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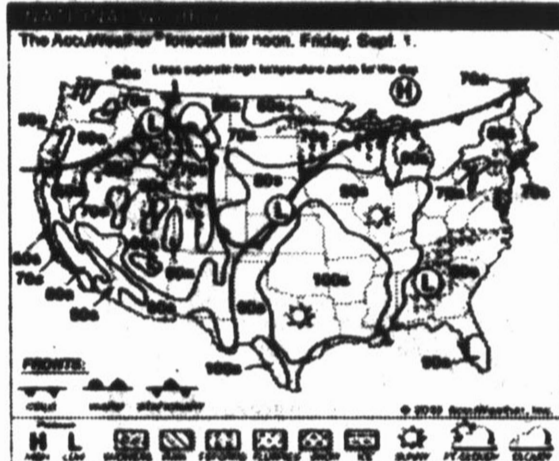
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Today's weather OUTLOOK



Scattered showers fall across far West Texas

Scattered rainfall dampened far West Texas for the second day while other parts of the state prepared to bake in triple-digit temperatures under mostly clear skies, according to Associated Press reports.

Showers and thunderstorms developed overnight in the Trans Pecos and Big Bend area, with some rainfall heavy in the Guadalupe Mountains, and moving northeasterly at 20 mph. A surface trough extended through the Panhandle into the far west while the rest of the state was largely under a high-pressure system's influence, limiting moisture.

A heat advisory was posted for North Texas and the Dallas-Fort Worth area, which has gone 61 days without measurable rainfall and 38 days with temperatures at or over the century mark.

Early-morning temperatures Thursday were in the upper 60s in the mountains and far west, with 70s to low 80s elsewhere. Extremes were 60 degrees at Guadalupe Pass to 83 at Port Aransas.

Daytime highs were expected in the upper 90s to 107 in North Texas, with about 100 along the Rio Grande and Big Bend, with low 90s along the coast.

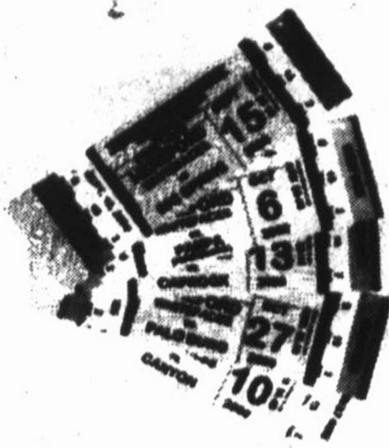
Lows overnight should be in the 60s to 80s, except for some 50s in the mountains.

A slight chance of thunderstorms was possible through Friday across parts of the Texas Panhandle into the western South Plains as well as from the Guadalupe Mountains and upper Trans Pecos into the Big Bend.

Hereford weather

Wednesday's high, 90; low, 65; no precipitation, according to KPAN Radio.

A painter working at the E.B. Black House was misidentified in the caption of a photograph on Page A1 of Wednesday's *Hereford Brand*. The painter is Michael Gavina.



SEASON TICKETS

Herd fans have one more day to make sure they don't have to stand in line

Season tickets for the 2000 Hereford Whiteface varsity football season will be on sale until Friday at the Hereford Independent School District Administration Building, 601 N. 25 Mile Ave. The tickets cost \$20 and will cover five football games. The first home game of the season will be Sept. 15 when Hereford plays host to the Big Spring Steers. Homecoming will be Oct. 6

and the foe is district rival Pampa. Corinne Hardage, accounts payable-data entry clerk for the HISD, said she has sold more season tickets this year than last year. "I have sold a lot of season tickets already that weren't bought last year," Hardage said last week. "I think this will be one of our best years in a while." For more information, call Hardage at 363-7600.



Quick action saves lives

By Dianna F. Dandridge

Hereford Brand Staff Writer

Swift actions by a Hereford resident to a Wednesday afternoon wreck may well have saved the lives of at least seven people when one vehicle ignited after the wreck.

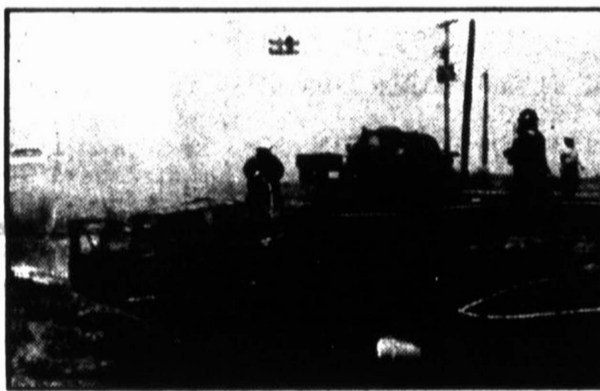
Martha Jane Barrientez, who was traveling the same road as one of the involved vehicles, managed to evacuate victims before the flames could injure them.

The accident, which occurred about 3:15 p.m. Wednesday at the intersection of Farm Roads 2943 and 1259 injured seven people and destroyed both vehicles.

The accident involved a one-ton flatbed construction truck driven by David Joe Lozano of Salina and a late-model Mercury Cougar driven by Mona Rivera of Dimmitt. There were six passengers in the Rivera car.

Texas Department of Public Safety reports indicate Lozano failed to yield the right of way in the westbound lane of FM1259, striking Rivera's southbound vehicle in the left front quarter panel.

The force of the impact caused the flatbed truck to roll over and forced the Cougar into the ditch. The Cougar then ignited and was fully engulfed in flames when the Hereford Volunteer Fire Department arrived. At one



Hereford Volunteer Fire Department crews (top and above) extinguish a blaze that engulfed an automobile involved in an accident Wednesday afternoon at the intersection of Farm Roads 2943 and 1259.

point, the flames were severe enough to warrant the use of foam to extinguish them.

Both drivers and one passenger were transported to Hereford Regional Medical Center, with non-life threatening injuries. Three children were transported to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo via Lifestar. All were treated and released. One passenger was treated at the scene, but refused further medical attention.

DPS Sgt. Ben Urbanczyk said Barrientez may receive a commendation for her help in evacuating the victims. She suffered minor burns to her hands. More than one citation may be issued because of the number of passengers and number of seatbelts.

MEDICAID

Judge says Texas' program doesn't do justice to poor

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas' failure to live up to a 1996 agreement to make major improvements to its Medicaid program is hurting poor children, a federal judge has found in ruling that the state has not adequately cared for 1.5 million low-income youngsters.

U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice says the state was not adequately providing dental care, regular checkups, transportation to doctors or information about what services are available to children in Medicaid, despite its promise four years ago to make changes.

The decision immediately became fodder for the presidential candidates, with Democrat Al Gore criticizing Republican rival George W. Bush, the governor of Texas.

Democrats planned to highlight the ruling Thursday in a number of ways, including in paid advertising, sources said.

Gore's campaign cited the ruling as an example of what it says it Bush's lack of leadership on child health issues.

The vice president regularly complains that there are 1.4 million Texas children without health insurance and that Bush tried to limit eligibility for a new program aimed at getting health care coverage to the children in working poor families.

