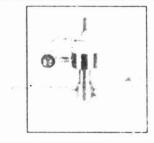


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Insurgents kidnap foreign civilians

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

By JASON KEYSER ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

video released Thursday to burn the Washington Japanese alive if Tokyo does not with in three days.

draw from the U.S.-led coalition with - Japanese, Kercans and Arabs also ports could have wider implications for U.N. aires - had been released, but the the fraqi government One of the Arab, week Japanese troops are based out-

In Tokyo Japan's government said. The Arabic TV station, Al Jazeera insurgents kidnapped eight South first such ultimatum involving foreign released by a previously unknown pointing knives and sword at the cap-Israelis, and captors armed with auto-gesting a new tactic by inilitants to Squadrons." It showed two Japanese, with concrete walls matic rifles and swords threatened in a pressure governments allred with men and one voman blindfolded and The separate seizures of the black, who display the captives pass

Al Jazeera editors said the three Two South Korean IV stations workers, journalists, as well as were taken hostag, in southern Iraq, reported from Iraq early Eriday that the Christian missionaries, security per-where black-clad Shitte militramen South Koreans Christian mission somel and those doing business with have been engaged in an uprising this Foreign Ministry in Seoul could not Israelis works for a U.S and organiza side the southern fraqueity of

it has no plans to pull out of Iraq broadcasting to leaquand the rest of the obtained a consent the full yideo, BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) Iraqi because of the kidnappine. It was the Arab world, ared portions of the video, which, also show, four masked men Koreans, three Japanese and two Yrab civilians taken hostage in Iraq, sug group calling itself the "Mujahedeen tives as they lay on the floor of a toom

At one point, a gumman hol's a surrounded by gummen dressed in kinte to the throat of one of the mendus eyes widen in panie and he struggles to try to get tree. The woman weeps and her lips move as it speak ing. There was no audio to the footage.

> The eight South Koreans, believed to be evangelists from the Christian

See IRAQ. Page 5

Some offices close for Easter weekend

By MARILYN POWERS SIMI WRITER

Several government, educa - Friday tion and organizational offices. Meals on Wheels will be will be closed tomorrow in closed Iriday

observance of Good Friday Pampa city offices will be tions will be open Inday. closed, as will Gray County. Businesses which are nor

District will be closed Friday - United Supermarkets

emergency services.

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

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offices, with the exception of mally open on sender but which will be closed Easter Pampa Independent School Sanday in Said Vol Marchael

Governor eyes variety of taxes to fund schools

SAN ANTONIO (AP) was than the problems with Republican Gov. Rick Perry, the current share the wealth was considering a variety of Tunding school, that lawmak tax options, including taxes on lets want to aceigarettes and adult entertainment, as he planned to unveil a was considering are a school finance proposal statewide tax on business

the venue for Perry to release his education funding plan. which has already been criticized in advance by some business groups as perhaps

Among 'as options Perry property. Lists on digarettes; For Tech High School was the legalization of video slot machines at the tracks and the closing of Lopholes in the

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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.

Rice: Nothing could have stopped attacks

Tm 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 COUFSC.

 Condoleeza Rice National security adviser BY HOPE YEN PESS WRITER

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POLICE

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Tuesday, April 6

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 1400 block of Williston. Method of entry was unknown. Three rings valued at approx imately 865 were taken.

Wednesday, April 7

A report was taken concerning comestic assault and cruelty to animals in the 1000 block of Sirroco Amount and severity of injuries is unknown. The complainant did not file charges and was not available for contact.

Kevin McKnight, 33, 809 E. Craven, was arrested at 140 S. Starkweather by police officers and the Precinct 2 constable for a Gray County warrant for a motion to revoke probation on a charge of possession of marijuana, a Pampa Police Department warrant for violation of promise to appear, evading arrest or detention, and possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance.

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SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Office today reported the following arrests.

Wednesday, April 7 Jackie Simmons, 28, 1818 Hamilton, was arrested for violation of probation on a charge

of tampering with government records. Richard Corder, 26, Clarendon, was arrested for failure to identify

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, April 7

233 p.m. One unit and three firefighters responded to a minor motor vehicle collision in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today

Wednesday, April 7

11:33 a.m. A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported a patient(s) to the 1700 block of Evergreen.

