

LISTER, Grace Jewel - 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors olonial Chapel, Pampa
LLITTLEFIELD, Betty Ruth Dilbeck - 10:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, McLean.
SCRUGGS, Lorena - 2 p.m., Morrison Funeral Directors Memorial Chapel, Dumas.

CONWAY, Ark. - Nadine Arney, 86, died under the direction of Ca
Monday, Feb. 23, 2004. Services are pending Funeral Directors of Pampa. DELCIA ADELLA 'DEE' CARTER

## GAINESVILLE, Texas - Delcia Adella Dee" Carter, 100, of Gainesville, died Tuesday, eb. 24, 2004, at Gainesville. Services are pend-

 ing with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Director Mrs. Car Texas. She had lived on the Gooodnight Ranch for several years before moving to Pampa. She had been a resident of Pampa for approximately25 years, moving to Bentonville. Ark., in 1964 and to Gainesville in 2001 She married Bailey Carter on Dec. 31, 1921 in Goodnight. He preceded her in death in 1965 She was a member of the First Baptist
Church of Goodnight. She was a homemaker GRACE JEWEL LISTER
 will be at $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. Wednesday. Feb. 25, 2004, at
Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Tim Kevens, minister of the Kemp Church of Christ Kemp, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Whatley Funeral Director oint. Okla She had neen a resident in Shady ince 1934. She married William Henry Lister on Dec. 26, 1929, in Sayre, Okla. He preceded her in
death on Aug. 31, 1994. death on Aug. 31, 1994.
She was a home
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$\qquad$ Morrison and husband Frank of Pampa; two sisFaye McDonald of Alpine; two grandchildren.

Survivors include three daughters, Wilberine Redus and husband Tom of Corpus Christi. Geraldine Cox and husband Jim of Gainesville
and Martha Fields and husband Ken of Conroe and Martha Fields and husband Ken of Conroe;
one son, Bill Carter and wife Boyce of
Amarillo; one sister, Wilberine Rawleigh of Amarillo; one sister, Wilberine Rawleigh of
Clyde, Kan.; 10 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren: and 16 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Jimmy Carter in
February of 2001 : and a sister. Sally Marshall in 1928.
The family and a sister, Sally Marshall in The family requests memorials be to a
favorite charity. -Sign the on-line register book at

BETTY RUTH DILBECK LITTLEFIELD
McLEAN - Betty Ruth Dibeck Littlefteld, 59, She was preceded in death by her husband, died Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004. Services will be at Lloyd Littlefield; and a son. Richard Lee Adams. 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in First United Methodist Survivors include a son, Jim Bob Adams of Church with the Rev. Thacker Haynes officiating. McLean; a daughter. Peggy Adams of Midwest Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery under the direction of Bailey-Ware Funeral Home of Mclean.

for many years and was employed at the safety rest
area west bound on I-40. She enjoyed her family area west bound on 1-40. She enjoyed her family
and friends, animals, sewing, baking and garden-
 or Crown of Texas Hospice, 1006) S. Jefferson, marillo, TX 79101. -Sign the on-line register book at City, Okla; : three stepchildren, Roxy McMordie of McLean, Russell Littlefield of Sonora and Chris Littlefield of Oklahoma; two sisters, Mary Hicks of Calitomia and Tina Hergenrother of Midwest City; wo brothers. Ray Dilbeck of Lubbock and Tommy
Dilbeck of Califomia; and six grandchildren. The family requests memorials be tocMclean

## LORENA SCRUGG

DUMAS - Lorena Scruggs, 92 , died Friday,
Feb. 20, 2004. Services will be at 2 p.m. Pampa where she wa
Nazarene of Pampa. Wednesday in Morrison Funeral Directors pastor of Life Tabernacle in Dumas, officiating with the assistance of Travis Evans, nephew of Mrs. Scruggs and lay minister of Nozarene
Church in California Burial will be in Northlawn Church in California. Burial will be in Northlawn
Memorial Gardens in Dumas under the direction Memorial Gardens in Dumas under the direction
of Morrison Funeral Directors Born Jan. 6, 1912 , at Ravia, Okla., Mrs. Scruggs moved to Dumas two years ago from
DIXIE HI DIXIE HINES SMITH
AMARILLO, Texas - Dixie Hines Smith, 63, of Amarillo, died Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004, of
Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday,
Feb. 26. 2004, at the First Methodist Church of Feb. 26, 2004, at the First Methodist Church of
Miami with the Rev. Steve Patterson, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Friona, and the
Rev. Don Kinder, pastor of the First Methodist Rev. Don Kinder, pastor of the First Methodist
Church of Miami, officiating. Burial will be in Miami Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of
Pampa.
Mrs. Smith was Mrs. Smith was born May 7, 1940, in Borger.
She was a 1958 graduate of Canadian High She was a 1958 graduate of Canadian High
School. She had been a resident of Miami from
1942 until she moved 1942 until she moved to Amarillo in 20012 .
She married Joe Smith on April 4 . 1992 in She married Joe Smith on April 4, 1992, in
Miami.
She was the business manager for the Miami Miami. was the business manager for the Miami
Independent School District from 1975 until Independent School District from 1975 until
retiring in 2002 . She was a member of the First Methodist Church of Miami.
Methodist Church of Miami.
Survivors include her husband, Joe Smith, of
the home; three daughters. Kathy Liedtre and Kathy Liedtke and
 and a son, Steve Helton in 1986 , WALTER LAFAYETTE STOWERS
VERNON - Walter Lafayette Stowers, 70, He was a member of Wilbarger Street died Monday, Feb. 23, 2004, in a hospital at
Vernon. Services are pending under the direcvernon. Services are pending under the direc-
tion of Sullivan Funeral Home of Vernon.
Mr. Stowers was born June
Mr. Stowers was born June 21, 1933, at
Retrop, Okla,. to the late Fate and Ruby Lois
King Stowers, and graduated from Retrop
King Stowers, and graduated from Retrop
High Schol. He married Frances House on
June 14. 1952, at Carter Okla He wase alal June 14, 1952, at Carter, Okla. He was a car-
penter, building contractor and worked for the
W T Wagooner Estate for 30 years He was a member of Wilbarger
Church of Christ.
Mr. Stowers enjoyed woodworking. Mr. Stowers enjoyed woodworking.
He was preceded in death by a son, Robert Survivors include his wife, Frances, of
Vernon; two sons, Billy Stowers and Mike Stowers, both of Vernon; a sister, Kathleen Hipkins of Pampa; a brother, Vernon Stowers
of Pampa; three grandchildren, of Pampa; three grandchildren; and three great-
grandchildren.