Bush and top aides traveling with him Wednesday were caught off guard by the decision. He told reporters that he had not reviewed the order by Justice.

"But we have a good record signing people up to Medicaid," Bush said, without mentioning the services children get once they are signed up — the subject of the case.

The state attorney general plans to appeal. The ruling gives the state 60 days to come up with a solution — making it due just before the Nov. 7 presidential election.

Gore declined to comment, saying he hadn't read the decision. But others weighed in for him.

"Governor Bush has an obligation to explain that strong and very troubling court decision," said running mate Joseph Lieberman.

The state signed a consent decree promising change in 1996. The court issued a ruling Aug. 14 saying the state had failed to fix the program, which serves about 1.5 million Texans under age 18. Another 1.4 million are uninsured, about 600,000 of whom are eligible for Medicaid but not enrolled.

Children's advocates said they want to move beyond court fights and political battles.

"This is about the children of the state of

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Factory orders drop sharply

7.5% plunge in July is biggest ever for airplanes

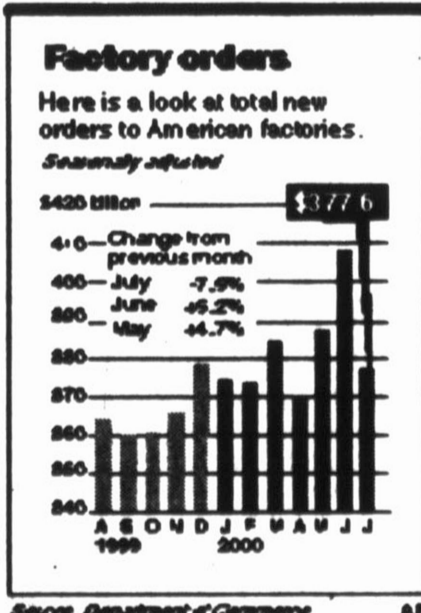
WASHINGTON (AP) — Orders to American factories plunged by a record 7.5 percent in July, led by the biggest-ever one-month drop in demand for airplanes and other transportation equipment.

The Commerce Department reported Thursday that total factory orders fell to a seasonally adjusted \$377.6 billion in July, down from \$408.1 billion the month before.

The drop was bigger than the 6.8 percent decline many analysts expected. On Wall Street, stocks moved upward today. In the first hour of trading, the Dow Jones industrial average added 140 points and the Nasdaq gained 68.

In June, factory orders rose 5.2 percent, according to revised figures. That was slightly weaker than the government reported one month ago.

The Federal Reserve has boosted interest rates six times over the last 14 months to slow the economy and keep inflation under control. The Fed's rate increases are designed



Source: Department of Commerce AP

to make borrowing more expensive and cool demand for big-ticket items such as cars and homes.

In another report, the government said consumers spent \$5.5 billion shopping in cyberspace during the second quarter of the year out of total retail sales during the period of \$815.7 billion.

That means of every \$100 in retail sales rung up during the April-June quarter, 68 cents was spent online, the Commerce Department estimated.

The second-quarter figures on e-commerce represented an increase of 5.3 percent from first-quarter online sales of \$5.2 billion. The government in March began issuing quarterly estimates of such sales in an effort to show the impact the Internet is having on the American economy.

In a third report, the number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits fell last week by 3,000 to 318,000, but the level of claims still suggested that the tight labor market is loosening a bit.

In the factory-orders report, orders for transportation equipment fell a record 31.8 percent in July. That was mostly due to a drop in demand for airplanes and aircraft parts, the government said. In June, transportation orders rose a huge 41.6 percent.

Excluding the volatile transportation category, factory orders fell a more modest 2.6 percent in July. The transportation sector swings widely from month to month because it includes costly items such as airplanes, ships and tanks.

Orders for electronic and electrical equipment, including household appliances and communications equipment, declined by 17.2 percent in July, following a 0.5 percent decrease the month before.

Orders for durable goods — big-ticket manufactured items expected to last at least three years — fell by a record 12.4 percent after a 9.2 percent increase in June.

Orders for primary metals, which includes steel, went down by 1.6 percent, in July, following a 0.8 percent increase.

Demand for nondurable goods, such as food and fuel, fell 0.3 percent, after a 0.1 percent decrease in June.

There was a bright spot in the report. Orders for industrial machinery, including computers and machine tools, rose by 5.5 percent in July on top of a 0.1 percent June increase.

However, shipments, a barometer of current production, fell by 1.2 percent last month after posting a 0.8 percent increase in June.

Scrimmage begins at 7:30 p.m.

LABOR DAY CLOSINGS

All federal, state, county and municipal offices will be closed Monday to allow their employees to observe the Labor Day holiday.

All financial institutions also will be closed Monday for the holiday, as will all post offices. There will be no residential or business mail delivery, although special delivery mail will be delivered.

The *Hereford Brand* will be closed Monday, which will affect deadlines for the Tuesday edition. The deadline for classified advertising in Tuesday's paper will be 1 p.m. Friday and the deadline for display advertising will be 3 p.m. Friday. The newspaper office will reopen at 8 a.m. Tuesday.

There will be no classes in Hereford Independent School District on Monday, with classes resuming at the normal hours on Tuesday.

AUGUST 31 2000

HEREFORD BRAND

Local roundup

• Recycling day underway •

Hereford Beautification Alliance, with the assistance of students from Community Christian School, will again hold a recycling collection day on Saturday, Sept. 9 in St. Anthony's parking lot from 9-11 a.m. Acceptable items will include paper, batteries and all metals. Plastic or glass will not be accepted.

Also on Sept. 9, HBA will host its annual membership meeting at 7 p.m. at the Hereford Community Center. Hamburgers will be served and everyone in the community who is interested is invited to attend.

• Cancer support group forming •

Cancer survivors and those currently undergoing cancer treatment are invited to attend an organizational meeting at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the lounge of the Hereford Community Center. The purpose of the group is to offer verbal support and be a connecting link to available resources. For more information, call 364-6560 or 364-2334.

• Benefit car wash •

Friends and family of Mary Rivera are sponsoring a benefit car wash from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, in the Hair Gallery parking lot, 323 N. 25 Mile Ave. Proceeds from the car wash will go to help with medical expenses relating to a kidney transplant for Mary Rivera.

• Summer's end blood drive •

The Coffee Memorial Blood Center will be in Hereford from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 5, at the Hereford Community Center for its annual end of summer blood drive. They will be trying to collect 100+ units of blood.

• St. Anthony's PTO fund raiser •

The annual St. Anthony's PTO Spice/Gift/Wrap Sale is going on, now through Sept. 6. The funds raised will assist in the continued "Education That Last 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 at 364-8760.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News digest

• Family murderer executed •

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) - A paroled burglar who killed his parents and sister by beating them with a hammer and stabbing them with a butcher knife was executed in the Texas death chamber Wednesday evening.

In a lengthy statement, Jeffery Henry Caldwell expressed love for his family, love for his daughter, thanks to his attorneys and urged fellow death row inmates to "keep your heads up."

