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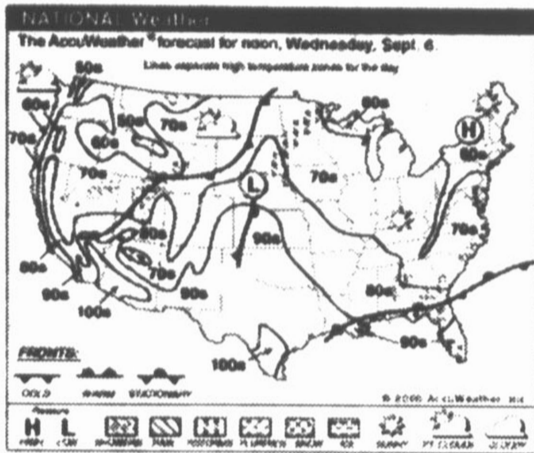
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Today's weather OUTLOOK



• Clear skies •

Tonight: Clear, lows around 66, south winds 5 to 15 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny, highs around 97, south to southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Wednesday night: Mostly clear, lows around 65.

• Extended forecast •

Thursday: Mostly sunny, highs 93 to 98.
Friday: Partly cloudy, lows 61 to 66, highs 92 to 97.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, lows 60 to 65, highs 90 to 95.

• Hereford weather •

Monday's high, 99; low, 65; no precipitation, according to KPAN Radio.

Texas heat wave taking its toll; 40 die from the heat

DALLAS (AP) — The sweltering heat in parts of Texas is taking its toll.

Forty heat-related deaths have been confirmed this year in the combined Dallas and Houston areas, which both saw all-time record high temperatures Monday.

Dallas hit 111 — the hottest ever recorded in September — while Houston's high was 109, the city's all-time highest temperature.

Most of the Houston area heat victims did not have air conditioning or avoided using it to save on their energy bills, according to the Harris County Medical Examiner's office, which has recorded 28 heat-related deaths this year. That number does not include the current autopsies where heat is the suspected cause of death.

Lack of air conditioning killed the Dallas area's most recent of its 12 victims, Lillian Swanson, authorities said. The 66-year-old diabetic, whom authorities said was in poor health, was found Saturday in her home with the air conditioner turned off.

Dallas' previous record was 108, set in 1980. The city's all-time high was 113 on June 26-27, 1980, according to the National Weather Service.

In Waco, where the mercury also reached a record 111 degrees, workers at hospital emergency rooms received at least one confirmed heat-related illness Monday, along with some dehydrated patients during the Labor Day weekend.

Waco's Labor Day high surpassed the date's previous record of 106 degrees set in 1996.

"When you bust a record by 5 degrees like that, that's something," Alan Moller, a NWS meteorologist in Fort Worth, told the *Waco Tribune-Herald*.

Houston reached its previous record of 107 on Aug. 23, 1980 — a temperature that was tied last week during this summer's brutal heat and drought, said John Zeitler, Weather Service senior forecaster.

The state's all-time high is 120 degrees, which was recorded in the North Texas town of Seymour on Aug. 23, 1980.

Because of its distance from the coast, North Texas is vulnerable to the most extreme temperatures, meteorologists said.

"We usually have more moisture in the air because we're influenced by the Gulf, so it's not as hot," Carolyn Levert, a weather service meteorologist, told the *Houston Chronicle*.

Levert said the extreme heat in Houston will likely continue at least through Thursday, when the high may not reach 100.

But some slight relief may be in sight for North Texas, said Lonnie King, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Fort Worth.

PUBLIC HEARING

By Donald Cooper

Hereford Brand Managing Editor

Only one Deaf Smith County resident was on hand when the county commissioners conducted a public hearing on the Fiscal 2001 tax rate.

Herb Vogel complained about the proposed tax rate and the increased tax valuation.

The tax rate, which was approved Aug. 14 by the commissioners, is 56.76 cents per \$100 assessed valuation — up 3.15 percent from this year's 54.97 rate and about 5.7 percent over the effective tax rate of 53.33 cents — and is expected to generate \$3,299,463 in revenue.

"No wonder people are leaving Hereford," Vogel said. He also said there are county offices that are overstaffed, citing Justice of the Peace Johnnie Turrentine's office, which he said has "people just sitting around."

County Judge Tom Simons said the commis-

Only one county resident shows up to make comments about the FY 2001 tax rate; cattle exemption, eyesore east of town also come up for discussion

sioners made a serious effort to hold down spending, saying there are no funds in the budget for roads nor for purchasing new vehicles for the sheriff's department.

"If they want to bring businesses into Hereford, they ought to get rid of that eyesore east of town — I'm talking about the brick factory," Vogel said. He also said the county needs to be able to tax the cattle held in the feedyards scattered around the county, adding that several of the feedlots and many of the cattle are owned by non-county residents.

Commissioner Wayne Betzen said he agrees the cattle should be on the tax rolls; however, it's part of the state agricultural exemption and the county doesn't have the authority to change it.

Simons, while agreeing the cattle should be subject to taxation, said to do so would require the Texas Legislature to approve a

constitutional amendment, which would then have to be approved by the state's voters.

The commissioners will conduct a public hearing on the budget Sept. 18 before formally approving the tax rate and budget.

The FY 2001 budget approved by the county commissioners projects revenues of \$4,166,078.

The estimated revenues for the General Fund are (FY 2000 budget in parentheses):

- Ad valorem taxes, \$2,826,378 (\$2,679,890);
- Interest, \$83,150 (\$82,500);
- Sales tax, \$360,000 (\$360,000);
- State revenue, \$40,000 (\$25,589);
- Fees, \$261,950 (\$361,700);
- State & jury fees, \$158,100 (\$35,000);
- Fines, \$241,000 (\$247,000);
- Miscellaneous, \$94,500 (\$88,000);
- TOTAL: \$4,166,078 (\$3,879,689).

In looking at the projected spending, law

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Bush, Gore launch fall campaigns

NAPERVILLE, Ill. (AP) — Opening his fall campaign with a weeklong tour, George W. Bush taunted rival Al Gore on Monday for rejecting his offer of three presidential debates. "All of a sudden the words 'anytime, anywhere' don't mean anything," Bush told a Labor Day rally.

Gore, coming off a 27-hour campaign sprint through several states, tried to keep the focus on his pitch to working families that he would be the better steward of the economy and work harder for Americans.

"We've got a lot at stake, our economy in particular," Gore said in Pittsburgh. "Working people have done better and there are more jobs."

As for Bush's \$1.3 trillion tax-cut plan, Gore told supporters at the Louisville Motor Speedway in Kentucky, "I'd veto that in a minute."

Gore, the Democratic presidential candidate, and his running mate Joseph Lieberman appealed to working class voters with a six-state Labor Day weekend tour. The two campaigned together in Pennsylvania, Michigan and Florida, then Gore hit the trail on his own in Kentucky while Lieberman made solo stops in Ohio and Illinois.

Bush and running mate Dick Cheney together opened a campaign push through six Midwest battlegrounds: Illinois and Michigan on Monday with Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Indiana and Ohio to follow later this week.

The Republican presidential candidate kept up the pressure on Gore to agree to Bush's proposed debate schedule as the Gore campaign held open the possibility for negotiations over the three prime-time matchups.

"Just yesterday, we had an interesting example of Washington doublespeak," Bush told a rally in this heavily Republican Chicago suburb before he and Cheney walked in a

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Just a-swingin' — One of the ways to beat the heat that has gripped Texas is to just sit back and relax. So, that's exactly what Rambo, a 3-year-old husky-Malamute mix, did during the weekend. He found the swing was not in use, so he just decided a swing in the shade was the way to cool off.

CHANGE THE CHANGE

Former coin collector Gramm contends U.S. coins 'crummy'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dip your hand in your pocket or purse, advises U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, and look at your loose change.

If your nickel's replica of the Jefferson Memorial or quarter's profile of George Washington doesn't inspire awe or patriotic thoughts of greatness, then you have company.

"I think our coins and our currency are crummy," Gramm said.

A coin collector as a boy, Gramm now is in the position to modernize American currency as chairman of the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee. The Texas Republican is calling together professionals and hobbyists to debate if U.S. coins and currency should be better looking. With Smithsonian Institution and American Numismatic Society collections on hand for inspiration, they'll meet Sept. 13 in a public symposium.

"I don't believe that American coins and I don't believe American currency reached the level of beauty that you would expect that the coins and currency of the greatest nation in the history of the world would achieve. The Greeks achieved it. The United States achieved it under Theodore Roosevelt," Gramm said.

