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#### Today's weather

#### Mostly clear skies

Tonight: Mostly clear, lows around 65, south winds 10 to 20 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, highs around 90, southwest winds 10 to 20 mph becoming north. Thursday night: Partly cloudy, lows around

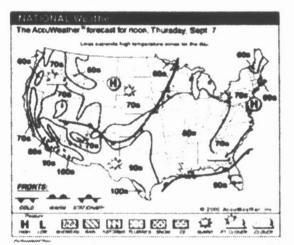
#### Extended forecast

Friday: Partly cloudy, highs 92 to 97. Saturday: Partly cloudy, lows 60 to 65, highs

Sunday: Partly cloudy, lows 59 to 64, highs 89 to 94.

## Hereford weather

Tuesday's high, 100; low, 64; no precipitation, according to KPAN Radio.



Scattered showers and thunderstorms are expected Thursday in the Deep South, as well as in the upper Midwest and higher elevations of the Southwest. The northern Plains, northern Rockies and Pacific Northwest will have pleasant weather, as will the Northeast and Middle Atlantic

### Texas cities break old heat records

FORT WORTH - Much of Texas continued roasting Tuesday in recordbreaking, triple-digit temperatures that sent utility companies scrambling to keep up with demand.

Austin was sweltering in 112-degree heat, breaking the city's all-time high of 107. That record had been broken Monday when the temperature hit 110.

Thermometers also soared past the 100-degree mark Tuesday and broke daily records in Del Rio, San Antonio, Houston and Lubbock.

Some utility companies urged customers to cut back during peak hours as a precaution.

"The equipment is stressed. It's like driving a car with the pedal to the floor for two months," said Carol Peters, spokeswoman for TXU Electric Co., the largest electric and gas company in the state with 2.6 million customers. "But we're not close to having any brownouts or blackouts."

Several cities shattered all-time high records Monday: 112 degrees in College Station, 109 in San Antonio and Houston and 104 in Galveston.

Other areas Monday reported record highs for September: 111 degrees in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and 107 in Del

The hottest temperature ever in Texas was 120 degrees, recorded in Seymour in August 1936 and Monahans in June 1994.

"Things may be bad, but at least we're not close to breaking that record," said Lonnie King, a National Weather Service meteorologist in Fort Worth.

As of Tuesday, temperatures exceeded 100 degrees for 57 days in Del Rio, 45 days in College Station, 44 days in Dallas-Fort Worth, 37 days in Austin, 20 days in San Antonio, 20 days in Hous-

ton and 12 days in Lubbock this year. The culprit is an upper-level high pressure system stalled over much of the state for more than two months, blocking any fronts or moisture from

the Gulf of Mexico, meteorologists said. But the system is starting to weaken and move to the northwest, which should drop temperatures into the 90s and bring a chance for rain in central and eastern Texas this weekend, forecasters

Forty-five heat-related deaths have been confirmed this year in the combined Dallas and Houston areas.

A 38-year-old homeless man's death and rulings by the Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office on two deaths earlier this summer increased the Dallas victims to 17.

# Simons issues

disaster order

**By Donald Cooper** 

Although Deaf Smith County hasn't had to endure drought and heat as severe as has gripped other parts of Texas, it has been hot and dry enough to lead County Judge Tom Simons to declare a state of disaster.

Simons signed an order Tuesday imposing a burn ban in the county. The order, which was authorized by the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, will remain in effect for no more than seven days unless it is approved by the county commissioners.

The disaster declaration will be on the

"Extremely dry conditions pose the threat

of large, dangerous and fast-moving wildfires ... the magnitude of the potential damage and the speed at which such fires could escalate to major proportions constitutes an imminent threat of disaster," Simons stated in his order. "The purpose of this order is the mitigation of the hazard posed by wildfires by curtailing the practice of outdoor burning.'

High temperatures have added to the concern. The National Weather Service in Amarillo reports normal high temperatures for June, July and August are 90, 91 and 90 degrees, respectively.

"Amarillo alone has reported more than 10 days with a high temperature of 99 or higher (in August)," a NWS meteorologist said. "And the weather in Hereford isn't that much differ-

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### ■ U.S. productivity rises by 5.7% during second quarter; exceeds estimate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans' productivity, a key measure of rising living standards, surged at a 5.7 percent rate in the second quarter, the fastest pace since the end

The revised figure tracking the growth in productivity was even stronger than the sizable 5.3 percent rate of growth the government estimated one month ago, the Labor Department said Wednesday.

Many analysts were expecting productivity growth in the April-June quarter to clock in at a 5.4 percent rate.

The latest reading on second-quarter productivity, which is seasonally adjusted, was considerably stronger than the first-quarter performance, which showed productivity growing at a 1.9 percent rate.

The strong gain in second-quarter productivity pushed unit labor costs, a key gauge of inflation pressures, down by a rate of 0.4 percent, the lowest since the end of 1999. That was a big improvement from the 1.9 percent rate of increase posted in the first

Gains in productivity are the key to rising living standards because they allow wages to increase without triggering higher inflation that would eat up those wage gains.

With the strength exhibited in the second quarter, productivity has risen by 5.2 percent from the same quarter a year ago. That was the best showing since a 5.3 percent increase in the third quarter of 1983.

Unit labor costs fell 0.4 percent from the second quarter of 1999, the lowest reading since a 1.3 percent drop in the fourth quarter

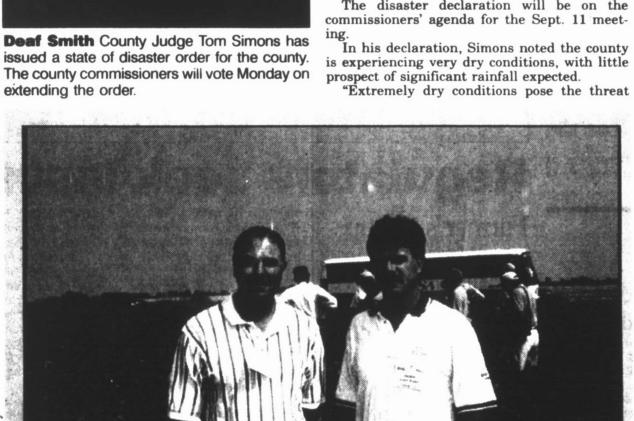
The Federal Reserve has boosted interest rates six times since June 1999 to slow the economy and keep inflation under control.