To his brothers, who testified against him at his trial, he said he loved them with all his heart. "You will have to face the justice of God," he said. "I can forgive you all but you must ask for forgiveness from God. I leave now to join my parents and my only sister."

"As the drugs began taking effect, he coughed, gasped and then made a snoring sound. He was pronounced dead eight minutes later at 6:25 p.m. CDT. Caldwell, 37, was the sixth Texas prisoner to receive lethal injection this month and the 32nd this year.

He maintained his innocence in a statement he wrote shortly before he was given the lethal injection. "I still to this day scream out that I did not kill them," he said. "I accept the blame for what happened to my parents and only sister but did not kill them or beat them or shoot them."

The three victims were found stuffed in a motor home parked in the driveway of their Dallas home. Caldwell told police his parents, Henry and Gwendolyn Caldwell, and his 19-year-old sister, Kimberly, had run into his knife during an argument. It was remembered as "the 'magic knife' confession," by former Dallas County assistant prosecutor Andy Beach this week. "But he forgot to say he had hit each of them a couple of times with a claw hammer," Beach said.

Caldwell, who moved with his family to Texas in 1980 from their native Chicago, already was known to authorities. He had been convicted of burglary and robbery and had been on parole for about four months when he murdered his family members. He repeated claims that his criminal past prompted a jury to convict and condemn him and that the murders were committed by drug dealers he had ripped off.

• Judge orders new sentencing trial •

DALLAS (AP) - A Texarkana man whose death sentence in a boy's slaying was overturned after he spent almost 20 years on death row will receive a new sentencing trial on orders of a federal judge.

Delma Banks Jr.'s verdict in the 1980 slaying of a 16-year-old boy stands, but U.S. District Judge David Folsom gave Bowie County 120 days to hold a new sentencing trial.

Folsom's ruling adopts a report and recommendation by U.S. Magistrate Judge Caroline Malone, who was concerned about adequacy of Banks' trial defense and the legal effort mounted in the sentencing phase of the capital murder case, according to the Texarkana Gazette's Thursday editions.

Also, Folsom agreed with Malone that information about a witness, who was a paid police informant, should have been shared with the jury.

Folsom's ruling will be appealed to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, District Attorney Bobby Lockhart told the newspaper. Banks, now 40, was convicted in the death of Wayne Whitehead, 16, who worked with Banks at a Texarkana restaurant.

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Limon and Geraldo Rios took a late afternoon play break to enjoy the all time favorite summer treat. Even though the watermelon may not be enough to satisfy their hunger all night, it will at least tide them over till supper is ready.

Trauma physicians unionize

Doctors want more say in hiring and patient care practices

AUSTIN (AP) - Doctors at a Central Texas hospital have unionized in what is believed to be the nation's first such labor organization of emergency room doctors.

The new union at Seton Hospital wants a greater say in hiring policies and patient-care practices, according to Dr. John Calomeni, a union representative who has worked in the emergency room for nine years. The labor group, believed to be the first ever covering ER doctors, "may be the harbinger of more unions in emergency medicine," Dr. Robert McNamara, president of the American Academy of Emergency Medicine, told the Austin American-Statesman in Thursday's editions.

Several doctors said they formed the union as a last resort. The move, which the National Labor Relations Board has recognized, followed a conflict between a group of rank-and-file doctors and the physicians who manage them.

Amid faltering contract negotiations, the union last week filed an unfair labor practice charge with the NLRB, accusing managers of not negotiating in good faith.

"It's been gut-wrenching to deal with these issues," Dr. Dennis Watts, a union repre-

sentative who has been at Seton eight years, said. "Most of us don't like to be confrontational with our employer. We felt we were reasoned in our approach and they were unreasonable."

The NLRB has begun to investigate the complaint and will give it higher priority "because it is a refusal-to-bargain charge," said Martha Kinard, a regional lawyer for the board in Fort Worth.

She said it will take about two months to determine whether the charge has merit.

Calomeni said Third Coast Emergency Physicians, which employed the doctors as contract workers, raised patient fees about 25 percent last year but kept the doctors' pay sta-

tionary, netting the managers a profit of \$1.7 million. He called the practice "fee-splitting" and unethical.

Representatives of the management company said the organization is negotiating in good faith.

But McNamara said such physician management organizations guard profits and short change their physician workers by keeping secret how much is being billed to patients and how much is collected.

Drs. Sam Roberts and Bruce Moskow, the ER managers, referred all questions to their lawyer, Jim Gary. He read a statement that McNamara's views do not represent those of most emergency physicians.

Pilots cast contract agreement ballots

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - Pilots for American Airlines will soon begin voting on a tentative contract agreement with the nation's No. 2 carrier.

Ballots will be mailed out

Thursday to nearly 11,000 members of the Allied Pilots Association and counted on Sept. 20, a union spokesman said. The union's board voted 12-to-5 to recommend approval of the deal reached by the airline and union negotiators in July.

The agreement would give pilots a 5.5 percent pay increase by Aug. 31, 2001 while letting the airline expand its use of 50-seat regional jets at its lower-cost American Eagle commuter division, which the union feared could reduce flights for its members. The deal would also relieve the union of liability for a \$45.5 million fine it received after a pilots' sickout in February 1999.

As an added inducement to the pilots, the airline's top executive offered to move up talks on the next contract if pilots accept the tentative deal.

The gesture by Don Carty,

chief executive of American's parent, AMR Corp., came in response to the pending tentative agreement between United Airlines and its pilots. "We want this to be the best place to work, and that means we want to have as good a contract as anybody in the industry in every work group," Carty told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in Thursday's editions.

"We want our customers to get the best product, and we want our shareholders to get results here that are as good as an investment at Delta or United," he said.

American's pilots will want to match the United deal, which reportedly calls for raises up to 28.5 percent and additional cost-of-living raises of 4 percent for four years.

"It appears to be an excellent deal for the (United) pilots, so our pilots understandably don't want to fall behind

their counterparts in what they're paid," said Gregg Overman, spokesman for the Allied Pilots Association.

In his letter to union president Rich LaVoy, Carty said the United agreement "does potentially change the competitive landscape" in the airline industry.

Carty offered to start discussions earlier and "work together to address our competitive realities and the pilots' career issues in a more timely manner. Our competitive reality has changed, and that is why I am making this offer."

If American's pilots accept the tentative deal, Carty wrote, the airline would agree to open talks by Aug. 31 of next year and earlier if pilots for Delta Air Lines reach agreement with that carrier.

Currently, the next contract for American's pilots comes up for negotiation on Aug. 31, 2002.

Wildfires burn 3,000 East Texas acres

STRAWN, Texas (AP) - Stiff southerly winds pushed a 3,000-acre wildfire close to several towns north of Interstate 20 in North Texas, the Texas Forest Service said Wednesday.

No injuries were reported, but several elderly residents complaining of breathing problems were evacuated from the town of Strawn, forest service spokesman John Gumert said. Strawn is located just north of Interstate 20, about 80 miles

west of Fort Worth.

Gumert said the blaze was sparked Tuesday by a traffic accident on Interstate 20 and charred about 250 acres before it was brought under control. But Wednesday, gusty winds and an ample supply of parched grassland and cedar trees helped the fire swell to 3,000 acres. "It took off with the winds this afternoon," Gumert said.