Ute Wartenberg, executive director of the American Numismatic Society, a New York

museum that focuses on academic study of world coins, is less critical.

"I always thought they looked nice, if conservative," she said.

The current nickel was designed in 1938, the standard quarter with a spread-wing eagle on its reverse side was designed in 1932 and the Lincoln profile on the penny has been around since 1909.

Richard Doty, the Smithsonian's curator of numismatics, agrees with Gramm that it's time for change to, well, change.

The coins that jingle in American pockets today "have been with us an awfully long time," Doty said. "If there's no one around saying, 'Can we have a more inspiring 5-cent piece,' nothing's going to happen."

Federal law allows for change every 25 years to American coin designs. The law was recently invoked for the Sacagawea dollar and the new state quarters.



PHIL GRAMM
Texas senator is in a position to modernize U.S. currency.

U.S. collectors wild about Harry, King and Reagan

The Associated Press

Coin collectors around the country would like to have Martin Luther King Jr., Ronald Reagan and Harry Truman in their pockets.

The civil rights leader and two former presidents were the top vote-getters in a national survey asking collectors who should be on coins.

The suggestions included astronauts, actresses and artists; 33 presidents, baseball players and pioneers. They ranged from Jesus Christ to the Three Stooges.

"We're hoping if we can get enough exposure, we might start a groundswell for some revisions to our pocket change," said David Sundman, president of Littleton Coin Co. of Littleton, N.H., which conducted the survey.

"Even though Abe Lincoln was a great guy, the design is coming up on a century in a few years," he said. The penny was designed to mark the 100th anniversary of Lincoln's birth.

The company posted the survey on its Web site and by sending about 50,000 question-

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Local roundup

• HBA membership drive •

Hereford Beautification Alliance will hold its annual membership meeting at 7 p.m. Sept. 9 at the Hereford Community Center, 100 Ave. C. 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, 100 Ave. C.

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.

• Band boosters to meet •

Hereford Band Boosters will meet at 6:30 p.m. today in the Hereford High School Band Hall. Participants will discuss the football concession stand and a possible spring band trip, as well as finalizing transportation details for the Friday night game.

All interested junior high and high school band parents are welcome 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.

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Obituaries



Home, with George Ochs officiating. Private burial followed in West Park Cemetery, under the direction of Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Cave died Monday at the Hereford Regional Medical Center.

She was born March 25, 1914, in Sioux City, Iowa, to Rea Gilbreath and Louise Julch. She married Clyde Cave on Aug. 11, 1942, in Happy. She came to Deaf Smith County in 1953 from Plainview. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and a teacher and community center manager.

Survivors include her husband; and special friends, Norman and Sheri Kerr.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Hereford Senior Citizens Delivered Meals Program.

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EULA LEE GILBREATH CAVE

Sept. 4, 2000

Services for Eula Lee Gilbreath Cave, 86, of Hereford were today in the Rose Chapel of Cililand-Watson Funeral

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Texas lottery

Cash Five

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:

12-14-30-32-39

Pick 3

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

8-7-4

Lotto Texas

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn:

3-25-36-39-41-52.

Estimated jackpot: \$36 million.
Number matching six of six: None.
Matching five of six: 106. Prize: \$2,920.
Matching four of six: 7,275. Prize: \$105.
Matching three of six: 137,843. Prize: \$5.
Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.
Estimated jackpot: \$46 million.

Pick 3

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

9-5-5

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Viewing the damage - An early morning accident at the intersection of Highway 60 and Progressive Road, resulted in the Sunday arrest of a 33-year-old woman who was charged with driving while intoxicated. A wrecker service driver viewed the damaged vehicle before hooking on for towing.

Wildfires spur evacuations

HOUSTON (AP) — Fueled by parched conditions, wildfires continued to burn across the state Tuesday after forcing several hundred people to evacuate their homes.

In Liberty County, northeast of Houston, a fire charred 4,000 acres and forced the evacuation of at least 92 homes near Cleveland. But those evacuees were returning to their homes by Monday night after the fire was contained, Texas Forest Service officials said.

Helicopters from the National Guard dumped at least 200,000 gallons of water on the fire, officials said.

Another fire near Kerrville has consumed 1,125 acres and forced at least 250 people to evacuate homes in four subdivisions, a mobile home park and an apartment complex, officials said.

Blue-ribbon schools fall academically short

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Only about a fourth of the public schools lauded as "America's most successful" last year by the U.S. Department of Education earned the distinction through academic achievement, according to a study released Tuesday.

Nineteen of the 70 elementary schools designated Blue Ribbon winners in 1999 scored in the top 10 percent academically among similar schools in their respective states, according to a report by the Brown Center at the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C.

Of the remainder, 17 finished among the bottom 50 percent, meaning their stu-

dents scored lower on reading and math tests than the average school. The other 34 schools fell somewhere in between.

The center's analysis statistically adjusted scores to compare schools serving students of similar income levels, unlike the federal program, which holds all schools to the same criteria.

Tom Loveless, author of the report and director of the center, said many of the schools had "decent marks," but when compared to other schools that teach students of the same socio-economic background the scores are not outstanding.

Stephen O'Brien, a U.S. De-

partment of Education official, said a school doesn't "necessarily have to be the most successful academically" to be in the program.

A school must be at or above the 60th percentile to be considered Blue Ribbon quality or must show a significant improvement, meaning at least an 11 percent increase in test scores, he said.

Factors besides academics that are considered in awarding a Blue Ribbon include student focus and support, school organization and culture, challenging standards and curriculum, active teaching and learning, and leadership and educational vitality.

For 18 years, the Department of Education has been operating the Blue Ribbon Schools program to "promote and support the improvement of education."

Christopher Cross, president of the Council for Basic Education, said the public believes a Blue Ribbon school is the best academically.

"I think scores are critical," he said. "To label a school a Blue Ribbon school that is not able to demonstrate highest level of student learning misapplies the label."

But Alfie Kohn, a former teacher, author and critic of statewide standards, says test scores are little help.

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Sept. 2-4, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT Arrests

- Three Amarillo men were arrested in the 200 block of Avenue K on various charges resulting from a fight in the 400 block of East 15th.

- A 23-year-old man was arrested in the 300 block of Raymond and charged with evading arrest, resisting arrest, and disorderly conduct by loud music.

- A 23-year-old man was arrested in the 800 block of Irving and charged with outstanding Department of Public Safety warrants.

- A 33-year-old woman was arrested in the 2900 block of East First and charged with driving while intoxicated.

- A 21-year-old man was arrested in the 100 block of Avenue H and charged with driving while intoxicated.

- A 24-year-old man was arrested in the 100 block of Avenue H and charged with public intoxication.

- A 72-year-old man was arrested in the 200 block of Avenue H and charged with driving with a suspended license.

- A 30-year-old man was arrested in the 900 block of Cherokee and charged with public intoxication.

- A 40-year-old man was arrested in the 600 block of Irving and charged with public intoxication.

- A 35-year-old man was arrested in the 100 block of North 25 Mile Avenue and charged with outstanding warrants and traffic violations.

- A 21-year-old man was arrested in the 400 block of East Park and charged with furnishing alcohol to minors and no drivers license. A 17-year-old man was arrested and charged with minor in possession of alcohol and possession of drug paraphernalia. A 20-year-old man was arrested and charged as a minor in possession of

marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

- A 23-year-old man was arrested in the 100 block of South 25 Mile Avenue and charged with outstanding city warrants.

- A 31-year-old man was arrested in the 600 block of Irving and charged with public intoxication.

- A 25-year-old man was arrested in the 600 block of Irving and charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

- A 25-year-old man was arrested in the 900 block of North Main and charged with no drivers license and driving on the wrong side of the road.

- A 19-year-old woman was arrested at Highway 385 and North and charged with driving under the influence. A 14-year-old girl was taken into custody and later released to her parents. Both were cited for curfew violations.

- A 56-year-old man was arrested in the 100 block of South Main and charged with driving while intoxicated.

Incidents

- A junk vehicle was reported at 236 Avenue H.

- Death by natural causes was reported in the 400 block of Avenue G.

- An 8-year-old girl reported being assaulted in the 900 block of 13th by a 47-year-old man.

- An assault was reported in the 100 block of North Lawton.

- A bicycle was located in Dameron Park.

- A burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 100 block of West Park.

- A runaway was reported in the 700 block of East Third.

- Two men walked a ticket after eating at a restaurant in the 1300 block of First Street. The men were identified.

