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[^0]Elton R. Gammage, 78, of Pampa, died $\begin{gathered}\text { He was a Baptist and a veteran of the U.S } \\ \text { Sunday, June } 16,2002 \text { at Amarillo. Services will } \\ \text { Army, serving with the } 82 \text { nd Airborne Division }\end{gathered}$ be at $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$., Wednesday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Kyle Ohsfeldt, pastor of Grace Baptist Church, officiating.
Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.
Mr. Gammage was born Sept. 30, 1923, at Mr. Gammaqe was born Sept. 30, 1923, at
Gladewater. He moved to Pampa from East Texas in the 1940 sand was a truck driver, a pipeliner
and a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars. during World War II.
He was preceded
He was preceded in death by his wife, Bonnie Kuth Gammage, in 1977.
Survivors include
Survivors include a daughter, Wendy
Gammage of Pampa; a sister, Ann, Malone of Gammage of Pampa; a sister, Ann Malone of
Pampa; and two brothers, Edward Gammage of Fort Worth and Ray Gammage of Sacramento, Calif.
The family will be at 1232 E . Browning in ANNIE PEARL TILLMAN
L.EFORS - Annie Pearl Tillman, 90, died Services are pending under the direction of
Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa. of Clarendon, Texas. She married W.E. "Bill" Tillman on Nov. 23, 1930, in Tucumcari, N.M. Antonio; 18 grandchildren. 35 addell of San
He preceded her in death on Dec. 4, 1996. She

Keitha Jo Davis, 31, of Pampa, died under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Monday, June 17, 2002. Services are pending Fungral Directors of Pampa.

CHARLES RANDY SCOTT
BOOKER - Charles "Charlie" Randy Scott,
He
He owned and operated his own plumbin died June 14, 2002, at Twin Oaks Manor in ness called "Charlie's Rooter Service. Borger. Services will be at 10:30 a.m., today at After moving to Booker in August 2001, he "Butch" Hearon and Cecil Burch officiating. Borger until ill health forced him Cortire. Interment will be at Heart Cecil Burch officiating. Interment will be at Heart Cemetery under the direc-
tion of Good Semaritan Funeral Service of ign of Good Samaritan Funeral Service of Booker.
Mr. Scott was bom Sept. 15.1960 , Mr. Scot was borm Sept. 15, 1960, at Pampa, to attending school in Pampa, he became employed in the oil industry, where he worked as a wireline operator. Later, he worked with his father as a cook and
bartender at Canadian Restaurant and Motel in Canadian. On Dec. 21, 1991, he married Cathy Burch at Chatsworth, Calif, and they made their home at
Sylmar, Calif., in the San Femando Valley.

SERVICES TOMORROW
GAMMAGE, Elton R. - 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors olonial Chapel, Pampa

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| Mon | 7:43 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 300 block of South Canadian. 12:28 p.m. - One unit and two firefighters |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC). } \\ & \text { 12:12 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to } \\ & \text { PRMC and transported a patient to Baptist-St. } \\ & \text { Anthony's West (BSAW). } \end{aligned}$ |  |
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| men | responded to a report of a downed power line inthe 1200 block of Lincoln. Firefighters stood byuntil an Excel Energy employee arrived to repairthe line. |
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SWING
Built by Lipscomb artist
Doug Ricketts and a community labor force in October 1995, the open dance plat-
form was funded by selling form was funded by selling
the seats around the edge of the seats around the edge or
the platform to local ranchers for $\$ 100$ for each seat. The ranchers were given
written title to their places on chase off squatters. chase off squatters
The following The following April, they
held a seat branding, and held, a seat branding, and
each section of the bench surrounding the dance floor was branded by the ranchers with the appropriate hot irons.
The first dance was held May 1996, but only about a dozen people showed up. Today the mailing list notifying people of upcoming dances has grown to more than 1,600 names.
Opdyke said their
Opd is not whether anybody will show up, it's what to do if everybody shows up. The key to a good dance,
other than Jan other than Jan Luna's cob-
bler; is the music, however bler; is the music, however,
and here, too, Lipscomb holds an ace. Frankie
recently retired foreman of the Abraham's Cooper Ranch, part of the old Box T, is also a fiddle player of some
repute. While he played repute. Western Swing with Bob Wills' Texas Playboys, he learned to play as a child at ranch dances. Lanny Fiel, a musician from Lubbock, who spent
several years playing in symseveral years playing in symphonies, even more playing
in Rock and Roll bands and


Euleta, left, and Pete Persall of Woodward eat bar becue on the covered porch of Naturally Yours Gallery after a rain storm moved through Lipscomb Saturday night, forcing the barbecue dinner indoors to the art gallery and the outdoor dance into the local school building.
another five in Nashville, his students and formed the became enamored with tradi- Ranch. Dance Fiddle Band, the 1980s. a guitar.
music reflected thed that such With true prỏfessionalism, music reflected the lifestyle of Fiel and his Ranch Dance $\begin{array}{ll}\text { the country, the ranchers and } & \text { Fiddle Band Saturday night } \\ \text { the cowboys. It deals with the } \\ \text { moved their operation effi- }\end{array}$ he cowboys. It deals with the
land and family, predating the their operation effi-
ciendy and quickly from the land and family, predating the ciendy and quickly from the
dance hall songs about drink- open dance platform to the ing and cheating. ', $\begin{aligned} & \text { auditorium of the Lipscomb }\end{aligned}$ "It's cowboy music," Fiel school.
said.
said. Fiel, who plans to return After writing several books for the Aug. 17 dance, was number of CDs, including The ranchers were happy to number of CDs, including The ranchers were hat
McWhorter, Fiel took some of have some moisture.