For two decades, from 1973 to 1995, productivity showed lackluster gains of just over 1 percent. However, since that time productivity increases have more than doubled.

If productivity falters, however, pressures for higher wages could force companies to raise their prices sharply, thus triggering in-

Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan, in a speech last month, bolstered the view of many economists that the sizable pickup in productivity growth over the last several years represents a lasting structural change in the economy.

"It is still difficult to find credible evidence in the United States that the rate of structural productivity growth has stopped increasing," he said. Greenspan added: "A tapering off in productivity acceleration is inevitable at some point in the future."



ereford cotton grower Frankie Bezner (left) was among 11 Southwestern producers who toured farming operations in Arkansas and Mississippi. Bezner is shown with David Burns of The Cotton Foundation, which helped organize the tour.

## Local grower gets a look at Mid-South production

Special to The Brand

Frankie Bezner of Hereford, Texas was one of the 11 Southwestern cotton growers chosen to participate in the twelfth annual Producer Information Exchange (PIE) program. He recently returned from a weeklong tour of agricultural operations in Arkansas and Mississippi.

Frankie Bezner came away impressed with how different it is to grow cotton in the mid-South compared to the Texas Pan-handle. A total of eight growers from Texas, two growers from Oklahoma and one from Missouri participated in the Mid-South tour.

The PIE program is managed by the National Cotton Council's Field Services staff and made possible through a grant from crop protection supplier, FMC Corp., to the Cotton Foundation.

The Producer Information Exchange is organized as a show and tell experience," says Dr. Ed Cherry, FMC director of government relations and agribusiness affairs. There is a lot of one-on-one interaction between host cotton growers and out-ofstate guests. Everyone gets out in the fields and sees things first hand.

"Cotton growers are eager to learn from each other. They see what other growers are doing and evaluate the potential for incorporating new ideas."

Besides farm-operation tours, the group of southwestern producers were educated and entertained at various stops along the way.

The saw the Nucor Steel Mill in Blytheville, Ark., and the Lee Wilson Co. in Wilson, Ark.

They learned about the history of the Mississippi Delta from Frank Howell of the Delta Council, saw research being conducted at the Delta Research and Extension Center, and toured the Delta Pride Catfish processing operation.

The PIE tour program divides the nation into four regions so that four groups of growers are hosted outside their region of the country each summer. Nearly 500 cotton growers have participated in cotton PIE tours since its beginning.

"It is important for cotton producers to share information about growing cotton and to learn from each other. It is also extremely important for growers to understand the trials and tribulations that each of them goes through," David L. Burns, president of The Cotton Foundation, said. "The PIE tours allow a lot of discussion about marketing philosophies, export news, gov-ernment affairs, association business and agriculture in general. All of this is important as cotton growers work together for the good of the U.S. cotton industry."

## Clinton is in no hurry to cut deals

WASHINGTON (AP) — While congressional Republicans are eager to wrap up legislative business for the year and hit the campaign trail, White House officials say they are in no hurry to cut budget deals unless President

Clinton's spending demands are met. "It's not the calendar" that gives the White House leverage in Congress' waning weeks, White House budget chief Jack Lew said in an interview. "It's the substance that gives us the

ability to hold our ground." Lawmakers began returning to the Capitol on Tuesday after their August recess hoping to adjourn in five or six weeks. Most are yearning to get home for this fall's elections, in which control of the White House and Congress are up for grabs.

But first, the 11 remaining spending bills for fiscal 2001, which starts Oct. 1, must become law. Only two spending measures have been signed, covering most defense pro-

The unfinished bills cover the budgets of 13 Cabinet-level agencies from the Agriculture Department to Veterans' Affairs, plus spending for Congress, the courts and foreign aid. Clinton wants about \$20 billion more than lawmakers have been ready to spend, and the two sides also differ over local control over education programs, mining and other environmental issues, and other policy disputes.

Republicans say they are ready to do what it takes to get those bills signed, including giving Clinton much of the extra money he

needs. But many of them say they believe the administration prefers a lengthy confrontation that would minimize GOP accomplishments, highlight Democratic issues and keep Republicans from going home to campaign for reelection.

"They want to get finished," Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M. said of his colleagues Tuesday. "But there's a concern about whether or not the White House and Democrats want to get things done.'

Both sides insist there will be no government shutdown, such as the 1995 and 1996 closures of federal agencies that the public blamed on aggressive Republicans in Congress.

We're not looking for that kind of confrontation," Lew said.

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## **Local roundup**

Recycling day underway

Hereford Beautification Alliance in conjunction with Community Christian School will hold its monthly recycling day, 9 to 11 a.m., Saturday, at the St. Anthony's Church parking lot. That evening HBA will hold its annual membership meeting beginning at 7 o'clock at the Hereford Community Center, 100 Ave. C. Hamburgers will be served and everyone in the community who is interested is invited to attend.

St. Anthony's PTO fund raiser

The annual St. Anthony's PTO Spice/Gift/Wrap Sale will continue through Wednesday. The funds raised will assist in the continued "Education That Lasts an Eternity."

Orders may be placed by contacting a St. Anthony's student or coming by the school office.

For more information, contact Donna Kemp, 364-7620, or Kim Leonard, 364-8760.

#### Low cost vaccination clinic

The Humane Society of Deaf Smith County is sponsoring the fall low cost pet vaccination clinic 1-5 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 17, in the courtyard of the Hereford Community Center. Sponsors underestimated the number of participants for the summer clinic, but will have more vaccine at this session.

Canine vaccinations will be \$6 for rabies; \$12 parvo/distemper and \$15 for combinations. Feline vaccinations will be \$6 rabies; \$20 distemper/feline

leukemia; \$22 for combinations.

Proceeds will go to the Humane Society of Deaf Smith County.

#### Pork checkoff election scheduled

The United States Department of Agriculture and the local Farm Service Agency have announced final procedures and dates for the upcoming referendum on continuation of the pork checkoff program.

The final referendum rules provide for in-person voting Sept. 18-21, at the Deaf Smith County FSA office.