- A 25-year-old man in the 1500 block of Blevins was reported as suicidal. He was released to family members due to his state of intoxication.

- A traffic accident was reported in the 100 of South Progressive.

- Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of

Avenue B.

- Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of Irving. Suspect was identified, but could not be located.

- An assault was reported in the 900 block of Cherokee.

- Theft, over \$50 and under \$500, was reported in the 200 block of Avenue H.

- A bicycle was found at a business in the 200 block of West First. It was stored at the Police Department for safe keeping.

- A 21-year-old man reported an assault, but did not remember where the assault occurred.

- A runaway was reported in the 400 block of Avenue H.

- A minor accident was reported in the 400 block of Sycamore.

- A bicycle was found in the 100 block of 25 Mile Avenue and taken to the Police Depart-

ment for safe keeping.

- Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of Irving.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT Arrests

- A 28-year-old man was arrested and charged with theft by check, over \$20 and under \$500.

- A 25-year-old woman was arrested and charged with theft by check, over \$20 and under \$500.

- A 21-year-old man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana, under two ounces.

- A 21-year-old man was arrested and charged with driving without a drivers license, and reckless driving.

Incidents

- An assault was reported.

- A reckless driver, driving without a license was reported.



Plenty of fuel - Hereford Volunteer Firefighters responded to several grassfires this weekend. Dry conditions and gusty winds continue to make the chance of grassfires extremely high. Fire department officials warn residents to be cautious of all spark producing items such as cigarette butts, trash fires, or hot exhausts on long grasses.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Sept. 2
- 2:10 p.m. Firefighters responded to a grassfire 6 miles east on Highway 60.

Sept. 3
- 11:31 p.m. Firefighters responded to a hay fire, nine miles north on FM 1058. The fire consumed 20 round hay bales.

Sept. 4

- 12:13 a.m. Firefighters responded to a wreck rescue on Highway 60 and Progressive Road.

- 12:55 p.m. Firefighters responded to a grassfire two miles south on Highway 385.

- 3:15 p.m. Firefighters responded to a grassfire at FM 1259 and Road C.

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LIFESTYLES

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Leland E. Flesher (right) was honored with a surprise 75th birthday party Sunday. His family dedicated a plaque at the Texas Panhandle War Memorial to Mr. Flesher and his wife, Lucille (left).

Longtime resident is honored on birthday

Leland E. Flesher, a 54-year resident of Hereford, was honored Sunday with a surprise 75th birthday party hosted by his family.

In attendance were Lucille Frost Flesher, his wife of 55 years; daughters Glenna Good of Dumas and Donna Morgan of Amarillo; son-in-law Roy Good, also of Dumas; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Festivities were held at the Amarillo Holiday Inn Express and began with a barbecue dinner and cake.

A video album was presented to the honoree and each family member gave a presentation about what Mr. Flesher means to them.

A candle lighting ceremony followed and the family dedicated a plaque at the Texas Panhandle War Memorial to Mr. and Mrs. Flesher. Mr. Flesher was also given a signed certificate of congratulations from Texas Governor George W. Bush.

Mr. Flesher was born Sept. 5, 1925, in Thalia, the only

son of Eules and Gladys Flesher. He married Lucille Frost on April 5, 1945, in Quanah while home on leave from the U.S. Navy.

He served aboard the U.S.S. Neosho AO-48 during World War II and was honorably discharged on Dec. 22, 1945, as a Fireman First Class. He was awarded medals for his service including the World War II Victory Medal; the American Campaign Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, the Navy Occupation Service Medal (Asia), the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, and the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation.

Upon his discharge, Mr. and Mrs. Flesher briefly lived in Thalia and moved to Hereford in 1946. Mr. Flesher has worked for the rural electric coop, owned and operated Quik Car Wash, driven school buses for HISD, and currently works for the U.S. Postal Service as a rural route carrier.

Both Glenna and Donna are graduates of Hereford High School.

VFW Auxiliary will meet on 2nd Mon.

Dee Branch of Amarillo, District Nine president of the VFW Auxiliary, made her official visit to the Ladies Auxiliary to Roy Wederbrook Post 4818 in August.

She reminded members of the coming District Convention in Dimmitt. At the convention, old standing rules were deleted and new standing rules were adopted.

Laura Smith presided at the meeting which was preceded

by a salad supper.

Members present were Mildred Clements, Becky Curtis, Pixie Forbus, Marie Goheen, Essie Martin, Erma Murphey, Terry Rhyne, Edith Richardson, Laura Smith, Jessica Smith, Anita Vardell, Iva Boydston and Ida Davis.

Due to the Labor Day holiday, the next meeting will be Sept. 11 and will be preceded by a fried chicken dinner.

Readers provide further proof that monkeys aren't good house pets

Dear Ann Landers: You recently printed a couple of letters about monkeys, including one involving your twin sister, who once received two monkeys as a gift. I, too, have a funny monkey story.

My husband and I had four sons in the military during the Vietnam War. It was difficult at times to read their letters without shedding a tear or two.

One day, we received a letter from our youngest son, who was stationed at an air base in Thailand. His group had put in many grueling hours on some rather dangerous missions, so they decided to have a party. Their mascot was a monkey they called John. Of course, John was invited to the party. As the party progressed, much beer was consumed, and someone decided to give John a drink. John soon felt the effects, and began to jump all over the furniture and climb the drapes. Before long, he got out of control and bit several airmen. Fifteen of them had to get rabies shots and were temporarily grounded.

The story in the Ubon papers the next day reported that the enemy couldn't make a dent in the base, but a single monkey managed to get 15 airmen grounded. — The

Mother of G.F. in California

Dear Mother of G.F.: I always thought of monkeys as sweet, adorable creatures, but my twin sister's experience taught me that they can be difficult and uncontrollable, as well. I am now convinced that monkeys belong in the jungle or in a zoo. Keep reading for more:

Dear Ann Landers: Can you stand another story about monkeys? Here's mine:

I bowled in a league with a couple who always brought their pet monkey to the bowling alley. The monkey wore a diaper. The couple took turns holding him. One night, when the husband was in the restroom, his wife asked me to hold the monkey. I said, "Sorry, no. Why don't you leave him at home?" She replied, "We cannot leave him home alone. No cage can hold him. He knows how to unlock every cage we've had. Also, no sitter in town will agree to be in the same room with him, so we have to take him wherever we go."

CREATORS SYNDICATE



Ann Landers

What do you think of this, Ann? — Sun City, Calif.

Dear Sun City: I think any couple who would allow

themselves to be held hostage to a monkey is, as the British say, "around the bend." The solution to the problem is the local zoo. Zoos are equipped to house monkeys properly. Private residences are not. The next letter should be the clincher:

Dear Ann Landers: I am a trauma surgeon. I can tell you that your warning about keeping monkeys as pets is well-founded. Monkey bites can be nasty injuries.

About 25 years ago, I was called to the emergency room late one night to see a man who had been severely bitten by a monkey. "Mr. X" was in a great deal of pain, lying on a gurney with huge chunks of flesh missing on various parts of his body. Apparently, his mistress had a pet monkey that became insanely jealous when he and his mistress made love in the bedroom where the monkey was caged.

The enraged monkey would rattle his cage violently and scream. One night, he managed to get out of his cage and attack Mr. X.

When I left Mr. X, he was trying to explain to his wife how his "client's" monkey was able to inflict so many bites without damaging his clothes or underwear. — P.R., M.D., Riverside, Calif.

Dear M.D.: Yours and other reader responses should convince one and all that monkeys do not make good pets. I once considered getting a monkey myself, but better judgment prevailed, and I decided to "fuhgedaboudit."

What's the truth about pot, cocaine, LSD, PCP, crack, speed and downers? "The Lowdown on Dope" has up-to-the-minute information on drugs. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Lowdown, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$4.55.)

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DAR announces essay contest topics

Special to the Brand

Los Ciboleros Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution is sponsoring two separate essay contests this fall.

The 2000-2001 topic of the American History Essay Contest for fifth through eighth graders is "If the United States Capitol Walls Could Talk."

The topic of the Christopher Columbus Essay Contest for students in the ninth through 12th grades is "Write the nominating speech for Christopher Columbus to be inducted into an 'Explorers' Hall of Fame.'"

All fifth through eighth grade students in a public, private or parochial school, or in a sanctioned home study program are eligible to enter the American History Essay Contest.

In writing the American History Essay, writers are advised that the year 2000 marks the 200th anniversary of the U.S. Capitol building in Washington, D.C. They are to discuss two major events that occurred in the Capitol during the period 1800-1900 that they believe had a major influence on our country.