## JESSE E. WRIGHT

| Feb. 22, 2004. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Dr. Claude Cone, executive director of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa <br> Mr. Wright was born Oct. 4, 1918, in Greer County, Okla. He married Joyce Turlington on Jan. 13, 1968, at Pampa. He worked in the oilfield most of his life, working as lead driver for Permian Oil Corporation in 1958 and retiring Jan. I, 1986, after 28 years of service. <br> Mr. Wright was a Baptist and a U.S. Navy veter- <br> an, serving during World War II. <br> He was preceded in death by two sons, James |
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## Elizabeth Kay Wright: and a great-granddaughter

 Leah Elizabech Sanders.Survivors include
and a great-granddaughter, Survivors include his Survivors include his wife, Joyce, of the home; a
son. Richard Wright of Albuquerque, N.M.; two
daughter son, Richara Wright of Albuquerque, N.M., two
daughters, Jana Sanders. of Booker and Debbie Kraier of Campo, Colo;: a brother, Jack Wright of
Aztec. N.M.: five sisters, Katherine Bybee and Aztec, N.M.: five sisters, Kathenne Bybee and Sisson and Folorene Ensor, both of Aztec, and Lula
Gates of Fontana. Calif: seven grandchildren; and Gates of Fontana, Calif:; seven grandchildren; and
four great-grandchildren. tour great-grandchildren.
The family requests $m$ The fannly requests memorials be to Cal Farley's
Boys Ranch, 600 W . 1 th, Amarillo, TX 79101 ;
Pampa VFW Post 1657.105 S. Cuyer Pa Pampa VFW Post 1657 , 105 S . Cuyler, Pampa, TX 79065: or Leah's Baskets, in care of First Baptist
Church, 400 S. Main, Booker, TX 790005 . Church, 400 the on-line register book at
www.carmichael-whatley.com.

## On Record

| Accidents |  |
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| Pampa Police Department today reported the | 9.25 p.m. - A $2(x) 1$ Chevrolet Blazer driven |
| lowing motor vehicle | Rodilıue\%, 39, 2627 Sem |
| Friday, Feb. 20 | collided with a legally parked 1998 Chevrolet |
| 9:28 a.m. - A 20000 Chevrolet Astro driven | 3500 pickup owned by Albert Tumbunga, 2626 |
| by Sue Hardin Helms, 57, of Canadian, and a | Seminole, in the 26(t) block of North Seminole |
| 1997 Ford F-150 pickup driven by Tommy | Rodriguez was cited for driving while intoxicil |
| Lynn Cole, 35, of Amarillo. collided in the (the) |  |
| block of North Hobart. Helms was cited for fail- | Saturday, Feb. 21 |
| ure to control speed. Helms. her pasenger. Matt | An unknown white pickup truck collided |
| Dean Helms. and Cole all repored possible | with the steps of a building localed in the 26010) |
| injuries and were transported to Pampa | block of North Hobart causing an estimated |
| Regional Medical Center by ambulance. | \$1,000) damage to the building. |


| Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the following calls during the 24 -hour period ending at $7 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. today. <br> Monday, Feb. 23 <br> 7:58 p.m. - A mobile ICU | Ambulance <br> responded to the 2300 block of Fir. No transport. <br> 10:48 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred a patient to | Baptist-St. Anthony's West Amarillo. <br> Tuesday, Feb. 24 4:47 a.m. - A mobile ICL responded to CHC and trans ferred a patient to PRMC |
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Pampa Police Department day reported the following Wednesday, Feb. 18 guage was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E .
Harvester Harvester.
Saturday, Feb. 21 Numerous citations were
issued for minor in possession of alcohol in the 2600 block of North Chestnut.
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { minor } & \text { was reported } \\ \text { Taylor } & \text { Mart, } & 1342\end{array}$ Hobart; Mart, 1342 Supermarket. 1420 N
Hobart: Wal-Mart, 2225 N Hobart: and The Cigarette Store, 1008 W. Alcock Theft/organized crimc
was reported at Allsup's 140 S . Starkweather. T 30 -packs of beer were
taken, for an estimated loss taken, for
of $\$ 40.38$.

Sunday, Feb. 22
An unattended death was
of East Harvester.

## Police

A report involving escort Taken were two speakers for mental commitment was compact disc player and a taken at One Medical receiver. Estimated loss was
Plaza.
$\$ 465$. Monday, Feb. 23
Child neglect was repo
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substance was reported in the 300 block of Anne.
Tuesday, Feb. 24 Tuesday, Feb. 24
2100 block of Lynn. The sub- James Robles, 22, 1001 S tance was prescription med- Faulkner, was arrested on a Theft was reported in the charge of possession of mari 100 block of South Lowry. juana.

