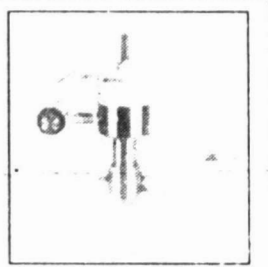


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## Insurgents kidnap foreign civilians

Threaten to burn Japanese alive if Tokyo doesn't withdraw from coalition

By JASON KEYSER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraqi insurgents kidnapped eight South Koreans, three Japanese and two Arab Israelis, and captors armed with automatic rifles and swords threatened in a video released Thursday to burn the Japanese alive if Tokyo does not withdraw from the U.S.-led coalition within three days.

Two South Korean TV stations reported from Iraq early Friday that the South Koreans — Christian missionaries — had been released, but the Foreign Ministry in Seoul could not confirm that.

In Tokyo, Japan's government said it has no plans to pull out of Iraq because of the kidnapping. It was the first such ultimatum involving foreign civilians taken hostage in Iraq, suggesting a new tactic by militants to pressure governments allied with Washington.

The separate seizures of the Japanese, Koreans and Arabs also could have wider implications for U.N. workers, journalists, as well as Christian missionaries, security personnel and those doing business with the Iraq government. One of the Arab Israelis works for a U.S. and organiza-

tion.

The Arabic TV station, Al Jazeera, broadcasting to Iraq and the rest of the Arab world, aired portions of the video released by a previously unknown group calling itself the "Mujahideen Squads." It showed two Japanese men and one woman blindfolded and surrounded by gunmen dressed in black, who display the captives' passports.

Al Jazeera editors said the three were taken hostage in southern Iraq, where black-clad Shiite militiamen have been engaged in an uprising this week. Japanese troops are based outside the southern Iraqi city of Samawah.

## Some offices close for Easter weekend

By MARILYN POWERS  
STAFF WRITER

Several government, education and organizational offices will be closed tomorrow in observance of Good Friday.

Pampa city offices will be closed, as will Gray County offices, with the exception of emergency services.

Pampa Independent School District will be closed Friday

and Monday, no classes will be held. Clarendon College-Pampa Campus will be closed Friday.

Meals on Wheels will be closed Friday.

Banks and lending institutions will be open Friday.

Businesses which are normally open on Sundays, but which will be closed Easter Sunday include Wal-Mart and United Supermarket.

## A time to plant



Jesse Vidaurre, pastor of Christian Canaan Church, begins the Easter holiday weekend by planting new shrubs and trees in his front yard at 603 N. West St. More rain is expected for the Pampa area today, as well as on Saturday and Sunday. Forecast low temperatures through Monday morning may reach the freezing mark, prompting gardeners to take steps to protect their new plants.

## Governor eyes variety of taxes to fund schools

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Republican Gov. Rick Perry was considering a variety of tax options, including taxes on cigarettes and adult entertainment, as he planned to unveil a school finance proposal Thursday.

Fox Tech High School was the venue for Perry to release his education funding plan, which has already been criticized in advance by some business groups as perhaps

worse than the problems with the current state wealth funding scheme that lawmakers want to fix.

Among the options Perry was considering are a statewide tax on business property, taxes on cigarettes, the legalization of video slot machines at racetracks, and the closing of loopholes in the business transfer tax.

The Dallas Morning News

## Rice: Nothing could have stopped attacks

By HOPE YEN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — National security adviser Condoleezza Rice testified Tuesday there was no silver bullet that could have prevented the Sept. 11 terror strikes, conceding that the U.S. was ill-prepared despite almost two decades in the post-9/11 world.

Rice said Bush understood the threat and she understood its importance. She told a national commission an implicit rejection of claims made last month by former terrorism adviser Richard Clarke.

Rice said the president came into office determined to develop a "more robust" strategy to combat al-Qaida. "He made clear to me that he did not want to repeat the al-Qaida one attack at a time. He said he was tired of waiting for the next commission to examine the attacks that killed nearly

3,000, destroyed the twin World Trade Center towers in New York and blasted a hole in the Pentagon."

In a widely anticipated testimony, Rice offered little praise for the failure to prevent the attacks, as Clarke did two weeks ago. Instead, she said, "as an official of the administration that day I wish I could have done more and the answer is I can't."

She also said Bush did not fill the lanes of a war on terrorism Sept. 11, that country's strategy was not on a war footing.

Rice's testimony came one day after five national television news anchors yielded in response to repeated public requests from members of the commission to suspend a question period on the recent report. The commission's response to Clarke's explosive charges.

The former White House aide testified last month that the Bush adminis-

tration gave a lower priority to combating terrorism, although former President Clinton ordered the decision to invade Iraq and joined the war on terror. In addition, raising questions about administration attention to the threat of terrorism, remarks implicitly challenge the longstanding Bush administration's direction.

Rice's appointment as businesslike for the commission but turned contentious when Rice and Ben Veniste, a Democratic member of the commission, pressed for on what was known about the terrorist attack in advance of the Sept. 11 attacks. They interrupted one another repeatedly, the interviewer and the witness.

"I would like to finish my point," she said when he began speaking while she was.

"I don't know where you point," he replied.

Under questioning, Rice acknowledged

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— Condoleezza Rice  
National security adviser

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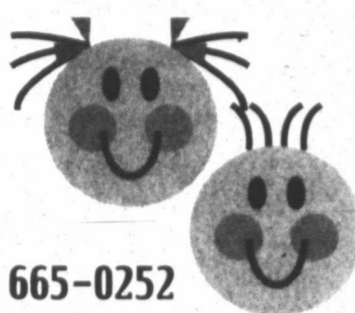
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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### America needs to keep God

To the editor:  
 God's Son Jesus Christ paid the price for us all on the cross. God and Jesus paid it all.  
 They are trying to take God out of everything. The people that are trying to take God out of everything are the ones who need him most.  
 God made the earth and he made it beautiful. In Ecclesiastes 3:11, he said he made everything beautiful and man is destroying it.  
 The Bible says be content with what things ye have. People are running to and fro trying to get more. People throw away clothes so they can go buy more.  
 God said he would feed the birds of the air and clothe the flowers of the field. How much more would he clothe us?  
 Oh, ye of little faith. What America needs is to go back and walk with God. America is the greatest nation on earth. Let us keep God and he will keep America for us.  
**Nell Derr**  
 Pampa

### TEXAS EDITORIAL

#### World Court lacks authority, but cases should be reviewed

From The Houston Chronicle:  
 Foreign nationals accused of serious crimes in this country should be given access to their diplomatic services, in accordance with the 1963 Vienna Convention. The United States expects no less for its citizens arrested abroad.  
 But the World Court properly known as the International Court of Justice, the United Nations' highest court cannot expect to impose its will on the American judicial system, which is sovereign and headed by one court — the nine-member U.S. Supreme Court. The World Court has no authority to order the United States to review the cases of 51 Mexican nationals on death row in eight states, including Texas, who did not receive access to Mexican diplomats for one reason or another.  
 Nevertheless, the cases should be reviewed. Texas and other states with Mexican nationals on death row maintain that the defendants were given fair trials, but they are seeking advice from the Justice Department on what to do. It goes without saying that issues such as language comprehension and constitutional rights to competent representation and a fair trial are routine matters of concern for all defendants on trial, citizens and non-citizens alike. They are the fixtures of the appeals of all who receive the death penalty.  
 The Death Penalty Information Center says 121 foreign citizens reside on death row; 55 are Mexican nationals. Federal and state officials contend the nation's criminal justice system tries to abide by the Vienna Convention, but that some foreign nationals fall through the cracks while others lie about their citizenship.  
 Mexican nationals on death row have been a sore point in the relationship between Mexican President Vicente Fox and President Bush. Fox says he believes the United States will comply with the World Court's order. We should review the cases on our own initiative. There is little evidence that foreign nationals routinely fail to get a fair trial, even if they have not received access to their consular corps. However, the nation has a duty to ensure that its system is just and unassailable in the court of world opinion. That means abiding by the Vienna Convention 100 percent of the time.

