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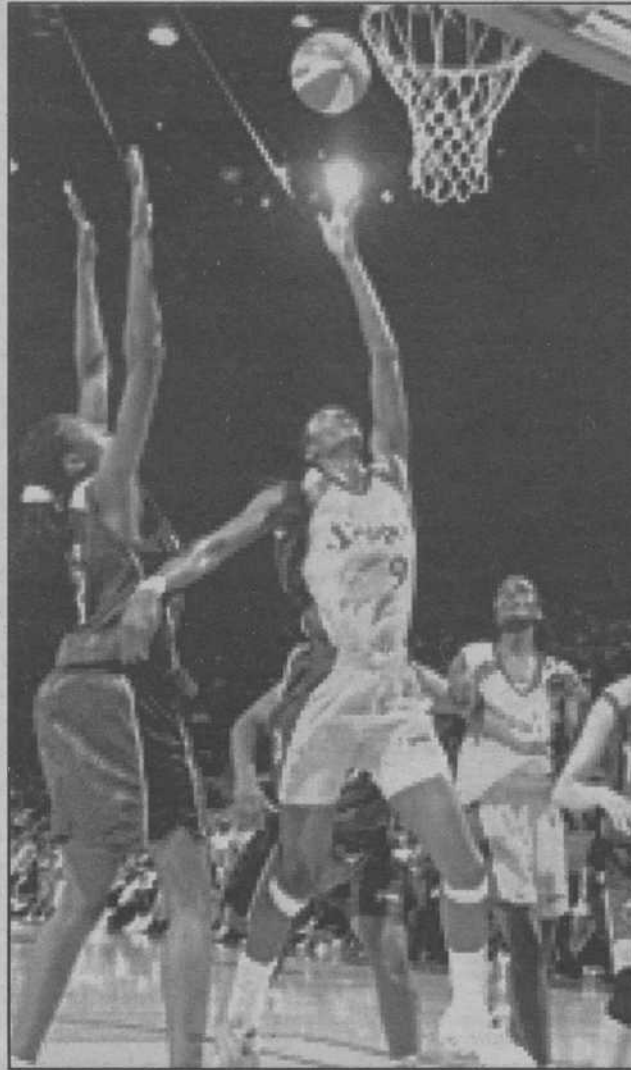
Lisa Leslie named 2001 sportswoman of the year

Special to Sentinel-Voice
 Lisa Leslie, the current WNBA MVP and member of the reigning WNBA Champion Los Angeles Sparks, and Olympic gold medal winner Stacy Dragila, who has set eight pole vaulting world records in the past year, have been named the 2001 Women's Sports Foundation Sportswomen of the Year.

The award, which recognizes individual and team sport athletes for their achievements from August 2000 through July 2001, was presented at the Foundation's 22nd Annual Salute to Women in Sports Awards Dinner at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City on Monday, Oct. 15.

For Leslie, the team award caps off a remarkable year in which she became the first player in WNBA history to be awarded the regular-season MVP, Championship MVP and All-Star MVP. She led her team to its first WNBA Championship and, in the process, became the top player and most recognizable star in the league.

Leslie averaged 19.5 points (second in the league behind Minnesota's Katie



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Smith) and became the league's all-time leading scorer, finishing the season with 2,670 points.

Station has new boxing show

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Boxing fans are in for a real treat on Saturday mornings when KCEP-FM, "Power 88," airs "StraightJab," a locally produced radio show that focuses on the highlights of boxing, with sports interviews, news and listener call-ins. Ron Gerrard, (aka "The G-man"), will be hosting the show that airs live from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. The show is advertised as an interactive program, with a website at www.StraightJB.com.

It will feature the boxing world's top talents, such as Mike Tyson, Floyd Mayweather, Oscar De La Hoya, Emanuel Stewart, Evander Holyfield, Bones Adams, Paul Spadafora, Shane Mosley, Wayne McCullough and Bernard Hopkins, to name a few.

Gerrard is Sports Director for Power 88, and has worked as sports anchor and reporter for the American Urban Radio Networks for the past decade. He has covered more than 60 world championship boxing matches.

White House commits to Olympics security fund

WASHINGTON (AP) - The White House has committed to spending \$24.5 million on additional security for the 2002 Winter Olympics in Utah in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The availability of the new money, which will come from a \$40 billion anti-terrorism package Congress approved the week after the terrorist attacks, was announced in a letter last Thursday to Sen. Bob Bennett, R-Utah. "The president is grateful for your efforts to bring this matter to his attention and wants to ensure you of his continued support for the

Salt Lake Olympic Games," wrote Mitch Daniels, director of the White House Office of Management and Budget. "We all pledge our support for a safe and successful Olympic celebration."

The \$24.5 million is in addition to \$200 million the federal government has spent on security. The state of Utah and the Salt Lake Organizing Committee each budgeted \$35 million for security.

Organizers have said the heightened security will add as much as \$40 million in expenses for the Feb. 8-24 games.

The federal government spent \$98 million on the 1996

Summer Olympics in Atlanta. The Justice Department will administer a \$4.5 million grant for additional security equipment, while the Defense Department will receive \$20 million for additional military personnel to provide Olympic security.

The additional money will go to expanding the restricted airspace over Olympic venues; add law enforcement personnel at venues, including plain-clothes federal agents; fence in some areas; install more metal detectors and surveillance equipment; and place troops at some buildings, such as food warehouses.

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