City Briefs

| \$5 OFF All Tanning Pack- | HOUSE FOR Sale to high- <br> ages. All About Beauty, 1405 |
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| ing that they will be people out back of their minds that they want to start up, and they may it or some credit. This will give hem the expertise and the work. <br> The incubator will use out 13,000 square feet of the U.S. Bus building at 822 block of East Foster <br> It will be a business incubator," Grant said. "The main thrust of this is to bring in whal <br> The incubator will help develop new businesses in Pampa, Grant said. The jobs created by the incubator won't compete with existing busi- $\qquad$ hinner," Grant said. "They don't want to come in with a pete with one of our local busi |
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## GRANT

Grant said. "Probably about \$20,000.
The Home Grant is not a big program, he said, so he doesn't now if the PRPC would conhe said, might work better. "They would be interested, later on this year," Grant said, in a community development grant, which deals with water ad sewer."
Grant said competition for
incubators has gone quickly. incubators has gone quickly. tinue like we are," Grant said, "that we will probably be the first one to be operating." There's no firm date f having the project up and operating, but it should be within the next few months, certainly before the end of the year.
"A few things have to fall in place," Grant said. "A lot of it depends upon how quickly we can get contractors in there working."
As far as actual construc-
tion, he said, only a few wall tion, he said, only a few walls will have to be put up in the
building, but there is some building, but there is some
electrical work that will need electrical wo
"We just need to build about four walls," Grant said, "and we're there. Of course, that sounds a lot simpler than it really is because you've got to make sure it meets the code requirements and everything. Dumas is using their economic development money to build a new 12,000 square fo Grant said Dumcubator. Grant said Dumas is about 30 percent complete with their
building.
"They're not so keen on "They're not so keen on
competition," he said, "but they competition, he said,
are very difficult to try to manage. You really need some expertise to do it or you could end up with some problems. It really needs to be done by a consultant or some one who knows what they're doing." He said he has one consultant that he's used for 15 years. "We've done several million dollars worth of grants," Grant said. "I'm going to recommend
that we use him or PRPC." that we use him or PRPC."

## FORUM

nent on the March ballot. "I have worked for Gray field and the challenges it presents," Whitehead said.
Two county commissioners up for re-ele
unopposed.
"This is the first election in which I have been unopposed, either in the primary or the genral election, in 16 years," said Joe Wheeley, Precinct I commissioner. T have thoroughly Gray County" Gray County.
Gerald Wright, Precinct 3 tion, was unable to attend Monday night's event.
James Lewis is unopposed in his bid for re-election as constable of Precincts 1 and 3 "I have been a constable going on 12 years now. Gray County is a good place to work," Lewis said. Doug Ware, county Republican chairman, is also up for re-election and is unopposed. He asked for continued apport in ais bid to continue in e phith wh
unpaid position.

Continued from Page On Christan R. "Chris" Gray County is in a financial Lockridge, incumbent, faces crunch. I visited with Sheriff
two challengers in his bid for Copeland and he said his office two challengers in his bid for Precinct 2.
"I have been constable since 1990. I have 24 years of experience, 20 of them here. I'm involved in the community, and I believe in the community," Lockridge said.
Christopher B. "Chris" Didway, a former Gray County Sheriff's Department employee, is challenging Lockridge
because "with my peace offi because "with my peace offi-
cer's license, I feel it's a way cer slicense, I feel it's a way
can give back to the communi can give back to the communi-
ty. I love Pampa and the citizens ty. love Pampa and the citizens keep it and its citizens safe." Manny Holden, the third candidate in the race for Precinct 2 constable, was unable to attend Monday night's forum. Five candidates are entered in the Precinct 4 constable's race. Marvin D. "Don" Fletcher of Pampa is running for the position in order to resign after his election and leave the post vacant, beginning the process of having the position abolished.
ould handle it," Fletcher said. Johnnie Max Carpenter of McLean said he would be a full-time, active constable" if elected to the Precinct ${ }^{\text {? }}$ posiion. He is currently a jail sergeant at Gray County Jail, and said he would resign that posiFrank W. S
Frank W. Sparling Sr. of McLean is the incumbent in the Precinct 4 race. "I've been a constable over seven years now, and every year I've been in office, I've returned funds to he county," he said.
Randy Stubblefield of
Pampa is a former Gray Pampa is a former Gray
County sheriff and is entered in County slieriff and is entered in He cited his 16 years of experience and over 1,100 hours of training as assets he could bring to the constable's office if elected.
Michael Nicholson of McLean, also on the ballot for Precinct 4 constable, described his experience as a peace officer in Dumas, Amarillo, Pampa, Memphis, Panhandle, Shamrock and other area towns and counties.

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Chuck White describes his view of the state's tranportation future to Pampa City Manager Mitch Grant following a Texas Department of Transportation meeting Monday afternoon at the Chamber of Commerce.

## Roads

a third of the money needed to improve and expand ing to expand Interstate 35 from Dallas-Fort Worth to Austin and San Antonio and funding to build Interstate 69 coming down from the MidWest won't be available for another 50 years. The state wants to finance the Trans Texas Corridors Tomlinson said, through the use of tolls and bonds. He said the new system would be paid for by those that use the
system. system. Tomlinson said under a private-public scenario that's envisioned, landowners
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crossing their property.
"It could be a 21 st Century version of an
Tomlinson said. Of the dozen people attending the meeting

## "utue" Lowell Mason



Internationally Known T.V. and Recording Artist.. He Has Been With.. -Children's Bible Hour - Youth for Christ United States - Victorious Christian Youth - Canada -Soloist For Cecil Todd With Revival Fires in 60's \& 70's -1,000 Gospel Concerts at Precious Moments in Carthage Mo.

Only 46 Inches Tall... Lowell Mason has traveled nearly 100,000 miles each year. He with Revival Fires has helped distribute over 3 million Bibles to school children in Russia.

## IN PERSON AT CALVARY ASSEMBIY OF GOD 1030 LOVE STREET • PAMPA thURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26 7:00 P.M. Everyboor welcome

