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Police Officers Assn. fundraiser under way Pampa Police Offic
Association is currently co
ducting ducting it's annual loca fundraiser. Donated funds g
to various. Pampa Police Officer projects such as the Salvation Army's Angel Tree
Shop-with-a-Cop. and officer Shop-with-a-cop, and officer
support programs. Donor support programs. Donor
receive a hand-delivered 10 percent discount card which pating merchants.

## STVTE:

Minorities call for
Tom DeLay's apology
WASHINGTON (AP)
Hispanic and black congres sional leaders again called on House Majority Leader To DeLay of Texas to apologize
for comments he made about for comments he made about
minority legislators while in minority legis
his home sate
The four Democratic law makers sent a letter to DeLa dated Friday that called hi
comments "paternalism" an

## INSIDE.

Classified. Comics Editorial Sports


Local officers to question"Slim" Young about April 3 death


| By Nancy young Manacing Eittor | Johnson when he moved fro <br> the community several mont <br> ago. Johnson was elected |
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| ters from two area towns | May. 2002. |
| will join voters across the state | councilman |
| Saturday as they go to the polls. | by the council to serve position. |
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| ers will hold elections | are Guy Mck |
| decide who will lead the go | Bro |
| ernmental process in their town Three towns. Miami. | The other coun |
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| McLean and White Deer - will not have elections as none of | by Reva Williams appointed by the cou |
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| those communities | ing |
| All current office holders | Gilen Smith. M |
| on the Skellytown City | Bruce |
| Council are opposed in their |  |
| bid for office. | In the Lefors |
| Current Mayor Lucille | , fie |
| Lawrence has three opponents | ning at-large for |
| for the position. Challenging | tions to be filled. |
| her are Bob Epperson. Mike | The three incun |
| Chaney and Ralph Tice | Giene Gee. Ruswell Jid |
| In the council races, Claud | and Melanie |
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| the | Taylor Brooks. |
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AUSTIN (AP) - As the House prepared to repeal the state's school finance law, GOP Speaker Tom Craddick on Tuesday announced a select committee of 23 House members to look for a permanent and equitable school finance solution.
The legislation up for debate on the House floor Tuesday proposed to repeal Robin Hood by 2005 , giving Tcessols an additional $\$ 1.2$ billion in funding to share while
scher tawmakers figure out a new system. Many lawmakers. lawmakers
including the Republican leadership, campaigned on ridinclud the state of the divisive Robin Hood
Craddick said that Republican Gov. Rick Perry, who would appoint four other members to the committee, would appoint four ouner members to the com miject
would allocate $\$ 1$ million in funding to bring in a project would allocate s1 milion in funding go bring in a project
team from the University of Texas Chartes A. Dana Center. team from the Uiversiy of texas woild be housed in the Capitol.

The House Select Committec on Public School Finance
(See REPEAL, Page 3)


Military, protesters give conflicting accounts $\frac{\text { BV NIKO PRICE }}{\text { ASSCCITEIL }}$

Golfers... be sure to sign up early for the Pampa Partnership Golf Tournament to be held on May 17th \& 18th. Maximum of 72 teams. Two players per team. $\$ 65.00$ fee per golfer. $\$ 20.00$ cart fee. The tournament will be played May 17th at Hidden Hills Golf Course and on May 18th at Pampa Country Club Golf Course.

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| STOCKS |  |  |  | Accidents <br> Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents. |
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|  |  | Vol 2107 <br> KMI 4088 |  |  |
|  |  | XCEL <br> 1365 <br> 168 <br> 1 |  | Friday, April 25 <br> 7:43 a.m. - Dolores Dominguez Arreola, |
| Mio | 3.80 |  | 0.39 |  |
| Soybeans | 428 |  |  | 42, 720 N. Christy, was cited for following |
|  |  | Mctoonald |  | too closely when the 1994 Dodge Caravan Minivan she was driving northbound in the |
| The followng show prices for |  | Exxon Mobll 3507 |  |  |
| Much these mutual fund werrebid at the unie of complauon |  |  |  | 1200 block of North Hobart struck a 1999 |
|  |  | Proner Nat Pencers; |  | Kane, 36, 321 N. Ryder. She was traveling behind Kane as both vehicles were north- |
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| The following 930 am Nr |  | Schlumberger 4165 |  |  |
|  |  | lenneco $\begin{array}{l}361 \\ \text { Vx }\end{array}$ <br> 634  |  | behind Kane as both vehicles were northbound in the 1200 block of North Hobart. |
| ${ }_{\text {BP }}^{\text {cof }}$ ( Pampa |  | Wal Marn 5666 |  | 3:46 p.m. - Elizabeth A. West, 19, was |
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| ${ }^{\text {celanese }}$ |  | NS G Grup ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  | 1995 Chevrolet Blazer SUV she was driving southbound on Hobart collided with a vehicle |
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| Coxa Colla | $4074+1041$ | New York Coold | 13385 | driven by Barbara McClelland, 32, 1157 Starkweather. The accident occurred in the 2100 block of North Hobart. |
|  | $\begin{array}{ll}18 & 037\end{array}$ |  |  |  |
| H. | 2115016 | West teas © n de | 2549 |  |


