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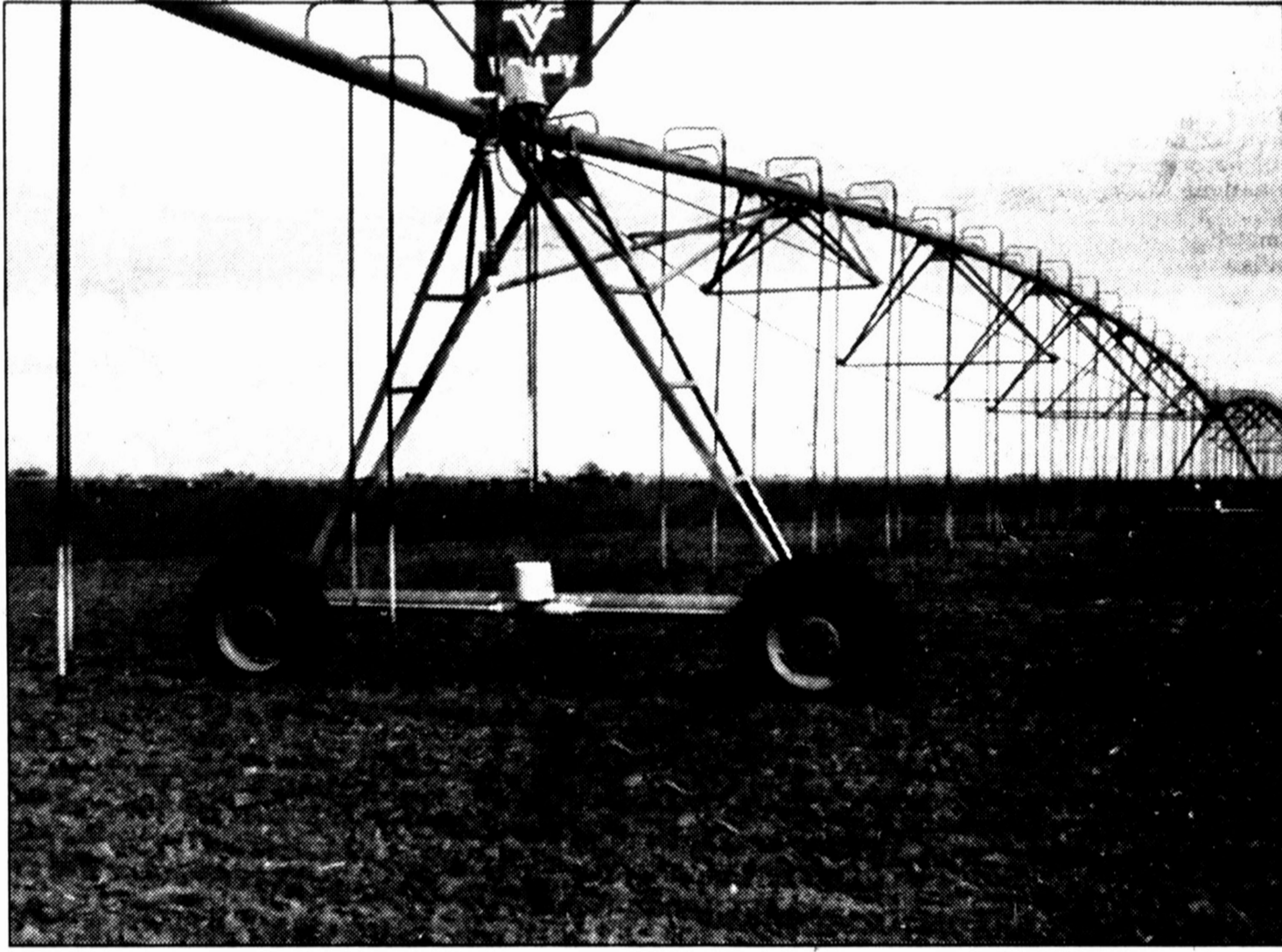
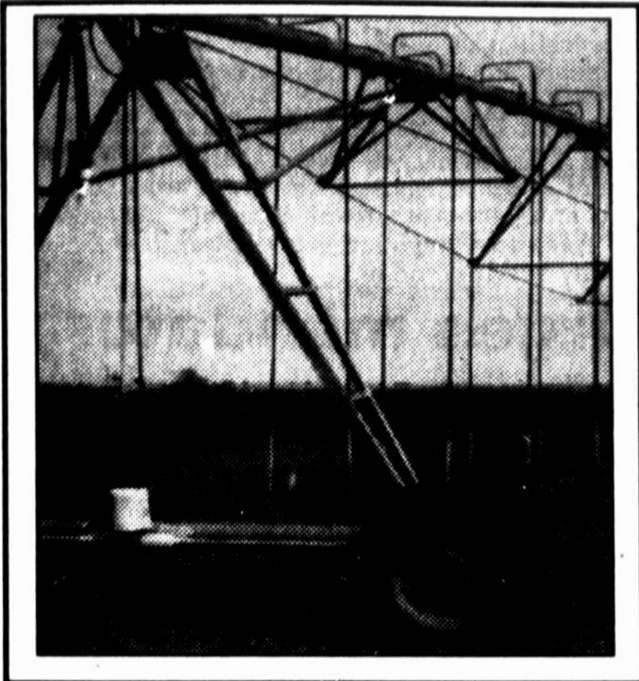
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Seminar focus is cotton

Producers to learn about new 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 Program.

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

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 TAES offices, the Deaf Smith County Crops Committee and the Hereford Farmers Co-op Gin.

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

DRY, DRY

Unless the area receives significant rainfall soon, area farmers will have to irrigate their fields before they can begin the spring planting.

January snowfall helped, but farmers still look at irrigation

By Dianna F. Dandridge

Hereford Brand Staff Writer

Ground surface moisture levels jumped considerably a few weeks ago when a heavy snowfall blanketed the area, but area producers still may have to irrigate before spring planting.

Carmon McCain, information specialist with the High Plains Underground Water District in Lubbock, said the snow last month greatly increased surface moisture and conditions were right to allow the snow to melt slowly and

seep into the ground. However, he said he considered other factors in advising producers to check individual field moisture levels before planting.

"The soil moisture content was very low as we closed out last year," McCain said. "The snow was a blessing, but with many areas needing 4-6 inches of moisture just to bring it up to normal, we're recommending each farmer check the fields to determine moisture content."

Dr. Brent Bean, Texas Agricultural Extension Service agronomist, said local farmers

are in pretty good shape because of the late fall moisture and recent snow increased deeper soil moisture content.

However, with planting season at least a month away, he said many producers will see field surfaces start to dry at a rapid rate.

The unseasonably warm weather already has started the drying process and long term weather forecasts are predicting drier than normal conditions this year.

Because the area is already so dry, the Texas Forest Service

has issued an extreme wildfire danger warning for the entire Panhandle region.

"Soil moisture is up in some areas," TFS information specialist Lou Sloat said. "But dormant vegetation is still very dry across the western half of the state."

As is so common in the Panhandle, the moisture from the snow dried with the warm winds, leaving many areas still in desperate need of moisture.

"If these conditions persist, I can easily see more cotton planted in Deaf Smith County

and much less corn," Bean said.

Cotton, which is normally the state's No. 1 cash crop and averages more than 4.8 million bales, was hit extremely hard by last year's drought, as only 3.5 million bales were produced.

The High Plains Underground Water District is currently trying to complete its annual moisture and water well reports. Representatives said more details concerning irrigation water supplies will be available as the reports are completed later this week.

Sales tax rebate

Hereford economy gains

By Don Cooper

Hereford Brand Managing Editor

Hereford's economy rebounded a bit last month, according to the Texas Comptroller's Office.

The city's sales tax rebate payment for February was \$119,647.61, up 1.8 percent from the \$117,576.22 for February 1998.

The gain marked an improvement over January, when the city received \$69,569.51, down nearly 7 percent from the \$74,804.09 it received in January 1998. The January payment also was down from December 1998, when it received \$76,146.59.

Deaf Smith County received a payment of \$43,420.29, up 11.5 percent from the \$39,948.40 it received in February 1998. The county's re-

bate also was an improvement over January's \$23,438.33. The January payment had been 10 percent lower than the \$26,055.58 for January 1998 and down from the \$25,718.29 for December 1998.

The comptroller's office delivered a total of \$318.2 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,097 Texas cities and 118 counties, a 9.5 percent increase over the \$290.5 million allocated in February 1998.

February's rebates include local sales taxes by monthly filers in December, and reported to the comptroller's office in January, plus quarterly returns for sales in October, November and December, and returns from annual filers for the entire year of 1998.

Rylander delivered monthly

sales tax rebates totaling \$293.6 million to Texas cities, 9.9 percent higher than last February's payments of \$267.1 million. Rebates of \$24.5 million to Texas counties were up 9.5 percent from February 1998. Another \$9.7 million went to 37 special purpose districts around the state.

By law, the state collects sales taxes for Texas cities and counties that have local sales taxes. The comptroller's office then returns the portion of the taxes on a monthly basis.

The state charges a 6.25 percent sales tax and local sales taxes can be up to 2 percent above that.

Around the area, Dimmitt received a rebate of

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Producer prices show biggest increase in more than 2 years

Prices excluding the volatile food and energy components actually fell for the first time in seven months, edging 0.1 percent lower. And analysts believe inflation in prices paid by consumers will remain muted this year.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Big cost increases for gasoline, pork and citrus fruit in January added up to the largest rise in prices charged by factories, refineries and food processing plants in more than two years.

The Labor Department's Producer Price Index began the year by jumping 0.5 percent, the most since October 1996, after declining 0.1 percent for all of 1998 and 1.2 percent in 1997.

Much of the rise reported today in prices for finished goods was concentrated in just a few items and should not draw an interest-rate increase from the inflation-wary Federal Reserve.

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Prices charged by food producers rose 1.6 percent, the most in nearly six years, after slipping 0.1 percent during 1998.

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BRAND/Don Cooper

Feeding the chipper — Hereford city worker Aaron Dominguez gathers branches to put into a wood chipper Wednesday after a city crew brought down some trees on the east side of the former Campfire Lodge. The city is renovating the building for use by civic groups and the trees were cut down so additional parking could be provided.

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Local roundup

Museum closings

The Deaf Smith County Museum and the E.B. Black House will be closed Feb. 21-27, to allow for waxing and polishing the floors. Staff should be available by phone. For more information, please call 363-7070.

