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Bush begins vacation

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine (AP) - President Bush today begins a three-week seaside vacation, visiting with family and entertaining two world leaders away from Washington's summer doldrums.

Bush arrived here Wednesday, announcing he was aiming to "get my body in shape" with his favorite vacation pastime - intensive exercise.

The president and first lady Barbara Bush were expecting separate visits from Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and Danish Prime Minister Poul Schluter, but those were to be personal rather than business-oriented, the White House said.

Bush flew to this resort town from Miami, where he made a one-day campaign foray in behalf of Republican congressional candidate Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, who is vying against Democrat Gerald Richman to succeed the late Democratic Rep. Claude Pepper.

The White House also announced Wednesday that Bush will make his first televised address to the nation as president Sept. 5 to reveal his national strategy to combat drug abuse.

The president "wanted to discuss it directly with the American people," said White House Press Secretary Marlin Fitzwater.

Fitzwater said the president, in a meeting Tuesday with his Domestic Policy Council of Cabinet and senior advisers, signed off on the broad planks of the strategy. He said, however, "there's still some outstanding specifics" to be decided.

The strategy will target drug users much more intensively than past policy, which has focused on interdiction, said one knowledgeable official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Bush on Wednesday made a decision on one key aspect of the anti-drug plan that had divided his top advisers - whether to withhold federal highway funds and other support to states that fail to implement sufficiently tough policies, such as revoking drivers' licenses of drug offenders, it was learned. However, officials did not disclose the president's decision.

Officials said the anti-drug strategy also will entail expanded use of the U.S. military to help combat drugs at the source in foreign countries, when those countries request assistance.



Lunar eclipse

Framed by trees in a pasture about three miles southeast of Hereford, the moon begins to disappear from view in the

early ages of a total eclipse on Wednesday night. (Photo by Mauri Montgomery)

Lunar eclipse visible here

By SUZANNE GAMBOA
Associated Press Writer

About 150 Texas and New Mexico residents gathered Wednesday at the dunes of White Sands National Monument to watch the first full lunar eclipse in seven years, despite cloudy skies and threatening thunderstorms.

And at McDonald Observatory near Fort Davis, Texas, officials said they do not believe they were successful in an attempt to bounce a laser beam off a reflector the size of a bread box that was left on the moon by Apollo astronauts.

"We made an attempt, but it doesn't look like we succeeded," said Jerry Wiant, chief engineer at McDonald Observatory. "Some-

times we can see from data later that we did, but that would be unusual."

Saying there were some thin clouds passing by during the eclipse, Wiant said, "It wasn't the best of conditions."

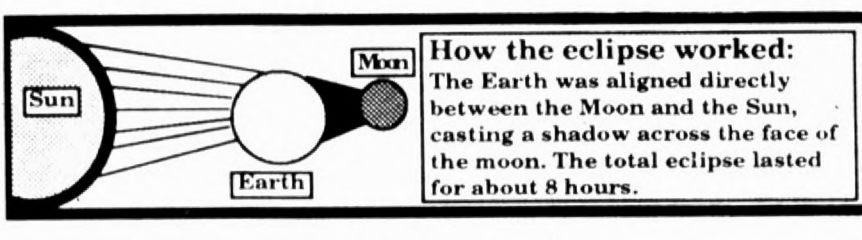
"We are not devastated, but we are disappointed," Wiant said. "The moon is a tough cookie to get a return from."

"It was fun watching the eclipse, but not very scientific," he added.

Alan Hale, a graduate student at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, presented an hourlong astronomy lesson while observers awaited breaking cloud cover at White Sands.

"We would have liked for it to have been a little clearer, but we have patience," said John Olson, 28, of Ruidoso, N.M., who watched the eclipse as he snuggled with his girlfriend, Michelle Lopez. The couple had driven about 45 miles to watch the eclipse.

About 8:45 p.m. MDT, clouds that hovered above the park separated to reveal the orange-colored, eclipsed moon. Star-gazers stretched out on blankets and lawn chairs



How the eclipse worked:
The Earth was aligned directly between the Moon and the Sun, casting a shadow across the face of the moon. The total eclipse lasted for about 8 hours.

oohed and aahed as they watched an accompanying meteor shower.

Jack Ryan, a 65-year-old El Paso real estate agent, said he and his wife had planned to come to the park Wednesday for one of the monthly moon watches, but was surprised to see his first lunar eclipse.

"We were coming out anyway, and it turned out to be the eclipse," Ryan said. "We enjoyed it very much and we have a 14-year-old grandson here and he's enjoying it."