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Right now President Bush must feel the entire weight of the phrase, "damned if I do, damned if I don't."

Even as he faces criticism for not stopping the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, those same critics blast him for invading Iraq and ending Saddam Hussein's regime of terror.

There's no way he could win.

If, prior to Sept. 11, he had instructed the FBI to take into custody all the terrorist suspects in the United States, civil liberty proponents would have howled in protest. Hearing this outcry that no doubt would be trumpeted by the national and international news media, even the general public would feel skeptical of such drastic action.

By doing this, Bush might have saved thousands of lives and avoided the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001. As Americans, we could have maintained our innocence, continuing to believe the illusion that we are impervious to attack upon our own soil.

Those people who now denounce Bush for not stopping the Sept. 11 tragedy would instead accuse him of trampling on the rights of the terrorist suspects. They would do everything in their power to



DEE DEE LARAMORE  
 EDITOR

make the president look like a tyrant. And the public would not know that he wasn't. After all, Sept. 11, 2001, was just another day.

It reminds me of the biblical story of Jonah. God told Jonah to warn the people of Ninevah that if they didn't change their evil ways. He would destroy the city and everyone in it. Afraid the people wouldn't believe him, Jonah tried to run away. In the process, a whale swallowed him and spit him out three days later.

This experience convinced Jonah he'd rather look like an idiot to his friends at Ninevah than spend three days in a whale's smelly gut. He relayed God's message to Ninevah. The citizens heard the message, repented, changed their ways, and God decided to spare them.

Jonah ended up looking like an idiot, but the people of Ninevah were saved.

Isn't it ironic that ancient Ninevah is

located in present-day Iraq?

Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) recently castigated Bush for invading Iraq and toppling Saddam's government. He called it George W.'s "Vietnam." How interesting. Wasn't it Kennedy's brother, John F., who got this country so deeply involved in Vietnam?

But I digress...

Bush, supported by Congress, the general public, and the U.N. Security Council, decided that the best way to protect our country and its citizens from terrorism was to take aggressive action in Afghanistan and Iraq. He acted on intelligence that had for years warned of a gathering threat to the U.S. in those areas.

He decided not to wait until another Sept. 11, 2001, happened. He chose to meet the threat head-on, knowing that he could end up looking like an idiot when tragedy is averted.

The bottom line is, a whole lot of people are damning Bush for not doing, and a whole lot of people are damning him for doing.

I pray he doesn't listen to any of them. He'll do better listening to a higher, wiser, politically unmotivated "power."

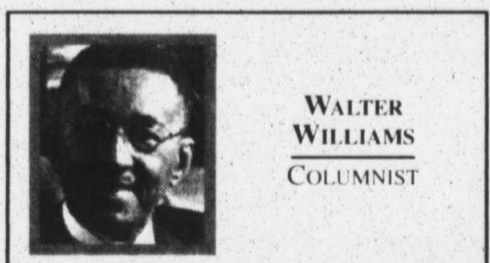


## Democrats make good magicians

Merriam-Webster's dictionary defines magician as "one who performs tricks of illusion and sleight of hand" and "one skilled in magic;" a "sorcerer." That's an apt description for the parade of Democrats, leftists and peaceniks attacking President Bush on his efforts managing the war on terrorism. Millions of Americans have bought into the illusions created by Bush's critics in their attempt to unseat him in the fall election. Let's look at it.

During the 9/11 Commission hearings, former Secretary of State and magician extraordinaire Madeleine Albright told the panel that the Clinton administration did all it could think of to defeat al Qaeda and fight terrorism. OK. You tell me what it did about the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center. How about the 1996 bombing of a U.S. Air Force housing complex at the King Abdul Aziz Air Force Base near Dhahran, Saudi Arabia? What about the bombing of the USS Cole and the 1998 bombing of the U.S. embassies in Africa? Not only did the Clinton administration do nothing decisive about these attacks that cost hundreds of U.S. casualties; it even refused Sudanese President Bashir's offer to arrest and hand Osama bin Laden over to the United States.

That's the magician's gift; he creates the illusion that events which happened really didn't happen and those which didn't happen happened. Being mesmerized by an illusion is the only way one can accept Madeleine Albright's claim that



WALTER WILLIAMS  
 COLUMNIST

the Clinton administration did everything it could think of to fight terrorism and defeat al Qaeda.

Then, there's magician Richard Clarke, former White House terrorism adviser, whose book "Against All Enemies: Inside America's War on Terror" was released just in time for the 9/11 Commission hearings. During the hearings, Clarke testified that the Clinton administration had "no higher priority" than destroying terrorism and that, for Bush, it was "an important issue but not an urgent one." And to CBS correspondent Leslie Stahl, Clarke said, "I find it outrageous that the president is running for re-election on the grounds that he's done such great things about terrorism. He ignored it."

Only sorcery can get you to buy into Clarke's statements. In 2002, Richard Clarke told Fox News correspondent Jim Angle that the Bush administration decided to increase CIA resources fivefold to go after al Qaeda and that its plans called for the rapid elimination of al Qaeda instead of simply a rollback. Was Clarke lying then or is he lying now about President's Bush's war on terrorism?

Another part of the Democrats' magic

work is to convince the American people that Bush places a higher priority on the ouster of Saddam Hussein than going after al Qaeda. That's believable if you can be made to believe that our armed forces attacked Iraq before they attacked Afghanistan. But suppose Bush had "done something" like taking military action against al Qaeda and the Taliban in Afghanistan prior to Sept. 11. I'm betting there would have been the same howls of protest from the United Nations, France and Germany and the Democrats that there were prior to the Iraq invasion.

Fighting terrorism as well as rogue dictators requires a policy of pre-emption. During the 1930s, there should have been a pre-emptive strike on Nazi Germany. Had Britain and France had the guts to do that, 60 million lives lost in World War II might have been spared. After World War II, when we held a monopoly on nuclear weapons, we should have told the U.S.S.R. that if it started making nuclear weapons we'd bomb its facilities. We would have avoided Soviet adventurism and trillions of dollars fighting a cold war. Today, we should give axis-of-evil member North Korea notice to destroy its nuclear weapons or we'll do it for them.

