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Monday, August 5

## DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanna Phillips

## Daughter Responds Defiantly

To Her Parents' Tough Love



STUMPED?
 Flo \& Friends

"If I'd known about all these hills, I would've brought my skateboard."




Garlield

$\overline{\text { Peanuts }}$


Blondie


## SPORTS



FOOTBALL
MIAMI (AP) - Miami Thomas proposed last mont To his girlfriend, Amy Lee,
to with a creative approach that
almost went almost went awry.
Thomas had a Thomas had a 10 -foot-high
sand castle built on a Fon sand castle built on a Fort
Lauderdale beach that said, "Zach and Amy always and forever. Will you marry me?
The plan was to The plan was to walk with her
down the beach to the down the beach to the sand
castle at sunset, but the walk caste at sunsel, but the wal
became too long and Amy wanted to stop before reaching the sand castle.
"We walked
"We walked for so long she
was like, I want to stop Im
getting tired.' I was sitting
getting tired.' I was sitting
there like, 'Oh man,"' Thomas
said. "So I started making
some stuff up. She was tired
. by the time she got there. Then she got energized and I proposed.
With

## Amy accepted. Thomas gra Pampa High School in 1992 LUBBOCK

 reparations began for the2002 football campaign as the Texas Tech football team gathered in full force, for the
first time first time Saturday afternoon at the practice fields
Southeast of Jones SBC Southeast
Stadium.
n't say enough good thing about his 2002 Red Raiders in a team huddle following a
two-hour workout and warm West Texas aftemoon. An estimated 150
curious Texas Tech fans lined the two practice fields to get a sneak peek of
what to expect when Tech and Ohio State meet Aug. 24 in the NACDA
Pigskin Classic in Columbus. Pigskin C
Ohio.
Leach addressed the team following the aftern
out and praised the players for their "great attitude and effort" following nearly four months off of organized practice since
the April 14 Red-Black game he April 14 Red-Black game
at the conclusion of spring workouts.
ay, a goa a really good first Leach said. "It was great to geeting cranked up, and it was
glays exited abo as nic as nice to see so many Red
Raider fans here to check us "We still have some polishing work on assi
do, but the effort level is really good," Leach added. The practice was the firs
for the comers worked through their fifth practice of the preseason. Texas Tech will continue and 4 p.m., and will hold a single practice Monday at 9 a.m., and two Tuesday workouts at 9 a.m. and $5: 30$ p.m. The Red Raiders will don
full gear for the first time durfull gear for the first time dur-
ing Wednesday's single pracing Wednesday's single prac
tice at 9 a.m.

VOLLEYBALL

## AMARILLO Inc. and the West Texas A\&M Lady Buffs volleyball

 leam are hosting an olleyball ceam are hosting an outdoor Volleyfest, John Stiff Memorial Park and the Southwest Park soft all complex Registration begins at 5p.m. Aug. 23 , with games p.m. Aug. 23, with games
beginning at 7 p.m. Teams will be Itto divisions with teams of

similar playing ability similar playing ability and | are guaranteed three games. |
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| Youth must be at least | years old on or before Aug. years old

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For information, contac

## Cowboys, Texans escape heat in cool facilities

## By The Associated Press

In 1954, Bear Bryant took 35 of h Texas A\&M players to a preseason trainTexas A\&M players to a preseason train-
ing camp in Junction. They practiced in ing camp in Junction. They practiced
120 -degrep temperatures without food or water for eight hours for 10 straight
days.
The Dallas Cowboys and Houston
Texans Texans continued their NFL training
camps Saturday by mate-controlled facilities.
As Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said when the Cowboys opened their camp last month in San Antonio's .Alamodome, "Bear Bryant would b rolling in his grave.
Training metho

Training methods and health concerms have changed drastically in the
nearly half-century since Bryant's hellish camp, which set the foundation for championship team two years later.
NFL coaches and trainers are keeping a close watch on their players, determined to avoid a repeat of last August's
heatstroke death of Minnesota's Korey heatstro
Stringer
And
And unlike most NFL teams, the
Cowboys and Texans have the option it go inside.
dallas cowboys Until Friday's workout and scrim
mage with the Texans in Houston. mage with the Texans in Houston, the
Cowboys hadn't even been outside fo training camp. The Cowboys moved their camp this