In Hereford, the moon finally became visible at 8:35, coming over some low cloud cover on the eastern horizon just as the sun, obscured by clouds to the west, was going down. About two-thirds of the moon was visible.

Very few clouds were in the way here for the majority of the eclipse, which was not quite total here.

The shadow of the Earth crept across the moon's face, and within 30 minutes only a very small sliver of the moon was lighted.

The moon then began to take on an eerie orange cast and was bare visible.

The eclipse lasted until 10:56, when the shadow moved away from the lower left hand corner of the moon, making all of thlar phases of the moon seem to take place over a period of about two hours.

Today, in the western sky at about 6:30 a.m., the moon seemed to be brighter than usual, before it sank below the horizon.--By John Brooks

Pilgrim's checks spur big argument

AUSTIN (AP) - Poultry magnate Lonnie "Bo" Pilgrim, who passed out \$10,000 checks to state senators before a vote on an issue that interested him, might get back more than he expected, a public interest lobby says.

By handing out the checks on the Senate floor two days before the vote on a workers' compensation reform bill he favored, Pilgrim might have unwittingly spurred heightened interest in lawmakers' ethics.

Tom "Smitty" Smith, executive director of Public Citizen of Texas, said Pilgrim's actions aroused public indignation by demonstrating dramatically how bad the situation has become, according to The Dallas Morning News.

"It was one of those little vignettes that causes people alarm when they begin to realize just how our campaign finance laws (are) when people could actually walk on the senate floor and hand out black checks for \$10,000," Smith said.

The Travis County district attorney, who is charged with investigating corruption in state government, is looking into the matter.

And state lawmakers, set to return for a second special legislative session this fall, seem interested in passing ethics legislation. The issue also has become part of the debate over the November vote on a legislative pay raise.

Pilgrim has steadfastly denied that he was trying to bribe the senators, but his brazenness surprised even veteran lawmakers like Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby.

"It's not unusual - it's unique," said Hobby, who has presided over the Senate for 17 years.

Seven of the eight senators who received checks from Pilgrim returned them after the episode became public. Sen. O.H. "Ike" Harris, D-Dallas, who set up meetings between Pilgrim and some of the senators, kept the money.

District attorney Earle blasted the lobbying effort as "outrageous," but he questioned whether Pilgrim could be charged with a criminal offense because of flaws in the state's bribery laws.

Smith said that if the laws are tightened, the colorful Pilgrim, who wears a pointed pilgrim hat to hawk his poultry products on television, can claim much of the credit.

"Just as he wears those hats that characterize him as a founding father of America, he will be the founding father of campaign finance reform in Texas," Smith said.

Secretary of State George Bayoud, recently an aide to Gov. Bill Clements, said he favors such reform and predicted Clements will allow lawmakers to consider the issue during the special session.

Hereford Bull



By Speedy Nieman

That feller on Tierra Blanca Creek says show me a nightingale that forgot its song, and I'll show you a humming bird.

Nothing changes the color of paint like putting it on a wall.

Your friends will know without being told that your garden is already producing green onions.

Will Panhandle get nuclear dump after all?

That was the tantalizing headline on an editorial piece by Phil Fretz in The Amarillo Daily News last week. The opinion column offered nothing new. If it was meant to stir up anti-dump sentiments, it probably served a purpose.

Most of us already knew that there was a possibility that Nevada would not pass the selection criteria. But we also remember that Congress said the selection process would be opened up again, if Nevada is ruled out, to nominees who would be willing to be tested for the site of a nuclear waste facility. No provisions were made for returning to Deaf Smith County or Hanford, Wash.

Congress is probably correct in its assumption. There are places out there with enough people who believe DOE's statement that radioactive nuclear waste can be

stored safely for 10,000 years. There are communities who would trade the real and imagined risks of a nuclear dump for the economic gains.

The big question might be: Is there a place willing to take the site that has the acceptable geological formations for such a facility?

The Brand recently printed the salaries of elected officials in Deaf Smith County, comparing the pay scale with other counties.

Later, a man called me and requested that the newspaper print all of the names of persons on welfare and the amount of money each receives. When I told the caller that the laws prohibit the release of welfare matters and provide a stiff fine for doing so, he was unhappy.

I attempted to explain that not everyone on welfare is there illegally, and that printing the names of the people who are there, through no fault of their own, would be embarrassing to them.

The salary lists for local governmental units are available to any citizen who requests them. The newspaper obtains such lists, as well as other information, under the rights of the Open Records Law and any citizen has the same right. The custodian of the records can charge a fee for providing copies.

Walesa to help form government

WARSAW, Poland (AP) - Lech Walesa took charge of Solidarity's effort to create the East bloc's first non-communist government and met today with the leaders of two minor parties needed to form the coalition.

