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Today's weather OUTLOOK

Mostly cloudy, breezy

Tonight, mostly clear and breezy with a low around 40, west wind 15 to 25 mph with higher gusts, decreasing to 10-20 mph after midnight.

Friday, partly sunny and breezy with a high 75 to 80, west to southwest wind 15-25 mph with higher gusts.

Extended forecast

Saturday through Sunday, mostly clear, lows in the lower to mid-40s, highs in the mid- to upper 60s Saturday and in the mid- to upper 70s Sunday.

Monday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of late afternoon showers and thunderstorms, low in the mid-40s, high in the upper 70s to around 80.

Wednesday recap

High, 78; low, 48; no precipitation.

Bush under attack from Texas gays

DALLAS (AP) — The pastor of the world's largest gay church has accused Gov. George W. Bush of pandering to religious conservatives with his stance on a proposed hate-crimes bill and on homosexuals' adoptions.

"He wants the world to believe that he is a compassionate conservative. We want the world to know that his compassion does not extend to all the citizens of Texas," the Rev. Michael Piazza, senior pastor of Cathedral of Hope, said Wednesday night.

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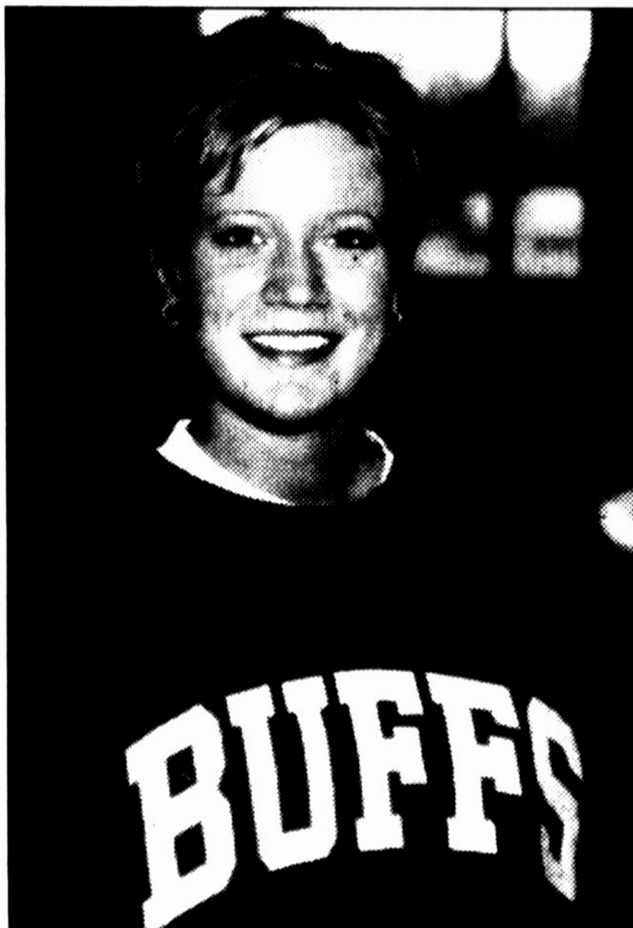
Piazza spoke at a rally that drew about 400 people to his church.

Some state lawmakers say Bush has asked them not to pass a hate-crimes bill that gives special protection based on sexual orientation. The governor has openly denounced gay adoptions.

"He is ostensibly saying it's OK with him when hate crimes are committed against lesbian and gay people," Piazza said.

Bush declined to comment, but a spokeswoman, Karen Hughes, said his views on both issues have remained consistent. She said he has said he wants children placed with married men and women and that he opposes special rights based upon sexual orientation.

NOMINATED



Courtesy Photo

Erin Sessions of Hereford, a sophomore at West Texas A&M University in Canyon, recently was nominated for Student Employee of the Year for her work in the Virgil Henson Activities Center. Sessions and other nominees will be honored at a reception beginning at 1:30 p.m. Friday in the Quiet Lounge of the Jack B. Kelley Student Center. The Student Employee of the Year will be announced at the reception.

NEW HOSPITAL?

Consultant's report to outline proposals for future of HRMC

By Don Cooper

Hereford Brand Managing Editor

An architectural consultant will outline proposals for the future of Hereford Regional Medical Center at a special meeting tonight of the Deaf Smith County Hospital District board.

The board and HRMC administrations will receive the proposals from Mary Crites, representing Parkhill, Smith & Cooper. The Lubbock firm has conducted a lengthy evaluation of the HRMC plant as part of the hospital's master facilities report.

The report, combined with the Long Range Strategic Plan that grew out of a January

retreat involving the board of directors, hospital administrators, medical staff and civic/community leaders, will be used in a master plan designed to outline the future plans and goals of the hospital.

The special meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. today in the board room at the hospital, 801 E. 3rd.

The master facilities plan, along with the Long Range Strategic Plan that came out of January's hospital-sponsored retreat, also will be reviewed for the community at a public meeting at 8 a.m. Saturday at the Hereford Independent School District Administration Building, 601 N. 25 Mile Ave.

PROS & CONS

If the Lubbock architectural consulting firm that evaluated the Hereford Regional Medical Center physical plant as part of a master facilities plan recommends construction of a new hospital, what are the pros and cons of such a project?

The subject already was discussed at a HRMC strategic planning retreat, which was held in January. Here are some of the advantages and disadvantages:

ADVANTAGES

- Reduction of maintenance/upkeep costs;
- Modernization of technology;
- Will be attractive to new physicians and other healthcare providers;
- Will provide additional space for additional needed services requested by the community;
- Will provide flexibility for adaptation to change;
- Will enhance marketing to other counties;
- Will reverse trend of out-migration;
- Will provide jobs and boost the Hereford-area economy;
- Will cost less to build now.

DISADVANTAGES

- Lack of community support;
- Hereford economy not expanding enough to support;
- Worries about uncertain future;
- Impact on tax rates.



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Larry Gallup and Brandon Lee seal joints for plumbing at HISD construction site

2 new buildings offer more than just space

By Dianna F. Dandridge

Hereford Brand Staff Writer

Two buildings encompassing 72,734 square feet add more to the Hereford Independent School District than just buildings.

The buildings, under construction just west of the bus barn at the intersection of Grand and Avenue F, are scheduled for completion in December, with Hereford High School students beginning classes there in the spring semester.

Classes to be housed in the new facilities include a variety of vocational department offerings. These include:

Building 1: meats processing, home economics, cosmetology, law enforcement, health services and agriculture;

Building 2: automotive, paint, metal, wood, building trades, technical computer labs, photography and convectional drafting.

Teachers, staff, administrators and students

cite the number of non-college bound students and the continued need for trained people as reason enough for the new buildings.

"We have a number of students who won't go to college or won't go immediately after high school, who will leave here able to make a living," HHS Principal Linda Lowe said.

"Technology changes so fast, we need the new facility to be able to prepare our students," cosmetology teacher Elda Lucio said. "It's going to give our customers easier access and our students more room, but more importantly I think the new facility will show the public how much good these classes do for our students."

"Moving the vocational classes just made good sense," Lowe said. "We've tried to keep many classes departmentalized. The way things are now, vocational classes are just too scattered."

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Panel OKs some sales tax relief

"Sales tax is the most regressive form of taxation on the books — those with the least pay the most. By granting some sales tax relief we are able to benefit everyone regardless of income."

Rep. Rene Oliveira, D-Brownsville

AUSTIN (AP) — The House Ways and Means Committee approved \$250 million in sales tax relief late Wednesday on several items including school supplies, diapers and children's over-the-counter medicines.

"Sales tax is the most regressive form of taxation on the books — those with the least pay the most," said Rep. Rene Oliveira, D-Brownsville, committee chair. "By granting some sales tax relief we are able to benefit everyone regardless of income."

The tax-writing committee also approved a bill to create a nine-day August sales tax moratorium for clothing and shoes costing \$75 or less.

"We came up with, I think, a doable bill," said Rep. James Keffer, R-Eastland.

The bill doesn't cover athletic shoes, such as football or track cleats, or accessories. The tax holiday would cost \$24 million in 1999 and \$134 million for the next two fiscal years.

The committee also approved bills to: exempt diapers from the sales tax, \$56 million; children's over-the-counter medicine, \$45 million; and school supplies costing \$25 or less, \$5.8 million.

All of the tax exemptions would be for 2000-2001.

Selected sales tax relief has been key to Gov. George W. Bush's plan to funnel part of a multibillion-dollar budget surplus back to taxpayers.

The Senate Finance Committee approved similar relief, including the 14-day, back-to-school sales tax moratorium on shoes and clothing costing no more than \$200. That would cost the state \$150 million.

House Republicans also are considering a plan to spend \$1 billion to cut a quarter-cent

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Cypriot negotiates for GIs' freedom

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Amid fears that desperate refugees are becoming human shields now that Yugoslavia has sealed its borders, Serb media claimed today that ethnic Albanians were voluntarily returning to Kosovo. A Cypriot lawmaker flew to Belgrade to win the release of three captured U.S. soldiers.

NATO warplanes and missiles, meanwhile, took aim at the heart of Belgrade and the hills of Kosovo in what it said was a systematic bid to break the Yugoslav military machine.

"We will prevail," Defense Secretary William Cohen told American pilots today at the Aviano air base in Italy.

The continued bombing was cited as a likely impediment by a would-be mediator who wants to try to arrange the release of three captured U.S. servicemen.

Spyros Kyprianou, speaker of the Cypriot parliament, said Yugoslavia would expect "par-

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allel relaxation" of the air campaign if it freed the three servicemen, captured March 31 on a reconnaissance mission on the Macedonian border.

The United States has ruled out any concessions to gain the soldiers' release, though NATO arranged for safe passage today of Kyprianou's flight.

Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon told reporters traveling with Cohen today in Germany that NATO had made arrangements that no allied bombing missions would interfere with Cypriot lawmaker's plane.

Cyprus' ambassador to the United States, Erato Kozakou Marcoullis, told CNN today that Kyprianou was not intending to negotiate the release of the servicemen in Belgrade, but to take custody of them — with no conditions

attached.

A day after Yugoslavia sealed its borders and choked off a flood of refugees from Kosovo, Serb media said ethnic Albanians were voluntarily heading back into the province.

Showing footage of long lines of cars and road signs pointing to destinations inside Kosovo, state TV said refugees had initially wanted to cross into neighboring Macedonia but had "decided to return" to their homes.

Nearly half a million Kosovars have fled or were driven out of Kosovo in the two weeks since the NATO bombing campaign began, the greatest mass displacement seen in Europe in half a century. Those reaching refuge in neighboring states have described a systematic campaign of terror against them by Serbs.

Western military officials said the latest wave of air attacks focused on Serb units scattered in rural areas of Kosovo. Small Yugoslav units have been blamed for most of the atrocities against ethnic Albanians.

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THE HEREFORD BRAND Local roundup

Spring Fling scheduled

The Tierra Blanca Primary PTO will sponsor Spring Fling, 5:30-8 p.m. Friday at the school.