Pampa High 2000 graduate Casey Owens pitched for the Menomonie Eagles this summer in Wisconsin and compiled a 6-1 won-loss record. Menomonie is a member of the Wisconsin Baseball League, which consists of college level and above players. Owens is headed for Texas A\&M-Kingsville on a baseball schol-
arship. Owens is pictured above pitching for Frank Phillips Junior College in arship. Owens is pictured above pitching
Borger where he spent the past two years

Pamcel is hosting Tuesday scramble
PAMPA - The Pamcel
Golf Club is hosting a scramble on Tuesday, A
The scramble starts at $6: 15$ p.m. and golfers must be per person.
signed up by $5: 45$ p.m. There
In case of a tie, the pot rolls $\begin{aligned} & \text { 4937, Don Alexander 663- } \\ & \text { 4942 or Marcus Schock 663- }\end{aligned}$ Fee is seven dollars for
non-members and five doll non-members and five dollars
for members. Carts will be for members. Carts will be
available to rent at four dollars The scramble is limited to he first 40 entries. $\qquad$ For more information, con-
Dect Derek Bigham at 663 . tact Derek Bigham at $663-$
4937, Don Alexander 663 -
year to San Antonio after spending the
last four summers in the stifling 100 -legree-plus heat of Wiche stafling
Their plan was to have morning workouts on a temporary grass field set up in the Alamodome parking lot, with afternoon and evening practices inside the climate-controlled building. But the grass field still isn't ready.
All 12 of their San Antonio workouts have been in the Alamodome, but that
doesn't concern coach Dave Campo outside at their Valley Ranch facility, and will be there nearly two weeks before the Sept. 8 opener at Houston.
Campo contends that his players are
working harder and working harder, and getting more done
inside. And while they are in an air-con ditioned building, most players have sweat flowing off their brows as they leave the practice field each day.
"I'm looking at it more as a freshness thing. The general practice tempo, the energy and the mental aspect of things are improved," Campo said. "If we were
practicing in 112 degrees, I'd also feel prood right now.
Most players remain in shape year-
round, so the purpose of training camps round, so the purpose of training camps has changed over the years. Campo said the majority of camp isn't spent just trying to get playe

## decades past.

We conditioned all offseason and quarterback schools." said defensive end

Plus, practicing in be fine." Plus, practicing in the heat is no guar
antee of being prepared to play in it For the 2000 season opener at Texas Stadium, it was 109 degrees - 171 on the artificial turf. The Philadelphia tion thes, who had trained in a cooler loca reported only one , won 41-14 and related problem one player with a heat struggled with cramps after endurin Wichita Falls.

HOUSTON TEXANS
The expansion Texans have a $\$ 3$ mil lion practice bubble at their lush home practice facility, but they haven't used it
too often to beat the intense Guld Co too often to beat the intense Gulf Coas
heat. The Saturday workout was only their second indoors.
Coach Dom Capers wants his playe heat doesnt for hot-weather games, but ing the heat mean the Texans are ignoring the heat. Team physician Dr. Walter Lowe and the Texans' staff keep clos watch on all players.
"The last thing a
"The last thing a player does before
goes on the field is get weighed he goes on the field is get weighed, and
the first thing he does when he comes off the field is weigh again." Lowe said "We watch them at the breaks and see who is starting to get lightheaded and keep pushing water at them." Lowe doesn't depend on the players "A lot of these guys won't make this A lot of these guys won't make this Players who return from waro with unhealthy weight loss, get a break the next day. lose $12+15$ pounds," Lowe said. We
base it on their size. A 175-pound wide receiver might be in trouble, losing 5 or 6 pounds. It's an individual thing."
Lowe thinks the air-conditioned buh Lowe thinks the air-conditioned bub
ble is overrated for coolness.
"It might be worse in there," Lowe said. "There is no breeze and it can hav
a green house feel." After working out in the bubble Houston players
 and slow things down just a litte.
Capers has scheduled his werm Capers has scheduled his workouts st
players have a chance to rehydrate
between drils . wo-a-day workouts so the player her wo meals between each workout. "We are taking as many precautions
as we possibly can to avoid any heatelated problems." Capers said.
Dallas-based sports writer Stephen Haykins and Houston-based sports

Olympic skaters defend their wins


## Kelly's salute to son caps teary NFL ceremony

never tossed a touchdown pass as mean sweet.
Just as if he once again were running
Buffalo's no-huddle offense, Kelly spread Buffalo's no-huddle offense, Kelly spread
things around things around Saturday during a moving
induction speech into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.
Choking back tears throughout his 10
minutes at the podium minutes at the podium, the Buffalo Bills quarterback thanked the teammates.
coaches, family and friends who helped him achieve football's highest honor Then Kelly looked
nally ill 5 -year-old son.
nally ill 5 -year-old son
Hunter Kelly
Hunter Kelly, who shares his father's
birthday and grit, birthday and grit, has Krabbes disease, a
rare degenerative disorder of the nervous rare degenerative disorder of the nervous
system that robbed him of motor skills.
"It's been written that the trademark of
my career was toughness," Kelly said my career was toughness." Kelly said.
"The toughest person I ever met in my life was my son, my hero, Hunter