| Police |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Pampa Police Department today reported the following arrests and incidents <br> Monday, April 28 | broke out, according to the police report. Items taken included a radar detector and rearview mirror. Estimated loss was $\$ 450$ |
| Tammy D. Ryals, 30, 316 S. Gray, was | Tires were repored slashed on a vehicle in |
| arrested on two capias pro fine municipal war rants for no drivers license. | the 1100 block of South Christy. Estimated loss was $\$ 100$. |
| Teri Ferguson, 29. of Lefors. was arrested | Two rings valued in excess of \$ 14,000 w |
| revading. | repored stolen from a motel room on Highw |
| Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in | 70 North. The victim was from Denver, Colo. |
| the 1100 block of Crane. Entry was gained | An unatended death was reported in the |
| through a window which the perpetrators | 1000 block of North Dwight. |




| FIRE |
| :---: |
| Pampa Fire Department responded to the <br> following calls during the 24-hour period <br> ending at 7 a.m. today. <br> Monday, Aprti 28 |
| 8:08 a.m. - One unit and four firefighters |
| responded to a medical assist in the 1000 |
| block of North Dwight. |

## SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's De
reported the following arrests.
Monday, April 28
Jason Ray Lance, 25, of Woodland, Calif. was arrested for
under two ounces.
Gary Michael Loftis, 48, 1144 Varnon
Drive, was arrested for theft over $\$ 500$ and Drive, was an
under $\$ 1,500$.

Ambulance
Rura/Metro Ambulance reported the following calls during the 24 -hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Monday, April 28 8:09 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of North Dwight. No patient was transported.
10:52 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2400 block of Cherokee; one patient was transported to BSAW in Amarillo.
12:24 p.m. - A mobile ICU'responded to the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway; one patient was transported to BSAW.
6:40 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of North Christy; no patient was transported.
7.17 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the
600 block of North Christy; one patient was 600 block of North Christy; one patient was
ransported to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

## Correction

The address for Jackie G. Pierce, whosé officials today said the incorrect address was $\begin{array}{ll}\text { arrest appeared in the Gray County Sheriff's } & \text { given to authorities at the time of the } \\ \text { arrest report Monday, was incorrect. Sheriff's } & \begin{array}{l}\text { The correct address is } 1906 \text { Willisto }\end{array}\end{array}$

City Briefs
3-C ROOFING. Roofs. Re- BRANDON'S FLOWERS IRENE'S GIFTS Etc., 2133 BRANDON'S FLOWERS
IRENE'S GIFTS Etc., 2133
For every Occasion! $665-5546$,
I. Hobart. Out with the old, For every Occasion! 665-5546, N. Hobart. Out with the old,
2143 N. Hobart (by Subway)
in with new, $10-50 \%$ off entire inventory.

ST. MATTHEW'S Episco-
4-H GERANIUM "Sale. Rerfect Mother's Day gifts. May 1-3, Coronado Center parking lot. Thurs. \& Fri. (5-8 p.m.), Sat. ( 9 a.m. -all flowers
gone). 4 in. pots and number of hanging baskets.

CATTLE EXCHANGE Wayne's Western Wear,
Thurs., May 1st, 3 p.m. til Thurs., May 1 st , 3 p.m. til
sold out. Brisket, ribs, saussold out. Brisket, ribs, saus-

Economy: Wages, benefits see increase in first quarter


## LEGISLATURE <br> Highlights

AUSTIN (AP) - Women seeking an abortion would have wait 24 hours before a doctor could terminate the pregnanunder legislation debated by the Texas House. The bill also would require doctors to offer patients stateproduced literature and color photos of fetal development at od."
Bill sponsor Frank Corte, R-San Antonio, said he authored the legislation in an attempt to empower women by making as much information as possible available to them.
The House adjourned early Monday evening, without vot
on the legislation.
Rep. Jessica Farrar, D-Houston, tried to amend the bill to exempt victims of rape and incest from the requireme view the materials, but members rejected the measure The legislation also would require written proof, signed by the abortion patient, that she has been offered standard
information regarding risks and options available should she decide to carry her pregnancy to term.
The bill also requires that abortions performed after the 15 th week of pregnancy can only be performed at an ambulatory surgical center or hospital licensed to perform the pro-

BUDGET THREA
Advocacy groups for senior and disabled Texans called on lawmakers Monday to practice compassionate conser vatism" and restore funding for services for the disabled and elderly in the next state budget, in part by forcing more businesses to pay taxes. The AARP, the Texas Senior Advocacy Coalition, ADAPT and other groups said they would present 5,000 signatures to Speaker Tom Craddick supporting the groups' call to fund Speaker Tom Craddick supporting the groups' call to fund
services at the current level over the next two years. The spending plans in the House and Senate would "bal ance the budget on the backs of the most vulnerable," said Gus Cardenas, state president of AARP Texas, which has more than 2 million members.
Tightening the state's business taxes to force more companies to pay would find much of the money needed to fund the threatened programs, the groups said. Business groups have vigorously opposed tightening the so-called "franchise tax" and a bill to $g e$
in the House.
Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, said he thinks the state should fund those services for the frail and elderly but that it has a limit-
ed amount of money. Tax bills must come from the House and he said he doesn't expect to see one this session.'

