest for peace WASHINGTON - Secretary of State Madeleine Albright says she has assurances

from King Abdullah of Jordan that he will 'carry his father's flag" in pursuing peace in the Middle East. Promising to help the new monarch, Albright in an Associated Press interview

Monday cautioned Iraq against any intimidation of its smaller, pre-Western neighbor. "We have made it clear to Saddam Hussein that were he to threaten any of his neighbors

it would be a grave mistake, and we would be prepared to act," Albright said. "And that goes for Jordan." In a wide-ranging conversation, Albright also made it clear she expects Israel to go

ahead with its promised pullback on the West Bank despite repeated Israeli charges that the Palestinians are not carrying out all the promises they made in the Wye accords in October.

"From our perspective," Albright said, "the Israeli government and the Israeli Knesset agreed to Wye and whatever else is going on we believe the implementation should go on." Mrs. Dole raising money, calling

for president 'worthy' of people MANCHESTER, N.H. — Leaving little doubt about her intentions, Elizabeth Dole

says America needs a president "worthy of her people" and already is raising money from supporters who think she is worth a look in 2000.

"I'm talking to people about finances and policy and organization," she told reporters on her first trip to New Hampshire since leaving the American Red Cross in January to consider a presidential campaign.

"It's very encouraging for me," she said. "There are a lot of people volunteering, and there is some money coming in."

The remark surprised her advisers, who

initially said they did not know how she was collecting the money. Later they said checks made out to "Elizabeth Dole exploratory committee" were being accepted and could be used to defray expenses, though papers forming a committee — viewed as the first step toward a presidential campaign — had not yet been filed with the Federal Election Commission.

They did not know how much money had been raised.

Mrs. Dole is almost certain to become a candidate, said the advisers, who spoke on condition of anonymity. She plans to travel to Iowa next week, hire campaign staff as early as this week and officially form an exploratory committee in the near future, they said.

Mrs. Dole made the offhanded comment about money Monday before addressing 1,200 people at a Chamber of Commerce awards dinner. The speech offered a hint at plans to position herself as a moderating force in the campaign, someone who can put a happy face on the GOP.

VA giving raises to nurses to restore wage losses

WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs is quietly giving out pay raises to nurses at many of its 173 facilities to atone for wage freezes or cuts that its managers imposed on them in recent years.

Curiously, the way was cleared for those wage restraints when Congress passed the Nurse Pay Act of 1990, aimed specifically at giving agency administrators greater flexibility to offer competitive wages in a time of nursing shortages.

A short time after the law took effect, the nursing shortage eased. But administrators at many of the department's facilities across the country took advantage of the newfound wage flexibility to freeze or slash pay.

No precise figures are available on how many of the agency's roughly 39,000 registered nurses had their pay frozen or cut. A consultant's report for the department said mid-level registered nurses at 47 percent of the medical centers had taken pay cuts or freezes in 1997. Such cuts or freezes were imposed at 21 percent of the centers last

Dr. Kenneth Kizer, head of the Veterans Health Administration, sent out memos late last year strongly urging medical center directors to raise pay in 1999. That authority rests with the center directors, and VHA officials won't know the results until next

In Kosovo, no peace for dead in killings that spurred talks

RACAK, Yugoslavia - It was the gruesome discovery of dozens of sprawled, mutilated bodies in and around a gully in Racak that spurred the Kosovo peace talks now under way outside Paris.

But nearly a month after the mass killings in the southern village, there is still no peace for the 40 dead of Racak - and no peace for their families.

In the politics of Kosovo funerals, some of those with the most claim to the dead are having the least say.

"I want to see the face of my son one last time," said 60-year-old Hata Hasani, who had walked 11/2 miles in the snow on a rumor - or simply a hope - that the bodies had finally been brought back for burial.

Kosovo Albanians and Serb authorities today were still vying over timing of the release of the 40 corpses - each side mindful of the impact an emotional mass funeral could have on the outcome of the negotiations at Rambouillet, France.

Serbian Magistrate Danica Marinkovic threatened to commit the 40 to what would be paupers' funerals by the state if Kosovo Albanians didn't soon accept her offer on the timing of the release - 12 bodies the first day, then 14, then 14.

At that pace, the 40-casket funeral desired by Kosovo Albanians would be delayed until well into the peace talks.

Talk show queen fed up with TV sleaze then I am getting out of such mote her new film, "Beloved,"

LONDON (AP) — Oprah Winfrey is fed up with the sleaze on daytime television especially rival Jerry Springer's show - and is ready to bail out of her longrunning show.

"I am all talked out," Winfrey told The Times. "My contract has two years left,

shows because I feel they are going to burn themselves out."

Winfrey has been a ratings success since launching "The Oprah Winfrey Show" in September 1986. Despite its 32 Daytime Emmys, it recently has been challenged in the ratings by "The Jerry Springer Show.

While in London to pro-

she told the newspaper it was depressing to return to television after her stint on the movie set.

"Coming off that wonderful film to be just interviewing more dysfunctional people was a letdown," she said.

Another reason for her disgust, she said, is Springer, calling his show a "circus."

Starr

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propriety in his office's dealings with Ms. Lewinsky. The other topics of investigation could not be learned

immediately. The letter to Starr was first reported by Last November, the department also went to the brink of

investigating Starr over the handling of the immunity deal and other matters, but he protested in a visit with top Justice After Starr's visit, Attorney General Janet Reno said Justice officials had dismissed some of the allegations against

Starr but had written him a letter at that time seeking his response to other outstanding allegations. She also said then no investigation of Starr had been opened.

