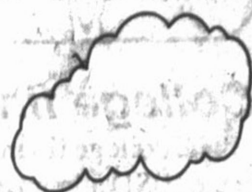


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Stock show sales raises \$143,367

By SHERRI MARTIN
Staff Writer

The prize-winning steers, hogs, lambs and goats were sold to the highest bidders at the Hereford Young Farmers Junior Livestock Sale Saturday.

When the bidding was over, the annual sale raised \$143,367 for 4-H and FFA exhibitors, show secretary Charla Schlabs said.

The gross sales increased slightly from last year. The 1996 sale raised \$123,000.

Ian Isaacson sold his 1,275 pound Five-County and County Grand Champion Steer for \$3 a pound to the Feedyard Buyers Group.

The group consists of Bar G Feedyard, Barrett and Crofoot, Champion Feeders, Dawn Cattle Co., Circle Three Feedyard, Hereford Feedyard, Keeling Cattle, Mc 6 Feeders, Seven X Feedyard and Tri-State Cattle Feeders.

Amanda Wall sold her 1,225 pound Five-County and County Reserve Champion Steer for \$2.75 a pound to E.C. Cattle Co.

The Five-County Grand Champion Hog, shown by Brandon Mercer, was bought for \$6 a pound by a Buyers Group. The hog weighed 273 pounds.

The group consists of Cattle Town Feedyard, Dawn Cattle Feeders, 2-A Cattle Co. and Tri-State Cattle Feeders.

Peyton Ward's County Grand Champion Hog was purchased for \$6 a pound by the Booster Club. The hog weighed 216 pounds.

The County Reserve Champion Hog, shown by Chad Christie, was bought for \$10 a pound by Dolores Christie. The pig weighed 235 pounds.

Joshua Hick's Grand Champion Goat was purchased for \$8 a pound by DeAnne Trotter. The goat weighed 88 pounds.

The County Reserve Champion Goat, also shown by Hicks, was bought for \$5 a pound by Cliff Skiles. The goat weighed 91 pounds.

Ashlee Hunt's Five-County Reserve Champion Lamb was purchased for \$3.50 a pound by Hereford Bi-Products. The lamb weighed 148 pounds.

Savannah McKay sold her 117 pound County Reserve Champion Lamb for \$6.50 a pound to the Hereford Booster Club.

Amanda Andrews sold her 130 pound County Reserve Champion Lamb for \$5 a pound to the Hereford Booster Club.

A lamb owned by Aaron Wilcox, a Dimmitt youth who was killed in an accident three weeks ago, went for \$5 a pound.

The lamb was shown and sold by his cousin, Ky Kirby.

The proceeds from the sale of Wilcox' lamb went into a memorial scholarship fund. Also, the fund received add-ons of \$150 from Cerestar and \$500 from the Area 1 Young Farmers.

Also, other exhibitors received add-ons, which are donations to a specific exhibitor by parties who can not purchase the entire animal, but want to support an exhibitor.



On the auction block

The top animals at the Hereford Young Farmers Junior Livestock Show went on the auction block Saturday. Here, Catherine Beville looks into the crowd of bidders. The auction raised \$143,367 for area youth.

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New suspects investigated by FBI in Atlanta Olympic Park bombing

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) - The FBI plans to interview a witness who claims he saw a man at the Olympic bombing in Atlanta who resembles a suspect in a series of bombings here, The Spokesman-Review reported today.

The witness, an Atlanta architect, said he told the FBI twice about a man he saw wearing a backpack in Centennial Olympic Park but never heard back from agents. He called the

newspaper after seeing a television report on three men charged in a series of Spokane bombings and bank robberies.

Robert S. Berry, 42, Charles Harrison Barbee, 44, and Verne Jay Merrell, 51, all of Sandpoint, Idaho, have been charged with robbing a Spokane bank and setting off bombs there and at a Planned Parenthood office and newspaper office last year.

Agents were expected to interview

the 48-year-old architect and other members of his family today, the newspaper said, citing a senior FBI official who requested anonymity.

"It's moved to the No. 1 position down there in Atlanta, now, I'll tell you that," the FBI official was quoted as saying.

The Spokesman-Review did not identify the architect, saying he did not want his name used, adding that the man provided his birth date, Social Security number and other personal information.

The architect said he, three members of his family and two friends had left the park about an hour before the bombing when he saw a man closely resembling Berry carrying a backpack and a small bag.

"He almost walked over me and my family as we were leaving Centennial Park," the architect said.

The man said he faxed the FBI's Atlanta office a sketch of the man immediately after the July 25 bombing and again Dec. 10, the day after the FBI posted a \$500,000 reward and publicly displayed a military backpack like the one that contained three pipe bombs near a sound tower.

One person died and 111 people were injured in the Centennial Olympic Park bombing.

Berry, Barbee and Merrell were arrested in October and face trial Feb. 10 in the Spokane crimes. No one was injured in those bombings.

Barbee's lawyer, Roger Peven, said Monday that his client had no ties to the Atlanta bombing.

Mercury plunges as winter pays return engagement

By The Associated Press

Gusty winds combined with a blast of frigid Arctic air to produce wind chill factors well below zero across North Texas early today.

A warming trend is expected to begin on Wednesday after another night when temperatures will be well

below freezing as far south as the Hill Country.

The wind chill factor dropped to 14 below at Dallas before dawn today. The temperature had dropped to 19 in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

The strong cold front produced vast temperature differences early today. It was 71 at Brownsville, south of the front, at 2 a.m. and 32 at Austin.

It will be partly cloudy across

The temperature in Hereford at 7 a.m. Monday was 44 degrees, but by 7:10 a.m. had dropped to 25 degrees with the arrival of the cold front. The mercury continued to fall until 10 a.m. when 19 degrees

was recorded and only climbed back into the mid-20s in the afternoon. Winds were from the north at 20 to 35 mph creating a wind chill factor between zero and 20 below for most of the day.

Once-lost, pig rises to occasion

By SHERRI MARTIN
Staff Writer

Deiter Brannon, 10, didn't expect to show his pig in the Hereford Young Farmer's Junior Livestock Show, much less make the premium sale.

"I just wanted to make the sale," Brannon said.

He is the son of Susie Vance and Paul Brannon. He is a fourth-grader at Walcott School.

Brannon placed fifth in the third class of Hampshire pigs.

Two weeks ago, Brannon didn't think his pig, "John Claude Vanham," was alive.

He was preparing to show his pig at the 4-H Project Show.

Brannon's mother, his stepfather, Bud Vance, and sister, Macy Brannon helped him load the pig into the trailer.

They stopped on the way to town to get some bedding for the pig. When they got out of the truck, they

saw that the trailer gate was open, Vance said.

"And there was no pig," she said.

They drove up and down Highway 385 from 9:30 p.m. Friday to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Vance said.

"I was crying because I thought he was going to be dead," Brannon said.

After crying for several hours, the family went home, Vance said.

"Finding a Hampshire pig in a blizzard -- there's just no way," she said.

Vance called the Deaf Smith County Sheriff's Department to assist in the search.

"They spotlighted for I don't know how long," she said.

The pig was found at a feedlot starter yard on County Road 12, which is two miles north of their house, Vance said.

"We took some feed and he came running right back into the trailer," she said.

The pig suffered minor injuries to a skinned nose, sore feet and several scratches in the accident, she said.

However, it did affect his eating habits. Even on full feed, he lost 30 pounds in the two weeks before the livestock show, Vance said.

"We felt lucky he was alive," she said.

The pig apparently had pushed a steel rod out of the locked position on the gate, Vance said.

And thinking back on the accident, Brannon said, he had asked his mother several times if they had shut the trailer gate.

"I didn't think anything about it, Vance said.

On the way to the Hereford Young Farmers Junior Livestock Show last week, they stopped several times to check the trailer gates, she said.

This year was Brannon's first time to show a pig in the stock show. So, many people at the stock show renamed his pig, "Lucky."