SCHOOL FINANCE
A proposal by Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst that would change the way public
Senate bill Monday.

## Senate bill Monday

The bill was in rough draft form and was being looked a Beckwith said.
the legistation, Beekwith said
an on as co-sponsors" to
the legistation, Beekwith said.
Sen. Florence Shapiro, chairwoman of the Senat
Education Committee, will sponsor the legislation, which would replace the current school funding structure by cutting property taxes in half, expanding the state sales tax and get ting rid of the state's wealth-sharing school formula. The bill was expected to get introduced in the Senate
Wednesday. Such a bill typically would be sent to the Senate Wednesday. Such a bill typically would be sent to the Senate
Education Committee, but Senate leaders are looking at putting it on a fast track by putting it before a full meeting of all the senators

Gas tanker crashes in Rochester neighborhood; 11 hurt
ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP)

- which could carry up to 12,500
said neighborhood resident dows of nearby houses, authorA gasoline tank truck gallons, failed to negotiate a Donald Quetschenbach, 83 . ities said. The fire destroyed a
crashed at a city intersection turn shortly after 1 a.m. It Authorities mobilized every two-story house and damaged early Tuesday, spilling hun- struck a tree and a utility pole fire department in the city and 15 others and a garage. dreds of gallons of fuel and before overturning and explod- surrounding Monroe County. It. Firefighters searching the igniting a fireball that ing.
destroyed one home, killed one "All I could see was fire - hour tirefighters less than an houses found one person dead
the blaze under in the wreckage of the destroyed one home, killed one "All I could see was fire - hour to bring the blaze under in the wreckage of the
person and injured 11 others, flames 150,200 feet high - control. authorities said. and I thought 'Holy cripes, the control.

Burning gasoline apparently destroyed house. Eleven omen and children were Burning gasoline apparently men, wome
sprayed through the upper win- evacuated.

## Protest

tional military police and infantry men over the next 10 days.
U.S. Maj. Gen. Glenn Webster, the
deputy commander deputy commander of U.S. ground
forces, outlined the plans during a meeting Tuesday with about 50 Baghdad residents to discuss law and order.
He said U.S. soldiers have detained more than 5,000 lawbreaking Iraqis, including looters, in two holding facilities in Baghdad. At another ceremony, Maj. Vincent Crabb, the U.S. liaison to Iraqi police, said joint patrols have detained 1,000 more looters, who are
being held in Iraqi jails for 48 hours. He being held in Iraqi jails for 48 hours. He said 13 people had
more serious crimes
As part of the security initiative, U.S. forces are broadcasting detailed instructions to Baghdad residents. Among the
directives: People cannot be in the directives: People cannot be in the
streets from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.; governstreets from
ment employees must return to their jobs; all members of Saddam's Baath Party must identify themselves to coalition forces; and hospitals must stay open 24 hours a day.

Continuel from Page: One
In London, curators from some of the the region, has said the United States is world's major museums met to draft a refocusing its military relationship with
recovery plan for Iraq's pillaged art recovery plan for Iraq's pillaged art Saudi Arabia to training Saudi forces works. Organized by the British rather than stationing large numbers of Museum and UNESCO, the meeting
drew experts from the Louvre in Paris, New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, Russia's Hermitage and the Berlin Museums.
They were hearing a report from British Museum Near East curator John Curtis, who returned Monday after a week in Iraq, and from Iraqi Donny George, director of research at the looted National Museum in Baghdad.
Thousands of items, some dating
more than 6,000 years, were stolen from more than 6,000 years, were stolen from
Iraq's National Museum in Iraq's National Museum in Baghdad
and other cultural institutions. and other cultural institutions.
U.S. military officials said Tuesday
that the United States has moved a that the United States has moved a
regional air operations center to Qatar regional air operations center to Qatar
from Prince Sultan Air Base in Saudi from Prince Sultan Air Base in Saudi Arabia - - he first major step in a postin the Persian Gulf.
Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, who was visiting the Prince
U.S. troops.
Rumsfeld

Rumsteld spoke to U.S. troops in a hangar Tuesday after flying from Qatar
and landing in the middle of a sandand landing in the middie of a sand-
storm. He thanked them for their role in overthrowing Saddam.
U.S. military officials also said Tuesday that the Mujahedeen Khalq, a terrorist group fighting to overthrow the Iranian government from bases in Iraq, will be allowed to keep its weapons and continue fighting the Tehran government under a cease-fire agreement signed with the United
States. States.
The
The cease-fire, signed last month, doesn't require Mujahedeen fighters to
capitulate or surrender to capitulate or surrender to U.S.-led
coalition forces - at least for now, said a military official, who spoke on condition he not be identified.

The Mujahedeen Khalq, or Péoples Mujahedeen, "reserves the right of selfdefense against the Iranian regime's attacks," said the official.
REPEAL
will be charged with find-
ing a cost efficient school
finance system that supports
student success, while over-
hauling the state tax system.
"Over the last few weeks,
several plans have been out-
lined, but no one has offered a
plan that is designed to sustain
the next round of education
reform," Craddick said. "So
that is my No. 1 charge to the
committee: Devise a school
finance system that promotes
success for all Texas chil-
dren."
Craddick said the plan
would include cost adjust-
ments for uncontrollable vari-
ations in'the costs of eduea-
tion caused by geography,
scale and student needs.
"This is a great opportuni-
ty, we've got to do this," said
Rep. Kent Grusendorf, chair-
man of the House Select
Committee on Public School
Finance. "There is no more
important issue in the state of
Texas."

