



# SPORTS/METRO

## Basketball Camp Teaches the Basics in Sports and Life



Girls at the Salvation Army on North Williams get a lesson in sports and life from Portland Trail Blazer Shawn Kemp (above) and local volunteer Traci Thirdgill-Nunez (below). Both shared their insights on the game of basketball and the importance of achieving in school.

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## Spurs Beat Blazers in the Alamodome

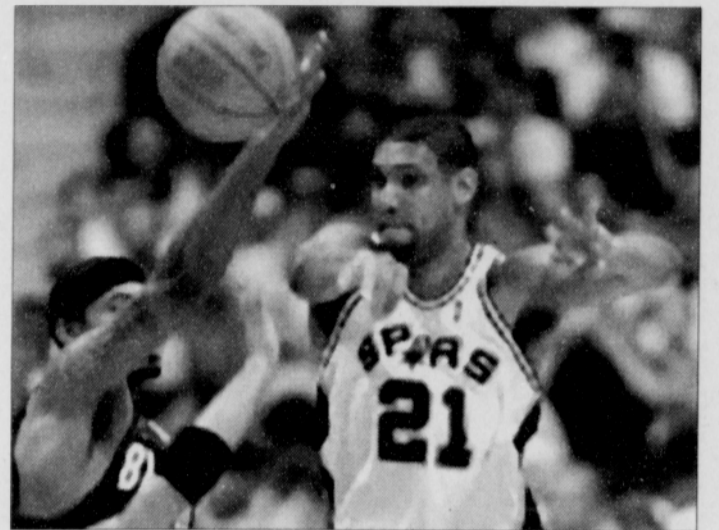
(AP) - The San Antonio Spurs couldn't wait to get home after losing three straight games on the West Coast.

The Spurs, 13-1 at home since the All-Star break, used the Alamodome advantage to defeat three playoff teams in three home games, including the Portland Trail Blazers on Monday night 99-87 after nearly blowing a 29-point, second-half lead.

"They made a statement tonight," said Portland's Derek Anderson, a former Spur. "If you have home-court heading into the playoffs, you definitely have an advantage."

The Spurs also won close games against Seattle and Dallas in making a bid to win the Midwest Division.

The Blazers went on an 18-4 tear late in the final period to slash the Spurs' lead to six with 2:32 remaining before Tim Duncan knocked down a turnaround jumper and the San Antonio de-



San Antonio's Tim Duncan passes the ball around Rasheed Wallace. (AP photo)

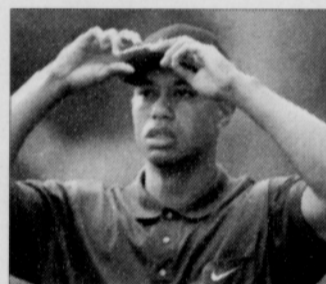
fense held Portland scoreless the rest of the way.

Duncan led San Antonio with 24 points and eight rebounds. His only basket of the fourth quarter was a 10-footer over Rasheed Wallace to put the Spurs up, 95-

87, with 1:28 left. The field goal was one of two by the Spurs over the final 9:16.

Steve Smith, a former Trail Blazer, and Jason Hart made four free throws at the end to clinch the win.

## New Masters, Same Guy to Beat



Tiger Woods

(AP) — Tiger Woods walked briskly out of the Augusta National clubhouse Tuesday morning and was headed for the first tee, unaware of a small problem his caddie had already solved.

A wooden clock at the tee box told golfers the course would open at 8, but it was only 7:25.

Steve Williams simply moved the hands back a half-hour, and when Woods arrived at 7:28, the defending champion flicked the big hand back two more minutes.

His swing coach, Butch Harmon, could attest to that.

Harmon walked the practice round with Woods on Tuesday. After watching him hit two delicate pitches to one of the toughest pin placements on No. 3, Harmon turned and said, "This kid is going to be tough to beat this week."

## Beavers Fall, Open at Home Friday

On a cool, breezy night - not uncommon for April Pacific Coast League baseball, especially in Colorado Springs - the Portland Beavers managed 10 hits Monday night but fell, 6-1, in their series-opener with the Sky Sox.

Friday, the Beavers open the home season at PGE Park against the Memphis Redbirds.

## Portsmouth Plan Brings Hope, Zoning Issues

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retired and we've moved on. There's no memory of why these things were done, and CS allows a lot of things," countered Commission member Marcy McNelly.

Richard Ellmyer, longtime Portsmouth community activist had similar concerns, charging that the rezoning would bring "massive changes in the social architecture" of the neighborhood. He later told the Portland Observer that the current proposal contradicts an earlier commitment for commercial zoning on the northwest corner of the Villa, which he felt would better serve the neighborhood.

The Community Development Corporation hopes to implement some of the plan's low-income housing development goals, Horne says, and has participated in neighborhood tree plantings and clean-ups for the past five years. They also helped produce a series of banners, a project conceived by resident Judy

Hand to celebrate the neighborhood's multi-cultural diversity.

Columbia Villa resident Billy Carey testified to the need for local commercial services. He said that for two years he had no car, and "to load 12 grocery bags on the bus was rather difficult." A grocery cart chained to the bus stop was "my mini-van" to get the groceries home.

"I can remember when it was a really bad community, but today it's quiet, it's peaceful. To look out my window and see my grandson playing at the basketball court or my granddaughter playing on the swings is a good feeling," said Carey.

He likes the plans to redo the Villa because "Everyone wants to live somewhere new at some point in their life."

Despite the zoning issues, admiration for the plan appeared to be universal.

"I really like this plan. I really like the history and the theme. The vision statement is extraordinary," said Planning Commission member Ernie Bonner.

## Racism Investigated at Oregon State Hospital

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"They're taking this very seriously," said Margy Johnson, deputy assistant director for Health Services in the Department of Human Services.

The letter Gordly received named a nurse, three mental health technicians and a unit director who allegedly made repeated racist comments about Waters and others on ward 48C, a high-security forensics unit.

Gordly said she thinks the letter is credible because the author referred to public remarks she made during a conference on diversity.

At the conference, Gordly, D-Portland, introduced a Portland State University professor who had written a dissertation on Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome. That conference, she said, was attended by several employees and managers at the Oregon State Hospital.

The letter said "They belittled you for making it. They

belittled your son for believing it and they belittled black people in general, stating that, in effect, black people are always making lame excuses for themselves and crying the blues."

"I feel this is a grave matter that sickened me and I think this should be looked into," the letter continued. "I also suggest that (hospital Superintendent) Stan Mazur-Hart not be the one to look into this because the administration here tries to cover up issues that make them look bad."

Reached Friday, Mazur-Hart said: "We just need to see what the review presents. If there is any merit to the allegations, then we would need to work on getting those things fixed."

Investigators will also look into whether Waters' psychiatric treatment was tainted by the alleged abuse. But because Mazur-Hart makes the ultimate ruling and is named in the letter, the attorney general's office will review it.

Mazur-Hart welcomed the oversight. "We'll find out exactly what the status is as seen by someone outside the hospital," he said.

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