

# Students build 40th house

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ding. It really does.”  
The 1,698-square-foot house will have three bedrooms and two bathrooms, one off of the master bedroom. The electrical department at the college installed the wiring, and the communications network technology department installed telephone lines and an Internet connection. Local contractors put in the plumbing, the heating and air conditioning and will install carpet.

The students are enrolled in an 11-month program. Woodrow said, and it takes that long to build the house, working off and on. Originally, he said, 18 were signed up to take the class, but just nine are left.

“These guys are doing everything, 100 percent,” Woodrow said. “We just teach them how to do it.”

The dry weather, although it is hurting crops, was good for building the house, Woodrow said. He said the class didn't have to worry about rain, and the roof only got wet once.

“Usually we have to worry about wet plywood and other materials,” he said. “This year it has been really easy. We have a great group of kids.”

Other members of the class include John Wilson, Holly, Colo.; Pat Schaf-



Chace Betz, a carpentry student, and instructor Robert Woodrow looked at the house being built at Northwest Kansas Technical College this year.  
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fer, Dodge City; Josh Maska, Hays; Michael Horton, Hill City; Chace Betz, Ransom; A.J. Batson, Olathe; and Ian Bailey, Hoisington.

Woodrow, originally from Lakin, said he graduated from the technical school in 1982, and has been teaching for three years.

“There are a lot of things I learned

here, and a lot of things I learned out there, once I got into the real world,” he said. “That's the beauty of the program. We give them the basics, and they can learn from there.”

The house the department built last year cost about \$80,000 in materials, Alderson said, and was sold at auction for \$82,500. The school doesn't make

any money building the houses, Woodrow said; it just covers the costs.

The house will be shown Sunday, July 14, and will be sold at auction Saturday, July 27.

Anyone who wants to look early is welcome to make an appointment during school hours, Woodrow said, between 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

# French voters deliver surprise

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gration National Front, called his score a step in “the French renaissance,” to be completed with a May 5 victory.

On Monday, a few defeated candidates asked backers to transfer their support to Chirac.

“We're facing a choice that could be considered impossible,” Green Party candidate Noel Mamere told supporters. “To block the extreme right, we must resolve to vote Chirac in the second round.”

“We have a responsibility to society, I'm ready to admit that clearly to you,” Mamere said.

Jean-Pierre Chevenement, a former Socialist known for supporting traditional values, said “France should not be abandoned” to Le Pen's party. Francois Bayrou, a conservative rival of Chirac's, even met with Chirac to talk strategy.

Spontaneous demonstrations broke out in cities across France after Sunday's surprise. About 10,000 people protested in Paris alone, with some waving signs that read “I'm ashamed to be French.” Police lobbed tear gas to break up several smaller protests.

In several cities, including Lyon, Strasbourg and Toulouse, high schoolers and young people took to the streets again on Monday. A Marseille demonstration drew 2,000 people.

Shock was reflected in French newspapers Monday, with the leftist Liberation newspaper's front page showing a photo of Le Pen with an enormous one-word headline: “No.” Conservative Le Figaro's headline read, “The earthquake.” Le Parisien's headline was: “The Shock.”

European newspapers put out similar front page headlines. Swedish tabloid Aftonbladet called the election “an insult to democracy,” while a headline in Rome daily La Repubblica read, “France, Earthquake Le Pen.”

Jospin did not endorse Chirac. Many political heavyweights close to him, including his former finance minister, Dominique Strauss-Kahn, voiced support for the incumbent conservative.

“Jean-Marie Le Pen represents everything I hate, and so I have no hesitation in saying: I will vote for Jacques Chirac,” Strauss-Kahn told France-In-

ter radio.

Le Pen, a former paratrooper now in his fourth presidential race, has been a fixture in French politics for decades. Few could imagine he would reach the final round in the contest for the country's top office.

He was to hold a news conference later Monday, but earlier made a broad appeal to the French, “whatever their race, their religion or their social condition, to rally to this historic chance for national recovery.”

Scores of polls leading up to the vote consistently showed the conservative Chirac, 69, and the Socialist Jospin, 64, taking the top two slots. Only recently did Le Pen even solidly emerge as the so-called third man, the kingmaker.

With more than 99 percent of the vote counted, Chirac had 19.65 percent, Le Pen 17.06 percent and Jospin 16.05 percent, according to the Interior Ministry.

The three men were among a record field of 16 candidates. The abstention rate of some 28 percent also was a record, Interior Minister Daniel Vaillant said.

Both were likely contributing factors to Le Pen's success.

Voter apathy and the fragmented field punished Jospin and rewarded Le Pen, boosting him beyond the 15 percent that he and his party traditionally score in national elections.

Rising crime and the central role it took in the campaign appeared to be another factor in Le Pen's success. Vaillant denounced what he called fear tactics over crime that played into the hands of Le Pen, whose party blames urban violence on immigrants.

Le Pen has long been accused of racism and anti-Semitism. He is notorious for having called Nazi gas chambers “a detail” of history in 1987. Le Pen denies he is anti-Semitic.