Benefit dinner

Friends of Carlos Vega, an Adrian Sophomore in need of a bone marrow transplant, will host a benefit dinner Sunday at the Adrian High School Cafeteria. The menu includes roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, salad, hot rolls, dessert and a drink. Serving begins at 12:30 and will continue until everyone is fed. The meal will be prepared by teachers and staff of Adrian High School. Donations will be accepted at the door.

Vega's sister, Vyanca, is a perfect match. Proceeds will go toward medical bills.

Partly cloudy

Tonight, partly cloudy with a low in the mid-20s. Friday, partly sunny with a high around 60.

Extended forecast

Saturday, partly cloudy, lows in the upper 20s, highs around 50.

Sunday, partly cloudy, lows in the mid-20s, highs in the mid-50s.

Monday, partly cloudy, lows around 30, highs near 60.

Wednesday recap

High, 66; low, 35; no precipitation.

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News in brief

Judge criticizes eligibility rules

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — County Court at Law Judge Susan Scolaro laughed when she first heard that her opponent in last year's election was questioning her eligibility to run for office.

Former candidate Bob Jones claimed that a leave of absence she took to spend time with her children left her 15 days short of the four continuous years of legal practice required by law to serve.

Ms. Scolaro isn't laughing anymore.

Visiting state District Judge Bill McCoy of Odessa ruled earlier this month that Ms. Scolaro was ineligible when she was elected last Nov. 3 and should step down.

Now Ms. Scolaro faces losing her seat over 15 days.

Tattoos speak of defendant's state of mind

JASPER, Texas (AP) — Prosecutors are portraying dragging death murder defendant John William King as so hateful he proudly adorned his body with dozens of bold and intricate racist and satanic tattoos.

"Obviously you can't commit a crime this heinous unless you've got a lot of hate and anger in your heart," Jasper County District Attorney Guy James Gray said Wednesday after introducing into evidence color photographs of King and his tattoos. "Devils and monster faces and skulls and things like that are pretty consistent with somebody having a lot of hate in their heart."

Today is the third day of prosecution testimony in the capital murder trial of King, accused of killing a black man, James Byrd Jr., by chaining Byrd to the back of a pickup truck and pulling him for nearly three miles along a bumpy asphalt road, dismembering his body.

Conviction on the charge could get King, 24, a life prison term or a death sentence.

Two other men, Lawrence Russell Brewer, 31, and Shawn Allen Berry, 23, also are charged with Byrd's death last year and are to be tried later. Pictures of their tattoos also were introduced into evidence Wednesday.

State Education board may be replaced

AUSTIN (AP) — Reviving a recurring debate, a state senator is considering legislation to replace the sometimes fractious State Board of Education with an appointed panel.

Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, said he also plans to file a measure to remove the board's authority over how state school funds are invested.

"I'm going to put both bills in and have the debate," Ellis said at a Wednesday meeting of the Senate Nominations Committee.

The committee at its meeting endorsed Gov. George W. Bush's appointment of Charles G. "Chase" Untermeyer as education board chairman.

Untermeyer succeeds Jack Christie — who resigned after leading the board through battles over textbooks, school curriculum and the sale of Walt Disney stock — and plans to run to keep the seat if confirmed by the Senate.

Good samaritans offer help to students

HOUSTON (AP) — When an Alaska woman learned a Houston company had failed to honor a local student's \$40,000 college scholarship, she anonymously donated \$1,000 to help out.

In Hawaii, a businessman is giving \$1,300 to another scholarship winner.

And in North Carolina, a woman who lives near Duke University offered housing to yet another student who was to receive a \$10,000-a-year scholarship, renewable for four years, from Houston-based AdamsVision USA.

From coast to coast, individuals, corporations and universities are doing what they can to help 51 students who were stuffed out of their scholarships when AdamsVision told them it didn't have the money to pick up their tuition tabs.

Despite the offers, many students still face the possibility of transferring to less-expensive schools unless they scrape up enough money to fill the financial void left by AdamsVision.

Elsewhere:

SEX OFFENDERS: A state senator says it's not enough to have laws on the books that identify and locate sex offenders. State Sen. Mike Jackson has introduced a bill that would create more positions with the responsibility of making sure laws are being complied with.

New power plants face "stranded costs"

AUSTIN (AP) — It would cost Texans \$1.141 billion or 65 cents a month each over 10 years to cut in half the nitrogen oxide pollution coming from many power plants across the state, according to a recent report.

The state report recommends that lawmakers add the cost of reducing nitrogen oxide emissions to "stranded costs"—the debts associated with building power plants that are being discussed in the debate about electric utility deregulation.

If lawmakers decide to de-

regulate the state's electric utility market and refund the investments to utility companies, the cost of reducing nitrogen oxide emissions at some facilities should be included, according to the report by the Public Utility Commission and Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

"Air quality is an extremely important issue to include in the deregulation debate," said Leslie Kjellstrand, PUC spokeswoman. Nitrogen oxide causes most of the smog in rural areas and haze in rural areas.

But instead of spending \$1.141 billion, the report recommends setting aside \$665 million to help only the state's oldest facilities. Those "grandfathered" facilities studied are exempt from meeting state environmental standards.

The funds would go to upgrading those facilities with modern equipment that emit less pollution, the report said.

"If these recommendations were accepted by the Legislature ... it would make a significant difference in the state," Ms. Kjellstrand said.

The limited recommendation drew criticism from environmentalists who say the re-

port doesn't go far enough.

It would cost just 82 cents a month for each Texan over 10 years to reduce nitrogen emissions by 70 percent at all facilities, said Tom "Smitty" Smith, executive director of consumer group Public Citizen.

"The PUC and the TNRC could have hit a home run and recommended more reductions but instead are only going for a base hit," Smith said.

A recent poll showed that most Texas are willing to pay up to \$2 a month to reduce pollution at power plants, he added.

Panel urges mandatory hepatitis A shots

ATLANTA (AP) — A federal health group wants 11 Western states with a high incidence of hepatitis A to require that children be vaccinated.

Children are one of the highest risk groups for hepatitis A, the Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's advisory committee on immunization said Wednesday.

The committee recommended that states with at least 20 cases out of every 100,000 people — twice the national average for hepatitis A cases between 1987 and 1997 — implement routine vaccinations.

Those states currently are Arizona, Alaska, California, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah and Washington.

"Vaccinating children against hepatitis A is one of the most effective — and cost-effective — strategies for building long-term immunity against hepatitis A and preventing further spread of the disease," said Thelma King Thiel, chairman and chief executive of the Hepatitis Foundation International in Cedar Grove, N.J.

Hepatitis A, a highly contagious virus that affects the liver, is spread by personal contact when hands aren't washed after bathroom use or by contaminated food or water. It infects as many as 200,000 Americans and costs the nation more than \$450 million annually, the foundation said.

Primary symptoms include jaundice, fatigue, flu-like illness with high fever, chills, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

Almost 30 percent of those cases occur in children 15 or younger.

Children do not always exhibit symptoms of hepatitis A, but can transmit it to adults who tend to develop more severe symptoms.

Gun-owner activists challenge proposed bill

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)

— A shouting match between the mother of one of the Jonesboro school shooting victims and gun-rights advocates ended in taunts and tears on the state Capitol steps.

Suzann Wilson, whose 11-year-old daughter, Britthney Varner, died in the March 24 attack, watched indignantly Wednesday as about a dozen people held a news conference criticizing state legislation that she supports.

The bill would hold gun owners criminally responsible if children use accessible guns to hurt or kill someone. The bill was developed in response to the shooting that killed Ms. Wilson's daughter, three other students and a teacher at Westside Middle School.

Prosecutors said Andrew Golden, then 11, and Mitchell

Johnson, then 13, used guns taken from the home of Andrew's grandfather, Doug Golden. The boys were sentenced as delinquents to the state Juvenile Justice system.

Relatives of the victims are suing the boys' families, including Doug Golden, and the gun manufacturers.

Opponents said the bill would not have stopped the murders, but would infringe people's right to bear arms.

Immediately after the news conference, cameras turned to Ms. Wilson and Pam Herring, whose daughter, Paige Ann Herring, also was killed in the Jonesboro attack.

"It wasn't a case about protection. It was a case about a grandfather who had a million, trillion guns stored on the wall," Ms. Wilson said. "They were stored so the child could break in, take them off the wall, take them to school and blow away my daughter."

Her words attracted several gun-rights advocates, who questioned, criticized and taunted her as she continued to talk.

"I've got guns, come and get them," one man said.

"We've got a right to protect our own homes," proclaimed another over the growing noise.

Before leaving the area in tears, Ms. Wilson screamed: "This is not about the Second Amendment; this is about parents burying their children."

The bill is pending before the state Senate.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Texas lottery

Lotto Texas

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

A winning ticket would have been worth \$10 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were

10-25-26-28-30-33.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$14 million.

Pick 3

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

1-7-1



Work at the lodge — City workers shredded trees, branches and twigs at the old Campfire lodge. Some of the ongoing work follows in the wake of an ongoing controversy regarding the use of the facility.

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Obituaries

MORRIS EASLEY

Feb. 16, 1999

Funeral services for Morris Easley, 76, of Hereford will be 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Thomas Episcopal Church. Burial will be in West Park Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Gililand-Watson Funeral Home.

Mr. Easley died Tuesday at Methodist Hospital in Houston.

He was born March 10, 1922, in Chillicothe, to Singleton Lafayette Easley and Annie Virginia Morris. He married Virginia Green and was a long-time rancher and agribusiness leader in Deaf Smith County. He opened the first computer service in Hereford and the first feed yard in Deaf Smith County. He also ran a crop dusting service for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia Easley of Hereford; one daughter, Sue Smith, of Hereford; two sons, Dick Lookingbill of Las Vegas, Nev., Paul Easley of Tulsa, Okla.; and six grandchildren.

ELIZABETH PICKENS

Feb. 17, 1999

Funeral services for Elizabeth Pickens, 87, of Hereford will be 2 p.m. Friday at the Rose Chapel of Gililand-Watson Funeral Home with Rev. H.W. Bartlett, pastor Temple Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be at Rest Lawn Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Gililand-Watson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Pickens died Wednesday at Wesley Regional Medical Center in Wichita, Kan.

She was born June 19, 1910, in Kress, to John Frank Moore and Nettie Elizabeth Skipworth Moore. She married I.H. Pickens on Oct. 28, 1932, in Falfurrias. She came to Hereford in 1946. She was a homemaker and a Methodist.

Survivors include her husband, I.H. Pickens of Hereford; three sons, Weldon Pickens of Lubbock, David Pickens of Dumas, and John Wayne Pickens of Durant, Okla.; two daughters, Jeanette Pickens of Lubbock, and Verna

Joy Smith of Wichita, Kan.; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Nolan Pickens in 1946.