With a little luck and a lot of hard work, Brannon was able to parade his pig across the auction block.

Governor is ready for tough tax fight 'State of State' address offers plan for property owner relief

By MICHAEL HOLMES
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) - Gov. George W. Bush today asked lawmakers to cut local school property taxes by nearly \$3 billion and make up the difference with a new business tax and a higher sales tax.

"Property taxes are too high. They are among the highest in the nation," Bush said in his State of the State address to the Legislature.

The Republican governor said he is convinced that high property taxes are hurting the economy and average Texans alike. He said lawmakers can't afford to do nothing.

"Failure to act will hurt our elderly, failure to act will squeeze our middle class, failure to act will cause rents to go up and failure to act will place Texas at a competitive disadvantage to attract and keep jobs," Bush said.

The governor's tax relief plan includes:

- Increasing the homestead exemption for school property taxes from \$5,000 to \$25,000.

- A 20-cent cut in the school property tax rate in every school district.

- A half-cent increase in the state's 6 1/4 percent sales and motor vehicle sales tax levies.

- A 1 1/4 percent tax on business sales over \$500,000, minus the cost of goods and capital invested. The new levy would replace the current corporate franchise tax and the school property tax on business inventory.

- A \$1 billion tax cut funded by the

current state budget surplus.

Bush said his plan would reduce local school property taxes by 40 percent for the average homeowner in Texas, a home valued at \$61,500. For owners of a \$100,000 home, he said, the cut would average 30 percent.

The governor also proposed that the new tax revenues go into a new Texas School Trust Fund to dedicate the money for education.

And, he said, the time had come to dedicate lottery profits to education. Money from the state-run gambling game now goes to the state's general revenue fund, its main bank account.

"We should end the confusion and earn the trust of many Texans by dedicating all the proceeds from the lottery to the school trust," he said.

Local property taxes currently total about \$10 billion a year.

Bush told lawmakers they must enact "strong safeguards" to keep local school districts from raising their tax rates without "compelling justification."

"I know you share my concern and the concern of many Texans that any property tax cut would be only temporary. I believe we must guard against property tax creep," he said.

Bush described his plan as fair, broad-based and avoiding a personal income tax.

He said lawmakers of both parties will sponsor it: Reps. Rob Junell,

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Welfare hiring may give tax breaks to business

NEW YORK (AP) - President Clinton will ask Congress next week to offer tax breaks to businesses that hire people who have been on welfare, The New York Times reported today.

Some government and academic economists, however, are questioning whether such benefits will actually increase the number of poor people who are hired.

The tax credits, which Clinton promised during last year's campaign, are essential to his plan to create 1 million jobs for welfare recipients by 2000. The welfare reform bill the president signed last August requires welfare recipients to get jobs within two years of going on public assistance.

Clinton's proposal, to be included in his budget next week, would give employers a tax credit of 50 percent of the first \$10,000 paid to people

who have been on welfare for at least 18 months, the Times said.

Tax credits have been allowed, in one form or another, for 25 years, but the Clinton proposal would offer a larger subsidy than has been available in the past.

Employers currently can take a credit on 35 percent of the first \$6,000 paid to people who have been on welfare for nine of the previous 18 months.

Charles Marsten, inspector general of the Labor Department, said his 1994 study of a similar tax credit offered to employers between 1978 and 1995 showed the benefit had "virtually no impact on employers' decisions to hire" welfare recipients and other poor workers.

He found that 92 percent of the workers would have been hired without the tax credit.



A lucky pig

Deiter Brannon, 10, and his Hampshire pig overcame adversity to make the premium sale in the Hereford Young Farmers Junior Livestock Show Saturday. Two weeks before the show, Brannon's pig had fallen out of a trailer. The pig suffered minor injuries, but was able to be shown at the stock show.

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Lifestyles

Membership campaign for PPHS is chaired by Hereford resident

Persons interested in taking an active role in preserving the Panhandle history and heritage are being sought for membership in the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society according to Nancy Jossierand, membership chairman.

The membership campaign was launched in conjunction with the

Society's 75th anniversary.

Benefits of membership include the Society's Annual Journal, quarterly newsletter, invitations to special events and openings, travel opportunities, a discount in the Museum Store and discounts on educational programs.

Several levels of membership are available, beginning with an

individual membership at \$30.

The PPHS was founded in 1921 and has continued its goal "to collect, preserve, exhibit and interpret the heritage of the Panhandle-Plains of Texas and areas of the Southwest" for the past 75 years. Today, the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum stands as a monument to the dedication and vision of these early pioneers.

The determination and generosity of Society members began in 1921 and has not faltered throughout its 75 year history. The membership committee's goal is to expand Society membership to "1000 in 2000" as they prepare to enter the 21st century.

As the membership campaign titled "Every Member a New Member: Celebrating the Society's 75th Anniversary" continues, Society members are challenged to enlist at least 10 new members.

The individual who registers the most new members over 10 will receive a 4" x 6" bronze bust of Charles Goodnight by Channing artist Don Ray. Ray specializes in Southwestern history, landscape and wildlife.

The winner will be announced and the prize awarded at the Society's Annual Meeting in May.

Formby is representative for Golden Nail Awards

Margaret Formby has been selected as an area representative by the 1997 Golden Nail Awards Committee.

Golden Nail Awards Gala planners are now seeking nominations from a 15 city area of those who have provided extraordinary support for the fine arts in the Texas Panhandle during 1996.

The Golden Nail Awards is sponsored by the Arts Committee of the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce.

Established in 1982, the purpose of the Golden Nail Awards is to honor those whose financial, in-kind and

volunteer contributions to the fine arts in Amarillo and the Panhandle area are of such magnitude that the impact on the arts is significant.

Recipients of the Golden Nail Awards include individuals, businesses and foundations which will be honored at ceremonies held April 12 at the Amarillo Civic Center in conjunction with the Amarillo Symphony Orchestra's spring concert.

The Golden Nail Award categories include the Summit, Individual, Business, Foundation and Distinguished Volunteer.

Nominations are invited from individuals as well as organizations. Nomination forms are available at the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce office, 1000 S. Polk in Amarillo or from Mrs. Formby, phone 364-3589. The deadline for submission of nominations is Feb. 17.



Bronze bust offered as prize

Panhandle-Plains Historical Society board member Nancy Jossierand, right, admires a bronze bust of Charles Goodnight created by Channing artist Don Ray, left. The bust will be presented to the Society member who registers the most new members over 10 during the Society's membership campaign, headed by Jossierand, membership chairman. (Photo courtesy of Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum)

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: My wife is eight months' pregnant with our first child, and my in-laws are already driving us nuts.

The baby isn't even born yet, and my wife's parents have given us a crib, highchair, car seat, playpen and dressing table. I haven't even mentioned the toys and clothes. And none of it can be taken back because it's all stuff they've picked up at garage sales.

I don't mind that the gifts are secondhand. Everything is in good condition. The problem is that my in-laws don't ask if we need or want any of this. They just bring it over. If I tell them we already have something else picked out, they get really upset and say we don't appreciate them and that they shouldn't have to ask if it's OK to buy something for their own grandchild.

Shouldn't the parents-to-be decide what kind of clothing and baby furniture they want? My wife and I won't be having any more children because of medical problems, so we will never again have this opportunity.

This has been a difficult pregnancy for my wife, and the last thing she needs is all this aggravation. She has tried to talk to her parents, but nothing she says makes any difference. Please help us out, Ann. -- Stressed in St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Stressed: Accept the fact that nothing you say will make any difference. Be gracious about whatever they bring, and then throw it out, give it away or have a garage sale of your own.

Dear Ann Landers: You've given us some wonderful columns that inspire the spirit of love. One very special story moved me to tears. It speaks of an old man who plans his birthday in hopes of seeing his family arrive.

If only grown children and grandchildren could understand the importance of making precious moments happen in the lives of the people they love before it's too late. Tell them, Ann, that no matter how busy they are, they must make time for the important things. Please print

that column again. -- Dee in Bakersfield, Calif.