Solidarity's parliament members overwhelmingly endorsed the call for the opposition-led government Wednesday night after winning over the United Peasant and Democratic parties, two minor parties that traditionally have existed under the leadership of the Communist Party.

Walesa then agreed to Solidarity's request that he lead the new alliance but said he did not intend to become prime minister. However, when pressed, he said his decision was not final.

"There are better people than Walesa" for prime minister, said the winner of the 1983 Nobel Peace Prize. "I am with the masses, from the masses and for the masses."

The Communist Party said it had taken the coalition government proposal under consideration but its leader indicated he viewed it as a threat. Walesa was expected to meet with Communist President Wo-

jciech Jaruzelski soon and Peasant Party leader Roman Malinowski said candidates for prime minister would be presented at that time.

A Solidarity-led coalition would end four decades of Communist rule at a time when Poland's economic situation is worsening and the population is growing increasingly angry over shortages of basic commodities and rising inflation.

"This opportunity means engaging all forces in building Poland in the same direction, and at the same time preserving our identities, because we are pluralistic and different," Walesa said between meetings with Malinowski and Democratic Party leader Jerzy Jozwiak.

He and Malinowski repeated that the coalition would offer the ministries of defense and interior, who control the army and internal police, to the Communist Party.

"We are not against anybody," said Walesa, a shipyard electrician from Gdansk who led the strike that created the independent Solidarity union in August 1980. "We are realists, both regarding internal affairs and international problems."

Solidarity lawmaker Jaroslaw Kaczynski said Wednesday there were indications Jaruzelski would agree to the coalition plan but that there were no assurances. "We must take some risks," he added.

The coalition would have a clear majority in the Sejm, the lower house of the National Assembly, where Solidarity, the Democrats and the Peasants together control 264 votes to 173 for the Communists.

The prime minister will have to be nominated by Jaruzelski, who in December 1981 declared martial law to suppress Solidarity and now must decide whether to turn over the government to the independent movement.

In Moscow, Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Yuri Gremitskiikh said his country was "very concerned" with the developments in Poland but would not interfere.

Mieczyslaw F. Rakowski, first secretary of Poland's Communist Party, told members at a closed meeting that the situation was "dangerous" and said, "We have entered a period of an open fight for power," according to the state's PAP news service.

He said the move to exclude Communists from a coalition government violated last spring's agreement between Communist authorities and the opposition. The accord restored Solidarity's legal status after a seven-year ban and provided for economic reforms and partly democratic parliamentary elections.

The political reforms also created the presidency. The person in that post controls the armed forces and can dissolve parliament and call for new elections. The prime minister is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the government.

The current prime minister, Gen. Czeslaw Kiszczak, announced Monday he was willing to step down after two weeks in office due to Solidarity's opposition. He has failed in attempts to form a coalition government and suggested the task go to Peasant Party chairman Malinowski.

But Malinowski's own legislators said they preferred a coalition with Solidarity, and they were joined by the smaller delegation from the Democratic Party.

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Lifestyles

Now You're Cooking

By GAYE B. REILY
Staff Writer

Donna Brockman believes in hard work. As a result, she has devoted her time to seeing that her six children graduate from college.

"I've held two jobs at once so that my children could get an education," said the energetic Brockman, who has been director of the Deaf Smith County Museum since May. "I also think that kids should work when they become teenagers and help pay for their college. I've seen to it that all of mine did."

Her children, all of whom graduated from Hereford High

School, include five boys and a girl. Don, age 30, is married and lives in De Soto, working for ICH Co. Greg, 29, is also married and has a daughter. Stationed in Killeen, he serves in the U.S. Army.

Paul, 25, is married and lives in Amarillo where he works for EDS. Lee, 22, is a senior at the University of Texas in Austin where he has been a football star. Walter, 20, attends Texas A&M and Carmen, the youngest, heads for the University of Texas in San Antonio this fall on a basketball scholarship.

Brockman admits that she hates to see Carmen leave but has plans to handle the 'empty nest syndrome.' "I hope to read and sew more and

may even begin night college courses."

A graduate of Groom High School, she attended Amarillo College at night, then married Allan Brockman. They moved to Dimmitt where he was a supervisor of a grain elevator there. They then moved to Tucumcari where he managed an elevator, then the family came to Hereford in 1969.

Over the years, Brockman has seen many changes in her home life. "When Allan was alive, I stayed home and loved being there while our kids grew up," she said. "Then Allan got sick and went on the dialysis machine so I began to work outside the home."