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| Texas Editorial |

Consumers pay the high cost of fraudulent insurance claims From the Fort Worth Star-Telegram:
Escalating costs for insurance - including health, homeowner's, auto, life and disability coverage - are a growing concern of Americans.
But many people would really be upset if they realized that insurance fraud raises costs for a typical U.S. household by at least several hundred dollars annually, according to insurance industry estimates.
Fraud increases the amount that consumers pay not only for
insurance but also for many other goods and services. insurance but also for many other goods and services.
In addition, fraud escalates the cost of taxpayer-sup
In addition, fraud escalates the cost of taxpayer-supported
government programs such as Medicare.
government programs such as Medicare.
Recent efforts by the Texas Departmen
a greater focus on combating insurance fraud are not only commendable but should be expanded because it is such an enormous problem.
The total cost of fraudulent activities in all lines of insurance is an estimated $\$ 80$ billion annually, says the Coalition Against Insurance Fraud, an insurance industry-backed organ ization and national clearinghouse for fraud information. .
The Texas Department of Insurance and the Insurance Council of Texas, which represents more than 500 property and casualty insurance companies, have formed a Texas Committee on Insurance Fraud to encourage stronger law
enforcement against fraud
TDI also agnant fraud
TDI also announced that it will hire a special prosecutor to
work on insurance fraud cases with the district attorney's work on insurance fraud cases with the district attorney
office in Dallas County a hot spot for fraudulent activity.
Citing industry studies, TDI said that "the average house hold pays an estimated extra $\$ 200$ to $\$ 300$ a year for its auto and homeowner's insurance premiums because of fraud.
When life, health and disability insurance are factored in he estimated cost to each family is over $\$ 1,000$ a year in extra premium payments and the costs of goods and services.
Some of the most outrageous scams are cited in the "Insurance Fraud Hall of Shame" on the Web site of the Coalition Against Insurance Fraud.
An example is the Georgia man who claimed that his wife
was among the nearly 3,000 people who died in the Sept. 11 , was among the nearly 3,000 people who died in the Sept. 11 ,
2001, tragedy in which terrorists steered planes into the World 2001, tragedy in which terrorists steered planes into the World Trade Center towers in New York City.
The man, who said his wife was at a job interview in one of he towers, collected about $\$ 270,000$ from four insurers for her death.
But then she turned up alive and well in Georgia.
The couple pleaded guilty to fraud and were sentenced to 10
In another case, a wealthy Los Angeles lawyer sought to bilk insurance companies out of $\$ 3.5$ million by drilling holes in his 76 -foot luxury yacht and sinking it, after having previously taken measures to fraudulently inflate its value for insurance purposes.
But the effort to sink the yacht failed and the scam was exposed, with the lawyer drawing a prison sentence of seven and a half years.
Another common scam of recent years is the staging of auto accidents so that the "victims" can file fake vehicle damage and medical claims, often with the help of shady medical clin-
ics. But most fraud cases are much more mundane
As the Insurance Information Institute notes in a video on he topic: "Everyday, otherwise honest people risk arrest by in a minor collision, but then pads her claim by lying that prio damage was part of the accident or maybe your neighbor's basement is flooded during a rainstorm and he claimed an expensive piece of yard equipment was ruined even though it was actually untouched.
It's also fraud when someone takes out a life insurance policy and says he doesn't smoke when in fact he does." By those standards, most Americans probably know someone who has committed insurance fraud.
But that doesn't make it right.
If we're serious about wanting to lower insurance rates, we should be equally serious about cracking down on insurance fraud, whether it be a case of padding a modest claim for car
repairs or attempting to sink a luxury yacht.

## VIEWPOINTS

 A new book of judges, mayors"In those days, there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his wn eyes.
That's how the Old Testament book of Judges ends. These days, it seems as if and mayors do what is right in their ow eyes. A Massachusetts chief justice orders her legislature to create gay marriage. A San Francisco mayor breaks state law by ordering that marriage licenses be issued o same-sex couples.
Who are these audacious magistrates? Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Cour head Margaret Marshall, wife of New York Times columnist emeritus (and vangelical-despising) Anthony Lewis, gained her position through heavy back by the Times. Brand new San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom, described by the San Francisco Chronicle as a man "whose finely chiseled face, impeccably gelled coiffure and European designer suits grant him the aura of a Calvin Klein model, also won with major press support.
Both beneficiaries of media praise acted in surprising ways once they gained heir dream jobs. Before Marshall's appointment, the Globe called her " moderate" and cited her opposition to Boston ordinance that created domestic partners: Cities, she wrote, must not tak press the legislature to hands, out should press $h$ eg did $h$ act. righ in power, hough, she did wat was right in her ow majority for same-sex marriage. Until Valentine's Day
Newsom was best known as a glamorous

Democrat who wanted homeless indivi uals to receive fewer direct handouts bu more government programs. Two month ago, he barely defeated a Green Party mayoral candidate who had broad gay support. Once in power, though, he did what was right (or politically shrewd) in his own eyes, producing thousands of future Gavines and pernaps me if ions of old's aspirations for higher office turn him toward statewide or national paigns.
Newsom 's coup will force California judges -- and perhaps eventually U.S. Supreme Court justices -- to decide whether to stick with the law, even when real-life gay couples given favorable press publicity plead to be allowed to stay "married." The mayor won a big victory on Tuesday when a San Francisco superidiate stop to the parade to order an immediate stop to the parade, which may now ontinue until March 29
Why are judges so pliable? Why has California's action hero governor become California is one of 40 states having laws defining marriage as being between a man and a woman? In our new Book of Judges and Mayors, each does what is right in his
declare perpetrators to be heroes rathe declare perpetrators to be heroes ra
than violators of their oaths of office. than violators of their oaths of office. Campaign for California Familie
director Randy Thomasson protested director Randy Thomasson proteste
vociferously: "No one made the mayor San Francisco king; he can't play God. Ho cannot trash the vote of the people." Bu Thomasson is assuming that laws are to be followed. Why should they be, when we have added to the Bill of Rights the right of everyone to do what is right in his own eyes? Just because Californians i 2000 approved by a 2 -to-1 margi Proposition 22, which limits marriage to one man and one woman, should ou modern Abimelechs obey?
Liberals who praise Newsom but con demned Alabama's Judge Roy Moor
should think again. I've been critical o both men, but Moore has the stronger defense: He was opposing the over-reach ing of a few federal judges, but Newso is fighting the clearly expressed wishes of the voters of California. Furthermore Moore was trying to uphold the Bible while Newsom is blessing what the Bibie clearly forbids.
But the proper means of action for all, as long as we are allowed to vote and freely express our views, is through the democratic process. Happily, Judge Moore is now working within thal process by supporting legislation that to decree what is right in their own eyes If we hinder the rule of law instead of straightening it out, we are slouching toward anarchy -- and anarchy create such a mess that dictatorship often fol lows.