Kelly's closing capped an emotiona Keily's closing capped an emotiona
day as he was enshrined along with the late coach George Allen, tight end Dave Casper, defensive lineman Dan Hamp and wide receiver John Stallworth.
On a hot day, a record crowd of 17,700 attended the ceremonies in Fawcett
Stadium, a long TD pass from the Hall. Stadium, a long TD pass from the Hall.

his speech by saying. "I m more than
happy to complete that hur former
Ha Happy to complete that hour for him.".
Hain.
named "Dan. fierce run stuffer nick. named "Danimal." endured 12 knece oper
ations during his 12 seasenn woth the Chicago Bears. A six-time Pro Bowler Hampion never dreamed he would wind
up in the Hall of Fame. up in the Hall of Fame
$\qquad$
$\qquad$ He was anything
the Bears. though. "Nobody epitomized Munsters of the Midway better than Dan Hamptom." sai
his presenter. former teammate his presenter
O'Bradovich. very visible as perhaps the league"s pre mier tight end during his 147-game
career.

## In addition to his impressice stats. Casper will long be remembered fior the

 "Holy Roller" play, when he nudged a on it for a game winning 7 wanted in a foxtball player

## Texans' offensive line ready for first preseason test



Now he and Jimmy Herndon have the crit-
ical job of protecting Carr's blind side and ical job of protecting Carr's blind side, and
they don't have long to get prepared.
"You never know how fast you're going to progress, but the most important thing is you progress, but the most important thing is you Capers. "These guys have been working hard, and now they've got to get ready for the "We don't have much time to sit around and evaluate this. We have to look forward to Pitts expects the Texans line to improve after Friday night's scrimmage against the Dallas Cowboys. They didn't look very good early. David Carr's first pass of the scrim
mage was batted back in his face by blitzing magren was batted back in his face by blitzin "It's
It means a lot more because I know I'm proecting David Carr. I try not to think about that

Herndon, a ormer University of Houston
lineman, expected to back up Boselli. Now he's competing with Pitts for playing time. youth, a lot of guys with three-four years experience," Herndon said. "In my mind, we should hold up real well. The older guys are bringing the younger guys along."
Neither player expects much
Neither player expects much playing time "They haven't told me anything
They haven't told me anything," Pitts what they say but I know it's Tony Boselli's ob and I'm filling in right now.
Steve McKinney, who started at left guard four seasons with the Indianapolis Colts, will
start at center, although he'd never played the position before. It was homecoming for McKinney, who played college football at Texas A\&M.
It's a dream come true, as a kid I wanted
play for Houston," McKinney said. "I feel
comfortable at center. It's not as new as it was and every day it gets better."
Boselli, a five-time Pro Bosel, a en in the background since start of training "He's, be's been vocal
ings," ${ }^{\text {" }}$ back there all the time telling us niques, tips to said. "He'll give us techniques, tips to help us out. Any questions we have about coming to a new offense, he's glad 0 help out.
As far as when he'll return, Boselli wor You cail he's asked almost daily.
nd I'll still ask me a million different ways "I won't put that on myself 'I'll roselli said. 'm healthy and on myself. I'll return when m healthy and not before.
Herndon expects to be a backup on the returns. He can accept that.
"When Houston got a team, it came up on my prayer list that I wanted to be here," my prayer
Herndon said.