You might ask, "Williams, are you a warmonger?" No, I'm not, but here's the way I look at it. If you hate my guts and have designs to hurt me, and I see you building a cannon aimed at my house, I am not going to wait for you to finish construction.

### TODAY IN HISTORY

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  - On this date:
    - In 1513, explorer Juan Ponce de Leon claimed Florida for Spain.
    - In 1935, the Works Progress Administration was approved by Congress.
    - In 1946, the League of Nations assembled in Geneva for the last time.
    - In 1950, ballet dancer Vaslav Nijinsky died in London.
    - In 1952, President Truman seized the steel industry to avert a nationwide strike.
    - In 1970, the Senate rejected President Nixon's nomination of G. Harold Carswell to the U.S. Supreme Court.
    - In 1973, artist Pablo Picasso died at his home near Mougins, France, at age 91.
    - In 1981, Gen. Omar N. Bradley died in New York at age 88.
    - In 1990, Ryan White, the teenage AIDS patient whose battle for acceptance gained national attention, died in Indianapolis at age 18.

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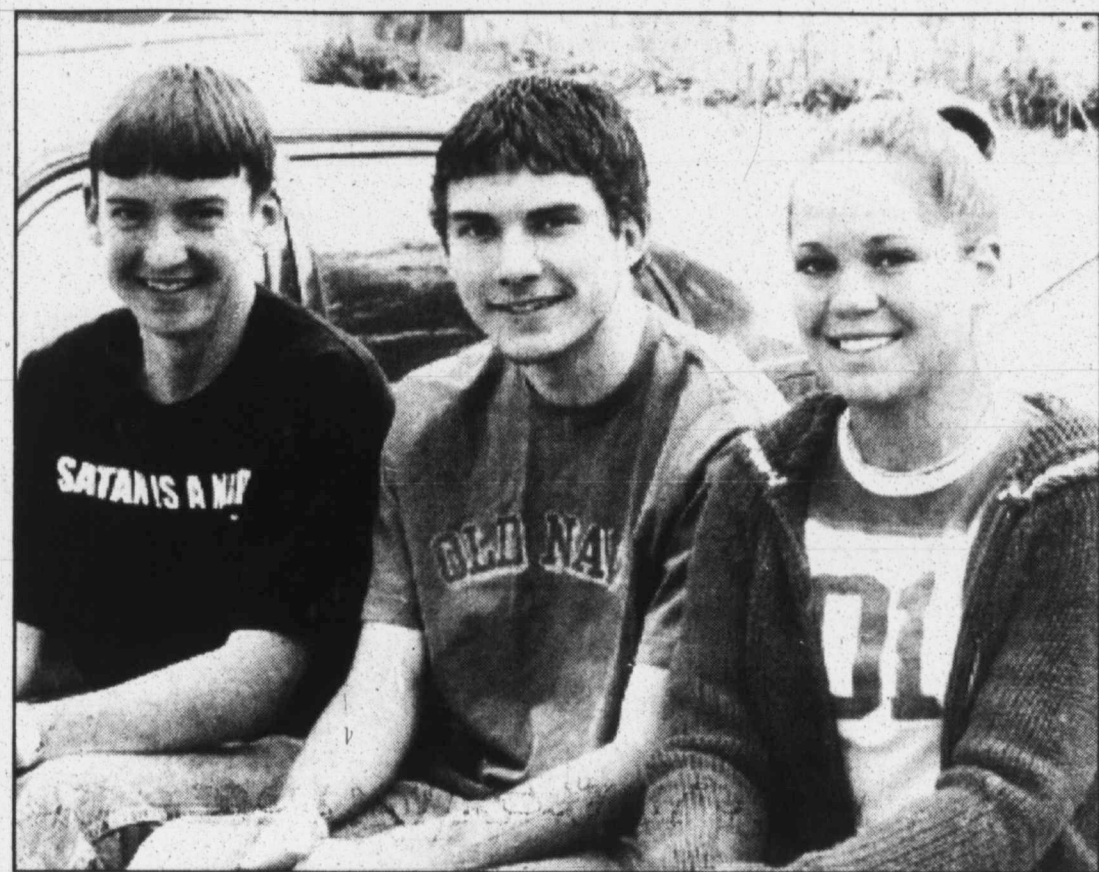
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**District academics**



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Several Lefors High School students competed recently in the District 1-A Academic UIL meet held at Amarillo College. (left to right) Drake Jackson placed 1st in Calculator Applications and 6th in Mathematics and was a member of the 2nd place Mathematics Team. Dennis Boyd placed 3rd in Spelling and Vocabulary and was a member of the 2nd place Spelling and Vocabulary Team. Savannah Smith placed 6th in Science and 1st in the Chemistry division. These three students will compete in the Regional meet to be held April 23 in Levelland.

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edged that she had spoken too broadly once when she said that no one had ever envisioned terrorists using planes and crashing them into buildings. She said aides came to her within days and said there had been reports or memos about that possibility, but that she hadn't seen them.

Pointing a finger of blame, she said that senior officials "have to

depend on intelligence agencies to tell you what is relevant."

She also directly challenged one of the claims made by Clarke, who said earlier that the administration had moved slowly on some of the recommendations he and others made before the attacks.

"I'm now convinced that while nothing in this strategy would have done anything about 9-11, if we had in fact moved on

the things that were in the original memos that we got from our counterterrorism people, we might have even gone off course," she said.

Asked to rebut Clarke's claim that Bush pressed him to find an Iraq connection to the suicide hijackings, Rice said she did not recall such a discussion but that "I'm quite certain the president never pushed anybody to twist the facts."

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reported that other options on the table are occupational fees for lawyers and other professionals; state pollution fees; excise taxes on soft drinks; a new \$5 state fee on adult entertainment; and an increase in the state tax on motor vehicles to as high as 8.25 percent, a 32-percent jump from the current 6.25 percent.

The plan, according to a private presentation by Perry in San Antonio, would lower school maintenance and operation property taxes on home-

steads to \$1.25 per \$100 valuation. But businesses would be subject to a statewide property tax starting at \$1.40 per \$100 assessed valuation, according to Thursday's online editions of the San Antonio Express-News and Austin American-Statesman.

The governor's proposal would continue to allow local entities to tax residential property, though with a reduced cap and a limit on annual appraisal increases.

San Antonio School District Superintendent Ruben Olivarez planned to welcome Perry to the high school. The educator

said he hopes the governor will make his plan "palatable" by offering more education aid on top of Perry's proposal to put \$500 million a year into bonuses to teachers and schools for student performance.

The governor has said he

will call the Legislature into a 30-day special session on education later this month, but an exact start date has not been specified. Capitol sources told the Express-News the special session could be pushed back to May.

**IRAQ**

Council of Korea who set out for Iraq on April 5, were detained by unidentified armed men, a Foreign Ministry official told AP in Seoul.