Juggling home life with outside employment, the optimistic woman and her husband still found time to go to their children's sporting events. "We arranged our schedules so that I would dialyze him on a certain day and that would allow us to go to the local games."

The family was named family of the year by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in the early '80s. Allan's death in 1986 prompted her to note that "Hereford is the most caring, loving town we ever lived in--everyone has been so supportive."

Mrs. Brockman is a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church and their women's organization and serves on the advisory board.

In addition to sewing and going to ballgames, she says that baking is her favorite type of cooking. "I enjoy making desserts and love preparing the big Thanksgiving meal. My chocolate spice cake recipe is from my mother--I've used it for 30 years and it's very moist."

This recipe and others follow:

CHOCOLATE SPICE CAKE

- 1/2 c. shortening
- 1 1/2 c. sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 1/2 c. flour
- 1 tsp. soda
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 tsp. nutmeg
- 1 tsp. allspice
- 3 Tbsp. cocoa
- 1 c. milk
- 1 c. raisins (cooked in 3/4 c. water--reserve 1/2 c. of this juice)

Mix this cake by hand and it will stay more moist. Cream shortening, add sugar and mix.

Beat eggs and add to shortening mixture. Sift together all dry ingredients. Add half of flour mixture and mix; add milk, mix, and add remaining flour mixture.

Add raisins and raisin juice. Pour into greased and floured cake pans. Bake at 350 degrees in 9x13" pan for 30-35 minutes or 2 loaf pans at one hour, 325 degrees.

BANANA NUT CAKE

- Sift together:
- 2 1/2 c. flour
- 1 2/3 c. sugar
- 1 1/4 tsp. baking powder
- 1 1/4 tsp. soda
- 1 tsp. salt
- Add:
- 2/3 c. shortening
- 2/3 c. buttermilk
- 1 1/4 c. bananas, mashed
- Mix with electric mixer. Then add:
- 3 eggs
- 1/3 c. milk
- 2/3 c. chopped nuts
- Mix with electric mixer also.
- Pour into well-greased and floured cake pans. In a 9x13" pan, bake at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes. Or, bake in two loaf pans about 1 hour at 325 degrees.

OATMEAL COOKIES

- Cream:
- 1 c. Crisco
- 1 1/2 c. sugar
- Beat in:
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 c. milk
- 2 Tbsp. Honey
- Add:
- 2 c. flour
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. cloves
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. nutmeg
- 2 c. oatmeal
- 1 c. raisins

Mix well, drop by teaspoon on well-greased cookie sheet. Bake at 375 degrees about 8 minutes.

Ann Landers

DEAR ANN LANDERS: When my husband asked me to marry him eight years ago, we discussed his career in the Air Force and the possibility that one day he might get orders to go overseas without me. Those orders came a few days ago. "Jeff" had only a few weeks' notice before he had to leave.

That same day, Jeff's best friend walked out of his house to go deer hunting and never returned. He was killed in a car accident that morning. The man left a beautiful wife and four children.

I'm ashamed to admit it took the death of this dear friend to make me realize how precious our time together was.

Before he left, Jeff and I had the best talk ever. We promised to let one another know when our spirits were dragging. For the first time we spoke openly about our concerns and made sure our three daughters knew how much we loved them. We had never done that before.

After Jeff boarded the plane, I made a promise to myself that when he returned, I would do everything in my power to make the next 50 years of our marriage as good as the last two months had been.

I hope your readers will remember the advice I've seen in your column so often: Make every second count. Thank God every day for your blessings. And above all, don't sweat the small stuff. I will never let a day go by without letting my husband and daughters know how much I love them.--Blessed in South Dakota

DEAR SOUTH DAKOTA: Too few people appreciate the good things in life while they have them. We never miss the water till the well runs dry.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I am an 18-year-old who has something to say to "Feisty Michigander" and anyone else who thinks today's teenagers are cream puffs with no stress in our lives and no ambition. As you would say, "Wake up and smell the coffee!"

I live in a well-to-do suburb of Denver. Within the last four years I have seen 10 classmates die from drug overdoses or suicide. Five classmates became pregnant. Dozens of my

friends became addicted to cocaine. At least double that number are beer drunks. Several have told me that their parents get bombed or stoned every night. A few weeks ago, a junior high kid went on a shooting rampage and killed three people. Divorce and unemployment are so common that I am considered lucky by my peers because my parents are still married and working. If you don't consider this stressful, please tell me what is.

As for the part about teenagers not working hard, I am living proof that many of us take our studies seriously. I will graduate in 1990 with a 4.0 grade point average if I continue to get all A's. I have every intention of doing just that.