Entries in the Christopher Columbus Essay Contest should include specific examples of Christopher Columbus' accomplishments that would merit the honor of being inducted into an "Explorers' Hall of Fame."

ing inducted into an "Explorers' Hall of Fame."

DAR members will judge the essays on historical accuracy, adherence to topic, organization of material, interest, originality, spelling, grammar, punctuation and neatness.

Every student submitting an essay will receive a certificate of appreciation while first place winners in each grade level in each school will receive a bronze medal and second place winners are given certificates of award. These certificates and medals are presented at closing school assemblies.

One essay in each grade is selected as the chapter winner and forwarded to the state competition. A non-DAR judge selects the best overall essay from the finalists. A book on American history is given to the school that the overall winner attends with name plate honoring that student.

Detailed information for both contests has been distributed to schools in Deaf Smith County, as well as schools in Friona. Public libraries in Hereford and Friona have been provided contest instructions with a suggested bibliography to assist with research and for home study students wishing to enter the contests.

The deadline for either contest for submitting essays to the local chapter is Wednesday, Dec. 6. Winners will be

announced in February 2001.

An Honors Tea will be given by Los Ciboleros Chapter in April 2001 to recognize the winners of the contests. The students, their families, friends, teachers and school administrators will be guests of the Chapter at the tea.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution has sponsored the American History Essay Contest since 1956 and Los Ciboleros

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For further information, contact Patricia Robinson, regent, at 364-4171 in Hereford or Linda Knowles at 250-3210 in Friona.

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LIFESTYLES

Breast cancer screenings this week

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.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only.

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



Pens and pencils are being collected by the Hereford Rotary Club for a small school in Pakistan. The drive will continue through Nov. 3 and anyone wishing to donate may do so at FirstBank Southwest. Rotary Club president Pat Newton (left) accepts a contribution of pens from Sam Metcalf. All pens and pencils collected will be delivered by Rev. Dr. Lamuel Salik of St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

McElroy 'piecing together' Barbie products for Mattel

ABILENE, Texas — Over the past four decades, Barbie has had a stint of careers few people can ever hope to achieve in a lifetime. She's worked for McDonald's, been a teacher, race car driver, business executive, astronaut and is now making a run for the presidency.

But this leading lady who just turned 40 having adorned millions of little girl's bedrooms has only had her portrait painted by one professional artist, the late pop art icon Andy Warhol. Now another artist, Steve McElroy, a former Abilenian, has been chosen to bring her image to life again with the stroke of a brush.

McElroy's works of arts won't grace a dining room or the walls of any museums, however, or at least not yet.

Instead, the face of this material girl is being spread out across kitchen tables and pieced together bit by bit. Barbie is imprinted on 550-piece puzzles and hardboard posters that are on sale now at Toys R Us and Target stores throughout the country. Under an agreement with Mattel, the collector's edition puzzles will also be available at Wal-Mart and Kmart.

"This is my artistic interpretation of Barbie, in abstract form," McElroy said during a recent stay in Abilene. He recently moved from Los Angeles to New York to prepare for Mattel's official "Artist Collection" series kickoff on Sept. 14 at the W Hotel in The Big Apple.

The Artist Collection includes McElroy's original painted versions of Valentine's Day Barbie and The World of Barbie puzzle designs. He also has an artistic series of Barbie posters which he will market himself through McElroy Enterprises, Inc. The puzzles come in bright Barbie pink, black and gold boxes, with large pieces, and are recommended for ages 10 and up.

Warhol's painted version of Barbie will also be included in the series.

The retail price of the puzzles is \$6.99. Posters are selling for \$9.99 for small and \$19.99 for large. McElroy hopes the hardbound posters will be framed as collector's items.

He also has a separate line of artistic designs for Mattel featuring some of his original paintings, such as "Tango," which will be sold as puzzles, too.

According to Virginia Velasco, Mattel's associate product manager in charge of puzzles in El Segundo, Calif., McElroy's puzzles are part of the new adult puzzle campaign. She said Mattel has high expectations for the new product.

"We definitely think it will be something big because we're trying to make a big statement this year with our adult puzzle line," Velasco said.

"We're No. 1 in children's puzzles and we are trying to carry that success over to adult puzzles. By having Steve McElroy's line, I think we'll be able to achieve that," Velasco added.

McElroy grew up playing with another Mattel product, Hot Wheels, but never imagined he'd be buying Barbie dolls when he reached adulthood.

"The last thing I thought I'd ever do was buy a Barbie doll," McElroy said with a laugh.

"I've bought many Barbie dolls to study and work on the paintings," 42-year-old McElroy confessed.

Another thing McElroy, a 1976 Cooper High School graduate, never imagined was going into business with Ross Perot for eight years. After earning a business degree from the University of Texas at Austin, he was in business with the former presidential candidate making stretchable lid covers. He was featured in a story about his venture with Perot in Texas Monthly magazine in 1992.

It was only 13 years ago that McElroy first picked up an artist palette. He soon quit his venture with Perot to pursue his dream of a colorful career in art.

He began painting in 1987, and his works of art now hang in the bedroom of Madonna's daughter, Lourdes, and talk-show star Rosie O'Donnell's home. His collage-style paintings were chosen to be featured on the TV show "Mad About You" during the sweeps week of its final season and he has done artwork for McDonald's, The Emmy Awards and Absolut Vodka. The original to one of his recent works, "Didn't We Have a Ball?" a tribute to his late father, Tom, is on permanent display at a branch location of the Bank of America, 2200 S. 27th, in Abilene. His father was named teller of the year there and died suddenly in May.

McElroy also recently added a permanent display of his puzzle and poster designs, as well as an exhibit of Warhol's work, at both Bank of America locations in Abilene.

McElroy's artistic career quickly took off when he began devoting his full time to it, but the thing that shifted it into high-gear was a stroke of luck. By chance, he was seated next to a Mattel vice president, Ruby Knauss, on a flight to Fort Worth and happened to have slides of his work with him. The two struck up a conversation, she liked what she saw, and several months and drawings later, McElroy now has a license contract with Mattel.

It's still hard for McElroy to believe how he went from a general business career to becoming an artist for the No. 1 toy company in the world.

"With our business plan, we

are predicting this puzzle line to become a \$200 million deal. Barbie is a \$2.5 billion business," McElroy said.

He said Mattel was receptive of his first artistic Barbie design, but recommended a few small changes.

"With Barbie, there are certain colors that are acceptable and some that are not. There is actually a Barbie pink and red color they use," McElroy said. "There's even a Barbie style guide that comes out every year for all licensees."

The World of Barbie puzzle features a portrait of Barbie surrounded by various national icons, such as the Eiffel Tower in Paris, Statue of Liberty in New York and the famous Hollywood sign. The Valentine's Barbie puzzle features McElroy's unique, trademark vases found on all of his paintings and is painted in his collage style.

McElroy plans to autograph as many of his puzzles and posters as he can at Toys R Us and Target in Abilene. Both stores are expected to keep an ongoing supply of the puzzles and posters and order more as needed. Toys R Us will have a permanent autographed display of the puzzles and posters with a sign reading "Thank you Abilene!"

MEDICAL NEWS

Weight Loss mystery puzzles researcher

WASHINGTON — A nutritional researcher's plan to end world hunger became side tracked when people eating his "hi-tech" chewable food tablet lost weight. The reason for the weight loss is still somewhat of a mystery, but some results have been significant.

Called Food Source One (FS-1), the low calorie food replacement, developed by National Dietary Research never achieved its original goal of feeding the world's undernourished people, but has instead become a windfall for some overweight people.

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Dr. Morris says that he has received some incredible success stories from people who have lost 70 pounds or more with the Food Source One Plan. One woman from Niagara Falls, New York lost over 70 pounds without giving up her favorite foods which included chocolate, pizza and chicken wings. Although her results are not typical because individuals are different, the FS-1 Plan is a bona fide natural, drug free way of fighting obesity. According to an article published in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition* you don't even have to reduce the amount of food you eat to lose weight, provided that you limit the fat.

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SPORTS

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Ladies rebound

■ Hereford's volleyball team sweeps competition in Seminole before traveling to Borger tonight to begin the 2000 district season

After winning four out of six sets in pool play on Friday, the Hereford Lady Whitefaces wiped out their opponents in match play on Saturday.

The team beat Seminole, San Angelo Lakeview and Midland High to win the Seminole Volleyball Tournament. The Ladies defeated Seminole in the quarterfinals 15-9 and 15-2. The team then took care of San Angelo Lakeview in the semi-finals 15-5 and 15-6. Hereford then disposed of Midland High 15-7 and 15-8 to claim the tournament championship.