> FOR GOD'S SAKE, BRTH!
W. Whtever You DO,
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## Why Bush must bash Kerry now

decided in the next two months. For three years, George W. Bush has sought to define himself by his accomplishments as president. Legion though they are, he has only achieved a stalemate: His job approval is only a breakeven 48 positive and 48 negative in the most recent Fox News poll.
Stalled in his effort to. win re-election on his own merits, the president now The Battle of Bush is deadlocked But the Battle of Kerry has only just begun. Battie of Kerry has only just begun. date's period of maximum vulnerability: the time after he becomes well known among the voters, but before they have enough positive information on him to be resistant to negatives.
Before a candidate achieves wide name recognition, attacks against him don't matter much. Until the voters know who he is, they have no mental file in which to store negative news. The charges or accusations just wash away.
But once he becomes widely known, voters develop an intense and understandable curiosity about the man who might be their president. They quickly that is floating around in the information ether. And the negatives (or positives) stick for the rest of his political career Kerry's gallantry during the Vietnam

it was premature for the opposing party to
inject its own attacks on the frontrunner that early.
If Bush delays his ad blitz, the Democrat will wrap up the delegates he needs by early March and replenish his coffers. Presumably learning from Dukakis' failure and Clinton's success, Kerry will see the need to answer all negatives within hours of their launch. Right now, Kerry can't answer in paid wants to. His resources are fully enged with the primaries. But he'll soon be free with the primari
for the combat. for the combat.
Bush must
planes are still she now, while Kerry's occupied.

Bush had two opportunities to avert a nail-biting finish in 2004, one in which he might not be as fortunate as he was in 2000. The first was to build up a level of job approval which would have made him unbeatable. Inaccurate predictions about weapons of mass destruction in Iraq and the ongoing drip-drip of American casualties have ruined that chance. But he can still win with a commanding margin if he curns Kerry into a Clinton). We'll know by spring if he has Clinton). We'll know by spring if he has If Bush
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|  | 10 <br> $\stackrel{E}{10}$ค. (6)} DEAR ABBY: A young mother wrote if she can live without the family unit the

that her husband had given her herpes-2, two of them have built together.
and asked you to help her decide whether and asked you to help her decide whether I am still single since my diagnosis,
to stay to stay or to leave the marriage. She said but have had two healthy relationships
that the virus was a constant reminder of over six years' time. The key is honesty
his in man could love her if he knew. Please STRONG IN LOS ANGELES

 from my ex-husband during our marriage. and that is true in any healthy relation| $\begin{array}{ll}\text { from my ex-husband during our marriage. } & \text { ship. I would be shirking my responsi- } \\ \text { We divorced and I married my soul mate. } & \text { bility as an advice columnist, however, }\end{array}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | While we were dating, I told him about if I didn't point out that more than half the virus and waited to hear him say, of all teenagers today are sexually Adios. Instead, to my amazement, his active. That is why they need clear, con-

response was, "I love you. This isn"t your cise sex education fault and we'll deal with it." $\quad$ no" .- to help them avoid sexually $\begin{aligned} & \begin{array}{c}\text { I, too, am angry during an outbreak } \\ \text { because it is a reminder that the person I }\end{array} \begin{array}{l}\text { transmitted } \\ \text { pregnancies. Whiseases and unwanted }\end{array} \\ & \text {. While most adults prefer }\end{aligned}$ trusted most betrayed me. But remember that teens and pre-teens abstain from that stress is one of the triggers for an out- having sex, it is obvious that many are break. Then remind yourself that this You have done nothing wrong. Get all the DEAR ABBY: My friend "Diane" and
information you can because knowledge
I went downtown for a few drinks after is empowering. No matter what decision work. She drove. At the end of the night,
you make about your marriage, your heart she had a parking ticket I was surprised will heal. My thoughts are with your LIVING HAPPILY EVER AFTER DEAR LIVING: Thank you for the mssisestonial that a full life is People who have this 2 diagnosis. feel isolated because it is not a condi tion that is easily discussed. For anyone who might have missed it in my previ-
ous column, the National Herpes Hotline -- (919) 361-8488 operates from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Eastern time. The staff support groups. only caringed to say you are not the support to reader who wrote to offer on: DEAR ABBY: I contracted herpes-2 Since the age of 17 , I have struggled with feelings of anger, humiliation and the fear of never finding love. I, too, felt "robbed
of my dignity my self-image future." But I have slowly arrived at the acceptance stage, and so will that young wife.
She can save her marriage if she truly loves her husband "in sickness and
health." Living with HSV-2 is possible; many people do it. She should ask herself
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TUESDAY •Fehruary 24, 2004 DEAR ABBY written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips OF HUSBAND'S BROKEN Zits


## Garfield



Beetle Bailey


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GOLF
PLAINVIEW - The Pampa boys golf team was Invitational last weekend. The Harvesters had a two ound total of 775 .
Plainview won the team title with a 617. Lubbock Monterey was second at
Taylor Fatheree's 179 led Pampa. Wesley Brogdin had 182, Aaron Pepper 190 and Jonathan

ROLLER HOCKEY
PAMPA - Pampa Kids \& Youth Club is having $6 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. to 8 p .m. March 2-3 at Baker Elementary School.
Another signup session is set for 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. March 4-5 at Baker School. The league is for both boys and girls ages K-12. There will be a Skate-A Round on March 6 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Baker School, located at Highway 60 and South Barnes Sireet ( one
Mart).
Yaungsters are urged to
Youn bring roller blades and any hockey gear.
For more information, call Joe at 669-1533 (daytime), Janet at 664-3813, or p.m., call Dean at 663-1917 or Janet at 669-1838.