## Crash

engulfed their two trucks. One of the firefighters deployed an emergency shelter as the heat were parked on- a highway. They were listed in good condition at Arrowhead Regional said Peters.
Because of the fire, Interstate 15, the main route connecting Las Vegas to Souther
California, was closed until early Tuesday. The blaze blackened about 6,000 acres o brush and forest land and destroyed one structure. It was only 15 percent contained Tuesday, and was about a quarter-mile away from the Oak Hill and Summit Valley communities. No evacuations hiad been ordered
"A lot of people are terrified," said Perry
Van, 42 , of Pinon Hills, the fire.
In southwestern Colorado, a 26,700-acre
fire near Der homes Monday. Since Saturday, residents have

Forty home has burned
Forty miles southwest of Denver, the largest
wildfire in the state's history settled down dur wildire in the state's history settled down dur-
ing the night with cooler temperatures, but highs in the 90 s were forecast again Tuesday
afternoon, with wind of 10 to 20 mph . "We afternoon, with wind of 10 to 20 mph . "We
don't know what might happen later this afternoon," fire information officer Tim Evans said. The blaze, which was started June 8, allegedly by the forestry worker's burning let-
ter, has blackened 109,000 acres, or about 170 ter, has blackened 109,000 acres, or about 170 square miles, and destroyed 25 homes.
The fire flared up Monday and authorities The fire flared up Monday and authorities
called for the evacuation of $a$. out 100 homes west of Colorado Springs - dispiriting news west of Colorado Springs - dispiriting news
for 5.400 people across the area who are still waiting to go home. The order remained in
effect Tuesday. effect Tuesday. We can see our home from the highway and we can see that it's OK, but we can't go
there. We drive up and down the road six or there. We drive up and down the road six or
seven times a day to see it," said Harold Petersen, who sat outside his motor home with his wife, Christy, keeping a close eye on the

Enron execs reaped $\$ 744$ mil in year before collapse
NEW YORK (AP) - In a biggest bankruptcy in the angrily after the disclosure,
disclosure that outraged for- nation's history. mer employees, Enron Corp. The payments and stock agers of essentially raiding reported that its 144 senior lion in the year before the energy company's collapse, including more than $\$ 150$ million for former chairman Kenneth Lay. Enron outlined the compensation in a filing late
Monday with federal bankruptcy court in New York documents that provide a glimpse into the company's given to the managers do not in themselves indicate any wrongdoing. Former employ-
ees could try to recover some of the money, but they would
have to show that the have to show that the compa-
ny made illegal "prefer ny made illegal "preferential payments," or payments just
before a bankruptcy filing that before a bankruptcy filing that
obstructed creditors from get obstructed creditors from
ting their fair share. Nonetheless, representa-
tives of former workers and the company's coffers while leaving their clients with a pittance.
IIt's outrageous. My
clients find it outrageous and
it's just more evidene
it's just more evidence that people at the top knew that
they better get while the they better get while the get-
ting was good," said Eli Gottesdiener, an attorney representing 24,000 parnticipants
in Enron retirenent nd lost as much as $\$ 1$ billion as and lost as much as $\$ 1$ billion as

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## Bush condemns suicide blast; may send Powell to Mideast



President Bush may send
Secretary of State Colin Secretary of State Colin
Powell to the Middle East to try to promote peace efforts that were set back Tuesday by
a suicide blast that killed 20 a suicide blast that killed 20
people in Jerusalem people in Jerusalem. A senior U.S. official said a
Powell mission could be undertaken as early as next
week, but that Bush had not made a decision yet.
The idea was under consid eration even before the latest terror attack, said the official,
speaking on condition of speaking
anonymity. "The president condemns
this act of terror in the this act of terror in the
strongest possible terms," strongest possible terms,"
White House spokesman Scott White House spokesman Scott
McClellan said as Bush and McClellan said as Bush and
his aides huddled for a second day on a pending presidential
declaration on Palestinian decl
state statehood.
It wasn't
It wasn't clear whether the bombing of a crowded bus,
carried out by a Palestinian man carrying nail-studded explosives, would affect
Bush's Bush's plans. McClellan declined to comment on the
timing or substance of Bush's timing or substance of Bush's
speech On Capitol Hill, Sen. Joseph R. Biden Jr., D-Del., urged Bush to "press ahead with his plan to lay out his vision for the region, based on
security for Israel's beleagured security for Israel's beleagured Palestinian state willing to live in peace with its neighbors." Biden, who is chairman of
the Senate Foreign Relations the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said the
Palestinians and other Arabs Palestinians and other Arabs
should condemn terrorism and
speaking on condition of
anonymity, said the address
was now not likely until after
Wednesday. This official doubtes day. This official would cause Bush bombing would cause Bush to change
course on his course on his proposal for
interim statehood by Palestiniars.

## The president con-

 demns this act of terror in the stronble terms.'
ble terms.
-Scott McClellan
White House
cials. We do remind the Israelis that offering hope Palestinians, offering them a decent life, an end to the barriers, is an important part of
achieving security and achieving sec
peace," he said. Ephraim Sneh, Israel's
transportation minister and a rransportation minister and a
retired general, said the fence would serve a defensive purpose.
"The purpose is to make he penetration of suicide
bombers to Israel impossible," he said at the National Press Club. Suicide bombers now cross easily into Israeli owns and villages, he said, "It's about to put an end to it,",
he said of his government's and content of the address
would not be affected by the would not be affected by the Bush envisioned a step-bystep process, with each step
conditioned on conditioned on changes
designed to develop a democdesigned to develop a democ-
ratic state that could live in peace alongside Israel. Reform is the key, said a
senior U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity as Bush concluded talks with his foreign policy advisers and
polished the speech the offi polished the speech the official said he would make soon.
Already, there is Arab skepticism that Bush will go far enough to satisfy Palestinian aspirations. And Israel's prime minister, Ariel Sharon, says
even a limited Palestinian sate even a limited
The State Department is
criticizing Israel's plan for an criticizing Israel's plan for an electronic fence the length of the West Bank as a barrier to terror attack. Israel, State
Chiding $\underset{\text { Department }}{\text { Israel, State }}$ spokesman Department spokesman
Richard Boucher said, "To the extent that it is an attempt to
establish a border, we would have to say that that really has

Bush's deliberations on an
mbryonic Palestinia embryonic Palestinian state on West Bank land already under
the Palestinian Authority's the Palestinian Authority's meetings with Arab and Israeli leaders. On Friday, Arafat's emis-
arries submitted an saries submitted an unofficial proposal for more formal
statehood. Given to Powell by Nabil Shaath, a senior Arafat adviser, it appears unlikely to upset Bush's more limited proposal that is expected to set no dead
line for an interim sate line for an interim state but
would freeze construction would freeze construction
Jewish homes in the territo
Some of the president's advisers have suggested he set a timeline or a series of developments that would advance declared in early April Bush Evidently, Bush mention Jerusalem's future in his speech, thereby possibly skirting the most sensitive ${ }^{5} 100 .{ }^{\text {s }} 500$ Subject To Our Usual Credit Policy Usually 30 Minute Service Credit Bureau Reporting 665-6442
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should condemn terrorism and
do everything in their power to stop it. Administration officials
had said Monday night Bush would announce a proposal for
Palestinian statehood Tuesday

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Back row, from left: Marilyn Stephens, Debbic Rice, Dr. William Buck, Holly Jackson, ans Tanya Waro, Front, row, from leff:
Devonna Stabel. Aurora Cortez, Michelle Cochran, ans Grace Nelson To celebrate 10 years in Pampa, we are havins an OPEN HOUSE this Friday, June $21^{\prime \prime}$ from 11:00-1:00. Join us ano sive us the opportunity to thank you in person for supporting our practice.