SARAH MARGARET BONE

Feb. 17, 1999

Funeral services for Sarah Margaret "Margie" Bone, 64, of Hereford are pending with Gililand-Watson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Bone died Wednesday at her home.

Survivors include one daughter, Lovina Sambrano; and a son, Brian Bone, both of Hereford.

LAWSON KEMP

Feb. 16, 1999

Funeral services for Lawson Kemp, 78, of Plainview were today at the First Baptist Church Family Life Chapel with Dr. Travis Hart, pastor of First Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Plainview Memorial Park.

Mr. Kemp died Tuesday at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

He was born June 21, 1920 in Tahoka. He married Alice Eujane Landers on August 24, 1940, in Plainview. He had worked as railroad carpenter in California and served in the Army during World War II. He was a farmer, a rancher, and owner of an International dealership. He was a member of the Plainview Senior Citizens.

Survivors include one daughter, Gail Thrasher, of Plainview; one son, Richard Kemp, of Bronte; one brother, Al on Kemp, of Coleman; one sister, Earline Schneider of Hereford; nine grandchildren; and fifteen great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, two sons, and one brother.

EARNEST COLVIN

Feb. 17, 1999

Funeral services for Earnest Colvin, of Hereford are pending with Parkside Funeral Home.

Mr. Colvin died Wednesday at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

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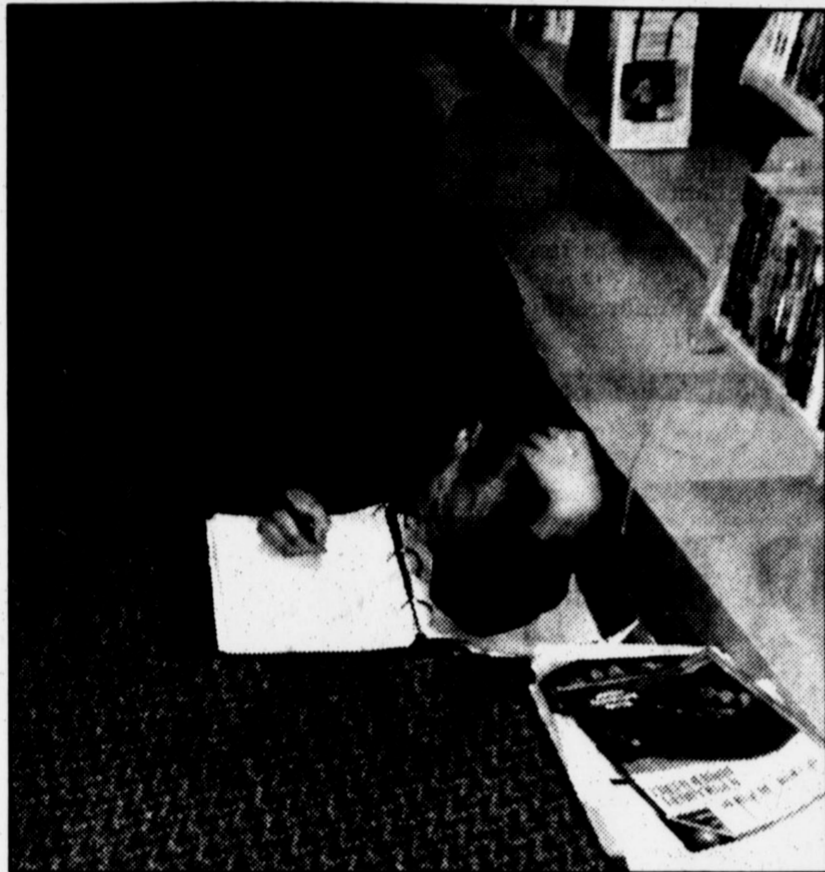
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LIFESTYLES

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Tiring research?—Ryan Buchanan, a fifth-grade student at St. Anthony's School, lies on the floor of the Deaf Smith County Library with resource material close at hand while he does homework. Information on a wide range of subjects is available for library patrons to use in the library or at home. Library hours are 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday and Thursday; 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday.

Texans share secrets for best pinto beans

By Ellen Sweets

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Some things are just naturally associated with Texas and Texans — longhorns, home on the range, boots, boot-scootin', barbecue and beans. Nothing cute, nothing fancy, just plain old pintos. Not kidneys, not navys, not Great Northerns, not black beans.

In fact, when you say "beans" to most Texans, pintos are presumed to be the legume in question.

Some time back, two readers, both men, J.B. and M.S., asked for help finding two bean-based recipes. One wanted a noncommercial blend of bean-friendly herbs and spices; the other sought information about cooking — soaking vs. not soaking, length of cooking time, what to add, when to add it. A third reader, K.B., wanted a way to cook a pot of beans that could be enjoyed without fear of, well, uh, audible gastric distress.

Readers responded with a vengeance. Suggestions came through the mail, over the Internet, from as near as Plano and Irving, from as far as Midland, Naples and Como.

One in particular, B.F., submitted detailed instructions, distinguishing along the way between "basic beans," with salt, pepper, onion and chili powder, and "Tex-Mex" beans, with garlic, oregano, ground cumin and fresh jalapenos. Both are launched with the cook's choice of ham hocks or salt pork. Unlike most submissions, his does not call for presoaking the beans, nor does it require meat.

Incidentally, he notes in his letter, the recipe he submitted is the same one he shared with a pinto bean club. But he is quick to point out that "No good recipe is firm, it is always subject to variations and ... to the cook's whim of the moment. That's the fun of cooking — wondering how it's going to turn out this time!"

Another recipe included butter, bacon, stewed tomatoes, parsley and marjoram. E.S. says she has been cooking her version of Southwestern pintos for more than 40 years — but know up front that her recipe is a five-hour labor of love.

A friend sent Lauretta Brock's recipe for beans, but

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Hospital notes

Patients in Hereford Regional Medical Center on Feb. 18:

Milton C. Adams, Roxann Hernandez, infant girl

Hernandez, Wanda S. Jones, Catherine F. Lupton, Justin Martinez, Oralia Merced, infant girl Merced, Joshua Angel Tovar.

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for an appointment.

Having melanoma removed is good beginning X-ray followup could be life-saving second step



Ann Landers
Creators Syndicate

Dear Ann Landers: Over the past few months, you have printed several letters from readers who had found small moles on their bodies. Doctors discovered that the moles were cancerous and had to be removed. Getting medical attention saved their lives.

I want to tell those lucky folks that they may still be at risk. Having a melanoma removed is not always enough to save your life. The danger is not following up with X-rays of the lungs every six months for at least three years.

My son, 44, had a small brown spot on his back that he'd had all his life. It bore no resemblance to pictures I had seen of cancerous moles. I wasn't even sure it was a mole. It was just a brown spot like a freckle, no larger than a match head.

He occasionally asked his wife to look and see if the spots on his back were any larger, and after 24 years of married life, she finally said, "You ought to see a doctor." He did, and it was indeed melanoma. A surgeon took a 6-inch slice out of his back. No other cancer cells were found.

The doctor did not impress on my son the importance of having X-rays periodically as a safeguard against any new

cell growth. Four years later, my son became ill. The doctor thought he had an infection and prescribed an antibiotic. He then did an X-ray and found a large growth in his lungs. The growth had metastasized and sent cancer cells to all the lymph nodes in the trachea. Diagnosis — inoperable. He died three months later. He was 48 years old.

Please, Ann, tell your readers if they ever find a melanoma anywhere on their body to have an X-ray follow-up for at least three years. If just one person can be saved by this information, I will be thankful. — L.T., Santa Clarita, Calif.

Dear Santa Clarita: I am so sorry about your son. To lose an adult child is an extremely cruel blow. According to the laws of nature, the parents are supposed to go first.

Your letter is an extremely important one. Thank you on behalf of all the people whose lives you have saved today. Readers, please pay attention to what this parent has written.

Dear Ann Landers: The progress of women in the working world is creating a new category of grammar. We no longer use the male form of words to describe everyone, and using one word for men and another for women can become tedious. Waiters and waitresses are now generic. They are called "servers" or "waitpersons." The term "chairman" has gone through a metamorphosis from "chairperson" to simply "chair."

There is surely more to come. Every pronoun is now "he and she" or "him and her." We need a more convenient designation, perhaps "s/he" or

maybe "shhe." Of course, it would be pronounced like the word "she" and could aggravate excessively chauvinistic males. Perhaps a compromise, like "shim," would do the trick. I heard that one in an old black-and-white movie. The pronouns "his" and "her" could become "shis," which sounds slightly more masculine than feminine.

Perhaps some grammarian or lexicographer will promote an acceptable usage to help us writers out. The Ann Landers column could serve as our rescue vehicle. How about it? — J.M. in Cornwall, Pa.

Dear Cornwall: Thanks a lot, but no thanks. "Shim"? "Shis"? Gimme a break. The English language has served us well for quite some time, and I am not about to mess with it by attempting to invent new words.

What can you give the person who has everything? Ann Landers' booklet, "Gems," is ideal for a nightstand or coffee table. "Gems" is a collection of Ann Landers' most requested poems and essays. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$5.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Gems, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$6.25.)

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Breast cancer screening set

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening at South Plains Health Care Providers Inc., 603 E. Park, on March 12.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in self-examination by a registered nurse.

A minimum of 15 women needs to register in order for

the mobile mammography unit to come to area towns. All exams are done by appointment only.

This clinic is available only to women who need financial assistance. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance.

Call 806-356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information.

Pilot Club to hold fund-raiser

Pilot Club of Hereford will host its annual Mexican Stack Supper fund-raiser on March 4 in Hereford Community Center.

Serving hours will be from 5 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5

for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Carry-out is available at no extra charge.

Tickets are available in advance from any Pilot Club member or may be purchased at the door.

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Area Events

AMARILLO
The eighth annual Amarillo Arts and Crafts Festival will be held Saturday and Sunday in Amarillo Civic Center.

Hours for the show are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

More than 120 exhibitors from throughout the Southwest are expected to be on hand with original art and handcrafted items.

There is no admission charge.

For its fifth subscription concert of the 1998-1999 season, the Amarillo Symphony will present a concert devoted to the music of George Gershwin at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Civic Center Auditorium.

Music director and conductor James Setapen will lead the orchestra and will be joined by guest pianist Bradford Gowen. The pops concert is sponsored by American Airlines.

Gowen won first prize in the

1978 Kennedy Center/Rockefeller Foundation International Competition for Excellence in the Performance of American Music. Since 1981 he has been on the faculty of the University of Maryland. He was one of the 48 pianists featured in Benjamin Saver's 1993 book *The Most Wanted Piano Teachers in the USA*.