## Continued from Page One

## Craddick said all measures

The Robin Hood repea
legislation by Grusendorf, R legislation by Grusendorf, R-
Arlington, does not propose a Arlington, does not pro
new funding formula. While the share-the-wealth finance law would be axed. the bill would give all school distriets $\$ 300$ more per student to tide them over until new system is created. Grusendorf was expected to accept amendments that would move up the deadline to repeal Robin Hood to August 2004. Other changes
he planned would provide $\$ 21$ he planned would provide $\$ 21$
million in additional funding million in additional funding
for small schools that would for small schools that would
otherwise lose money and otherwise lose money and
would allow the current system to remain in place if a tem to remain in place if a
new-ene isn't created by the

The current system relies
mostly on local property taxes. Property-wealthy districts must surrender money - 118 are projected to give up $\$ 1.5$ billion this budget cycle - to poorer and rural schools as a way to make sur schools as a way to make su
equal education.
Texas prohibits a state Texas prohibits a state
property tax and hundreds of property tax and hundreds of
schools have reached the legal local property tax limit, making it difficult to raise more money locally for education. Grusendorf said that reliance on property taxes must go away if the system is to be permanently fixed.
If adopted, the Hos. If adopted, the House bill
would move to would move to the Senate, where ideas for a statewide property tax al
batted around. $\qquad$ Dewhurst's and Merritt's
plans have encountered resistplans have encountered resistance from Republican Perry,
who said he wants lawmakers to take their time to focus on eheel fin in focus on session called at a later date. The regular legislative session ends June 2 .

## HB 5 .

## Boy found could be child who disappeared in 2000


adding that he was told that $X$ same breaks in his had the Tristen, who was injured in car accident less than a year before he disappeared. The boy had been man who was taken into cus tody after he brought the child Evanston and asked doctors to do something about his
"aggressive behavior," Manuel "aggressive behavior," Manuel The hospital staff became suspicious and called police, who discovered the man was wanted for shoplifting. The man was taken into custody at
the time on the shooplifting warthe time on the shoplifting warrant but Evanston police wouldn't comment Monday on the status of his case.

Tatonal Center for Missing Sampson County Sheriff's Sampson County Sheriff's he boy could not explain some local investigators hesitated holes" in his background. The before releasing information enter compared the boy's profile to its database and contactle to its database and contactpolice in North Carolina. about the case. "We get a bunch of leads every day," he said. "Stuff

## V0te For <br> JIMMy G00DE For Place 4 PISD School Board 0n May 3



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was 4 at the time. The two dogs searchers didn't find the boy Investigators took a DN sample from Buddy's mother sample from Buddy's mother
Raven, last week and Raven, last week and pe
formed a match test Monday Illinois Department of Child and Family Services spokes woman Jill Manuel said. It will take four to six weeks to receive the results.
Buddy's aunt, Donna Myers, said local investigators asked her to come to the sheriff office in Clinton, N.C., on Apri

## BEST FINTNGE \$100-\$500 <br> WIIH A Qulalifying Applicilion \$10 Reterral Fec On All Approved loms

Glennette \& I would like to invite you to vote for me for the School Board. I have had the pleasure of serving many of your children during the past 18 years through Pampa Soccer Assoc., Pampa Optimist, Pampa Civic Ballet, and many PISD school programs. Now I would like to help all of Pampa's children by serving on the School Board. I feel with my business background, experience on several boards, and volunteer work, I am qualified to make the financial and administrative decisions to help our school system and more importantly your children be prepared for the future.
Thank You.


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## GETTERS TO THE EDITOR <br> In English, Syria means next

I told a friend the other day, about the only thing that the Scots gave us of lasting value was the game of golf, the bagpipes, and fine scotch whiskey; al of which greatly enjoy.
On the other hand, the French have given us so many really On the other hand, the French have given us so many really
fine ideas and things it would be very hard to list all of them. The very idea of America and what it stands for can be traced 1778 and was a good friend to the great English philosopher John Locke. Many of the ideas for our form of government can be traced to his friendship with Ben Franklin. Voltaire had a
strong abiding belief in justice for every man. He was greatly concerned with the nature of good and evil. He was a man of I would like to see our president send Colin Powell to France to mend fences. They were our first ally in our war for freedom from King George. Let us not forget that when the British Gen. was the French fleet that prevented their excavation by sea. They had helped trap and defeat the British army. And it was Voltaires ideas that shaped our early government. We give of Voltaire.
Mr. President send Powell to France, not Syria. If you want send anyone to Syria, it should be our army. Jay Leno joked, John D. Seaman Perryton