William S. Buck, D.D.S. 208 W. $28^{\text {hi }}$ • Pampa - 665-0037

## VIETVPOINTS

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necessarily reflect the views of The Pampa News.
ETEXAS DDTTORIALS
Let's not lose Enron lesson
From the Fort Worth Star- Telegram:
Last winter, when Enron became a household name - and, in some households, an expletive - no less than a dozen con-
gressional committes, a half-dozen government departments or agencies, and regulataro bodies in five states were in vesti-

gating the precipituss | gating the precipitous collapse of the Houston-based energy |
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| giant. | Under sciutiny were Enron's creative accounting practices,

such as grossly inflated profits and charges for phantom energy shipments. Enroñ was a house of paper that blew apart, wiping out the savings of many Enron employees whose retirement
plans were laden with company stock that suddenly became plans were laden with company stock that suddenly became
worthess.
Presiden President Bush, not known as a critic of big business, urged
Congress in his Jan, 29 State of the Union address "to enact new safeguards for $401(\mathrm{k})$ and pension plans." Without mentioning Enron by name, Bush said in the address: "Through
stricter accounting standards and tougher disclosure requirements. corporate America must be made more accountable to employees and shareholders and held to the highest standards
of conduct.,
Well; after six months of rhetoric and investigating, both parties in Congress and the Bush administration have appar-
ently decided -- with considerable help from highly paid ob. ently decided - with considerable help from highly paid lob-
byists - that not a whole lot needs to be done about how big byists - that not a whole lot needs to be done abo
corporations like Enron go about their business.
As The New York Times noted in a recent story;
"Six months after Enron collapsed, a wave of enthusiasm for overmauling the nation's corporateit and accounting lasw has
ebbed, and the toughest proposals for change are all but dead.
". Bills to impose more stringent accounting standards, change the tax and accounting treatment of employee stock
options,
Ind set tougher conflicic--f-interest rules for stock ana$\underset{\substack{\text { gridlock." } \\ \text { In other words, it's back to business as usual. }}}{\text {. }}$
But that's not good enough. Just ask former Enron employ-
ees who lost their jobs and their retirement nest eggs. Last week's victory in Houston against Arthur Andersen
may jump-start the issue of Enron once again bec may jump-start the issue of Enron once again because it per-
mits the Justice Deparment to increase the pressure on relucBut that's the legal process, and ultimately the rules that prevent another Andersen/ Enron from occurring are geing to
have to be drawn in Congress or the regulatroy agencies. have to be drawn in Congress or the regulatiory agencies.
Proposed regulation changes by the Securities and Exchange Commission that would hold top corporate officers more accountable and speed he release orlimpo
mation are a beginning step, but only that.
The SEC is accepting ppbbicic comment for 60 days on provi-
sions that require chief executive officers and chief financial sions that require chief executive officers and chief financial
officers to certify the accuracy of company financial repors officers to certity the accuracy of company financial reporns
and making companies disclose new financial obligations and end of the quarter. Some argue that laws already are on the books to prevent
future Enrons. Others say that market forces will do so. But the market is neither moral nor immoral. It's just the marke Enron took place in our back yard - and landed in the laps of the Texas congressional delegation. Members of that elected
club have a duty to look long and hard at the regulations covering accounting and reporting practices of companies like ering accounting and reporing practices or companies like
Enron. To remain with the status quo and expecta different outcome is daft.
Maybe there 'are already laws in place. And maybe the mar-
ket will take care of such situations ket will take care of such situations.
And maybe all those $401(k) s$ will heal themselves.

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## A danger to the Democrats

LOS ANGELES - It's time for the
national GOP to put its money where its national GOP to put its money where its
mouth is. Everyone from George W. mouth is. Everyone from George W.
Bush on down knows that getting a largBush on down knows that getting a larg-
er share of the Hispanic vote is crucial to er share of he hispanic vote is crucial to
the Republican future. But if you look at the eight congressional districts with the greatest possibility of producing new Latino members of Congress, only one has a GOP candidate from a MexicanAmerican background.
The major Republican breakthrough opportunity lies in California 39, a newly
created, majority-Hispanic district just east of Los Angeles. The national GOP so far hasn't paid much attention to the district, because the California legisla-
ture built it for Democrats, who have a ture built it for Democrats, who have a
50 -to-28 lead in voter registration there. That figure means less than meets the
eye. The Democratic candidate, Linda Sanchez (sister of Rep. Loretta Sanchez)), won the nomination after she
moved into the district and used big moved into the district and used big
bucks from outsiders to trash her oppobucks from outsiders to trash her oppo-
nent. Even so, she nabbed only 33 pernent. Even so, she nabbed only 33 per-
cent of the March primary vote, and even
the liberal Los Angeles Times noted that the liberal Los Angeles Times noted that and cable television addertisements
angered many Latino leaders." angered many Latino leaders."
Meanwhile, the Republican Tim Escobar, 35, has a political grand Im Escobar, 35 , has a political grand
slam biography. Labor: He has been a member of two unions, including the
United Auto Workers. Business. He