Dear Dee: I believe the column you want to see again has been among the most frequently requested over the years. Here it is: It was Grandfather's Birthday by Rudy Joe Mano

It was Grandfather's birthday. He was 79. He got up early, shaved, showered, combed his hair and put on his Sunday best so he would look nice when they came.

He skipped his daily walk to the town cafe where he had coffee with his cronies. He wanted to be home when they came.

He put his porch chair on the sidewalk so he could get a better view of the street when they drove up to help celebrate his birthday.

At noon, he got tired but decided to forgo his nap so he could be there when they came. Most of the rest of the afternoon he spent near the telephone so he could answer it when they called.

He has five married children, 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. One son and a daughter live within 10 miles of his place. They hadn't visited him for a long time. But today was his birthday, and they were sure to come.

At suppertime, he left the cake untouched so they could cut it and have dessert with him. After supper, he sat on the porch waiting.

At 8:30, he went to his room to prepare for bed. Before retiring, he left a note on the door that read, "Be sure to wake me up when they come."

It was Grandfather's birthday. He was 79.

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La Madre Mia Study Club program is 'A Slice of Life'

La Madre Mia Study Club's program was presented by Clint Formby at the regular meeting held Thursday in the home of Georgia Sparks with Gladys Merritt serving as co-hostess.

Sanders is grad

Lori Michelle Sanders of Hereford graduated from the University of North Texas during winter commencement ceremonies. She is the daughter of Ed and Charlene Sanders.

Sanders received a bachelor of business administration degree with a major in business computer information systems.

Formby presented "A Slice of Life," relating humorous stories about his travels. He also gave insight on what is in the future for radio in high technology.

Roll call was answered with "Your slice of life," as members told about their own funny experiences.

The social committee announced the Valentine Party will be Feb. 13 at the Annex.

Members present were Mary Herring, Ruth Black, Betty Taylor, Judy Williams, Francyne Bromlow, Cindy Cassels, Mysedia Smith, Marline Watson, Susan Hicks, Nicky Walser, Tricia Sims, Carolyn Baxter, Bettye Owen, Sparks and Merritt.

EMT class is offered

A basic Emergency Medical Technician class is being offered by Hereford Emergency Medical Services.

Classes are scheduled to begin Feb. 17 and will be held from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays through the first week of May.

Registration deadline is Feb. 3.

For more information, call the Hereford EMS office at 364-3106.

Hospital Notes

Report from Hereford Regional Medical Center on Jan. 27:

Admissions: Irene Dzuik, Edna Alexander, Ramon Zamora.

Discharges: Norma Davis, Juana Cervantez, Beryl Porter.

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Sports

Whitefaces take rest from district warfare

'Make-or-break' time in Big 12

Pep rally slated today

By CRAIG HORST
AP Sports Writer
KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) - The Big 12 is in the heart of the league schedule and it is fast becoming make-or-break time for several teams. Top-ranked Kansas, No. 11 Iowa State, No. 18 Colorado, No. 22 Texas Tech and No. 23 Texas seem certain for the NCAA tournament. But teams like Oklahoma certainly still have something to prove. And a team like Missouri may be in trouble. The Sooners are heading into a stretch of several home games, and coach Kelvin Sampson is hoping that will help them find some answers. "There's always been one thing that's been our bugaboo," Sampson said Monday in the weekly confer-

ence call with Big 12 coaches. "One of these nights we're going to put it all together. The next two or three weeks will determine what we're going to be doing in March as it will for a lot of teams." The Big 12 has turned out to be as rugged as anyone could have imagined, and winning on the road has been a real feat. Oklahoma State coach Eddie Sutton was preparing to take the Cowboys to Norman for a Monday night game. "We need to put a victory string together if we are going to have hopes of getting in the NCAA tournament," Sutton said. "On the road, at Colorado and Texas we had a chance to win but we just haven't been able to get over the hump. Sometimes I

think it takes a win like that to get you started." Baylor has struggled all year long, but coach Harry Miller said his youthful team has not given up. "We've played pretty well at home. We played well against Colorado, against Kansas," Miller said. "We are just not at the point where we're competitive on the road. We just get blitzed out there. "Our players really work hard. Our players' attitude is just great. If you have young players who can't see some hope, I think you can have players bail out on you, but not our guys." Colorado has been the surprise of the league, and very nearly gave Kansas its first loss Sunday despite

taking a 13-0 punch right at the start of the game. The Buffs' have one of the league's best players in Chauncey Billups, but coach Ricardo Patton is getting a lot of credit for having the rest of his players perform at a level that few expected. "I would like to think that we've come along far enough that we don't think we can overlook anybody," Patton said. "We don't have a team that is so talented that we can just show up in an arena and expect to win. "After our Texas Tech win, teams saw that, people began thinking that we were capable. I don't know anybody that expected us to beat a Kansas or teams of that caliber. I thought that after Texas Tech, coaches realized their players better be prepared when we come in." In Austin, Texas coach Tom Penders rejects the notion that his team's main problem is constantly blowing leads. Missouri was able to come back from a big deficit on Sunday before falling short, and some coaches suggested teams are able to make comebacks because of the free-wheeling, individual style of the Longhorns.

Hereford's varsity basketball teams will take advantage of an open date to hold a pep rally and crown the Basketball King and Queen this afternoon. The event is scheduled for 3:20 p.m. The Lady Whitefaces have clinched a playoff berth and have one important game left Friday at Randall. Should Randall win its game against Pampa tonight, the Lady Raiders will be one game behind Hereford. The Lady Whitefaces have a 9-2 district record, while Randall would be 8-3 with a victory tonight. That would mean Hereford would need to win Friday to finish alone in second place. The Herd boys are battling to earn a playoff berth and are currently alone in third place with a 6-3 record, a game and a half behind Randall. Pampa is next at 4-4. The boys can control their own destiny by winning out, but there are a number of combinations that could resolve the third playoff berth. Hereford has three games remaining in district play--at Randall, at Canyon and Dumas at home.

DISTRICT 1-4A		
Boys		
Team	Dist.	Season
Randall	8-1	21-5
Canyon	7-1	18-8
Hereford	6-3	14-14
Pampa	4-4	11-16
Caprock	4-5	14-14
Borger	1-8	7-15
Dumas	0-8	8-15
Girls		
x-Canyon	10-0	25-0
y-Hereford	9-2	20-6
y-Randall	7-3	17-8
Pampa	3-7	11-14
Caprock	3-8	11-17
Borger	2-8	7-21
Dumas	2-8	5-16
x-Clinched No. 1 playoff seed		
y-Clinched playoff berth		
Tuesday's doubleheaders		
Randall at Pampa; Dumas at Caprock; Canyon at Borger; Hereford open.		
Friday's doubleheaders		
Pampa at Canyon; Hereford at Randall; Borger at Dumas; Caprock open.		

Hoyas upset Villanova

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) - A pep talk from the Wise Old Head helped motivate Georgetown to its biggest victory of the season. Upset about a slump that had seen the Hoyas lose four of their previous five games, captain Ya Ya Dia issued a challenge to his teammates before Monday night's game against 14th-ranked Villanova. "I was just telling them that it's in the middle of a time like this that a man finds out who he is," said the Senegal-born forward, who got his nickname through his steady leadership of a team filled with freshmen and sophomores. After Dia's mini-sermon, the Hoyas went out and did three things they haven't done in weeks: They jumped to an early lead, made a decent percentage of their free throws and didn't get psyched out when the other team made a big run. The result: A 78-67 upset that kept alive the Hoyas' tenuous hopes for an

NCAA tournament bid. In the only other game of the night involving ranked teams, No. 4 Utah beat No. 21 Tulsa 84-58. Georgetown (12-7, 5-6 Big East) made five of its first six shots to jump to an 11-2 lead, and didn't fold when Villanova ate up all but four points of 21-point second-half lead. The Hoyas also made 77 percent of their free throws (27-of-35), an impressive number for a team that entered the game shooting a league-low 57 percent from the line. At one point, Georgetown was 18-of-21 from the line. The Wildcats (15-5, 6-4) trailed 41-20 when Ed Sheffey of Georgetown opened the second half with a 3-pointer. But Villanova went on a 17-0 run to get within 41-37 with 14:21 to play as the Hoyas suddenly looked more like the team that has already equaled a school season record by losing three Big East games at home.