Girls Athletic Director and head volleyball coach Brenda Kitten said she hopes the win will give her team something to build on going into their district opener tonight at Borger.

"I think it will be a confidence booster for us," Kitten said.

Aside from gaining confidence, coach Kitten said she believes the extra games her team has been able to play prior to district has helped the Lady Whitefaces develop.

"I know there is always a fatigue factor when you play a lot of games," Kitten said. "But if we've accomplished getting players more playing time it will benefit us."

The team was led this weekend by All-Tournament honorees Sarah Griffin and Tiffany Mercer. Sophomore middle blocker Griffin had 18 kills in match play alone while Mercer had 75 sets along with 30

set assists during match play. Junior middle blocker Michelle Bernhardt was named the Hitter of the Tournament nailing 29 kills for the Lady Herd.

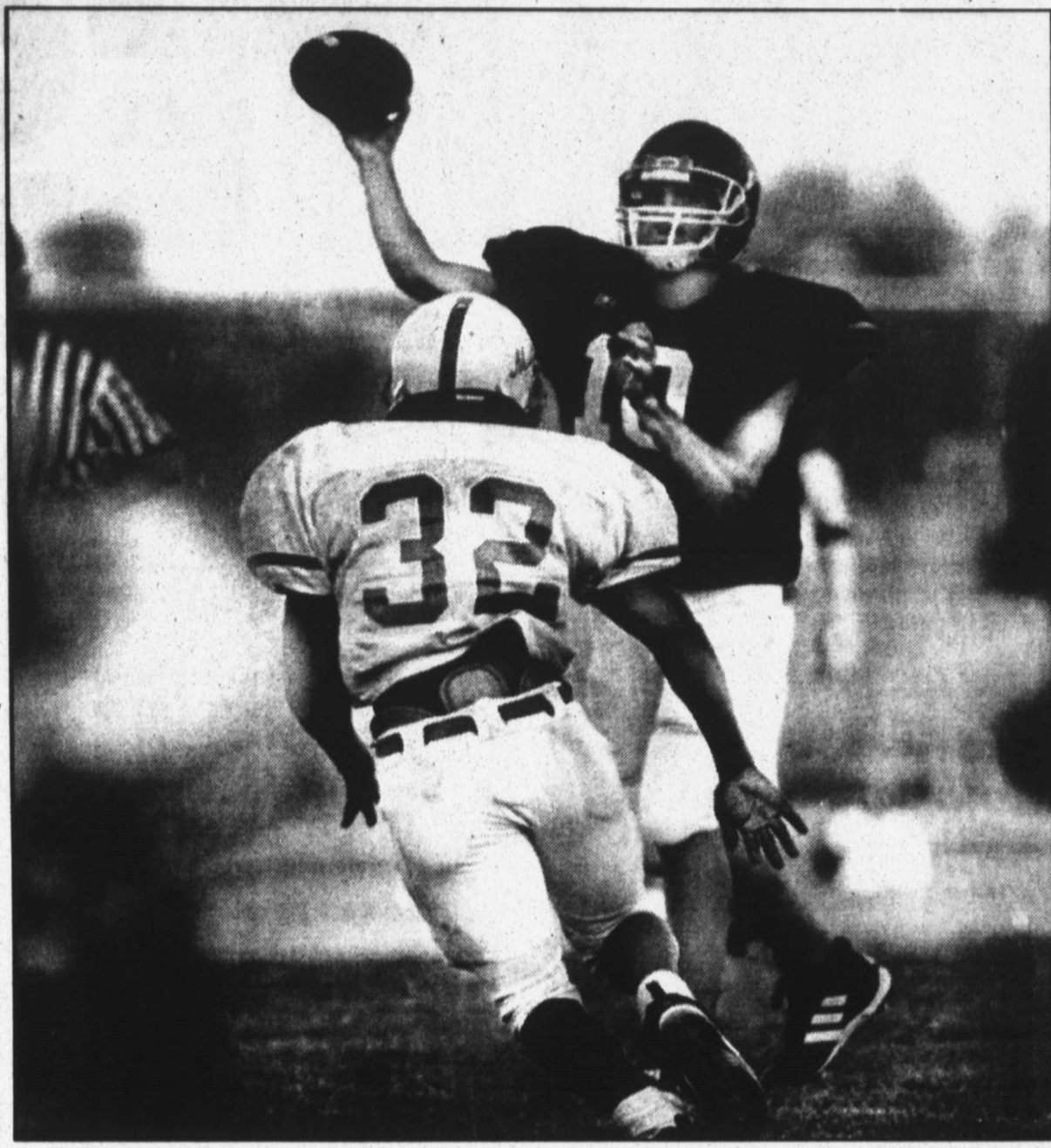
Unlike last Tuesday against Tascosa High, coach Kitten said she felt her team was more aggressive offensively along with not making too many mistakes. The coach said she hopes her team can continue to take the necessary steps to help them win.

"We blocked pretty well and had fewer unforced errors," Kitten said. "We must continue to take these small steps to get us headed in the right direction."

The team travels to Borger tonight to face the Lady Bulldogs in their first district 3-4A test of the year.

The Lady Whitefaces are then at home on Saturday to take on Pampa High School.

HITTING HIS MAN



Hitting his man—Hereford senior quarterback Cody Hodges throws to a receiver during a scrimmage last Thursday against Lubbock Estacado. The Herd's first game is on Friday at Amarillo Tascosa.

Texas ends Sox's streak

■ Chicago fails in ninth inning comeback bid

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago White Sox finally ran out of comebacks.

With the White Sox trailing the Texas Rangers 5-3 in the ninth, Charles Johnson hit a two-out solo homer. Then, Chicago had runners at first and second and Frank Thomas at the plate against Texas closer John Wetteland.

But Thomas flied out to center on a first-pitch fastball to end the game and the White Sox's five game-winning streak as the Rangers escaped with a 5-4 victory Monday.

"We had the right guy up at the right time. It just didn't happen," said White Sox manager Jerry Manuel, whose team rallied for come-from-behind wins in two of their last three games.

"We almost pulled it out," Chicago outfielder Jeff Abbott said. "We've done it before."

Why not do it again?" Wetteland, who got his 29th save in 37 chances, wouldn't let them.

Gabe Kapler hit a solo homer and Ricky Ledee had a tiebreaking RBI single to lead the Rangers.

Rookie Doug Davis (6-5) stymied the White Sox, who were coming off a three-game sweep of Anaheim in which they scored 35 runs. Davis gave up two runs, eight hits and two walks in six innings to win for only the second time in his last 11 starts.

"I think I broke about four or five bats today. I was able to establish the inside and that opened up the outside part of the plate," Davis said.

"Since our starting rotation got disassembled, he's given us four outings in a row," Texas manager Johnny Oates said of Davis, who is 2-

1 with a 1.52 ERA in his last four starts.

"Pitching is hard to come by, and to have a left-hander

like him and a right-hander like Ryan Glynn come along is what you need."

Jon Garland (3-5) took the loss in his first start since July 18, when he was hit in the right forearm by a line drive. Garland gave up three runs and eight hits in five innings.

The White Sox, who have a 7 1/2-game lead over Cleveland in the AL Central, are counting on the rookie after learning that veteran Cal Eldred is probably done for the season.

Eldred, who was 10-2 in 19 starts, took himself out of a rehab start Sunday night after two innings. He arrived at Comiskey Park during Monday's game but left early.

"Obviously, we were counting on Cal to give us a shot in the arm," Manuel said. "We'll just do what we have to do. It's (losing Eldred) a big setback for us."

Garland is not looking too far ahead.

"I don't even think about it," Garland said of the postseason. "I'm worried about five days from now. I don't even think about the playoffs

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RANGERS
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HERD RANKED FOURTH

The Hereford High School 2000 Whiteface football team is currently ranked fourth in the Associated Press' high school football poll in class 4A.

The Associated Press released their Schoolboy Football Poll for the state of Texas this past week, and the Whitefaces rank fourth behind Texas City, Stephenville and Wolforth Frenship. Hereford High received 129 votes.

The Whitefaces and Texas

City met last year while Hereford and Frenship meet in a non-district game on Sept. 22 at Frenship.

