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Pampa boys leading in golf regionals by 4 strokes, Page 9

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Low tonight in low 40s. HIgh tomorrow in low
70s. See Page 2 for weather details.
 ble actions and options to the
listing of the Arkansas
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shiner as an endangered or
threatened sectas threatened species will be
held in Amarilo on Friday,
her The meeting will be held in
the Texas A\&M Research and
Extension Center locted Extension Center located at
6550 Amarill B Butlevard
West.
The purpose of the meeting
it is to gather public input on
the listsing options of this
species. There will be represpecies. There will be repre-
sentatives from the Texas
Parks and Wild tife Department, Gov, Bush's Policy
Office and others.
All interested parties are urged to attend. DUMAS - Beth Nether-
ton, past president of the
Amarillo Cenealogy Society
 Saturday's meeting of the
Romance Writers of the Texas
Panhande. Panhanale. $\begin{gathered}\text { Netheron will explain the } \\ \text { steps necessary to trace }\end{gathered}$
trest Local author Pamela
Waddell will show how she
buidds the scottish historical novel. meeting will be held in
The second fllor meeting
thoom of the Amarillo Central
rem room of the Amarillo Central
Library and will begin at 10
a.m. and end at noon. Romance Writers of the
Texas Panhandle meets very Texas Panhandie meets every.
fourth Saturdy at the libry.
RWTP is the area chapter of $\square$ YORK, Pa. (AP) - A 9-
year-old boy who took 22
plastic bags of heroin to plastic bags of heroin to
school and showed them to chasool andes has been suspend-
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ed for 10 days but will not be Cassmate tasy but will no
ed farged with a crime. Charged win a come.
The boy told police he Know who put the bags in his
unde's jacket, which he uncte sacket whe
dentally wore to shool Friday A teacher at Jackson
Elementary School discov ered the drugs as the boy
showed the bags to other stu dents, prosecutor William
Graft sid dents,
Graft said Monday

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Sports

## Latest storm brings hail, heavy rain, strong winds

|  | reported skies clearing at dawn | heavy rainfall, and hail usually |
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| thunderstorms dropped almost | this morning. Canadian and | $\begin{aligned} & \text { heavy rainfall, and ha } \\ & \text { described as pea-size. } \end{aligned}$ |
| two and a half inches of rain | Wheeler received some rain and | But as the strong thunder- |
| along with pea- to dime-sized | a little wind overnight, but no | s moved across Northeast |
| hail. | hail. Miami reported 0.40 of an inch of rain | Texas, Gladewater had hail that was as large as $21 / 2$ inches in |
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|  | , | Winds gusted to 80 mph in |
| April rainfall total for Pampa | reading of 51 degrees. Dalhart | Dallas County as the first wave |
| 7.79 inches and the annu | reported cloudy | of storms crossed the Dallas-Fort |
| total to date to 9.72 inches, | The forecast is for partly sun | Worth Metrople |
| according to KGRO-KOM | skies today and Wednesday | Extensive wind damage was |
| meteorologist Darrell Sehorn. | Pampa with variable cloudiness | reported in Denton County |
| Northerly winds arriving with | tonight. The high today should | where signs and power lines |
| the cold front gusted to around | be 65 degrees with a low tonight | were downed by winds of 65-70 |
| les per hour dur | of 45. Wednesday's high shout | mph . Firemen reported several |
| storm last night, Sehorn rep | reach 75 de | lightning strikes that damaged |
| Some portions of sout | Stormy weather may return | some buildings. The 76 Truck |
| Gray County have meas | the Panhandle Wednesday nig |  |
| nearly 15 inches of | into Thursday with more |  |
| nth from |  |  |
| the past few weeks | derstorms, Sehorn | Not even the National Weather |
| Marble to dime-sized | Elsew | Service escaped the stor |
| dhe grou |  |  |
|  | strong thunderstorm | Instead of the usual we |
| ms began moving | across North Texas early tod | mary issed |
|  | as a cold front pushed south- |  |
| hail accumulated to a depth |  | the two-day forecast, the |
|  | The front also triggered show | Fort Worth office issued the fol- |
| rripping some |  |  |
| ff of trees | Texas. Severe weather wa | "Severe thunderstorms |
| The National Weath | reported over a vast are | pounded North Texas ... to the |
|  | Northeast Texas | tent that no summary is being |
| inch of rain in the past 24 h |  |  |
| some pea-sized hail. | Weather Service to issue sev | Skies will be clea |
| ampa reported a low of 41 | tornado warnings | ear |
| degrees this morning after a high | North Texa | tly cloudy statewide |

House delays debate on property tax bili

| AUSTIN (AP) - Texas House | unfair to ask House members to | want the issue delayed until at |
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| members are considering more | vote without giving them enough | least Thursday, if not later, |
| than 200 proposed changes to a |  |  |
| time to review the proposals. |  |  |


 Hale Center, on Monday an- that wrote the plan, said the
nounced that the start of debate dela
deand the number fota nounce ill - expected today - ments aren't signs that the bill is Education fund and spen Pub



 stituents.
"Every day you wait causes their school districts.
"I'm a little surprised," he said
waste.
"We have so many days in the $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Every day you wait causes } & \text { of ma a hitte surprised, he said } & \text { "We have so many days in the } \\ \text { problems in the Senate," said } & \text { of the number of amendments. } & \text { session," Sadler said "."We need }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lll}\text { sion ends June 2. } & \text { of those may be substantive." } & \text { school property taxes by about } \\ \text { But after lawmakers submitted } \\ \text { Rep. John Shields, R-San } \\ 50 & \text { percent. It would raise the }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{ccccc}\text { But after lawmakers submitted } & \text { Rep. } & \text { ohn Shields, R-San } & \text { percent. it would raise the } \\ \text { more than } 200 \text { proposed amend- } \\ \text { mntonio, helped circulate a peti- } & \text { state's share of school funding }\end{array}$

## Gifts for reading



Reading is a big deal at Baker Elementary School and Princimpal Sam Porter prepares the Reading is a big deal at Baker Elementary School, and Principal Sam Porter prepares the items that students will be purchasing with their Accelerated Reader Points on Friday. The
items range from 4 -foot Styrofoam planes, which take 15 points to earn, to remote control items range from 4-foot Styrofoam planes, which take 15 points to eam, to remote contro to purchase. Porter installs batteries and makes sure items work properly before the students purchase them


These tulips burst forth in their bright colors beneath a blooming tree in a back yard in a Pampa residence. With heavy rains this month, some flowers have managed to survive freezing temperatures, freezing rain, sleet and even hail amid the war
off their spring colors.