100 block of Cuyler. No patient. 4:28 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the

1.25 p.m. A mobile ICU responded to the

700 block of East Kingsmill and transported a patient(s) to PRMC

5:18 p.m. A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of West Somerville. No patient con-

Thursday, April 8

12:26 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the Jordan prison unit and transported a patient to

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BARTLESVILLE, Okla. Bartlesville, died the direction of Carmichael-Walter Wednesday, April 7, 2004. Whatley Funeral Directors of McPhillips, Jr., 79, of Services are pending under Pampa.

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Texas, died Wednesday, April 7, 2004, at Vernon Brown of Michigan; three grand-Amarillo, Texas. Services are pending with sons. Dwayne Hale, Gary Hale and Shawn Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors:

Kingston, Okla. She had been a resident of Hale and Hannah Hale, all of Amarillo; and Pampa since 1946. She was the owner and many nieces and nephews. operator of Jo Ann's.

business in 1990.

She was a Baptist.

Survivors include one son, Jerry Hale and www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Lillian Jo Ann Gregory, 78, of Pampa, wife Elaine of Amarillo; one brother, Hale, all of Amarillo; four great-grandchil-Mrs. Gregory was born April 14, 1925, in dren, Michael Hale, Christina Hale, Sam

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Economy: Jobless claims at lowest level since early 2001, retail sales solid

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of workers.

The Labor Department The number of people filing reported Thursday that new applications filed for jobless claims declined by a seasonally adjusted 14,000 to 328,000 for the week ending April 3. That

In other economic news, consumers, lured by spring fashions, were in the buying mood in March, another good sign for the economy.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc., marked the lowest level since Costco Wholesale Corp.,

By JEANNINE AVERSA about the economy's prospects Jan. 13, 2001 — the week Limited Brands, J.C. Penney fluctuations, also went down force in place to meet it. That's Wall Street forecasts. The robust results cut across indusstores.

> Consumer spending accounts for roughly two-thirds of all economic activity in the United States, making their behavior is a major factor in shaping the economic recovery.

On the layoffs front, the jobless claims figures were better than economists were expecting. They had called for a slight decline from the previous week to around 340,000.

The more stable four-week moving average of claims. which smooths out weekly

and are less inclined to get rid before President Bush's inau- Co. Inc. and Nordström Inc. all last week by 3,250 to 336,750. essentially reported results that topped. That represented the lowest change." level since Nov. 25, 2000.

The latest snapshot of laytry sectors, even some of the offs raised hopes that recent long-struggling department improvements seen in the labor market might be sustained. A complete turnaround in the jobs market is the one missing piece of the economic recovery puzzle, analysts say.

"I think executives' mindsets are changing," said Clifford Waldman, economist Manufacturers Alliance/MAPL a research group. "They went from 'I don't know whether this recovery will stick around so I need to keep a lid on costs' to 'This recovery has the potential to be

The employment situation showed signs of turning an important corner in March The economy added 308,000 jobs last month — the most in four years. While that's definitely an improvement from payroll gains registered in previous months, economists want to see net job gains in the range of 200,000 to 300,000 a month on a consistent basis before they declare a recovery in the jobs

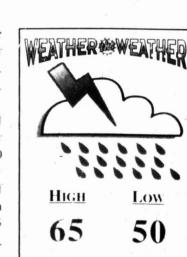
The nation's unemployment rate, meanwhile, edged up to 5.7 percent in March as an improved economic climate beckoned more job seekers to look for work again

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LOCAL FORECAST

Today's forecast is calling for partly cloudy skies, a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon, highs in the upper 60s and north winds 5 to 10 mph. afternoon. Tonight should fall with a 70 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, winds 5 to 10 mph.

slight chance of showers in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 60s. West winds 10 to 20 mph. Chance of showers 30 percent. Friday night, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of shifting to the southeast in the showers. Lows in the lower 40s. North winds 15 to 20 mph. Saturday, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of lows around 50 and southeast rain showers. Cooler, Highs in the lower 50s. North winds 15 Friday, partly cloudy. A to 20 mph. Saturday night, chance of showers then a mostly cloudy with a 20 per