One managed to escape; the seven others were released, according to the SBS and YTN TV news stations. SBS said its correspondent in Iraq met the released missionaries, but other details were still unclear.

South Korea's Foreign Ministry identified seven released ministers as: Huh Young, Lee Myong-suk, Hong Gwang-cheon, Cho Jong-hun, Byeon Kyung-ja, Kim Pil-ja and Lim Young-sup.

The one who escaped, Kim Sang-mee, told Korean news media her group was traveling in two cars on a highway from Amman, Jordan, when it was stopped 155 miles west of the Iraq capital. "Around one and half hours before our arrival in Baghdad, we were seized by strangers," she said.

She said armed men took them captive after checking their passports, suggesting the seizure might be connected to South Korea's plans to send 3,600 troops to Iraq.

Meanwhile, Israeli media reported that two Arab residents of Jerusalem were also kidnapped.

Footage from Iranian television, rebroadcast on Israeli television, showed photographs of the men's documents, which included an Israeli driver's license, a local health insurance card and a supermarket card. A U.S. driver's license from the state of

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Georgia also was displayed.

In the footage, the men identified themselves as Nabil Razouk, 30, and Ahmed Yassin Tikati, 33.

An uncle of Razouk told AP his nephew had an Israeli passport and worked for the U.S. Agency for International Development. Razouk is a Christian who lives in east Jerusalem and is married to a Czech woman, Anton Razouk said.

"I am very worried. I pray for his safety," the uncle said. He made an appeal for his nephew in an APTN interview. "I want to tell the Iraqis he is not a spy, not for America and not for Israel."

he said. "He is an Arab, a member of the Arab nation, a Palestinian like me living in Jerusalem under Israeli occupation."

On Al-Jazeera, an announcer read a statement he said came with the video of the Japanese in which the kidnapers issue a three-day ultimatum for Japan to announce it will withdraw troops from southern Iraq.

"Three of your sons have fallen into our hands," the Al-Jazeera announcer read. "We offer you two choices: either pull out your forces, or we will burn them alive. We give you three days starting the day this tape is broadcast."

**TDCJ hiring seminar tonight at Jordan Unit**

Current hiring opportunities and career benefits will be presented at a Texas Department of Criminal Justice hiring seminar set for 7 p.m., Thursday, April 7, at the Jordan Prison Unit, 1992 Hilton Rd., east of Pampa.

Recruiters will be on hand to explain the current pay plan for correctional officers, outline the benefits and retirement programs, explain the job duties and answer questions.

TDCJ seeks candidates for both full and part-time positions at Panhandle area facilities.

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# DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

## Teenage Girl Got No Security From Installer of Home System

DEAR ABBY: After reading the letter from "Concerned in Northbrook," where the 14-year-old niece was instructed to stay home alone and let the tile man in, I feel compelled to share my story.

My former husband, "Steve," seemed attractive, gentle and polite. While working as an installer for a nationwide security company, he lured a 14-year-old girl into his van and sexually assaulted her. Her parents' determination to shield their daughter enabled Steve to plea-bargain a prison sentence of only eight months. After his release, Steve returned to work as an installer for a satellite TV company and currently works for another security company, installing systems in homes.

Although he is a registered sex offender, no one would ever guess Steve is a pedophile. His parole officer told me that he shouldn't be around children. Can you imagine leaving your 14-year-old daughter home alone to let in my charming former husband? -- ALSO CONCERNED IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR ALSO CONCERNED: Your warning is chilling. Parents, please take note and take nothing for granted. Better to be overly cautious than not cautious enough.

DEAR ABBY: I just turned 13. My best friend, "Heather," moved an hour away, and we have kind of drifted apart. On Saturday, I ran into her at my friend "Tanya's" house here in town. We all went to the mall, and Heather met "Johnny," a 16-year-old guy who goes to my school.

Well, Johnny came back to Tanya's house (her parents weren't home), and he and Heather were all over each other. They were hot and heavy on the couch while Tanya and I tried to watch TV. To make a long story short, Johnny and Heather ended up having sex right there in the same room with us. I couldn't believe what I was seeing -- they hadn't known each other more than a few hours.

The news about Johnny and Heather spread fast. Everyone wants to know if I still consider Heather my friend. Kids

are calling her "easy," along with other names I won't mention.

As much as I want to be her friend, I'm worried about getting a bad reputation if I stick up for her. Plus, I'm scared my mom will hear about what went on that day. What should I do? -- STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT IN A TEXAS TOWN

DEAR STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT: Tell the truth. Say that you and Heather used to be close friends, but since she moved away you're not close anymore.

PS. I hope you WILL tell your mother what happened that day. Heather's mother needs to know that her daughter is sexually active, and vulnerable to STDs and pregnancy. It will be doing Heather a tremendous favor, and help her to avoid a lot of trouble in the near future.

DEAR ABBY: I've just had the most dreaded of all shopping trips: the New Bra Expedition. No woman over the age of 12 looks forward to it. I'd rather strip and wax a kitchen floor.

Now brassiere manufacturers have made things worse by placing the strap length adjustment in the BACK of the bra. What were they thinking? Why not move the opening to the back of men's briefs -- it makes just as much sense.

I'd be interested in hearing from other women about this lunacy. Abby, dear, let's start a campaign to return sanity to women's underwear. -- DOUBLE-JOINTED IN DAYTON

DEAR DOUBLE-JOINTED: I'll join you on the bandwagon because I too sometimes wonder whether certain garments have been designed by men without first consulting women.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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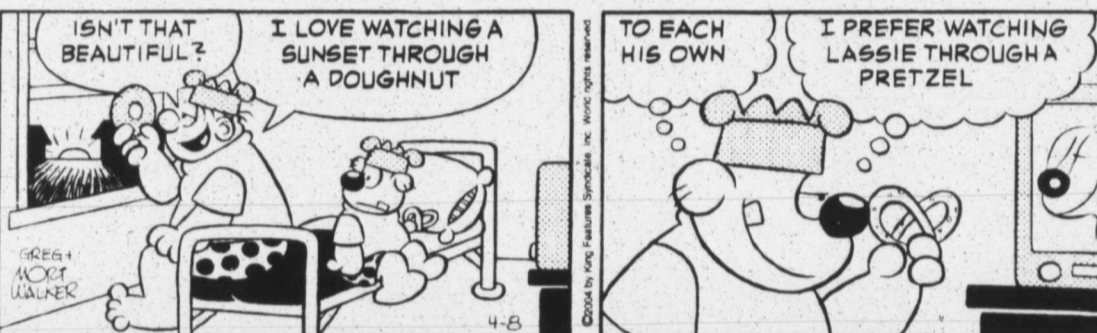
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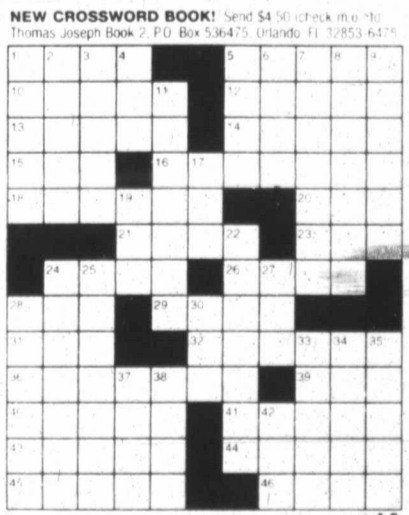
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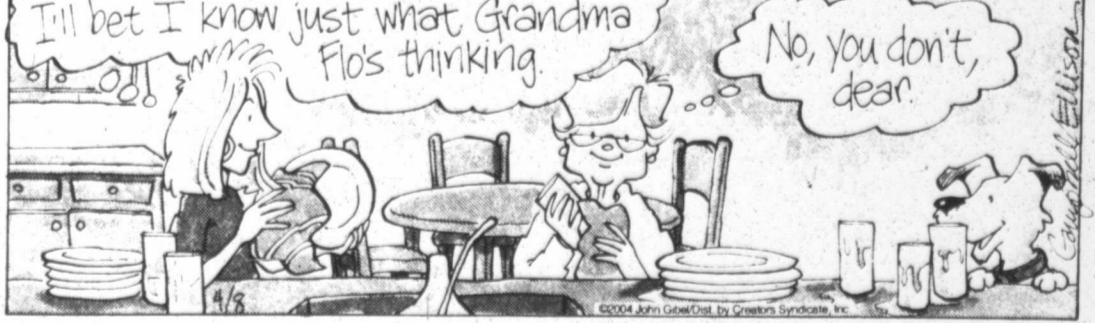
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## NOTEBOOK