## Appraisal District hears audit report



Dallas airports have radar failures radar systems designed to to moving into the thunderstorm
detect potentially fatal wind season, and we want to make detect potentially fatal wind season, and we want to make
shear failed 49 times during darn sure those radars are workshear fall
the past 14 months at the two ing."
busiest commercial airports in Terminal Doppler Weather North Texas, Federal Aviation Radar, designed to detect win Administration officials say. shear during thunderstorms
The outages at Dallas-Fort was developed in the 1980 s after Worth International Airport and a string of major airline crash Dallas' Love Field lasted from 8 caused at least 500 deaths.
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2.1985, crash of a Delta Air Lines $\begin{array}{lll}\text { fortunately occurred during } & \text { 2, } 1985 \text {, crash of a Delta Air Lines } \\ \text { good weather and did not affect } \\ \text { jumbo jet at D-FW Airport that } \\ \text { safety, FAA officials say. } & \text { claimed } 137 & \text { lives when a }\end{array}$ satety, FAA officials say.
The failures made the radar descending column of air knowry sites at the two airports among as a microburst
the most unreliable in the into the ground. the most unreliable in the into the ground.
nation last year, agency officials The $\$ 5.8$ million radar systems say. ${ }^{\text {Wighere }}$ winstalled at Love Field and


## Daily Record

Services tomorrow ELBERT Livell - .

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## Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sherift's Office reported dhe
following arrests for the 24 hour period ending at7 a.m. today MONDAY, April 21

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The Pampa Police Department reported the foll-
lowing incidents and arrest for the 24 hour periCriminal mischief $A Y$, April 21
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749 and 11 mile east




## Calendar of events










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## Stocks

## Accidents

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GOP senators issue warning on budget WASHINGTON (AP) - Nine...Texas, and Sam Brownback, R- any dèal making dramatic reduc-
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Republicans face potential defec$\begin{array}{llll}\begin{array}{l}\text { Republican senators are warning } \\ \text { that they will oppose any budget } \\ \text { In other evidence of restiveness }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { tions in social programs, while } \\ \text { Republicans face potential defec- }\end{array} \\ \text { agreement } & \text { with } & \text { President } \\ \text { over budget talks, House GOP } \\ \text { tions from conservatives adamant }\end{array}$ agreement with President over budget talks, House GOP tions from conservatives adamant
Clinton that allows higher lawmakers and aides say House over deep tax and program cuts. $\begin{array}{cll}\text { domestic spending or violates } & \text { Budget Committee Chairman This was illustrated again on } \\ \text { any of four other conditions. } & \text { Tohn Kasich, R-Ohio, has gotten } \\ \text { The } \\ \text { Thenday when when Dische, D-S.D., } \\ \text { conservative senators } & \text { mixed reactions when he has issued his warning on Medicare }\end{array}$ mede conservative senators mixed reaction demands in a letter described to them in recent days issued saings. warning on Medicare
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the latest sign of how hard it will Conservatives say they want sents the outside parameter, probathe latest sign of how hard it will Conservatives say they want sents the outside parameter, proba-
be for negotiators to strike a bud- steeper spending cuts and are bly the ceiling," he told epporters.
get-balancing deal and then mus- unhappy that under Kasich's "That is the limit beyond which we get-balancing deal and then mus ce one through Congress.
Besides limiting dome spending, the senators are insistspending,
ing on a 500 per child tax credit- $\begin{aligned} & \text { ing balance in } 2000 \text {. } \\ & \text { And Monday Senate Mind, Gephardt, D-Mo., } \\ & \text { said on CBS that if Medicare sav- }\end{aligned}$ and cuts in the capital gains and Leader Tom Daschle said ings exceed the already proposed estate taxes; steadily declining wanted Medicare savings to go ting into really hurting Medi-
federal deficits; no ederal deficits, no legislative no higher than the $\$ 100$ billion, care." Gephardt and Democrats
changes in the way inflation adjustments are made in federal fration officials have already on the House Budget Committee benefits; and no use of White made during budget talks. His Clinton Wednesday at the White
House economic assumptions which are more optimistic than the ones Congress uses.
"A budget deal that "A budget deal that violates worse than no budget deal at all," worse than no budget deal at all," and after House Minority Leader
he letter said. It concluded, "We cannot, in ed Medicare spending project good conscience, support any
budget package that violates week of meetings face a internal hese five reasonable thresholds." pressures that will make a pact

Republicans have insisted that savings from the health-insurance program for the elderly tota Asked about billion. remarks, White House spokes man Mike McCurry said the
administration would continue administration would continue explaining to congressional
Democrats "the need to be flexiDemocrats the need to be flexi

Testimony begins in aggravated assault trial
Testimony began today at the levied a $\$ 100$ fine for 28 people over them. The officers said Tina
Gray County Courthouse in the called for jury duty who failed to Thompson's head and face were Edward Walling thav Jame Edward Walling, 44, of Pampa, The eight-man, four-woman with Pampa police officers called to a residence in the 1800 block of Coffee on Oct. 21, 1994.
Walling, also known as Jame Edward Purdue, was charged in connection with the beating of Tina Thompson, 34, of Pampa, a
1813 Coffee. A Gray Count 1813 Coffee. A Gray County
indictment accuses Walling of beating Thompson with a golf
club causing severe head injuries As jury gectionead injures. Thompson sitting on the front including a broken golf club