Producers who have owned and sold one or more pigs or

hogs from Aug. 18, 1999, through Aug. 17, 2000, are eligible to

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## **News digest**

Suspect arrested two bathtub killings

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - Police have searched the North Texas home of a suspect charged in the bathtub murders of two teachers and two sexual assaults that have eluded investigators for years

Officers late Tuesday were searching for evidence in the case after officers arrested Dale Devon Scheannette, a suspect in the 1996 slayings, hours earlier. The 27-year-old Arlington man was arrested at his home on a capital murder warrant for

Scheannette remained bekind bars Wednesday with no bond set. Arlington jail supervisor Sgt. Tony Folkers said. The suspect is charged in the killings of Wendie Prescott and Christine Vu.

The two teachers were slain months apart in 1996 at the same apartment complex in southwest Arlington after being strangled and beaten.

County protests smog plan

ANGLETON, Texas (AP) — Leaders in Brazoria County, part of an eight-county region that must comply with federal air quality standards by 2007, are formally protesting Texas regulators' plans to impose smog reduction measures like those for Houston.

Commissioners on Tuesday unanimously passed a resolutioj authorizing the Brazoria County district attorney to take "all appropriate legal actions" to ensure that the county receives a fair hearing before the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

The TNRCC, which has already given preliminary approval of proposed smog reduction plans for the Houston-Galveston area, is now considering testimony on the plans. A final version will be adopted in December and sent to federal

officials for consideration. County leaders want a voice in negotiations that will determine what environmental measures are adopted, Jesse Hibbetts, chairman of the Business Coalition Task Force for the Brazosport Chamber of Commerce, told the Houston Chronicle in Wednesday's editions.

#### Officials consider alcohol ban

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Comal and Guadalupe rivers are one step closer to becoming alcohol-free.

A four-day petition drive by alcohol ban supporters gathered almost twice the 1,632 signatures needed to force an election on the issue, said Kathleen Krueger, a New Braunfels resident and wife of former U.S. Sen. Bob Krueger.

The New Braunfels City Council will take the next step Friday. Members will either vote to enact the ban or call a Nov. 7 election to let voters decide.

"The people of New Braunfels have spoken out to defend their most precious resource — our two beautiful rivers," Krueger told the San Antonio Express-News in Wednesday's editions.

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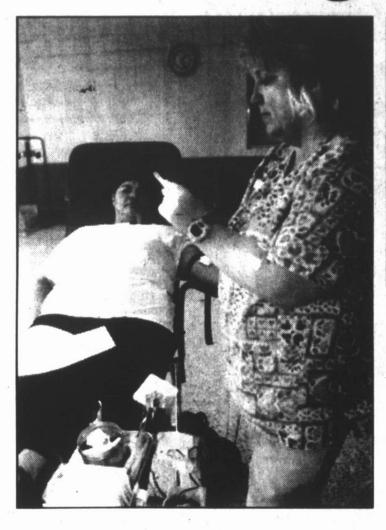
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## Willing victims





Calling it a draw - Coffee Memorial Blood Center employees were in town Tuesday collecting blood for their annual fall blood drive. Apparently there were plenty of willing victims, as the center had set a goal of 100 units from the Hereford area residents. At the end of the day, blood center staff counted 105 units. Above, client Suzi Hernandez watches the "big stick" as phlebotomist Suzie Tolbert inserts the needle. Left, phlebotomist Carolyn Bustillos prepares the sample tubes collected from donor Oralia Galindo.

## Regulators seek insurance refund

### Farmer's Group overcharged thousands of accident victims

DALLAS (AP) - State regulators are investigating one of Texas' top auto insurers for overcharging thousands of drivers who watched their premiums go up after they were involved in accidents.

The estimated overcharges by the Farmers Insurance Group could amount to several million dollars, according to the Texas Department of Insurance.

The agency said Tuesday it will seek refunds for all affected Farmers Insurance policyholders and consider fines against the company.

This will surely involve restitution and could involve some sort of punitive action, including fines,' Jim Davis, of the Department of Insurance, told Wednesday's edition of The Dallas Morning News.

A spokesman for Farmers declined to estimate the total amount of overcharges. When asked how many Farmers policyholders were affected, Bob Huxel told the newspaper, "We hope to have those numbers

firmed up by next week." The Texas Department of

Insurance began looking at the allegations after they were reported by Farmers. The company — the second

largest auto insurer in Texas with more than \$1 billion in premiums - acknowledged that a class-action lawsuit by a group of policyholders was being prepared when executives approached state regula-

That lawsuit has been abandoned now that insurance regulators are looking into the overcharges, The Morning News reported.

The excessive charges involved drivers who were in accidents in which they were at fault. Farmers reportedly levied surcharges against these at-fault policyholders for longer than state regulations allow.

Also on Tuesday, Insurance Commissioner Montemayor announced a new toll-free hotline for reporting possible insurance fraud.

Montemayor said the state loses at least \$2 billion a year to insurance scams.

He outlined the state's top 10 insurance fraud cases, which range from a Bowie County man who beat his knee with a ball peen hammer as he tried to fake injuries after falling in a fast-food restaurant to the "kingpin" of a

multimillion-dollar life insur- 10 percent of claims are ance and viatical settlement swindle in the Dallas area.

"These cases illustrate the many ways people try to cheat insurance companies and individual insurance consumers," Montemayor said.

Studies show that insurance claim fraud can add from \$200 to \$1,000 a year to the average cost of insurance for policyholders nationwide. Montemayor said the department estimates that about \$2 billion goes by the wayside in

Texas because of fraud.

fraudulent in the state.

"Insurance fraud is an increasingly expensive hidden tax' to Texas consumers and one of the most costly problems for insurance companies who are trying to serve millions of honest policyholders," said the Southwestern Insurance Information Service's Sandra Ray, who praised Montemayor's efforts.

Last year, the insurance department handled more than 2,000 complaints that led to 74 convictions. About 200 cases The department says about are under investigation now.

#### Urban sprawl threatens cemeteries

aced Central Texas constructect those that tion scene of apartments and houses sometimes crowds cemeteries and family burial plots, with graves even getting fastfood restaurants and airports as neighbors.

Some long-forgotten memorials are being destroyed in the building boom. That's prompted the Texas Historical Commission to include Travis, Williamson and Hays counties in a study of 107 of Texas' fastest-growing counties to determine graveyards' locations and conditions.