spent 10 years managing investments
with Merrill Lynch and is the former with Merrill Lynch and is the former
president of the La Mirada chamber of commerce. Military, in these post-9-11 days: He is U.S army officer and a pilot in the National Guard, qualified to fly the AH-1F Cobra Attack Helicopter. Church:
He's a deacon at Calvary Baptist. Over He's a deacon at Calvary Baptist. Over
hamburgers (no onions) in a Los Angeles restaurant, Escobar discussed his own and the nation's political future: "People shouldn't vote for me only because I'm an Escobar... I believe in e pluribus unum (from many, one). Americanism is an
ideology, not a bloodline." He wants dieology, not a bloodline." He wants
schools to teach English to everyone, "as a unifying device," and he wants voters to choose him because of his experience, his values and his identification with the
district. That's important district. That's important in a congres-
sional race: Unlike Sanchez, Escobar sional race: Unlike Sanchez, Escobar
grew up in the cities that now comprise grew up in the cities that now comprise
District 39. So did his parents, his wife of 13 years and his in-laws: "My dad's a of 1 years and his in-laws: "My dad's a
phone man, my mom a bank teller. My
dad was an example dad was an example for us, working two
or three jobs and teaching us the impor-
tance of being self-reliant.
He knows that Sanchez will attack him as "a gun-toting, anti-choice conservative," and he has ready responses.
Gun-toting? "As a military officer, I've maintained a commitment to protect this mation." Anti-choice? "I am against abortion, and my aim is to promote a community where life is important. My opponent is not pro-choice, she's pro-
abortion, and that's not what this district is about."
Escobar crisply and convincingly offers his positions for tax cuts and for welfare policies "that give people the
chance to earn their own dignity back." chance to earn their own dignity back."
His dynamic candidacy is a gift to the His dynamic candidacy is a gift to the
GOP. "There was no organized recruiting effort," he noted, "because they're looking only at the party registration figures. But if you don't ask for the sale, you won't get it. If you don't fight for electoral victory, you'll never get it."
It's time for the GOP to fight, and to It's time for the GOP to fight, and to
pump funds into Escobar's campaign, pump funds into Escobar's campaign,
because he is probably right when he says "This (congressional) seat is ours if we want it." And if he gets elected, he has the personality and disciplined aggressiveness to play an important role in the GOP's efforts to gain more votes
among Hispanics, a socially conservative group.
If el
If elected, Tim Escobar could quickly become, for Democrats, the most da
gerous man in American politics.


## Not many true conservatives left

Word has come that some fokks have
begun to uustion $m y$ conservatuv cre-
 are quite a feew biockneads sind America
today who falsely wear the label conser-
vative." bome blockheads equate being a con-
Sor servative with ardent support of any war, no matter how unconstitutional, unneces-
sary and unjust the war might be. A true sary and unjust the war might be. A true
conservative supports the Constitution and does not support anybody or any-
thing that "violates" it. Some people thing that "violates" it. Some people
have said there is a resemblance between have said there is a resemblance between
America today and the Weimar Republic, America today and the Weimar Republic,
which eventually produced Adolf Hitler. I which eventually produced Adorf
think there is some truth to that comparison. There are an awful lot of heel-clickers who swoon with admiration for any politician willing to bomb some foreigners. These same people are more than willing to trade liberty (which they make
little use of anyway) for security. That is hot conservatism.
A wonderful Southern scholar, Dr.
Clyde Wilson, has defined the difference Clyde Wilson, has defined the difference between patriotism and nationalism. A
patriot, he says, loves his land and his patriot, he says, loves his land and his people; a nationalist loves his govern-
ment. A conservative wishes to preserve ment. A conservative wishes to preserve
the prosperity and health of bothth the land and the people, not squander them in unnecessary wars.
Then there are those blockheads who think that if you do not support Republicas yon't


These "people merely show their ignorance of American politics. The Bush
family has always been a pillar of what conservatives refer to as the "Rockefeller Wing" of the Republican Party.,That's the
liberal wing. They are for liberal wing. They are for big govern-
ment, globalism and imperialism. Bush ment, globalism and imperialism. Bush
only seems conservative in comparison with the radical left, which now constitutes the majority in the Democratic
Party. Party.
There
Americal American politics since sea change in War II. Politics has move massively to the left. Today's nominal conservative would have been a liberal 60 years ago, and today's liberal is in fact a socialist or Americans have beeefs, if not in name. between advocates sf tuck with a choice between advocates of total governme
and advocates of big government and advocates of big government.
Where is George Bush's conservatism?
He's taken another massive step in nationalizing the eeducation system, he's busted the budget, he shows unwavering loyalty to the military/ industrial com-
plex, his foreign policy is imprialistic

## TODAY IN HISTORY

By The Assoclated Pres
Today is Tuesday, June 18, the 169th day of 2002. There are 196 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History: On June 18, 1940, during World War II, British Prime Minster Winston Churchill urged his countrymen to conduct themselves in a manner that would prompt future gen-
erations to say "This was
their finest hour.
On this date In 1778,' American forces entered Philadelphia as the British withdrew du Reviutionary War.
In 1812, the United States In 1812, the United States
eclared war against Britain. In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte met his Waterloo as British and Prussian troops defeated
Belgium. In 1873,
Ingiun.

Anthony was fined $\$ 100$ for attempting to vote in the 1872
presidential election. The fine was never paid. In 1928, aviator Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly across the
Atlantic Ocean as she completed a flight from Newfoundland to Wales in about 21 hours. In 1945, William Joyce, known as "Lord Haw-Haw,"
was charged in London with
 conservatism,
humanitarian.
There has been only one conservative Republican in the recent presidential primaries, and that is Pat Buchanan. Of course, the Republican Party feels the
same way about Pat as the Pharisees felt same way about Pat as the Pharisees felt
about Jesus. Today's Republican Party is about Jesus. Today's Republican Party is
firmly in the hands of liberals, and if you think otherwise, you are deluding your-
self. Finally, there are those blockheads self. Finally, there are those blockheads
who equate conservatism with support of who equate conservatism with support of
big business. Again, a show of ignobig business. Again, a show of igno-
rance. The chief executive officers and the boards of directors of today's giant corporations are, with the rarest excep-
tion, liberals. In fact, the radical left tion, liberals. In fact,' the radical left
receives its financial support from these corporations and the foundations they set up. Nor does American business support a free economy. What it supports and what we have is mercantilism. In its present form it retains its old core - a strong cen-
tralized government that manages the economy, and a standing army to protect corporate assets overseas. The Taliban was overthrown not because it supported pipeline from the Caspian Sea fields. I'm pipeline from the Caspian Sea fields. I'm
a true conservative, and there are damned few of us left.