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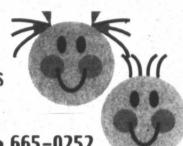
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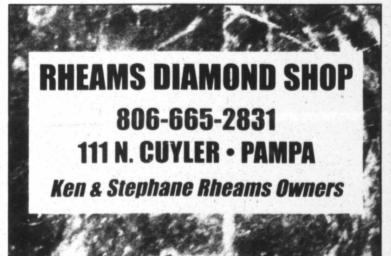
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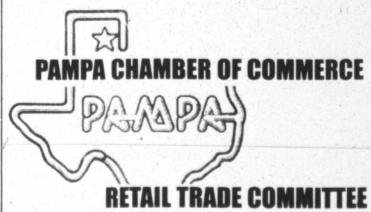
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

America needs to keep God

God's Son Jesus Christ paid the price for us all on the cross.

They are trying to take God out of everything. The people

God made the earth and he made it beautiful. In Ecclesiastes 3.11, he said he made everything beautiful and man is destroy-

The Bible says be content with what things ye have. People are running to and fro trying to get more. People throw away

God said he would feed the birds of the air and clothe the

Oh, we of little faith. What America needs is to go back and walk with God. America is the greatest nation on earth. Let us

flowers of the field. How much more would be clothe us?

TEXAS EDITORIAL

World Court lacks authority,

but cases should be reviewed

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

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 sov-

ereign 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

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 say-

ing that issues such as language comprehension and constitution-

al rights to competent representation and a fair trial are routine

matters of concern for all defendants on trial, citizens and nonci-

tizens alike. They are the fixtures of the appeals of all who

The Death Penalty Information Center says 121 foreign citi-

zens 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

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 com-

ply 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

fall through the cracks while others lie about their citizenship.

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Damned if he does or doesn't

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EDITOR

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 outery 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

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

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

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

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?

located in present-day Iraq?

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

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

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

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Democrats make good magicians

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COLUMNIST

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

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game against the Los Angeles

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.

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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

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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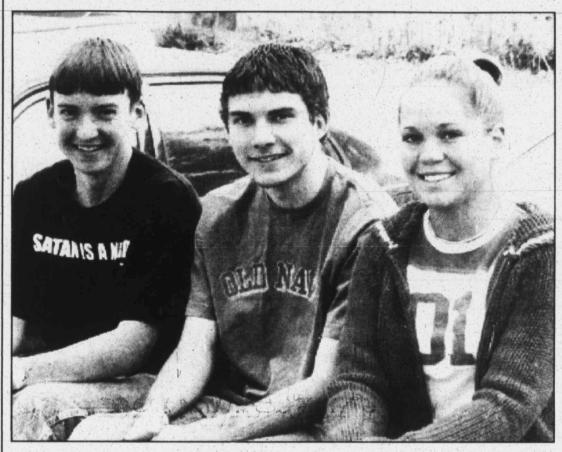
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District academics



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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. Savanah 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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RICE

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

"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."

IRAQ

Council of Korea who set out for Iraq on April 5, were detained by unidentified armed men, a Foreign

the seven others were released, according to the SBS and YTN TV news stations. SBS said its correspondent in Iraq met the released mission- said. aries, 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, America and not for Israel," tape is broadcast." 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

'vision, showed photophs 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 Jerusalem under Israeli occu-Yassin Tikati, 33. An uncle of Razouk told Ministry official told AP in AP his nephew had an Israeli er read a statement he said

passport and worked for the came with the video of the One managed to escape; U.S. Agency for International Japanese in which the kidnap-Development. Razouk is a pers issue a three-day ultima-Christian who lives in east Jerusalem and is married to a Czech woman, Anton Razouk

"I am very worried. I pray for his safety." the uncle said. nephew in an APTN interview. "I want to tell the Iraqis he is not a spy, not for three days starting the day this

he said. "He is an Arab, a member of the Arab nation, a Palestinian like me living in pation.

On Al-Jazeera, an announctum 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 He made an appeal for his offer you two choices: either pull out your forces, or we will burn them alive. We give you

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.