## Ambulance

Rural/Merro reported the following incidents for 9.59 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the
he 24 -hour period ending at 7 a m today $\begin{array}{ll}\text { 9:04 a.m. - A mobile ICU' unit responded to the } 200 & \text { dent. No one was transported. } \\ \text { 10:01 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a }\end{array}$ patient was transpobart on a medical assist. One location 10 miles south on Texas Hwy. 70 on a med9:35 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the St. Anthony's West.
 patient was transported to Columbia Medical 11:04 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to
Columbia Medical Center for a patient transfer to Baptist St. Anthony's West in Amarillo. 12:45 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the隹 6:33 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the
3.30 Columbia Medical Center for a patient transfer to patient was transported to Columbia Medical


| RECAST | morning showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the 40 s . | Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs near 80 coast to low 80 s |
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| erstorms Wednesday night | South Texas - Hill Cou | tions south. Wednesday, partly |
| into Thursday Monday's | and South | clo |
|  | partly cloudy with lows in mid | ers and thunderstorms mainly |
| 41. Pampa received 2.43 | 50s | nd |
| rain in the 24 -ho | ly cloudy. Highs in low 80s, |  |
| ending at $6 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. today. | upper 70s Hill Country. Upper | west with 70s to mid 80s east and |
| REGIONAL FOREC | Coast: Tonight, partly cloudy |  |
| West Texas - Panhandle | with chance of thundersto | Oklahoma - Tonight, partly to |
| Tonight, partly cloudy with lows | Lows in upper 50s |  |
| from mid 30s to around 40. | Wednesday, partly cloudy. | showers and thunderstorms. |
| day, partly sunny with |  |  |
| highs in mid 60s to low | 70 |  |
| South Plains: Tonight, m | S | 60s to mid 70s. |

## City briefs



Kitchen collectibles


Susan Roach, also known as "Jenny Sueis Kitchen Coliectibles," exhibits her collection of the 1920 wooden her exhibit at the Devil's Rope Museum Barbed-Wire and Collectibles show Friday through Sunday. She holds an egg beater made by A-J Company with a patent date Oct. 9. 1923. The hand-held beater has flat bottom blades to
keep the batter from collecting on the bottom of the bowl. She has a collection of more than 500 varieties of egg beaters, including early models of the electric beaters, she said. items date from 1889 through 1930.

House debates bill to aid nursing home residents
AUSTIN (AP)- State lawmak- nursing home requirements. ing homes deserve more protec
tion from abuse and poor services. Texas House worked
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Mon vide that protection.
But lammakers
 1oo much on penalites and not ment to suspend or revoke
enough on solutions to the prob- licenses from providers found to lems of poor care and abuse. Tion for residents,", said House tion for residents," said House
sponsor Rep. Elliott Naishat, $\mathrm{D}-$ Ausonsor. The . focus on enforce-
Ament will be on the facilities that Un't provide adequale care." approved by the senate, penalstate rule violation that threatens
the health or safety of nursing ome resident to $\$ 15,000$. maxiCurrently, there are are about
90,000 residents in Texas nursing homes. Roughly 23 percent o
he state's annual 55.6 billion in Medicaid is spent on nursing home facility care.
Katherine
Hinson, sposesAssociation, which represent
$\qquad$ More than 20 amendments ing attempts to lower the proposed minimum fine from $\$ 2,000$ to the current minimum
fine of $\$ 100$. Rep. Harvey Hilderbran, DRep. Harvey Hilderbran, D-
Kerrville, said fines need to be
set at levels to discourage abuse and poor service. "We passed a strong bill that is
going to ensure that Texas has the
highest quality of care," he said. In a related development, the
Senate Committee Senate Committeeron on
Nominations Monday Nominations Monday approved
four Texans to the Texas Board of Nursing Facility Administrators. Kennedy, Jack R. Tinsley, Jerry Williamson - must next be
approved by a vote before the

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## Texas welfare plan stalled at national level

By MICHELLE MITTELSTAD
WASHINGTON (AP) - A far-reaching plan that would allow Texas to turn its wel-
fare operations over to private firms Clinton administration amid vigorous labo union opposition. A decision had been promised by March
31. But action has been delayed as the sensitive question - which could give the green light for other states to wade further into privatization - has moved from the
Department of Health and Human Services to the White House The inaction has angered Gov. George W
Bush, Texas GOP Sen. Phil Gramm and oth ers eager to implement a plan that would
go further than any other to date in ing public programs to the private sector.
The Texas request has placed the White House in a delicate situation, forcing the
administration to balance the concerns of its labor constituency against Presiden
Clinton's promise to give states new flex bility to craft their own welfare programs.
Each day, Bush's office calls White House Each day, Bush's office calls White House
chief of staff Erskine Bowles to ask if a deci-
sion has been reached ably, is that one is imminent
"At this point, it's bordering on the
ridiculous ... that so many people could promise a decision and just blithely ignor
their own promises," Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes said Monday, "The admin istration's failure to act is hurting taxpay
ers and welfare recipients because every

State follows small town in effort to develop tobacco class



#### Abstract

Aaron soria was smoking up to a Human Services Committee mula that is going to make kids quit something they rea addicted to," says Sen. Mike Moncrief, $D$. Fort Worth, a sponsor of the bill. pack a in yront of school, even room, in fon the bus. ons He knew kids busted for smok- would be guilty of a misde- ing in Alvin get tickets, have to The bill, which was sent to the appear in court and are forced to full Senate, could become one of take classes on the dangers of the toughest laws in the country tobacco use. "I didn't care," says the high school freshman. "I knew I'd get cauoght." ${ }^{\text {The }}$. Insequences he would face because of a local ordinance didn't bother Aaron, but what he's learned in the anti-tobacco course has. A smoker since he was around twelve, Aaron has cut down to one cigarette every Finding out all that stuff about smoking and lung cancer makes you want to quit," he says. Alvin is one of only a few Aities where it's against the law for minors to buy or possess tobacco. A group of lawmakers is trying to make it illegal statewide.