Reese can be contacted at bri
arl@earthlink.ner.)
high treason for his Englishlanguage wartime broadcasts on German radio. He was hanged the following January. In 1948, the United Nations Commission on Human
Rights Rights adopted its
International Declaration of Human Rights.
In 1979, President Carter and Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev signed the SALT II strategic arms limitation treaty
in Vienna.

## Business Review <br> Experienced, dedicated employees provide many services and skills to their customers



Velia Perez is one of the employees at Vogue Cleaners who takes great pride in her work. A presser, she carefully presses each garment at the local cleaners.
Dorothy Rosenbach.
Patticularnbach. historical figures at their famous Particular cleaning for particular museum in Washington, D.C., sh ness. "We try to do the best that can bess. We try to do the best that can
be done," she said. Hañd pressing shirts is one of the many services provided at the local business. Dorothy said her staff is
quite skilled in hand pressing, and quite skilled in hand pressing, and
the quality is much better than the quality is much better than
machine pressed garments. explained. "The late President John F Kennedy's suit is stored in one of the "If those boxes," said Dorothy. "If those boxes are good enough to preserve his clothes, it ought to be es." "We are very proud of what we

"Th preserve wedding dresses for their customers, Dorothy said. "The late President John F. Kennedy's suit is stored in one of the Smithsonian boxes," said the wedding dresses."
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1999, helping them win their
third straight third straight WNBA title. In two seasons with the Storm,
she has appeared in 72 games.
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Henning has career aver-
ages of 4.1 points, 2.5 assist TENNIS

WIMBLEDON England (AP) - Top-seed
ed Lleyton Hewitt drawn Tuesday to face veteran Jonas Bjorkman in
potentially trfcky opening round match at Wimbledon.
Bjorknaan ranked Bjorknaan, ranked as high
as No. 4 in 1997, is a solid grass-court player who has
twice reached the fourth round at Wimbledon-But he has slipped to No. 60 in the the most dangerous floaters in the draw for the tournament that starts Monday.
Hewitt is seded No. Hewitt is seeded No. 1 a
Wimbled
time. The 21-year-old
Australian strengthened his status as favorite by winning
the Queen's Club tourna-
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If he gets past the first ound, Hewitt has a relative--
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stages. The highest-seeded playTim Henman of Britain, his opponent in the Queen's
final. The two could meet in the semifinals.
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Henman drew
in the first round.
Hewitt is drawn to face
No. 7 Roger Federer in the quarterfinals, with Henman Johansson of Sweden The bottom half of the draw is much tougher, with
No. 2 Marat Safin, No. 3 nare Agassi, No. 5 Yevgeny Kafelnikov and
No. 6 Pete Sampras the seven-time champion. The bottom half also has
Mark Philippoussis, the big Mark Philippoussis, the big
serving Australian-who is coming off a long injury lay ooming off a long inj Sampras, who is see in his lowest spot since
1991, will face British journeyman Martin, Lee round. Agassi, the 1992 champi-
on, will open against 76 thranked Harald Levy of Israel.
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## Flashback

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slipped by Booker 28 -26. slipped by Booker $28-26$.
White scored on runs of 26 , 10 and 7 yards and threw to
Floyd Cotham for a 28 -yard touchdown.
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White finished with 25

## Rotary downs Glo-Valve in 11-12 playoff game



Glo-Valve's Brody Russell attempts a bunt against Rotary in an 11-12 playoff game Monday night at Optimist Park.

## Tour de France beefs up anti-doping measures

PARIS (AP) - Just a few weeks
after fresh doping scandals rocked after fresh doping scandals rocked
cycling, Tour de France organizers
unveiled new measures Tuesday unvelled new measures Tuesday
counter drug abuse in the sport'
biggest event.
that the want a clean competition so that the public can appreciate the
Tour for what it is - the greatest director Jean-Marie Leblanc said. Two top riders were dropped from this year's Giro d'Italia after failing drugs tests, and for the second
straight year police raided team straight year police raided team hotel
rooms in search of banned products.
"You can never get rid of doping and cheating in high-level sports,"
said Patrice Clerc, a Tour organizer said Patrice Clerc, a Tour organizer. "But there is progress being made." clean, riders will face rondem drugs clean, in the four weeks before the
tests July 6 start. Results are expected before the three-week race begins, and riders who fail tests will be excluded.
Organizers didn't say if the tests
carried out by carried out by cycling's governing body, the UCI, had already started.
Like last year, all riders will undergo blood tests two days before the Tour kicks off and up to 10 cyclists will be tested after each of the race's 20 stages. There will also be random organizers said the number
Tour of EPO tests would increase from 72 last year to $90-$ the maximum
France's anti-doping laboratory can handle during the event. There are 189 riders at th

Last year, only Spain's Txema Del
Olmo failed a test for EPO, a banned
endurance booster. He was dropped from the Tour by his team Euskaltel and banned from racing in France for
three years.
"If we have one or two positive "If we have one or two positive
test results, those riders will be thrown out, and the cloud of suspi
cion will be lifted," Leblanc said. In a change from 2001, competi-
tors will be allowed to take cortisone by injection, provided they have medical authorization. American rider Jonathan
Vaughters was forced to withdraw aughters was forced to withdraw
last year because he couldn't treat a wasp sting above his eye with a cor-
Riders will also have to sign an ethical code, which calls on cyclists to accept the rules of fair competi-
tion and to renounce all forms of tion and
Tour de France organizers have already excluded Italian team Saeco, whose leader Gilberto Simoni was forced to drop his title defense at the Giro after testing positive for
cocaine metabolites. Stefano Garzelli, the 2000 Giro Italian event last month after testing positive for a banned diuretic. Four other Giro cyclists were
involved in doping-related cases involved in doping-related cases, and
police raided the hotel rooms of four police raided the hotel rooms of four
teams while Italian prosecutors teams while Italian prosecutors
began a wide-ranging investigation into doping in cycling.
The image of the Tour de France was severely tarnished by a doping
petition. The Festina cycling team a French judicial investigation into
was expelled after a stash of prod- whether the squad used banned sub-
ucts, including EPO, was found in a usts, including EPO, was found in a
team car. However, the ensuing scan dal led to a hard look at doping in cling and other sports. $\quad \begin{gathered}\text { Armstrong repeatedly denied tak } \\ \text { ing illegal substances }\end{gathered}$ ing illegal substances, and French judicial officials say the probe has
yielded no evidence of wrongdoing