## FOOTBALL

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) The Indianapolis Colts gave Peyton Manning their will pay him $\$ 18.4$ million this year unless he agrees to a long-term deal.
The move, which came one day before the NFL deadline for designating franchise players, prevents Manning from hitting the open market March 3. The
date is also the deadline for date is also the deadline for league's $\$ 80.5$ million league's $\$ 80.5$ million BASEBALL

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) - For years, Barry Bonds has faced accusa-
ions of steroid use and the assumptions that it's the reason he keeps hitting home runs even as he pushes 40.
"They can test me every day if they choose howed soid Bonds, who ing right around his playing weight of 228 pounds.
A winter without his father beside him in the batting cage weighed mind this offseason than his connection to a lab at he center of an alleged steroid ring.
"It's been difficult," the lugger said Monday, sitsing in the dugout at soggy cotssale Stadium. Just broke down a couple times in the batting cage just due to the fact he was't with me. He's been my coach my whole life."

Andrews sneaks by Pampa


Pampa guard Clayton Hall sets up the offense against Andrews. ing for the Harvesters with a

## UConn replaces

By CHUCK SCHOFFNER AP SPORTS WRITER
Look who's back at No. 1 Connecticut replaced Texas atop The Associated Press women's basketball poll Monday, regaining the posi-
tion it held the first eight tion it held the fir
weeks of the season
weeks of the season
Texas was No. 1 for two weeks before losing to Texas
Tech $62-49$ on Sunday The Longhorns fell to No 5. Th Longhorns fell oo No. 5 This was the fourth time in position has changed Duke position has changed. Duke
and Tennessee also have been No. 1 during the stretch. Two newcomers joined the poll this week - No. 24 Vanderbilt and No. 25 Ohio State. Boston College and

## Fullmer looking forward to playing with Rangers

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) Teixeira," Fullmer said.

- Recently signed free "Now I am the veteran with agent Brad Fullmer says the playoff experience and he's looking forward to his the ring who can show them veteran role with the Texas what it takes."
Rangers
The 29 -year-old first Anaheim Angels when they baseman was in camp won the World Series in Monday, one day ahead of 2002 Tuesday's reporting day for regular position players, to take part in some rain-short ened drills.

Coming up I was the young guy with promise like
and of dominating play, which
included a 14-point win at losing at home to Duke on
Jan. 3, then fell another spot after losing at Notre Dame 10 days later.
But the Huskies, who have led the AP poll more often than any other team, have won 11 straight since - their last eigh
points.
"Any
"Anytime you lose early in the season and get knocked down a few notches, it always fack,", UCood to work your way back," UConn senior Maria
Conlon said "Wlon said.
and we bounced back there and we bounced back. That
says a lot about the character says a lot about the character
of our team." our team.
Connecticut's recent surge

Haygood hit one of two free throws with just 1.6 seconds remaining to help Andrews escape with a 61-60 win over Pampa in a Class $3-4 \mathrm{~A}$ bi-disrict game Tuesday night.
The Harvesters The Harvesters close their season with 13-19 record. Andrews advances with a 24 -
5 record. record
Trailing 60-57 with just 36 seconds left, junior guard Clayton Hall tied the score with Pampa's only 3-pointer Haygood was fouled going up for a shot in the final sec onds. He missed the first free hrow, but hit the second one. a Ft. Elliott Basketball game-high 26 points. He was of 22 from the foul line. points and 7 rebounds for th points and 7 rebounds for the

Harvesters. Haygood top scorer with 20 points. Pampa | Andrews | 14 | 29 | 41 | 60 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | P - Clayton Hall 26 Chance Bowers 11, Jed Martin 9, Jare Collin Bowers 6 .

A - Taylor Haygood 20 Rhett Rhodes 13, Kevin Roberts 11, Ross Hernandez
8. Jose Ramirez 4 Robert 8. Jose
Hooper 5.
t. Elliott 57,

Texas atop women's poll Three days earlier, the received 45 of 47 first-place
Huskies had been forced to votes from a national media scramble at been forced to $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Seton Hall 71-63. } & 61 \text { more than Tennessee. }\end{array}$
"We were winning games, but not like we usually did," Conlon said. "We just weren't playing at the level we usually play at or want to play at. The Virginia Tech game ... we didn't play the way we did that night, it would have been another Notre Dame or
"That kind of redefined the
That kind of redefined the
ref our season. It gave us
rest of our season. It gave us the momentum to come out
and play the way we've been playing."
Connecticut, making its 94th appearance at No. 1, beat 94 th appearance at No. 1, beat
Pittsburgh $97-42$ and then- Duke (22-3) and No. 4 Purdue (23-2) each moved up one straight, received the Penn State climbed on pot to sixth and Texas Tech, Kansas Stech, Stanford. North Carolina advanced ipped one spot to 12 th after losing at lowa and TCU went Colorado, LSU and Baylor llowed by Houston.硅
biggest jump withade the DePaul had the biggest Oth after losing


son. at No. 24 for one week
returned to the poli atter
Streak with rictorics over two
ranked teams. I SI

The Pampa Shockers 4thgrade boys team competed in the 5-6th Grade Division Dribblers Tourament over the weekend, and finished with a 1-2 record.
Pampa started the tournament strong with a $40-4$ vicgo onto lose their next two game against Valley (44-26) and Lefors 6th grade (2824).

Despite being required by the tournament director o play up to age, the Pampa Astros sign Ryan KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) The Astros agreed to a fiveyear personal services contract
with Hall of Famer Nolan Ryan, a baseball official told The Associated Press.
The Astros, who signed hometown stars Andy Petuite
and Roger Clemens during the offseason, plan to announce the deal at a news conference Tuesday, the official said speaking on the condition.
but my thing is to be a part
of things here and make the Angels regret they didn' keep me," Fullmer said
Fullmer said he's feeling nearly back to where he was before the injury.
"I mean he was in full uniform and had already worked up a good sweat. This guy is ready to play," manager Buck Showalter said.
While disappointed he
stop Alex Rodriguez, can still succeed "We weren't a group of won the championship. said. "This is how we did Notes
Notes: Left-hander ong tosses Monday he's still taking it easy after injuring his right hamstring Saturday. The offseason free