The event will feature food, fun, games and prizes.

Nouvelles Amies Study Club Scholarship

The Nouvelles Amies Study Club is once again offering two \$250 scholarships for graduating seniors. Applications are available in the Hereford High School office and all graduating seniors are encouraged to apply. For more information or to pick up an application call 364-1834 after 6 p.m.

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American Cancer Society meeting

The Deaf Smith Chapter of the American Cancer Society will hold its monthly meeting at 6 o'clock tonight in the Campfire Building. Board members and interested volunteers are invited to come and help work on the Third Annual Relay for Life. For more information contact Adam Treff at 364-2536.

FFA Fundraiser

The Hereford FFA chapter is participating in a special fundraising program through April 15. FFA members are collecting box tops from WIX filters and will receive 25 cents per box top plus a chance at two \$1,000 club bonuses. The funds will go to support club events. Tops can be turned in to any FFA member, at the Hereford High School or at any participating auto parts store.

PCS offers Spanish driver's license class

Panhandle Community Service will be sponsoring a drivers education class for residents who cannot read or speak English. The class will meet from 2-3 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays for four weeks at the PCS office, 1011 E. Park Ave. Classes are free, but participants are asked to pre-register. For more information or to register please call 364-5631. Deadline for registering is Friday.

THE HEREFORD BRAND Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for April 6, 1999, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT Arrests

- A 25-year-old man was arrested and charged with Municipal court Warrants for no driver's license and no liability insurance.

- A 17-year-old man was arrested and charged on an outstanding warrant.

Incidents

- Domestic assault was reported in the 900 block of West First Street.

- Oxygen and acetylene tanks were stolen from the 200 block of Norton.

- A go-cart was stolen from the 100 block of Lake.

- Burglary of a building was reported in the 400 block of Star.

- An attempted suicide was reported in the 100 block of

Avenue H.

- A loud party was reported in the 1000 block of Grand.

- A suspicious person was reported in the 400 block of Avenue C.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT Arrests

- A 35-year-old man was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license.

- A 42-year-old man was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated and violation of probation.

- A 19-year-old man began serving time on burglary of a building conviction.

- A 20-year-old man began serving time on a violation of probation conviction.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- 8:55 Firefighters responded to a wreck rescue at U.S. 385 and 15th.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS News in brief

Oil companies settle for \$160 million

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — A federal judge has approved the agreement of several oil companies to pay \$164.2 million to settle a lawsuit alleging they shortchanged royalty owners.

Tens of thousands of royalty owners nationwide will share in the settlement, approved Wednesday by U.S. District Judge Janis Graham Jack.

Companies involved in the settlement include independent oil producers such as Union Pacific Resources and major producers such as Amoco BP, Chevron, USA, Shell, Texaco, Exxon and Mobil.

O'Hairs may have been dismembered

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Federal investigators say atheist leader Madalyn Murray O'Hair and her two adult children may have been dismembered and placed in 55-gallon metal drums after being murdered in late 1995, according to the San Antonio Express-News' copyright story today.

The newspaper quoted informed sources, who said agents believe the three may have been killed in San Antonio and then taken 120 miles west to a hidden burial site on a 5,000-acre ranch near the tiny Real County town of Camp Wood.

A three-day search of the ranch last weekend turned up nothing, despite the work of three dozen FBI and IRS agents using metal detectors, dogs, a borrowed backhoe and heat-sensitive equipment.

The ranch owner is under no suspicion, but the Express-News quoted sources who say investigators are focusing on an Austin man who leased the property at the time.

FBI spokesman Darren Holmes in San Antonio would not comment on what authorities think happened to the O'Hairs or any federal interest in the leaseholder. He also declined to talk about the weekend effort in Camp Wood.



Lean-to — Hereford Cablevision and Southwestern Public Service crews worked this morning to re-establish power and cable connections disrupted when 40-60 mph winds whipped

this dead tree into alley lines about 9:30 a.m. in the 300 block of Avenue A. The outage knocked-out Cablevision service from Avenue A to the west city limits.

Study links housing, health problems Crisis threatens American children

DALLAS (AP) — Substandard or inadequate housing has led to disease, malnutrition and other problems for hundreds of thousands of American children, according to a study that researchers say is the first to document on a national basis the connection between habitation and health.

The report, released Wednesday, urges the federal government to significantly increase spending on affordable housing to keep children from contracting asthma and other

diseases with environmental links.

In Dallas alone, according to the study, more than 5,500 federally subsidized apartments have been lost — 40 percent of the total expunged in Texas over the past two years.

"Many of the illnesses we see here are directly related to housing," Dr. Carmen R. Wilson, a pediatrician, told The Dallas Morning News in today's editions.

Ms. Wilson has noted cases of asthma and lead poisoning

in her work at Parkland Memorial Hospital's clinic in East Dallas for five years.

The study by two doctors and a housing expert documents the connection between medical and housing problems with recent nationwide statistics, articles from medical journals and dozens of medical case studies.

Dr. Megan Sandel and Dr. Joshua Sharfstein, pediatric specialist at Boston Medical Center and Children's Hospital, and Randy Shaw, an executive director and chief at-

torney for a San Francisco housing clinic that has helped poor families for two decades, authored the study.

"I see this as preventative medicine," Ms. Wilson said. "If we take care of our children by providing them with good housing, we will have much less illness and fewer problems at school."

"If we don't, these children will end up at emergency centers and in hospitals. And many will simply drop out of school," she said.

Many childhood diseases, injuries and other physical problems result from inadequate housing, according to the study. Asthma is more likely to victimize poor children, the report found, because they often live with cockroaches, dust mites, mold, rats, inadequate heat and crowding that can trigger respiratory system attacks.

Also, many poor families cannot pay for treatment because rent payments often consume more than half of their income, according to the study.

The study entitled, "There's No Place Like Home: How America's Housing Crisis Threatens Our Children," contends that problems have increased in recent years by a sharp decline in affordable housing.

To address the shortage of affordable housing, the federal government last year appropriated money for 90,000 vouchers that allow poor families to rent private apartments. The Clinton administration has proposed funding an additional 100,000 vouchers in 2000.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development also launched a \$7 million educational campaign last year to alert families to potential dangers in their homes.

"At HUD, we have taken action to ensure that at home, a child is safe," HUD Secretary Andrew Cuomo said Wednesday.



Teddy bear clinics— Hereford Regional Medical Center treated area school children to tours and a teddy bear clinic Wednesday to help children understand what happens when they come into the hospital for treatment. Sister Cris Vela, second grade teacher at St. Athny's School walked her class through the tour. The clinics continue through Thursday.

Bush voices voucher support

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush on Wednesday praised charter school educators for their successes and again voiced his support for a private school voucher pilot program.

"Charter schools are working," Bush said. "We need more of them. We must not be afraid to experiment and have social entrepreneurship flourish."

Publicly funded charter schools are free of many state regulations. They have been touted by Bush and other backers as a way to encourage educational innovation.

Currently there are 88 public charter schools in Texas, and next fall there will be 167, the governor said.

Seventy-one percent of charter school students are minority, Bush said, speaking to a charter school conference in San Antonio.

There will be some failures

with charter schools, Bush said.

"We should not let the failures of a few, however, detour what's right about the program," Bush said to loud applause.

Education Commissioner Mike Moses has said the State Board of Education likely will be asked to revoke the state's contract with one or more charter schools because of financial problems at some campuses, including unpaid teachers.

Bush said he hopes the State Board of Education and state lawmakers set "clear guidelines" and "rigorous criteria" for charter schools. He urged that charters be revoked if schools aren't financially sound.

Along with charter schools, Bush said, school choice in public and private school systems provides new avenues for

children to succeed.

After his speech, Bush again said he hopes the Texas Legislature passes a taxpayer-funded pilot program for private school vouchers.

"I think Texas ought to try a pilot program to see whether or not it works. If it works, we ought to say, 'Great.' If it doesn't work, we ought to say, 'Nice try,'" Bush said.

Some uncertainty exists among the public about private school vouchers, Bush said.

"There's enough uncertainty that people are nervous about it, and that's why I think we ought to try a limited pilot program to answer the uncertainty," Bush said. "Charters are working, and hopefully the same would be the case in any other education reform. But you don't know until you try."

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Texas lottery

Lotto Texas

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated \$4 million. The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were:

11-12-20-29-45-47.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$7 million.

Pick 3

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

4-3-9

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LIFESTYLES

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Regional bee set at WTAMU

Josefina Zapata will compete in the regional spelling bee to be held Saturday on the campus of West Texas A&M University.

Zapata, an eighth-grade student at Hereford Junior High, earned the honor by winning the Deaf Smith County Senior Spelling Bee during competition



Josefina Zapata

in March. Zapata and Lydia Mendoza, county Junior Spelling Bee champion, will be guests for the Bee Day luncheon, honoring all champions, which will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the main dining room.

Each of the junior and senior winners attending



Lydia Mendoza

the luncheon will receive a lapel pin, a certificate and a Webster's College Dictionary.

The regional competition will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the Mary Moody Northern Concert Hall on the WTAMU campus.

The top six spellers will receive special prizes. The new champion will receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., and will represent the area in the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee, beginning May 24.



Ladies fashions, including this bathing suit from the 1920s, were displayed by Paula Edwards, executive director of the Deaf Smith County Museum, for members of the Women's Division of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce during its Quarterly Meeting Tuesday in the museum. The meeting marked the kick-off for the annual membership drive. Any new members will be eligible for a drawing for the first year's dues. Current members who bring in new members will have their names entered in a drawing for \$30 in Hereford Bucks.

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Ann Landers



Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I was deeply troubled by your response to "Frustrated Grandma in Kentucky," whose young granddaughter was a picky eater and refused to touch fruits or vegetables. This girl probably has obsessive-compulsive disorder.

I am a 17-year-old college student coping with the same problem. When I was 4, all I would eat was peanut butter and crackers. When I was 7, I gagged trying to eat a hamburger. Over the years, I have tried to expand my repertoire, but it hasn't been easy. I can eat chicken and fish, but they must be fried. I can't stomach ice cream. I have never eaten a fruit or vegetable.

I don't have any other symptoms of OCD, although other family members do. I figured it might be wise to seek psychiatric help. The doctor I saw gave me an experimental drug that turned me into a zombie, and I had to stop taking it. Finally, counseling helped me accept who I am and stop worrying about what others think.

I am not an angry person, Ann. I eat like this because I have no choice. I can tell by looking whether or not I will be able to swallow something.

It is a texture, smell and taste problem. It does not go away. I hope some day I will grow out of it, but I am not overly optimistic.

That grandchild may not be unhealthy, just different. It will be even more difficult for her when she is older and more is expected of her. You should have told that grandmother, "Be supportive of your grandchild, and teach her how to prepare her own food so she can put a slice of frozen pizza in the toaster oven when she feels like eating." — Not Hungry in D.C.