- Class 4A
1. Garland (14) 1-0-0 191
 2. Midland Lee (5) 1-0-0 165
 3. Austin Westlake (1) 1-0-0 161
 4. Katy 1-0-0 141
 5. Aldine Eisenhower 0-0-0 129
 6. Waco 0-0-0 99
 7. Plano East 0-1-0 80
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 9. Arlington Lamar 0-0-0 28
 10. The Woodlands 0-0-0 18

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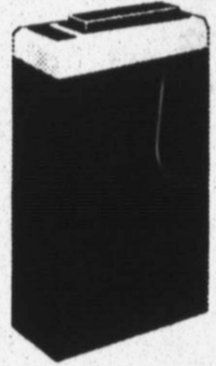
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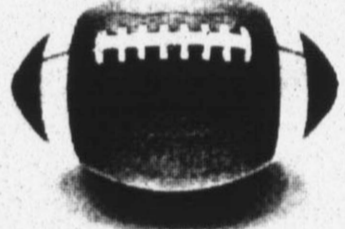
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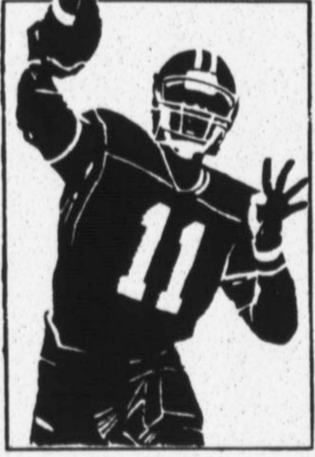
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Dallas' year looks bleak

■ Cowboys face year without star receiver and three hurt quarterbacks

IRVING, Texas (AP) — After spending the offseason rebuilding their offense, the Dallas Cowboys must do it again just one game into the regular season.

Receiver Joey Galloway tore a ligament in his left knee in Sunday's 41-14 loss to Philadelphia and is out for the rest of the season.

Quarterback Troy Aikman is waiting to see how he'll recover from his third concussion in nine games. That makes Randall Cunningham tentatively the starter Sunday against Arizona, although he's battling a sore throwing hand.

Having the mobile Cunningham under center instead of Aikman gives Dallas a new dimension. Then again, there are plenty of other plays that get torn out of the playbook when Aikman isn't there to run them.

"I think with a week's work,

hopefully he will have enough of a grasp of the offense," coach Dave Campo said. "But we'll do some things to take advantage of what he does best."

Cunningham signed in early June, missing most of the team's minicamps. A shoulder injury limited him to one pre-season game and limited work the last two weeks of training camp. He took very few snaps as the backup last week.

"With any offense, you have it available for whatever quarterback is in, but you cater toward your starter," Cunningham said as he squeezed globs of Silly Putty he'd borrowed from his kids. "So what really makes a difference is knowing who your starter is."

If dizziness and headaches continue to bother Aikman on Tuesday, it would be highly unlikely that he'd play against the Cardinals. If he's fine, he could practice Wednesday.

"Let me be sure we're clear about one thing: I'm not interested in any way of jeopardizing his long-term well-being," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "If you think I'm

sitting here pushing him to get back out there on behalf of winning a ball game, the answer is no."

Jones said he's looking into bringing in another quarterback, preferably a veteran. He already plans to put Galloway on injured reserve and activate rookie Clint Stoerner off the practice squad. Galloway, incidentally, was Dallas' third quarterback.

"I've got a long week ahead of me — a lot of game-planning to go over several times and a lot of coaching to take, but I'll be ready," Stoerner said.

Without Galloway, the Cowboys will need a new No. 1 receiver. Raghil Ismail will take up most of the slack, but that means someone else will need to step up.

Coach Dave Campo said he'll be looking to James McKnight and Wane McGarity. Jason Tucker and Chris Brazell also become more important.

"McKnight is an outside receiver and McGarity can play outside but is a little more comfortable in the slot," Campo said.

Dallas gave up two first-round draft picks to get Galloway from Seattle, then gave him a \$42 million, seven-year contract. He did catch four passes for 62 yards in the opener, including a 4-yarder in the fourth quarter for the Cowboys' lone touchdown. He was hurt on Dallas' third-to-last snap.

"At that point in the ballgame, we were trying to get some things going offensively, trying to work some things," Campo said. "It just so happened that that's an unfortunate injury."

Aikman's health is an ongoing concern. The cumulative effect of concussions has ended many careers, most recently Steve Young. A generation earlier, Roger Staubach called it quits after concussions were coming too easily, although he was 38.

"I think Troy is astute enough, smart enough to know when he can get on the field and perform at his best and whether he's at risk," Emmitt Smith said. "He's going to need all the professional advice he can get and make the decision for himself."

Poll

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9. Duncanville 7, Abilene 7, San Antonio Marshall 4, Converse Judson 3, Houston Madison 2, Lewisville 2, El Paso Dal Valle 2, South Grand Prairie 1, Bryan 1, Abilene Cooper 1.

Class 4A
1. Texas City (18) 1-0-0 197
2. Stegallville (1) 0-1-0 142
3. Wofforth Friendship (1) 0-0-0 134
4. Hereford 0-0-0 129
5. Brownwood 1-0-0 105
6. Wichita Falls 1-0-0 95
7. San Antonio Roosevelt 0-0-0 89
8. La Marque 0-1-0 57
9. San Marcos 0-0-0 51
10. Ennis 0-0-0 30

Also receiving votes, Highland Park 12, Nederland 10, Greenville 9, Bay City 8, Hewitt Midway 3, New Braunfels 3, Brenham 3, Jacksonville 3, Big Spring 2, Kilgore 1, Port Neches-Groves 1, Borger 1.

Class 3A
1. Newton (12) 0-0-0 188
2. Crockett (3) 1-0-0 160
3. Lamesa (2) 0-0-0 159
4. Everman (3) 0-0-0 126
5. Cleveland 1-0-0 89
6. LaGrange 0-0-0 79
7. Sweeny 0-0-0 63
8. Cuero 0-0-0 41
9. (tie) Marlin 0-1-0 38
Liberly-Eylau 0-0-0 38

Also receiving votes, Lindale 25, Aledo 21, Daingerfield 14, Sealy 8, Gatesville 8, Atlanta 7, China Spring 7, Wimer-Hutchins 7, Abilene Wylie 4, Forney 4, Muleshoe 1, Kaufman 1.

Class 2A
1. Mart (18) 1-0-0 198
2. Calina (1) 1-0-0 178

3. Refugio 1-0-0 152
4. Sonora 1-0-0 96
5. Elysian Fields 0-0-0 92
6. Corrigan-Camden 0-0-0 85
7. Olney (1) 1-0-0 74
8. Omaha Paul-Pewitt 0-0-0 65
9. Gurter 0-0-0 63
10. Garrison 0-0-0 26

Also receiving votes Alto 13, Pilot Point 9, Blanco 7, Rogers 7, East Chambers 6, Comfort 6, Holiday 3, Mason 3, Hemphill 3, Ganado 2, Friona 2, Stanton 2, DeKalb 2, Leon 1.

Class A
1. Iraan (16) 0-0-0 192
2. Shiner 0-0-0 154
3. Beckville (2) 0-0-0 144
4. Stratford (1) 0-0-0 138
5. Paducah (1) 1-0-0 112
6. Collette 0-0-0 104
7. Wheeler 0-0-0 79
8. Rankin 1-0-0 69
9. Wortham 1-0-0 51
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Astros stumble in Florida, 5-2

■ 30-year-old rookie shuts down Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Standing at his locker, Chuck Smith proudly wore a T-shirt with a picture of Hall of Fame pitcher Satchel Paige on the front.

How appropriate. Smith, the Florida Marlins' 30-year-old rookie right-hander, allowed two runs in eight innings of a 5-2 victory over the Houston Astros on Monday.

"He's my hero," Smith said of Paige. "It took him so long to get to the big leagues with all the adversity he went through. It shows how you can't give up no matter how long it takes."

Paige was the oldest rookie ever to play in the major leagues when he joined the Cleveland Indians in 1948. He was supposedly 42, but some say he was even older than that after spending 22 years

in the Negro Leagues.

Smith (4-5) spent nearly 10 years in the minors before getting his chance with the Marlins this season. He quieted the hard-hitting Astros on five hits and two walks, striking out 11 to match a career high. Antonio Alfonseca pitched the ninth for his 39th save in 43 chances.

Smith spent four years in the Astros organization, then bounced around the minors as property of the White Sox, Rockies and Rangers before joining the Marlins on June 9 of this year. He was 5-3 with a 3.78 ERA for Texas' Triple-A team at Oklahoma City.

"I don't know what happened to him all those years in the minors," Marlins man-

ager John Boles said. "I have to think he has better command now and has just become a more polished pitcher. He probably sharpened up his pitches."