The fire damaged a power line owned by Texas-New

Mexico Power Co., knocking out electricity for several hours to about 1,800 customers in Strawn, Gordon, Mingus and parts of Lake Palo Pinto. Gumert said crews stopped the blaze about two miles east of Strawn, and Mingus and Gordon appeared safe for now. "Strawn we feel is fairly well safe. We don't feel the fire will advance in that direction," he said.

Firefighting efforts were to continue Thursday morning.

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Dear Ann Landers: I recently attended a birthday party for a girl who just turned 14. After the cake was served, her mother brought in the gifts. Several of the gifts were envelopes from relatives — meaning cards with cash or gift certificates. The mother insisted that the girl open each envelope and thank the giver. This would have been fine, but then, she told the birthday girl she must mention the amount received. Even worse, an uncle sat nearby and calculated the total after each card was opened, and announced it to the guests.

I was appalled by the commercial aspects of the party, and felt this was in very poor taste. Opening gifts at a baby shower is one thing, but cash at a birthday party should be private. I cringed throughout the entire process. Everyone tried to be polite, and "ohed" and "ahed" when large amounts were mentioned, but later, several guests told me how uncomfortable they were. I can guarantee you I will never give anyone in that family another cash gift.

Tell me, Ann, was this totally inappropriate? Am I pathetically out of date? Please set me straight. — Bay Area Questioner

Dear Questioner: You are not out of date. Announcing to the guests the amounts of the checks was grossly inappropriate, or more to the point, just plain tacky. Those envelopes should have been opened privately.

Money gifts are fine, but it should never be cash, which can be misplaced. Also, once cash is removed from the envelope, the recipient has no way of knowing who gave what. Checks are much classier, and also enable you to have a record of what you have given.

Dear Ann Landers: This letter is for "Formerly Soggy Sister," whose husband wet the bed. For 14 years, I lived with my husband's bed-wetting problem. I often had to change the sheets in the middle of the night, and change my nightgown, as well. He ruined several mattresses. Even though I knew he didn't do this on purpose, I had a lot of anger to deal with. We couldn't visit or spend the night away from home. We couldn't allow

our children to crawl into the bed with us. I spent many nights on the couch or in bed with one of my children in order to get a dry night's sleep.

My husband was very embarrassed about this. We talked to his doctor, who sent him for tests to check the size of his bladder. Finally, his urologist sent us to a sleep disorder clinic, where we finally got our answer — he has sleep apnea.

My husband now wears a mask to bed at night. It is attached to a machine that gently forces air into his nose while he sleeps. Since he started with this treatment, I'm back in bed with him. We have had very few wet nights, and he feels so much better. He awakens each morning rested, and he no longer falls asleep at the dinner table. He also used to fall asleep while driving, which was dangerous and frightening.

I urge anyone suffering from bed-wetting or a need to urinate at night to check with a urologist about a sleep disorder clinic. It changed our lives. — Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Little Rock: Thank you for letting us know. Those who would like more information on being tested for sleep apnea can contact the American Sleep Apnea Association, 1424 K St., N.W., Suite 302, Washington, D.C. 20005 (www.sleepapnea.org).

Dear Readers: Think you've heard everything? Well, hold on for this one. According to The Southside Times, the city of Beech Grove, Ind., received a bill from the Internal Revenue Service for 1 cent. Apparently, when the city submitted a payment for an undisclosed amount, it was 1 cent short. The penalty was \$1,999. They sent in the penny, and the matter was resolved with the IRS in a friendly fashion.

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Cancer center offers dates for breast cancer screenings

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at South Plains Health Care Providers, Inc., 110 N. 25 Mile Ave., Suite A, on Sept. 8 and 11.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram. Each woman screened will receive a breast health risk appraisal and individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination.

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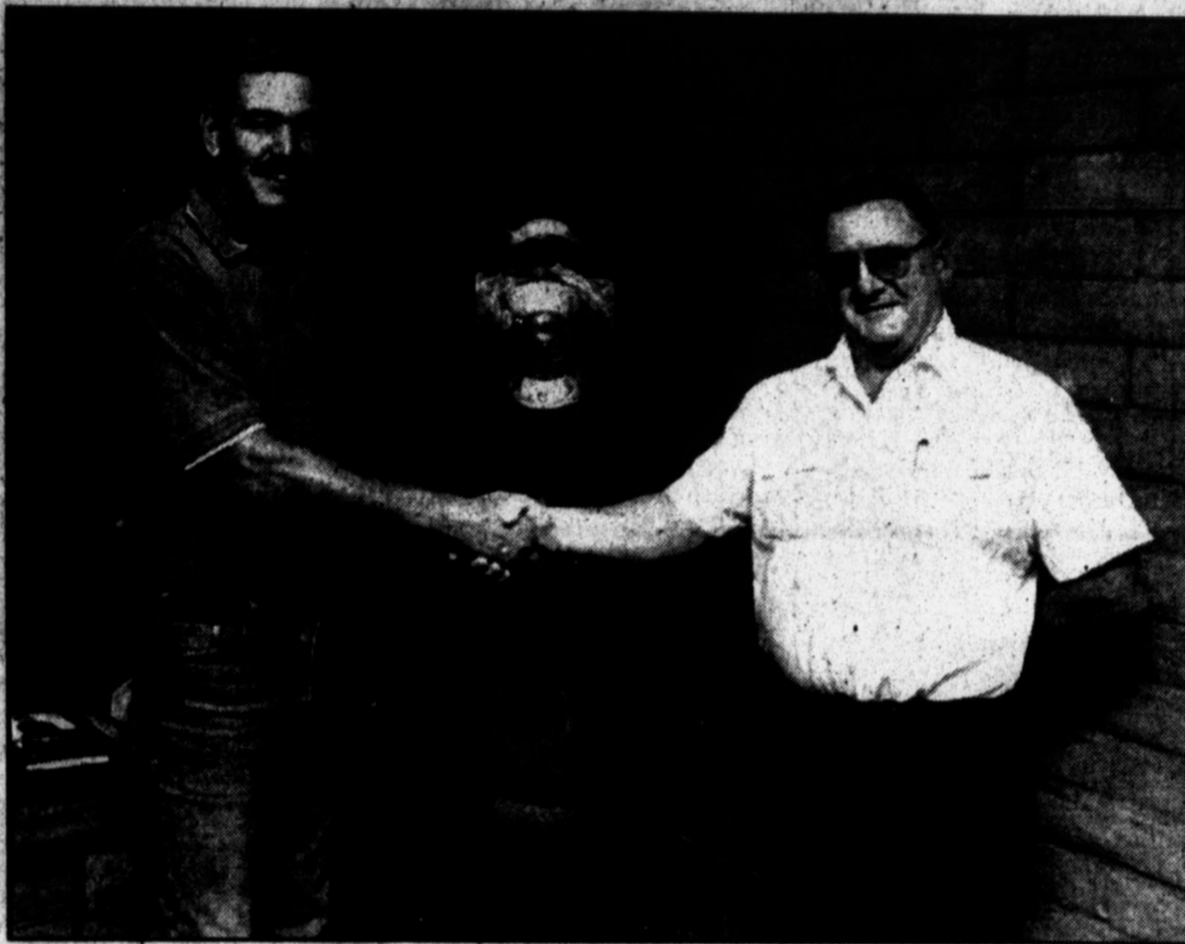
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GOT THE TIME?