Dear Not Hungry: Your suggestion is a good one, and I hope Grandma sees it. Meanwhile, I have been deluged with letters from parents, grandparents and caretakers who have had problems with children's eating habits and are offering solutions. Read on for more:

From Otis, Ore.: That grandchild does not need a therapist. She needs regular food and no snacks. She should be served small amounts and given up to an hour to eat what is on her plate and nothing else until the next meal. Believe me, she is not going to starve and will learn to eat better in no time.

Dayton, Ohio: I sympathize with that grandmother in Kentucky. My 2-year-old son would eat nothing but fast food. I can't count the times people said, "He'll eat when

he gets hungry enough." It never happened. Finally, my doctor ran a blood test and discovered my son was severely anemic. Three months of liquid iron therapy have created a different child. Foods that used to make him vomit are now easily tolerated. He is mentally sharper and more energetic. Tell Grandma to have a blood test done to see if that child is suffering from iron deficiency anemia. The symptoms include: lack of appetite, paleness, lethargy, desire to eat dirt and an increased yearning for cow's milk.

Upstate New York: That granddaughter is not the problem. It's the grandmother. She is obviously being forced to take care of a little girl she doesn't want. If Grandma had any sense at all, she would follow these suggestions to get her to eat more fruits and vegetables: Take the child shopping and let her select a kids' multivitamin. Allow her to pick out fruit juices in individual servings. Buy her French fries. Serve her whole green beans dipped in catsup. Try getting her to eat carrot cake and zucchini bread. Puree a vegetable sauce for spaghetti, sloppy Joes, meatloaf and so on. Best of all, help her plant and raise her own little vegetable garden. That child needs patience, love and understanding instead of the horror she is exposed to at mealtime.

Lonesome? Take charge of your life and turn it around. Write for Ann Landers' new booklet, "How to Make Friends and Stop Being Lonely." Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$4.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Friends, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$5.15.)

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Hospital Notes

Patients in Hereford Regional Medical Center on April 8:

Viola Bautista, Karyss Ann Betzen, Lori Betzen, Paula Galan, Maria M. Garcia, Kathryn Kearns, Maria Martinez, Willie M. Phipps, Billie Primrose, Janie Ramos, Roman Rodriguez Jr., Linda Vermillion, Dyani Jazlin Vitela, Imelda Vitela.

Friendship.

A friend knows when you're feeling blue... doesn't ask why... and isn't uncomfortable with silence. With a friend, it's okay to be yourself because friendship has no conditions.

Friendship. We're more than "just a business."



Curtis advances in Youth Bible Drill to state semi-finals at FBC Amarillo

Hereford High School freshman Philip Curtis will compete in the State Semi-finals in Youth Bible Drill Saturday in Amarillo's First Baptist Church.

Curtis recently won first place in the local event at Temple Baptist Church. He then placed first in the associational competition at Coulter Road Baptist Church in Amarillo where he attained a perfect score of 300 points, plus 11 bonus points.

Youth Bible Drill, a Southern Baptist Convention activity, consists of five areas of competence in knowledge of

the Bible. A competitor may be asked to locate a book in the Bible and to tell which book comes before and after the selected book; to locate a scripture from a reference



Philip Curtis

given; locate a reference from a scripture given; or locate a

scripture and give the reference by a subject given. Answers must be given in an eight-second time limit.

Other activities in which Curtis is involved include youth activities at Temple Baptist Church, playing trumpet in the HHS Honors Band, blue ribbon art projects and Junior Historian activities. He designed the official logo for the Hereford Centennial celebration.

Curtis is the son of John and Beverly Curtis and plans to pursue a career in music and art.

Friena Depot on tour taken club members

La Afflatus Estudio Club members took part in a program titled "Celebrating the Millennium - Looking Back," by making a trip to Friena and touring the Friena Depot.

Following the tour, a luncheon was served by ladies of the Community Heritage Society. Four Friena school children from the special reading class entertained the group with their reading.

Nine club members and two guests made the trip.

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Pageant registration forms available at chamber office

Registration is still open for those interested in competing in the Little Miss Hereford and the Miss Hereford pageants, according to Gail Richardson, with the Women's Division of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce.

Pageants have tentatively been scheduled for early June.

Registration forms are available at the Chamber of Commerce office, 701 N. Main.

Age divisions for the Little Miss Hereford pageant are Cutest Miss—preschool and kindergarten; Miss Petite—first,

second and third graders; Little Princess—fourth, fifth and sixth graders; and Junior Miss—seventh, eighth and ninth graders. There is a \$10 registration fee.

Young ladies ages 16 to 21 are eligible to compete in the Miss Hereford scholarship pageant. Contestants vie for scholarships and prizes as they compete in casual wear, formal wear, interview and talent categories.

Completed forms should be returned to the chamber office by April 30.



Bear hug—Proud winners Andrew and Aaron Taylor bestow big hugs on Benson Bear. They were the fortunate youngsters whose names were drawn during Family Fun Day at Caryn's Hallmark.

FIRST BAPTIST KINDERGARTEN

Open House

Sunday, April 11, 1999
2:00 pm
First Baptist Church Sanctuary
500 N. Main Street

Children currently enrolled will present a program in the church sanctuary. All F.B.K. classrooms may be toured, information and enrollment for the 1999-2000 school year will be available. Refreshments will be served in the church fellowship hall.

Any child 4 or 5 years old before September 1st, 1999, is eligible to attend

We invite you to enjoy the precious voices of Gods Kids.

ENROLLMENT WILL BE AVAILABLE

What's Happening

Area Events

DIMMITT
The Ogallala Quilter's Society 1999 Quilt Festival will be held in the Expo Building in Dimmitt on Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

The theme of this year's festival is "Nostalgia." There will be an antique sewing machine display along with various quilt and art displays.

Nationally renowned quilter and author, Irma Gail Hatcher, will be the guest speaker and teacher of several workshops.

Quilts that are entered for competition will be displayed for public viewing. A vendors fair where fabrics and quilting supplies can be purchased will also be featured.

For additional information, call 364-4954.

PANHANDLE
The Square House Museum in Panhandle is currently exhibiting a collection of wooden miniatures, hand-carved by Bud

Andrew of Olton. "Transportation Miniatures" will be on display through Sunday May 2 in the Opal Weatherly Purvines Gallery.

All but one of the 20 models are vehicles, the lone exception being a jack pump which actually moves when plugged in. The vehicles include a range of antique and classic cars and trucks, as well as buggies, buses, tractors and airplanes.

For more information on the exhibit, call 806-537-3524.

CANYON
The Cow, the Plow, the Sow, and the Hen: Agriculture in the Texas Panhandle is the title of an exhibit which opens in the Harrington Changing Exhibit Gallery of Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon on April 17.

The exhibit, which will discuss developments that have made agriculture successful in the region, will include photo-

graphs, documents and artifacts pertaining to agricultural pursuits in the Panhandle. Several pieces of old farm equipment will be on display, as well as scale models of a Case steam tractor and threshing machine like those used in the region during the early 1900s.

AMARILLO
Amarillo Symphony's Randel Chamber Orchestra will present the third and final performance of its 1998-1999 season at 8 p.m. Friday, April 16 in First Baptist Church, Eleventh and Tyler.

Tickets are not available at the door for this performance. They must be purchased in advance from the symphony office.

Amarillo Symphony music director James Setapen will conduct the performance of the Chamber Orchestra and the combined performance with the Amarillo Symphony Youth Orchestra.

The Randel Chamber Or-

chestra will also be joined by violinist Ilana Setapen, grand prize winner of the Amarillo Symphony Guild's Young Per-

formers' Competition which was held in January.

Jaybee and Associates will

produce a benefit play for the benefit of the Amanda Nicholson Fund and the Wegener's Granulomatosis Support Group Inc. at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 17 at Palo Duro High School.

Wegener's is a very rare disease and Amanda is one of less than 50 youngsters who have been reported with the illness.

The original play is about teenagers and teenagers will perform it. The teen company, "the unpolished naturalists" is made up of students from seven different schools in the Panhandle area and from four different school districts.

For more information on the performance, call 359-9752 or email jaybee@arn.net.



In exhibit—This photo of the T.W. Tomlinson Farmstead in Swisher County is included in an agriculture exhibit at PPHM. The farmstead was typical of many others located in the Texas Panhandle during the 1890s and early 1900s.

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Good nutrition

Doctors say best bet against disease

AUSTIN -- Every day, many of us are bombarded with articles and advertisements touting vitamin and mineral supplements as miracle pills that could help prevent diseases such as cancer.

It's an attractive notion, but is it true? Can dietary supplements offer disease prevention like some nutrients in foods possibly do?

Research has shown that consuming certain nutrients available in food can help protect us from some diseases, such as cancer and heart disease. But the research concerning many supplements is not as clear.

The physicians of Texas Medical Association urge you to arm yourself against disease by adopting healthy dietary habits, and view with caution claims that vitamins also can offer disease protection. Though vitamins may help, a balanced diet still is the best insurance against illness.

"Certainly, it's better to eat more nutritious food than simply take supplements," Dr. Cecilia Cervantes, Austin internist said. "Vitamin supplements, after all, won't make up for a poor diet."

Taking vitamins won't reduce the fat, sugar or salt in your diet that could contribute to disease. And supplements won't provide the disease-fighting phytochemicals found in fruits, vegetables and other foods.

Though supplement manufacturers and consumer magazines may claim that supplements fight disease, the evidence for many of these claims isn't sufficient.

For example, a 1996 clinical trial found that the mineral selenium could reduce colon, prostate and lung cancer risk by half. A stunning finding, but it's only from one trial - few studies since have backed up this conclusion.

And it's possible selenium supplements only would help

prevent cancer in individuals who don't get the mineral from food. More research needs to be done on many supplements.

A few vitamin and mineral supplements, through studies, have shown promise in making a significant disease-prevention impact for certain groups of people. They include:

• **Folic acid.** Research has shown that folic acid can prevent neural tube birth defects in newborns. The U.S. Public Health Service has recommended that all women capable of becoming pregnant consume 400 micrograms of folic acid per day.

Many foods such as breakfast cereals and pasta are fortified with folic acid, but you'd have to eat a large amount of some of these foods to consume the recommended value.

Therefore, taking a folic acid supplement may be a good idea. Also, researchers have found that eating diets high in folate can help prevent heart disease, so taking a supplement for that purpose also would benefit many people.

• **Calcium.** You've probably heard already that women should consume sufficient calcium to prevent osteoporosis. And studies have backed up the connection between bone fracture incidence and calcium intake.

It's not easy to hit the recommended value of 1,000 milligrams (for ages 19-50) and 1,200 milligrams (ages 51 and up) through food alone, so if you're not eating three servings of low-fat milk products a day, you might want to consider taking a supplement.

• **Vitamin D.** Many adults over 50 have varying degrees of vitamin D deficiency, and this deficiency can accelerate bone loss. Many older people can't make as much vitamin D from sunlight as younger people can.

The National Academy of

Sciences has recommended that people ages 51 to 70 consume 400 international units (IU) of vitamin D a day, and that those over 70 need 600 IU per day.