Archeologists and surveyors hope to identify cemeteries that have already been de-

AUSTIN (AP) - The fast- stroyed and take steps to pro-

"We can't protect them if we don't know where they are," Gerron Hite, the Historical Commission's cemetery preservation coordinator, told the Austin American-Statesman on Tuesday.

Hite said the study, part of a \$1.1 million project, should take four years to complete.

Cemetery destruction is a particular concern in the South, where backyard burials were more common, according to the Association of Gravestone Studies, a Massachusetts group that works nationally to preserve historic cemeteries.

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## **Emergency services**

Obituaries

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ALICE LINDELL Sept. 4, 2000

Services for Alice Lindell, 62, of Hereford will be 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Anthony's Catholic Church with Deacon Jonnny Cloud officiating. Burial will be in St. Anthony's Catholic Cemetery, under the direction of Gililland-Watson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Lindell died Monday at her home.

She was born March 30, 1938, in Water Town, S.D., to Edward Charles Stanley and Elsie Louise Nelson. She married Charles Lindell in 1964, in Water Town. She came to Deaf Smith County in 1972 from Milbank, S.D. She was a homemaker and a member of the St. Anthony's Catholic Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Kim Bristol of Hereford; two sons, Kevin Lindell of Plano and Keith Lindell of Hereford; two brothers, Edward C. "Buddy" Stanley of Splendora; Stewart Benshoof of Dell Rapids, S.D.; four sisters. Patricia York. Eva

Regnier, both of Water Town, S.D., Chrystal Davis, of Castlewood, S.D., and Dolores Rumpka of Minneapolis, Minn.; two grandchildren.

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**ANA MARIA MEDINA** Sept. 2, 2000

SUNRAY - Rosary for Ana Maria Medina, 69, of Sunray will be 7 p.m. today in Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors. Ivy Chapel, with Rev. Patrick Hoffman of St. Laurence Cathedral officiating. Burial will be at a later date in Nuevo Mamipica, Chihuahua, Mexico. Mrs. Medina died Saturday.

She was born in Caredras, Chihuahua, Mexico, and had lived in Sunray for seven years. She was a homemaker and a member of the Catholic church.

Survivors include her husband, Samuel Medina; three sons, Exequiel and Jesus Medina, both of Sunray and Armando Medina of Hereford; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

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Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Sept. 4, 2000, include the fol-

POLICE DEPARTMENT Arrests

- A 14-year-old boy was arrested at Avenue J and 16th and charged as a runaway and evading arrest.

A 36-year-old woman was arrested in the 100 block of 13th and charged with felony driving while intoxicated. Incidents

- A criminal mischief was reported in the 200 block of Avenue F.

- A woman reported her exhusband was harassing her by talking to their son, while he waited at the bus stop in the 1100 block of West Park Av-

- A woman in the 600 block of Irving reported her ex-boyfriend threatened her with bodily

 A minor traffic accident was reported in the 700 block of East Highway 60.
FIRE DEPARTMENT

- 5:48 p.m. Firefighters responded to a grassfire, 2 miles south on Highway 385. The fire was caused by a burning ciga-

- 6:45 p.m. Firefighters responded to a grassfire, 4-1/2 miles west on Highway 60. The fire was caused by a truck tire blow-out causing a spark.

- 8:55 p.m. Firefighters re-

sponded to a grassfire at Road 7 and I. The fire was caused by a controlled trash fire, getting out of control.

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# Judge offers words of wisdom Wedding for all parents getting divorced Anniversary

Dear Ann Landers: A friend sent this to me, and I hope you will find room for it in your column. It was said by Judge Michael J. Haas of Cass County, Minn., to divorcing parents. This quote is from the official transcript of the divorce proceedings. - K.W., Onalaska, Wis.

Dear K.W.: With so many marriages today ending up in divorce court, your contribution will help parents learn something truly valuable. Here are Judge Haas' words of wis-

"Your children have come into this world because of the two of you. Perhaps you two made lousy choices as to whom you decided to be the other parent. If so, that is your problem and your fault.

"No matter what you think of the other party — or what your family thinks of the other party — these children are one half of each of you.

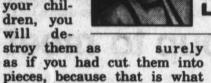
"Remember that — because every time you tell your child what an 'idiot' his father is, or what a 'fool' his mother is, or how bad the absent parent is, or what terrible things that person has done, you are telling the child that half of him

"That is an unforgivable

thing to do to a child. That is not love. That is possession. If you do that to

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"I sincerely hope that you do not do that to your children. Think more about your children, and less about yourselves. And make yours a selfless kind of love, not foolish or selfish, or your children will suffer."

you are doing to their emo-

Dear Ann Landers: I am getting married soon to a wonderful girl. I have chosen my dearest friend, "Jack," to be my best man, and three other close friends as groomsmen. My family is angry that I did not choose my brother to be my best man. They say brothers are supposed to have this honor. Is this true? Should I have chosen my brother instead of my best friend?

I am not close to my brother. In fact, we've never along, and can barely stand each other. On the other hand, Jack has been with me through thick and

thin. I have known him my entire life, and cannot imagine having anyone else be the

best man at my wedding.

I do not want to look back on this important day and be filled with resentment because I allowed my family to dictate who would stand up for me. However, if I decide to keep Jack as my best man, I will never hear the end of it from my relatives. Also, my parents may refuse to help with the wedding costs, and that could be a problem, as well.

Please tell me if I am right to insist that Jack be the best man, and if so, how I should deal with my family about this. Angry Groom

Dear Groom: According to the etiquette books, the best man is generally the brother or a close relative of the groom, but this is not mandatory. However, in the interest of family harmony, I recom-

mend that you stick with the book. To do otherwise could result in lifelong repercussions, and it just isn't worth it. Ask Jack to be a groomsman, and offer him an additional role of importance that will give him high visibility. Don't think of it as caving in. Consider it a gift to your parents.

Dear Readers: I just learned that the toughly worded essay "The Bill of No Rights," was NOT written by Mitchell Kaye, but by a man named Lewis Napper (who is running for the state senate in Mississippi). Apparently, it was misattributed as it made its way around the Internet.