Legislation would require students show improvement, learning

AUSTIN (AP) - Students who attend sum-
mer school because they're having trouble in class would have to show academic achievethe next grade under a bill approved by the Texas Senate
"I think we hurt students by promoting
them and giving them a false sense of them and giving them a false sense of
accomplishment," said Senate Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins, RAmarillo, after his colleagues approved his bill 30-1 Monday. The only senator to speak against Bivins'
measure was Sen. Gregory measure was Sen. Gregory Luna, D-San ed-year program for at-risk students. "The very essence of the (program) is to
dropout statistic,"," Luna said. "This is gut-
ting the system."
The voluntary program includes summer
The voluntary program includes summer endar and, for those who attend year-round
chool, between-session school, between-sesssion classes, Bivins said.
It is used by about 60,000 students annually
who are having trouble in their classes, he
$\qquad$ attendance record of at least 90 percent at an extended-year program to be promoted to next school year, unless the student's parent requests otherwise. requests otherwise.
Bivins' measure would require a student
also to demonstrate academic achievement that stuc
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GTE expands local-calling service for area customers SAN ANGELO-_ G T E E $\quad \begin{gathered}\text { The implementation of this } \\ \text { Telephone Operations will extend } \\ \text { seven-digit service may require } \\ \text { certain }\end{gathered}$ (c). Under these guidelines, becomes operational. Telephone calling for customers in the modification to some telecommu- allowed to petition for extended questions about the ELC with Allison/Briscoe, Canadian, Mo- nications equipment such as fax beetie, Pampa and Shamrock tele
phone service area, beginning May

## Under the' plan, all calls to and from Wheeler will be locals

from Wheeler will be locals. "Prior to the start of Extended
Local Calling, each call between tocal Calling, each call between as a long-distance call, and customers would see a long-distance
charge per call on their monthly charge per call on their monthly
bills," said Danny Ferguson, area manage said Danny Ferguson, area
mor
Customer Operations, Plains District. 'Now, these calls are equiva-
lent to local calls, and all customers in the towns having the
new Expanded Local Calling (ELC) must now dial all seven Eigits, both for local calls and rules of Senate Bill 632 and the
ELC calls," Ferguson explained. Public Utility Commission Rule

certain communities were
allowed to petition for extended
toll-free local calling to nearby
communities A per-ine increase in the total should call business customer
monterly bill of $\$ 350-483-5400$. montrystomers of $\$ 3.50$ for residen- With revenues of $\$ 20$ billion customers will be assessed to cus- largest publicly held telecomtomers in Wheeler for the added munications companies in the
service. The charges with be listed as U.S.-based local telephone com "EXPANDED LOCAL CALL- pany and a leading cellular-ser-
ING" in the tax portion of the vice provider - with wireline telephone bill. More information and wireless operations that
will be provided to affected cus- form a market area covering tomers in their monthly tele- about one-third of the country's
phone bill as the service population.


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## The Pampa News

Viewpoints
Who's sleeping on Capitol Hill





Today in history


 Hospital-Cornell Medical Center,
four days after suffering a stroke. He was 81.
On this dat
In 1509, Henry VIII ascended the throne of England following the
death of his father, Henry VII.
In 1864 Congress authorized the In 1864, Congress authorized the
use of the phase "In God We
Trust" use of the phrase
Trust" on U.S. coins.
In 1889, the OK Rush began at noon as thousands
of homesteaders staked of homesteaders staked claims.
In 1898 , the first shot of the
Spanish-American War rang Spanish-American War rang out as
the USS Nashville captured a
Spanish merchant ship off Key Sest, Fla.
II 1930, the United States, Britain
In and Japan signed the London
Naval Treaty, which regulated sub-
marine warfare and limited ship-

## Society needs 'to think critically'

| The deaths of the cult members in California can be ascribed to a failure of secular education and conventional religion and the irresponsibility of the media. | Charley Reese |
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| Despite whatever formal education the cult |  |
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| use reason- to think critically, to use the currentphrase. If they had, they would never have |  |
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| out. It was claptrap.But don't be too hard on them. Newspapers and |  |
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| tetevision, especially, are full of claptrap. Television |  |
| is always doing shows in the documentary format about unidentified flying objects, ghosts, psychics and people who claim to have been abducted by |  |
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| I wouldn't be surprised to learn, if you could do count, that more space has been devoted over the |  |
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| years to Star Wars and Star Trek than to NASA.Many papers carry columns about astrology, a superstition discredited centuries ago. Few, if any, carry columns devoted to astronomy or the space |  |
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| program. ${ }_{\text {Techie-talk }}$ notw |  |
| years ago. I know a high-priced private college that hired a self-professed witch as an English profes- |  |
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## Waiter, there's a visage in my soup

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 of Christ and the Virgin Mary, and we seem sur
feited with bleeding and weeping religious stat
I make no judgment on these things, as I believe
religious faith is a private affair. But 1 will note a few of the stranger episodes of recent years, so as
to establish my premise and to take you logically to establish my premise and to take you logically
from where I started to where I want to end.
In Anbridge In Ambridge, Pa., a statue of Christ that had
stood for 60 years with its eyes open suddenly closed them.
In Progreso, Texas, the image of the Virgin Mary
appeared in the concrete floor of a shower stall appea anto parts store. In DeKalb County, Ga.,s travelers along
Inemorial Drive saw the face of Jesus in a Pizza Hut billboard featuring a forkful of pasta ani
tomato sauce. Some who came to behold the mir tomato sauce. Some who came to behold the mir
acle thought they saw Willie Nelson, Jim Morrison or John Lennon. Township, N.J., a homeowner
In Marlboro
claimed to see a vision of the Virgin Mary near a religious statue on his patio. Thousands of peopple
eventually came by to share the experience and


Joseph Spear He homeowner sneighbor complained about the
taffic, whereupon phe homeowner anounced
 In Conyers, Ga, a woman claimed to set he









## Baffling drug linked 'narco-disappearances' increasing in Mexico

In Ciudad Juarez, witnesses said the kidnappers' in past decades to extract information from-and in
were dressed in black and had 'INCD'" on their many cases dispose of - suspected guerrillas. uniforms, the Spanish acronym for Mexico's feder- Most of the people who have vanished in Mexico al anti drug police, the National Institute for the
Combat of Drugs, Baez said. Most of the disappearances occurred while the institute was headed by Gen. Jesus Gutierrez Rebollo, the Mexican drug czar who was arrested
in mid-February and charged with protecting Carrillo, the cocaine kingpin.
That has some speculating the kidnappings were committed by corrupt drug agents doing Carrillo's bidding. - be they "narco disappeared" or the handful
snatched for alleged ties to leftist rebels - were grabbed by men with automatic rifles and whisked away in Suburbans or similar-style vehicles with moky windows often used by security forces.
Such was the case with brothers Rogelio and Raul Verber Campos, who disappeared Jan. 6 just south verber campos, who disappeared Jan. 6 just south The Verbers are suspected of being involved with
the Arellano Felix brothers. Their father, Rogelio Verber Moncada, and a halfTheir father, Rogelio Verber Moncada, and a harf-
dozen other families filed a complaint with the National Human Rights Commission in March, demanding an investigation into their missing relatives' whereabouts.
jail," My sons committed a crime, then put them in photographs of the young men.