Jahidi White, reasserting the authority the 290-pound center had been lacking most of the season, answered Villanova's run with a monster dunk and Victor Page added two free throws to restore Georgetown's lead to 45-37 with 13:30 left. Villanova closed the deficit to two points twice, but never had the ball with a chance to tie or take the lead. Page finished with 29 points. No. 4 Utah 84, No. 21 Tulsa 58. In Salt Lake City, Michael Doleac scored 18 points and Andre Miller had 17 as Utah trounced Tulsa. The Utes (14-2, 6-0) remained in first place in the Mountain Division of the Western Athletic Conference. Utah star Keith Van Horn did not score in the first half. The 6-foot-10 forward finished with 12 points on 3-of-15 shooting, including two missed dunks. Shea Seals led Tulsa (15-5, 5-1) with 16 points.

Sports Briefs

KOHALA COAST, Hawaii (AP) - Virtually monopolizing the Senior Skins Game, Floyd over the weekend won his fourth consecutive title in the two-day, 18-hole event at the Mauna Lani Resort course, a lush layout woven amid stark black lava rock. He got a \$210,000 paycheck Sunday, winning \$140,000 of that on one hole alone. The total ran his Senior Skins earnings to \$1.17 million, not bad for a total of 10 days - five rounds of golf - since he first turned 50 and became eligible for the event in 1993. Thanks to Jack Nicklaus, the 1997 Senior Skins at least wasn't a gimme for Floyd. Nicklaus won the richest hole, \$150,000, with a birdie putt on No. 15. That gave him \$170,000 for the tournament and a chance to break Floyd's stranglehold on the tournament. After Nicklaus' birdie at 15 narrowed the gap with Floyd to \$40,000, neither of them won another hole. Floyd, in fact, was the winner despite not even being around for the finish. He and Nicklaus both were

eliminated on the second hole of a playoff, and Hale Irwin went on to beat Lee Trevino with a par on the third extra hole worth \$80,000. Irwin, a Senior Skins rookie, won five skins and a total of \$160,000 over the two days. Trevino, a late replacement for his friend Arnold Palmer, was shut out. **SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP)** - Steve Jones had never had a tournament like this year's Phoenix Open. Not even close. This time, he pulled away early and never trailed, finishing Sunday with a 4-under-par 67 to win by 11 shots at 26-under 258. He set tournament scoring records for 18, 36, 54 and 72 holes, won by the widest margin since Jose Maria Olazabal in the 1990 World Series of Golf (12 shots), and came within one stroke of the PGA Tour record of 257 set by Mike Souchak in the 1955 Texas Open. Jesper Parnevik also shot 67 and claimed second at 269. Nick Price finished at 270, and Rick Fehr, Mark Calcavecchia and Kenny Perry were

two shots behind him. **MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)** - Pete Sampras felt as if he were slogging through clay - the worst surface for his game. The heavy balls slowed his serve. The heat slowed his feet. But after he trounced two opponents expected to thrive in such conditions, prospects were looking up for him to capture the one major title that has eluded him - the French Open, the only Grand Slam tournament played on clay. On rubbery, medium-speed Rebound Ace courts, Sampras won the Australian Open by beating Spain's Carlos Moya, a rising talent who honed his strokes on clay, 6-2, 6-3, 6-3 in an 87-minute final Sunday. In the semifinals, Sampras beat the "King of Clay," Thomas Muster, 6-1, 7-6 (7-3), 6-3. Now the French Open is the one that's missing from his collection of nine Grand Slam tournament titles, Sampras noted, and said, "I'll do whatever I can this year to maybe get lucky, like here, and win."

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Unbeaten Kansas retains No. 1 spot

By JIM O'CONNELL
AP Basketball Writer

Kansas remained the only unbeaten Division I team and the unanimous No. 1 in the college basketball poll today, while Wake Forest moved back into the No. 2 spot.

The Jayhawks (20-0) received all 70 first-place votes and 1,750 points from the national media panel. It was their ninth straight week on top of the poll and the second in a row as a unanimous pick. The nine-week run at No. 1 matches the streak by

Massachusetts last season. The longest run on top before that was Duke's season sweep in 1991-92.

Wake Forest (15-1), which beat Clemson and Florida State by three points each, moved up two places to follow Kansas in the voting for the eighth of the last nine weeks. The Demon Deacons had 1,645 points, 22 more than Kentucky, which held third place.

Utah moved up one spot to fourth and Maryland jumped two spots to fifth, the highest ranking of the season for the Terrapins, who play host to Wake Forest on Saturday.

Minnesota moved up two spots to sixth for its highest ranking of the season, while Clemson, which lost to Wake Forest and North Carolina last week, fell five spots to seventh.

Cincinnati, Louisville and Arizona rounded out the Top Ten.

Iowa State jumped three spots to lead the Second Ten and was followed by Duke, New Mexico, Villanova, Stanford, Michigan, Indiana, Colorado, North Carolina and Xavier of Ohio.

The last five teams were Tulsa, Texas Tech, Texas, Marquette and newcomer South Carolina.

The Gamecocks (13-5), who have won their last eight games and are the only unbeaten team in the Southeastern Conference at 7-0, are ranked for the first time since being in the Top 25 for eight weeks during the 1991-92 season. Their next two games are on the road - Vanderbilt and Louisiana State - before returning for a home game with Kentucky on Feb. 4.

Clemson, which was at its highest ranking ever at No. 2, had the week's biggest fall by dropping to seventh, while Indiana's move from No. 21 to 17th after wins over Michigan and Penn State was the week's biggest jump.

Ten ranked teams lost last week, with Clemson being the only one to fall twice. But both the Tigers' losses were to ranked teams, as were the ones suffered by Duke, Michigan, Colorado and Texas Tech.

Junior high teams split with Dumas

Hereford Junior High basketball teams split four games with seventh and eighth grade teams at Dumas Monday night.

Hereford's 8th grade A team scored a 51-41 victory, while the B team lost by 36-21. The 7th grade A team lost, 51-44, while the B team won a close 38-35 decision.

Slade and Cody Hodges provided the scoring punch for the 8th grade A team. Slade tallied 23 points and Cody added 17 in the 51-41 triumph.

Trey Bezner led the B team with 7 points in the 36-21 loss to Dumas. Cody Marsh had a game-high 24 points in the 7th grade A team loss to Dumas. Freddie Garcia added 8.

Michael Rhyne hit 12 points and Thad Guseman had 8 in the B team's 38-35 win over Dumas.

The Hereford teams will be in Canyon Thursday and Saturday for a 7th Grade District Tournament.

Canseco back with Oakland

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) - The Oakland Athletics, who have spent the past few seasons trying to recreate their powerhouse teams of the late 1980s, have reached back to the past again.

The A's reunited the Bash Brothers on Monday by trading for Jose Canseco, who with Mark McGwire formed one of baseball's most explosive combos in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

Oakland got Canseco and cash, which will be used to pay part of Canseco's \$4.5 million base salary this season, from the Boston Red Sox for right-handed pitcher John Wasdin.

With Canseco and McGwire combining for 200 homers in 1988-90, the A's won three straight AL pennants. Canseco had five seasons of more than 30 homers for Oakland, including 44 in 1991 and 42 in 1988.

UConn leads women; Illinois, Michigan State reach top 25

By CHUCK SCHOFFNER
AP Sports Writer

Big Ten surprises Michigan State and Illinois ended long Top 25 droughts Monday by breaking into The Associated Press women's basketball poll, which had the same top three as last week.

Connecticut (18-0), the only unbeaten Division I team, remained an overwhelming choice for No. 1 with 37 of 41 first-place votes and 1,021 points.