Stars get goalie Tugnutt COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) - The
Columbus Blue Jackets traded goalie Rolumbus Blue Jackets traded goalie
Ron Tugntt to the Dallas Stars on Ron Tugnutt to the Dallas Stars on
Tuesday for the 20th pick in this weekend's draft. Dallas also acquired Columbus second-round pick, the 32nd overal choice.
The Stars have been looking for a goalie since late May when general manager Doug Armstrong said veteran Ed Belfour wouldn't be re-signed.
Belfour will become an unrestricted Be ifour will become an unrestricted four-year, $\$ 10$ million contract with
the Blue Jackets before the $2000-01$ the Blue
season.
"He strengthens our hockey club and will provide good competition for Marty (Turco) for the No. 1 goaltending position," Armstrong said of ugnutt.
The trade gives the Blue Jackets
wo first-round picks in the draft to be wo first-round picks in the draft to be The Blue Jackets also have the third overall pick.
The deal also allows Blue Jackets general manager Doug MacLean to free up playing time for goalie Marc
"We had a situation where we had two goaltenders who couldn't get in
the net on a consistent basis. We want ed to give him (Denis) a chance to run. with it," MacLean said.
No. 2, a first-round pick is a pre-
mium for a new franchise. No gives me some flexibility with the fre agent season coming up. The Blue Jackets, who usually play oal scense, must find a consisten found it diffith, MacLean said he ound it difficult to try to add that player at the expense of Tugnutt. "It was as tough a deal as I've ever
had to make because he's a fine fine had to make because he
person,"" MacLean said. Tugnutt, 34 , was one of the main reasons why the Blue Jackets earned a surprisingly high 71 points as an
expansion team two years ago, but his expansion team two years ago, but his performance slipped last season.
Denis got more playing time as the Denis got more playing time as the
Blue Jackets stumbled to a Western Conference-low 57 points. Tugnutt went $12-27-3$ last season
with a 2.85 goals-against average. He with a 2.85 goals-against average. He
was $22-25_{-} 5$ in $2000-01$, getting the $=2,2, \ldots, \ldots$ sion team

## At long last, a 34-year-old rookie joins the majors

## by michaela. lutz

 AP Sports Writer After more than 13 years in theminors, the call came a t long last Alan Zinter a 34 long last. Alan Ziner, a a 34 -year-old rookie
first baseman, was going to the big
leat first baseman, was going to the big
leagues, joining the Houston Astros. "I have literally dreamed about
being called up to the big leagues and beng galled up to the big geagues and
then Td. wake up and still be in the minors,", Zinter said Monday, "When
they first told me, it didn't register.: they first told me, it did
Then, I just went numb."

## No dream.

The Astros purchased Zinter's contract Sunday night from Triple-A New Oricans.
"ITm sitting in the dugout right now with my uniform on, it's just starting to
sink in,", Zinter said by phone from sink in," Zinter said by phone from
Milwaukee, before the Astros began a
four-game series with the Brewers. He
was in uniform but did not play in the Astros's-2 -2 Loss Monday night.
Zinter's long climb to the majors
sarted in loge when he was the firstsarted in 1989 , when he was the first24 th overall selection.
$\qquad$ and thought he was on the fast razk to e big leagues.
But the years slipped by and the* Zinters even delayed starting a family
until 2000, when Michael, now 19 months, was born.
"W' W' 've been married nine years
and we kept waiting to start a family," Zinter said. "We were knocking around the minor leaguest trying to get
established. We finally were in our 30 s established. We finally w
and decided not to wait"
Despite all the hardships - the Despite all the hardships - the
time on the road, the long bus rides-

## Zinter wouldn't quit.

T'm sune there aren't too many
players', my age tust players. .my age just getting to the
major leagues," he said major leagues." he said, "I never even
thought of retirement. ${ }^{\text {II }}$ I told myself. and my wife was behind me, that $I$ Id play as' long as I felt I was producing and getting better."
Zinter was into
Sunday, playing for the New Orleans
Sunday, playing for the New Orleans
Zephys in Colorado Springs, Colo. when ne got the call from the Astros. His father, Alan A. Zinter, was vis-
iting: Zinter's wife Yvonne and their iting: Zinter's wife Yyonne and thei
child were part of the celebration.
"It were part of the celebration. i. "It was a very special day; a perfec
day," Zinter said. "For so tong, day." Zniner said. "For so dong, it
semed like the big leagues were far
away in and away in another zone. But $I m$ still
playing and there are away in another zone. But orm still
playing and there are a lot of poople who would trade places with menow."
This season Zinter siarted 57 This season, Zinter siarted 57
games at first base for New Orleans
and batted 230 . He led the team with
11 home runs and was second with 39 11 home runs and was second with 39
RBIs. To make room on the roster, the Astros make room on the roster, the
Everett and Keith Gielders Adam Everett and Keith Ginter to New
Orleans. The Astros also activen Orlean's. The Astros also activated $\frac{\text { pitcher Scott Linebrink, out since May }}{20 \text { with a strained elbow. }}$ Zinter made a good impression on the Astros in spring training this year. but when cutdown came he again ound himself in the minors.
Astros Astros, general mahager Gerry
Hunsicker was director of minor Ieague operations for the Mets in 1989. "I was joking with Alan today and reminding him of how he stood up
before the New York media and said he expected to be in the major leagues in two years," Hunsicker said. "As he found out, careers don't always go the way you plan them."