I resent the fact that so many people are closed-minded and insist on labeling all teenagers as lazy and leading carefree lives. Give us a break. Many of us are doing just fine.--K.B., Littleton, Colo.

DEAR LITTLE: I know that there are many highly motivated, straight, serious-minded teenagers around because I have met them, and thousands have written to me. I am optimistic about the future, and it will be students such as you who will make the difference.

What can you give the person who has everything? Ann Landers' new booklet, "Gems," is ideal for a nightstand or coffee table. "Gems" is a collection of Ann Landers' most requested poems and essays. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$4.85 (this includes postage and handling) to: Gems, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562.

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Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing, died in London in 1910.

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DONNA BROCKMAN

...stands among relics at Deaf Smith County Museum

Rebekah Lodge meeting held

Hereford Rebekah Lodge #228 met Tuesday evening with 17 members present.

Noble Grand Stella Hershey presided at the business session. Appreciation was extended to all helpers and customers who made the hot dog stand at the Town 'n' Country Jubilee a great success.

It was noted that the purpose of Rebekah Lodge's activities is to give support to the Children's Home, Home for the Aged, and Nursing Home. Community activities include simply practicing the Golden Rule, extending help when needed and the opportunity arises.

Verna Sowell was hostess to Hershey, Rosalie Northcutt, Susie Curtsinger, Marie Harris, Erma Loving, Jim Loving, Irene Merritt, Faye Brownlow, Sadie Shaw, Ada Hollabaugh, Leona Sowell, Anna Conklin, Ben Conklin, Peggy Lemons, Lydia Hopson, and Gene Bishop.

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Sports

Dravecky vows to return again

PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP) - What began with surgery and a prayer last October was delayed by a sickening crack Tuesday night. But Dave Dravecky's comeback isn't over.

Dravecky, who went from cancer to the victory column in 10 months, says so. And none of the medical experts who struck out on the pitcher's grim prognosis last fall are predicting he won't make it back this time.

The injury-jinxed San Francisco Giants left-hander vowed Wednesday to return to the mound "as soon as I can. ... If it's in God's plans to be back on the mound, then I'll be there."

Even, he quipped, if he has to come back as a right-hander.

It is testimony to the 33-year-old Dravecky's resilience that he was able to joke about his arm fracture only hours after it ended his brief season. The abrupt finish in Montreal, on an aborted sixth-inning fastball to Tim Lincecum, was so painful that he said it sounded and felt as if someone had taken an ax to the middle of his arm.

Dravecky was examined at the Palo Alto Clinic immediately after flying home Wednesday night and learned that the injury wasn't as scary as it seemed. Doctors found a spiral oblique fracture - a twisting break, not unlike the stripes on a candy cane - that didn't affect the muscle where a cancerous tumor was removed last October.

"I don't see any reason why he can't go through the rehabilitation program and pitch next year," Dr. Gordon Campbell, a physician for the Giants, said. "That's going to be up to Dave."

But doctors also said they warned Dravecky last year that he was risking a fracture if he tried to pitch again - a risk he'll run again next year.

"The possibility of a fracture was there for up to two years after the surgery," said Dr. George F. Muschler, the Cleveland Clinic surgeon who operated on Dravecky last year.

Muschler said it was possible the fracture could speed a recurrence of

the cancer, although it would not be an actual cause of a recurrence.

"If there are tumor cells around, they could be stimulated by the fracture," he said.

Was Dravecky rushed back into action too soon?

Campbell said the consensus was that the bone, made more brittle because it was frozen during the operation, would probably be able to withstand the stress of pitching and that Dravecky risked no permanent damage in any case.

Dravecky himself isn't about to second-guess the experts.

"We were aware of the sensitivity of the bone, but there was no added emphasis of caution," he said. "Once we passed through the danger zone - somewhere around four to six months - we were confident to go ahead."

At least one expert questions whether Dravecky will be able to build his arm back to major-league strength.

"I don't see how he can possibly go back and pitch the same way again without endangering the integrity of that same region of bone," said Dr. Robert Branick, chief of orthopedics at Pacific Presbyterian Medical Center in San Francisco.

But he agreed with Campbell and Muschler that one possible reason for optimism is the fact that bones are often stronger after a fracture heals.

Dravecky's moving comeback story has captivated fans and non-fans alike.

After being plagued by shoulder stiffness all last season, the problem was diagnosed last September as a malignant tumor - not life-threatening but apparently career-ending. Half his deltoid muscle was removed in an Oct. 7 surgery at the Cleveland Clinic, and Dravecky, a native of Youngstown, Ohio, needed help just to lift his arm.