## Man on a mission: Tejera wins, goes to get married

| Michael Tejera made short | you think about how you have to take charge of your opportunities. |
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| rk of the Milwaukee | Reds 15, Padres 10 |
| wers, and for good reason | Branyan broke loose for a |
| didn't want to be late to | - |
| din |  |
| Pitching only a few hour | ahetd run in the ninth inning at |
| Fore getting married. Tejera | San Diego. |
| threu seven shutout innings a | Branyan, who also homered |
| the Florida Marrins won | Saturday night for Cincinnati, |
| day | connected in the first |
| I didn't plan to get man | fourth innings off Bobby Jones |
| the same day that I pitched. | and in the seventh off Mike |
| It just worked out that | H |
| y." Tejera said. | he |
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| Tejera. 25. Ieft Pro, Player | tiebreaking single and Todd |
| dium to wed his girlfinend of | Walker hit a three-run homer. |
| en year. Mishelle Garri | giving him five RBIs. |
| liam. | Mark Kotsay hit a grand |
| In wher NL mames. Rusu | m for the Padres. Reds |
| any an tut thee home run- | starter Ryan Dempster gave up |
| neinnath outlated San Diego | 10 runs in four-plus innings. |
| 10 and Bart Bond hit his | Giants 10, Pirates 5 |
| th career homer as San | Bary Bonds moved within |
| Wanco beat Pitubutgh 10-5. | (wo) homers of joining Hank |
| Atow Atlanta edged St. | Aaron. Babe Ruth and Willie |
| -ur - 1. Arizona beat New | Mays as the only major lea- |
| 1207h Houston edged | guers to hit 600 home runs. |
| ntreal 5-4. Low Ange | Bonds connected for the |
| waned Philadelphia 4.3 and | second straight game at |
| Chrago beat Colorado + 1 | Pittsburgh. hitting his 31st |
| Tejera gave up four hin and | home run leading off the ninth. |
| dich wut on. winning for the | San Francisco now returns |
| tume in ha lat nine sart | for a six-game homestand at |
| The Marlinn made ti eas | Pacific Bell Park. starting |
| Tejera Mike Lowell and | Tuesday night against the Cubs. |
| ertek Lee ont consecutive | J.T. Snow hit one of the |
| merr. and keion Millar | and |
| mered. | doubled to drive in five. |
| Millar homered for the a | Cubs 4, Rockies 1 |
| traught game in gong | Rookie Mark Prior struck |
| ath two RBI. He had | out 13 in his first career com |
| been in a 2 -tor-20 Nump before | plete game to lead Chicago |
| ng three hits Saturday | over Colorado at Wrigley |
| You den't get into a furk | Field. |
| you don't | Prior (5-3) pitched a five- |
| "in one day." he | d |
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| Mark Bellhorn hit his 18 mer, matching the Cub ord for a switch-hitter set by gie Galan in 1937. <br> The Rockies went 2-10 ir longest road trip of th ar. <br> amondbacks 12, Mets 7 <br> Luis Gonzalez, Steve Finle d Greg Colbrunn homered izona won for the 11th tim 13 games. <br> Randy Johnson star onday as the NL West leade for a four-game sweep ea Stadium. <br> Gonzalez's three-run sh ke a seventh-inning tie. H mered against Mark Guthri oo had pitched 27 straig oreless innings. <br> Ty Wigginton. recalled fro minors earlier in the day hobbling Robér omar at second base. hom for New York. Mo Vaugh goger Cedeno and Timo Per o homered for the Mets. <br> tros 5, Expos 4 <br> Rookie Kirk Saarloos wo fourth straight start and hit o-run double for his tir reer RBIs as Houston be ontreal. <br> The Astros, surging into th ild card race, finished a 6 ad trip. A crowd of 20.02 ned out at Olympic Stadiu a Gary Carter bobblehea omotion. <br> odgers 4, Phillies 3 <br> Pitcher Omar Daal, hit h cond career homer. leadin |
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## Brazilian officials optimistic about possible hailout

RIficials DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) - Top Brazilian a fiscal bailout package from the International Monetary Fund following a dinner with U.S. Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill.
O'Neill arrived Sunday evening on a four-day regional tour of South American countries seeking ailing economies.
Late Sunday, Bush administration officials in Uruguay and Washington announced that an emergency loan of $\$ 1.5$ billion would be wired to the cri-sis-wracked nation Monday. Uruguay shuttered all state and private banks for four days last week but
said all but a few of the weakest institutions would be reopening Monday The U S. . assistance
within days once Uruguay receives a new loan package from the IMF, the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank.
Uruguay's four-year economic tailspin has been exacerbated by the unraveling of the Argentine economy next door. The loan marks the first time
the Bush administration has provided direct eco-
 underscored growing U.S. concern about the widening economic rooubles in Latin America.
O'Neill said last week that the administration supported more assistance to Brazil and Uruguay because those countries'were pursuing appropriate policies to deal with their economic troubles. He did not include Argentina - stil!
sustainable plan - in that lisi
O'Neill, whose trip includes stops in Uruguay and Argentina, spent three hours dining at the house of Central Bank Governor Arminio Fraga in Rio de Janeiro along with Finance Minister Pedro Malan
and the presidential Chief of Staff Pedro and the presidential Chief of Staff Pedro Parente.
Brazitian officials are hoping O'Neill's visit will Brazilian officials are hoping O'Neill's visit will
help secure financial support from the IMF in order to avoid a debt crisis and calm financial markets jittery about October presidential elections. Asked whether O'Neill supported a new accord between the IMF and Brazil, Parente said: * I think secretary a posture that was very the part of the comprehensive and with a lot of interest about th Brazilian situation."