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## U.S. shocks Mexico, advances to World Cup quarterfinals

YOKOHAMA, Japan (AP) - By
making an almost Ther Tuesday's shame in Miyagi. South the World Cup quarterfinals, the U.S. Worrd Cup in Asia, also could get into he kind of success
Brazil. Americans won a knockout
The game for the first time Monday, beat-
ing rival Mexico $2-0$ to make the final eight. That's a place Brazil considers a rest stop on the way to the champi-
onship, which it has won an unprecedented four tites.
Brazil beat spunky Belgium 2-0
Monday night to advance, hardly is news, especially when the Uniet States soons the elite of soccer "They used to call us the sleeping liant in the old days. I think the sleep.
ng giant has woken up., US Socee Federation president Bob Contiguglia said, beaming with pride. "Someone
said to me this is the World Cup for the said to me this is the World Cup for the
minnows. The minnows are becoming Siger fish Sal already is in the quarters

Korea, the oherer co-host of the first
World Cup in Asia also colld get int
what used to be an exclusive club if it beats Italy in Daejeon.
Sure, there are some powerhouses
still around. Germany, a three-time champion, plays the Americans on
Friday. England, the 1966 winner, plays Friday. England, the 1966 winner, plays
Brazil that day. Spain gets the ItalySouth Korea winner on Saturday. Don't think the Germans will dismiss
the Americans toe asily in the Americans too easily in what has
been a highly yunpredictable tornamer been a highly unpredictable tournament.
"The Americans have shown great morale here. No one believed that they would make the quarters," German coach Rudi Voellem said. "But we want he rival is.
"There will be pressure on us,
wecause we considered the favorites." The Mexicans were the favorites at Jeonju, South Korea. They had thou-
sands of Korean fans rooting for them sands of Korean fans rooting for them,
and they controlled the ball most of the
ellow cards given to each team, plus a
red card ejection to Marquez.
But only Brian McBride in the 8th minute and Landon Donovan in the 65 th found the net. Brad Friedel made "Sometimes in games. past, other things have let us down," Friedel said
"But our effort and our heart never were lacking."
Hours before the game, President Bush called coach Bruce Arena and the players listened in on a speaker phone.
"The country is really proud of the team,"' Bush said. "A lot of people that don't know anything about soccer, like me, are all excited and pulling for
you."
Now they can pull for the Americans against Germany, which
won an exhibition 4-2 in March and beat the U.S. team $2-0$ in the France 98 opener.
But that w
But that was a disjointed American squad that wound up $0-3$ and last in the
field. This team resembles the ' 98 one
only in the logo on the jersey.

We ve proved we belong with
these teams," Arena said. "There are
so many experts. All the expert are so many experts. All the experts prehose experts?. We're here," he said. So is Brazil, which got second-half goals from stars Rivaldo and Ronaldo. "I was not worried at not having
scored so late in the match," said scored so late in the match," said
Ronaldo, who has five goals in the tournament, tied with Germany's Miroslav Klose for the lead. "You
have to wait and run and try till the have to wait and run and try till the
very last minute. Hope is the last thing very lass m
that dies."
Belgian coach Robert Waseige lassy Brazilis team pushed the Belgium had one goal disallowed and tested keeper Marcos most of the night in Kobe, Japan.
in the $W$ was never a candidate to win the World Cup," he said. "My team left a good impression. We tonight even though Brazil is eager to play England,
which it believes will have a more
open style.
"I think it's going to be a better
match with England because the match with England because they
come stronger in attack," Ronaldo come stronger in attack," Ronald
said. "It's going to be a match among equal forces." More ticket woes surfaced in South Fans camping outside Daejeons stadium hoping for last-minute ticket to South Korea-Italy discovered belat edly that Korean organizers sold 1,465
tickets on the Internet tickets on the Internet.
Jin-beom, a 26 -year-olds," said Hu had been camping out since Friday "Organizers knew out were here. I they had any tickets, they should have
been sold to us." been sold to us,
Oh Taek-hoon, a 32 -year-old retai er, added: "I'm going to barge into the er, added: "m going to barge into the
stadium, whatever it takes, even if I die trying,"
Lin Byu
Lin Byung-taik, a spokesman for the organizing committee, said Monday: "
understand the fans. But our basic polic understand the fans. But our basic polic
is to sell leftover tickets on the Interne is until the day before match day."

## Rice eliminated from CWS



## Milwaukee defeats Houston, 5-2, but victory proves costly

MILWAUKEE (AP)
Brewers lost two
outfielders Brewers lost two outfielders to
iniuries Monday night and Jose Hernandez homered and drove in
our runs off Roy" Oswalt in Milwauke's. costly $5-2$ victory
over the Houston Astros. Geoff Jenkins dislocated his right ankle and tore ligaments in the joint and Alex Sanchez sprained
his left hand and bruised his left his left hand and bruised his left
knee. Jose Cabrera (3-4) gave up two Yns on five hits in a career-high six innings, and the Brewers (24. 45) moved past the Tampa Bay
Devil Rays ( $23-44$ ) out of the major Devil Rays
league cellar

## league cellar But the <br> But the Brewers were in no

 Jenkins, one of their clubhouse$\qquad$ rookie. Both players were begin-
ning to emerge from early-season struggles.
Jenkin back to third base in the second to a hospital for X-rays, which were negative.
He'll under Tuesday to determine an MRI on damage to torn ligaments and ten dons, team physician William Manager Jerry Royster moved Sanchez to left field - a position just two innings later, Sanchez and himself when he slammed into the Sanchez, who was chasing a fly-
ball hit by Lance Berkman, jammed
his hand into the railing as he hit the wall and fell to the dirt in pain The ball scooted past him and with an inside-the-park home run with an
his 2 Ist. Two trainers carried Sanchez off the field through the left-field gate. Sanchez
Ochoa.
After replacing Jenkins, Stairs scored on Robert Machado's staingle for a 1-0 lead. Berkman's homer Milwaukee it an inn.
Milwaukee went ahead 4-1 in
the fifth when Hernandez hit opposite-field home run off Oswalt 7-5) with two men on. fifth with a leadoff homer
hernandez drove in another, run in
the sixth with a fielder's choice groundball. Mike DeJean pitched the ninth or his 14th save in 17 chances. Just two hours before the game, Cabrera instead of Ben Sheets, who threw 99 pitches over four innings his last start.
Royster said he's' being cautious with Sheets, who was sidelined
from Aug. 6 -Sept. 21 last season with rotator cuff tendinitis after a fantastic first half that earned him an All-Star berth.
"We're going to keep an eye on him. We're going to take care of modity. We're building our staff around him. If this one day helps,
m glad he got it. Sheets welcomed the respite. "I feel' fine physically," Sheets time when you start getting into this time of the season.' Notes: Brewers 3B Tyler Houston had his fourth straight three-hit game. ...' Milwaukee signed its first-round draft pick, Prince
Fielder, the 18 -year-old Fielder, the 18 -year-old son of for-
mer major league slugger Cecil mer major league slugger Cecil
Fielder. Prince was the seventh player taken in the draft last week: ... C-IF Alan Zinter, 34, who has spent 14 seasons in the minor leagues, joined the Astros in
Milwaukee. The Astros purchased Milwaukee. The Astros purchased
his contract from Triple A New his contract from Triple A New
Orleans, where he was batting 230 with 11 homers and 39 RBIs.