Mikie Solomon (right) receives congratulations from Dennis Hicks, Rotary Club member who sold the winning ticket, on winning the grandfather clock shown. The Rotary Club sold chances on the clock during the Town and Country Jubilee and Solomon's name was drawn during intermission at the Miss Hereford/Little Miss Hereford Pageant.

Xi Epsilon Alpha rounds 'em up as year begins

Xi Epsilon Alpha chapter of Beta Sigma Phi began its club year with a "round up" on Aug. 26 in the home of Peggy Hyer. Members donned western attire to celebrate the first meeting of the year.

The event was hosted by the social committee, which is chaired by Holly Bixler and Kay Williams.

President Shelley Lewis led the opening ritual and committee chairman announced plans for the coming year. The first meeting will be Sept. 5 with Tamara Mimms as hostess and Deann Harris as co-hostess.

A brunch followed the meet-

ing with dining outdoors. Table decorations of bandanas and oil lamps carried out the western theme.

On the chuck wagon were egg casserole, potato casserole, bacon wraps, fresh fruit, assorted pastries, cherry ice cream, orange juice and flavored iced tea.

Present were one guest, Gloria Ellis and members Melinda Henson, Kim Hollingsworth, Debbie Holmes, Diane Kreig, Connie Matthews, Gaye Reily, Susan Shaw, Stacey Urbanczyk, Marge Bell, Jana Morgan, Bixler, Harris, Hyer, Lewis, Mimms and Williams.

Centre Street residents hold annual block party

Residents of the 300 block of Centre Street held their eighth annual block party on Sunday evening, Aug. 27. There were 45 neighbors, relative and friends in attendance.

City manager Chester Nolen offered the blessing before the meal, which was a selection of dishes prepared by the participants. The evening was spent visiting, becoming acquainted with new neighbors and catching up with news of long time neighbors. A photo album of all the past reunions was available for viewing.

This year's committee consisted of Sally Nolen, Betty

Taylor, Marline Watson and Nancy Josserrand. Those planning the block party for next year are Emily Betzen, Sandy Josserrand and Dawn Mason.

Homfeld presides at FCE Council

Six clubs were represented at the Deaf Smith County Family Community Education Council meeting held Monday in the Heritage Room of the county library. Four clubs had 100 percent attendance.

Chairman Mariellen Homfeld called the meeting to order with the executive committee serving as hostesses.

Welcomed visitors were Marie Hobbs and Shirley Brown.

Standing committees gave reports and the presidents of each club gave their annual reports.

Selected as delegates to the state meeting in Odessa on Sept. 14-16 were Mariellen Homfeld, Jo Lee and Maudette Smith. One important item of business will be determining the new name for FCE.

The delegates will report on the state meeting and workshops they attended at the luncheon and Council meeting on Sept. 25.

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Gamboa gives first speech College Report

Mary Gamboa gave her first speech at the Thursday morning meeting of Hereford Toastmasters. Her topic was "Me" and Rick Jackson served as evaluator.

Presiding officer was Tronica Owens and toastmaster was Paula Edwards.

Jackson led the pledge and Clark Andrews gave the invocation.

Timer was Margaret Del Toro and Owens served as AH counter and grammarian.

As wordmaster, Sharon Cramer introduced the word "salient" which means prominent or outstanding.

Wayne Winget served as topicmaster and selected table topics for Andrews, Del Toro, Jackson, Cramer and David Castillo.

Andrews spoke on "If you could go back to age 10, what advise would you give yourself?" Del Toro's topic was "Talk about nothing" and Jackson's was "Why



Mary Gamboa (right) receives her Toastmasters pin from David Castillo after completing her first speech.

do we not need a prison?" Cramer spoke on "Prayer at school events," and Castillo on "Constitutional rights."

The vote for best topic speaker went to Castillo.

One guest, Adolfo Del Toro, was also present at the meeting.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Area Events

DIMMITT

A featured event of Castro County's Harvest Days and the Castro County Fair, being celebrated in Dimmitt Sept. 7-9, is a Junior Ranch Rodeo which is a qualifying rodeo for the WRCA Junior Ranch World Championship Finals to be held in November at the Amarillo Civic Center.

Doug Smith of Panhandle, a.k.a. Pokey the Clown, will conduct the event. Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce director Bill Sava said out of county entrants are welcome.

The rodeo will be held at the Castro County Exposition Center at 405 SE 2nd St. at approximately 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 9.

Other featured events of the Castro County celebration include a Fiddlers Contest at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, a Pedal Tractor Pull at 6 p.m. Thursday, a Team Rodeo at 7 p.m. Saturday and the Harvest Days/Castro County Fair Parade at 10 a.m. Saturday.

For more information, contact Sava at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce at 806-647-2524.

AMARILLO

BRAVO! area representative Nancy Josserand announces the Amarillo Opera will present the musical comedy, "My Fair Lady," at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 16 in the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium.

Sung in English, "My Fair Lady" will feature Keralee Crume Johnson returning from New York as the unforgettable Eliza Doolittle. Sherman Bass will play Professor Henry Higgins and Jade Edwards is Freddie Eynsford-Hill.

Eliza's father, Alfred P. Doolittle, will be performed by Jeffrey Stevens. Local professional musicians will be conducted by Lee Kendle. Gene Murray will undertake stage direction. Mila Gibson is artistic director.

For more information on the Amarillo Opera, its performance schedule, "My Fair Lady," or how to become a member of its supporting organization BRAVO!, call 372-7464.

BSA Hospice is presenting its Fall Volunteer Training and

Community Education Class starting Monday, Sept. 18 and continuing through Oct. 12.

This comprehensive class is designed for adults who are interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, want to learn more about hospice care, or desire personal growth and enrichment.

The class will meet on Mondays and Thursdays from 5:30-8:30 p.m. for four consecutive weeks. Class sessions will be held in the Den at the BSA Hospice building, 600 N. Taylor, located one block south of Amarillo Blvd.

The program is offered free of charge to Amarillo and the surrounding communities and CEUs will be awarded by Amarillo College.

For more information or to pre-register, call Deborah Andrews, LSW, volunteer coordinator, BSA Hospice at 212-8715.

LUBBOCK

The Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center, 4215

University Ave., will host a Pastel/Oil Workshop with internationally acclaimed artist Ben Konis, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sept. 25-29.

Konis is known for his brilliant, vibrant color. It is said that his brush drips the heat of the great Southwest. His pastel paintings depict an intensity of character and feeling that is rare.

Over the past years, Konis has won top awards in numerous exhibitions as well as awards for his instruction.

This Konis workshop will feature landscape, portraiture, still life and figure painting. He will teach participants how to begin their painting, use their creativity, experiment, and bring their work to completion effectively.