O'Neill feft without speaking to the press
On Monday, O'Neill meets in Brasilia with President Fernando Henrique-Cardoso and carly Tuesday will talk with business leaders in Sao Paulo before making a route to Argentina
 celed after O'Neill suggested last week that aid money for the South American countries might be
diverted to Swiss bank accounts. O'Neill also reiterated wariness about extending big rescue
to heavily indebted countries like Brazil. Investors reacted to O'Neill comments by dumping the country's currency and bonds. The Brazilian
real then fell to 3.47 to the dollar, the lowest point in its eight-year history On Thursday, O' port for Brazil. He added that the country's secnomic team "has done a remarkable job of main-
 O'Neill's reversal reflected a larger change in the administration of President Bush, which had come
to office promising to move away from the big to office promising to move away f
bailouts of the Clinton administration.

Congress elects U.S.-educated businessman president of Bolivia
by CRAIG MAURO

assoclated Press Writ

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP) wealthy businessman what grew up in the United States, has won the presidency of this
crisis-wracked
South American nation for a second time.
Congress voted the million-
aire mining executive back
aire mining executive back
into. office Sunday. choosing
him over Evo Morales, the
him over Evo Morales, the
rebellious Indian leader of Bolivia's coca growers.
Sanchez de Lozada. was president from 1992 to
1997, will take the helm 1997. will take the helm of a
nation mired in an econgmic slump as unemployment and rising crime have fueled social
unrest. He will also face a contentious opposition. spear-
headed by Morales and his Indian-dominated Mosement
to) Socialism congressional The two men topped the voting in a June national elec-
tion. Sanchez de Lozada officially won with 22.46 percent
of the vote and Morales was second with 20.94 percent, but majority. Congress had 10

Sanchez de Lorada, 72 .
beat Morales $84+3$ in the legislative vote. Tiwo congress-
man left their votes blank Sunday, while 26 roted for
Mantred Reves Villa, who Manree
came just 714 voles behind
Morales in June Jion other legislators were absem.
Morales. 42. the Aymara Indian shepherds.
gave Bolivias long-neglected
indigenous majority a political


Tonya Helton. left, and Mandy Poole, right, freshmen at Clarendon CollegePampa Center (CCPC), were each awarded a scholarship in the amount of $\$ 500$ from Amarillo Area Foundation through CCPC's Pampa Center Foundation for the spring 2002 semester. Scholarship applications for the fall 2002 semester are currently available at the college. To qualify for the scholarship, a student must vious semester CCPC and must have earned a 2.5 grade point average the previous semester in college or in high school. D
For more information. call CCPC at $665-880$ I

Foundation raises money for pre-Holocaust village in Israel
NEW YORK (AP) - For

| Plans call for the shtetl to |
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more than 20 years, Yaffa
be constructed on I24 acres in
Eoollege. "When people go to


Mother bear, cub self-destruct in house fire FOREST FALL.S. Calif. (AP) - A mother The two were trapped inside the burning bear and cub died in a fire they started after home and died. Firefighters discovered the car-
breaking into a home in a San Bernardino casses when they doused the flames. Martinez foxd. house th. black bear and her cub ened been kind of terorizing the neighborhexd and afternoon while the family was out grocery The bears knocked down a living room lamp. arking the fire, but continued to the kitchen in

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ical complexities and provider unity, neglect may hide without professional insight. Call us.
once-vibrant Jewish culture in Poland, Russia and Lithuania rowful images of the rowful images of the
Holocaust. She said she hopes her museum could remedy that. The Shell Mus or The Shtell Museum would
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ing Eliach's own Lithuanian ing Eliach's own Lithuanian
hometown. Eishyshok. A stomete-brick castle would
house the shtetl's library and house the shtell's library and
arts center. A market square is expected to feature era-appropriate drugstores, restaurants
and barbershops, and barbershops. Visitors
would be able to marry in the shtetl's synagogues. "For Jews of East
European heritage, the shtet does figure symbolically as cultural home, as a kind of tountainhead of cultural expe-
rience," said Jeffrey Shandler rience. Sald Jeffrey Shande of
an assistant professor of Jewish Studies at Rutger