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Afghanistan: Delegates wait to hear Karzai Cabinet choices

| KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) - After days of squabbling, and delays, the head of Afghanistan's grand council offered a blueprint Tuesday for the country's legislature, saying it would draw representatives from each province and include others chosen from among delegates assembled at the loya jirga. <br> The decision. announced by the meeting's chair, Ismail Qasim Yar, is an apparent compromise to ensure that all ethnic groups. especially majority Pashtuns, feel represented in the legislative branch of Afghanistan's transitional government. <br> The new parliament will also reserve 15 seats for women. Qasim Yar said. <br> Delegates immediately took to the microphones after his announcement to express their | views, with some arguing passionately against the decision. Within minutes, the emotional upfoar led Qasim Yar to adjourn the raucous morning session until the afternoon. <br> Brothers, let's talk. It should go to a vote. That would be a democracy," said one delegate, Sibghatullah Mojaddidi, who briefly led Afghanistan during a rotating presidency in the 1990s. <br> The six-month transitional administration, which is drawing to its end this week, has no legislative body. <br> Also unresolved - and ethnically contentious - is an executive Cabinet. Many Afghans have complained that the interim administration's Cabinet is dominated by ethnic Tajiks from the Panjshir Valley, former mem- | bers of the northern alliance of opposition groups. Panjshiris now control the country's three most influential ministries - defense, foreign affairs and interior. <br> Karzai was expected to announce his choices for key Cabinet posts Tuesday morning, but his address to the loya jirga was delayed until later in the afternoon. <br> Karzai's spokesman, Tayyab Jawad, said the Cabinet posts would be announeed, not submitted to the loya jirga for consideration. "Approval is not necessary," he said. <br> But Zalmay. Khalilzad, the U.S. special envoy for Afghanistan, disagreed. <br> Citing the Bonn Agreement, the U.N.-brokered plan for Afghanistan's future that was drawn up in December, Khaliizad said Karzai | was required to present the structure of the government and key ministerial appointments to the loya jirga for approval. <br> People are worried they came here for nothing. That's not right. The key personnel will be presented to the loya jirga and have to be approved by the loya jirga. Whoever says approval is not needed has spoken mistakenly," he said. "As the international community we were involved in it, and we will insist on it." <br> Frustration among the 1,650 delegates has been mounting as days pass without major accomplishments - or, for that matter, much to do. Though some remain outwardly enthusiastic, many have started expressing disgust at a process of government-shaping they complain is bypassing them entirely. |
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## Suicide bomber hits busy Jerusalem bus

 nail-studded explosives on a
lettacks)," Rantisi said
Jerusalem bus crowded with Jerusalem bus crowded with Hamas leaders in the past
high school students and have said their main goal is office workers Tuesday, Israel's destruction. killing himself and 19 passen- Arafat's Palestinian $\begin{array}{lll}\text { gers in the city's deadliest sui- } & \text { Authority condemned the } \\ \text { cide attack in six years. Fifty- } & \text { attack, and said in a statemen }\end{array}$ cide attack in six years. Fifty- attack, and said in a stateme
five people were wounded.
it would do everything five people wère wounded. President Bush prepared to make a major Mideast policy statement.
The blast tore through the bus just before 8 a.m., sending bodies flying through
windows and peeling off the roof and sides. Rescue workers later lined up the dead on "Where is my sister? Where
is my sister?" a woman screamed at vo
lecting remains.
lecting remains.
Israeli Prime Minister Arie Sharon rushed to the scene
and vowed to fight Palestinian terror groups, then convened security chiefs for
emergency consultations. emergency consultations.
Sharon held Palestinian Sharon held Palestinian
leader Yasser Arafat responsible for continued attacks. Tough Israeli retaliation was expected, but Israeli
commentators said they commentators said they
believed Israel would stop believed of expelling Arafat short of expelling Arafat
Earlier this month, Israeli troops blew up buildings in the-Palestinian leader's headquarters in the West Bank town of Ramallah in response to a suicide attack that killed 17 Israelis.
The Islamic militant group
Hamas claimed responsibility for Tuesday's attáck and identified the assailant as Mohammed al-Ghoul, 22, from the AI Faraa refuggee camp near the West Bank city
of Nablus. A Hamas leader in the Gaza Strip, Abdel Aziz Rantisi, said Hamas was ready to stop attacks if Israel withdraws from the West Bank and Gaza
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President Chavez says referendum on his rule could be held next year
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b Compromise offer a meartise break Venezuela's political deadlock, saying a referendum on his rule can be held
next year instead of in 2004 next year instead of in
as stipulated by the constitu-
tion.
During a national broadcast, Chavez said he had made "an error" in calculat
ing the beginning of his term and that it began on Aug. 14, 2000 , not in January 2001 as the Supreme Court has ruled. The earlier date would allow
an earlier referendum, which an earlier referendum, which
by law can be called halfway into a president's six-year term.
Chavez's opponents are sponsoring a petition calling
for his term to be cut from six for his term to be cut from six to four yeats and for a popu-
lar referendum on his rule to be held this year. Chavez said his new-calculations mean a vote could be held next year. "Starting Aug. 19, 2003 those who constitutional democratic right to call a referendum," he said in the radio address Sunday. Analysts said Monday that Chavez's announcement
could ease tensions that have

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ing to power two days after he was ousted. The country has been racked by rumors that dissident military units are about to la
"It's a signal that he wants to open a way to allow government institutions to be Corredor, a former Supreme Court justice.
However, Gerardo BI'yde lawmaker with the opposition Justice First party, said Chavez's announcement had
no weight because the no weight because the
Supreme Court determined his term began in 2001. Only a constitutional amendment can shorten his mandate,
Blyde said Blyde said.
Chavez. Chavez, a former army paratrooper who staged a
failed 1992 coup, was elected president in 1998 and took office in February 1999. Changes to Venezuela's Constitution followed, and
Chavez was re-elected in July Chavez was re-elected in July
2000 and sworn in again in January 2001. His six-year term ends in 2007. Chavez's Fifth Republic Movement party had argued
that the earliest a referendum that the earliest a refe
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