No. 2 Old Dominion (17-1) had three first-place votes - one more than last week - and 982 points. The Lady Monarchs have won 16 straight since a loss to North Carolina State in the second round of the preseason NIT.

Stanford (20-1), the first team in the country to reach 20 victories, held the No. 3 spot, receiving one first-place vote and 948 points.

Louisiana Tech (17-2) climbed two places to fourth after two lopsided victories, Alabama (16-3) slipped one spot to fifth after seeing its school-record 14-game winning streak broken by Tennessee and North Carolina (16-1) jumped three places to sixth.

Georgia bounced back from a 32-point drubbing by Connecticut to beat Mississippi State, but still fell two places to seventh. Virginia, Tennessee and Texas completed the Top Ten.

It's the first Top Ten appearance for Texas since the 1992-93 preseason poll. The Longhorns haven't been in the Top Ten this late in the season since 1990.

Texas Tech climbed three spots to head the Second Ten, and was followed by Kansas, Florida, LSU, Vanderbilt, Wisconsin, Clemson, Arkansas, Notre Dame and Stephen F. Austin.

Michigan State (15-3), which leads the Big Ten after finishing fifth last season, entered the poll at No. 23. Illinois (15-4), the Big Ten's eighth-place team a year ago, is now tied for second in the conference and claimed the No. 25 spot.

Auburn and DePaul dropped out. Auburn, which had been 21st, lost to Southern Mississippi and LSU, and now has dropped six of its last eight. DePaul fell from 25th after consecutive road losses to Louisville and Memphis.

North Carolina State was 21st, Duke 22nd and Western Kentucky 24th.

Michigan State made the poll for just the third time. The Spartans were ranked for one week, No. 23, in the 1990-91 season and were 17th in the final poll of the 1976-77 season, the only time they were ranked that year.

Coach Karen Langeland's team, 7-1 in the Big Ten, has won six

straight and 12 of its last 13. The Spartans' only loss in that stretch was at Illinois, which made the poll for the first time since the week of Dec. 28, 1987.

Illinois is contending for the Big Ten title in just its second year under coach Theresa Greutz. Greutz, the 1992 U.S. Olympic coach, gave up a secure job at Rutgers to accept the rebuilding challenge with the Illini,

who last had a winning season in 1986-87.

With four freshmen among the top eight, Illinois is 7-2 in the Big Ten and has road victories over Arkansas, Wisconsin and Penn State.

Florida made the biggest jump in the poll, going from 19th to 13th after beating Tennessee and Vanderbilt. Losses to North Carolina and Duke sent Clemson from 10th to 17th for the biggest drop.

Ditka takes Saints' job

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - Mike Ditka admits that he looks more like a Bear than a Saint, but that won't stop him from starting a new coaching career in New Orleans.

"(Vince) Lombardi will always be a Packer, but he coached the Redskins. What can you do?" Ditka said prior to an expected formal announcement today on his appointment by the Saints.

"I'm going to try it again," Ditka was quoted today in the Chicago Tribune. "Sometimes you gotta do what you gotta do. And it's not about proving anything and not about 'I told you so.' It's just I think right now in my life I need to go in that direction."

"I'm not old. I'm not ill. I'm not weak. My mind is still good," said Ditka, 57, who led the Bears to a Super Bowl title, but was fired eight years later and became an analyst for NBC.

"I think if I can run uphill a couple more times, it's worth the challenge. I'm really excited about it," he said.

Ditka told the Tribune that Saints owner Tom Benson wanted him to sign a five-year contract but Ditka insisted on only three years.

Packers claim Super Bowl with 35-21 win over Patriots

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - The Green Bay Packers finally have a present to go with their past.

The 35-21 Super Bowl victory over the New England Patriots on Sunday hardly brought back memories of Vince Lombardi's grind-it-out champions of the '60s.

Instead, this was a high-powered pack - doing it with big plays, especially by MVP Desmond Howard - that returned Green Bay to NFL prominence and put the title back in "Titelown, USA."

"I think it's time that the Lombardi Trophy goes home to Lambeau Field, where it belongs," Packers president Robert Harlan said.

Not that Lombardi would have recognized the way this team won. There were no pulling guards, none of his classic power sweeps.

Rather, it was Brett Favre finding the duckwalking Andre Rison for a 54-yard touchdown on the Packers' second offensive play, then throwing an 81-yard TD pass to Antonio Freeman in the first minute of the second quarter to put Green Bay ahead for good.

And it was Howard scoring on a 99-yard kickoff return, then striking an abbreviated Heisman pose in the end zone, a dagger in the heart of the Patriots, who had closed to 27-21.

Howard, the first special teams player ever to win MVP, finished with a record 244 return yards. Not bad for someone who was considered another Heisman Trophy bust before joining the Packers this season.

"Through all the adversity and the trials and tribulations, I've always had confidence in myself," he said. The win was the 13th straight for an NFC team and kept Bill Parcells, who had two of those 13 with the Giants in 1986 and 1990, from becoming the first coach to win a Super Bowl with two different franchises.

"I'm disappointed, because I do think we had a chance there for a moment," said Parcells, rumored to be leaving the Patriots. "We played hard, we just cracked a little bit under pressure."

It started like a blowout by the Packers, who fulfilled the high expectations with which they entered the season - only Holmgren, who referred to the Super Bowl as "that game" rather than by its name, tried

to hold down the exuberance.

First there was the TD pass to Rison from Favre, who finished 14 of 27 for 246 yards. It was 10-0 just 6:25 into the game after Doug Evans' interception set up Chris Jacke's 31-yard field goal.

But by the end of the highest-scoring first quarter in Super Bowl history, New England led 14-10 on TD passes by Bledsoe of 1 yard to Keith Byars and 4 yards to Ben Coates.

And even after a 17-point second quarter by the Packers that included the 81-yard bomb to Freeman and 2-yard TD run by Favre, New England was still in it at 27-14.

And when Ted Johnson stopped Dorsey Levens for a 7-yard loss on fourth and one at the Pats 37 on the first drive of the fourth quarter, New England gained momentum.

They cut it to 27-21 on Curtis Martin's 18-yard burst up the middle with 3:27 left in the third quarter.

But Howard took the kickoff, burst up the middle and went nearly untouched to the end zone - only Hason Graham got a hand on him.

Parcells didn't hesitate when asked the game's turning point.

"Desmond Howard. The kickoff return," he said. "I thought we might have had them rocking just a little bit, 27-21. But he made the big play and I credit him for it."

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Patients need to help out health-care providers

Organizing medical records can be important in emergency

By MEREDITH RAINE
Corpus Christi Caller-Times
CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas - In the 22 years Opal Freeze has worked at Columbia North Bay Hospital's emergency room, she has come to understand the true meaning of the word unorganized.

The registered nurse has seen patients who have no idea what kind of medication they take to keep their heart pumping.

She has had patients who don't know what a tetanus shot is - much less when they last received one. Then there are the ones who just shrug their shoulders when she asks if they are allergic to any medications.

"They just assume the hospital has some magical file that has all their information in it," she said.

Well, there is no such file.

For that reason, Ms. Freeze would like patients to help out health-care providers by getting their medical records in order. Officials with the American Health Information Association think Ms. Freeze has the right idea when it comes to promoting patient organization.

Jack Segal, the association's media relations manager, said there is an increasing need for people to keep track of their own medical records because patients and doctors are continuously jumping from one health plan to another.

"It's not uncommon these days for people to switch doctors three or four times in just a few years," Segal said. "As a result, you can have medical records all over the place."

Ms. Freeze said health officials don't need a book of every health problem since childhood, but a list of present problems would help.

"Even if they just had a piece of paper that listed what medications they're taking and what they are allergic to, folded up in their wallet, that would be better than nothing," she said.

To help people begin the process of collecting medical data, the association offers health information forms on the Internet and through the mail.