### BASKETBALL

**PAMPA** — High school girls interested in playing summer basketball are urged to meet at 7:30 Monday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Call Dwayne at 665-5681 or Kenney at 669-3523 if more information is needed.

### FOOTBALL

**EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)** — The New York Giants signed veteran tackle Norman Hand to a two-year, \$2 million contract.

Hand will receive a \$340,000 signing bonus and his total package could increase by \$1 million based on performance.

Hand played six games for Seattle last season before tearing a muscle in his right arm and going on injured reserve. He had 10 tackles and a sack.

### GOLF

**AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP)** — Chris DiMarco made a hole-in-one. Ben Crenshaw turned back the clock. Phil Mickelson began his pursuit of that elusive first major.

Quite a start to the 68th Masters.

Justin Rose birdied the first two holes to grab the early lead at 3-under on an Augusta National course dampened by light morning showers.

But the most spectacular shots were turned in by DiMarco and British Open champion Ben Curtis.

At No. 6 — a 180-yard hole where the tee box sits atop a hill high above the green — DiMarco knocked in a 5-iron for eagle.

Curtis holed out his second shot at the 410-yard seventh, putting himself in contention for a second major title.

Mickelson would settle for just one. Lefty is 0-for-42 in majors since turning pro, but he quickly earned a spot on the leaderboard with birdies at 2 and 7.

While it's not surprising for Mickelson to be in contention, Crenshaw's early play was stunning.

The 52-year-old Texan, a two-time Masters champion, has missed the cut the last six years. But birdies at 2 and 5 got him rolling, and he chipped in from the fringe at 7 to save par.

Last year, DiMarco got off to a miserable start, shooting an 82 in the rain-plagued opening round. He dropped out without completing the second round.

DiMarco usually plays well at Augusta National, though. He was leading at the midway point of his first Masters in 2001, finishing in a tie for 10th. The following year, he tied for 12th.

Rose birdied three holes on the front nine, making the turn with a 33. Jay Haas, who has five top-10 finishes at Augusta, came out strong with birdies on the first two holes.

On a more somber note, Tom Watson teed off after learning that his longtime caddy, Bruce Edwards, died Thursday morning following a yearlong battle with Lou Gehrig's disease.

At last year's U.S. Open, Edwards was on the bag for Watson's magical opening round, when he shared the lead after shooting 65.

## Getting things done was right up Ralph's alley

Ralph West was a go-getter from the word go.

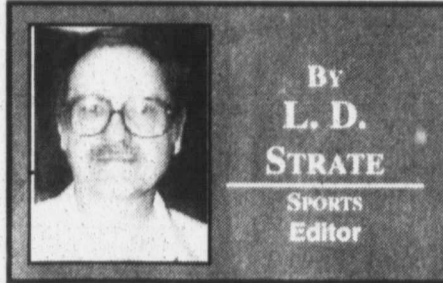
The wisecracking Mr. West was a community activist for the Pampa Chamber of Commerce Gold Coats. He never saw an impossible task, only a task that was possible. Ralph had a knack for getting things done in a timely manner.

"I don't like to hear people say they don't have time to do something," he once said. "If you want something done bad enough, you'll find time to do it."

Ralph, who owned and operated Harvester Lanes bowling alley with wife JoAnn, suffered a massive stroke March 31. Those who knew Ralph hoped for the best, but he died a few hours later in an Amarillo hospital.

Harvester Lanes held a Celebration of Life event last weekend to eulogize Ralph, who would have immensely enjoyed all the attention. Eulogy might not be the right word. Ralph would have wanted more of a Comedy Central atmosphere.

Close to 500 people turned out to hear Ralph's favorite country and western music blaring on the jukebox and to hear comments from Chamber



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manager Clay Rice, Cory West (Ralph's son) and Peggy's Place owner Peggy Chase, a longtime friend and bowling sponsor. Knowing Ralph, he would have preferred a few more jokes being told.

"Many of the people wore bowling shirts because that's the way Ralph's family wanted it. They didn't want any boo-boos. It was an uplifting service," said local businessman Benny Horton, who officiated at the Celebration.

As a final tribute, many of the bowlers went to a lane and threw the ball left-handed. Ralph was a southpaw.

Ralph was active as branch manager at Warren Electric and the owner of Trash and Treasure Shop, but the 51-year-old Beaumont native was never too busy for Pampa's youth, especially those who were mentally challenged.

Ralph had a passion for Special

Olympics and was an ardent fundraiser for the organization. Ralph was a funny fellow, but his serious side came out when dealing with Special Olympians.

Following last Saturday's Celebration, a fund-raiser was held with the proceeds going to Special Olympics. That was right up Ralph's alley.

"There are a lot of supporters of Special Olympics, but Ralph was probably the best one we had. It's a big loss to Pampa and the Special Olympics program. We'll never be able to replace him," said Kathy Hammer, whose daughter Amy is in Special Olympics.

Ralph served as master of ceremonies at this year's Special Olympics Basketball Tournament, which was held in Pampa's McNeely Fieldhouse.

"Ralph never left," Mrs. Hammer said. "He stayed all day and watched every game. Special Olympics wasn't something new to Ralph. He was involved in it when he lived in Beaumont."

Ralph set up annual bowling tournaments with the proceeds going to Special Olympics. This year's tournament raised \$1,400.

"The kids loved to go bowling because Ralph paid attention to them. Some people are intimidated by these kids because some of them have strong personalities, but Ralph never was," Mrs. Hammer said. "He always had fun with the kids. He was a true friend."