The Gershwin concert is presented in honor of the 100th anniversary of the composer's birth.

Paramount Terrace Christian Church will host a divorce recovery seminar to help persons cope with the experience of separation and divorce. The seminar will be March 5-6 and is available to anyone.

The seminar will take place Friday evening and all day Saturday and include both formal presentations and small group discussions.

Speaker will be Jay Graham,

Regional Director, Fresh Start. The fee, which is lower before Feb. 25, will cover all printed material, snacks on Friday and lunch on Saturday. For more information, call 353-6615.

Amarillo Little Theatre's season finale will be the musical "West Side Story." This work by Leonard Bernstein, Arthur Laurents and Stephen Sondheim will be a huge event at ALT.

Auditions for "West Side Story" are currently scheduled for March 9-10.

For more information, call 355-9991.

PORTALES

Eastern New Mexico University in Portales will host its annual TRIO Scholarship Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. on Feb. 26 in the Campus Union Ballroom.

TRIO refers to a family of

grant programs sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education. At ENMU these program include Upward Bound, the College Success program, Educational Talent Search, and the Educational Opportunity Center (located on the Roswell campus). TRIO has been in existence for 34 years.

The luncheon is a celebration of TRIO and an opportunity to contribute to the TRIO Scholarship Fund to assist TRIO students at Eastern. The cost of the luncheon will contribute money to the scholarship fund.

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ENMU Steel Band concert at AC

PORTALES — The Eastern New Mexico University Steel Band will perform at 8 p.m. Friday at the Amarillo College concert hall. This free concert is sponsored by Amarillo College and the Eastern New Mexico University band program, the "Greyhound Sound."

The Steel Band is comprised of music students and others from across the ENMU campus. Affectionately named the "Pan Dogs," the band's repertoire includes pop tunes, jazz and, of

course, calypso and Soca, the indigenous music of Trinidad, birthplace of the steel drum.

This group uses the traditional complement of instruments for the steel band. The lead or "tenor" pan plays melody along with the double tenor which can switch between melody and harmony. Double seconds and the guitar pan (consisting of three barrel tops) play harmony. Bass parts are played by the bass pan, an instrument consisting of six

full-size 55 gallon barrels. The percussion section of the steel band is called the "engine room" which incorporates the drums found in American popular music and other more unusual percussion instruments including congas, cowbell, shakers, and an actual automotive brake drum.

This unique combination of music and instruments provides an exciting experience that is fresh and yet surprisingly familiar and listenable.

BEANS

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cautions that making beans is like making barbecue: real personal. She pronounced Ms. Brock's beans the best she's ever tasted.

Although there were few constants among bean fanciers, most seemed to call for the inclusion of some incarnation of pork — salt pork, bacon, ham hocks, smoked sausage or ham. Most also seemed to prefer adding salt well into the cooking process, not at the start. Salt, some said, toughens the beans and slows the cooking. Others tossed it in at the outset. One or two people use chicken stock instead of water. Some soak, some don't. Some were specific in their preference for cast-iron kettles.

All, however, admonish cooks to wash and pick over the beans carefully. Small stones capable of chipping teeth occasionally get bagged with the beans.

Curiously, there were no vegetarian submissions and no mention anywhere of cholesterol, calories or fat.

A few addressed the undesirable side effects of eating beans by offering various suggestions, from overnight soaking to parboiling and then soaking.

"A major source of gas in the intestinal tract comes from nondigestible carbohydrates," says Dr. Scott Grundy, director of the Center for Human Nutrition at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. "And this includes beans and legumes. Discarding the water in which dried beans are soaked before cooking may decrease gas fermentation somewhat."

So, without further ado, enjoy some reader responses to the quest for a perfect pot of beans.

EVELYN STONE'S SOUTHWESTERN PINTO BEANS

2 pounds dry pinto beans, sorted and rinsed
1 pound salt pork, cut into chunks, at room temperature
6 garlic cloves, chopped
2 teaspoons dried oregano
9 pequin peppers (see note)
2 teaspoons salt

Cover beans with cold water in a large pot or Dutch oven. Bring to a full boil over medium heat, then reduce heat to a slow simmer. Water should cover beans throughout the cooking process. If more water is needed, add boiling water. At the end of the first hour, add salt pork.

At the end of the second hour, add garlic. At the end of the third hour, add oregano and peppers. At the end of the fourth hour, add salt.

At the end of the fifth hour, eat. Makes 14 servings.

Note: Pequins are usually a summer chile; you can substitute serranos, one-to-one, as pequins are smaller but hotter. If you want to turn down the heat, use only 5 chiles.

Per serving: Cal 466 (51% fat) Fat 27 g (9.7 g sat) Fiber 16 g Chol 28 mg Sodium 800 mg Carbs 42 g Calcium 86 mg

LAURETTA BROCK'S PINTO BEANS

2 pounds dry pinto beans
1/4 to 1/2 pound salt pork, sliced thin or diced
1 large onion, chopped
1 large green pepper, diced
4 cloves garlic, sliced thin
1 tablespoon chili powder
1 (10-ounce) can diced tomatoes with green chiles
1 (16-ounce) can tomato sauce

Soak pinto beans in water to amply cover overnight. Next morning, drain the beans. Return beans to pot. Add salt pork, onion, green pepper, garlic, chili powder, tomatoes, tomato sauce, salt pork and water to cover. Simmer covered pot very slowly, adding hot water as needed. Cook until

beans are tender and juice is thick and soupy, about 5 hours. Makes 14 servings.

Per serving: Cal 364 (34% fat) Fat 14 g (4.9 g sat) Fiber 16.9 g Chol 13.9 mg Sodium 474 mg Carbs 46 g Calcium 93 mg

BETTY SLOANE'S COW-POKE BEANS

1 pound dry pinto beans
4 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled
1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper

1 large clove garlic, chopped
2 cups chopped onion
2 tablespoons butter
1 2/3 cups stewed tomatoes
1/4 cup chopped parsley
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
1/2 teaspoon marjoram
5 teaspoons chili powder
1 teaspoon salt

Soak beans overnight in water to amply cover. Drain. In a large cooking pot, cover beans with water. Add bacon, crushed red pepper and garlic. Bring to a boil and reduce heat. Cook, covered, until tender, about 3 hours. Saute onion in butter until tender. Add tomatoes, parsley, cumin, marjoram, chili powder and salt. Simmer over low heat about 45 minutes. Add tomato mixture to beans. Simmer 20 minutes more. Makes 7 servings.

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Longhorns down Texas Tech, 62-44

AUSTIN (AP) — With a one-game lead over Oklahoma and just three games remaining, a Big 12 regular-season championship is starting to look much more realistic for Texas.

After dismantling Texas Tech 62-44 Wednesday night, the Longhorns' only remaining opponent with a winning record is Missouri.

The Tigers (18-6, 9-4), who lost to Oklahoma on Monday, come to Austin Feb. 27. Before that, Texas (16-10, 11-2) travels to Texas A&M (11-12, 4-9) and Baylor (6-20, 0-13).

If not for a one-point loss at home to the surging Sooners last week, Texas would have a commanding lead in the Big 12 race.

"Right now, they're the best," Texas Tech coach James Dickey said of the Longhorns. "Oklahoma is playing really well. Texas has in its favor the fact they can control their own destiny."

Oklahoma (19-7, 10-3) still must play Kansas on Saturday before finishing the season against Texas A&M and Baylor.

"Every game now is going to be a fight," Texas coach Rick Barnes said. "Teams are fighting for their lives. Can you imagine the difference it will make for some teams if they have three games left, and they win all three or lose all three?"

Texas didn't look like a conference champion offensively against Tech, shooting just 36

percent from the floor as a team behind center Chris Mihm's 20 points, 13 rebounds and six blocks.

The Longhorns made up for it on defense, holding Tech (12-14, 4-9) to 31 percent shooting for the game and just 19 points in the second half. The Red Raiders' 44 points was their lowest offensive since a 54-43 loss to Southern Methodist in 1990.

Tech also committed 19 turnovers that Texas turned into 20 points.

"They do things right," Dickey said. "Other teams are as physical, but they're sound. They never get in a hurry."

Most critical was the Longhorns' defensive effort against Tech guard Rayford Young, who had only 10 points on 4-of-10 shooting. Young had a career-high 41 points in a 90-84 win over Kansas just four days earlier. Andy Ellis led Tech with 12 points Wednesday.

The defensive effort may have contributed to Texas' problems on offense, said Barnes.

"I'm confident in our defense showing up because we put a lot into it. We do a lot of work on defense and I think sometimes we come down to play offense and we don't have enough energy," Barnes said.

Wednesday's game was the 101st meeting between the schools. Texas now leads the all-time series 51-50.

Colorado defeats Texas A&M, 71-61

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Colorado made just one field goal in the final eight minutes, but still managed to avert what would have been

just the second loss to a Big 12 Texas team in three years.

Taking Kenny Price out nearly cost the Colorado the game. But the lead they had built on a pair of runs he ignited was big enough to blunt a late comeback by Texas A&M.

Price scored 21 points and hit half of his 12 three-point attempts as the Buffs beat the Aggies 71-61 on Wednesday night.

"We were a little too soft on Price," said Texas A&M coach Melvin Watkins. "We didn't

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Correction

A photo caption appearing in the sports section of the Tuesday, Feb. 17, 1999 edition of *The Hereford Brand* incorrectly identified Cody Marsh as Cody Hodges.

The *Brand* regrets the error.

PLAYOFFS



Shooting for the playoffs — Hereford Whiteface Chayse Rives sends it to the rim earlier this year.

Hereford basketball teams begin march

By Mauri Montgomery
Hereford Brand Publisher

Let the real seasons begin.

Hopes, dreams and promises fulfilled through the entire regular season will be compressed into single game performances as both the Hereford High School boys' and girls' varsity basketball teams, within the next five days, test their mettle in the 4A playoff competition.

The Lady Whitefaces (23-11) get their second glimpse of the fray Friday at 5 p.m. as they line up against El Paso Bowie (18-8) in the Odessa College Sports Center.

Their appearance there follows a tough haul that included winning two regular-season games on the road before defeating, for the third time, the Borger Lady Bulldogs in a grueling third-place district playoff.

But the Lady Whiteface's, who are setting new standards in rising to the occasion, earned their greatest achievement to date Tuesday after they cut the wings off the defending state champion

Randall High Lady Raiders, 63-54 in bi-district.

Hereford, led by a host of big shooters including Valerie Guzman with 21, Tori Walker's 15 and Makesha Rives' 14, used savvy defensive play and big 3-point plays to dethrone the heavily-favored Lady Raiders.