It's hard to stay positive
To the edior:
If I I ffend somebody, J Iust can't help i.t. We all hear that, as
 attiude going to change and a reason given to get a positive atituce
Is it a positive attitude when a businessman can make a pub-
lic statement that he can't make it on a million dollars a year and he shouldn't have to pay his bills because he doesn't make enough? And yet there are a lot - a whole lot - of people that are can do without all utilities. I know I could make it on a million dollars a year and most every citizen in this town could, too. And to make it worse, all these young people, some from
here, are giving up their way of life. No matter what the reason for the war, they are doing for somebody else and should have stars in their crown for helping someone else. Most of the ones that lost their lives are only in their late teens and twenties, and
yet doing a little something here for your neighbor takes too
much.
People use the war as an excuse for any and everything when hese young people are doing things for other people to try to make things better. L's just plain too much trouble for anybody o do a third of a help anybody or do any more than they have to? Pampa

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## VIEWPOINTS

 Russia's place at the tableMoscow, April 18...A week in the
Russian capital meeting with the staff of Russian capital meeting with the staff of
former President Boris Yeltsin and the former President Boris Yeltsin and the Russian experts on America makes clear how far President Vladimir Putin has strayed from Moscow's real
his misguided policy on Iraq.
his misguided policy on Iraq.
In Moscow for the Russian language publication of my book The New Prince, I gave a lengthy interview to Izvestya, the leading Russian daily newspaper, which they ran on page one. I used the opportunity to underscore the error the Russian president had made in siding with the likes of France and Germany rather than deepening and broadening the budding relations between Putin and Bush.
With the end of the economic, deter-
minism of foreign policy under President minism of foreign policy under President
Clinton and the return to the more tradiClinton and the return to the more tradi-
tional military and diplomatic motivational military and diplomatic motiva-
tions for our international relations tions for our international relations
brought on by the war on terror, Russia brought on by the war on terror, Russia
has a new role to play. But Putin doesn't has a new role to play. But Putin doesn't
get it. A minor economic power, Yeltsin's
and Putin's Russia had to sit on the sideand Putin's Russia had to sit on the side-
lines as Japan and the European Union took center stage alongside the United States in a new world order founded on But now that global economic trade and But now that global economic trade and
shared free markets have been increasingly achieved and the threats of terrorism have taken their place as our key concerns, Russia need no longer wait in the wings.
With
With its huge land mass, borders with many trouble spots, its traditional rela-

$\frac{\text { DICK Morris }}{\text { Columist }}$
tions with p Korea, and Syria, its role in the arms trade, and its remaining military and intelligence powers, Moscow has a future which dwarfs that of either France or Germany. Indeed, in the ruins of the United Nations, one can easily see
return to the Big.Three of World War II vintage where the roles of Roosevelt, Stalin, and Churchill are played by their more prosaic successors: Bush, Putin,
and Blair and Blair.
It is no longer time for Russia to play Fr small stakes by co-operating with France in the hopes that some oil con-
tracts will fall from the table. Instead tracts will fall from the table. Instead,
Putin should seize the opportunity Putin should seize the opportunity to
reassert a role for Russia by taking his reassert a role for Russia by taking his
seat at a more important table - not the seat at a more important table - not the
round one of the Security Council where irrelevant nations like France, Germany, Angola, and Chile presume to dictate world affairs, but a triangular table where the Big Three lead the world.
Nor should Putin be overly concerned about opposition by the Russian people to co-operation with the United Statés in the war on terror. If Russia can re-emerge on the global stage as a major power, rather than a supplicant seeking aid or a

Russian people will be thrilled and will reward Putin with even higher rating than the $60 \%$ of which he now boasts. Unfortunately, Putin doesn't seem to realize that the world has changed and that the Russian policy of looking to the United Nations and relying on it
Security Council seat as its base of powe in a world dominated by of powe in a world dominated by the big
economies undervalues the potential of economies undervalues the potential of
Russian power. President George w. Russian power. President George W.
Bush likely would, and certainly should, Bush likely would, and certainly should
welcome Putin into the Big Three as an ally and partner in the eradication of global terrorism, a goal as important to Russia with its Muslim neighbors as it is the U.S. and the U.K.
Compare the power of Blair and Putin. The British leader, who accepted a seat at the Big Three table, has enormous influ ence over U.S. policy. Bush would have gone to war a year ago but for Blair's insistence on pursuing U.N. approval.
Both because of his nation's Both because of his nation's contribution
and his personal persuasiveness as he sits and his personal persuasiveness as he sits
at Bush's side, Tony Blair is a per the world stage, Tony Blair is a power on By contrast,
invited only to the losers club with France, Germany, and Kofi Annan. There they can raise alternate toasts of Vodka, wine, and beer to their lost days of world power.

Its time for Putin to realize that he can get back in the game and give Bush a call. Anyway, that's what L said in Izvestyd. I hope Vladimir is a subscriber!

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From homosexuality to incest?