A 200 average bowler, Ralph was also a friend to beginners who couldn't figure out which foot to start out on, and to seasoned bowlers who were just plain struggling with their game. He would give tips on where to stand on the lane and what spot to aim at to get the ball into the pocket. Those helpful suggestions were always offered free of charge.

Ralph only lived in Pampa seven years, but he made an immediate impact promoting a positive image to people he came in contact with.

"Ralph was one of the good guys who did a lot of things you never hear anything about," Horton added. "He worked behind the scenes to get things done. If he saw a need, he did something about it."

Ralph always found time to help people and work on worthwhile projects. It was time, however, that finally ran out on Ralph.

## Rangers hang on to snap nine-game losing streak against A's

**OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)** — The ball rocketed off Billy McMillon's bat, and almost everybody at the Coliseum jumped to the same conclusion: The Texas Rangers had blown another game in Oakland.

Instead, a stiff wind kept McMillon's ninth-inning fly in the ballpark, and the Rangers

hung on for a 2-1 victory over the Athletics on Wednesday, snapping a nine-game losing streak against their AL West rival.

Opening-week victories usually don't mean much, but this one was important for several reasons. The Rangers got 5 1-3 strong innings from Colby Lewis and a flawless performance from their maligned

bullpen, which held Oakland without a hit in the final 3 2-3 innings of Texas' first win over the A's since last June 25.

"You couldn't draw it up much better," Texas manager Buck Showalter said. "A lot of good things happened for a lot of people who have worked hard to make them happen."

While Lewis and three relievers confounded the A's,

Zito took his first loss to Texas in 18 career starts, allowing seven hits and four walks over eight innings. The 2002 AL Cy Young winner had been 11-0 with a 2.40 ERA against the Rangers, who couldn't sign Zito after drafting him in the third round in 1998.

"Yeah, I guess I'll start a new (streak). What can you do?" Zito said. "Chalk it up to an out-

standing pitching performance on the other side. ... A lot of guys thought that Billy Mac got the home run, but it didn't go."

The first two games of the season-opening series were typical for this rivalry. The A's rallied in the eighth inning for a victory on opening day, and Mark Mulder shut down the Rangers in a 3-1 win Tuesday night.

## Tigers have 3-0 record

By The Associated Press

The Detroit Tigers are heading into their home opener with a new number on their minds: 3-0.

"Our fans have endured a lot of ills. To bring three wins home is special," outfielder Craig Monroe said. "We're looking to go from worst to first."

Eric Munson hit a three-run homer and the Tigers completed a season-opening sweep of the Toronto Blue Jays with a 6-3 win Wednesday night for their best start in 19 years.

In just three games, Detroit has gotten off to a start they hope will help fans forget last season's AL-record 119 losses, including an 0-9 beginning to the campaign.

"I think there will be a real buzz," Detroit manager Alan Trammell said. "The fans are waiting for something like this to happen. If they can rally behind us and pump us up, we'll take everything we can get."

The Tigers will play Minnesota on Thursday after sweeping the Blue Jays in a three-game series for the first time since 1987.

Detroit only swept two series last season, home vs. Baltimore and at the Chicago White Sox.

The New York Yankees will also play their home opener Thursday afternoon, their third opener of the season. After splitting two games with Tampa Bay in Japan to kick off the baseball season, the Yankees lost the Devil Rays' home opener Tuesday, and defeated the Devil Rays 3-2 on Wednesday.

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# Harvester basketball players honored at annual banquet

PAMPA — The Pampa High boys' basketball awards banquet was held earlier this week at First Baptist Church-Fellowship Hall.

The Harvesters, coached by first-year coach Jeff Reed, advanced to the playoffs for the second consecutive season. Pampa's overall record was 13-19, but the Harvesters still made the playoffs after finishing in a four-way tie for second in the District 3-4A standings. Pampa was seeded third in the playoffs after beating Plainview and losing to Caprock in a district tie-breaker tournament.

Award winners were as follows:

- Most Valuable Player** — Collin Bowers.
- Hustling Harvester** — Chance Bowers.
- Offensive Player of the Year (tie)** — Andy Rodgers and Jed Martin.
- Defensive Player of the year** — Clayton Hall.
- Free Throw Winner** — Jed Martin.
- Rebound Winner** — Collin Bowers.
- Most Improved Player** — Jarett Kotara.
- I Am Third (Attitude Award)** — Brittin East.
- Season Individual Statistics (top 3 listed)**  
Points: 1. Collin Bowers 306; 2. Chance Bowers 299; 3. Jed Martin 285.
- Rebounds:** 1. Collin Bowers 177; 2. Chance Bowers 165; 3. Brittin East 93.
- Assists:** 1. Clayton Hall 92; 2. Jed Martin 67; 3. (tie) Andy Rodgers and Brittin East 31.
- Steals:** 1. Chance Bowers 48; 2. Collin Bowers 45; 3. (tie) Clayton Hall and Jed Martin 40.
- Field goal percentage:** 1. Chance Bowers 59; 2. Collin Bowers 51; 3. Brandon Johnston 48.
- Free throw percentage:** 1. Brandon Johnston 75; 2. Jed Martin 72; 3. Brittin East 71.



Pampa head coach Jeff Reed introduces his varsity team. From left, Julian Salazar, Jarett Kotara, Andy Rodgers, Collin Bowers, Chance Bowers, Clayton Hall, Brittin East, Brandon Johnston and Jed Martin.

## MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

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Colorado	1	1	500	Seattle	0	2	000		
San Diego	1	2	333						

## Wheeler's Salas wins district discus

STRATFORD — Wheeler senior Joe Salas had the winning throw of 127-8 in the discus at the District 2-1A Track Meet.

The top 4 in each event qualified for the Area Meet April 16 at Panhandle.

**District 2-1A Track Meet at Stratford Boys**  
Team totals: 1. Sunray 169; 2. Stratford 111; 3. Gruver 97; 4. Vega 47 1/2; 5. Memphis 43 1/2; 6. Clarendon 42; 7. Wellington 41; 8. Wheeler 26; 9.

Booker 18; 10. White Deer 16; 11. Claude 14; 12. Shamrock 1.

**Area individual results**  
Discus: 1. Joe Salas, Wheeler, 127-8; 3. Blaine Rutherford, Wheeler, 118-0. Shot put: 2. Blaine Rutherford, Wheeler, 41-3 1/2; 3. Ballard, White Deer, 23-84.

**Girls**  
Team totals: 1. Sunray 91; 2. (tie) Stratford and Clarendon 84; 4. Wellington 76; 5. White Deer 70; 6. Vega 62; 7. Shamrock 53; 8.

Gruver 39; 9. Claude 34; 10. Booker 17; 11. Wheeler 10; 12. Becca Rapstine, White Deer, 13:44.21. 400 relay: 2. White Deer, 52.97. 800: 2. Patience Ball, White Deer, 2:33.73. 100: 4. Penny Armstrong, White Deer, 13.72. 400: 3. Sara Smith, White Deer, 65.00. 200: 3. Sara Smith, White Deer, 28.16. 1600: 4. Becca Rapstine, White Deer, 6:16.03. 1600 relay: 4. White Deer, 4:30.69.