Beyond the team's initial jubilant reaction from the bench at the game's final buzzer, members on both sides of the court were suspended in disbelief.

Randall High was trying to figure out what went wrong and the Lady Whitefaces were trying to understand just exactly what they did right.

First-year Hereford ladies' coach Key Harrison was searching for words too.

"I'll tell you what. I saw it and I lived it, but I still can't comprehend that we just beat Randall," Harrison said after the game. "It hasn't really set in yet, but it will."

"It's really exciting for all of us, but that's

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Baseball sign-ups to begin

Hereford Kids Incorporated Baseball and Babe Ruth Baseball will be conducting a sign-up for summer baseball at the Hereford Community Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. February 20.

The sign-up for Kids, Inc. is open to all boys and girls who are five-years-old by August 1, 1999.

Babe Ruth is open to boys between the ages of 13-15 prior to August 1, 1999.

CURRENT SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

BOYS

DISTRICT W-L / 7-3

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NEXT:

• Will meet the Frenship Tigers Tuesday in a bi-district playoff game at Wayland Baptist's Hutchinson Center, 7 p.m.

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SEASON 48-43 in 3rd place district playoff.

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Seattle takes first loss in overtime

By CHRIS SHERIDAN
AP Basketball Writer

It was a wild night in the West, and it seemed like it would never end.

Overtime in Seattle ended with the Sonics absorbing their first loss of the season, and triple-overtime in Vancouver ended with the Grizzlies wondering if they'll ever play a regular 48-minute game again.

Rookie Jason Williams hit a 3-pointer to key a 9-0 run in overtime that lifted the Sacramento Kings to a 109-106 victory Wednesday night over the Sonics, the last remaining undefeated team.

Another rookie, Paul Pierce of the Celtics, scored seven of his 26 points in triple-overtime as Boston beat Vancouver 131-129 just one night after the Grizzlies went into double-overtime to beat the Clippers.

The Celtics-Grizzlies game lasted 3 hours and 49 minutes.

"I've never been involved in a game where a tired team makes so many big plays," Celtics coach Rick Pitino said. "It was really like a Rocky fight."

In other NBA games, Minnesota defeated Houston 116-102, Phoenix rallied past San Antonio 79-76, the Los Angeles Lakers downed Dallas 101-88, Orlando beat Washington 96-85, Miami defeated Detroit 91-80, Golden State topped Charlotte 96-87, Milwaukee beat Chicago 91-83 and Portland defeated Denver 100-85.

Sacramento was playing its

third game in three nights, but the strain didn't show in overtime.

After Gary Payton gave Seattle a 96-94 lead, a dunk by Chris Webber tied the game before Williams, a rookie sensation from Florida, hit his 3-pointer.

Vlade Divac followed with a short hook and Webber scored on a reverse dunk for a 103-96 advantage with two minutes left, and the Sonics got no closer than three points the rest of the way.

Webber led the Kings with 23 points. Lawrence Funderburke had 16 points and Williams had 12.

"I don't know if anybody is playing better in this league than Webber," Kings coach Rick Adelman said. "He was just a man out there."

Payton led the Sonics with 34 points and Hersey Hawkins had 18.

"I can't be the only person looking to score," Payton said. "Other people need to know they have to score too."

Grizzlies 131, Celtics 129, 3OT

Rookie Paul Pierce scored seven of his 26 points in triple-overtime and Antoine Walker and Ron Mercer had 27 points apiece before fouling out.

Shareef Abdur-Rahim had a career-high 39 points for Vancouver.

Timberwolves 116, Rockets 102

At Minneapolis, Stephon Marbury scored a career-high 40 points to go with 12 as-

sists and zero turnovers in 40 minutes. He hit 16 of 24 shots, tying a team record for baskets, to lead the Wolves into a second-place tie with the Rockets in the Midwest Division.

"Not only was it a big win, it was a big win for me," Marbury said. "Because I haven't been being as aggressive as in the past, for my own reasons. ... Tonight was just my night."

Kevin Garnett had 23 points, nine assists and nine rebounds — coach Flip Saunders said it was probably the best combined performance ever for Garnett and Marbury — and the Wolves played a near-flawless second half.

Suns 79, Spurs 76

Jason Kidd had 14 points, 15 rebounds and 11 assists, his second triple-double in three nights, and Phoenix outplayed San Antonio down the stretch despite playing its third game in three nights.

Phoenix looked like the fresher team as the Suns outscored the Spurs 22-8 in the fourth quarter at the Alamodome.

The Spurs missed their last six shots, including two with a chance to tie in the last 10 seconds. One was a 3-point attempt by David Robinson; the other was a 2-point attempt by Duncan.

Lakers 101, Mavericks 88

Shaquille O'Neal scored 24 points, Kobe Bryant had 23 points and nine rebounds, Eddie Jones added 20 points,

and Derek Fisher had a season-high 12 points, five rebounds and six assists for the Lakers, who have beaten Dallas 14 consecutive times.

The loss was the sixth straight for the visiting Mavericks (1-7).

Magic 96, Wizards 85

At Orlando, Nick Anderson scored 26 points and the Atlantic Division-leading Magic held the struggling Wizards to 34 points in the second half.

Rookie Michael Doleac scored 16, while Armstrong and Bo Outlaw each added 14 for the Magic. Penny Hardaway continued to struggle for the Magic. He did not play in the fourth quarter, finishing 2-of-11 from the field for four points in 31 minutes.

Three cities vie to host NCAA championships

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (AP) — Long Beach, New Orleans and Dallas are under consideration as sites for the semifinal and final rounds of the NCAA Division I women's volleyball championships in 2002, 2003 and 2004.

The NCAA will decide in early July.

Long Beach Arena has been recommended as the host site in 2004; the New Orleans Sports Arena is vying for the 2002 championships; and Re-

union Arena in Dallas is nominated for 2003. All three perspective sites, if approved, would be first-time hosts.

This year's women's volleyball Final Four will be hosted by the University of Hawaii-Manoa on Dec. 16-18. The 2000 championship will be hosted by Virginia Commonwealth and the 2001 championship will be hosted by San Diego State.

Heat 91, Pistons 80
Tim Hardaway had 29 points and nine assists as Miami won at the Palace in Auburn Hills to run its winning streak to four games.

Both teams were playing their third game in as many days. Detroit lost all three, extending its losing skid to five games.

Warriors 96, Hornets 87
Bimbo Coles scored 11 of his 13 points in the fourth period and Golden State won its third straight. John Starks' 14 points led the host Warriors, who lost their first five games of the season.

Bucks 91, Bulls 83
At Milwaukee, the Bucks snapped a 12-game losing streak to the Bulls that dated to April 23, 1995. Terrell Bran-

don scored 17 points and Armen Gilliam added 16.

Trail Blazers 100, Nuggets 85

At Portland, Walt Williams made five 3-point shots, Isaiah Rider scored 19 points and the Blazers opened leads of 22 points in the second quarter and 29 in the third.

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play aggressive enough and he made us pay."

Colorado coach Ricardo Patton also pointed to the guard as the key figure, saying things sort of fell apart after he took him out.

"We took Kenny out, played zone, stopped pressing and

that caused us to relax," said Patton. "We of all people should realize teams are going to battle back, and that it's not over 'til it's over."

The Buffs led 60-36 with eight minutes to go, but made only one field goal in the final eight minutes and relied on free throws to keep a step ahead of the visitors.

Texas A&M scored 14 straight points to narrow the score to 60-50 with three min-

utes left. The Aggies got within seven points with 44 seconds to go, but Colorado held on for the win.

"We decided to play late in the second half," said Watkins. "We're not good enough to spot that many and come back."

Jamahl Mosley scored 12 points and Aki Thomas had 11 for the Buffs (13-13, 4-9 Big 12 Conference), who took a 20-6 lead on an early 14-0 run launched by a Price 3-

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what happens when you step-up and meet the challenge," he said. "Now you just hope you can ride the emotion of this win into the next game — one game at a time."

Hereford boys tune-up for bi-district game with Frenship

Hereford Whiteface boy's head coach Randy Dean is still looking for the game he knows his team is capable of playing.

He has seen glimpses of it many times throughout the regular season on the way to a 22-9 season portfolio, but not all at once — waves of relentless intensity here and there.

And he's hoping he'll see the full force of the hurricane develop when the Herd pairs off against the Frenship Tigers Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Plainview's Wayland Baptist Hutchinson Center.

The game will mark what Dean has referred to earlier in the year as the beginning of "the second season" — the real season.

The losers pack their bags for good from here on out.

Hereford is coming off a Tuesday night 51-44 loss to the Amarillo Palo Duro Dons, the state's top-ranked 4A team and District 3-4A's only unbeaten team.

The Whitefaces earned the nod as the district's No. 2 seed team behind Palo Duro with a 60-43 victory over the Dumas Demons earlier.

"I wouldn't expect for us to do anything drastically different in getting ready for Frenship that we haven't done already this year," Dean said. "The things we've done so far have seemed to work pretty

well for us — they've gotten us this far."

"Frenship obviously has a good team — you don't get this far without being a good team, but we can play with them," Dean said. "We've just got to go out there and be ready to execute our game without the mental mistakes we made against Palo Duro."

Hereford turned the ball over 14 times against Palo Duro which contributed heavily to a 12-point disadvantage the Whitefaces faced during the first half, and ultimately could never make up.

"You just don't make those kind of mistakes against a good team, in a big game, and expect to fare very well," Dean said. "From this point forward, we've got to be at our best every time we walk on the court."

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Chris Clayton led Texas A&M (11-12, 4-9) with 16 points. Joe White added 12 and Jerald Brown had 11 for the Aggies, who shot 18.5 percent in the first half and trailed 32-16 at halftime.

In the second half a 9-0 run, again sparked by Price with a 3-point basket, made it 50-23 Colorado with 13:15 left. A pair of free throws from Mosley gave the Buffs their biggest lead, 54-28, with 10:45 remaining.

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 Voter Consumer Research survey

GOP survey finds the pivotal votes on surplus lean toward Democrats

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite strong support among loyal Republicans for a tax cut, pivotal ticket-splitting voters are "closer to Democrats" when it comes to proposals for allocating the federal budget surplus, according to a confidential survey taken for the Senate GOP.

"On paying down the debt, they are closer to us than to the Democrats," says the survey, which was taken last November and distributed to GOP senators just as President Clinton's impeachment trial was getting under way. "To expand beyond the base of Republican tax cutters, we need to stress debt reduction and Social Security," it concluded.

