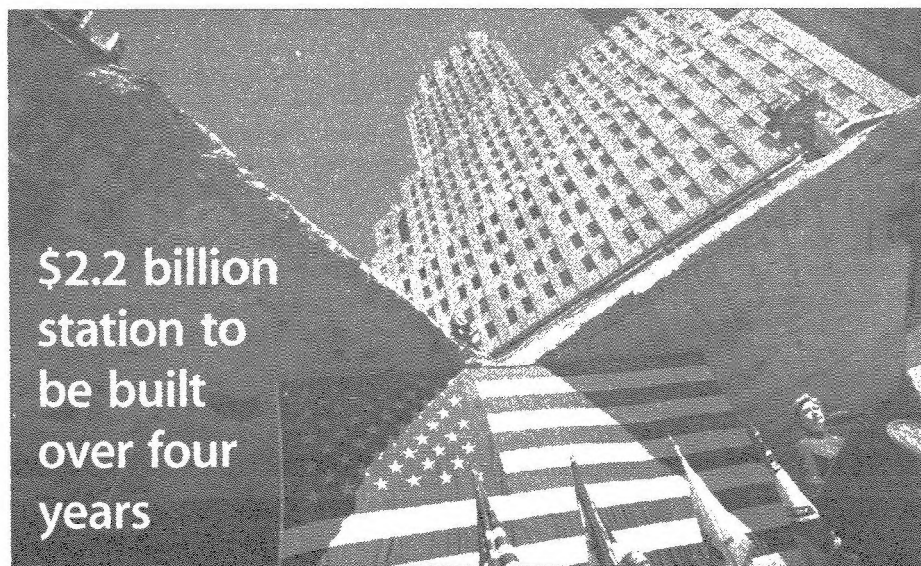


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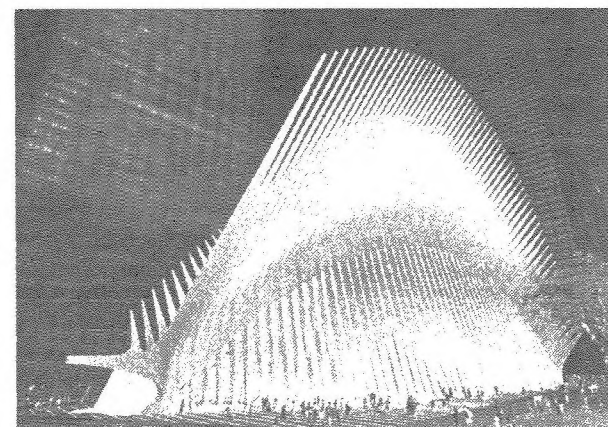
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ANIMALREPORT

Dog keeps man alive

A Malaysian man was about to jump to his death from a highway overpass but changed his mind when told that his pet dog was dying, a news report said. Rescue workers found the pet locked inside the man's car near the overpass, the report said. They told the man the dog was dying of suffocation and he decided to get down and let him out, the Star daily reported. (AP)

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Jazz musician **Sonny Rollins** is 75. Singer **Gloria Gaynor** is 56. Rock singer **Chrissie Hynde** (The Pretenders) is 54. Actress **Shannon Elizabeth** is 32.

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QUOTES OF THE DAY

"I prayed to God that if the hair thing doesn't work out for me, please make me bald. And God heard my prayers and totally balded me up."

— Arrested Development's **David Cross**

"It pains me to watch the human suffering taking place in the gulf region of my country,"

— **Michael Jackson** on the Hurricane Katrina Disaster

PICTURE OF THE DAY



Britain's Prime Minister Tony Blair watches a master ballet class in Beijing, China, yesterday, as part of a cultural exchange program between Britain and China. (AP)

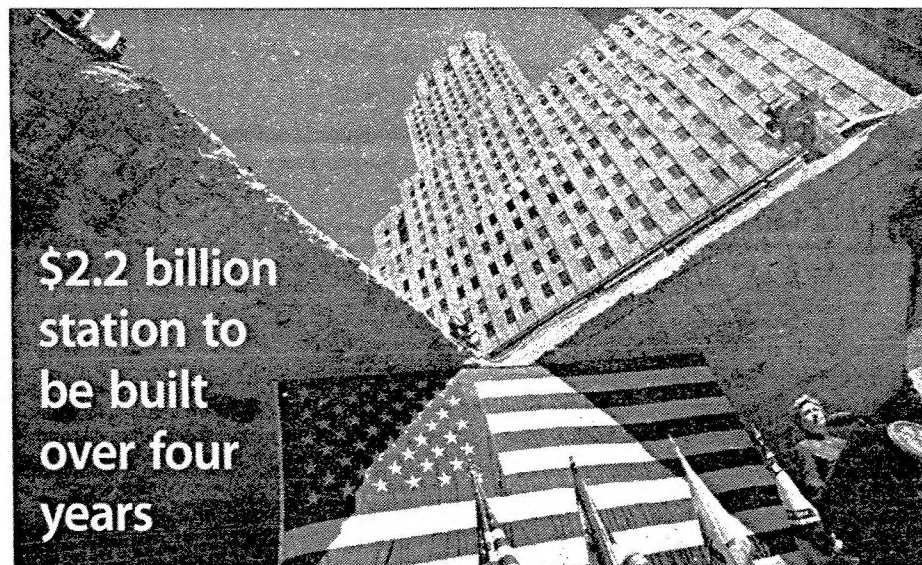
TOP 5

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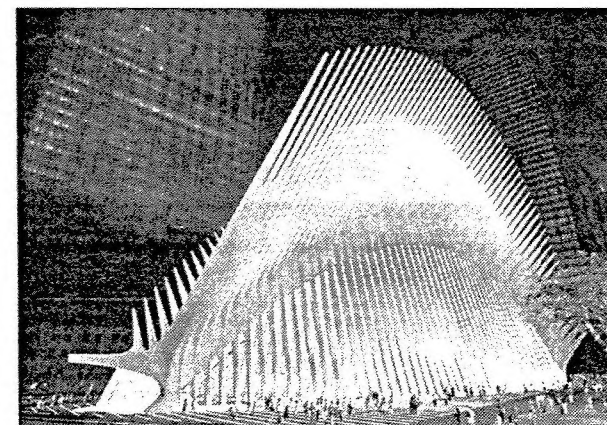
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