The fee for this week-long workshop is \$355 and a supply list is available. Call ahead to register; enrollment is limited.

For more information or a complete fall schedule, call the Garden and Arts Center at 806-767-3724.

Baylor University has announced that Robert Nelson Beville of Hereford is the recipient of the Provost's Baylor Scholarship for the 2000-2001 academic year.

The Provost's Baylor Scholarship provides \$9,000 for four years.

Kara Lynette Underwood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sandval of Hereford, was one of

22 school of nursing students from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center to complete undergraduate studies Aug. 11.

Underwood received a bachelor of science in nursing degree.

Two Hereford students were named among Texas A&M University honor students for the 2000 summer semester.

Tyler Westgarth Merrick was

named to the Dean's Honor Roll. This designation recognizes students taking at least 12 semester hours who have maintained at least a 3.75 grade point ratio out of a possible 4.0 during the most recent grading period.

Melissa Ann Davis was designated as a "Distinguished Student" for having earned a 3.25 to 3.75 GPR while taking at least 12 hours.

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CITY OF HEREFORD

SPORTS

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First test tonight

■ Herd ready to play against Lubbock Estacado tonight at Whiteface Stadium

By Jeff Blackmon
Hereford Brand Sports Editor

Are you ready for some football? The Hereford Whitefaces will take the field this evening against the Matadors of Lubbock Estacado for their first test of the 2000 season in a scrimmage at Whiteface Stadium beginning at 7:30 p.m.



LET'S GO!

the line," senior quarterback Cody Hodges said.

Boys Athletic Director and head football coach Craig Yenser said he also is looking forward to competing against Lubbock Estacado.

Last Friday, during an inter-squad scrimmage, coach Yenser said he felt his team played with intensity and heart. The coach said he hopes to see more of that this week.

"I thought people were flying around and doing what we asked them to do," Yenser said. "I am excited to see them get after it."

"We can take care of technique, but we can't take care of heart."

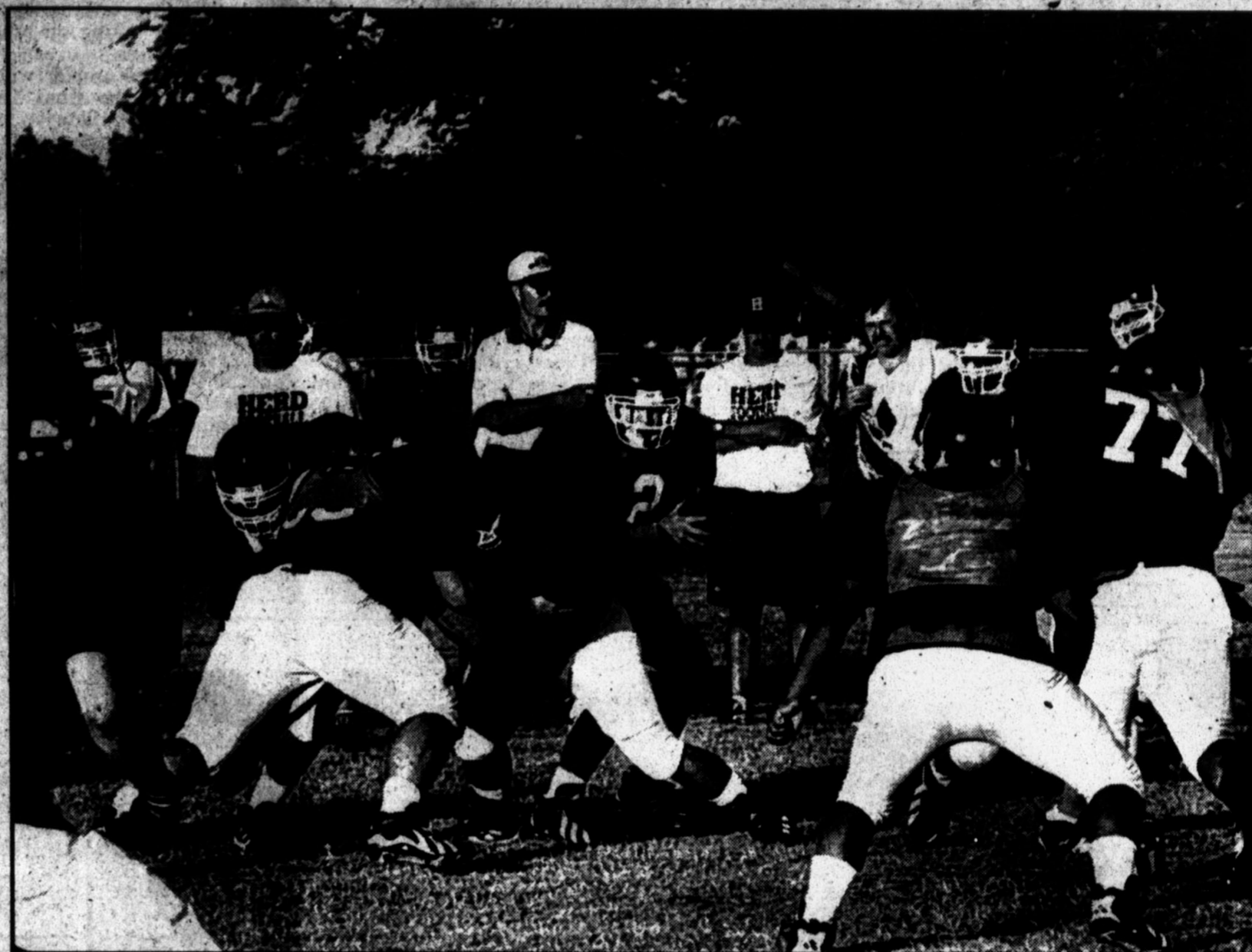
Yenser said the scrimmage helped the coaches examine some of their players competing to be on varsity or who are competing for a starting job. The coach said putting on pads and getting an opportunity to play gives these players a chance to show what they can do.

"We have several who saw tonight as their opportunity to make a contribution and all of a sudden they are stepping up their play," Yenser said. "That is exciting."

With lots of starting jobs still up for grabs, the competition has been extremely tough during the Whitefaces' practices. Hodges said having so many compete for the starting jobs has made everyone on the team want to play the best they can.

"There is a lot of hunger out there because there are still lots of people competing for the starting job," Hodges said. "There is a lot of competitiveness on the team and that is good

READY TO RUMBLE



Watching the team — Head coach Craig Yenser watches his team scrimmage each other last Friday at the south practice field. The team will be in action tonight against Lubbock Estacado 7:30 p.m. at Whiteface Stadium.

because everybody is pushing each other to play harder."

The Hereford quarterback agreed that the players on offense are excited about being tested this evening, but he is confident about the way everyone on offense is playing.

"I thought we moved the ball pretty well," Hodges said. "I'm pretty confident, and we have a good idea of where we need to go."

One highlight from Friday night's action included a long touchdown run by senior tailback Ramiro Zambrano. Zambrano took the ball on a running play and sprinted his way across the field for the score.