## World briefs



By ANITA SNOW
"TIJUANA, Mexico (AP) - They call them the narco-disappeared" - several dozen people Mexico's streets trade who have vanished from and vans. No one kno
where, or why
Where, or why. But recent string of disappearances alarms human rights activists, who fear that r rogue esecuri-
ty forces are helping drug traffickers eliminate rivals or are grabbing suspects to extract information about Mexico's drug barons.
"It appears that some kind of police force is
involved," said Judith Galarza, a rights advocate involved," said Judith Galarza, a rights advocate in Ciudad Juarez, on the border with El Paso,
Texas. "And that the victims appear to be linked to drug trafficking.'
While some sig While some signs do appear to indicate
police involvement in the vanishings, some Oklahoma trucker put to death for 1985 Texas homicide
HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) - A


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## Saxon Math - Saxon Phonics Accelerated Reader

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## Authorities

 believe they have body of missing girl FRIENDSWOOD, Texas (AP) -Volunteers who spent more than Volunteers who spent more than
two weeks searching for Laura Kate Smither wept after police
tentatively identified her remains through a ring and orthodontic braces.
The The twelve-year-old aspiring
ballerina had not been seen since she left her rural home April 3 to go jogging.
The body The body of a young girl was found Sunday in a Pasadena
pond about ten miles northeast of poriendswood.
"The evidence at the scene
includes a silver ring bearing her includes a silver ring bearing her
initials, and it is apparent that the woman wore braces both on her upper teeth and lower teeth,"
Police Chief Jared Stout said at a news conference Monday after
informing Laura's parents. informing Laura's parents.
Stout said Gail and Bob Smither, who also have a noine-
year-old son, were in seclusion. year-old son, were in seclusion.
"They ask for your understanding, and privacy is what they wish most at this time," Stout said. Investigators " were awaiting
autopsy results to determine how autopsy resuls to determine how body had been at the location for some time, Stout said.
However J.F Ebdon gator with the Harris County Medical Examiners Offico, said
Monday that the body has not yet been positively identified. autopsy was set for today.
Volunteers hugged and during Stout's news conference. A
tearful Mandy Albritton, the voltearful Mandy Albritton, the vol-those who helped in the search. "Though we didn't bring her
home to live out the rest of her life, now she can rest, and we can
be thankful for that," be thankful for that," Ms.
Albritton said. Albritton said
caused an extensive search that involved hundreds of volunteers and some 550 Marine reservists
who scoured Friendswood, a suburban area about 20 miles south of
Houston.

Ready for the Mexican supper


Not all of the cooks are in the kitchen at once, but those responsible for preparing the Mexican food dinner sponsored for the HiLand Pentecostal youth program were Oivia Vick, Yvonne Fly, Janie Hopson, Linda Arriola, Bob and Debbie Epperson. Friday evening there were 185 plates prepared for customers seated in the "church restuarant" and for the take-out orders. According to the cooks, 58 dozen enchilades, eight crock-pots of beans, many varieties of cakes and pies, and cut vegetables were used for the meal. This is the
second Mexican food fund raiser the youth group has sponsored in the past two years, and second Mexican food fund raiser the youth group has sponsored in the past two years, and
another will be planried for 1998 .

Man charged with hiring teens to murder his wife SAN ANTONIO (AP) - The want is your car," according to offered one of the teens $\$ 6,000$ to
estranged husband of a woman municipal court records. cariacked last week in an apparent But when Mrs. Lee handed care how it was done, he just botched murder-for-hire plot has over the keys, the abductors wanted it done" before a divorce been charged with hiring two ordered her and the children into hearing set for Monday. Renagers to commit the deed. Robert Lee, 34, turned himself
into police Monday and was booked on a charge of solicitation to commit capital murder, authoriLee's estranged wife, Kimberly take two young children to daycare April 14 when she was approached by two teens.
The teens, one 16 and the other 19 , told her to "Do what we say,
we have a gun," and that "All we
the vehicle and drove them Police said the 16-year-old boy around the neighborhood The woman's throat was slashed a construction site before the teens ourt records said. The teens it, the ordered the mother and her two friend before finding a 19-year ,ildren to lie on the floor while the killing for agreed to assist in Mrs. Lee ares hobert Lee allegedly comMe slash wound hospitalized for plained to the two teens about "all he slash wound, but her two-year- the problems he was having with
old daughter and four-year-old his wife... and how much she was son were not physically harmed. going to get from him in the son were not physically harmed. going to get from him in the
According to court records, Lee divore,", according to police.

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| AUSTIN (AP) - Taking anoth er blast at tobacco companies,Attorney General Dan Morales |  |
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Clean Pampa wants to extend its appreciation to its volunteers over the past 13 years,
in recognition of their service to the City of Pampa and Gray County.
An Open House honoring past, present and future volunteers is being held April 23,
1997 at the Clean Pampa Office, 836 W. Foster between 7 p.m. \& 9 p.m.


## Critics hopping mad - say new math is too dumbed-down

WASHINGTON (AP) - In 1989, the nation's math eachers wanted to do something about America's math phobia and recommended making the subject more meaningful by changing the focus from drills, rules and rote learning to real-world problem solving as a way to understand how numbers work,
But now that such changes are showing up in classBut now that such changes are showing up in classrooms and textbooks, some parents in calirornia and
elsewhere are hopping mad. They say the curriculum will spawn a nation of math du
addicts by shunning basic skills
addicts by shunning basic skills.
The teaching philosophy under fire would show up in The teaching philosophy under fire would show up in
voluntary national standards and tests that President Clinton supports.
For Paul Clopton, a 46-year-old statistician and angry
San Diego parent, the proof is in an error he found that San Diego parent, the proof is in an error he found that
seventh-graders commonly made, answering A - (B-C) seventh-graders commonly made, answering A-(B-C)
as if it were $A-B-C$ instead of $A-B+C$. "This is a perfect example because the concept is sim-
ple and they all understand it, yet they still make the ple and they all understand it, yet they still make the
same mistake in using this because they don't have the practice,"" he said.
Clopton and others are trying to get the state to Clopton and others are trying to get the state to
strengthen teaching of math basics when a board writes new standards this year.
The critics, many of them scientists and math profes sors, say the real-wor
than understanding.