Dravecky surprised everyone by returning to the majors after three successful starts in the minors. He attributed his achievement to long hours of rehabilitation and a strong faith in God.



Working for luck

Senior Jill West works on her spiking during Monday's first volleyball workout. The Herd Spikers will scrimmage at Brownfield on Monday and open the season against Dalhart on Aug. 24 at the HHS Gym.

Long chip wins in Scramble

Two teams carded a 28 in the Wednesday Scramble here at Pitman Municipal Golf Course yesterday, but Tiffi West rolled in a long chip shot in a playoff to capture the win for her team.

On the winning team with Tiffi were Dave Workman, Don Graham and Ken McLain.

The other team in the chip-off contest with a 28 was composed of Ken Roberts, Bill Brown, Dean Herring and Jerry Shipman.

Winning prizes in the nearest-to-the-pin contest were Trent Bowling on No. 3 and Don Graham on No. 6.

The nine-hole scramble is held each Wednesday at the local golf course. It is an open tournament but players must register for a place.

Aikman misses workout for first time with cramp

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) - Dallas Cowboys' rookie quarterback Troy Aikman did not practice Wednesday because of a cramp in his right forearm. But coach Jimmy Johnson was not alarmed, saying the problem was only minor.

"I've been around football long enough to not be concerned about every ache and pain," Johnson said.

The practice was the first that Aikman has missed since signing a \$11.037 million contract three days before the Cowboys made him the No. 1 pick overall in the April NFL draft.

The Cowboys, meanwhile, said Wednesday they would like to complete a deal to trade holdout quarterback Steve Pelluer by Friday.

Aikman said the cramp developed simply because he has been working hard in practice. The quarterback estimated that he has thrown between 100 and 200 passes a day since training camp started almost four weeks ago.

"I've just been throwing too much," Aikman said. "But I don't think I'll be backing off (during practice)."

Aikman said it was not the first

time in his career he has experienced cramps in his arm.

Aikman started last Sunday's preseason game at San Diego and completed 8 of 11 passes for 67 yards. The Cowboys beat the Chargers 20-3.

But the rookie from UCLA will only play in the third quarter of Saturday's game against the Los Angeles Raiders. Fellow multimillion-dollar rookie Steve Walsh will start and get the first half of action. Third-stringer Babe Laufenberg will play the fourth quarter, Johnson said.

Pro personnel director John Wooten said the Cowboys have asked other teams interested in Pelluer to make their best offer within a 48-hour period that started Wednesday.

"Within a 48-hour period or less, we would hope to know something," Wooten said. "We want to see who has the best deal for all concerned and then go that way."

Johnson announced that tight end Thornton Chandler has been given the okay to play against the Raiders. Chandler, who tore ligaments in his left wrist during the offseason, will still wear a cast during the game.

Attention, bowlers!

Hereford's new bowling center will be open around Sept. 25, which means now is the time to start thinking about bowling leagues and the men's and women's bowling associations. Both associations will be meeting Tuesday, August 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Hereford Community Center.

If you want to make your bowling as good as possible, take an active role in your association. Please plan to attend these meetings, and get ready to enjoy the fun of league bowling in Hereford this fall!



Junior golf set

The Hereford Junior Golf Tournament has been scheduled for Monday and Tuesday at Pitman Municipal Golf Course, according to pro Brent Warner.

Warner said the tournament, which is open only to local juniors, will have four divisions for boys play and two for girls competition.

Boys will be split into 10-years-old and under, 11-12, 13-14 and 15-

17 divisions.

Girls will participate in 13 and under and 14-17 divisions.

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The summer's massive adventure opus... **"THE ABYSS"**: Starring Ed Harris and Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio misses being a truly great movie because of an excruciatingly mundane script. It is difficult to understand how James Cameron could conceive and direct a film so breathtakingly dynamic and also write a script that completely fails to convey any of the film's visual magnificence. A team of civilian divers working on a prototype underwater oil-

drilling habitat is pressed into reluctant service by the U.S. Navy in a search-and-rescue effort for a stricken nuclear submarine. What could have been a truly breakthrough film about the ultimate mysteries of the unknown sea, and a journey exploring the frontiers of human endurance, quickly turns into a soap opera about our "paranoid" and "evil" military and an absolutely nothing story about the war between the sexes. In the "Information I Didn't Know I Needed" Department, you should

know that *The Abyss* was filmed at the never-completed Cherokee Nuclear Power Station outside of Gaffney, South Carolina. Two specifically constructed underwater

filming tanks were built for this movie. One of which was converted from the nuclear reactor containment building that holds seven million gallons of water; the other, fashioned out of the foundation of a planned turbine pit, was flooded with two-and-a-half million gallons of water. These tanks are the largest, heated freshwater tanks in existence.