Is that Ann Landers column you clipped years ago yellow with age? For a copy of her most frequently requested poems and essays, send a selfaddressed, 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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Mr. and Mrs. John Patterson ...in 2000

Patterson were honored on the occasion of their 50th anniversary with a reception on Aug. 27 at the Holiday Inn in Ama-

Hosts for the event were their children, Brenda King and Sandy Patterson of Hereford, Lisa Patterson of Electra and Greg Patterson of Randlett, Okla.

Patterson and the former Mae Blevins were married Sept. 1, 1950, in Clovis, N.M.

Mr. and Mrs. John After their marriage, they moved to California where he served in the U.S. Navy. They returned to Texas and lived in Amarillo for two years before moving to Hereford in

Mr. Patterson is self-employed as owner of JP Truck and Tire Service. Mrs. Patterson is a housewife. Both are members of the Church of Christ.

They have 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



Garden Beautiful Club president Doris Bryant (left) presents a check to benefit the Deaf Smith County Youth Home to chief juvenile probation officer Lou Serrano following his program presentation to the club.

## Bryant serves as host for first meeting of Garden Beautiful Club

Doris Bryant was hostess for the first meeting of Garden Beautiful Club on Sept. 1.

The program was given by Lou Serrano, chief probation officer at the Deaf Smith County Youth Home. Serrano said the home was started in 1994. The youth have education elected and both permits tion classes and both parents and youth have classes in substance abuse.

Serrano was presented a check by the club.

Bryant presided at the business meeting and yearbooks were presented to members.

The next meeting will be Oct. 6 in the home of Marcella McLain.

Those present were one guest Marvel Hooke and members Helen Spinks, Louise Streun, Marguerite Cole, McLain and Bryant.



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Guest speaker at the Thursday meeting of Hereford Flame Fellowship will be Vonna Ossenbeck. The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Hereford Community Center.

Ossenbeck, of Amarillo, and her husband Bill have two sons and attend the River Road Fellowship.

She is involved in Cornerstone Ministries and was

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founder and president of the Amarillo Flame Fellowship for

31/2 years. She is an ordained

minister. Ossenbeck has made several trips to Ghana, West Africa, with the last trip being the end of March of this year. She will share some of the wonderful things that the Lord did







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## Send in The Clowns



Clowns Under Construction, Hokie (front right), Lovie (back second from right) and Pepper (back right) entertained at King's Manor on Clown Day recently while residents, staff and day care children dressed as clowns and participated in the fun and games, including snow cones for dessert. Clown costume contest winners were (front from left) Janet Coleman, tie for best costume staff; Clair Harrison, best costume day care; (back from left) Barbara Sterne, best costume resident; and Rosie Tijerina, tie for best costume staff.

AT THE CENTER

## Senior Citizens

THURSDAY-Enchiladas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, salad

fixings, tostados, pineapple. FRIDAY-Catfish with lemon juice, hash brown potatoes, buttered vegetable medley, cab-bage-fruit slaw, lemon ice box

MONDAY-Chicken strips, creamed potatoes with peas, buttered carrots, cottage cheese with chopped vegetables, me-

ringue pie. TUESDAY-Chicken fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, cabbage-carrot-raisin salad, plum cobbler.

WEDNESDAY-McRibb with barbecue sauce, pinto beans, potato salad, onions, dill pickles, cherry peppers, tomato wedges, apricots, Texas toast.

**ACTIVITIES** 

THURSDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., oil painting 9-11 a.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m., TRIAD noon.

FRIDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., line dance 10-11 a.m., Thrift Store 9 a.m.-5 p.m., HSCA board meeting 9 a.m. MONDAY-Pool classes, quilt-ing 9 a.m.-3 p.m., line dance 10-11

a.m., doll class 1-4 p.m., Hereford Retired School Employees 11:30

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Alzheimer's Association, Panhandle Chapter, the Hereford support group for family caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 21 in Fellowship of Believers Church, 245 N. Kingwood, next door to August Care Center.

A support group is a gathering of people with common problems, needs and interests to share their feelings, thoughts, cerns in a combined effort to better cope with and survive the challenge presented by persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

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# Hereford stomps 'Do

The Lady Whitefaces begin the 2000 district season with a win topping Borger 15-1 and 15-6.

By Jeff Blackmon ereford Brand Sports Editor

After struggling to find their game, the Lady Whitefaces have put together four straight wins after beating Borger in

two games Tuesday night.

The Lady Herd (16-5, 1-0) defeated the Lady Bulldogs 15-1 and 15-6 to begin the district season on a high note.

"It's certainly important to

start off with a win," Girls Athletic Director and head volleyball coach Brenda Kitten said. "I felt our kids did a good job."

Kitten said she felt her team was able to stay on top of their game even when the

game tempo slowed.

"After beating them as soundly as we did in the first game I felt our kids did a good job of staying aggressive even when the pace was pretty slow," Kitten said. "I was proud of the way we stayed aggressive and fought the tendancy to slow the pace down."

The win puts the Lady Whitefaces in first place in District 3-4A with their win total. Coach Kitten said she thinks her team is performing well but still wants to work on offensive hitting and de-

"We are going to work on our quick offense and our arm swings," Kitten said. "We struggled a little bit defensively and got out of position so we will continue to work on defending that area of our

Kitten said she also wants her team to continue to work blocking even though it has improved in the last several games. Kitten said being able to block effectively has been able to help their mo-

## mentum in matches. "Our goal is to at least slow Tennis team falls to

Borger ■ Isaacson and Cosby combine for Herford's lone win

The Borger High School tennis team took care of Hereford High on Tuesday defeat-ing the Whitefaces 18-1 in Borger.

It was a tough afternoon for the Herd who only won one match.

The win was in a mixed doubles match that Hereford von 6-1 and 6-2. Ivory Isaacson and Clay Cosby combined for

The tennis team will be in action this Saturday in Hereford beginning at 1 p.m. at Hereford High School. The Whitefaces will face Pampa High School.

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down every ball with a block," Kitten said.

The win opens the district season with a win for the team, but Kitten said she thinks the district is wide open

and will be tough to win.
"I see the district as being just extremely competitive,"
Kitten said. "I think there are
going to be some upsets at
different times."

Kitten said she believes teams will have a hard time remaining focused because the district season is much longer this year than in years past. She said she also thinks it

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would be difficult for any team to go undefeated in district.