Ahy must fill an imaginary recycling container with maginary phone books. B And the kids also may use a calculator to figure out .75 imes 600 , part of the exercise. The text gives the answer ight next to the problem, just in case students can't get with a calculator.
For-Mari For-Marianne Jennings, a 43-year-old lawyer and pro-
essor of business ethics at Arizona State University the problem goes beyond that. She has written in newspapers and other publications against a widely used alge-
ra textbook that talks about Maya Angelou's inaugur al poem for Clinton, African tribes, pollution - striving, she suggests, more to be politically correct than educa-
ald tional.
"I was driven to write about this because it became very clear my daughter was becoming a math illiterate," ennings said, referring to Sarah, now 14. Like others, whipped out their calculators for the simplest problem. whipped out their
But why not?
The National Council of Teachers of Mathematic embraced the calculator in 1989, when it called for a national overhaul of math teaching. The overhaul was intendedto have more students learn serious
math. "All of the research that we've seen shows that chil-
dren learn differently" said Jack Price, professor of times 4?
mathematics education at California State Polytechn University in Pomona and past president of the national works well. For others, it doesn't We have never said anywhere in added children shouldn't know their basic skills," he In an interview, In an interview, though, Price questioned the need to learn the multiplication tables, or at least more than half
of them. Why memorize 4 times 3 if you already know 3 Why figure a square root without a calculator? Or long
division for that matter? Why do a stack of division problems for homework?
Should standards be so specific as to say children in the first grade ought to be able to write every number up
to 100? The council also recommended that students learn geometry, probability and pre-algebra before they reach high school - a seemingly high standard. But critics worry how well the children use classroom
time, and whether the stress on group activities too often time, and whether the stress on group acti
substitutes play-acting for real learning. substitutes play-acting for real learning.
The conservative Hudson Institute, in a report by standards advocates Chester E. Finn Jr. and Diane Ravitch, commended the national group for its
attempt to write more challenging standards, but attempt to write more challenging standards, but
said a "midcourse correction" is needed to put more dren learn differently," said Jack Price, professor of stress on basic skills.

Dog's death linked to mad-cow malady OSLO, Norway (AP) - Dog
Iovers in Norway are nervous ver reports that agolden netriev. er's death looks similar to "mad
cow disease." Norway's
autopsy of the eleven-year-old dog stowed changes in the brain consistent with those seen in the
brains of cows who die of the dis. ease.
The disease, formally known as bovine spongiform encephalopa thy, is similar to the fatal
Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease in humans. Last year, the European Union
ordered a halt to exports of beef ordered a halk to exports of beef had infected many cattle, after scientists said humans might contract Creutzfeldt-Jakob from eat ing infected beef.
If the dog contracted the brain dog tood in the late 1980s, national animal health board directo Eivind Liven told the nationa Eivind Liven told

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## Man Whose Heart Is Confused Needs To Sort Out His Feelings



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## Horoscope

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| Wednesday. April 23.1997 | LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Try to tind ways to trim your budget today. not to expand upon it There may be good reason to |
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## Sports

## Notebook golf

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 the Weatherford Golf Course. Stone shot a 2 -over par 73 in
the final round for a 217 total to lead the Cameron golfers. He
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| Southwestern. $\begin{array}{l}\text { Cameron }\end{array}$ | enjoyed an eight-stroke lead

after the first day of play. hillips University finished Stone graduated Stone graduated from PHS
1993 and was a member of the Harvester golf team.
BASEBALL
ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)ble off center fielder Damon Buford's glove capped a five-run eighth inning Monday night as
the Detroit Tigers rallied for a 7 6 win over the Texas Rangers.
Travis Fryman hit his third Travis Fryman hit his third
homer of the season for the Tigers. Pinch hitter Mike Simms hit a Texas' first pinch-hit homer since
Simms' . homer in seventh
inning helped the Rangers take $5-2$ lead before Detroit rallied. Texas starter John Burkett gave up singles to Damion Eastey and for Ed Vosberg ( $0-1$ ). Tony Clark ing single to make it 5-3 before
Bobby Higginson's single loaded he bases.
Nieves followed with a drive
o deep center that Buford ran down and got his glove on, but the ball bounced free when he
made contact with the wall and three runs scored.
Ard Sager (2-1) pitched twothirds of an inning for the win,
and Dan Miceli pitched the SOCCER
PAMPA - The Pampa annual general meeting tonight, starting at 7 p.m. in the Austin Elementary gym.
All PSA parents, coaches, ref-
erees and players in the U12 and older may vote. Proposed playing rules changes
include revision of U 8 playing ulles and the possibility of play-
ing with casts and splints with a doctor's permission.
Officers to be elected are vice
per president, tieesurere and public
relations scorekeeper If you have something you want to say, something you
want to change, come to the want to change, come to the
meeting and be heard.
If questions, pease If questions, please contact
Glennette Goode at $665-9432$. TENNIS
SAN ANGELO - Pampa th grader Emily Waters opened
the Region $1-4 \mathrm{~A}$ Tennis Tournament Monday with a 6
$2,6-4$ winover Amanda Wagner 2,6-4 Win over Amanda Wagner
of Fort Worth Boswell. She lost
to Monica Villarreal of Big Spring in the quarterfinals of girls' singles, $6-1,6-1$
Waters $q$ qualifie
Waters qualified for the
regional tournament by placing regional tournament by placing
second in the District 1-4A meet at Hereford. She finished the
regular spring season with a 16 regular spring se
4 singles record. In the Region 1-1A Jessica Friemel of Groom also
won her first-round won her first-round match,
defeating Jami Burrow of New Home, $60,6-1$, in girls' singles. Friemel lost to Jodi Miller of
Fooker, 64, 6-2 in the Booker, $6-4,6-2$, in the quarterfi-
nals. James Roach of Miami defeated Brad Sustaire of Groom, $7-5,6-1$, in the first round. Roach lost in he quarterfinals to Barry
Hoelting of Nazareth, $6-4,7-5$. In boys' 1 A doubles, Fort
Elliott's Curt Smith and Tanner mimith carned a spot in the Daniel Treadwell and Josh Evenson of Groom, $6-0,6-4$ in the first round.
The Smiths
The Smiths won over
Taylor-McCay of Valley $6-2,6$ 0 , in the quarterfinals.