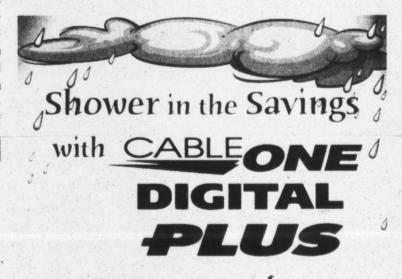
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reported that other options on the table are occupational fees for lawyers and other professionals; state pollution fees; excise taxes on soft drinks; a new \$5 state fee on adult entertainment; and an increase in the state tax on motor vehicles to 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 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

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

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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.

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The governor has said he

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

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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 let- are calling her "easy," along with other ter from "Concerned in Northbrook," where the 14-year-old niece was tile man in. I feel compelled to share my

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 methat he shouldn't be around children. Canyou imagine leaving your 14-year-old daughter home alone to let in my charming former husband? -- ALSO CON-CERNED 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 JOINTED IN DAYTON

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 Phillips. Write Dear Abby at known each other more than a few hours.

The news about Johnny and Heather : Los Angeles, CA 90069 spread fast. Everyone wants to know if I still consider Heather my friend. Kids

names I won't mention.

As much as I want to be her friend, instructed to stay home alone and let the Tim worried about getting a bad reputation if I stick up for her. Plus, I'm scared my mom will hear about what went on My former husband, "Steve," seemed that day, What should I do? -- STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT IN A TEXAS

> 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

> P.S. 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-

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.

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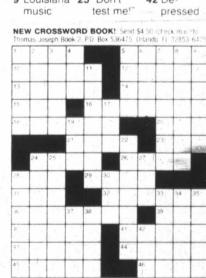
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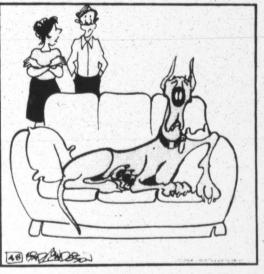


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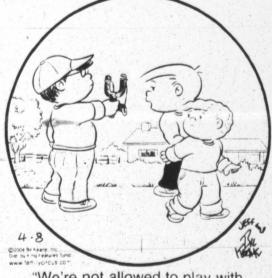


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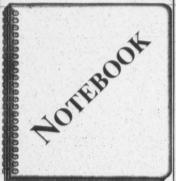
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BASKETBALL

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 holein-one. Ben Crenshaw turned back the clock. Phil Mickelson began his pursuit of that elusive first major.

Quite a start to the 68th

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 caddie. 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 hos-

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 atmos-

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



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-hoos. 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 south-,

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.

Olympics and was an ardent fundraiser for the organization. Ralph was a funny fellow, but his serious side them. Some people are intimidated came out when dealing with Special by these kids because some of them 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 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 added. "He worked behind the Ralph. He was involved in it when scenes to get things done. If he saw he lived in Beaumont."

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

"The kids loved to go bowling because Ralph paid attention to have strong personalties, 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 was also a friend to beginners. who couldn't figure out which foot to start out on, and to seasoned probably the best one we had. It's a bowlers who were just plain strugbig loss to Pampa and the Special gling 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 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) — McMillon's bat, and almost everybody at the Coliseum jumped to the same conclusion: The Texas Rangers had blown another game in Oakland, another chance to beat Barry Zito for the first time.

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

hung on for a 2-1 victory over bullpen, which held Oakland. Zito took his first loss to Texas standing pitching performance The ball rocketed off Billy the Athletics on Wednesday. snapping a nine-game losing streak against their AL West

> 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

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

without a hit in the final 3 2-3 in 18 career starts, allowing on the other side. ... A lot of 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?" relievers confounded the A's. Zito said. "Chalk it up to an out-

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



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 threerun 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

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.



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 Collin Bowers. second in the District 3-4A standings. Pampa was seeded third in the playoffs after beating Plainview and losingto Caprock in a district tiebreaker tournament.

Award winners were as fol-

Most Valuable Player — Collin Bowers.

Hustling Harvester -Chance Bowers.

Offensive Player of the Year (tie) — Andy Rodgers and Jed Martin.

year — Clayton Hall. Free Throw Winner -

Jed Martin. Rebound Winner

Most Improved Player -Jarett Kotara

Award) - Brittin East.

Season Individual **Statistics**

(top 3 listed) Points: 1. Collin Bowers Martin 72; 3. Brittin East 71.

306; 2. Chance Bowers 299; 3. Jed Martin 285.