You'll hear and read a lot about the state-of-the-art diving gear designed for this film; about the submersibles used in the chase scene and the fascinating liquid breathing sequence. Yes, it is all wonderful - the underwater photography is superb. The fantasy sequences are technically awesome and emotionally moving. But you will beg in your heart and soul for dialogue to match this intellectually stimulating film.

Instead you will get the hackneyed speech of those whose first reaction to absolute wonder and amazement is a foul, four-letter expletive. However, go and see this film - take the children, for you will find, beneath the celluloid sea, a film of beauty and suspense, made with skill and care - **it is great filmmaking**. The special effects are lovely, the hardware is impressive, and the difficulties of bringing the film's project to fruition are obvious. You will also find *The Abyss* shipwrecked (sorry, - puns, you know) by a terribly scripted, predictable plot and actors of only average ability. What a shame. Rated PG-13. **Three Boxes.**

RENTAL MOVIES

Hollywood has used the oceans before as backdrops for films. Among the better seaworthy films are...

"20,000 LEAGUES UNDER THE SEA": (1954) Starring Kirk Douglas and James Mason. A wonderful Walt Disney fantasy-adventure, on a grand scale, based on the Jules Verne novel by the same name. (If you like to read, then read the Jules Verne Novel before seeing the Disney interpretation - you will enjoy the film so much more.)

Kirk Douglas plays a sailor and Paul Lukas a scientist who get involved with a power-hungry Navy Captain named Nemo, wonderfully played by James Mason. Captain Nemo (Mason) operates a futuristic submarine. You will be amazed and delighted at the inventiveness and imagination of Jules Verne and the plot he weaves - he seems to see into the future with his daringly different submarine.

There are many memorable action sequences in this movie and the excellent acting makes it an underwater adventure winner. This film won Oscars for both Art Direction and Special Effects. Would be rated G. **Four Boxes.**

"THE POSEIDON ADVENTURE": (1972) Starring a wonderful cast which includes: Gene Hackman, Ernest Borgnine, Red Buttons, Carol Lynley, Roddy

McDowall, Stella Stevens, Shelly Winters, Jack Albertson, Leslie Nielsen, Pamela Sue Martin, Arthur O'Connell and Eric Shea. Yes, the script is a mindless story, but the film is engrossing and highly charged entertainment. It's New Year's Eve, a luxury cruise ship is capsized (upside down) by a tidal wave. A small band of survivors, trapped in the bottom (now the top) of the ship must make their way to the top (actually the bottom) of the ship in order to escape, and most of the ship is flooded.

The script is weak (not as bad as the dialogue in *The Abyss*) but you are soon caught up in the story and, just like in *The Abyss*, will hold your breath through many of the underwater swimming sequences. This film won the 1972 Oscar for Special Effects - as probably *The Abyss* will for 1989. Rated PG. **Three Boxes.**

A footnote: There is a group of Poseidon fans who call themselves "The Poseidonites". They regularly

gather to watch their favorite adventure film at home - only they turn the TV set upside down and watch the action right side up. Sounds like fun.

VIDEOBITS

Soon to be released Video Rentals:
"THE LAND BEFORE TIME": September
"FLETCH LIVES": September
"GONE WITH THE WIND": September/October
"THE DREAM TEAM": October
"BAMBI": October
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'Casualties of War' is latest on Vietnam War

By BOB THOMAS
 Associated Press Writer

The national conscience about the Vietnam War is explored once more in Brian DePalma's shocking new film, "Casualties of War." Again, American soldiers are the villains of the piece, and the tragedy is heightened by the realization that the events actually happened.

The film is based on 1969 reportage for New Yorker magazine by Daniel Lang. He wrote about a detail of soldiers who were sent on a routine reconnoitering mission. The veteran sergeant in command, Meserve (all of the actual names were changed), decided they would take along some "portable r&r." He led the group to a native village, where they abducted a young woman.

The soldiers and their quarry established a camp at a native hut, where they raped her. All participated, some with reluctance, all except a Vietnam newcomer, Eriksson. He was appalled by what he saw and tried unsuccessfully to help the girl escape.

Meserve led the soldiers and the girl into combat and decided she had to be killed to destroy any evidence. The deed was willingly performed by the radio man, Clark. After a fierce battle, the detail returned to camp, where Eriksson decided to tell what happened. To his astonishment, the brass seemed willing to let the rape-murder be forgotten.

Finally Eriksson reached high enough authority to bring action. The resulting court martial convicted the four major participants in the crime, and Eriksson's testimony made him a pariah among his fellow soldiers.