It would be unusual to have a district champion who is undefeated this year," Kitten

Kitten said each team in district seems to have a different strength this season. From Dumas' tough defense to Randall's incredible height and blocking ability District 3-4A play will be no easy task.
"This is something that you

will have to be in for the long haul," Kitten said. "You can't get too up after a win or too down after a loss, because you

have to prepare for the next them to. game.'

In the first game, the Lady Wh. efaces rolled the Lady Bulldogs behind the strong hitting of senior outside hitter Pam Klein and junior middle blocker Kali Hall. The two combined for 14 kills in the match.

Junior McKenzie Tabor and Tiffany Mercer also helped the team hitting a combined 14 serves in the match.

Kitten said she feels like several of the girls are beginning to step up at different times when the team needs

"I think in different ways several players are stepping up," Kitten said. "Sarah (Griffin) did some over the weekend and Kali (Hall) had a great match last night along with Pam Klein.

"We want to be a team that has six hitters firing the ball at any point," Kitten said. Kitten said that once the

team can reach a point where all of their pistons are firing they could be really danger-

"I think we could end up being pretty good," Kitten said. "It is little by little this season. We can have a lot of offensive weapons."

The Lady Whitefaces take on Pampa High School (3-13,1-

0) this weekend at the junior

Kitten said Pampa has two really good players who they need to shut down early to be successful.

"There is a blocker and a secondary hitter who they like to go to a lot," Kitten said. "If we can shut them down early our chances will dramatically increase.

Kitten said she hopes by shutting them down they can go on the offensive and set the ball up for their big hitters to give them a chance to

"We want to be able to pound the ball back at them," Kitten said.

The game on Saturday will begin at 3 p.m.

## Hereford Junior High takes two from Pampa

Last week, the junior high volleyball team went to Pampa and won two out of four games against their district rival.

The eighth grade A team won in three games against Pampa 15-11, 5-15 and 15-12.

Leading the A team were Amanda Enriquez and Erin Charest who served for a combined 20 points in the

The eighth grade B team fell in two games 12-15 and

13-15. Jennifer Winget served for five points in the match while Michelle Gonzalez also served for five points.

In seventh grade action, the Hereford A team lost 12-15 and 11-15, but the B team defeated their opponents 15-5 and 15-6.

Betzida Jimenez served 5 points in the A team's loss while Courtney Davison and Cassandra Sebedra combined to serve for 11 points for











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**DATES:** FINAL DAY TO REGISTER IS NOW THRU SEPTEMBER 7th.

**LEAGUE FEE**: League fee will be \$23.00. Additional family members \$18.00. (shirt included) All participants must be YMCA members. Memberships are \$7.25 for three months.

> For more information please come by the YMCA office and pick up a registration form. Scholarships are available for those who qualify for assistance.

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# Glavine wins Cy Young ba

#### Astros defeat Marlins 9-5 at Enron

(ATLANTA) AP-Tom Glavine didn't need to throw harder than Randy Johnson to outpitch the Big Unit.

Glavine won the matchup between the two leading Cy Young candidates, recovering from a tortuous first inning to lead the Atlanta Braves to a 5-2 victory over Arizona on Tuesday night.

"As a pitcher, you look forward to these kinds of matchups," said Glavine, who kept Arizona off balance with a baffling barrage of changeups and carefully placed fastballs - none clocked faster than the upper 80s.

Johnson (17-6) struck out 11 in six innings but gave up three homers - including a pair of two-run shots to Chipper Jones. The Big Unit is only 2-4 with a 3.75 ERA since starting in the All-Star game.

"He's a good hitter," Johnson said. "When you make a mistake to a good hitter, they usually hit it out."

The Braves won for only the fourth time in 12 games and kept a one-game lead over New York in the NL East. The Mets won 3-2 at Cincinnati to move five games ahead of Arizona in the wild card

In other NL games, it was San Francisco 8, Philadelphia 5; St. Louis 7, Montreal 6; Houston 9, Florida 5; Colorado 10, Chicago 2; Pittsburgh 8, Los Angeles 0; and San Diego 3, Milwaukee 1.

Glavine (19-6) allowed five hits and one earned run in seven innings. He won for the 12th time in 13 decisions and kept himself in contention for

the third Cy Young of his career, even though his ERA (3.61) is more than a run higher than Johnson's (2.45).

"I just know I've got a good thing going and I'm going to ride it for as long as I can," Glavine said.

Johnson seemed to have a lock on winning that award for the second straight year after reaching the All-Star break at 14-2 with a 1.80 ERA. But he hasn't been nearly as dominating in the second half, making critical mistakes at the most inopportune times.

"I feel like I'm pitching good," he said. "The velocity is right where it was at the beginning of the year. You've got to give the opposition some credit, too."

John Rocker pitched 1 1-3 scoreless innings for his 19th save, getting the third out in both the eighth and ninth with Mets 3, Reds 2, 10 innings Todd Zeile's solo shot off

Scott Sullivan (2-6) in the 10th helped visiting New York snap a four-game losing streak.

After losing all three games over the weekend in St. Louis by one run in the last at-bat two of them on homers by Jim Edmonds — the Mets survived another close call and turned the trend.

Turk Wendell (7-4) struck out Ken Griffey Jr. in the bottom of the ninth to get the win. Armando Benitez pitched the 10th for his 37th save. Giants 8, Phillies 5

Barry Bonds hit two home

runs for the second consecutive game and host San Francisco opened up a season-high 61/2-game lead in the NL

Bill Mueller hit the go-ahead homer off Ed Vosberg (1-1) in the seventh inning, and Rich Aurilia, Ellis Burks and J.T. Snow also homered for the Giants, who won their seventh straight game to extend their lead over Arizona.

The six homers were the most for San Francisco since hitting six on May 4, 1963, at the Polo Grounds against the New York Mets.

Cardinals 7, Expos 6
Ray Lankford homered twice
and rookie Britt Reames (1-0) didn't allow a hit for 5 2-3 innings as host St. Louis won

its sixth straight. The Cardinals matched their season-high winning streak and pulled 10 games ahead in the NL Central, also matching a season best. But they had to hang on after taking a 6-0 lead in the third.

Astros 9, Marlins 5

Tony McKnight (1-1) got his first career victory and Julio Lugo homered as Houston won before the smallest crowd at Enron Field since it opened in April.