## Harvesters lead golf regionals

| SAN ANGELO - The Pampa 307; 2. (tie) Andrews 311; |  |
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| are all knotted in second place |  |
| at 311. Granbury is next at 313. |  |
| Two other Harvesters broke Gibson, Andrews, 72; |  |
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| athan Banner 79. Pampa: Mike Smith |  |
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| Fort Stockton's Chris Foster are tied for medalist at 72 . |  |
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| In the girls' division, Pampa Girl |  |
| is in third place at 349 after the ${ }^{\text {Team, standings: }}$. ${ }^{\text {a }}$. Snyopening round to trail second- 326, 2. Fort Stockton 330; |  |
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| kes. First-place Snyder has 351, Hereford |  |
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|  | Stephenville 362; 7. Justin |
| Melissa Gindorf and Alison Northwest 364; 8. Burkburnett |  |
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| individual lead. Boswell 429; 14. El Paso High |  |
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Oilers cautious after inspiring OT victory
Caumon and care were the buzz- Stars - who didn't lose one game
words as the Edmonton Oilers during the reger prepared for tonight's fourth game they entered the third period with
of their Western Conference series a lead - withered as the Oilers against
$\qquad$ The Oilers overcame a $3-0$ deficit with four minutes remaining in
regulation Sunday night en route to a 4-3 overtime victory and a 2-1
lead in the first-round series. keel here," said Oilers center Doug Weight, who scored the first goa Team captain Kelly Buchberger,
the only remaining Oiler from the
club's last Stanley Cup, scored the winning goal in overtime. Replays Grier's skate was in the crease, but the goal stood.
Weight, Buchberge back. "We like where we sit with $\qquad$ overall for nothing. They've got a lot of experience and discipline."
After losing Game 1 in After losing Game 1 in Dallas on
Wednesday night, the Oilers Wednesday night, the Oilers you're going to win the series it Wednesday night, the Oilers doesn't mean you're going to win
played one of their best games of the Stanley Cup," Weight said. played one of their best games of the Stanley Cup," Weight said
the season Friday night to beat the "We're prepared for a seven-game favored Stars $4-0$. On Sunday series and that's probably what it's
night, they fell behind $3-0$ in the going to be. They'll come back

Mariners sneak by Royals SEATTLE (AP) - Ken Griffey Jr. starter Randy Johnson failed to tied it with a two-run triple and hold a 3 -0 lead.
scored the go-ahead on Edgar In in inning, Brian
Martinez's sacrifice fly in the sev- Bevil ( $0-1$ ) took over for lose Rosado Martinez's sacrifice fly in the sev- Bevil (0-1) took over for Jose Rosado
enth inning Monday night as the and walked pinch-hitters Joey Cora
Seattle Mariners beat the Kansas and $\begin{array}{ll}\text { City Royals } 6-5 . & \text { Rodriguez hit into a fieldere Ale choice }\end{array}$ Griffey had four RBIs, giving him
a maior-league hish a major-league high 25 this season.
His 20 runs scored lead the AL . His 20 runs scored lead the AL
The Royals' Jeff King hit a two Griffey followed with his firs The Royals' Jeff King hit a two-
run homer off Bobby Ayala in the
top of the seventh fiple of the season into the right
fier and then slid home
after Martinez's shallow fly ball

## Relay race



Pampa 7th grader Cali Covalt competes in one of Pampa 7th grader Cali Covalt competes in one of
the relays during the Middle School District Track the relays during

Regional track qualifiers


The Pampa High girls' track team is getting tuned up for the Region 1-4A meet, which is set for Friday and Saturday at San Angelo. Regional track qualifiers Bowen; (back, I-r) Jennifer Ross, Robin Williams, Lavonne Evans, Katy Cavalier and Jenny Fatheree. The Lady Harvesters won their third straight District 1-4A championship two weeks ago at Dumas.
Randall bests Pampa in 9 innings


 Pampa erupted for six runs in had three of Pampa's 11 hits. Thomas and MCMann had
the third inning to take a $7-4$ and he made an outstanding three hits each to lead Randall's one with two more runs in the Randall's Micah Ladd of a base Pampa hosts 'Canyon at 4:30 fourth and then tied the score hit in the second inning. Duane today. Canyon and Randall are
on a solo home run by Dallas King and Jerren Miller had two tied for the district lead while

## Bulls may be beatable in playoffs

 By CHRIS SHERIDAN
## Just like last year, the Chicago and New York, both possible at the Los Angeles Lakers. conference finals opponerts. An interesting twist to the Bulls are the team to beat in the Bulls are the team to beat in the The Utah Jazz, who won the first round is the success that this time is they don't look West by almost as big a margin the lower-seeded teams hav as Chicago did in the East, have had against their higher-seeded opponents during the regula "Other teams are a little more to be considered out of that conference. season. formidable and experienced They had the best record in the The No. 3 and 4 teams in the this year," Miami coach Pat league over the second half and East both lost their season series Ris year," Miami coach Pat league over the second half and East bot their first-round oppo- Riley said Monday. "Combined lost only three games at home 3 -1 to to nent, Charlotte beating New   | $\begin{array}{l}\text { more vulnerable, but I don't } \\ \text { think that's a news bulletin. }\end{array} \begin{array}{l}\text { won at least 54. } \\ \text { So Riley clearly is on to some- } \\ \text { thing when he points out that }\end{array} \begin{array}{l}\text { Trail Blazers beat the fourth- } \\ \text { seeded Lakers in three of four } \\ \text { games, including the regular }\end{array}$ |
| :--- | "They're still too good, too the rest of the pack looks a little $\begin{aligned} & \text { gason, finale Sunday, and sev } \\ & \text { experienced and know how to stronger than it did last year. } \\ & \text { enth-seeded Phoenix split it }\end{aligned}$ play to win. Nothing will both- The best-of-5 first round $\begin{aligned} & \text { The } \\ & \text { en } \\ & \text { er them in the playoffs." Riley begins Thursday night with } \\ & \text { sison series with Seattle, win }\end{aligned}$ er them in the playoffs," Riley begins Thursday night with ning the final two games in said. four games: Charlotte at New Mew Malls had the best record York, Orlando at Miami, March. in NBA, 69-13, but lost three of Minnesota at Houston and the It makes for an interesting played the last few weeks of the The other four series begin least six of the eight series figOSU grid program going in right direction

 STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) - first three years, will take over he's going to be hard to runOklahoma State won four games for David Thompson as the No. down.",
in Bob Simmons' first year as 1 tailback. in Bob Simmons' first year as up to five games last year.
It may be assuming too much to think the Cowboys will
improve on that total this season, although Simmons is
pleased with the direction the program is headed.
"Collectively, when you put "I got a chance to really evalu- Oklahoma State also is expectchance to be better than we were
last season," he said after the Cowboys, concluded spring "We have a chance now, if we
do the right do the right things in the offsea-
son ... I'm not saying we're going son ... I m not saying we re go
to turn the corner, but w
moving in that direction." The Cowboys have an all-con-
ference player in tight end ference player in tight end
Alonzo Mayes, who had a good spring after giving the injuryhe end of the season.
But the offense loses a fouryear starter at quarterback and a
1,500-yard rusher at tailb Andre Richardson, who at time has been outstanding during his
"Collectively, when you put ate how they played in different ed to have Jamal Williams back
this team together, you've got a situations, and if I had to name in the lineup this fall. He started
chance to bebetter than we were one (a starter) today, I'd name as a redshirt fresman in 1995; They re all different. I'm played well. oking for that one who puts Simmons ard the total package together. I the most encouraging spring the think there are ways we can do Cowboys have had in his three
that. I think well be able to use
tailback.
The replacement for Tone $\begin{gathered}\text { Simmons seems encouraged }\end{gathered}$
about his defense. The Cowboys lones at quarterback isn't as have more depth up front than sophomore-to-be Chris thanks to the recruitment of Tony Lindsay and junior Joe the addition of players who one (a starter) today, I'd name as a redshirt freshman in 1995; beeeeep," Simmons said, pre- then missed last season due to that. It think welld be able to use years. all those quarterbacks in the "We had a lot more competiSimmons also liked what he has to do with the kids we have saw from 260 -pound fullback been with our system on offense workouts. Brown played occa- for the last three years, so the
sionally as a freshman last year. haven't is there, and we
"Kastically changed sionally as a freshman last year. haven't drastically changed weapon for us," he said. "He has what we're doing on Cowboys open their weapon for us," he said. "He has The Cowboys open their
to lose a little bit of weight, but son Aug. 30 at lowa State.

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Gloomy Spurs' season mercifully comes to a close
 $\begin{aligned} & \text { over. Now the team is looking right now," said point guard, can't describe how I feel. right } \\ & \text { ahead to happier times. }\end{aligned} \begin{aligned} & \text { Avery Johnson. "And I think ours notined this yoar with assorted } \\ & \text { now It's real disappointing." }\end{aligned}$
ailments. San Antonio ended the injured back and predicts his is bright." With star center Robinson out season with 347 games lost to
 nnee. And if they're lucky, the overall record after a $103-99$ loss offs each year since Robinson's way they endured the tough
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Russia in snit, reclaims part of exhibit
from museum WASHINGTON (AP)-For ten
weeks tourists crowded into a Washington museum to see such treasures as the jeweled neck-
pieces that ladies in the court of the czars were obliged to wear to
cover their cleavage. "We had 80,000 vis Jan McNamara of the Corcoran Gallery of Art. "Ir's been years
since we had a blockbuster that - hundreds of people called to say they loved the show."
Many of these 250 imperial relics never had been seen outtour was scheduled for the rest of the United States to showcase
friendly U.S.-Russian relations. The next stop on the tour was
scheduled to be at Houston beginning May 11 . But now that the show has
closed in Washington, the Russians are in a snit, demanding the immediate return of their treasures. The jewels have been
locked in a vault and the costume and art portions of the in a truck on a downtown street Breach of contract is street. alleged all around - and the Dependin been called in. the Russians 1.) are upset about the security being provided for satisfied with their cut of the Since Wednesday, drivers of have sat outside the Corcoran, two blocks from the White loaded with items such as a czarina's gown and church vestin Houston on May go on display "No one has come to blows State Department spokesman is best diplomat-ese. Monday in Trying to include a bit of per-
pective he added. peace. ... It's the issue of the fate of an art exhibit." However, "We
think contracts ought to be preIt all started on a high note
back in November, when the Russian Embassy invited 500 movers and shakers to dinner ples: the tiara wori by Russian insignia worn by bishops of the The 250 objects went on display at the Corcoran on Jan. 30 .
Visitors paid $\$ 9$ to gawk at the yellow silk ball gown, trimmed Czarina Maria Feodorovna in the 1820s, and a combination rattle rubies and diamonds, made for the son of Catherine the Great Conspirators strangled him in a
bedroom of his St . Petersburg palace nearly 200 years ago.
The rattle impressed Maureen offreys, an editor at American "All that decadence!" she said. "It's astonishing how they could ${ }^{\text {app apect badge nearly } 300 \text { years }}$ old bore a portrait of the czar McDougal implicates president, first lady

## Clintons' convicted former busi-

 ness partner suggests that the lying in the Whitewater affair.lames McDougal also says one of We Clintons' longtime friends, Webster Hubbell, holds the key unfolding Whitewater criminal investigation.
Declaring that he lied under oath in ©rder to protect the first present when then-Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton urged Little Rock municipal judge David loale to make a federally backed in 1986 . ing and made the suggestion after McDouga and Hale had loan, McDougal said Monday night on CNN's "Larry King
Live." The $\$ 300,000$ loan was never repaid.
never repaid.
Clinton testified under oath a year ago that he didn't participate in any such discussion and
knows nothing about the frauduknows nothing about the fraudu-
lent loan, which was used partly to bolster the Clintons' failing Whitewater real estate deal.



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