The survey was taken by Voter Consumer Research, a Bethesda, Md., polling company, to help Senate Republicans chart a legislative course for this year that would "put Democrats on the defensive." Another purpose was to generate appeal among ticket-splitters who are likely to play a pivotal role in the 2000 elections.

The GOP survey was taken in the wake of elections that were disappointing for Republicans — a loss of seats in the House and no net change in the Senate. The survey, along with an accompanying memo by Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, chairman of the GOP Senate campaign committee, was distributed about a month ago, as lawmakers struggled with Clinton's impeachment trial.

Already, the Republican leadership seems to be taking heed from the survey data. While voter concern about defense issues does not rank high, there is strong support for improving the pay of personnel. Thus, legislation to grant a pay increase for the armed forces is expected to be on the Senate floor as soon as lawmakers return from their current recess.

Despite the cautionary note about tax cuts, the survey says it is "one of the very few issues that is still truly our issue" and must be a key part of any agenda. Majority Leader Trent Lott of Mississippi traveled to Michigan late last week to stress support for a tax cut, and Rep. John Kasich of Ohio, a presidential hopeful, favors a 10 percent across-the-board reduction in income taxes.

By contrast, Clinton favors targeted tax cuts that would be less costly, and emphasizes the need to shore up Social Security. "Will our first priority be spending the budget surplus that we have worked so hard to create on a terrifically appealing tax cut in the moment, or will our first priority be investing whatever the necessary amount of the surplus is for at least the next 15 years to strengthen Social Security and Medicare," he said Wednesday in comments beamed nationwide to students.

In his memo, McConnell wrote that Social Security, tax cuts and education should be the three issues to focus on for the coming year. On taxes, he wrote, "Here is our dilemma in a nutshell: a plurality of Republican voters rated tax cuts as the highest priority for dividing up the surplus, but among ticket-splitters, tax cuts were the least popular choice." Preserving Social Security ranked the highest, he said.

McConnell said Republicans must push for tax cuts for several reasons, saying it is the only issue that holds the Republican electoral base together. "Sad to say, it is just about the only issue that people uniformly cite as a reason to vote Republican," McConnell wrote.

At the same time, he said, "We should be under no illusion that there is steadfast support for tax cuts outside of our base."

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 President Clinton

Democrats expected to love L.A. in 2000

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Talks between Los Angeles and the Democratic National Committee to put the party's 2000 presidential convention in California are in the final stages. Barring a last-minute glitch, the decision will soon be formal, party officials say.

Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino was told in a telephone call Wednesday from Joe Andrew, head of the party's site selection team, that the convention contract had been offered to Los Angeles, said Menino's spokeswoman, Jacque Goddard.

Yet party officials said the deal was not quite sealed.

"The Democratic National Committee has not made a final decision on the city to host the 2000 Democratic Na-

tional Convention," DNC spokeswoman Melissa Bonney Ratcliff said Wednesday night. "Although we have intensified discussions with Los Angeles recently, nothing has been finalized," she said.

A source close to the selection process, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Los Angeles officials had been given a draft contract for the convention. But party and city officials were still reviewing the document, the official said.

For weeks senior Democratic officials have said Los Angeles is all but certain to host the party's next convention. But they have maintained Boston and Denver as options in case the party in Los Angeles can't resolve differences on money.

'I'm warming to the task'

Bush hints at run in 2000

AUSTIN (AP) — Offering his strongest statement to date on whether he is going to run for president in 2000, Gov. George W. Bush said Wednesday: "I'm warming to the task."

The Republican, a leader in several recent polls on the 2000 race, repeated that he still hasn't made up his mind.

Bush spoke after a meeting with legislative leaders

from New Jersey and South Carolina. It was his latest discussion with politicians from outside Texas who are urging him to seek the White House.

"A couple of the people here said, 'If you'll run, we'll support you.' For that, I'm most grateful," Bush said.

The lunch meeting took place at the Governor's Mansion.

"I've come from New Jersey

specifically to encourage this governor to run for the presidency because I believe the integrity of the presidency is something that is lacking," said Alex DeCroce, deputy speaker of the New Jersey Assembly.

"I think George W. Bush can bring that back."



Gov. George W. Bush

Gibson donates \$640,000 to acting school

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Mel Gibson donated \$640,000 to the Sydney school where he studied acting, officials said Wednesday.

Gibson, one of Hollywood's top box office draws, grew up

in Australia after his parents migrated from the United States.

The donation to the National Institute of Dramatic Art was announced at a function to celebrate the school's

40th birthday.

Gibson studied acting for three years at school.

The *Daily Telegraph* newspaper reported the money would help the college build a new theater.

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'Sweeps' month makes television a three-ring circus

By David Bauder
The Associated Press

VCRs, already hot from overuse this month, will kick into action again tonight when George Clooney's departure from "ER" airs opposite the finale of Stephen King's "Storm of the Century."

It's television "sweeps" time again, a three-ring circus of hype when the best material networks can offer bump into each other. ABC hopes to cap off the February sweeps by grabbing everyone's attention with an interview of Monica Lewinsky by Barbara Walters.

There's an effort underway to change sweeps, since TV

executives suspect the periodic avalanche of miniseries and special events has something to do with declining viewership during other parts of the year.

Four times a year — in February, May, July and November — Nielsen Media Research sends out diaries to participating families to measure viewership in local markets. The data is used to set local advertising rates.

In order to please their affiliates and boost ratings, networks tend to concentrate their best programming during these periods.

That means a logjam of "extra special events." On Feb. 7, for instance, an NBC miniseries, "The '60s," a CBS movie,

"Night Ride Home," and a key episode of "The X-Files" on Fox were shown simultaneously.

Sweeps is when you'll see the wildest and most shocking Fox reality specials. Even NBC got into the act Wednesday with "Confirmation: The Hard Evidence of Aliena Among Us?"

If something momentous happens in the lives of your favorite fictional characters, chances are it's a sweeps month. Jill undergoes a hysterectomy on "Home Improvement," Jack comes out as gay in "Dawson's Creek," and, yes, Doug Roas is leaving the ER and NBC's top-rated show. Guess which month Ellen used to declare her homosexuality?

ABC showed most restraint in covering Lewinsky scandal

NEW YORK (AP) — ABC's "World News Tonight" was the evening news show of choice for viewers suffering from Monica Lewinsky overload.

The ABC broadcast gave two hours less airtime to Lewinsky than its rivals on NBC and CBS from when the sex scandal broke to President Clinton's acquittal in his impeachment trial last week, a study found.

NBC's "Nightly News" logged 826 minutes on the scandal, the "CBS Evening News" 820 minutes, and "World News Tonight" 699 minutes, according to the Tyndall Report, a newsletter that

monitors the evening news shows.

ABC spent the fewest minutes on the scandal during 10 of the 14 months it was in the news.

Paul Friedman, executive producer of "World News Tonight," said the disparity surprised him because ABC made no conscious decision to underplay the story.

"To be honest, I'm not particularly concerned because I think our coverage was quite good," he said.

Coverage for all networks was heaviest in September, when Kenneth Starr's report was released and video of

Clinton's grand jury appearance was broadcast. The day Clinton was acquitted didn't even make it to the top eight nights of Lewinsky news.

"It seemed like not only had the general public decided that not much was at stake and Clinton was not going to be removed, the TV networks had decided it, too," said Andrew Tyndall, president of ADT Research.

In 56 weeks, the Lewinsky story logged 2,345 minutes of airtime, or 19 minutes less than the networks devoted to the O.J. Simpson case between the murders and his acquittal.

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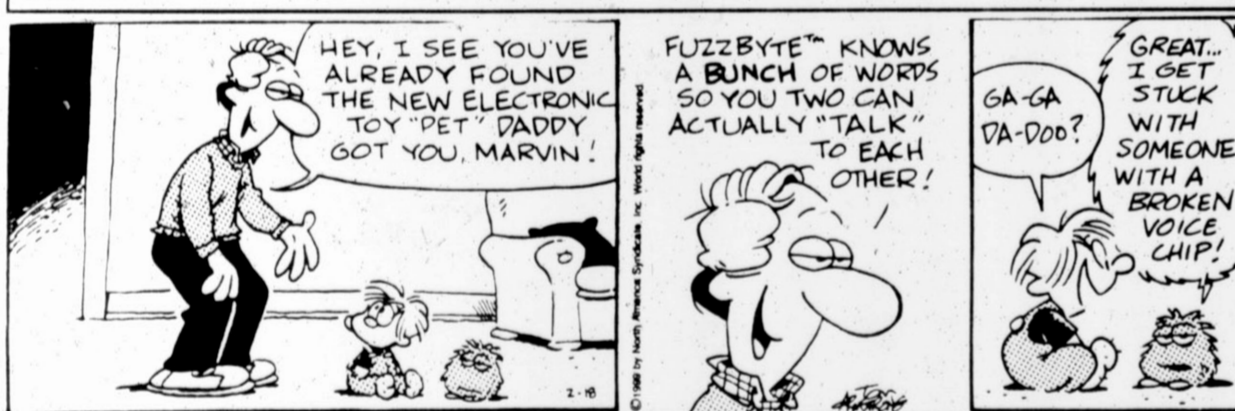
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Television

THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 18

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
2	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Natural World	Alexander the Great	Mystery!	Charlie Rose	NewsHour					
3	Show-Funny Addams	Life, Camera Life, Camera	Movie: Rugged Gold (1994) Jill Eikenberry	700 Club	Show-Funny						
4	News	Ent. Tonight	Friends	Jesse	Frasier	Veronica's	ER	News	(35) Tonight Show		
5	One Day	Movie: The Paper Brigade ** 1/2 PG	(05) WCW Thunder	(05) WCW Thunder	(05) WCW Thunder	(05) WCW Thunder	(05) WCW Thunder	MusicVids	Movie: Magnif. Rebel	Zorro	
6	Roseanne	Roseanne	(05) WCW Thunder	(05) WCW Thunder	(05) WCW Thunder	(05) WCW Thunder	(05) WCW Thunder	Movie: Strip-tease (1996) Demi Moore, Armand Assante **			
7	News	Fortune	World's Deadliest Storms	Storm of the Century	News	Seinfeld	Nightline				
8	News	Home Imp.	Diagnosis Murder	Turks	48 Hours	News	(35) Late Show				
9	Friends	Friends	Wayans	Jamie Foxx	Harvey	For-Love	Rosie O'Donnell	Love	Change	Slingray	
10	Mad	Simpsons	Wildwest Police Videos	Medical Videos	Simpsons	M*A*S*H	Frasier	Cops	Real TV		
11	Sportsctr.	College Basketball Michigan State at Michigan	College Basketball DePaul at Southern Mississippi	Sportscenter							
12	Movie: Cops-Robbers	Movie: Narrow Margin Gene Hackman	Movie News	Linc's	RudeAwak	Movie: Hard Eight Philip Baker Hall 'R'					
13	(15) Movie: Steel Shaquille O'Neal ** PG-13	Movie: Black and White Gina Gershon	BMM: First	Shock Video 3	Sopranos						
14	Movie: Clear-Danger	Movie: Wild at Heart (1990) Nicolas Cage, Laura Dern	(05) Movie: The Rainmaker (1997) Matt Damon, Claire Danes PG-13								
15	Movie: Parade	Movie: The Kennel Murder Case (1933)	Movie: Manhattan Melodrama (1934) Clark Gable ***	Movie: Crossroads (1942)							
16	Wild Discovery	Terror Technicians	Raging Planet	Into the Unknown	Terror Technicians	Raging					
17	Party of Five	Chicago Hope	Movie: Full Circle (1996) Teri Polo, Corbin Bernsen	Attitudes	Golden Girls	Golden Girls					
18	Last Word	Sports	Women's College Basketball Vanderbilt at Tennessee	Sports	College Basketball Stanford at Washington						
19	ER	Movie: The Deliberate Stranger (1986) Mark Harmon, Frederic Forrest ***	Movie:								
20	Doug	Rugrats	Thornberrys	Catdog	Brady	Wonder Yrs.	Jeffersons	Laverne	I Love Lucy	Bewitched	Brady
21	Xena: Warrior Princess	Walker, Texas Ranger	Movie: The China Syndrome (1979) Jack Lemmon, Jane Fonda ***	New York Undercover							
22	Goffa de Amor	La Usurpadora	Mentira	Lente Loco	Bienvenidos	P. Impacto	Noticiero	Mucho			
23	20th Century	Sultana: Miss	Frontier: Legends-North	Modern Marvels	Trains Unlimited	Sultana					
24	Old House	Workshop	Almanac	How-Made	Room	Designing	21stCentury	Dream	Almanac	How-Made	Room
25	Amazing	Star Trek	Highlander: The Series	Fri, the 13th Series	Twilight Z.	Star Trek					
26	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Wayans	Jamie Foxx	Harvey	For-Love	News	MacGyver	Heat		

FRIDAY

FEBRUARY 19

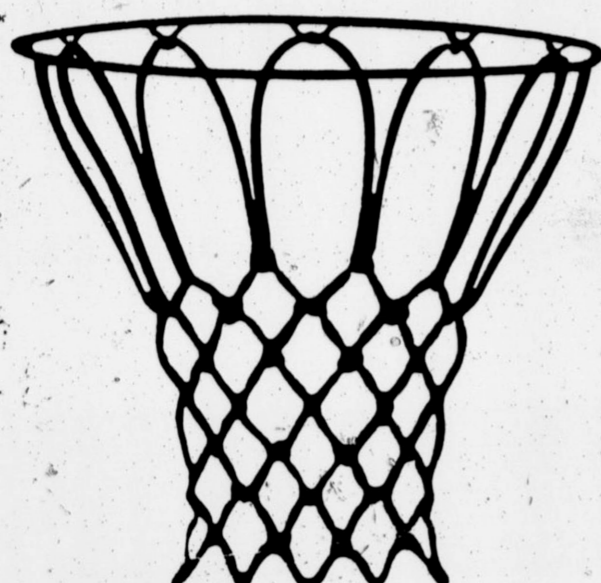
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2	Barney	Teletubbies	Sesame Street	Arthur	Zoboo	Barney	Teletubbies	Reading	Mr Rogers	Capitol	
3	Bad Dog	Bobby	Work	700 Club	Kangaroo	Station	Dino Babies	Adv. Mumf	Bobby		
4	Today	Lezza	Sunset Beach	Judge Lane	News	Days-Lives					
5	Goof Troop	101Dalmats	Sing a Story	Pooh	Bear	Out of Bx	Madeline	Katie-Orbie	Mermald	Pooh	Bear
6	Hillbillies	Hillbillies	Little House on the Prairie	Little House on the Prairie	Griffith	Griffith	Matlock	Hunter			
7	Good Morning America	Live -- Regis & Kathie Lee	The View	Movie: Mandel	News						
8	This Morning	Ricki Lake	Price Is Right	Young and the Restless	News						
9	Mask	Dragon	Quincy	Knight Rider	Wiseguy	Jenny Jones	Major Dad				
10	Magic Bus	Oggy	Garfield	Hercules	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Benny Hinn	Life in Word	Kenneth C.	Robison	Angel
11	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sr. PGA		
12	Movie: The Greatest Show on Earth Charlton Heston ****	Movie: Hamlet (1996) Kenneth Branagh, Julie Christie *** 1/2 PG-13									
13	Movie: Spice World Melanie Brown *	Movie: Just One of the Guys PG-13	(15) Movie: Lassie (1994) Thomas Guiry, Helel Slater	Movie:							
14	Movie: Helen Morgan	(15) Movie: The Man Who Knew Too Little Bill Murray	Movie: Tom & Viv Willem Dafoe *** PG-13								
15	Movie: The Hoodlum Saint	Movie: The Girl Who Had Everything	Movie: It's a Big Country (1951) **	Movie: 'Til We Meet Again (1940) ***							
16	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Assignment Discovery	Home Matters	Housesmart!	Interior Motives	Home				
17	Designing	Designing	Next Door	Attitudes	Party of Five	Chicago Hope	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie:			
18	Sports	Sports	Sports	Bodies	Health	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Last Word	
19	CHiPs	Under Suspicion	In the Heat of the Night	Movie: The Deliberate Stranger (1986) Mark Harmon ***							
20	Rocko's Life	Rugrats	Maisy	Blue's Clues	Little Bear	Franklin	Gullah	Busy World	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Franklin
21	Major Dad	Major Dad	Foxworthy	Something	Single Guy	Boston	Wings	Wings	Video	Movie: China Syndrome	
22	(6:00) Despierta America	Maite	Maria Jose	Samantha	Rencor						
23	Year by Year	Real West	Movie: Soul of the Game (1996) Delroy Lindo ***	War Years	Disaster!						
24	Garden	Grow	Carol Duvall	Sew Perfect	Decorating	Room	At Home	Typical Mary	Appraise It!	At-Auction	Cooking
25	Lost in Space	Wonder Woman	Forever Knight	DarkShad	DarkShad	Twilight Z.	Beyond	Time Trax			
26	Tiny Toon	Animanians	PinkyBrain	Histerial	Batman	Batman	Griffith	Matlock	News		

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2	Body Elec.	Painting	Paintable	TimeGrow	TimeGrow	With Health	With Health	Zoom	Science Guy	Wishbone	Arthur
3	Menace	Casper	Ghostbstrs	Candy	Eek!stravag.	Bad Dog	Walter M.	3 Friends	Pee-wee	Addams	Addams
4	Days-Lives	Another World	Donny & Marie	Maury	Oprah Winfrey	News	NBC News				
5	Amazing	101Dalmats	Goof Troop	Timon	Aladdin	Dinosaurs	GrowPains	Off the Wall	Mad Libs	GrowPains	Brotherly
6	Hunter	Movie: Duel at Diablo (1966) James Garner ***	Mama	Mama	Full House	Full House	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.			
7	Jeopardy!	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Rosie O'Donnell	Brown	Judge Judy	News	ABC News			
8	Bold & B.	As the World Turns	Guiding Light	Roseanne Show	Hollywood	Texas News	News	CBS News			
9	Secret I.D.	Beast Wars	Jumanji	PinkyBrain	Histerial	Batman	Batman	Jenny Jones	Love	Change	
10	Angel	Forgive or Forget	Little House on the Prairie	Spider-Man	Hercules	Rangers	Knights	Nanny	Grace Under		
11	Inside PGA	Senior PGA Golf GTE Classic -- First Round	Muhammad Ali Retrospective								
12	(10:00) Movie: Hamlet Kenneth Branagh	(15) Movie: Desperately Seeking Susan ** 1/2 PG-13	Movie: We're Talkin' Serious Money	Movie:							
13	(12:00) Movie: Cousins Ted Danson	Artists' Specials	Movie: Spice World (1997) Melanie Brown, Emma Burton * PG-13								
14	Movie: The Perfect Mother	Movie: Fools Rush In Matthew Perry ** PG-13	Movie: Wild America (1997) Devon Sawa	(15) Movie: Blind Date							
15	(4:45) Movie: Deep in My Heart (1954) Jose Ferrer, Helen Traubel ***	Movie: The Glass Bottom Boat (1966) Doris Day ***	Movie: Inside Straight								
16	Home	Design	Interior Motives	Great Chefs	Epicurious	Gimme Shelter	New House	Fix-It-Line			
17	Movie: Black-Blanche Taylor Moore	Intimate Portrait	Designing	Designing	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Ellen	Ellen			
18	Ultimate	Okla. St.	John Brady	Baylor	Texas Tech	Big 12 Show	Sports	NHL-Shots	NBA Action	Rush Hour	Ultimate
19	(10:00) Movie: The Deliberate Stranger	Kung Fu: Legend	Babylon 5	Lois & Clark-Superman	Due South						
20	CharlieB	Looney	Tiny Toon	Doug	Rocko's Life	Catdog	All That	Figure It Out	Alex Mack		
21	(11:30) Movie: The China Syndrome	Siik Stalkings	PGA Golf Nissan Open -- Second Round	Hercules-Jrmys.							
22	Rencor	La Mujer de Mi Vida	Gordo	El Blablazo	Cristina	Primer Impacto	Complices	Noticiero			
23	Disaster!	20th Century	Movie: Soul of the Game (1996) Delroy Lindo ***	War Years	Disaster!						
24	GoodTaste	Carol Duvall	Sew Perfect	At Home	Homewise	Decorating	Kitchen	Garden	Grow It!	Hour: Dr	Fix It Up!
25	Time Trax	Sightings	Movie: The Curse of the Fly (1965) Brian Donlevy **	Sequester DSV	Quantum Leap						
26	News	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	Coach	Coach	Webster	Malibu, CA	Saved-Bell	Blossom	Full House	Full House