"Ram looked good," Hodges said. "The first time he touched the ball he scored. It is good for him to get going that way."

Hodges said he likes the competitive attitude and even when the starters are finally chosen he said he hopes the desire to compete will remain.

"After the starters are set everyone will accept their role

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Team claims huge prize

After more than a month of carry-overs and ties, a team finally won the prize during Wednesday Night Scrambles competition at the John Pitman Municipal Golf Course.

The prize (worth \$476.25 in merchandise at the pro shop for each team member) was claimed by Jerry Stevens, Mary Shelton, Terry Ray and Michael Carlson.

The team shot a 29 during the competition narrowly beating out four teams with a score of 30.

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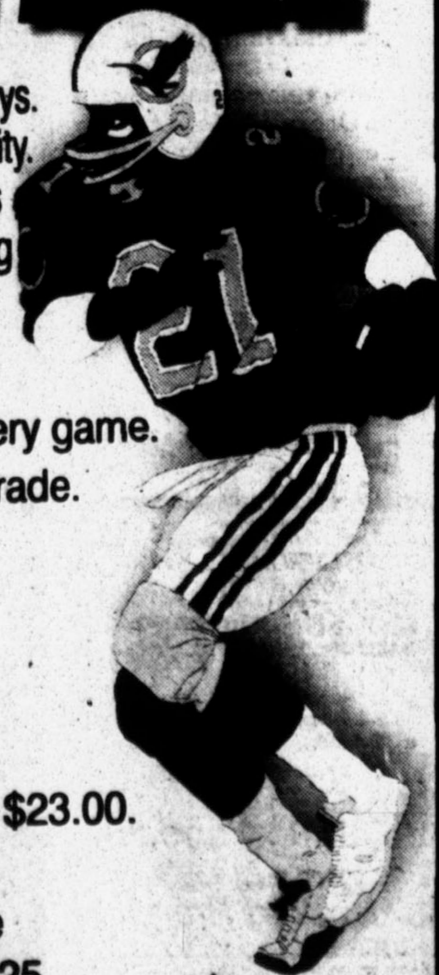
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SPORTS

Trade sends Kemp to Portland, Grant to Miami

Slumping Kemp to return to Pacific Northwest

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Even if Shawn Kemp never soars again like he did as a high-flying 20-year-old, the Portland Trail Blazers think he can help them get past the Los Angeles Lakers and into the NBA Finals.

Kemp, overweight and unwanted in Cleveland, was traded Wednesday to the Blazers, who re-signed Brian Grant and shipped him to Miami.

"It gives us a guy who can bring Shaq outside, get boards and give six fouls," said Portland guard Steve Smith, practicing with the U.S. national team in Hawaii. "We've got so many guys. We're the other Dream Team."

Under terms of the deal, previously made public but finally meeting league approval, Grant signed a seven-year, \$86

million deal with the Blazers.

In exchange for Grant, the Heat sent Chris Gatling and Clarence Weatherspoon, along with a first-round draft choice and cash, to the Cavaliers. Cleveland also gets Portland's 36-year-old backup point guard, Gary Grant, who almost certainly will be cut.

The Blazers are taking a risk on Kemp, and not just because he's due to make \$71 million in the next four years.

Owner Paul Allen treats the salary cap like that glass guitar he smashed at the opening of his rock 'n' roll museum. It's the off-court Kemp that raises doubts.

The 30-year-old forward regularly arrived late for home games, team meetings and flights in Cleveland, failing to be the type of role model the Cavs wanted their young players to learn from.

Blazers general manager Bob Whitsitt, in charge of the Seattle SuperSonics when Kemp led them to the finals in

1996, thinks a fresh start back in the Pacific Northwest will help Kemp turn it around.

"He's had a great career and still has good games in him," Whitsitt said. "He's done everything a guy can do in the NBA, but win a championship. He's hungry for it."

The 6-foot-10 Kemp topped out at 317 pounds before training camp last fall. The added weight grounded Kemp, once tabbed "Reign Man" for his ferocious dunks. Too often last season he was forced to adjust his shot or just had it blocked.

Still, he had a decent season statistically. He played in all 82 games, averaging 17.8 points and 8.8 rebounds. But he shot a career-low 41.7 percent and was a liability at the defensive end.

Whitsitt said he hasn't asked Kemp how much he weighs.

"Clearly, I expect him to be in shape to play, and I know he will. If you look at what he did last year, you have to be

an athlete in good shape to do that. I expect him to come in ready to play. That's not an issue to me."

Replacing Brian Grant won't be easy for Kemp, at least not right away. Grant's dreadlocks and Bob Marley tattoo, combined with his intense will to win, made him a fan favorite. Grant also endeared himself by befriending terminally ill children and taking on other charitable causes.

Fans were stunned when Grant voided the final four years and \$40 million on his contract and became a free agent. But Grant knew he could land a blockbuster payday, and he was certain Whitsitt would trade him to Cleveland for Kemp.

"Brian wanted to make sure he was playing for a team that had a chance to win a championship, a team where he would play a major role and he would be the starting power forward, with a great coach and a terrific city," said

Mark Bartelstein, Grant's agent. "Miami has all that covered and more."

Grant never admitted it, but he also was bitter about stepping aside while Rasheed Wallace had a breakout season at the same position, power forward.

After averaging a career-low 7.3 points and 5.5 rebounds in the regular season, Grant's numbers fell off in the playoffs. In the seven-game series against the Los Angeles Lakers, he averaged just 4.4 points, and he played just eight minutes in the dramatic Game 7.

"He's got a lot to prove, and he's looking forward to proving it," Bartelstein said. "He's got a lot of pride, and it hurt him to go through what he went through last season." Grant, 28, was courted by the New York Knicks and Cleveland, but Miami had the best chance of making the salaries work out. He made about \$7.7 million with the Blazers

last season. The Lakers also were interested, but the most they could afford was the \$2.25 million exception.

When Miami traded its own power forward, P.J. Brown, to Charlotte for Eddie Jones, it opened the door for Grant. Bartelstein also represents Brown.

The deal gives the Heat an imposing front line that also has Alonzo Mourning and Anthony Mason, and puts coach Pat Riley in his best position to make it back to the Finals.

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Herd

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but as long as it keeps going like this I think we'll be alright," Hodges said.

The Whitefaces take on a quick Matador team that compiled a 2-8 record last season. The team has six returning starters from their 1999 team.

"They are very athletic," Yenser said. "It will be a good test for our team."

Events for this evening kick off at 5 p.m. with a tailgate party hosted by the White-

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INSIDE

GREENS

■ Nader: Major issue is returning power to people

NEW YORK (AP) - Green Party presidential nominee Ralph Nader said today the central issue in this year's campaign is empowering people against control by a few.

What will turn on voters to his candidacy, Nader said on NBC's "Today," is "giving them more power, looking them in the eye and say if you don't have more power you are not going to have more social justice, you are not going to have a deep democracy solving problems, you are not going to be able to lift this country up to its national possibilities."

His goal, he said, is to halt the concentration of that power "more and more in the hands of the few controlling our government."