Some physicians recommend that certain people, particularly older people, take a daily multivitamin. Some physicians also recommend taking vitamin C and E supplements, especially because vitamin E generally is only found in high-fat foods. Choosing to take these supplements should be up to you and your doctor.

Remember that when it comes to supplements, more isn't better.

Taking too much of a supplement can be dangerous. Too much vitamin E, for example, could increase the chance of stroke if you have high blood pressure. Always ask your doctor if taking a certain vitamin is safe for you, and don't take more than the recommended daily value for a vitamin unless a physician recommends you do so.

You can find the daily value for a vitamin on the supplement's label.

Ideally, the best way to get your daily value of nutrients and thus help prevent disease is through a balanced, low-fat diet rich in whole grains, vegetables and fruits.

Dr. Cervantes particularly recommends eating dark, leafy vegetables, such as kale, spinach or broccoli, which are nutrient-dense foods.

Be sure to cook food properly to keep intact disease-fighting nutrients. Don't overcook, and buy your fruits and vegetables fresh.

"Cook your foods in a healthful fashion, such as broiling, boiling or lightly steaming, rather than frying," Dr. Cervantes added. Cooking in this way will keep your meals low in fat and cholesterol.

Looking Back

Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Thursday, April 8, the 98th day of 1999. There are 267 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On April 8, 1974, Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves hit his 715th career home run in a game against the Los Angeles Dodgers, breaking Babe Ruth's record.

On this date:
In 1952, President Truman seized the steel industry to avert a nationwide strike.

In 1970, the Senate rejected President Nixon's nomination of G. Harold Carswell to the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1973, artist Pablo Picasso died at his home near

Mougins, France, at age 91.
In 1981, General Omar N. Bradley died in New York at age 88.

In 1990, Ryan White, the teen-age AIDS patient whose battle for acceptance gained national attention, died in Indianapolis at age 18.

In 1992, tennis great Arthur Ashe announced at a New York news conference that he had AIDS. He died in February 1993 of AIDS-related pneumonia at age 49.

Ten years ago: The Soviet Union acknowledged that one of its nuclear submarines caught fire and sank off Norway the day before. The next day, the Soviet government said 42 lives had been lost.

Five years ago: Kurt

Cobain, singer and guitarist for the grunge band Nirvana, was found dead in Seattle from an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound; he was 27. Japanese Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa announced his intention to resign in the wake of an ever-widening financial scandal.

One year ago: The nation's major cigarette makers withdrew support for a historic tobacco settlement, saying Congress had twisted their offer to help cut teen smoking into a harsh attack on their industry and sharp tax increases for American smokers. Thirty-six people were killed by tornadoes that struck Alabama, Mississippi and Georgia.

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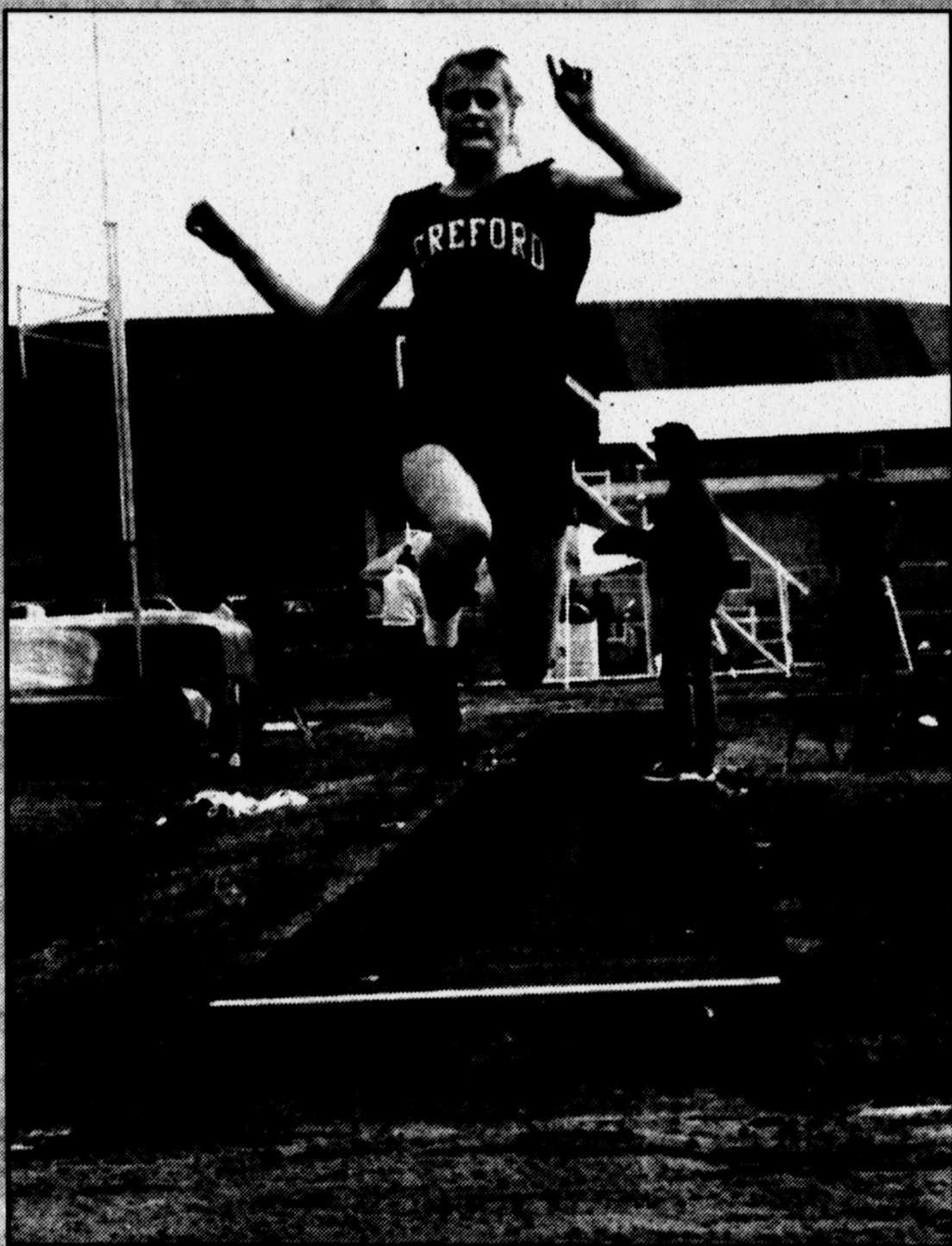
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Getting a jump on things



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Take-off — Amy Perrin launches herself at the end of the runway in the long jump event during the Abilene Track Classic which the Hereford girls' track team participated in earlier this year. The Lady Whitefaces are scheduled to ply their talents in the Amarillo Relays Friday and Saturday while the boys' team travels to Plainview to compete in the Bulldog Relays beginning Friday.

Changes at Augusta will test elite field

Odds makers favor David Duval despite changes to course

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — A ceremonial drive from 97-year-old Gene Sarazen landed in Augusta National's new rough as the 63rd Masters got off to its traditional start today.

The 1935 Masters winner, smartly decked out in knickers, joined former champions Sam Snead and Byron Nelson on the first tee of a course that underwent more changes than ever in an effort to harness golf's growing legion of long hitters.

All three of the ceremonial starters found the new rough, which was grown three-quarters of an inch deeper than previous years as part of changes that also included lengthening two holes and adding some pine trees to encourage greater accuracy.

Sarazen was first, pulling his drive into the left rough at the bottom of the hill off the first tee. The 87-year-old Nelson, a two-time winner, then topped his drive about 40 yards into the rough.

Snead, the 86-year-old three-time winner, got off the best drive, but still caught the right rough. Officials picked up the golf balls of all three players.

"The tournament has begun," Masters chairman Hootie Johnson announced.

Masters officials reluctantly made their biggest course changes ever this year, fearful that shaved, undulating greens and tight fairways were no longer enough to help a course measuring under 7,000 yards fight off the assault on par.

"Bobby Jones would turn over in his grave," Gary Player said of the changes made to the 17th hole.

The course still looks much the same, except for the new light layer of rough that lines the expansive fairways.

Things might actually have improved for the big hitters by alterations that included toughening a pair of par-5s and making the Eisenhower tree on No. 17 a potential nightmare for the shorter hitters.

"All the changes, I think, are beneficial to the long hitters," Tiger Woods said. "There's no doubt about it." While the big hitters can

still blow it over the pine tree looming on the left side of the 17th fairway, guys like defending champion Mark O'Meara will have to try to cut the ball around the tree after the tee was moved back 25 yards.

It's the kind of change that would make it awfully difficult for O'Meara to hit the driver and 9-iron to 7 feet for a birdie that gave him a chance to win last year.

"I can't hit it over the tree now," O'Meara said. "It's the kind of change that favors the long hitters."

Woods, whose runaway win two years ago sparked the "Tiger-proofing" changes, was again a crowd favorite as he teed off in search of a second green jacket to add to the one he won by 12 shots in 1997.

The odds makers favor David Duval, though, who is plenty long himself off the tee and is riding a hot streak like golf hasn't seen since Johnny Miller was in his prime in the 1970s.

"I feel like I'm capable of winning out here," said Duval, who finished second last year when O'Meara sank a 20-foot birdie putt on the final hole to win his first major.

An elite field of 96 — bigger than usual because of changes in the selection process — played in the first threesomes since 1962 to try to finish the day in timely fashion. They found a course with the usual slick greens and funny bounces, but also two new tee boxes as well as some strategically placed pine trees.

There's even a cut of rough to stop balls that would once bound into trees and to make it more difficult for players to stop their balls on the green.

"Obviously they've made some changes and the course

will be tougher," said Fred Couples, who won in 1992 and led on the final day last year before finishing tied with Duval for second. "There's no way they're going to be lower."

To win at Augusta, though, there's one thing every champion has to do — putt well on the icy greens. O'Meara showed that last year when Couples and Duval out-played him tee to green, but O'Meara sank birdie putts on three of the last four holes to win.

"We were talking, Tiger, O'Meara and myself, and you know you always have to putt well to win any tournament," said Spanish amateur star Sergio Garcia. "If you don't make putts, you aren't going to be the winner."

While golf fans are hoping for a Woods-Duval showdown that might spark a rivalry not seen since the days Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus dueling each other, there are a number of other contenders lurking just behind.

Ernie Els beat both Woods and Duval down the stretch to win in Los Angeles earlier this year, and the two-time U.S. Open champion has just the right combination of length and putting touch to be a contender here.

"Everyone badly wants to win," Els said. "I want to win this tournament."

Among those who won't win are Palmer, playing in a record-breaking 45th straight Masters, four of which he has won.

The 69-year-old Palmer, though, hasn't played beyond the opening rounds in 15 years at Augusta National.



DAVID DUVAL

Rangers beat Detroit Tigers

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Rafael Palmeiro homered for the first time since returning to Texas, helping make Mike Morgan a winner for his record 10th team as the Rangers beat the Detroit Tigers 10-7 Wednesday night.