Last week's Washington tempest blew
in when Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., said that if the Supreme Court in a pending case rules that homosexual practice is constitutionally protected, "then you have the right to bigamy, you have the right to polygamy, you have the right to incest, you hāve the right to adultery. You
have the right to anything " have the right to anything.
Gay advocacy groups
Gay advocary groups quickly made
political hay. The Human Rights political hay. The Human Rights
Campaign expressed outrage that Campaign expressed outrage that
Santorum "compared homosexuality Santorum "compared homosexuality
with bigamy, polygamy, incest and adulwith bigamy, polygamy, incest and adul-
tery" in his "deeply hurfful" remarks. The tery" in his "deeply hurfful" remarks. The
Center for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights Center for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights
similarly complained that "his remarks show nothing but contempt for lesbian and gay people."
Whoa! Who's showing contempt here? Logical gay groups should applaud Santorum's recognition that a Supreme Court gay breakthrough will also bring liberation for others with non-monogamous sexual interests. Since when do homosexuals look down on others who follow their own bliss? But maybe this is good news: Our headline could read,
"Gays join conservative Christins in "Gays join conservative C̀hristians in criticizing bigamy, polygamy, incest and adultery.
The Pe

The Pennsylvania Gay and Lesbian Alliance unctuously proclaimed, Discrimination against any group of cit-
izens based on who izens based on who they are is simply
wrong" -- yet the gay lobbies were wrong -- yet the gay lobbies were
implicitly discriminating against those involved in consensual incest. "Extremism in the defense of vice is no vice," they should say, and then proceed to the postmodern claim that it's all a

matter of opinion whether a particular act is vicious or virtuous. this is all move to the politics, since this is all about trying to drive a wedge
within the GOP. "We're urging the within the GOP. "We're urging the
Republican leadership to condemn the Republican leadership to condemn the
remarks," said David Smith, remarks, said David Smith,
spokesman for the Human Rights spokesman for the Human Rights
Campaign. "They're the same types remarks that sparked outrage toward Sen. Lott."
No, they're not. Trent Lott resigned his
Senate leadership post in December after making readership post in December after making remarks widely seen as support-
ing racial discrimination. Lott's words ran counter to the Bible, Lotrs words blind. Santorum's words reflect the Bible which says that homosexual practice, like adultery or incest, is wrong. President Bush, who looks to biblical teaching for guidance on important issues, rightly
criticized Lott, but he should criticized Lott, but he should suppor chairman, the third-highest seat in the GOP Senate leadership.

Good politics, good theology, and good constitutional law go together here. The Republican Party should be open to Bible believers, people of other religions and atheists, but if it wants to retain the support of Christians and Orthodox Jews, it should not chastise those who defend biblical truth. Besides, even though the

State of Texas may have been unwise
under current social conditions to prosecute a case concerning homosexuality the Supreme Court should not establish a new, loose constructionist constitutional right.
Some Republicans who covet gay lobby campaign contributions will pressure the president to signal a Santorum sack. Because he spoke out in the Tren
Lott controversy, he should not sit this one out; Santorum foes will see silence as consent. This is a crucial political fork in the road, and the George W. Bush who was tough enough to stand up to supporters of Saddam -- should refuse to be pushed around by supporters of sodomy.
Instead of being defensive Republicans who are both wise and shrewd will go on offense. They should ask gay interest groups and Democrats to respond to Santorum's challenge: Make a constitutional argument that will differentiate the right to consensual gay sex from a right to bigamy, polygamy, incest, or adultery. Legislatures, of course, have long differentiated among certain acts but what happens if the Supreme Cour ells them to cease and desist?
Republicans (and others) who want to become wiser on such issues should read
What We Can't Not Know a new book by What We Can't Not Know, a new book by
my University of Texas colleague J my University of Texas colleague J Budziszewski. The book is not a Bud
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## Flo \& Friends




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## Parcells making his mark with Cowboys <br> IRVING, Texas (AP) - His said. their big and strong. who gets released after June 1, making more money, but they

 hair is a bleachy shade of blond "I am hopeful that as time Dallas fans who were hoping with the top candidates being made it clear that I can come inand his clothes prominently fea- goes on we can integrate slowly to find the next Troy Aikman and his clothes prominently fea- goes on we can integrate slowly to find the next Troy Aikman Denver's Brian Griese and and compete. If I'm really good,
ture silver and blue tones.
and we can work toward the and Emmitt Smith will have to Miami's Ray Lucas, who then you never know," said
ture siver and blue tones.
Everything else is vi Everyting
Parcells' impact on the Dallas Cowboys grows every day, from the no-nonsense signs
posted around the locker room posted around the locker room to the type of players drafted this past weekend and signed in free agency before then.
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On a team that's gone 5-11,
three straight seasons, there's three straight seasons, the
plenty of work to be done. plenty of work to be done. tear down what's been kind of tear down what's been kind of
built up here. 1 don't really