Rockies 10, Cubs 2

Julian Tavarez (10-2) pitched four-hitter for his first career complete game and won his fifth straight start as Colo-

rado beat Chicago.

Todd Walker homered,
tripled, singled and drove in three runs, going 3-for-3. Todd Helton was 2-for-4 with a solo home run, leaving his batting average at .387.



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Feb. 9	BORGER	AWAY	6:00
Feb. 13	PAMPA	HOME	6:00

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**EQUIPMENT**: Girls will have to supply their own shoes and kneepads (optional). Only tennis shoes will be permitted for play and practice.

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CHICAGO (AP) — Ruben Sierra is back in the majors for the first time since 1998.

The Texas Rangers called the veteran outfielder up Tuesday, allowing him to rejoin the team he broke in with in 1986.

"I want to thank God and the Rangers for giving me the opportunity to be here,' Sierra said before Tuesday night's game against the White Sox.

Sierra got his first major league at-bat since he was with the White Sox in 1998 when he flied out as a pinchhitter in the ninth inning of the Rangers' 2-1 victory over Chicago

Sierra also has played with Oakland, the New York Yankees, Detroit and Cincinnati.





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## CHENEY'S ADVICE

## ■ Bush's running mate had hand in developing strategy for Ford in 1976 campaign

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) - As chief aide to President Ford, Dick Cheney helped craft a battle plan to defeat Jimmy Carter that questioned whether he was ready for the White House, memos show.

Challenge him to debates, then try to get him to come across as "fuzzy and indecisive" on issues such as domestic affairs, the economy, national defense and foreign policy, Cheney advised.

The strategies were captured in a post-

1976 election essay Cheney wrote that is on file here at Ford's presidential library.

"We did not believe his 'trust me' approach would be very effective in a debate setting when he was asked for specific views

on major national issues," Cheney wrote of Georgia's then-governor.

A version of Cheney's plan could be dusted off and used this fall against his dusted off and used this fall against his current boss, Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush, another southern governor being portrayed by opponents as not up to the job.

This time, Cheney is Bush's running mate and his three decades of Washington arraying as White House side servers.

experience as White House aide, congressman and defense secretary are being counted on to add gravitas to the Texas governor's

If Cheney's memos offer any clues, he believes formal debates can alter a presidential race.

Cheney wrote that the three 1976 presidential debates helped Ford transform what had been 30-point runaway for Carter into a close race — despite a famous blunder in one, when Ford suggested Eastern Europe then was not under Soviet domination.

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part of that success and would recommend them again under similar circumstances.' Cheney wrote in 1977 in "The 1976 Presi-

dential Debates: A Republican Perspective." Debates have proved important in some elections. In 1960, they provided a defining advantage for John F. Kennedy over Rich-

In a 1992 debate with challenger Bill Clinton, Bush's father was seen on television glancing at his watch as if he was in a hurry to get it done.

So far, the younger Bush and Democratic rival Al Gore haven't agreed on debates.

Bush has agreed to three debates, but

only one of three 90-minute meetings proposed by the bipartisan commission that has sponsored presidential debates since 1988. Gore rejected the offer, saying Bush must agree to the commission debates as he has done - before any others.

If nothing else, debates can give candidates their largest television audiences of the campaign season and help voters make closure about their choice.

That was Cheney's hope in 1976, accord-

ing to his 53-page essay.

Cheney said Ford launched his re-election campaign in an unusual environment for an incumbent. Having been appointed Nixon's vice president and vaulted to the presidency by Nixon's resignation, Ford had no national campaign organization in place for 1976.

Several factors also conspired against him: residual high unemployment and high inflation, Watergate's legacy and the related pardon of Nixon that ended the Ford administration's "early honeymoon," Cheney

By Mort Walker

By Fred Lasswell

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## TV executives say no to Bush's plan

NEW YORK (AP) --- Executives at ABC and CBS said they would not broadcast presidential debates organized by rival networks CNN and NBC, as proposed by Republi-can candidate George W. Bush.

Instead of agreeing to three 90-minute, nationally televised debates in October as proposed by the Commission on Presidential Debates, Bush has said he would participate in one of those debates and two others suggested by NBC

and CNN.

One would match the two contenders in a prime-time version of NBC's Sunday morning talk show, "Meet the Press," moderated by Tim Russert. The other would be an edition of Larry King's talk show on CNN.

The Gore campaign has said it would not agree to Bush's plan unless Bush also committed to all three commission debates with their potentially wide viewership.

"We will not carry another network's programming," said Paul Friedman, executive vice president of ABC News. ABC would cover such an event within its news programs if news were made, but would nop broadcast it, he said. Asked why, Friedman said,

"It's so obvious. ... We're not in the business of carrying the efforts of another network, where we have no control over the format or the questions

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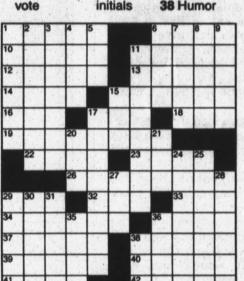
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· Don't use abbreviations. It's tempting to abbreviate and save money if ads are billed by the line. Brand ads are billed by the words, so spell them out so readers won't be confused trying to figure out abbreviations.

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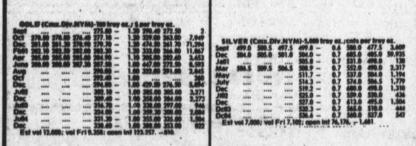
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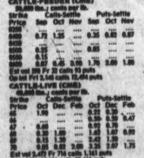
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# Wildfire refugees return

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — The last wildfire refugees were trickling back to their homes as officials lifted the remaining evacuation orders in parts of southwestern Montana.

The blazes had forced residents of nearly 100 homes to flee the scenic Bitterroot Valley, some as long as a month ago, said Jim Chinn of the Ravalli County Sheriff's Department.

Across the state Tuesday, road barriers and land-closure signs came down as iillions of acres of land were reopened to hikers and other outdoors enthusiasts, though some fire- an army of some 11,000

danger restrictions remained. Similar conditions in Idaho enabled officials to reopen more than 2 million acres that had been closed there.