Nader said he expects to be on the ballot in 45 states "and the overwhelming population will have a chance to vote for the Green Party candidate." The longtime consumer advocate repeated his campaign theme: that on the issues that matter there is little difference between Democrat Al Gore and Republican George W. Bush. "They are different in a few areas but the rhetoric is more different than the reality," Nader asserted.



Democratic presidential nominee Al Gore (center, right) and his running mate, Sen. Joseph Lieberman (center, left) work the crowd as they campaign in Seattle.

Democrats tout patients' rights

SEATTLE (AP) - Al Gore and Joseph Lieberman say all Americans are entitled to a "patients' bill of rights" that sets minimum standards of care, and they're challenging opponents George W. Bush and Dick Cheney to offer the same.

Gore and Lieberman were pushing their idea at a rally Thursday, the culmination of a weeklong focus on health care issues for the Democratic candidates for president and vice president.

"We need a patients' bill of rights to take the medical decisions away from the HMOs and insurance companies and give them back to the doctors and nurses," Gore says in a new television ad.

"A lot of times some bean counter behind a computer terminal, who doesn't have a license to practice medicine and doesn't have a right to play God, will overrule the doctor's orders," Gore says in

the ad, which was taped during a campaign stop in Bellevue, Iowa.

Gore has said he eventually would like to see universal health care for all in the United States and Gore aides believe they have a potent issue with health care.

The Gore-Lieberman proposal makes several guarantees, among them that:

- People have access to hospital emergency room care and specialists if necessary.
- Medical decisions are made by doctors, not insurance companies or health maintenance organizations.
- Doctors can tell patients about all options, not just the least expensive ones.
- Medical records are kept private, and health insurers and employers cannot discriminate against people based on genetic information that is now becoming available through human genome mapping.

Rainfall slowing wildfires

RED LODGE, Mont. (AP) — There's a four-letter word circulating in the Montana fire camps that even makes chaplains smile: rain.

Scattered showers that fell on the state's vast wildfires and a forecast for even more rain were expected to put a dent in the drought contributing to the nation's worst fire season in a half-century.

"A couple of days of this and we'd just about have her surrounded," Forest Service spokesman Jeff Gildehaus said Wednesday as a steady drizzle fell on a 2,500-acre fire near Red Lodge.

Thirty large fires were burning in an area of 656,991 acres in Montana, according to the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho.

The rain in northwestern and central Montana on Wednesday raised the hopes of firefighters trying to build nearly nine miles of fire line around the Red Lodge blaze and others fighting wildfires across the state.

The moisture helped firefighters attack a new fire north of Helena that had forced five families out of their homes near Wolf Creek late Tuesday.

The evacuation order was lifted the next day, and the 400-acre fire was contained Wednesday night.

An 11,000-acre fire at Beaver Creek, west of Yellowstone National Park, also was contained Wednesday, and the rain was a key factor, forest officials said.

Even better news was that more rain was in the forecast through Monday.



Ralph Nader speaks to reporters outside "Today" studio.

Medicaid

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Texas," said state Rep. Garnet Coleman, vice chairman of the House Public Health Committee. "The time that we spend on fighting a lawsuit we could spend on making sure that the children who have not seen a doctor have that opportunity."

Lisa McGiffert, a policy analyst with the Austin office of Consumers Union, an advocacy group, agreed the state's energy could be better spent.

"I guess when I hear that there's going to be an appeal that says to me that their efforts are going to go to defending what they're doing rather than changing it or trying to do it better," she said.

In his 175-page ruling, Justice said Texas had failed to inform families about the benefits available — even when they asked. About 1 million kids never saw a dentist last year, and most who did were there for emergency treatment — such as an inability to eat — that could have been prevented.

The court also found major problems with transportation programs and for children enrolled in health maintenance organizations and other managed care plans.

"A poor and often-isolated population should not be robbed of their rights to services," wrote Justice.

Like other states, Texas is in the process of moving its Medicaid population into managed care, which is cheaper and has a reputation for providing strong preventive care.

But the court found that the checkups "were grossly inadequate and incomplete" — taking just 12 to 20 minutes when a proper exam would take an hour.

The ruling also concluded that Texas failed to address the needs of about 13,200 abused and neglected children under state supervision.

Commission: 'going postal' myth

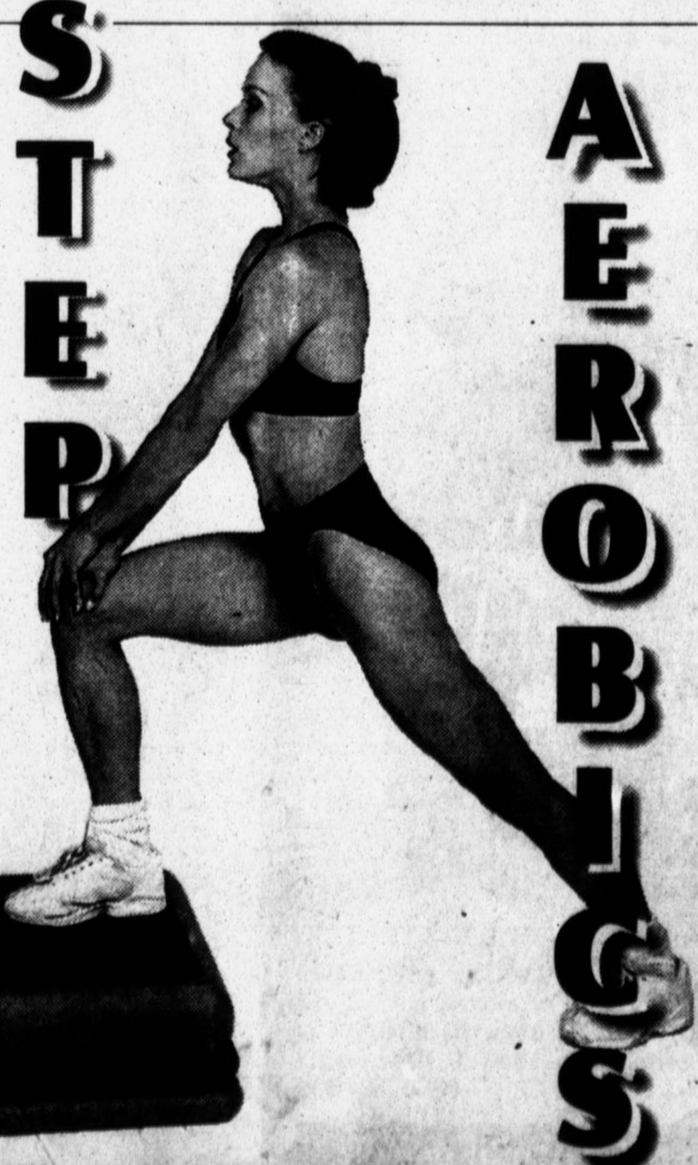
WASHINGTON — "Going postal" is a myth, according to a commission formed to study violence at the post office. The panel found postal workers are no more likely to face violence on the job than workers in general, and only one-third as likely to be murdered there.

Joseph Califano, director of the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University who headed the commission, says postal workers have gotten a "bad rap" from reports about violent incidents.

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