Palmeiro found The Ballpark's right-field upper deck in the seventh inning off Felipe Lira. It was just the 34th ball to reach there in five-plus seasons and the second time he's done it.

Palmeiro, a Ranger for five seasons before spending the last five in Baltimore, had only played in The Ballpark as a visitor but was one of the most successful hitters in the stadium.

Morgan, who made his pro debut a week after graduating high school in 1978, set a pro sports record Monday by appearing for his 11th team. He won at least once for every club but Toronto, going 0-3 in 16 games.

Morgan (1-0) entered with the Rangers down 4-2 but

they were ahead 8-4 when he left because of tightness in his right hamstring. Over 2 2-3 innings, Morgan gave up one hit and struck out one.

Texas gave Morgan the lead with three runs in the fifth off Detroit starter Willie Blair (0-1) and reliever C.J. Nitkowski. Ivan Rodriguez and Juan Gonzalez had RBI singles and Lee Stevens drove in the go-ahead run with a bases loaded walk.

The Rangers upped the lead to 8-4 in the seventh on Palmeiro's homer, an RBI single by Stevens and a run-scoring sacrifice bunt by Jon Shave.

Texas' bullpen almost blew the lead in the eighth by allowing RBI singles to Tony Clark, Frank Catalanotto and Brad Ausmus.

Closer John Wetteland, the fourth pitcher of the inning, got Juan Encarnacion to groundout to short with runners on first and third for the final out and finished for his first save.

The Rangers added two runs in the bottom of the eighth on an RBI single by Todd Zeile and a run-scoring double by Stevens.

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Denver Nuggets take high road

By **CHRIS SHERIDAN**
AP Basketball Writer

For more than a year — 385 days, to be exact — the Denver Nuggets had left the court feeling blue whenever they were wearing blue. Try as they might, they just couldn't win a road game.

"This was a big one. It took the monkey off our back," coach Mike D'Antoni said after the Nuggets ended their 24-game road losing streak with an 87-84 victory over the Vancouver Grizzlies.



"It's like we won a playoff series or something," added Chauncey Billups. "Everybody was going wild, jumping and high-fiving. It's just a relief, because we finally got a break."

Billups hit a 3-point shot from near midcourt with two minutes left and Nick Van Exel scored 11 of his 21 points in the fourth quarter, including Denver's final four.

The Nuggets avoided matching the franchise record for consecutive road losses — 25 spanning parts of two seasons from Feb. 2, 1991 to Nov. 27, 1991.

In other games, the Los Angeles Lakers beat Sacramento 104-89, Miami topped Dallas 93-87, Charlotte clobbered New York 106-82, Detroit de-

feated Atlanta 89-82, Phoenix downed Minnesota 90-82, Milwaukee beat Cleveland 99-91, Philadelphia edged New Jersey 96-92, Boston defeated Washington 108-87 and Indiana beat Chicago 91-74.

The NBA record for consecutive road losses is 43, set over two seasons by the Sacramento Kings, from Nov. 21, 1989 to Nov. 22, 1991. The Dallas Mavericks hold the record for most road losses

to start the season: 29 straight in 1992-93.

Following Billups' heave, the Nuggets and Grizzlies failed to score for the next 81 seconds before the Grizzlies took the lead when Tony Massenburg sank one of two free throws.

Denver then took control on its next possession when Van Exel hit an open 3-point shot with 27 seconds left.

Rookie point guard Mike Bibby traveled on Vancouver's next possession, and Van Exel hit a free throw to ice the victory.

Vancouver failed to pull even when Pete Chilcutt missed two 3-point attempts, including one at the buzzer. "Yeah, a big relief," he said.

End 24-game road losing streak with 87-84 win over Vancouver

"I'm just pleased we're fighting and we're still hanging in there and the season's dwindling down. But it's something we can build on for next year."

Lakers 104, Kings 89
At Sacramento, Shaquille O'Neal had 30 points and 18 rebounds, Derek Fisher scored 19 points, Kobe Bryant added 18 and Glen Rice 15 for the Lakers, who beat the Kings for the first time in three meetings.

O'Neal led the team in scoring for the 26th time in his 36 games while scoring 30-plus points for the 10th time this season.

"We came out and moved the ball well, played pretty good defense, and when we play like that the outcome is usually good," O'Neal said. "We're capable of playing like that. We're just inconsistent."

Corliss Williamson scored 22 points to lead the Kings. Chris Webber had 21 points and 16 rebounds for his league-high 28th double-double.

Heat 93, Mavericks 87
At Miami, the Heat withstood a fast start by Dallas, held the Mavericks to 35 percent shooting in the middle two periods and then staved off a late rally.

"Riles (coach Pat Riley) said we probably would not have won this game a couple of

weeks ago, and he's right" Miami's Alonzo Mourning said. "We weren't in the right frame of mind. We're now back to where we should be defensively, and it's showing."

P.J. Brown scored 23 points, Mourning added 10 points and 12 rebounds, his 22nd double-double in 33 games, and Miami notched its third straight victory after four consecutive losses.

Hornets 106, Knicks 82
At Charlotte, the Knicks quickly fell behind by 20 points and never recovered in one of their most dreadful performances of the season, further damaging their already shaky playoff hopes.

"It's too hard to single anybody out tonight. I'm disappointed in myself and the team," coach Jeff Van Gundy said of his team's third straight loss. "It's my responsibility, and I have not done my job."

Charlotte, which built its lead as high as 29 points, got 24 points and seven assists from David Wesley and 18 points from Bobby Phills while shooting 58 percent from the field.

Pistons 89, Hawks 82
At Auburn Hills, Mich., Grant Hill scored 15 of his 30 points in the fourth quarter as Detroit snapped a two-game losing streak and won for the

seventh time in nine games.

"It was a good win," Hill said. "We had lost two games to playoff teams, and we didn't want to make it three. Plus we now have the tiebreaker with the Hawks."

Hill added nine assists and six rebounds, while Bison Dele scored 18. Chris Crawford had 15 points for the Hawks, who had their three-game winning streak broken.

Suns 90, Timberwolves 82
At Phoenix, Cliff Robinson had 27 points, five steals and five blocked shots and did a superb job defensively on Kevin Garnett to help end the Wolves' four-game winning streak.

"Cliff Robinson was unbelievable tonight," Suns coach Danny Ainge said. "I thought he did a great job of equalizing Kevin Garnett — five steals, five blocked shots, plus all those points he got."

Bucks 90, Cavaliers 91
At Milwaukee, Glenn Robinson scored a season-high 33 points, including 15 in the fourth quarter, as Milwaukee snapped a two-game losing streak and halted Cleveland's three-game winning streak.

Milwaukee sank 10 of 13 3-pointers, including three each by Robinson and Ray Allen.

76ers 96, Nets 92
At East Rutherford, N.J., Matt Geiger scored six straight fourth-quarter points to help

Philadelphia overcome a bad second half by Allen Iverson.

Iverson led the Sixers with 23 points, but was only 1-of-10 in the second half, with five missed free throws — including two in the final minute.

Celtics 108, Wizards 87
At Boston, Bill Russell made a rare appearance to watch his former team and the Celtics dominated like they did when he was playing. Paul Pierce scored 23 points, Ron Mercer 17, Antoine Walker 15 and Kenny Anderson and Dana Barros 14 each as Boston ended a four-game losing streak.

Pacers 91, Bulls 74
At Chicago, the Pacers had six players in double figures as they won their fourth straight. Mark Jackson, who missed Indiana's game Monday to attend his father's funeral, led the Pacers with 13 points.

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NFL investigates alleged salary cap infractions by the Dallas Cowboys

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL is investigating complaints from other teams that the Dallas Cowboys may have violated the league's salary cap rules, a newspaper reported today.

The New York Times said the complaints involve three players center Mark Stepnoski, wide receiver Raghieb Ismail and linebacker Quentin Coryatt.

Last month, it was reported that the Cowboys had come to terms on multiyear contracts with the three free agents, but did not actually sign any of them.

Several teams said they recently contacted agents for the three, but in each case was told the player was no longer available.

Some of the teams said they conducted their own investigations and determined that some sort of arrangement had been reached between the Cowboys and the three.

At that point, according to the Times, at least several of the teams complained to the league. They told NFL officials that they believed the Cowboys had reached a verbal or written agreement with the three players, but had not signed them to a contract to circumvent cap rules.

The league then began to

explore the situation, according to team executives, union officials and agents the newspaper did not identify.

The league offers a \$1 million reward for anyone who can produce proof that a team has violated the cap rules.

If found guilty, the Cowboys could be fined millions of dollars and be barred, at least temporarily, from using the players involved.

At least two of the teams that complained believe the Cowboys may have hidden a deal with the three players because Dallas did not have room to sign them but wanted to keep other teams from getting them.

The NFL urges teams to sign a player to a contract as soon as possible after an agreement has been reached. Once the signa-

tures are on the contract, the agreement must be submitted to the league office within 24 hours and every other team is then made aware of the signing.

Rich Dalrymple, a Cowboys' spokesman, when asked about the published report, told The Associated Press: "It's the first I've heard of it."

The Times quoted an unidentified Cowboys' spokesman as saying the team had been contacted by the league regarding Coryatt and was satisfied with the explanation that he was at the training facility to visit a friend.

The spokesman said the league had not inquired about the other two players mentioned.

He told the newspaper the players have not agreed to terms or signed any contracts and therefore could

not have violated any rules.

The NFL confirmed it is looking into the matter, but had no other comment.

There currently is no proof the Cowboys have broken any rules, the Times said.

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INSIDE

Bates makes directorial debut at film festival

By Charles Ealy
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Oscar-winning actress and ex-Dallasite Kathy Bates will headline the 29th annual USA Film Festival with the world premiere of her directorial debut, Dash and Lilly, festival organizers announced Monday.

The fest's opening-night film — about the love affair between writers Dashiell Hammett and Lillian Hellman — stars Sam Shepard and Judy Davis. Shepard is scheduled to attend the April 22 screening with Ms. Bates, a Southern Methodist University graduate.

Two days later, Arthur Penn, who directed such classics as "Bonnie and Clyde" and "Little Big Man," will be in Dallas to receive the festival's director tribute.

Closing night on April 29 will feature the Southwest premiere of the comedy "Free En-

terprise," starring Eric McCormack of television's Will & Grace.

McCormack, who plans to attend, plays a show-biz wannabe who lives for Star Trek and eventually meets William Shatner.

Other festival highlights include:

- Elmer Bernstein tribute (April 23): The composer's career spans more than 200 films over half a century. Frequent collaborator John Landis will present the tribute to Bernstein after a screening of National Lampoon's Animal House and a clip featuring career highlights.
- Dennis Quaid tribute (April 25): The native Texan will be honored after the Dallas premiere of "Savior," a

drama set against the backdrop of the Bosnian crisis. His films range from "The Right Stuff" to "The Big Easy."