## Pampa girls return lots of depth, experience next year

PAMPA - Even though they lost had two hits each to lead Big Spring.
out in the first round of the playoffs, The Lady Harvesters' 2003 team the Pampa Lady Harvesters' softball finished with a $22-10$ record, and will team have enough depth and experi- return seven fulltime staters and two ence on its roster for a return trip in partime starters. Wilson and right $\begin{array}{ll}\text { 2004. } & \text { fielder April Amador are the only sen- } \\ \text { A perfect day for sofiball turned into } & \text { iors. }\end{array}$
A perfect day for softball turned into iors.
a perfect day for Big Spring, who Other team members include catch-
defeated Pampa 3-0 in bi-district play er defeated Pampa 3-0 in bi-district play er Jennie Rogers, first baseman last weekend in Lubbock. Sophomore Whitney Roden, second baseman Amy pitcher Alex Watkins threw a perfect Youree, shortstop Stacey Johnson,
game at the Lady Harvesters. She third baseman Haley Bowen, left fieldgame at the Lady Harvesters. She third baseman Haley Bowen, left field-
struck out 15 batters, who had trouble er Teryn Garner, center fielder Abbi catching up to her $55-60 \mathrm{mph}$ fastballs. Covalt, outfielder-designated hitter catching (18-9) advances Callie Cobb and outfielder Jackie $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Big Spring (18-9) advances to meet } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Callie Cobb and outfielder Jackie } \\ \text { El Paso Irvin (22-5) next week. }\end{array} & \text { Gerber. Also on the playoff roster were }\end{array}$ El Paso Irvin (22-5) next week. $\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { Gerber. Also on the playoff roster were } \\ & \text { freshmen Autumn Darden and Whitney }\end{aligned}$ Pampa pitcher Dusti Wilson, who Wichert and junior Ashley Francis. The
finished her senior career with a 14-4 Lady Harvesters are coached by Bobbi finished her senior career with a 14-4 Lady Harvesters are coached by Bobbi
record, kept her team in the game with Gill in her first year as head coach. another good effort. She went seven Assistant coaches were Dustin Miller, innings, allowing seven hits while Melody Youree and Josh Blackmon. striking out two and walking four. Managers were Bring erin
Except for a three-run fourth inning, Winegeart,Brittany Westbrook and Except for a three-run fourth inning, Winegeart,Brittany
Big Spring was held in check by Jennie Waggoner.
Big Spring was held in check by Jennie Waggoner.
This was Pampa second playoff
Wilson. Big Spring hitters were stymied by appearance since the UIL softball prooutstanding defense from the Lady gram started. The Lady Harvesters
Harvesters. Harvesters.
Leina Braxton and Heather Vasser the regionals.


Pampa High senior Dusti Wilson (above) closed out her career with a 14-4 pitching record


Lefors fisherman O.L. Presley shows off the 24 -pound catfish he caught Thursday.

City Lake yields big catch for Lefors man O.L. Presley of Lefors had
his hands full when he tried his hands full when he tried
pulling a 24 -pound flathead from Recreation Park's City Lake east of Pampa. Pampa angler Ron Sinyard, who was also at the lake on Thursday around dusk, helped pull the fish to shore.
The fish spit out the sixinch hook just it was netted, Sinyard said.
"Who says there's no fish
in the City Lake,?" he added.
Presley was using a Zebco
303 fly rod to reel in
303 fly rod to reel in the big
catfish. Fishing
relations through fishing and boating.
$\qquad$ "You will see a national promotion of this theme," says editor Ted Dzialo of The Splash magazine.
National Fishing \& Boating "National Fishing \& Boating National. Fishing \& Week would be the ideal Boating Week is June 1-8 time to spend more time on and most states during this the water with family and week. Will be providing youngsters. It's a good perionly for youngsters, but also acquaint someone to the joys for anyone participating in of angling." fishing. angling
The theme this year is the romotion of positive family

He urged all anglers to

## Cheeks wants Trail Blazers to 'just win one game'

DALLAS (AP) - The
Portland Trai
eliminit elimination Blazers avoided Maurice Cond and that has coach Maurice Cheeks thinking con-
servatively servatively going into Game 5
of their first-round series against the Dallas Mavericks. "The message again is just win one game," Cheeks said. "If we can win one game, then maybe we can change this series."

They already have
When Dallas was leading $52-49$ at halftime of Game 4 on Sunday night, the Mavericks could ve been excused for quarters from sweeping the quarters from sweeping
Blazers and having about a week off to rest and reload for the second round.

But Porland didn't give up.
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game, I think the pressure will game, I think the pressure w
shift to them a little bit" hift to them a little bit"
The Mavericks wasted a chance to become the only team oo sweep in the first round this hem nearly a week off with hopes that Sacramento and Utah would wear each other out Utah would wear each ouher out and

Instead, they're back to trying to regain the formula that ing to regain the formula that
worked so well in the first three games against Portland. The top proority for co Don Nelson will be getting points out of Steve Nash. He was scoreless in 21 minutes in Game 4, missing all four shots and not making it to the foul
line.

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## Baffert hoping for happy ending of Kentucky Derby week

LOUSVILLE, Ky. (AP) As much as he tries, Bob Baffert is having a tough time generating his usual enthusiYes, this is the same

happy-go-lucky guy with threc Derby victories in the past six years; the same train-
er who has visions of yet another win Saturday with
Indian Express or Kafwain. Indian Express or Kafwain.
But standing outside his barn Monday morning Baffert was talking about a few pals he'll miss Derby
week - the late Saudi Prince Ahmed bin Salman, injured Hall of Fame jockey Laffit
Pincay Jr., and injured 2-year Pincay Jr., and injured 2-yea
old champion Vindication. "It's sad in a way," said Baffer, his wife, Jill, by his been here, and we'd be hav-
ing a great time ... And Laffit
would be here riding Indian
Express. But you just have to Express. But you just have to The prince operat." Thoroughbred Corp., which owned Baffert's. 2002 Derby winner War Emblem and owns Kafwain. Prince Ahmed died of a heart attack last mmer at age 43 .
Pincay would have been aboard Indian Express colt he encouraged Baffert to
buy - but the 56 . year buy - but the 56 -year-old tal after breaking his neck inital after breaking his neck in a spill at Santa Anita on March