Penrod makes diving history at state AUSTIN - Pampa's
Whitney Penrod made Whiney Penrod made
history for the high school diving program
when placed eighth in the state in girls 1 -meter diving.
Her eighth-place was the highest placing for a female diver in PHS his tory.
Penrod's placing helped the Pampa female swimming-diving team to finish 33rd

Fashback

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## pete in Little

 ey in McLean team played their best basketball of the year againstvery talented Valley, and came up just short against Lefors after trailing $18-5$ to start the game.
The Shockers, coached by
Ken and Marvelle Collins,
are entered in the Shamrock Little Dribblers Tournament, Feb. 26-28.
Shocker Statistics
Name' Points Assists
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$\qquad$ With a 57-76 win over Hartley
in a boys' Class 1A bi-district game Tuesday night. Justen Bryant tossed in 20 points to lead the Cougars. Jason Boydston and Russell Boydston hit one of two remaining after Hartley had been called for a technical for calling an illegal timeout The score was tied at $56-56$ when T.J. Black paced Andrews with 19 points. Reese Wilson followed with 11.
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$\qquad$
 Hank (Blalock) or (Mark)


## Source: Broncos, Redskins discuss Portis-for-Bailey swap <br> DENVER (AP) - If a proposed tion in the April draft, the NFL favored by new coach Joe Gibbs. "We have had preliminary discus- year, $\$ 68$ million tender, the aver-

 trade goes through, Clinton Portis source told The Associated Press on Trung Canidate led the Redskins sions with the Broncos and with age of the top five players at hiswould head to Washington to solve condition of anonymity. the Redskins' unsettled running back situation.
The Denver Broncos are discussing a deal that would send Portis to Washington for cornerback Champ Bailey in a swap of two Pro
Bowlers upset with their contracts, a Bowlers upset
source said Monday In giving up Portis for Bailey; In giving up Portis for Bailey,
Denver also would receive
$\qquad$ player personnel director, said at the NFL scouting combine in
Indianapolis: "We are talking to a numanapolis: "We are talking to a of the teams." He wouldn't name the players. The deal would make sense because the Redskins went last sea-
with 600 yards rushing, followed by Rock Cartwright (411), Ladell Betts (255) and Chad Morton (216). Portis ran for 1,591 yards last year despite missing three games with chest and ankle injuries. Jack Reale, Bailey's agent, said the Redskins have talked with several teams, including Detroit, the New
sions with the Broncos and with
other teams as well, just on the broad outlines of a contract," Reale said. "I can't go into detail until I
know what team we're going to be know what team we're going to be dealing with."
The negotiations with Portis were first reported in The Denver Post. The Redskins have protected Bailey, who can become a free agent on March 3, by designating him their franchise player. That means

Portis has two years remaining on he contract he signed as a second round draft pick in 2002. Displease with the $\$ 300,000$ he made last sea son, he has hinted he might be a holdout when training camp starts unless the Broncos remp Portis' agent, Drew Rosenhaus, Portis agent, Drew Rosenhaus, Porined comment and the Bronco did not return a call seeking com

## Gonzaga gains highest AP basketball top 25 ranking ever

| By JMM OCONNELL |
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| AP Rasketbal Writer |

Gonzaga has made some deep runs in the NCAA tournament and now has its high-
est AP Top 25 ranking: No. 4. The Bulldogs, whose only losses this season are to
Stanford and Saint Joseph's moved up two spots in The Associated Press men's bas ketball poll Monday.
Stanford and Saint Joseph's each won two games last week to remain the
nation's only unbeaten teams nation's only unbeaten team
and stayed $1-2$ in the poll and stayed $1-2$ in the poll. Gonzaga (23-2) was sixth last week, matching its spot
for the final two weeks of for the final two weeks of
2001-02. Wins last week over Portland - the game when John Stockton's jersey wa
retired and the Bulldog retired and the Bulldogs
clinched the West Coast
Conference regular season Conference regular season
title-- and at Tulsa moved the Bulldogs up two places. Gonzaga reached the
regional final in 1999, losing regional final in 1999, losing to eventual national champion

| the round of 16 the next two | No. 11. The Demon Deacons |
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| were followed by North |  |



## Marlins get ready to prepare for World Series title defense

 Jack McKeon hopes it's anomen that his grandson omen that his grandson
Kellan won a second conKellan won a second con-
secutive state high school wrestling championship in North Carolina last week.
"He told me the other
night, 'Hey papa, see if you can go back to back huh?"' McKeon said.
McKeon and his Florida Marlins began preparations for defending their World Series title Monday with the first spring training drills for pitchers and catchers.
Series MVP Josh Beckett, 2003 NL Rookie of the Year Dontrelle Willis and new closer Armando Benitez were among those taking 10 -minute turns on the mound.
Pitchers
fielded
like the low roller Beckett scooped up before tagging Jorge Posada for the final out last October. Jeff Cox, the Marlins' 47-year-old thirdbase coach, provided comic relief with a fiery demonstration of baserunning that included a headfirst slide.
Among the everyday players reporting early was A...us oaseman Mike Lowell,
who studied a huge stack of fan mail that accumulated during the offseason and wondered how to answer it wond
all.
"That," he said, "is a tall order."
So is the challenge of repeating as World Series champs. The only National League team to do so since 1922 was Cincinnati in 1975-76.