- Bruce LaBruce tribute (April 27): LaBruce, whose work often has punk and gay themes, is the Canadian director of "Super 8 1/2" and other low-budget films. Scott Thompson of "Kids in the Hall" and "The Larry Sanders Show" will present the tribute to LaBruce. No one under 18 will be admitted.
- "Shelley Duvall Remembers Stanley Kubrick" (April 26): Ms. Duvall will discuss working with the late cinematic genius after a screening of "The Shining," in which she starred.
- "An Evening With Todd Oldham" (April 27): The fashion designer and multimedia

star will return to his hometown to present two of his favorite films: the 1976 documentary "Grey Gardens," dealing with the lives of the aunt and cousin of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Edith Bouvier Beale and her daughter "Little Edie"; and "Dottie Gets Spanked," the Todd Haynes short about a boy's obsession with a TV star.

- National short film and video competition (April 26).

No Master Screen Artist tribute will be given at this year's festival, but one may be scheduled for later in the year, a festival spokeswoman said Monday.

Festival Information

The USA Film Festival runs April 22 through April 29, with all events at the AMC Glen Lakes Theatres, 9450 N. Central Expressway, except for opening-night festivities at the Lakewood Theatre, 1825

Abrams Parkway at Gaston. Advance tickets on sale April 13 through Ticketmaster at 214-373-8000 or metro 972-647-5700. Tickets are \$7, \$6 for festival members (with the exception of opening night, which is \$20). For information, call 214-821-FILM or visit the festival's Web site at www.usafilmfestival.com.

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Dion cancels several concerts

MONTREAL (AP) — Celine Dion has canceled several concerts so she can be with her husband as he recovers from skin cancer surgery on his neck.

Dion, 30, married Rene Angelil in 1994. Her concerts from April 13 to May 7 will be rescheduled for the fall.

"Obviously, this is a very delicate time for Rene and I, but we have been blessed with some of the very best medical attention in the world," Dion said in a statement Wednesday. "Rene is the biggest priority in my life, and I want to be by his side as he continues his treatment."

People

Angelil, 56, who has managed Dion since she was a teen-ager, was released from the hospital last week and will receive radiation therapy for six weeks.

Jodie Foster
KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Jodie Foster suffered a minor ankle injury during a break from work on the film "Anna and the King." Foster was treated at a hospital Wednesday.

The injury was not expected

to set back work on the \$60 million project being filmed on the popular Malaysian resort island.

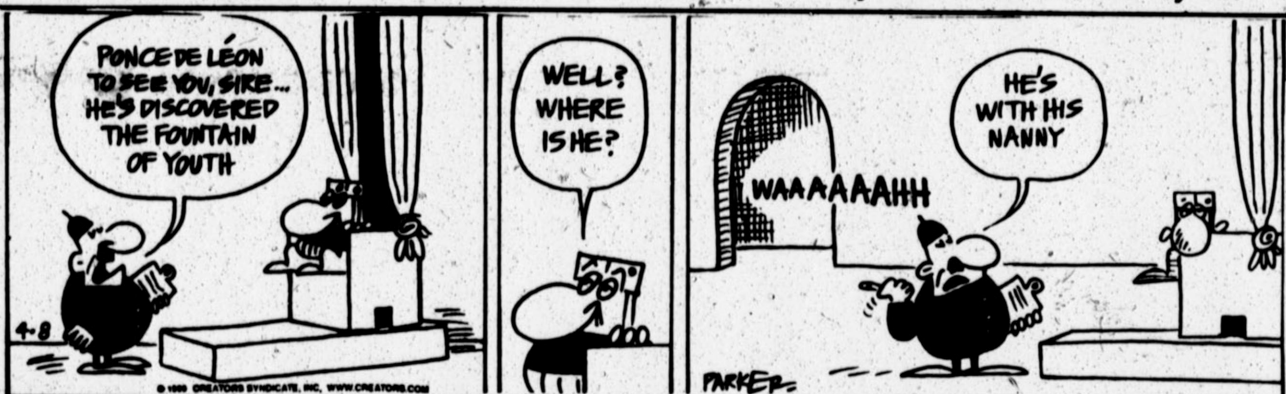
Foster is co-starring in the 20th Century Fox remake of "The King and I" along with Hong Kong action hero Chow Yun Fat. The film is about a 19th century governess hired by King Mongkut of Siam, now Thailand, to teach his children English.

Thailand has traditionally objected to the story as historically incorrect, and barred Hollywood from shooting the film in Thailand.

COMICS

The Wizard of Id

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Barney Google and Snuffy Smith

By Fred Lasswell



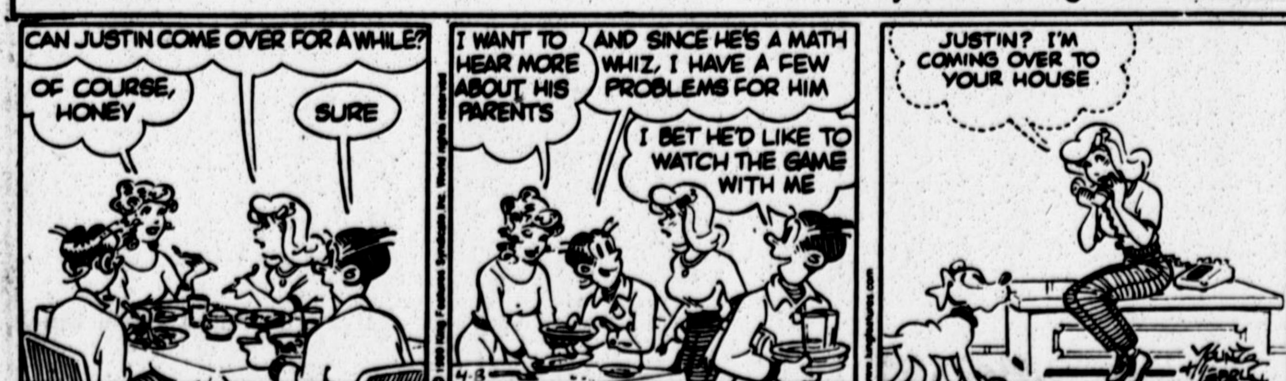
Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



TELEVISION

THURSDAY

APRIL 8

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
2	Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Full Circle	Great Railway Journeys	Mystery!	Charlie Rose	Newshour					
3	World's Greatest Magic IV		Movie: Free Fall (1999) Jaclyn Smith, Bruce Boxleitner.		700 Club	Show-Funny					
4	News	Ent. Tonight	Friends	Will & Grace	Frasier	Just Shoot ER			News	(3:5) Tonight Show	
5	Movie: You Lucky Dog Kirk Cameron.	(3:5) Movie: 101 Dalmatians Glenn Close. ** 1/2 'G'			GrowPains	Walt Disney Presents	Zorro				
6	Roseanne	(3:5) Major League Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Atlanta Braves			Movie: Hank Aaron: Chasing the Dream						
7	News	Fortune	Videos	Videos	Century: Coming Apart	News	Seinfeld	Nightline			
8	News	Home Imp.	Promised Land	Turks		48 Hours	News	Masters	Late Show		
9	Friends	Friends	Smart Guy	Jamie Foxx	Harvey	For-Love	Rosie O'Donnell	Love	Change	Stingray	
10	Mad	Simpsons	Wildest Police Videos	Fox Files		Simpsons	M*A*S*H	Frasier	Cops	Real TV	
11	Sportsctr.	NHL Hockey Pittsburgh Penguins at Philadelphia Flyers			Baseball	Sportscenter					
12	(5:15) Movie: Bean (1997)	Movie: Palmetto Woody Harrelson. ** 'R'			Movie: Twilight Paul Newman. ** 'R'	(3:5) Movie: Trial by Jury					
13	(1:15) Movie: Blind Date Bruce Willis. *** PG-13	Movie: Indecent Proposal Robert Redford. ** 1/2 'R'			Shock Video 4	Sopranos					
14	(5:30) Adoption Picnic	Movie: Outbreak (1995) Dustin Hoffman, Rene Russo. 'R'	(1:15) Movie: Shrieker Tanya Dempsey. 'R'	Movie: Naked Detect							
15	Movie: Let Parade	Movie: Syncope (1942) Adolphe Menjou. **	Movie: Some Like It Hot (1959) Jack Lemmon. ****	Movie:							
16	Wild Discovery	Guardians of the Night	Science Mysteries	Into the Unknown	Guardians of the Night	Science					
17	Party of Five	Chicago Hope	Movie: Harmful Intent (1993) Tim Matheson.		Attitudes	Golden Girls	Golden Girls				
18	Sports	Last Word	Major League Baseball Chicago Cubs at Houston Astros		FOX Sports News	Sports					
19	ER	Movie: The Undeclared (1969) John Wayne, Rock Hudson. ***	(3:5) Movie: The Long Riders (1980) Stacy Keach. ***								
20	Doug	Rugrats	Walker, Texas Ranger	PGA Golf The Masters - First Round	Laverne	I Love Lucy	Bewitched	Brady			
21	Xena: Warrior Princess	Walker, Texas Ranger	PGA Golf The Masters - First Round								
22	Go! It's Precious	La Usurpadora	Mentira		Lente Loco	Bluenivas	P. Impacto	Noticiero	Mejor-Ritmo		
23	20th Century	Frontier Doctors	Wrath of God: Disasters	Map Making	Trains Unlimited	Frontier					
24	Old House	Workshop	Almanac	How-Made Room	Designing	Dream	Almanac	How-Made Room			
25	Star Trek	Sliders	Movie: Universal Soldier (1992) Dolph Lundgren **		Star Trek	Sliders					
26	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Buffy the Vampire Slayer	Felicity	News	MacGyver					