The forms serve as outlines for the type of information people should

keep in their glove compartment, wallet, office drawer or home, Segal said. They include sections on whom to contact in an emergency to lists of chronic illnesses, past surgeries and whether the patient is an organ donor.

The forms can be obtained on the World Wide Web at <http://www.ahima.org> or by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Jack Segal, American Health Information Management Association, 919 N. Michigan, Suite 1400, Chicago, Ill. 60611.

Sherri Maskew, director of medical records at Spohn Health System, said one of the first places people can go to begin their personal medical file is their doctor's office. Their physician should be able to tell them what to keep a record of and help them obtain that information.

For hospital records, patients can contact the hospital's medical records department for assistance, Ms. Maskew said.

In addition, Ms. Maskew said, if patients change health-care providers, they should ask the old provider to forward their medical records to the new doctor.

"It's just a good idea to keep track of your medical records and be a more informed consumer," she said.

Just remember one thing, Ms. Maskew said. Don't go to all the trouble to compile a medical history and then forget to tell someone where it's kept.

"Designate a location where you are going to keep it, and tell family members where it is," she said. "It's not going to do you or your health-care provider any good if no one knows where to find it."

Dr. David Valdez, a family practitioner at the Spohn neighbor care center on Padre Island, said medical record-keeping is important for everyone - especially vacationers and winter Texans who may not have primary care physicians in the state.

"People have a misperception of how quickly information can be obtained," Valdez said. "If someone comes in and we need to get medical records for their doctor somewhere up north, it could take weeks to get that information."

It isn't as simple as making one telephone call or typing in a name on the computer, he said. Because of laws protecting confidentiality between doctors and patients, patients may have to fill out numerous release forms before their records are passed from one doctor to the next.

"In an emergency, sometimes there isn't a lot of time," Valdez said. "... And we never know when we are going to be in a situation where we are going to need medical care. We need to be prepared at all times and have important medical information readily available so the doctor isn't starting from nothing when trying to figure out what is wrong."

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Keeping an eye on Texas

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Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, Jan. 28, the 28th day of 1997. There are 337 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 28, 1986, the space shuttle Challenger exploded 73 seconds after liftoff from Cape Canaveral, killing all seven crew members: flight commander Francis R. "Dick" Scobee; pilot Michael J. Smith; Ronald E. McNair; Ellison S. Onizuka; Judith A. Resnik; Gregory B. Jarvis; and schoolteacher Christa McAuliffe.

On this date:
In 1547, England's King Henry VIII died; he was succeeded by his 9-year-old son, Edward VI.

Ten years ago: The State Department prohibited travel to Lebanon on United States passports, giving Americans already in Lebanon 30 days to get out.

Five years ago: President George Bush, in his State of the Union address, proposed tax breaks and business incentives to revive the economy, and announced dramatic cuts in the U.S. nuclear arsenal. A multinational Middle East peace conference opened in Moscow.

One year ago: The Dallas Cowboys captured their third Super Bowl victory in four years, beating the Pittsburgh Steelers 27-17. France

set off a sixth underground nuclear blast in the South Pacific, the last in a series of atomic tests that generated protests worldwide.

Today's Birthdays: Musician-composer Acker Bilk is 68. Author Susan Sontag is 64. Actor Alan Alda is 61. Actress Susan Howard is 54. Actress-singer Barbi Benton is 47. Rock musician Dave Sharp (The Alarm) is 38. Rock singer Sam Phillips is 35. Country musician Greg Cook (Ricochet) is 32. Singer Sarah McLachlan is 29. DJ Mixmaster Muggs (Cypress Hill) is 29. Actor Elijah Wood is 16.

Scholarships go to local students

Karen Kelly Harder and Amanda Ruth Sims, both of Hereford, were among the approximately 396 recipients of more than \$217,000 awarded by the Texas Tech University College of Human Sciences for the 1996-97 academic year.

Harder, the daughter of Beverly K. Harder, was awarded the Horton A. and Mildred Proctor Hobbs Scholarship.

Sims received the C.J. Davidson Scholarship. She is the daughter of Aubrey Sims.

Thought for Today: "Success and failure are not true opposites and they're not even in the same class; they're not even a couch and a chair." - Lillian Hellman, American author and playwright (1905-1984).

Buckley named on dean's list

Benton Buckley of Hereford has been named to the dean's list at Lubbock Christian University for the fall semester of 1996.

In order to be considered a part of the dean's list, a student must be taking a minimum of 12 semester hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or better for the entire semester.

L'Allegra Club program is on garden planning

Jan Furr, a Master Gardener, gave a program on garden planning for L'Allegra Study Club at its meeting Jan. 23 in the home of Diana Griffin with Jody Skiles serving as co-hostess.

Furr gave many valuable tips, but stressed that most important of all was amending the soil. Good soil means a good garden.

The next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 13.

Members present were Melissa Clarke, Kitty Gault, Sandy Josseland, Sylvia Khuri, Kim Lawlis, Shelly Menke, Karen Payne, Hilda Perales, DeeAnne Trotter, Ella Marie Veigel, Judy Wall, Jan Weishaar and Griffin.

New Arrivals

Coy and Carla Whitehorn of Hereford are the proud parents of a daughter, Desiree Mikyla, born Jan. 25 in Hereford Regional Medical Center.

The infant weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and measured 21 inches.

Grandparents are Rick and Connie Whitehorn, Mark and Vicki Latham, all of Hereford; and Jerry and Pam Betts of Portales, N.M.

American Cancer Society offers variety of services

The American Cancer Society in Deaf Smith County announced today that it has a variety of services available to cancer patients without charge.

"A lot of people don't know about what we can do for cancer patients right here in Hereford," said Chris Hurt, field representative. "And all we need in most cases is permission from the patient's doctor."

Loan equipment such as hospital beds, wheel chairs, walkers and commode chairs are available as well as a variety of gift items such as wigs and pillows.

The American Cancer Society also offers transportation, patient visitor programs, housing and support services for patients and their families.

"We also try to help patients and their families with literature and information on other agencies," said Hurt. "Sometimes they want to know more about cancer, or they need to know what assistance might be available here."

Hurt said that when most people think of the American Cancer Society, they think of cancer research.

"It is true that the American Cancer Society puts millions of dollars into cancer research, but we also feel it is important to work with local people and help cancer patients," Hurt said.

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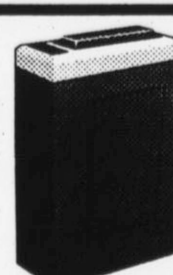
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Braxton reaps honors at American Music Awards

By JOHN ANTICZAK
Associated Press Writer
LOS ANGELES (AP) - It was "The Year of Woman" at the American Music Awards and Toni Braxton reaped the rewards.

Braxton won favorite female soul R&B artist and her "Secrets" was the top soul-R&B album. She also shared in a portion of an award that went to the "Waiting to Exhale" soundtrack, to which she was a contributor.

"I thank God for all my blessings," Braxton told the music industry crowd.

Alanis Morissette also was a multiple winner, though she didn't show up. Morissette was named favorite pop-rock female artist and her "Jagged Little Pill" won the pop-rock album trophy.

Two out of the three favorite new artist awards went to women as well: Jewel for pop-rock and LeAnn Rimes for country.

In receiving her award, Jewel thanked her fans for helping her achieve her dream.

"I know how little we can live with. I went from living in my car to this because you guys bought my album. It's because you guys bought my album that I'm not stealing food," she told the cheering audience.

She explained her comments later backstage.

Jewel, who started her music career yodeling as a 6-year-old in Homer, Alaska, said she and her mother were living in San Diego when she got laid off from a job at age 18. The two of them moved into their cars, and Jewel began singing at coffeehouses.

The woman-of-the-year magic didn't work for everyone. Mariah Carey - last year's favorite female

artist in both pop-rock and soul-R&B - lost on all of her leading five nominations this time.

In all, 20 trophies were awarded in the 24th annual ceremony, broadcast by ABC from the Shrine Auditorium. Comedian Sinbad was the host.