Le Pen, who founded the National Front in 1972 and uses “French first” as his slogan, has struck a chord among voters who fear that the French identity is being sacrificed to immigration, particularly Muslims from Africa. He refers to himself as a simple patriot.

Le Pen had only narrowly qualified for the presidential race, scrambling for the 500 endorsements from elected officials needed to run.

# Attorneys want to ban trial television coverage

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By the Associated Press NATIONAL

LOS ANGELES (AP) — As actor Robert Blake's case moves toward the courtroom, lawyers are at odds over whether cameras will be there to capture the drama.

Defense attorney Harland Braun said he would move to keep television cameras out of the courtroom at Blake's arraignment, which was expected today, and would oppose such coverage if the case were to go to trial.

“I know that people are going to argue there's a First Amendment right to see this case on television,” Braun said. “But this is a Hollywood case. It's not an issue of national security.”

Blake, best known for his role on the detective series “Baretta,” was arrested Thursday along with his bodyguard Earle Caldwell. Both were booked for investigation of the shooting murder of Blake's 44-year-old wife, Bonny Lee Bakley, outside a restaurant last May 4.

If prosecutors approve a complaint, Blake, 68, and Caldwell, 46, would be arraigned today in a suburban courthouse a few miles from the restaurant where Bakley and his wife dined the night she was killed.

Sandi Gibbons, spokeswoman for county District Attorney Steve Cooley, said prosecutors will oppose an attempt to restrict media coverage.

HONOLULU (AP) — For nearly three weeks, Forgea survived on little food or water and whatever rain fell on an abandoned tanker drifting across the Pacific Ocean.

But the 2-year-old mixed-breed terrier's fate turned for the better over the weekend when the 40-pound dog was spotted running around the deck of the elusive vessel.

Coast Guard crews dropped pizza, granola bars and oranges for Forgea from their plane and a day later Forgea was saved — capping a trying 19 days for a dog who was given little chance of surviving.

“It is nothing short of a miracle that Forgea was discovered and found alive,” said Martha Armstrong, vice president of the Humane Society of the United States.

The fishing boat crew that rescued Forgea on Sunday planned to bring her back to Honolulu with them when they return next week.

The Humane Society launched a \$50,000 effort to save the dog after the Taiwanese captain and Chinese crew of the disabled Insiko 1907 were rescued by a cruise liner south of Hawaii

on April 2. The dog was left behind, and the tanker could not be found. There was only one unconfirmed sighting until the C130 found the Insiko on Saturday, 250 miles east of Johnston Island.

CAMARILLO, Calif. (AP) — Gasoline prices edged down a fraction of a cent over the past two weeks, despite tensions in oil-producing regions like the Middle East and South America.

Friday's weighted price per gallon for all grades and taxes was about \$1.46, down just over half a cent from two weeks earlier, according to the Lundberg survey of 8,000 gas stations nationwide.

The decrease — the first since Feb. 8 — could be a sign that gasoline prices, which generally spike during the summer months, may have peaked, said analyst Trilby Lundberg Sunday.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Colin Powell is praising Israel for sticking to its schedule for withdrawing from the West Bank, but says the Middle East crisis won't end until soldiers are back in their garrisons and normal life resumes in Palestinian cities.

“I'm not completely satisfied. I would like to see the withdrawal continue until there is no question about it,” Powell said Sunday on CBS' “Face the Nation.”

He also urged Israel to ease its confinement of Yasser Arafat so the Palestinian leader can do more to stop violence.

Powell made a round of appearances on television talk shows three days after returning from a Middle East peace trip that failed to secure the cease-fire sought by President Bush. He said he expects to return to the Middle East in the “not-too-distant future” but has no immediate plans.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ending weekend discussions on the global economy, world financial leaders committed themselves to educate more poor children, a partial response to assertions after the Sept. 11 attacks that poverty can be a breeding ground for terrorism.

At a wrap-up session yesterday, the finance ministers and central bankers welcomed evidence that the “economic recovery from (last year's) slowdown is under way.”

They also agreed during meetings of the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank's sister lending agency, and the Group of Seven major industrialized nations to intensify efforts to combat terrorist financing and also adopted a plan to help countries in financial crisis reduce their debt burden.

At a news conference Sunday, World Bank President James Wolfensohn sought to play down the failure to resolve differences over whether the bank should help poor countries with grants or loans, which have to be repaid.

He said there was a real commitment among all countries to keep the loan

program “strong and growing” under new guidelines emphasizing country accountability.

WASHINGTON (AP) — In their sharpest clash since the 2000 campaign, President Bush and Al Gore are giving dueling Earth Day speeches — Bush touting his plan to combat air pollution and his former rival contending the White House is sabotaging environmental protections.

Bush was spotlighting a market-based proposal he has promised will deliver “dramatic progress” in air quality. He was making his pitch today at Lake Everest, in New York state's acid rain-plagued Adirondack Mountains.

The president has asked Congress to approve mandatory limits on industry output of three kinds of pollutants.

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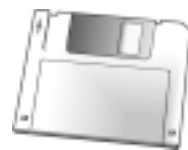
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