FRIDAY

APRIL 9

	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
2	Barney	Teletubbies	Sesame Street	Arthur	Zoboo	Barney	Teletubbies	Reading	Mr Rogers	Cook Off	
3	Bad Dog	Bobby	Mork	Knock	700 Club	Kangaroo	Station	Dino Babies	Adv. Mumfie	Bobby	
4	Today					Sunset Beach		Judge Lane	News	Days-Lives	
5	Goof Troop	101Dalmits	Sing a Story	Pooh	Bear	Out of Bx	Madeline	Katie-Orbie	Mermaid	Pooh	Bear
6	Hillbillies	Hillbillies	Little House on the Prairie	Little House on the Prairie	Griffith	Griffith	Matlock				Hunter
7	Good Morning America		Live - Regis & Kathie Lee	The View	Howie Mandel	News					
8	This Morning		Ricki Lake	Price Is Right	Young and the Restless	News					
9	Mask	Dragon	Quincy	Knight Rider	Wiseguy	Jenny Jones	Major Dad				
10	Magic Bus	Magic Bus	Garfield	Hercules	Paid Prog.	Benny Hinn	Life in Word	Kenneth C. Robison	Angel		
11	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Tennis		
12	Movie: Notorious Cary Grant. ****	Movie: Cry, the Beloved Country. *** PG-13	Movie: Duel in the Sun Jennifer Jones								
13	Movie: Free Willy 3: The Rescue PG	Matrix-Look	Movie: Country (1984) Jessica Lange, Sam Shepard	Movie: Gattaca Ethan Hawke. PG-13							
14	Movie: Barefoot in the Park. ** 'G'	(4:5) Movie: The Van Colm Meaney. ** 'R'	Movie: A Life Less Ordinary ** 'R'	Movie:							
15	Movie: The Hucksters (1947) Clark Gable. ***	Movie: The Verdict (1946) Sydney Greenstreet. ** 1/2	Movie: Devotion (1946) Ida Lupino. ***								
16	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Assignment Discovery	Home Matters	Design	Interior Motives	Home				
17	Designing	Designing	Next Door	Attitudes	Party of Five	Chicago Hope	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: Bad			
18	Sports	Sports	Sports	Bodies	Yoga Zone	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Last Word	
19	CHiPs		The Client	In the Heat of the Night	Movie: Broadcast News (1987) William Hurt, Holly Hunter. ****						
20	CharlieB	Rugrats	Maisy	Blue's Clues	Little Bear	Franklin	Gullah	Busy World	Blues' Clues	Franklin	
21	Major Dad	Ned-Stackey	Foxworthy	Something	Naked Truth	Boston	Wings	Wings	Videos	Videos	Videos
22	(6:00) Despierta America				Maite	Ensename a Querer	Luz Marie				
23	Year by Year	Real West			Movie: Seven Angry Men (1955) Raymond Massey. **	War Years					Berlin
24	Garden	Grow	Carol Duvall	Sew Perfect	Decorating Room	Typical Mary	Solutions	Appraise It!	At-Auction	Cooking	
25	Lost in Space	Wonder Woman	Forever Knight		DarkShad	DarkShad	Twilight Z.	Beyond		Time Trax	
26	Tiny Toon	Animaniacs	PinkyBrain	Histeria!	Batman	Batman	Griffith	Griffith	Matlock	News	

	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
2	Body Elec.	Painting	Paintings	TimeGrow	TimeGrow	With Health	With Health	Zoom	Science Guy	Wishbone	Arthur
3	Menace	Casper	Ghostbats	Candy	Eek!stravag	Bad Dog	Walter M.	Radio Act	Big Wolf	Addams	Addams
4	Days-Lives	Another World	Donny & Marie	Maury				Oprah Winfrey	News	ABC News	ABC News
5	Amazing	101Dalmits	Goof Troop	Timon	Aladdin	Off the Wall	Mad Libs	Dinosaurs	GrowPains	GrowPains	Brotherly
6	Hunter	Movie: The Money Pit (1986) Tom Hanks. **						Mama	Full House	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.
7	Jeopardy!	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Guiding Light	Roseanne Show	Hollywood	Edition	News	CBS News		
8	Bold & B.	As the World Turns	Guiding Light	Roseanne Show	Hollywood	Edition	News	CBS News			
9	Secret I.D.	Beast Wars	Jumanji	PinkyBrain	Histeria!	Batman	Batman	Jenny Jones	Love	Change	
10	Angel	Forgive or Forget	Little House on the Prairie	Spider-Man	Hercules	Rangers	Knights	Nanny	Grace Under		
11	Tennis: Bausch & Lomb - Quarterfinal	Sr. PGA	Inside PGA	Bloopers	Snowboarding	NBA Finals	Up Close	Sportsctr.			
12	Movie: (1:15) Movie: Harry and Son Paul Newman. ** PG	Backstage	(4:5) Movie: Sticky Fingers Helen Slater.	Movie: The Golden Child							
13	Movie: Speed 2	Movie: Stand and Deliver. *** PG	(1:15) Movie: The Golden Child Eddie Murphy. PG-13	Movie: Mannequin (1987)							
14	Movie: ** Robin Hood: Men in Tights	Movie: Beavis and Butt-head	Movie: Breakdown Kurt Russell. *** 'R'	(5:05) Movie: Dave (1993)							
15	Movie: Across the Pacific (1942) Humphrey Bogart. ***	Movie: Casablanca (1942) Humphrey Bogart. ****	Movie: Assignment-Brt								
16	Home	Design	Interior Motives	Great Chefs	Epicurious	Gimme Shelter	New House	Fix-It-Line			
17	(12:00) Movie: ** The Bad Seed (1985)	Intimate Portrait	Designing	Designing	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Ellen	Ellen			
18	Ultimate	Boxing Fight Time		Big 12 Show	Golf	V-Max	Ultimate	Rush Hour	Last Word		
19	Movie:	Kung Fu	Legend	Babylon 5		L.A. Heat	Due South				
20	Maisy	Doug	Doug	Garfield	Garfield	Rocko's Life	Cartdog	Figure It Out	All That	Alex Mack	
21	Videos	Movie: True Crime (1995) Alicia Silverstone. **	PGA Golf The Masters - Second Round								USA High
22	Pais	La Mujer de Mi Vida	Gordo	El Bhablazo	Cristina	Primer Impacto	Que Crees	Noticiero			
23	Berlin	20th Century	Movie: Seven Angry Men (1955) Raymond Massey. **	War Years							
24	GoodTaste	Carol Duvall	Sew Perfect	At Home	Homewise	Decorating	Kitchen	Garden	Grow It!	House Dr	Fix It Up!
25	Time Trax	Sightings	Movie: Universal Soldier (1992) Dolph Lundgren **	Polttergeist: The Legacy	House Leap						
26	News	Hawaii Five-0	Coach	Coach	Major League Baseball Kansas City Royals at Chicago White Sox						

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2	Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Wash. Week	Wall St	Airport	Time Goes	Keeping Up	Charlie Rose	Newshour			
3	Spice Girls: Wild!			Movie: Coming Unplugged (1997) Judge Reinhold.			700 Club	Show-Funny			
4	News	Ent. Tonight	Providence	Dateline	Homicide: Life	News	(3:5) Tonight Show				
5	Movie: Zeng: Girl of the 21st Century	(4:5) Movie: RocketMan Hariand Williams. ** PG	Famous	Walt Disney Presents	Zorro						
6	Roseanne	(3:5) Major League Baseball Arizona Diamondbacks at Atlanta Braves									

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Pleading for resolve in an impatient nation

By Calvin Woodward

The Associated Press Be patient, Americans are told. Show resolve. We are in this Yugoslav business for the long haul.

Who on Earth has time for that? This is the nation of sound bites, microwave dinners, the hurry-up technologies of Henry Ford and Bill Gates — and no entanglements, please. Monica Lewinsky brings the pained cry, "Move on."

Absent a direct threat, the American people don't have a long attention span on many matters, thinkers have noticed. The thrill wears off, the motivating anger dulls, complexities arise. Americans set trends and tire of them, alighting on the next shiny thing.

"There are no second acts in American lives." F. Scott Fitzgerald observed.

"I tell you," said the poet Carl Sandburg, "the past is a bucket of ashes."

Frustration with attitudes like those is pervading the daily war talk from Washington.

"This air campaign is not a 30-second ad," President Clinton told a nation increasingly accustomed to getting its politics that way. "I'd like to see us ... not have our

attention diverted by other things."

Former Sen. Bob Dole, who helped Clinton as an envoy in Yugoslavia, was struck by impatience during his lifetime in politics. "We want things to happen quickly, quickly, and get on with your life," he said in an interview.

Americans may have been conditioned by two decades of military engagements that did not always end with a neat political solution but at least tended to be short.

In some of the other missions since the Vietnam "quagmire," resolve in the Lebanon peacekeeping effort melted after more than 240 servicemen died in the bombing of a Marine barracks in 1983, with U.S. troops leaving four months later.

Patience wore thin, too, for using military force in humanitarian crises after 18 U.S. soldiers died in Somalia. U.S. troops retreated in 1994, leaving warlords fighting, and when genocide followed soon after in Rwanda, the United States did not intervene.

Observers of the national psyche have noticed a characteristic impatience always.

Ralph Waldo Emerson complained about the "shallow Americanism" that hopes to gain "skill without study, mastery without apprenticeship."

Historian Frederick J. Turner admired "that practical, inventive turn of mind, quick to find expedients." The trait is said to be why Americans are better at creating than making — pioneering mass produced appliances but ultimately giving up their manufacture to Japan and China, where patience is glorified.

The British bestow lifelong knighthood on top entertainers; Americans make stars overnight and watch some flame out. Clinton is celebrated as a quick study, noted also for his taste in fast food and now episodes of quick sex.

But he also is a student of history, and he has tried to get Americans to look at Europe's past to understand what is going on and how, if unchecked, the continent's future or their own might be darkened. He cares more for history than Henry Ford, busy putting a nation on wheels, ever did.

"We want to live in the present," Ford said, "and the only history that is worth a tinker's dam is the history we make today."

Kosovar refugees removed

Macedonia empties camp on its border, ships people to NATO tent refugees

SKOPJE, Macedonia (AP) — For tens of thousands of Kosovo Albanians stranded in a fetid no-man's land between their homeland and Macedonia, deliverance came at a speed that left their last few belongings — and their lives — scattered.

People who had already lost their homes, lands and livelihoods in the forced flight from Kosovo found in rescue that they had still more left to lose.

"My father, brothers and mother, and one child," said one woman, who gave her name only as Dita, listing the loved ones from whom she had been separated after Macedonia's decision to empty out a makeshift refugee camp on its border overnight.

By dawn Wednesday, Macedonian authorities had dispersed 35,000 or more of the refugees from the squalid, septic border enclave. The majority were sent to NATO tent camps inside Macedonia.

Macedonia sent 10,000 to neighboring Albania and 5,500 to Turkey, the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees said. The UNHCR was still trying to account today for 10,000 refugees bused to a destination still unknown to international aid workers, spokeswoman Paula Ghedina said.

At the Brazda refugee center in Macedonia, Dita looked for her relatives. "I think maybe they're here, but I don't see them," she said. "I don't know where to find them."

Macedonia had been stung by international criticism of its slowness in moving refugees from the border.

Serb forces have been accused of expelling hundreds of thousands from Kosovo in response to the NATO bombing campaign, although the Yugoslav government says the refugees fled NATO airstrikes.

Aid agencies said the camp had been rife for an epidemic. Journalists counted scores of graves appearing in the hills.

When Macedonia finally acted, it acted quickly, shipping the refugees out on buses at a speed that caught humanitarian workers by surprise. The refugees' whereabouts.

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES

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House chairman wanting fund-raiser to testify

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chairman of a House committee investigating Democratic fund raising in the 1996 campaign is awaiting word from the Justice Department on his request for testimony from a party fund-raiser who reportedly funneled illegal contributions from China to help reelect President Clinton.

Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., asked Attorney General Janet Reno on Wednesday to help arrange the appearance of Johnny Chung for a public hearing before his Government Reform and Oversight Committee.

"It is imperative that we shine the light of day on the facts surrounding Chinese ... involvement in funneling public money into our political system," Burton wrote.

Attorney General Janet Reno told reporters today that Burton's letter arrived Wednesday.

Chung has told federal investigators that China's chief military intelligence officer sent him \$300,000 to give to the Democratic Party, The Los Angeles Times reported.