## Clemens shuts down Bonds, Giants

HOUSTON (AP) — Roger Clemens dominated in his Houston debut, Greg Maddux donned a familiar uniform and Ken Griffey Jr. found his sweet swing.

Everything old was new again in the National League on Wednesday night.

In his first start with his hometown Astros, Clemens shut down Barry Bonds and the visiting San Francisco Giants, holding them to one hit over seven scoreless innings in Houston's 10-1 victory.

"It sure was nice coming home," Clemens said. "It was just real enjoyable."

Maddux had fun, too, returning to the Chicago Cubs after an 11-year hiatus.

But Griffey spoiled the

reunion, hitting a two-run homer in his first at-bat of the season and leading the Cincinnati Reds to a 3-1 win at Great American Ball Park.

"I actually had a good time," Maddux said. "It would have been better if we'd have won. I actually enjoyed the night and look forward to pitching again in five days."

In other NL games, it was: Atlanta 18, New York 10; Montreal 3, Florida 2; Philadelphia 5, Pittsburgh 4; St. Louis 9, Milwaukee 4; Arizona 9, Colorado 5; and Los Angeles 2, San Diego 1 in 11 innings.

down looking at 94 mph fastballs.

Bonds left town with 659 home runs, still one behind his godfather, Willie Mays, for third place on the career list.

It was the first time in major league history that a pitcher with 300 wins faced a hitter with 600 home runs.

"Me and Roger have a lot of respect for each other, there's no doubt about that," Bonds said. "He'll come at me sometimes and he'll have his way. Tonight, it went his way."

"Roger and I just have a good time," he said. "It's not such a big deal to us. We're both up in age. It's not like we're young kids."

## Stars drop playoff opener, 3-1

DENVER (AP) — After struggling the final month of the regular season, the Colorado Avalanche were hoping the start of the playoffs would provide some sort of spark.

It sure did.

Colorado scored twice in the first nine minutes and David Aebischer looked a lot like Patrick Roy in his first playoff start, helping the Avalanche open the playoffs with a 3-1 victory over the Dallas Stars on

Wednesday night.

"We haven't been playing all that well this season here at home, so it was important for us to get off to a good start," Colorado forward Alex Tanguay said. "I think we did that in the first period. We skated well and that's what we need to do."

Injuries to key players and a suddenly stagnant offense dropped the Avalanche from near the top of the Western Conference standings to

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, April 9, 2004:

Your willingness to explore different ideas could lead you down a new path. How you feel when dealing with others might be iffy, as you get strong reactions. Learn not to take comments personally, and understand more of where others are coming from. Be open to different types of thinking. A foreigner or a trip could play a major role in your views and willingness to accept others. You will be less judgmental and gain understanding. If you are single, doors open, as your popularity soars this year. Just get to know a special person better before you decide this is it. If you are attached, planning a trip, as well as taking it, becomes one of the year's focal points. SAGITTARIUS encourages risk taking.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5 Dynamic; 4 Positive; 3 Average; 2 So so; 1 Difficult

- ARIES (March 21 April 19)**  
★★★★★ Reach out for others in your life. You could be surprised by what you hear, but that seems like the vague right now. Share more of your dreams with those close to you. By stating your desires, you are on the path to making them happen. Tonight Revamp plans, especially if offered a special opportunity.
- Taurus (April 20 May 20)**  
★★★★ Go along with a partner's suggestion, even if it means throwing a get together or doing some extra work. Continue working with a boss who might be a bit airy fairy or ungrounded (in your opinion). Go with the flow and be willing to adapt. Tonight: Happy with one special friend.
- GEMINI (May 21 June 20)** HHHH

- Others are in control. Don't fight the inevitable, and go with changes and perhaps a bit of uproar. Your mind might not be on work, but rather on the upcoming weekend. Touch base with someone at a distance. Tonight: Accept an invitation, even if you think it is a bit odd.
- CANCER (June 21 July 22)**  
★★★★ Keep up the hard work, but confirm facts and figures. Check your change, as well as your paychecks. Decide on a long overdue exercise program. Stress will melt away while you get ready for a hot summer. Tonight: Put your feet up and veg.
- LEO (July 23 Aug. 22)**  
★★★★★ You cannot suppress your enthusiasm as you enter a wild and woolly weekend (or at least Friday). If attached, use a great deal of care with a devoted partner. If you don't, the reaction you get won't be pleasant. Include him or her. Tonight: Get into spring fever.
- VIRGO (Aug. 23 Sept. 22)**  
★★★★ Take your time and make sure you complete various details and projects. Be the Virgo everyone knows and loves! You might be thinking of a greater commitment within the work arena, or doing something more meaningful. Tonight: Head home.
- LIBRA (Sept. 23 Oct. 22)**  
★★★★★ What you say makes all the difference, but choose your words with care. Those in your day to day life could be quite high strung. Work with unpredictable reactions. Keep your sense of humor, and you'll fly through the day. Tonight: Out at a favorite place.
- SCORPIO (Oct. 23 Nov. 21)**  
★★★★ Deal with finances directly before you go out the door. An unexpected expense around your domestic

- life needs to be dealt with first. You find that paying close attention to your responsibilities is critical in the next few days. Tonight: Buy a favorite magazine or two on the way home.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 Dec. 21)**  
★★★★ You might not see what others are doing right now. Your ability to flex and adjust could make a big difference in how your day proceeds. Deal with others more directly, and you'll get a strong response. Tonight: Keep an smiling.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 Jan. 19)**  
★★★★ Take your time. Your instincts come out on top with a money issue. Do research on your own. Decide to spend some time alone handling key issues. You might need to make inquiries. Calls and responses have an unpredictable quality. Don't internalize what is happening. Tonight: Happiest by yourself.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 Feb. 18)**  
★★★★ You could be jolted by the cost of getting together with others or joining in on a summer vacation. Make no decisions right now; flex and play with different ideas. Brainstorm with your pals; Tonight: Just don't be alone, please.
- PISCES (Feb. 19 March 20)**  
★★★★★ Others expect a lot from you, which you naturally give. Don't be surprised if you are left holding the bag while others merrily leave for the weekend. Ultimately, your path draws its own rewards. Trust that. Tonight: Think 'Saturday.' Think 'fun.'
- BORN TODAY**  
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**DRILLING INTENTIONS**

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**HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & ALPAR Tonkawa)** Latigo Petroleum Texas, L.P., PD 8400' for the following wells:

#3-91 Isaacs, 1320' from South & West line, Sec. 91.41.H&TC.

#2-113 Yarnold, 2530' from South & 860' from East line, Sec. 113.41.H&TC.

**HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash)** Brigham Oil & Gas, L.P., #1 Patrick, 467' from South & 780' from West line, Sec. 22.A-1.H&GN, PD 12000'.

**HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash)** Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., Fillingim '88', Sec. 88.M-1.H&GN, PD 12125', for the following wells:

#6, 2150' from North & 800' from West line of Sec.

#9, 900 from South & 1500' from West line of Sec.

**HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash)** Patina Oil & Gas Corp., #5502P Pearson, 467' from North & 2173' from East line, Sec. 55.M-1.H&GN, PD 13500'.

**HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash)** Peak Operating of Texas, L.L.C., #7053 Barker, 2270' from South & 2600' from East line, Sec. 53.M-1.H&GN, PD 13500'.

**ROBERTS (RED DEER CREEK Granite Wash)** Bluegrass Energy, Inc., #205 Byrum, 660' from North & 1937' from West line, Sec. 5.B-1.H&GN, PD 10500'.

**WHEELER (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash)** Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #5 Zybach '65', 1125' from North & 2400' from West line, Sec. 65.M-1.H&GN, PD 12125'.

**WHEELER (WILDCAT & WEST BRITT RANCH Granite Wash)** Questar E&P Co., #2013 Puryear, 467' from North & East line, Sec. 13.A-3.H&GN, PD 12450'.

**WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash 'A')** Stallion Energy, Inc., #5025 Stiles, 500' from South & East line, Sec. 25.A-3.H&GN, PD 13900'.

**WHEELER (WILDCAT & P.C.X. Granite Wash)** Bravo Natural Resources, Inc., #207 Legg, 467' from North & 1318' from West line, Sec. 7.E. G.W. Jacobs, PD 13000'.

**Gas Well Completions**

**HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash)**

Patina Oil & Gas Corp., #6805P Meek '68', Sec. 68.M-1.H&GN, spud 12-12-03, drlg. compl 12-30-03, tested 3-9-04, TD 11910', PBD 11810'.

**HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash)** Patina Oil & Gas Corp., #5501P Pearson, Sec. 55.M-1.H&GN, spud 11-23-03, drlg. compl 12-7-03, tested 3-9-04, TD 11910', PBD 11828'.

**HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash)** Peak Operating of Texas, L.L.C., #5653 Barker, Sec. 53.M-1.H&GN, spud 11-8-03, drlg. compl 12-17-03, tested 3-16-04, potential 3000 MCF, TD 12175', PBD 12163'.

**HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash)** Peak Operating of Texas, L.L.C., #2052 John C. Vise, Sec. 52.M-1.H&GN, spud 12-22-03, drlg. compl 1-15-04, tested 3-17-04, potential 57988 MCF, TD 12323', PBD 12306'.

**HEMPHILL (S.E. CANADIAN Douglas)** Devon Energy Corp., #7 Studer, Sec. 4., TTRR, spud 12-19-03, drlg. compl 12-31-03, tested 2-25-04, potential 738 MCF, TD 7320', PBD 7259' — Form 1 filed in Ocean Energy, Inc.

**WHEELER (ALLISON-BRITT 12350')** Bravo Natural Resources, Inc., #3 Elmore '32', Sec. 32.RE.R&E, spud 1-1-04, drlg. compl 1-16-04, tested 2-10-04, potential 2012 MCF, TD 12785', PBD 12690'.

**WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash)** Bravo Natural Resources, Inc., #7 Miller '2', Sec. 2.A-3.H&GN, spud 12-31-03, drlg. compl 1-18-04, tested 2-4-04, potential 3328 MCF, TD 13665', PBD 13583'.

**Plugged Wells**

**HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE)** Pan Resources, Inc., #28 Whittenburg Estate, Sec. 16.47.H&TC, spud 11-25-65, plugged 2-11-04, TD 2796' (oil) — Form 1 filed in Brannan & Clower.

**HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE)** Pan Resources, Inc., Whittenburg Estate, Sec. 16.47.H&TC (oil) Form 1 filed in Stephens Engineering, for the following wells:

#30, spud 9-26-67, plugged 2-17-04, TD 2770'.

#35, spud 10-12-67, plugged 2-25-04, TD 2741'.

**Report: Terrorists plotted attack on center**

MADRID, Spain (AP) — Suspected terrorists who blew themselves up last weekend as police moved in to arrest them over the March 11 bombings had been plotting an attack on a shopping center outside Madrid, a newspaper reported Thursday.

Police searching the apartment found maps of Parquesur, a retail and leisure complex, at least two backpacks and a belt, all packed with dynamite and wired to detonators, El Mundo said, quoting police.

Interior Ministry officials were not available to comment on the report.

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Parquesur, less than a mile away from the apartment in the town of Leganes, was to have occurred Sunday, a day after the police raid that prompted up to seven terrorists to kill themselves, or later in the week leading up to Easter Sunday.

The planned attack also appeared aimed at hitting the maximum number of people in the week before Easter, when

millions of Spaniards are on vacation and schools are out. The shopping center has 193 stores, a hotel and a 2,500-seat multi-cinema.

Spain, a predominantly Roman Catholic country, marks Easter week with religious processions that culminate on Easter Sunday. Fearing more attacks during the holy week, the government ordered unprecedented security measures.

Another newspaper, El Pais, said that four days before the March 11 attacks, police acting on a tip from neighbors visited the rural house southeast of Madrid where officials say the bombs used in the railway attacks were assembled. But police did not enter the house because they lacked a court order, and instead just jotted down the license plate numbers of cars parked outside, the paper said.

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**Prosecutors urge judge to reject Martha Stewart's bid for retrial**

NEW YORK (AP) — Prosecutors hope to quash Martha Stewart's bid for a retrial by discrediting attempts by her lawyers to dredge up damaging details about a juror's past.

In papers filed Wednesday in federal court, prosecutors told Judge Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum that the allegations against juror Chappell Hartridge were not enough to require a court hearing, much less a new trial.

Stewart was convicted March 5 of lying to federal investigators about her sale of 3,928 shares of ImClone Systems stock on Dec. 27, 2001, just before it plunged on a negative government report.

Last week, Stewart's lawyers asked for a new trial, saying Hartridge failed to disclose an arrest on assault charges, three lawsuits filed against him and an accusation that he stole money from a Little League group.

Prosecutors said in their written response that the allegations raised by Stewart were unsupported by enough evidence for a "reasonable inference" that Hartridge had intentionally withheld any information about himself.

They said the arrest, for instance, was dismissed and was sealed in state court, making it possible that Hartridge did not believe he was supposed to disclose it. They noted Stewart did not try to exclude 15 prospective jurors who admitted past charges.

Prosecutors also said Hartridge may have been unaware of or may have forgotten about civil judgments filed against him more than a decade ago. And he was likely not required to divulge embezzlement allegations, especially since there is no claim he ever was formally accused, they said.

For the court to order a new trial, lawyers for Stewart must show that the juror deliberately made a misstatement and that an accurate answer would have required the court to eliminate him from the jury if either side challenged him, prosecutors said.

Prosecutors said they could find no case in which a juror's concealment of prior arrests or civil judgments was enough to win a new trial.

Stewart lawyer Robert Morvillo had not seen the government papers and could not respond, his office said.