## JUPITER, Fla. (AP) -

tivated," Mc guys ar
199, when the also "They realize all the good the World Series. That team things that happened and the was quickly dismantled, and reason they came about. I Florida went 54-108 the folthink what we did in the lowing year, the worst playoffs will have a big record for a defending carry-over effect. Series winner.
Confidence won't be a problem. But the other clubs will have something to say about This time, the champions return largely intact. The biggest changes will be Ramon Castro replacing Ivan Rodriguez at catcher
With the regular season six weeks away, the Marlins still have some time to savor Derrek Choi replacing enit Lee at first base, and Benitez replacing Ugueth Urbina as the closer.
Florida still has a talented Monday was their first since completing an improbable run to the title by beating the New York Yankees.
"It's fun," reliever Chad Fox said as he looked around the clubhouse. "For 99 percent of us, this will be once in a lifetime to walk ing World Series champions. "You've got to enjoy and realize what we did was special. But when we go out there, we've got to work Leag
harder, because people ar going to be shooting for us otation, and right-hander A.J. Burnett - who ded the major leagues with five hutouts in 2002 - could eturn in May from recon structive elbow surgery But with offseason pgrades by Houston, Chicago Cubs, the Marlins re hardly considered the hardy considered the ague.
"We like being the underdog," McKeon said. "We'll just go out there and do our thing and hope it works

## Countdown underway for

 Small Fry Tournament
## FRITCH - Win Bishop

 president of the LakeMeredith Meredith Small Fry
Tournament Association, and Jonathan Douglas, vice-president, are pleased to announce plans are well under way for the 2004 Small Fry Fishing Tournament on April 10.

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will be charged for participating in the event.
e encourage all area children 6 to 14 years of age o participate in this year's
fishing tournament to be held at the Stilling Basin, Spring at the Stilling Basin, Spring
Canyon, at Lake Meredith Canyon, at Lake Meredith
National Recreation Area. We are looking forward to one of best tournaments in years," Bishop said.
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Feb. 25, 2004:
Sometimes you might when you really dont t need to. No one is
whitize yourself harder on you than you are on yourself.
Learn to be kinder to yourselff but in some way you might what to transform. and treat yousels you would treat oth, and treat yourself as you would treat oth-
ers. You develop the unique ability to soak up information, nearly effortlessly.
You have a lot of energy -- plus an unusual amount of supporters - - to do what you want, if you are focused. If you are single, a relationship materializes
that could be very special. You might go through several suitors before you meet the right person to develop this bond wirh. If you are attached, a relationship
will warm up if you become more with your sweetie. Share more of what you feel and think. Be free, expressing TAURUS energizes you.
The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5 -Dynamic; 4-Positiv
Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
*ぇ $\star \star$ You might understand much more than others realize, but perhaps
playing dumb could be the best action. Use your intuition, especially with starting a new enterprise. Don't push yourself too hard. You could be
more tired than you realize. Tonight: Treat yourself.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
$\star \star \star \star \star$ Yourre
$\star \star \star \star \star$ You're all smiles, except when dealing with certain difficult peo-
ple in your life. Your high energy helps you bypass, or rather skip over any stones in your path. Your determination draws only successful results. Express enthusiasm rather than doubt.
Find your favorite playmate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) $\star \star \star$ You could feel a change in the
wind, as your ruler changes signs today.
You You might be more concerned about have been in a while. Don't beat yourself up or become too critical. Listen to what
an auth an authority figure shares. Tonight: CANCER (June 21-July 22)
$\star \star \star \star \star$ Emphasize $\star \star \star \star \star$ Emphasize success and goals.
Your for Your friendly side emerges, drawing oth-
ers to you. You might feel like someone close is messing up. You can only make
suggestions and hope he or he will lis suggestions and hope he or she will lis-
ten. Your abilit ten. Your ability to communicate stars
right now. Tonight: Where your friends LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
$\star \star \star \star$ Take charge at work or wherever you spend your day. Others need your
sense of direction fling in some way. Express your generosity of spirit in a new way. Review
decisions in a more forthright maner decisions in a more forthright mann
Tonight: Expect a late bedtime. Tonight: Expect a late bedtime.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
$\star \star \star \star$ Reach out for others, especially
as they could be a source of information. You might be surprised by the facts, as you might have been working from a
whole different set of priorities and now realize you need to make an adjustment. Tonight: Visualize.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
while $\begin{gathered}\text {. }\end{gathered}$ your vision of what he or she might offer. Loosen up with a loved one you care a lot about. Reveal more of your
feelings, and closeness seems to happen. feelings, and closeness seems to happ Tonight Togetherness works.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
$\star \star \star \star \star$ Others reach out for you. At
first you might have an adverse reaction first you might have an adverse reaction
to someone's bellicose manner. Listen to
his or her message, not to your knee-jerk
reaction. Remember your long-term reaction. Remember your long-term
aims with others. Tonight: Where your
friends are. SAGEISTTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
$\star \star \star \star$ Pace yourself. as you have $\star \star \star \star$ Pace yourself, as you have a lot
of ground to cover right now. The good of ground to cover right now. The good
news is that you have the energy to get the job done. You innately assume a
leadership role. Others respect you for your strength. Tonight: A must appear
ance. ance.
$\star \star \star$ APRICORN (Dec. 22 -Jan. 19) $\star \star \star \star \star$ If faced with confusion or difficulty, tap into your intellectual
resources. Someone close might be quite dependent, but he or she maintains a very serious exterior. You might not hear very serious exterior. So the praise you'd like to hear. Tonight:
ald
Rent a movie Rent a movie, and relax your mind.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
$\star \star \star \star$ Listen to your instincts, degree, but you might not be getting the message straight. Review a personal matter with an eye to greater security.
You might be considering some changes You might be considering some changes
to your work location or hours. Tonigh: An intimate chat with a partner. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) $\star \star \star$ You seem to hit a roadblock midday. Don't let this get to you; you will
find a way around or over the problem Also others will come to your rescue. Investigate possibilititis that surround an
important relationhip important relationship. Tonight: Just answer your phone or go to a neighb
hood restaurant. Socialize, please. Born today
Comedian Zeppo Marx (1901), Beatle George Harrison (1943), actor Sean
Astin (1971) Astin (1971)***

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NKYE UWWA AWZR FE AW
$V W Q$ EKZ NWQL EW EXQP
KZ'R EKZ RYLZ WP YGG
 GETTING TO BE SUCH A DANGEROUS PLACE, A
GUY IS LUCKY TO GET OUT OF IT ALIVE. - W.C FIELDS


## LEAP YEAR!

 $=46)^{\circ}$ Earth to orbit the sun. An actual new year occurs eachtime the Earth returns to the

 is back to the same position
where it was four years earlier. Almost.



[^0]:    Jacqueline Bigar is on the Interne