Tupac Shakur, gunned down in Las Vegas four months ago, was posthumously named favorite rap-hop artist. Presenter Brandy accepted Shakur's trophy.

Garth Brooks was once again favorite male country artist, his 11th AMA honor since 1991. Shania Twain was country's favorite female artist.

Brooks & Dunn roped the trophy for band, duo or group, and George Strait's "Blue Clear Sky" received

the category's album award. Pop-rock winners included Eric Clapton as favorite male artist, and Hootie & The Blowfish as favorite band, duo or group.

Soul-R&B honors also went to Keith Sweat for male artist, and New Edition for band, duo or group. D'Angelo was the top new artist in soul-R&B.

Favorite artist winners in other categories included Metallica in hard rock-heavy metal, Smashing Pumpkins in alternative music, and Whitney Houston in adult contemporary.

Winners of the American Music Awards were selected by a national sampling of about 20,000 listeners, who chose from nominees compiled by music industry publications.

AMA winners

By The Associated Press
Winners at the 24th Annual American Music Awards:

POP-ROCK

MALE ARTIST: Eric Clapton

FEMALE ARTIST: Alanis Morissette

BAND, DUO OR GROUP: Hootie & The Blowfish

ALBUM: "Jagged Little Pill," Alanis Morissette

NEW ARTIST: Jewel

SOUL-RHYTHM & BLUES

MALE ARTIST: Keith Sweat

FEMALE ARTIST: Toni Braxton

BAND, DUO OR GROUP: New Edition

ALBUM: "Secrets," Toni Braxton

NEW ARTIST: D'Angelo

COUNTRY

MALE ARTIST: Garth Brooks

FEMALE ARTIST: Shania Twain

BAND, DUO OR GROUP: Brooks & Dunn

ALBUM: "Blue Clear Sky," George Strait

NEW ARTIST: LeAnn Rimes

HEAVY METAL-HARD ROCK

ARTIST: Metallica

RAP-HIP HOP

ARTIST: Tupac

ALTERNATIVE MUSIC

ARTIST: Smashing Pumpkins

FAVORITE SOUNDTRACK

"Waiting to Exhale"

ADULT CONTEMPORARY

ARTIST: Whitney Houston.

Business Briefs

AMARILLO—Southwestern Public Service Company has reported first-quarter earnings of \$21.5 million, or 52 cents per share, compared to \$21.9 million, or 54 cents a share in the same period last year.

The electric utility reported earnings of \$102.8 million, or \$2.51 per common share, for the 12 months ended Nov. 30, 1996. SPS Chairman Bill D. Helton said quarterly and 12-month earnings were negatively

affected by increased interest expense due to increased long-term and short-term debt.

These higher levels of debt were caused by the retirement of preferred stock, the 1995 acquisition of electric properties from Texas-New Mexico Power Co., and increased construction expenditures.

Earnings were adversely affected by merger-related expenses. SPS is in the process of merging with

Denver-based Public Service Co. of Colorado.

ABILENE - First Financial Bankshares, Inc., announced financial results recently for the quarter and year ended Dec. 31, 1996. Net income for the fourth quarter totaled \$4,628,000 or 60 cents a share. This represented an increase of 15.5 percent earned a year ago.

For the full year, net income amounted to \$18,122,000, or \$2.70 per share as compared to the prior year total of \$17,016,000, or \$2.55 a share.

Consolidated assets at the end of the year totaled \$1.262 billion, up from \$1.126 billion at the close of 1995.

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In Simpson case Jury deliberations to begin

By MICHAEL FLEEMAN
Associated Press Writer
SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) - For almost a week, jurors in the O.J. Simpson wrongful-death trial have listened to seven lawyers argue, rant, plead and drone on and on and on.

Today, for the first time, the jurors get to talk.

Deliberations were to begin following a few more hours of plaintiff rebuttal by lawyers Tom Lambert and Daniel Petrocelli.

Jurors must decide whether Simpson should be held responsible for the June 12, 1994, knife slayings of ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman, and if so, whether to award damages that could cost Simpson millions. Simpson was acquitted of murder in 1995.

Among the factors jurors have to weigh - variously described by the lawyers as critical evidence, crucial facts, uncontradicted truth, important testimony and flat-out lies - is one pressed Monday by the defense: the frame-up.

In a powerful finale, lawyer Robert Baker asserted that Simpson was the victim of a police conspiracy led by former detectives Mark Fuhrman and Philip Vannatter.

Baker delivered his accusation in words even more blunt than those Johnnie Cochran Jr. used at the criminal trial.

"That's planted evidence," Baker

said of the bloody glove that Fuhrman contended he found behind Simpson's house. "There's no question about it."

To support the theory, Baker pointed to the absence of blood drops around the glove and noted that the blood on the glove appeared wet when it should have been dry because it had been sitting there all night.

Vannatter, too, was part of the conspiracy, according to Baker, by suspiciously handling three of the most important vials of blood: that taken from Simpson and the two victims.

"The evidence in this case simply is not trustworthy," Baker told the jurors. "It's not worthy of your belief."

Jurors listened intently, and a few who had put away their note pads opened them again and began jotting notes.

In an aggressive rebuttal, Petrocelli argued that the conspiracy theory was nothing but fantasy cooked up by a desperate, guilty man with help from high-priced lawyers and scientific consultants.

"They have invented arguments. They have invented defenses with no basis in reality. They have no facts to support them," Petrocelli said. "It's a fraud. It's a fraud on you. It's a big lie. It never happened. It's what guilty men do."

Earlier, during a two-hour speech delivered in a sometimes whispering

voice, Baker said there was neither motive nor time for Simpson to kill. The lawyer urged jurors to risk being politically incorrect and embrace Simpson as an innocent man, as another jury did.

"He has been vilified and ridiculed," Baker said. "You can give him his life back and render a verdict like was done before and give Justin and Sydney their dad back."

Baker risked criticizing the relatives of the victims and, for the first time, Goldman himself. Baker ridiculed Petrocelli's suggestion that Goldman, had he lived, would be running a restaurant by now. Baker said Goldman's history of financial troubles made that unlikely.

"Ron Goldman wouldn't have a restaurant now. He would be lucky to have a credit card," Baker said.

Yet the thrust of Baker's argument was that Simpson was victimized by shoddy and malicious police work.

He spoke of bloody gloves and socks showing up where they didn't belong and said, "We have blood at the most amazing places."

Baker also made reference to the darkest hour for prosecutors in the first trial: the glove-wearing demonstration, a video of which was played for the civil trial jurors.

"Think about the gloves for a minute," Baker told jurors at one point. "You could see they were too tight on the video ... and they just fall off at such convenient places."