David Rabe's script faithfully follows the events of Lang's article (notable exception: the four were tried individually). DePalma is expert at intense, stomach-churning action, and he deftly contrasts the brutality of war with the lush beauty of the jungle landscapes (actually Thailand).

The film is told in retrospect as the civilian Eriksson's nightmare returns while he studies an Oriental girl on an urban train. Apparently Rabe and DePalma felt that such a framing was necessary, but it doesn't work. The conclusion is a puzzling letdown.

FRIDAY

GEORGE C. SCOTT stars as General George S. Patton Jr., and **Eva Marie Saint** plays his wife, Beatrice, on *The Last Days of Patton*, Friday, Aug. 18, on CBS.

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Mavs' top pick looking at offer from Greek team

DALLAS (AP) - The Dallas Mavericks' No. 1 draft pick is on his way to Europe. The 6-foot-7 power forward Randy White turned down the \$925,000 he would have made playing for Dallas this year to explore an offer in Northern Greece.

"White's going on a financial fact-finding mission to Europe and that's not a good move," a team source said.

But White's agent said the Mavericks backed out of a deal he thought was solid.

"We had a deal agreed to yesterday but Norm Sonju (the Mavs' general manager) said, 'Let's sleep on it,'" said Bill Blakeley, White's agent.

"We got back together and they presented me a new deal not as good as first one," Blakeley said. "I was surprised. I thought we had a done deal."

White, the eighth overall pick in the NBA June draft, turned down a five-year contract with the Mavericks Wednesday. White was offered a \$475,000 signing bonus.

The financial package would have made White the fifth-highest paid player on the Dallas team, even above valuable sixth man Roy

Tarpley, a team source said. The Mavs' offer was 36 percent higher than Rex Chapman received last year from the eighth position. Chapman signed a four-year, \$2.7 million contract with the expansion Charlotte Hornets.

Dallas also guaranteed money for White in the first year instead of an incentives package which White didn't want, the source said.

"We're very disappointed because the Mavericks agreed to a contract on Tuesday night then took it back on Wednesday," Blakeley said. "Randy wanted to play for the Mavericks. He was very unhappy about the offer being withdrawn."

Blakeley said White flew to Europe with Blakeley's son, Jeff, to discuss a deal with Paok in Salonika, Northern Greece.

"Randy is ready to play in Europe if that's what it takes," Blakeley said.

The Greek offer could be higher than the one-year, \$1 million received by Danny Ferry, who is going to Spain instead of playing for the Los Angeles Clippers, Blakeley said.

"Paok has an offer on the table that could be more than Danny Ferry's \$1 million a year for as ever

as how long we want it," Blakeley said.

"Randy is real confused," Blakeley said. "He told his mother he was going to be a Maverick. Randy may stay over there until next week. Besides his salary, they'll give him a condo (furnished) and a sports car. All he has to pay for is his telephone."

Sonju initially offered White a five-year contract at \$3.3 million with incentives that could push the total to \$4.5 million.

"It doesn't make sense for Randy to go to Europe," Sonju said. "He's got to decide what he wants to do with his life."

"Do I want Randy White to play for the Mavericks this season? Absolutely," Sonju said. "Does this change anything? No. I would love him to play here. There is no law that says he has to sign a contract."

"They (White and Blakeley) are certainly allowed to take a trip wherever they want to go," Sonju said. "I wish they wouldn't go, because ... it doesn't help anything from our point of view. But if they want to, they certainly have that right. I would love to talk to Bill when they get back."



Sweet victory

Holly Sugar proved best in the Agriculture Softball Association Agriculture Division, defeating a field five teams in the championship tournament. Team members are (kneeling) Raul Nava, Antonio Nava, Eloy Nava, Juan Nava, Gilbert Cervantez, (standing) Johnny Rincon, Robert Casarez, Mike Albian, Joe Casarez and Paul Maes. Not shown are Jerry Casarez, Juan Casarez, Junior Casarez, Richard Casarez and Manuel Casarez.

In the 1988-89 season, a total of 293 teams were competing in NCAA Division I basketball.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

HALEAH, FLA. (AP) - Tom Durkin, the quick-witted track announcer at Hialeah and also the voice of the Breeder's Cup, had a tough job on April 25. One of the races he called included a horse named Yakahickamickadola.

During the mile and one furlong race, he tried four different ways to pronounce the horse's name, none of which sounded correct. His final call was "Dolla-rol-la-rrrocca-dock-a-mola-hola." Nothing helped. The horse finished next-to-last - 29 lengths behind the winner.

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