Reno has authority to fire Starr if she finds "good cause." The allegations against Starr have come from legal observ-

ers, some Democratic members of Congress and President Clinton's lawyer David Kendall. Reno has let U.S. District Judge Norma Holloway Johnson

handle the investigation of alleged grand jury leaks from Starr's staff, because Johnson, as chief judge here, oversees the grand jury. The judge named a special master to look into those allegations. Starr has picked a team of former Justice officials to

oversee an investigation of whether one of his key Whitewater witnesses, David Hale, received cash from people working for the conservative American Spectator magazine.

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'Shakespeare,' Ryan lead nominations

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — "Shakespeare in Love" and "Saving Pri-vate Ryan" dominated Academy Award nominations today. The Italian movie "Life is Beautiful" became the first in three decades to be nominated for both best picture and best foreign movie.

"Shakespeare in Love" received a near-record 13 nominations, including best picture, director, actress for Gwyneth Paltrow, supporting actor for Geoffrey Rush, supporting actress for Judi Dench and original screenplay for Marc Norman and Tom Stoppard.

"Saving Private Ryan" had 11 nominations, in-cluding best picture, director Steven Spielberg, leading actor Tom Hanks and original screenplay by Robert Rodat.

Other best picture nominees were "Eliza-beth" and "The Thin Red Line."

In a surprise, "The Thin Red Line" picked up seven nominations, a triumphant return to the movies for director Terrence Malick, who hadn't made a film in two decades.

The record for nominations — 14 — stands with "Titanic" last year and "All About Eve" in 1951.

Also getting a boost was "Elizabeth," which received seven nominations, and the Miramax studio, which had two best picture nominees in "Life Is Beautiful" and "Shakespeare in Love."

Receiving nominations for best director were Malick, Spielberg, John Madden for "Shakespe in Love," Peter Weir for The Truman Show" and Roberto Benigni's "Life Is Beautiful."

Benigni also picked up a best actor nomination, joining Hanks, Ian McKellen of "Gods and Monsters," Nick Nolte of "Affliction" and Edward Norton of "American History X."

Best actress nominations went to Cate Blanchett of "Elizabeth," Fernanda Montenegro of "Central Station, Paltrow of "Shakespeare in Love," Meryl Streep of "One True Thing" and Emily Watson of "Hilary and Jackie."

In another surprise, James Coburn got his first Oscar nomination in his long career for supporting actor in "Afflic-tion." Also nominated in that category were Rush, Robert Duvall of "A Civil Action," Ed Harris of "The Truman Show" and Billy Bob Thornton of "A Simple Plan."

Supporting actress nominee Ms. Dench was the second actress nominated for playing Queen Elizabeth. She had the role in "Shakespeare in Love" while Ms. Blanchett was the monarch in "Elizabeth."

Other supporting actress nominees were Kathy Bates for "Primary Colors," Brenda Blethyn for "Little Voice," Rachel Griffiths for "Hilary and Jackie" and Lynn Redgrave for "Gods and Monsters."

Warren Beatty picked up an original screenplay nomination "Bulworth," which he shared with co-writer Jeremy Pikser. Andrew Niccol was nominated for "The Truman Show" and Benigni was nominated along with co-writer Vincenzo Cerami for "Life

Is Beautiful." The last time a release received nominations for both best foreign language film and best movie was in 1969 with "Z."

ABA ends support for independent counsel law

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In the wake of the Watergate crisis 20 years ago, the American Bar Association helped craft an independent counsel law to restore public confidence in the investigations of politicians.

But after watching the statute evolve into what one lawyer called "the pursuit of the hunted," the group ended its support of the law in an overwhelming vote Monday by its

House of Delegates.

"It was designed to remove politics from the investigation of public officials," said Philip Anderson, who heads the 400,000-member group. "The majority of Americans would say that politics has not been removed.

Anderson said the delegates' 384-49 vote should not be seen as a referendum on Kenneth Starr and his investigation into President

"I don't believe this was reflecting on any one investigation or any one prosecutor,"

But other ABA members seemed to have Starr on their mind when expressing their opposition to the law. Miami lawyer Neal Sonnett, a speaker at the House of Delegates session, called Starr "the poster boy for the independent counsel statute."

"It does not promote confidence in our system of justice when the individual chosen to conduct an investigation of the president of the United States has never been a prosecutor or tried a crimi-

nal case," Sonnett said. The law was part of the 1978 Ethics in Government Act that sprang from the Watergate scandal of President Nixon's administration. Among the toughest critics

speaking against retention of the law was Benjamin Civiletti, attorney general under President Carter, who said it "has produced unintended

and terrible consequences."

The concept deteriorated into "a pursuit of the hunted" and has become "a Jean Valjean nightmare," he said a reference to the "Les Miserables" hero who is pursued relentlessly for a trivial

Mel Gibson's 'Paybacl k' debut roars to No. 1 finish

Gibson's latest blow-'em-up flick, "Payback," blasted to the top of the weekend movie pack, ending the recent teenoriented choke hold at the box

"P ayback," which stars

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mel Gibson as an anti-hero out to settle a few scores after a vicious double-cross, had the best opening of the year with \$21.2 million in ticket sales, according to final industry figures released Monday.

The film dumped the high

school romance "She's All That" and upset the debut of another teen-age love story, "Simply Irresistible."

With the end of regular season football, Gibson's mostly male, older fans returned to theaters in droves, industry

analysts said. Paramount had held back "Payback" over the summer so it wouldn't clash with another Gibson film, "Lethal Weapon 4."

"She's All That" collected \$11.7 million for second place while "Patch Adams" had \$4.4

million for third. "Varsity Blues," sharing the youth au-dience with "She's All That," grossed \$3.8 million for fourth

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