"But he's a major league pitcher now. He's got major league stuff. He's one of the great stories of this season."

The Astros probably agree. They beat Smith 4-3 on Aug. 1, but all four runs were unearned and Houston managed only two hits off Smith in seven innings.

"Their guy was strike one on everybody," Astros manager Larry Dierker said. "He pitched really well against us, just like he did the last time."

Smith retired 13 of 14 batters during one stretch from

the first through the fifth innings.

"Chuck's a good pitcher," Houston's Chris Truby said. "The mystery to me is why it's taken him so long to get to the majors because he's got good stuff. He kept his fastball inside and his breaking ball down. You do that and you're going to be successful."

Smith was 24-21 over four years in the Astros organization, but he was taken by the White Sox in the Rule 5 draft in 1994.

"It felt good to come in and show them that I could pitch," Smith said. "I don't know why they let me go. I guess that's baseball. Different people see different things in you."

RUNNERS TAKE ON HEAT

■ Cross Country team competes in triple digit heat at meet in Denton

The hot weather kept most Texas residents indoors enjoying their air conditioners this past weekend, but the Hereford High School Cross Country team spent their Saturday competing in triple digit temperatures at a meet in Denton.

The Marcus Invitational was held at North Lake Park in Denton on Sept. 2 giving schools a chance to tune up their running skills.

During their first meet of the year, the Hostile Herd and Lady Whitefaces made good showings with both teams placing second overall.

The Whitefaces came in second just behind Decatur with

a total of 66 points. Anthony Gonzalez and Jeremy Blakely paced the Whitefaces finishing second and third in individual competition. Gonzalez was second with his time of 16 minutes 15 seconds while Blakely crossed the finish line at 16 minutes 39 seconds.

On the girls side, the Lady Whitefaces placed second behind Plainview, Okla. with a total of 60 points. The team was led by runners Brionne Yosten, Ruby Crox and Shari High.

Each of the girls placed in the top ten with Yosten leading all runners with a time of 12 minutes 2 seconds. Crox placed seventh in the meet

with her time of 13 minutes 19 seconds, and High placed tenth with a time of 13 minutes 37 seconds.

The next meet for the cross country team is this weekend when they travel to Plainview on Sept. 9.

Texas

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or anything like that." Kapler hit his 11th home run leading off the fourth as the Rangers won for only the third time in 10 games.

Texas has won consecutive games for the first time since a four-game winning streak from July 25-28. The Rangers have the second-worst road record in the AL at 24-42.

Reliever Tim Lincecum gave up a solo homer to Carlos Lee with two outs in the eighth, cutting Texas' lead to 5-3. Lee went 4-for-4 with his 22nd homer.

Thomas hit an RBI single in the first, and Lee, Herbert Perry and Paul Konerko hit consecutive singles in the second to make it 2-0 Chicago.

After Kapler's homer cut it to 2-1, Bill Haselman hit his second double one out later and scored on Royce Clayton's double.

With one out in the fifth, Rafael Palmeiro, Kapler and Ledee each singled to make it 3-2 Texas.

Scarborough Green and Frank Catalanotto added RBI singles with one out in the Rangers' eighth.

Notes: Thomas has 127 RBIs, second in the majors to Seattle's Edgar Martinez (128).

The Rangers will call up four players Tuesday from Triple-A Oklahoma, including DH Ruben Sierra, who first broke into the majors with the team in 1986. The White Sox drew 29,614 fans Monday, and have topped 30,000 only twice in their last 13 home games. Comiskey Park's seating capacity is 44,321.

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DATED this 25th day of July, 2000. In/ ROBERT C. HUCKERT and DAVID L. HUCKERT Independent Co-Executors of the Estate of ANNA KATHRINE HUCKERT, Deceased, No. FR-00 4548 in the County Court of Deaf Smith County, Texas

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County

From Page A1 enforcement accounts for most of the spending, with \$699,392 for jail operations and \$668,840 for the sheriff's department. By department, the projected expenditures for FY 2001 are (FY 2000 budget in parentheses): • County judge, \$83,932 (\$83,141); • County clerk, \$168,664 (\$170,826); • General Fund, \$1,137,569 (\$888,261); • General maintenance, \$158,391 (\$158,250); • District clerk, \$95,022 (\$95,021); • Justice of the peace, \$116,296 (\$116,295); • District attorney, \$250,187 (\$243,184); • County auditor, \$43,597 (\$43,597); • County treasurer, \$77,859 (\$77,849); • Tax assessor/collector, \$114,069 (\$113,567); • Jail, \$699,392 (\$696,890); • Sheriff, \$668,840 (\$670,775); • District judge, \$37,623 (\$38,185); • Adult probation, \$9,180 (\$9,180); • Social services, \$83,569 (\$82,969); • Library, \$243,175 (\$240,875); • Museum, \$60,682 (\$60,718); • Extension, \$117,671 (\$119,008); • TOTAL: \$4,166,078.

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Campaign

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parade. "My opponent said he would debate me any place, anytime, anywhere," Bush continued. "I said fine, why don't we just show up ... and discuss our differences."

Two of the debates Bush accepted would be 60-minute appearances, one Sept. 12 on a special prime-time edition of NBC's "Meet the Press" and Oct. 3 from Los Angeles on CNN's "Larry King Live."

The Gore campaign wants three 90-minute debates as recommended by a bipartisan commission, saying those will reach the widest audience.

Gore said Bush must agree to the commission debates before any others.

"It's become a tradition to get all the networks together and give all of the American people the right to see three 90-minute, prime-time debates," the vice president said on NBC's "Today."

Lieberman told reporters, "I think Governor Bush is making an end run around the rules of the debate commission."

Gore has accepted the invitation from the Commission on Presidential Debates to negotiate further this week over a debate schedule.

Bush spokesman Scott



Republican presidential nominee George W. Bush responds to a question as he arrives in Allentown, Pa.

Bush caught making disparaging remark about Times reporter

NAPERVILLE, Ill. (AP) — George W. Bush made a disparaging remark about a reporter from The New York Times that was picked up by a live microphone.

As Bush stood on the podium Monday waiting for music to finish, he turned to running mate Dick Cheney and used an obscenity to describe reporter Adam Clymer in the nearby press area. Cheney agreed with Bush's assessment. Both men thought their remarks were off-mike.

Karen Hughes, Bush's spokeswoman, said the remarks were "a whispered aside to his running mate. It was not intended as a public comment."

Clymer said, "I'm disappointed in the governor's language." Cheney refused to discuss it. "The governor made a private comment to me. It was a private comment, and I don't plan to say anything about it," he told reporters later in Chicago.

Joseph Lieberman, the Democratic vice presidential candidate, called Bush's remark a mistake that "reminds us of the reality of public life."

"You'd better be real careful what you do or say at any moment because it could be globally televised, or known rapidly," Lieberman said Tuesday on CBS' "The Early Show."

The Times today quoted Hughes as saying of Clymer, "There's been a series of articles that the governor felt have been very unfair."

Joseph Lelyveld, the Times' executive editor, said Clymer was a veteran political reporter: "His work is both fair and accurate. The Times has never heard from the Bush campaign about Adam. If they have a complaint, they should convey it to us and we will review it as we do all serious complaints about our coverage."

Quake surprises seismologists

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Even in earthquake-prone California, the sharp jolt that caused millions of dollars in damage in the Napa Valley caught residents and experts alike off guard.

Two people remained hospitalized Monday, one in critical condition. The magnitude 5.2 tremor struck at 1:36 a.m. Sunday about 6 miles northwest of Napa near the small town of Yountville — an area that seismologists hadn't even mapped for faults.

"As far as we know now, it's a previously unknown fault," said Pat Jorgenson, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Geological Survey in Menlo Park. "It shows that we don't know it all. Mother Nature still has



Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore (right) chats with John Sweeney (center), president of the AFL-CIO, and the Rev. Jesse Jackson during the Allegheny Central Labor Council Labor Day rally near Pittsburgh.

"I'm voting for Bush because not enough of my tax dollars support corporate welfare," said one sign. Another said: "Vote Bush because gay people have too many rights."

After the parade, Bush attended Michigan's annual peach festival in Romeo, Mich. — known for its high proportion of voters who swing back and forth between the two parties.

Cheney rode a Chicago elevated train to a Polish food fair, where he danced the polka with a Polish beauty queen and served up hot cabbage rolls with tomato sauce from behind a steam table.