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May	86.75	+0.25	87.00	Jul	271.75	+0.25	272.00
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Jun	1.20	+0.01	1.21
Jul	1.19	+0.01	1.20
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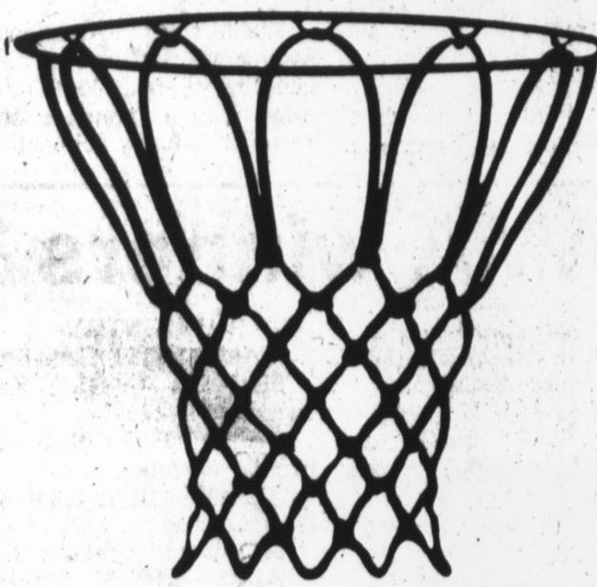
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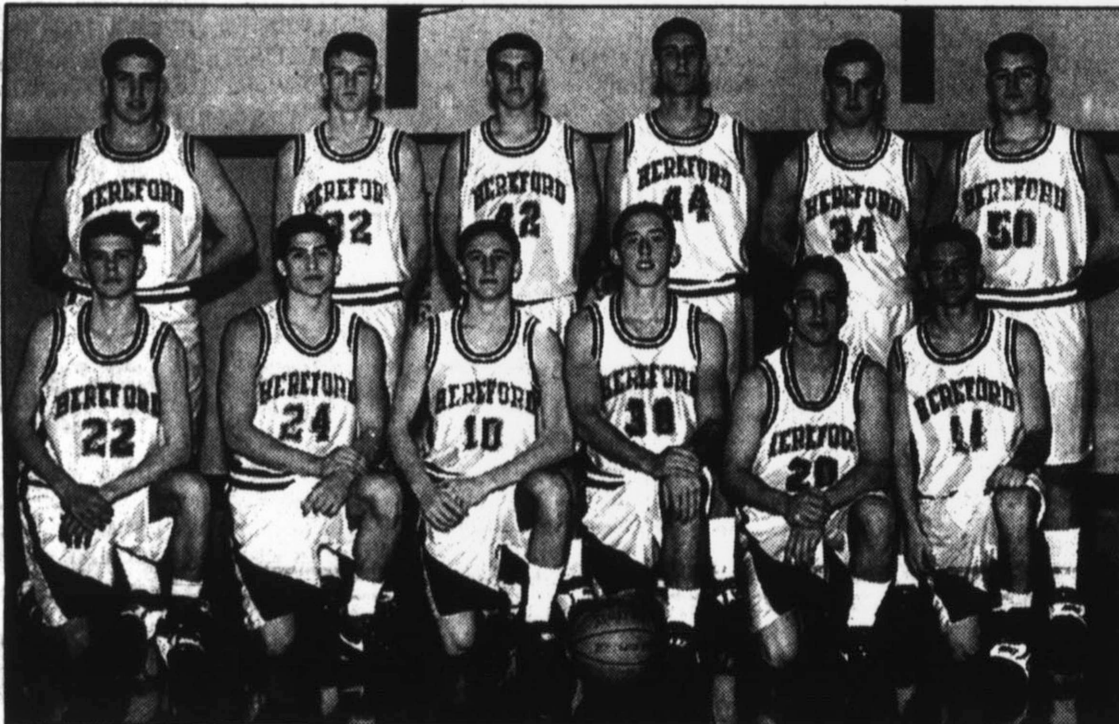
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1996-97 Hereford Hoops Schedules



Boys					Girls						
Day	Date	Opponent/Tournament	Site	Vars. Time	JV Time	Day	Date	Opponent/Tournament	Site	Vars. Time	JV Time
Tue.	Nov. 12	Palo Duro	Amarillo	7:45	6:00	Tue.	Nov. 19	Tulia	Hereford	6:30	5:00
Sat.	Nov. 16	Plainview	Plainview	6:30	5:00	Fri.	Nov. 22	Friona	Hereford	6:30	5:00
Tue.	Nov. 19	Tulia	Hereford	8:00	5:00	Tue.	Nov. 26	Dimmitt	Dimmitt	6:30	5:00
Fri.	Nov. 21-23	Hereford JV Tournament			TBA	Tue.	Nov. 28-30	Turkey Classic	Frenship	TBA	TBA
Fri.	Nov. 22	Friona	Friona	8:00	noJV	Tue.	Dec. 3	Dimmitt	Hereford	6:30	5:00
Tue.	Nov. 26	Estacado	Hereford	7:45	6:00	Dec. 5-7	San Angelo Tournament V			TBA	TBA
Tue.	Nov. 29-30	Odessa Tournament V			TBA	Dec. 6-7	Randall Tournament JV			TBA	TBA
Tue.	Dec. 3	Dimmitt	Hereford	8:00	5:00	Tue.	Dec. 10	*Canyon	Canyon	7:30	6:00
Dec. 5-7	Plainview Tournament V				TBA	Dec. 12-14	Hereford Tournament JV			TBA	TBA
Dec. 5-7	Amarillo Tournament JV				TBA	Fri.	Dec. 13	*Dumas	Hereford	7:30	6:00
Tue.	Dec. 10	Monterey	Hereford	7:45	6:00	Thur.	Dec. 19	*Caprock	Amarillo	7:30	6:00
Dec. 12-14	Canyon Tournament JV				TBA	Fri.	Dec. 20	*Borger	Hereford	6:00	7:30
Fri.	Dec. 13	Canadian	Canadian	7:00	noJV	Dec. 27-28	Cooper Tournament V				
Mon.	Dec. 16	*Caprock	Amarillo	5:30	4:00	Thru.	Jan. 2	*Pampa	Pampa	6:30	noJV
Fri.	Dec. 20	*Borger	Hereford	7:45	6:00	Sat.	Jan. 4	Amherst Varsity Tourn. JV		TBA	TBA
Dec. 26-28	Caprock Tourn. in Lubbock				TBA	Tue.	Jan. 7	Hobbs (NM)	Hereford	6:00	noJV
Thru.	Jan. 2	*Pampa	Pampa	7:45	6:00	Fri.	Jan. 10	*Randall	Hereford	6:00	7:30
Tue.	Jan. 7	*Randall	Hereford	7:45	6:00	Tue.	Jan. 14	*Canyon	Hereford	6:00	7:30
Fri.	Jan. 10	*Canyon	Hereford	7:45	6:00	Tue.	Jan. 14	*Dumas	Dumas	6:00	7:30
Tue.	Jan. 14	*Dumas	Dumas	7:45	6:00	Fri.	Jan. 17	*Caprock	Hereford	6:00	7:30
Fri.	Jan. 17	*Caprock	Hereford	7:45	6:00	Tue.	Jan. 21	*Borger	Borger	6:00	7:30
Tue.	Jan. 21	*Borger	Borger	7:45	6:00	Fri.	Jan. 24	*Pampa	Hereford	6:00	7:30
Fri.	Jan. 24	*Pampa	Hereford	7:45	6:00	Fri.	Jan. 31	*Randall	Randall	6:00	7:30
Fri.	Jan. 31	*Randall	Randall	7:45	6:00						
Tue.	Feb. 4	*Canyon	Canyon	7:45	6:00						
Fri.	Feb. 7	*Dumas	Hereford	7:45	6:00						

*Denotes District 1-4A games



Front Row L-R: Corey Schumacher, Isaac Walker, Jonathan Keenan, Dustin Hill, Steven Cloud, Rob Reinauer, Back Row L-R: Kurt Sherrod, Jason Meyers, Bryant McNutt, C.J. Kubacak, Trip Robinson & Ryan Noland



Front Row: Kari Barrett, Julie Rampley, Second Row: Tori Walker, Keesha Rives, Kendra Wright, Briar Baker, Jamie Marquez, Back Row: Misti Davis, Christina Kuper, Sarah Ramey, Catie Betzen & Staci Betzen

Hereford Whitefaces

Senior 10	Jonathan Keenan
Senior 14	Rob Reinauer
Senior 20	Steven Cloud
Senior 22	Corey Schumacher
Senior 24	Isaac Walker
Senior 30	Dustin Hill
Senior 32	Jason Meyers
Senior 34	Trip Robinson
Junior 42	Bryant McNutt
Senior 44	C.J. Kubacak
Senior 50	Ryan Noland
Senior 52	Kurt Sherrod

Head Coach: Randy Dean, Asst. Coach Key Harrison & Rodney Allen

Lady Whitefaces

Junior 10	Briar Baker
Junior 12	Kendra Wright
Senior 14	Kari Barrett
Junior 22	Jamie Marquez
Junior 24	Catie Betzen
Junior 30	Julie Rampley
Junior 32	Misti Davis
Sophomore 34	Keesha Rives
Junior 44	Staci Betzen
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