Rebounds: 1. Bowers 177; 2. Chance Bowers 165; 3. Brittin East

Defensive Player of the 92; 2. Jed Martin 67; 3. (tie) Andy Rodgers and Brittin East 31. Steals: 1. Chance Bowers 48, 2. Collin Bowers 45; 3

Assists: 1. Clayton Hall

(tie) Clayton Hall and Jed Martin 40. Field goal percentage: 1 I Am Third (Attitude Chance Bowers 59; 2. Collin Bowers 51; 3. Brandon

> Johnston 48. Free throw percentage: 1 Brandon Johnston 75: 2. Jed



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

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Friday's Games

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Cleveland (Stanford 0-0) at Kansas City (Gobble 0-0), 8 10 Seattle (R.Franklin 0-0) at Oakland (Redman 0-0), 10.05

Wheeler's Salas wins district discus

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

16: 11. Claude 14: 12. Shamrock 1 Area individual results

Discus: 1. Joe Salas, The top 4 in each event Wheeler, 127-8; 3. Blaine 52.97. Rutherford, Wheeler, 118-0. Shot put: 2. Blaine Rutherford, Wheeler, 41-3

> 200: 3. Ballard, White Deer, 23.84

Girls

Team totals: 1. Sunray Gruver 97: 4. Vega 47 1/2; 91; 2. (tie) Stratford and 5. Memphis 43 1/2; 6. Clarendon 84; 4. Wellington Clarendon 42; 7. Wellington 76; 5. White Deer 70; 6. 41; 8. Wheeler 26; 9. Vega 62; 7. Shamrock 53; 8. Deer, 4:30.69.

Booker 18: 10. White Deer Gruver 39: 9. Claude 34: 10. Booker 17: 11. Wheeler 10. 3200: 2. Becca Rapstine, White Deer, 13:44.21.

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White Deer, 6:16.03. 1600 relay: 4. White

Clemens shuts down Bonds, Giants

Roger Clemens dominated in homer in his first at-bat of the his Houston debut, Greg season and leading the Maddux donned a familiar Cincinnati Reds to a 3-1 win uniform and Ken Griffey Jr. at Great American Ball Park. found his sweet swing.

on Wednesday night.

hometown Astros. Clemens forward to pitching again in hitter with 600 home runs. shut down Barry Bonds and five days." 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.

HOUSTON (AP) — reunion, hitting a two-run down looking at 94 mph fast-

"I actually had a good Everything old was new time," Maddux said. "It again in the National League would have been better if · we'd have won. I actually In his first start with his enjoyed the night and look

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.

Looking nothing like a guy who had called it quits, the 41-year-old Clemens struck But Griffey spoiled the out nine. Twice, Bonds went

Bonds left town with 659

home runs, still one behind his godfather, Willie Mays, for third place on the career

It was the first time in major league history that a pitcher with 300 wins faced a

"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. Sometimes I'll have my way. Tonight, it went his

"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

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

April 9, 2004: Your willingness to explore different

HAPPY EIRTHDAY for Friday,

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 per sonally, 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 sours 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 tak ing it, becomes one of the year's focal points. 5AGITTARIU5 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 vogue 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 opportu-

TAURUS (April 20 May 20)

*** Co along with a partner's rug gestion, even if it means throwing a get to gether 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 an work, but rather on the spooming weekend. Touch base with someone at a distance. Tonight: Accept an invitation, even if you think it is a bit

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 embusiasm as you enter a wild and woully 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

VIRGO (Aug. 23 Sept. 22)

** Take your time and make sure you complete various details and proj ects. Be the Virgo everyone knows and loves! You might be thinking of a greater commitment within the work arera, or doing something more mean ingfal. Tanight: Head hame.

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 umpredictable reactions. Keep your sense of humor, and you'll fly through the day. Tomight: Out at a favorite

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 Nov. 21)

** Deal with finances directly before you go out the door. An unex pected 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. Tomight: Buy a favorite manchie 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 orald make a big difference in how your day proceeds. Deal with others more directly, and you'll get a strong response. Tanight: Keep on

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. Toroight: Happiest. by yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 Feb. 18) ** * You could be juited by the cost of getting together with others or join ing in on a summer vacation. Make no decisions right now; flex and play with different ideas. Brainstorm with your pals. Tomiche sust don't be alone,

PISCES (Feb. 19 March 20)

** ** Others expect a lot from you. which you naturally give. Don't be sur prised if you are left holding the bag while others merrily leave for the weekend. Ultimately, your path draws its own rewards. Trust that. Toroght: Think 'Saturday.' Think 'fun.' BORN TODAY

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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 12000

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.