"It's just nice to have the trails open so you can go out during your lunch hour and take a break when it's a nice, sunny day," said Mark Bisom, who was finally able to ride his mountain bike through Helena National Forest.

Nearly 20 million acres of public, state and private land had been closed in Montana, about one-fifth of the state.

Though the weather and

firefighters seemed to be getting the upper hand on wildfires that have this year blackened 846,000 acres in the state, the threat in the West was far from over.

Eighty-one large fires are burning on 1.5, million acres in Arkansas, California, Idaho, Mississippi, Nevada, South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming and Texas.

In Texas, a blaze west of San Antonio kept about 250 people out of their homes Tuesday. North of Houston, about 100 residents were evacuated to a middle school until a 300-acre fire was contained.

David Whitehead refused to leave his New Caney home in the path of the raging southeast Texas blaze.

"I had to stay and help," Whitehead said Tuesday as he patrolled his yard with garden hose in hand. "I

couldn't leave my house."

Crews from Georgia, South Carolina, and Florida are helping battle fires burning roughly 8,000 acres of the drought-stricken state.

Only part of the hard-hit Bitterroot National Forest in Montana reopened Tuesday, but officials said additional land

State officials estimate that 29,000 fires have burned more than 550,000 acres of grass, brush and forest across the state so far this year. These figures are based on fire reports from the Texas Forest Service, federal agencies and an estimate five to 10 percent of fire departments across the state.

"Texas is ripe for disastrous wildfires," Jim Blott, chief of fire mitigation with the Texas Forest Service in Conroe, said in a press release. "Vegetation is extremely dry, and every wildfire that occurs carries the potential for rapid growth and tremendous destruction."

Blott labeled as "ominous" a report that revealed numerous burn ban violations in some areas. He noted that one urban county had issued 48 citations for burn ban violations over a recent four-day period, and Texas Forest Service fire crews in other areas have had to battle recent fires started by illegal burning.

The Texas Forest Service strongly urges compliance with

bans on outdoor burning, Blott said. As of Aug. 30, 171 counties had bans on open outdoor burning in place. Agency fire control officials warn that those who disobey or disregard burning bans put themselves and their neighbors at risk.

Burning trash and brush during current dry conditions is taking an extreme risk, Blott said. He noted that the odds of a fire getting out of control are extremely high, and even very

small sparks may ignite dangerous wildfires.

"As dry as it is, too many things can happen with outdoor burning, and most of them are bad," he said. "The Texas Forest Service urges all outdoor users to exercise extreme caution to make sure that their actions don't spark a danger-ous and potentially deadly wildfire."

The fire prevention leader suggested several safety precautions to help prevent wildfires. Avoid driving into or parking over tall grass. Use an approved gas stove for heating and cooking instead of a campfire. Use charcoal grills only in developed areas away from dry grass and leaf litter. Do not transport mobile barbecue smokers/grills with live coals;

extinguish coals and embers dead out by soaking them in

water. Dispose of smoking materials properly.

## Gore unveiling his spending proposal

CLEVELAND (AP) — Al Gore is offering up a voluminous and detailed spending plan for the nation, promising to create 10 million high-tech jobs, send poverty to histori-cal lows and boost family income by a third if his policies are put in place.

The real question is how do we keep our economy strong, how do we do the right thing for the American people?" Gore told ABC's "Good Morning America" before an-

Wednesday. "That's why I'm putting out these specific goals."

Senior aides familiar with Gore's plan, titled "Prosperity for America's Families," said by focusing on paying down the national debt, it cast the Democratic presidential candidate as the fiscal conservative in his fight with Republican George W. Bush.

Gore said his plan also would make Social Security "abso-

nouncing his full proposal lutely safe and sound into the second half of this century." In contrast, he called Bush's plan "Social Security minus."

And Gore chided Bush for his refusal to participate in all three debates proposed by the Commission on Presidential Debates. Bush wants to do one of those events and two others each sponsored by a single TV network.
"What's wrong with those

Commission debates, is it that too many people will be watch-

ing?" Gore asked on CBS' "Early Show."

Gore described his speech today at Cleveland State University, designed to essentially lay out the first budget he would send to Congress if elected, as "comprehensive and detailed and chock-full of specifics." It is part of his ongoing effort to argue to voters that he is offering them specifics and real choices while Bush is serving up vague pro-

# Millennium summit has a rough start

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## News digest

UNITED NATIONS- For a conference aimed at ending poverty and forging peace in the 21st century, the U.N. Millennium Summit got off to an awkward start with North Korea's No. 2 leader calling

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off his trip after an airport dispute.

But the largest gathering of world leaders in history, opening today with an address from President Clinton, is going ahead with speeches by Secretary-General Kofi Annan. Cuban

President Fidel Castro and dozens of other heads of state. North Korea denounced the United States as a "rogue state" Tuesday, claiming the government was responsible



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in West Timor riot

for allegedly ordering the search of members of the delegation as they switched planes in Germany. The incident prompted Pyongyang to call off the summit trip by Kim Yong Nam,

head of the commu-

ment, who had been scheduled to meet South Korean

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Thousands of rioting refugees and pro-Indonesian militia members attacked a U.N. office in West Timor on Wednesday, killing at least three foreign U.N. aid workers, the Indonesian military and witnesses said.

Sgt. Joseph Carvalo said an angry crowd beat the three to death and then burned their bodies along with a car in front of the U.N. office in the border town of Atambua.

The nationalities of the murdered victims was not immediately known. However, Carvalo

said a Brazilian U.N. worker was also badly injured. U.N. peacekeepers in neighboring East Timor were preparing to enter Indonesian-controlled West Timor to evacuate other U.N. workers trapped in Atambua.

Gates Foundation helping schools

SEATTLE - Secondary school students in six states may soon be getting a little help thanks to a gift by Microsoft Corp. founder Bill Gates and his wife.

The Bill & Melinda Gates

Foundation has given \$5.7 million to a University of Washington institute to help eight urban school districts nationwide collaborate to create small secondary schools. The university's Institute for K-12 Leadership will help the schools use technology, create learning opportunities outside the classroom, and foster relationships between students and mentors. The eight districts involved are in Detroit; Cleveland; Cincinnati; East Saint Louis, Ill.; Kansas City, Mo.; Boston; Compton, Calif., and Wan Francisco.

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