Last year, Chung said he received \$300,000 from a Chinese aerospace official, Liu Chao-ying, who also is a lieutenant colonel in the Chinese army. Chung told prosecutors that Ms. Liu, whose company is owned by the Chinese government, told him that the funds came from Chinese intelligence and were for political contributions.

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Vocational trades are no longer just filler classes used by students marking time, but instead prepare students to leave high school and be ready to earn a place in the working society.

"Many students with vocational certificates make more money than people with four-year degrees," said Lowe. "And, we will always have a need for people trained in automotives, cosmetology and other skills."

Vocational trades teachers see numerous benefits from the new buildings and centralized location.

"It's going to put us in a centralized location, of course," Bryan Hedrick, law enforcement instructor, said. "But more than that, it's going to alleviate crowding and allow all the students additional space."

Hedrick is only one of several instructors who see the need to continue and even expand vocational classes. It's not just the ability to go from school to work, but also the college credits the courses offer, which make them so attractive.

"Do we need them? You bet!" he said. He gave examples of two students who finished his classes, last year. One student is now earning \$23,000 a year as a jailer in Amarillo; another is working on his associate degree at South Plains College in Levelland.

"He received nine hours of college credit from my classes," said Hedrick, "which means he started out a half-semester ahead."

Nearly all the vocational classes offer college credits along with high school credits, Hedrick said.

This alone benefits the students and the school district. "The new vocational/tech prep center will be one of the best in the Panhandle," HISD Superintendent Jack Patton said. "With it, we will be able to enter into articulation agreements with Amarillo College, West Texas A&M and maybe even other high schools."

Regardless of a student's post-high school plans, whether paying their way through college or going to work immediately in a chosen career, the consensus indicates the new vocational/tech prep center will provide a boost to both the students and the school district.

Sales tax

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from the state's 6.25-cent-per-dollar sales tax.

The plan strays from Bush's plan for \$2 billion in property tax relief, but Rep. Kenny Marchant, R-Coppell, said the GOP stands "firmly behind George Bush in providing tax relief to Texans."

"With an extreme opposition to property tax cuts by a number of liberals, we're concerned that the surplus may end up being spent and Texas taxpayers will see no relief," said Marchant, chairman of the House Republican Caucus.

Bush said the Republican plan does not mean his tax cut proposal is dead.

"They don't have as much of a property tax relief as I do in my plan. But nevertheless, people are talking about tax cuts in Austin. I think that's very helpful," he said.

The governor said cutting the overall sales tax rate is an option, and that there would be several proposals between now and the end of the session on how to do it.

"What I support are tax cuts that are significant. The House Republicans evidently agree we need a significant tax cut," he said.

The Republican plan also calls for:

• An added \$1 billion in aid to local school districts for capital projects, such as new school construction, or to retire bond debts.

• A \$1 billion increase in state aid to the teachers' retirement system so teachers would have to contribute less. That would provide teachers with \$2,000 more in annual take-home pay.

• A \$500 million cut in business taxes for research and development, repealing the franchise tax for some small businesses, and eliminating the state sales tax on diapers, children's over-the-counter medicines and other items.

"I am pleased to see the House Republicans coalescing around a significant tax cut plan," Bush said.

The sales tax relief bill that passed the Senate is SB441.

The nine-day sales tax moratorium is HB2280.

The diaper exemption is HB2371.

The over-the-counter drug exemption is HB2372.

The school supplies exemption is HB200.

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Local Red Cross chapter accepts cash donations for Balkan relief

Special to The Brand

The Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross is accepting donations for Kosovo or Balkan Relief, according to Sally Walker, interim chapter manager.

Cash donations will be accepted at the chapter office, 224 S. Main or can be mailed to the Tri-County Chapter, (American Red Cross), P.O. Box 1371, Hereford 79045.

The Red Cross needs at least \$1 million each week for the next few months to meet the emergency humanitarian needs of refugees fleeing Kosovo, according to acting president Steve Bullock. "Americans have already contributed more than \$1.5

billion dollars for this massive relief operation; however, we know much more will be needed," Bullock said. "International Red Cross officials believe we will need at least \$100 million to provide a steady and reliable stream of food, water, shelter, medical assistance, sanitation and other desperately needed humanitarian assistance."

"Nearly 1,300 American Red Cross chapters ... are involved in this tremendous effort. We know this relief operation is more a matter of months - maybe years - rather than days, and that's why we are asking the American people to help us respond to this urgent need.

We are committed to being there for the refugees as long as we are needed," Bullock said.

The American Red Cross already has committed \$1.5 million to bolster the relief supply chain. Additional warehouse space, forklifts, vehicles and relief supplies will be acquired for use in Macedonia and Albania. Also, some of the funding will be used in Bulgaria to purchase blankets, food and other supplies, as well as the transportation necessary to get the relief to Macedonia.

According to the International Committee of the Red Cross, an estimated 300,000 refugees and displaced per-

sons fleeing Kosovo already have arrived in Albania, Montenegro and Macedonia, most of whom left without warm clothing, food and basic needs to survive. Red Cross workers have been providing relief to the streams of refugees.

Cash donations to the Red Cross are the best way to help the victims of the Balkan conflict. The American Red Cross is unable to accept any collections or individual offers of in-kind goods. For individuals who want to help the victims of the crisis in Yugoslavia, including Kosovo, contributions can be made to the American Red Cross International Response Fund, P.O. Box 37243, Washington, D.C. 20013 or by calling (800) HELP-NOW or (800) 257-7575 (Spanish).

Keeping an eye on Texas

Help keep young Texans safe and happy

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services has prepared an information kit detailing how Texans can help prevent child abuse in their communities. The kit can be downloaded free of charge at <http://www.tdprs.state.tx.us>, or call 1-800-882-6252. Below are some suggestions for parents:

Ways to Show Your Children You Care About Them

- Talk with them.
- Listen to what they have to say.
- Read to them.
- Include them in family decisions and experiences.
- Play a game together.
- Take time to laugh together.
- Tell them you love them every day.

Report child abuse 1-800-252-6400

SOURCES: Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, Children's Trust Fund of Texas, and Prevent Child Abuse Texas

Echándole el ojo a Texas

Juntos podemos mantener a los niños seguros y felices

Abril es el mes de prevención del abuso a menores. El Departamento Estatal de Protección y Servicios Regulatorios ha preparado un folleto con información detallada de cómo los texanos pueden ayudar a prevenir el abuso de menores en sus vecindarios. El folleto está disponible en el directorio electrónico de la red internet en <http://www.tdprs.state.tx.us> o puede llamar al número 1-800-882-6252.

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U.S. jobless claims rise, but stay under 300,000

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of Americans claiming unemployment benefits rose last week but remained at less than 300,000 for the 10th consecutive week, the longest such stretch in 25 years.

A seasonally adjusted 299,000 Americans filed applications for unemployment checks, up 11,000 from the week before the Labor Department said today. A four-

week moving average of jobless claims rose by 1,750 to 295,250.

The 10 weeks of initial claims of less than 300,000 marked the longest such stretch since 1973, reflecting the fact that the nation's unemployment rate, at 4.2 percent in March, was at a 29-year low.

Challenger, Gray & Christman Inc., a Chicago-based job-search firm, said Wednesday

that publicly announced job cuts totaled 68,984 in March, up 11 percent from February and nearly triple the 23,028 announced in March 1998.

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Yeltsin's enemies gain on impeachment drive

MOSCOW — Boris Yeltsin's Communist enemies have been trying to push him out of power since he dismantled the Soviet Union. They've campaigned, schemed and investigated — and they finally may be getting somewhere.

Russia's lower house of parliament, the State Duma, is scheduled to debate impeaching Yeltsin one week from today, in the opposition's most carefully conceived effort to oust him to date. The impeachment bid is the first one that appears to have a chance of succeeding.

If approved by the Duma, the motion would require approval of the country's two highest courts and parliament's upper house before Yeltsin could be removed. That's seen as unlikely — though not as unlikely as in Yeltsin's mightier days.

Regardless of the outcome, merely holding an impeachment debate on Russia's first freely elected president in its thousand-year history bodes ill for the country's fragile democracy and its erratic, infirm leader.

While impeachment itself is a democratic process, the Communists trying to oust Yeltsin want to roll back democratic reforms. One of Yeltsin's many crimes, they say, was replacing the totalitarian Soviet system with one that has impoverished and demoralized the Russian

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populace. While the United States could weather the impeachment of President Clinton, "Russia's political system is not so solid," said Sergei Kolmakov, an analyst with the Moscow-based Politika foundation.

Russia is in a deep recession, with millions of people out of work or going unpaid for months. The military is in shambles, and the country is shamed by its waning global relevance — a condition exposed by Russia's powerlessness to stop NATO airstrikes on its ally Yugoslavia.

U.S. seeks China's help accounting for men lost in Korea

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration has asked China to help account for several Americans missing from the Korean War, including two pilots apparently killed when their plane was shot down on a CIA covert mission in Manchuria in November 1952, according to internal Pentagon records.

The administration also has requested information on three missing corporals — Roger Dumas, William Glasser and Richard Desautels — who were held

in a Chinese-run POW camp in North Korea. Several repatriated American prisoners reported seeing the three alive and well at the close of the war in 1953.

Pentagon officials have been pressing the Chinese communist government for more than a year to open its wartime records, but with little result. The People's Liberation Army has insisted that war losses are a closed issue, while the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has declared wartime records to be classified.

Chinese soldiers intervened in the Korean War in October 1950 after the American-led U.N. force, propelled by the Marines' famous Inchon landing the month before, fought their way to the Yalu River on China's border. Later, the Chinese army ran the prisoner of war camps in North Korea, and it moved some American prisoners into China to be interrogated, according to declassified U.S. records.

In the face of China's reluctance to pursue the matter, Sen. Bob Smith, R-N.H., wrote to President Clinton on Tuesday urging that he push the issue when he meets at the White House on Thursday with Chinese Prime Minister Zhu Rongji. Smith said U.S. diplomatic and defense officials had made no headway.

Ethiopia to get U.N. assistance

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP) — A U.N. relief program is coming to the rescue of 640,000 herdsmen in drought-stricken eastern Ethiopia.

Over the next month, World Food Program Ethiopia plans to divert 8,000 tons of food to the region from other parts of Ethiopia. Rebecca Hansen, head of the effort, said in statement sent to The Associated Press on Thursday.

Other aid groups will help supply water to the cattle-grazing region bordering Somalia where the drought began two years ago.

March retail sales jump

NEW YORK (AP) — The nation's biggest retailers reported today that their sales in March jumped to better-than-expected levels as healthy U.S. economic growth and a surging stock market encouraged Americans to spend.

Also boosting sales was an early Easter, which meant that shoppers did most of their holiday buying in March this year instead of April as they did a year ago.

It was the second month of surprisingly strong sales, giving many Wall Street analysts reason to believe that first-quarter earnings will top estimates.

The robust U.S. economy has driven retail sales in recent months. Consumer confidence is at near-record highs, while unemployment and inflation remains at its lowest levels in years.

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