Cheney told the crowd that one of his proudest moments was meeting Solidarity leader Lech Walesa, saying he "lit a spark in Poland that lit a prairie fire of freedom." He ended his remarks with a hearty "Sto Lat!" — a Polish congratulatory expression that means "May you live 100 years."

The two were reuniting Tuesday in Allentown, Pa., to announce their plan to provide seniors with a prescription drug benefit under Medicare.

Coins

From Page A1 naires to customers with coin orders. King was the top choice of the 1,940 collectors who suggested 3,915 candidates. "He has changed the lives of many people and deserves the recognition," one of the collectors wrote on his survey.

The results are being released as the Senate Banking Committee prepares for a symposium in Washington next week to talk about the future of U.S. coin designs.

Its chairman, Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, has said he would like to see a Reagan coin.

Sundman said he wouldn't be surprised to see any of the top three choices on a coin someday, although he'd prefer not to have former presidents on coins all the time.

Many of his customers agree. Other choices in the top 10 include astronauts John Glenn (4) and Neil Armstrong (7), evangelist Billy Graham (6), scientist Albert Einstein (8), John Wayne (9) and Elvis Presley (10). Former President Theodore Roosevelt was 5th.

Many of the choices may have to wait awhile. Federal law says no living person can be depicted on a circulating U.S. coin.

"I was surprised at how many doctors and scientists were on the list," said Sundman. "Madam Curie was way down on the list, at 63, but she was ahead of Patrick Henry ('Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death'), at 64."

The list included polio vaccine researcher Jonas Salk (18th), chemist George Washington Carver (42) and scientist-inventor Alexander Graham Bell (86).

John F. Kennedy Jr. was 23rd, ahead of his father, who was 36th. But wait, isn't the former president already on a coin?

"Yes," said Sundman, "and it's surprising people would suggest him, but it's a reflection of how seldom you see a half dollar in circulation."

In a similar survey five years ago, the top three choices were the same, in different order. Instead of King, Reagan, Truman, it was Reagan, Truman, King.

The abrupt shock threw Gary Price out of his bed. "We woke up and there was glass everywhere," said Price, 43, who has lived in the area for almost 20 years. He expects he'll have to pay at least \$1,500 to replace his broken television, videocassette recorder and other property.

Moderate quakes can strike anywhere in the seismically volatile Bay Area, geologists said. But the Napa Valley is far down the list of places where they're expected.

"I don't think anybody would have put a magnitude 5 out there," USGS geologist Steve Walter said. "It occurred in an area of fairly sparse seismic activity. That whole region north of the bay is much less active than the South Bay."

Millennium meet draws 150 leaders

UNITED NATIONS — History's largest gathering of world leaders is assembling in New York at the United Nations Millennium Summit with the goal of turning the 21st century into an epoch free of war, poverty, ignorance and disease.

At least 91 demonstrations are planned during the gathering of more than 150 heads of state, which runs from Wednesday through Friday.

At the summit's conclusion, world leaders are expected to adopt the so-called Millennium Declaration, which commits to eradicating poverty, promoting education and reversing the spread of HIV/AIDS. A nine-page draft circulated Monday also vows to promote democracy and strengthen respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, "including the right to development" — a key demand by Third World countries.

Investigators: Gulf Air plane was out of control

MANAMA, Bahrain — Investigators say the crew of a Gulf Air plane that crashed into the sea off Bahrain, killing 143 aboard, appeared unable to control the plane as it continued accelerating in spite of system warnings.

The pilot failed to slow down during his landing attempts or gain altitude afterward, despite cockpit alarms and warnings from his co-pilot that the plane was moving too fast, investigators said Monday.

Frank Hilldrup, a U.S. National Transportation Safety Board expert appointed by Bahrain as chief investigator into the Aug. 23 crash, told reporters Monday it was too early to say pilot error caused the Airbus 320 to nosedive into shallow Persian Gulf waters.

Detroit takes pride in documentary

DETROIT — A film about an artist who created a controversial polka-dotted monument of car hoods, old TVs, shoes and other junked symbols of urban blight has become a source of local pride.

Director Nicole Cattell's documentary about conceptual artist Tyree Guyton, titled "Come Unto Me: The Faces of Tyree Guyton," has been nominated for an Emmy Award. Created from 1994 to 1999, the documentary provides a portrait of Guyton and his efforts to turn Detroit's rundown Heidelberg Street into an art display.

Hundreds of thousands of people from 85 countries have visited the Heidelberg Project, Guyton's assembly of discarded items ranging from dolls and stuffed animals to TVs, newspaper boxes and cars. He covered trees and houses with the rescued refuse, along with his own broad-stroke oil paintings.

The city demolished parts of the block-long art display last year.

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HEALTH REPORTS

WASHINGTON — Pressing its health care agenda, the White House is presenting two reports Tuesday that support the idea of expanding government children's health care programs to parents.

A study from the nonpartisan Center on Budget and Policy Priorities found that allowing parents to apply for aid under the programs makes it more likely that their children will be covered.

Separately, a White review of various studies on the subject concludes that expanding existing coverage or federal support for health care programs was superior to offering parents tax deductions or credits for health care.

Congress is considering legislation to expand coverage or provide additional tax breaks for health care programs. Most Republicans favor tax breaks, while most Democrats favor a bill that would expand eligibility under existing programs.

Most poor children are eli-

gible for health care through either Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). CHIP was created in 1997 to help kids whose families earn too much to qualify for Medicaid but can't afford private insurance. Congress has been considering legislation to expand these programs to other family members.

There are an estimated 7 million children who remain uninsured, although they are eligible for health care assistance. Leighton Ku, who wrote the Center's report, said some parents don't know about the programs, while others don't take the time to apply for them.

In Oregon, Hawaii and Tennessee, which expanded Medicaid coverage to parents in 1994, coverage of eligible children 6-years-old or younger rose from 51 percent to 67 percent from 1990 to 1998, an analysis of Census data found. In states that didn't expand

their programs, the proportion of children insured only increased 3 percentage points to 54 percent.

"When you make the program broader so the parents can join or maybe some older siblings can join then they say it becomes worthwhile," Ku said in an interview.

Since 1998, the District of Columbia and nine states — California, Connecticut, Maine, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Rhode Island and Wisconsin — approved or carried out expansions to their Medicaid programs to cover more low-income families, including parents, the report said.

The second report, a summary of various studies compiled and released by the White House Council of Economic Advisers, concluded that tax credits would encourage some individuals to pay for group insurance or even the more expensive individual insurance. But this is still less

of an incentive — and is more expensive for the government — than expanding existing programs or using a combination of the two, the report concluded.

Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush supports a tax credit of up to \$2,000 per family to help low-income working Americans buy health insurance and an expansion of tax-free medical savings accounts that can be used to pay for health expenses.

Vice President Al Gore favors expanding coverage for children and parents and a tax credit so uninsured people can purchase individual health policies.

Ku said his findings support the passing of the Family Care Act of 2000, bipartisan legislation proposed last month that would spread \$50 billion across the country during the next 10 years so states could insure parents whose children are enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP.

Wildfire danger down in Montana

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — Millions of acres of forests and grasslands in Montana were reopening to the public on Tuesday because cool, rainy weather and increasing numbers of firefighters have lessened the danger of wildfires, state and federal officials announced.

Monday's announcement — by the U.S. Forest Service and Gov. Marc Racicot — means 20 million acres in areas hit hardest by this summer's wildfires will again be open to hunting, fishing and other recreational activi-

ties, said Pat Graham, director of the state Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

"I am pleased that with the presence of additional firefighting capabilities, cooler weather, some precipitation and enhanced moisture ... we are able to suspend the executive orders previously issued concerning land closures," Racicot said.

There were some exceptions to the reopenings, and fire-danger restrictions such as limiting campfires and smoking to designated areas and restrictions on off-road vehicles

remained in force.

Nationwide, 81 large fires were still burning on 1.67 million acres Monday in Arkansas, California, Idaho, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas and Wyoming, according to the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho.

To date, 74,571 fires have burned nearly 6.6 million acres across the nation.

The announcements in Montana came as the massive fires in the Bitterroot Valley were on the wane, blunted by cool, rainy weather, and residents

turned the Labor Day holiday into a Firefighters Appreciation Day.

"All these people in yellow shirts, they all walked away from what we have right here — wives and kids, families — and spent their summer doing everything they could to save ours," Ravalli County Sheriff Perry Johnson said at a rally in Hamilton. "We can never thank you enough."

Firefighters were mobilized from 38 states, Canada, New Zealand, Australia and numerous military units deployed in the valley.

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