## program during his first presi

 programdency.
After After the vole. Sanchez de Lozada called for cooperation among Bolivia's often
some political factions some political factions.
-I don't think that eve that's been said, all the zeal ang confrontations have been any thing other than the expression of democracy in a free country."
he said. fighting each other and misum righting cach other and misun-
derstanding each other because dersanding cach orier tecanse
Known by the nickname Known by the nickname
"Goni." Sanchez de Lozada wass raised in Washington.
where his father was a diptomat. where his father was a diplomat. English literature at the peaks Spanish with a distinc

## Hundreds

join service for miners

The nine miners trapped for three days in a floxkled mine allended anks for the rescue
give thanks some have called a miracte. and neighbors filled the Christ Casebeer Lutheran Church on Sunday. The church is just 100 yards away from where the men were trapped for 77 hours in a cramped shaft at Quecreek
Mine in westem Pennsyvania. Mine in westem Pennsylvania.
Jerry Davis, an assistant district manager for the Mine Safety and Health
Administration. was one of the first on the scene and was there when rescuers bored through the ceiling of the mine
at 10:16 p.m. Saturday. July 27. I spent a number of hours of my life here, three or four days. I wanted to share some
of the blessings they of the blessings they
received." Davis said following the service.
Coal miner william Ronan and his wife Carol said they knew two of the trapped men.
and Carol Ronan said they were at the Sunday night service "thanking the Lord for bringing our family and a friends Out. The miners did not speak The miners did not speak
during the service, attended by religious leaders from different denominations, but did pose
for photos outside with those for photos outside with those
in athendance. in attendance.
Randy Housel, one of the
drillers cue. said he sent down the first can of chewing tobacco to the trapped miners and met them after the service.

McDonald's trying to lure Japan market

TOKYO (AP) - In a nation famous for steep prices, one bargain stands out - the 59 yen hamburger. The special
offer, launched Monday by McDonald's Co. Japand, is part of the company's campaign to win back sales devastated by a mad cow scare and other fears about food safert in Japan. "The cheaper the better,"
said Ken Inoue, a 32 -year-old employee at a computer company, who had two hamburgers, at a cost of about 50 cents each, a teriyaki burger and cofree for lunch at a bustling Golden Arches in Tokyo. "I had two burgers sol'm happy."
Japan has long been notorisly high prices. But a discount war is intensifying in a wide range of
products lately, not only in fastfoods but also in clothing, airplane tickets and household knickknacks, as a long eco-
nomic slowdown deadens connomics slowdown
sumer spending. Hamburger prices in the United States vary from one McDonald's to another, but a burger now costs about $\$ 1$ in New York. McDonalds, which runs nearly 3,900 stores in Japan and
attracts roughly 1.2 billion cusomers a year - including epeats, had scored enormous success with a price-cutting campaign on the burger two years ago to 65 yen ( 55 cents) But McDonald's raised the burger price back up in - just at the wrong time. Cases of mad cow disease, a brain-destroying illness, which began popping up in Japanese patties an extremely unappectizme option. Japan uses Australian beef. which has not been infected with the disease, sales plunged. dropping about 18 percent year ago.
the aversion to beef was so srong some barbectued beef
restaurants collapsed. A series of scandals at other companies over mislabeled meat including pork and chicken as
well as beef - broke out about the same time. setting off deep doubts about foxxl safety and pushing families to eat at home, Especially worrying is the fact that sales at McDonald's
haven't picked up. although haven't picked up. although
overall foxd fears appeared to be ebbing by springtime, said ee ebbing by springtime, satd
Seichiro Samejima. analyst at Ichiyoshi Research Institute in Tokyo.
"People could be getting bored with McDonald's foxd. And that could mean a crisis for
McDonald's," he said The price campaign is sure The price campaign is sure said it was unlikely to fuel a drastic recovery.
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Vice President Kobayashi President Yutaka Kobayashi acknowledged that Kow prices alone aren tenoug ers and fries. Marketing research shows people simply aren't happy with the McDonald's menu, he said. "Basically McDonald's
does not see the 59 yen burger does. not see the 59 yen burger
as our only weapon," as our only weapon,"
Kobayashi said. "Customer needs are growing more diversified."
McDonald's has begun offering a new menu of salads and soups at about 2.800 stores to attract calorie-conscious
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Kobayashi said. | 8 Death |
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