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2	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Wash. Week	Wall St	Crown & Country	Time Goms	Keeping Up	Charlie Rose	NewsHour			
3	Movie: Dad, the Angel & Me (1995) Judge Reinhold	Movie: Two of Hearts (1999) Gail O'Grady, Rob Stewart	700 Club	Show-Funny							
4	News	Ent. Tonight	Providence	Dateline	Homicide: Life	News	(35) Tonight Show				
5	TBA	Movie: Susie Q (1996) PG	(40) Movie: Zenon: Girl of the 21st Century	Famous	Movie: Magnif. Rebel	Zorro					
6	Roseanne	Roseanne	(05) Movie: Coal Miner's Daughter (1980) Sissy Spacek, Tommy Lee Jones *** 1/2	Movie: City Slickers II-Curtly's Gold							
7	News	Fortune	Two-Kind	Boy-World	Sabrina	Brothers	20/20	News	Seinfeld	Nightline	
8	News	Home Imp.	Kids Say	Candice C.	Magnificent Seven	Nash Bridges	News	(35) Late Show			
9	Friends	Friends	Mortal Kombat: Conquest	Conan	Rosie O'Donnell	Love	Change	Missing P.			
10	Mad	Simpsons	X-Files	Millennium	Simpsons	M*A*S*H	Frasier	Cops	Real TV		
11	Sportsctr.	NHL Hockey	Pittsburgh Penguins at New York Rangers	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Snowbrd.		
12	(5:30) Movie: Napoleon G	Movie: Hard Rain Morgan Freeman 'R'	Total Recall	Stargate	(45) Dead Man's Gun	Outer Limits	Flintmaker</				

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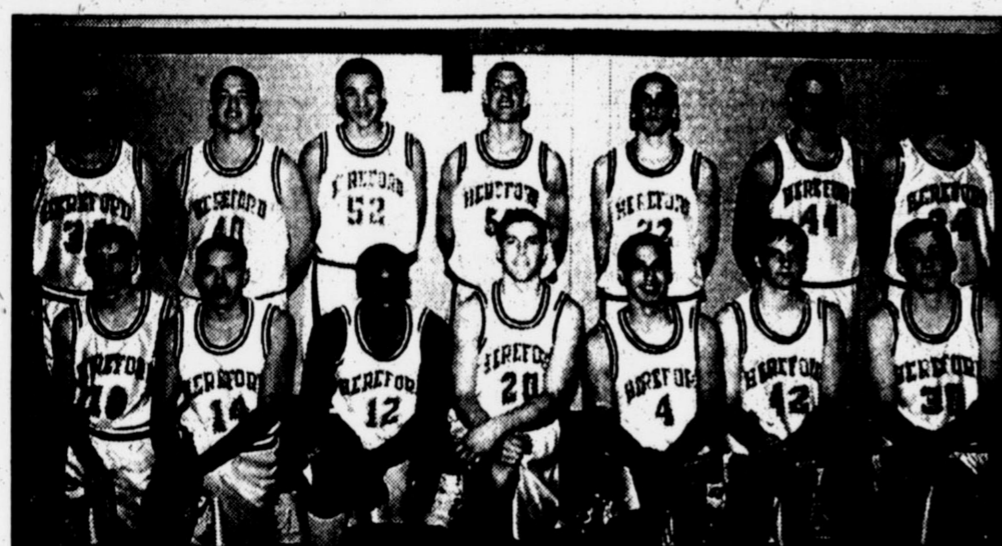
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10 Mack Nielsen	5'9"	Sr.
12 Greg Ewing	5'10"	Jr.
14 Robert Chavarria	5'9"	Sr.
20 Eric McNutt	6'0"	Jr.
22 Cody Hodges	6'0"	Soph.
24 Tim Dudley	6'1"	Soph.
30 Slade Hodges	6'0"	Soph.
34 Brent Huseman	6'0"	Sr.
40 Mitch Wagner	6'1"	Sr.
42 Steven Northern	5'11"	Jr.
44 Bryan Matthews	6'2"	Sr.
50 Chayse Rives	6'2"	Soph.
52 Cody Marsh	6'2"	Fr.

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Lady Whitefaces

10 Amy Perrin	5'-8"	Sr.
12 Brionne Yosten	5'-6"	Soph.
14 Valerie Guzman	5'-8"	Jr.
20 Toni Eicke	5'-8"	Jr.
32 Amanda Hill	5'-9"	Jr.
34 Makesha Rives	5'-6"	Sr.
44 Rachel Chavez	5'-9"	Sr.
50 Ashley Fangman	5'-9"	Soph.
52 Tori Walker	5'-8"	Jr.
54 Kristin Fangman	5'-10"	Sr.

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Trainer: Ed Morrow

Managers: Emily Fry, Emily Parker, Mandi Klein, Franziska Scheuber



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INSIDE

Lawmaker considers plan for an appointed ed board

AUSTIN (AP) — Reviving a recurring debate, a state senator is considering legislation to replace the sometimes fractious State Board of Education with an appointed panel. Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, said he also plans to file a measure to remove the board's authority over how state school funds are invested.

decision to rid the Permanent School Fund of Disney stock after complaints of complaints about sex and violence in films by a Disney subsidiary. The board has authority over that trust fund under the state constitution.

Sales tax Starr demands restrictions on interview with Lewinsky

From Page A1 \$34,478.34, a 8 percent drop from the \$37,460.70 it received in February 1998.

Dalhart received \$128,697.33, a 12.9 percent drop from the \$147,820.87 it received in February 1998. Pampa received \$318,614.23, down 4.6 percent from the \$333,891.97 received in February 1998.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's criminal investigation is continuing, and he is demanding limits on what Monica Lewinsky can say in her first television interview.



Monica Lewinsky

March 5 is the publication date of "Monica's Story," a collaboration between Ms. Lewinsky and Princess Diana biographer Andrew Morton.

sources, who would not identify them. The main restriction is that Ms. Lewinsky cannot go beyond what she has said in her numerous published interviews, with prosecutors and in her grand jury testimony.

In exchange for promising not to prosecute Ms. Lewinsky, the document states that "pending a final resolution of this matter, neither Ms. Lewinsky nor her agents will make any statements about this matter to ... representatives of the news media, without obtaining the OIC's approval."

New filing service

The comptroller's office has established a new service designed to make sales tax filing easier for many Texans.

The new WebFile Internet service, which is similar to the comptroller's TeleFile service, allows taxpayers to file returns via the World Wide Web.

More than 160,000 taxpayers now qualify to use WebFile. The qualified taxpayers are short-form filers with no tax due and long-form filers who had no sales at any of their outlets.

Economy

From Page A1 Energy prices jumped 1.8 percent, the most in two years, but had fallen 12.1 percent last year.

The department said first-time applications for unemployment checks barely budged last week, staying at a level signaling healthy demand for labor.

State unemployment offices received a seasonally adjusted 288,000 claims for benefits, up from 284,000 the week before. A four-week moving average of claims, which smooths weekly fluctuations in the volatile data series, fell from 298,750 to 292,000, the lowest in 10 years.

In January, the price of pork shot up 18.3 percent, the largest one-month increase in nearly 25 years, after falling 26.9 percent over the course of the previous year in response to diminished demand in Asia.

Economist Donald Ratajczak of Georgia State University attributed the rebound, in part, to winter storms, which resulted in farmers sending fewer animals to slaughter.

Fresh fruits and melons cost 19.6 percent more than the month before, the largest increase in 13 months, reflecting a 56.3 percent rise in citrus fruit and 26.7 percent in strawberries following a freeze in California.

U.S. deploys more planes to Europe to stress threat

WASHINGTON — Dramatizing a threat to bomb the Serbs, the Clinton administration is adding 51 U.S. warplanes to an already powerful attack force in Europe to pressure the Yugoslav government to approve a self-rule plan for Kosovo and to accept NATO peacekeeping troops.

"We want to be in a position to carry out an air operation, should it be requested," Defense Secretary William Cohen said on his arrival early this morning in Seattle on unrelated business.

Cohen told reporters the additional planes — 12 Air Force F-117 stealth fighter-bombers, 10 EA-6B electronic warfare planes and 29 refueling planes — would begin arriving in Europe this weekend. He said they would be ready for a possible attack by the middle of next week.

Cohen declined to say where in Europe the extra planes would be based. Aviano air base in Italy is one possibility.

The purpose of sending more warplanes is to heighten the threat of force and thereby intimidate Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic into accepting a six-nation plan to end a yearlong conflict between Serb troops and secession-minded ethnic Albanians in Kosovo, a province in the dominant Yugoslav state of Serbia.

So far, Milosevic has defied the United States and five allied governments who have given him until noon Saturday to pull most Serb troops out of Kosovo and see them replaced by some 28,000 NATO peacekeepers, including about 4,000 U.S. troops.

While his Serb negotiators at Rambouillet, France, are showing some interest in the self-rule plan for the Albanian-majority Serbian province, Milosevic is defying the United States and its partners on the peacekeeping operation that would clear the way for a local police force to take charge in Kosovo.

EPA expected to propose new, tougher clear air standards

WASHINGTON — Hoping to dramatically cut air pollution in the next decade, the Environmental Protection Agency is set to propose tough new requirements for cleaner cars and gasoline, including a dramatic reduction in pollution from popular sport utility vehicles.

The draft proposal could be sent to the White House for review as early as Friday, according to government sources. The proposed regulations, which would go

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into effect in 2004, have been the subject of intense lobbying by both the auto and oil industries and could shape the kind of cars Americans will drive over the next 20 years.

For the first time, automakers would be required to make popular sport utility vehicles, which now account for nearly half of the market, as pollution free as passenger cars, according to sources familiar with the general outline of the proposal.

In some cases, the largest SUVs would be given additional time to comply, however, according to one source, who like others who discussed the proposal, did so under conditions of not being further identified.

The EPA also plans to require oil companies to dramatically reduce the amount of sulfur in gasoline sold nationwide. The low-sulfur gas will have to contain on average 30 parts per million sulfur. Outside of California, gasoline today has more than 10 times that amount in most parts of the country.

Clinton returns to 'Comeback Kid' state for coming-out party

WASHINGTON — Officially, he's talking health care and raising money for Democrats. Unofficially, Bill Clinton is returning to the state where he proclaimed himself "the Comeback Kid" for a comeback of a different sort.

The president was flying to New Hampshire today for his first foray among the people since his impeachment acquittal last week. The White House says he will focus on his "very aggressive policy agenda" without savoring the victory that surviving impeachment represents.

"I think it's coincidental that we're coming out of it, and you're all looking at this as the first political trip," White House spokesman Joe Lockhart told reporters Wednesday.

While Lockhart insisted Clinton has no plan to gloat in New Hampshire, even he admitted the president is unlikely to ignore the political significance of his visit. "There is something special about New Hampshire for the president," Lockhart said.

That significance is not lost on Clinton's New Hampshire supporters either. "In lots of ways it's like a class reunion," said state Democratic Party chairman Jeff Woodburn.

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