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467' from North & 2173' from East line, Sec. 55,M-1.H&GN, PD 13500° HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Wash) Operating of Texas, L.L.C.,

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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 Purvear, 467' from HANDLE) Pan Resources. North & East line, Sec. 13,A-3,H&GN, PD 12450"

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash 'A') 2796' (oil) — Form I filed in Stallion Energy, Inc., #5025 Brannan & Clower Stiles, 500' from South & East line, Sec. 25,A- HANDLE) Pan Resources, 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'.

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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

in federal court, prosecutors

told Judge Miriam Goldman

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tions against juror Chappell

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Stewart was convicted

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close an arrest on assault

charges, three lawsuits filed

against him and an accusation

that he stole money from a

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Prosecutors urge judge to reject

Martha Stewart's bid for retrial

In papers filed Wednesday exclude 15 prospective jurors

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

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', PBTD 11828

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO from South & 780' from West WALLOW Granite Wash) line, Sec. 22.A-1.H&GN, PD Peak Operating of Texas, L.L.C., #5653 Barker, Sec. HEMPHILL (BUFFALO 53,M-1,H&GN, spud 11-8-WALLOW Granite Wash) 03, drlg. compl 12-17-03, Dominion Oklahoma Texas tested 3-16-04, potential 3000 MCF, TD 12175', PBTD 12163' --

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Peak Operating of Texas. #9. 900 from South & 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', PBTD 12306' —

HEMPHILL (S.E. CANA-DIAN 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', PBTD 7259' -#7053 Barker, 2270' from Form I filed in Ocean Energy,

> WHEELER (ALLISON-Bravo 123501) BRITT Natural Resources, Inc., #3 .32. Elmore 32.RE.R&E, spud 1-1-04. drlg. compl 1-16-04, tested 2-10-04, potential 2012 MCF. TD 12785', PBTD 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', PBTD 13583' —

Plugged Wells

HUTCHINSON (PAN-Inc., #28 Whittenburg Estate, Sec. 16,47,H&TC, spud 11-25-65, plugged 2-11-04, TD

HUTCHINSON (PAN-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. HEMPHILL (BUFFALO plugged 2-25-04, TD 2741)

> They said the arrest, for instance, was dismissed and

was sealed in state court, making it possible that Hartridge

did not believe he was sup-

posed to disclose it. They

noted Stewart did not try to

who admitted past charges.

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 El Mundo said the attack on people in the week before Easter, when cars parked outside, the paper said.

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

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 meas-

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





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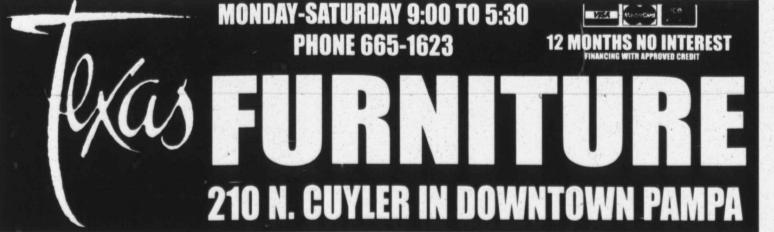
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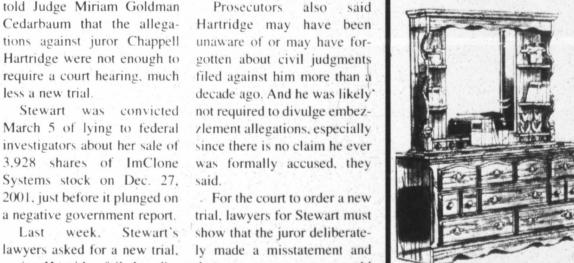


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prosecutors said. Prosecutors said they could Prosecutors said in their find no case in which a jurgr's concealment of prior arrests or civil judgments was enough to win a new trial.

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