1. star Derby prospect, was knocked off the trail in
February with a strained ligament in his left front leg. "It's

citing horse," he said Baffert is likely to cheer up

as post time nears. He usually does. Plus, he's got other things to think about as his barn has been a beehive of Domestic Dispute w sold Somestic Disay, and the was Baffert pulled out of Derby contention earlier this month trainer Paddy Gallagher for -Baffert Gall Senor Swinger won't rule Derby. The colt he began training last month is likely to Baffert says that could change by Wednesday's Derby post by Wednesday
position draw.
-The trainer also unveiled his Derby horse for 2004 - a Menifee. Áround the barh,
he's known as Fifty Short as in the purchase price was Baffert may not talk up his -year-olds this week, but that doesn't mean Indian Express or Kafwain can't win. Last year, Baffert pooh-poohed
War Emblem's chances but had the last loughes but nearly black colt wired the field to win by four lengths at odds of 20-1.
Trainer Bobby Frankel holds the strongest Derby Empire Maker and favorite Empire Maker and second best horse doesn'talways win best horse doesn't always win
the $11 / 4$-mile cavalry charge. In fact, the Derby favorite has In fact, the Derby favorite has
only one victory - Fusaichi only one victory - Fusaichi
Pegasus in 2000 - since Spectacular Bid won in 1979. Baffert's best chance
appears to be Kafwain, a first time in 10 years. tough hombre who was third Valenzuela, plagued by drug April 5 but finished either years, replaced Victor first or second in his previous Espinoza on Kafwain for the seven races. Kafwain got sick Santa Anita Derby. and lost training time after the Santa Anita Derby, but the dark bay colt galloped Monday and is set for his final breeze Tuesday.
"No one ever talks about him, and I never brag on him," said Baffert. "He's just hard knocking, he's got a huge heart and he'H be there ter probably isn't his cup of tea, but he's been right there every time."
Kafwain has four wins in 11 starts and earnings of $\$ 715,848$. He will be ridden by Pat Valenzuela, who returns to the Derby for the
 different to try to win," said Baffert. Espinoza was aboard War Emblem, but Baffert was ide abpy with the jockey's ride aboarsiana Derby. Says Valenzuela: "I think we'll win the Derby, no doub in my mind.
Indian Express, a son of Charlie, is-trained Indian Charie, is a big question
mark. The Utah-bred who won his first two races in Panama, was purchased for $\$ 100,000$ by Baffert's longime friend Phil Chess on Pincay's recommendation.

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## Airline unions retain some clout in despite troubled economy

BY LEIGH STROPE APLABOR WRITER WASHINGTON (AP) - A unions. Just ask any airline employee.
But uni Airlines showed that they've still got some muscle at the bargaining table despite the repeated layoffs and contract cuts their workers have been forced to accept. Unions' outrage over bank-
ruptcy-proof ruptcy-proof pensions and huge bonuses granted to American executives, dis-
closed after workers had agreed to $\$ 1.8$ billion in cuts agreed to $\$ 1.8$ billion in cuts,
led to the resignation of Chief Executive Donald Carty last
week.
Strength really is in num bers, experts say. of the most unionized in the country, with almost 60 percent of all pilots. flight attendants, mechanics and air traffic

The airline industry is one of the most unionized in the country, with almost 60 percent of all pilots, flight attendants, mechanics and air traffic controllers belonging to a union. Overall, just 13.2 percent of the U.S. work force is unionized.
shorter term for the new con- ployment rate has hovered at
tracts. Workers also would get an eight-year high for months tracts. Workers also would get
bonuses, like management, if bonuses, like management, if
certain operating targets are met.
Following the American agreement, Delta Air Lines pilots, angry over similar retention bonuses and other perks awarded to senior management last year, proposed to curb severance payments for managers and force the company to account for stock options as expenses. The proposals require board approval.
Unions can lose a lot of power when unemployment is
high and people are desperate high and people are desperate
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now.
"It's $\qquad$ "It's very difficult to engage in strikes when there's a ... wady pool of strike breakers waiting to come in and take a Penn State professor of labor studies and industrial relations. As for the $\$ 1.8$ billion in annual concessions at American, the unions really had little choice. They stood to lose even more in a bankrupty. United Airline workers faced the same tough choices everal months ago. Bar law allows company can prove those obligations are endangering health of the business. "Virtually all of the unions are taking one cut after anothare taking one cut ater anoh-
er, er, and they don't really have
the bargaining power to resist that," Clark said. Airline officials and unions need to learn from the auto and steel industries, said Robert Bruno, labor professor at the University of Chicago at Illinois.

Relations between management and labor were venomous, but they were forced to work together in the 1980s to salvage their industries from

## Coloring contest



Megan Brock, 5, daughter of Matt and Wendi Brock of Pampa, won the Easter coloring contest sponsored by The Pampa News. She was a winner in her age division.


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