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election. He defeated former Gaye Whitehead, county tax the previous election for the incumbent who has no oppo-

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"Our prosecutors are excellent. They are pro-law enforce-Incumbent District Attorney ment. We have good judges, Rick Roach spoke first. Roach too," Copeland said. He is also is unopposed in the primary unopposed in the primary race.

district attorney John Mann in assessor/collector, is another

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TxDOT unveils plans for toll road system

By DAVID BOWSER STAFF WRITER

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Pampa Police Department form of automated checking officials ask local citizens to transactions," Lockridge said closely examine their bank in the release.

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Anyone with questions or only as 'Prime Benefits,' has information may contact the somehow accessed individu- police department at 669-

Texas Department of Transportation officials unveiled Gov. Rick Perry's vision of the future Monday -- toll roads.

Mark E. Tomlinson, the district engineer out Corridor program as having separate highways for trucks and parallel highways for other vehicles, high speed rail transportation and dedicated utility zones all on the same right-of-way and all part of a private-public program to finance the vision for the next 30 years.

The meeting was one of a number planned to gain public input in the long-term transportation proposal. Tomlinson said similar meetings are being held in each county in the the month.

The questions are, he said, whether such a plan is needed, whether it can be built and whether it is a good idea.

The dual highway system, one for trucks and one for other vehicles would have limited million are expected to live in rural areas. off-on access and mostly likely have a higher speed limit than current highways in the state,

trains traveling at speeds of 100 to 125 mph. The dedicated utility zone would be laid out

to carry electricity, natural gas, oil and water.

The corridors are expected to go around of Amarillo, described the Trans Texas urban areas in an effort to relieve congestion.

A conceptual map provided at the meeting indicated that priority routes in more densely populated East Texas except for one route across the state from Houston to El Paso.

Tomlinson said, however, that all routes at this point in time are tentative. No final decisions have been made. He said that planning on the route would probably begin within the next few months

The state's population is expected to double state to solicit public comment by the end of within the next 30 years, from about 20 million people to about 40 million. Presently, Tomlinson said, about 15 million people in the state live in urban areas and about 5.8 million live in rural areas. By 2030, 32.7 million people are expected to live in urban areas and 7.8

> Tomlinson said that the state has only about (See ROADS, Page 3)

Commissioners to consider McCarty-Hull lease change

By DAVID BOWSER FAFF WRITER

Pampa City Commission is expected to vote today on an amendment to its lease with McCarty-Hull, a wholesale distributor, to release 7,000 square feet of the old U.S. Bus the warehouse." building.

McCarty-Hull has agreed to give up part of not intended to turn a profit. their space for a business incubator, which will be established by West Texas A&M University.

The city is getting \$3,150 a month from McCarty-Hull, who is renting the building, or part of it, for warehouse space.

"That's for 55,450 square feet," City of the program. Manager Mitch Grant said.

Grant said that while McCarty-Hull's rent

will be lowered if they give up 7,000 square feet of space, the rent from the incubator should more than make up for it.

"Office space rent is a lot higher than warehouse space," Grant said. "I would anticipate that it would bring in more money than just

Grant said, however, that the incubator is

"It should be self-supporting," he said. The benefit will be in the new businesses it should generate.

If the incubator is running at 100 percent, Grant said it should generate about \$40,000, all of which will be put back into the operation

"We don't look at it as a money-making (See LEASE, Page 3)

City manager recommends **Pampa apply for Home Grant**

BY DAVID BOWSER STAFF WRITER

Commission meets this after- some buildings. noon. City Manager Mitch accessed some emergency Grant will recommend that the funds for some rehabilitation, city apply for a Home Grant.

would be used to replace an be put in its place." owner-occupied home.

through grant," Grant said.

the federal government and is remainder would have to be granted at the state level.

"It's a block-grant type program," Grant said. "I don't come up with some cash," know if the city has ever done

a Home Grant. The city did access some grants a few years back after the tornado to When the Pampa City do some emergency repairs on They but this is a program where a Such a grant, in the amount whole house would be torn of \$200,000 to \$250,000, down and a new house would

While the city would have "This is a federal pass- to provide about \$50,000, an estimated \$30,000 could be an The money originates with in-kind contribution while the cash

> "The city would have to (See GRANT, Page 3)

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OBITUARIES

Pampa

Miami.

Methodist Church of Miami.

SERVICES TOMORROW

LISTER, Grace Jewel — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial 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.

NADINE ARNEY

CONWAY, Ark. - Nadine Arney, 86, died under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Monday, Feb. 23, 2004. Services are pending Funeral Directors of Pampa.

DELCIA ADELLA 'DEE' CARTER

1904-2004

GAINESVILLE, Texas — Delcia Adella "Dee" Carter, 100, of Gainesville, died Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2004, at Gainesville. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Carter was born Jan. 8, 1904, in Paris, Texas. She had lived on the Goodnight Ranch for several years before moving to Pampa. She had been a resident of Pampa for approximately 25 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

1902-2004

Grace Jewel Lister, 101, of Pampa, Texas, died Monday, Feb. 23, 2004, at Pampa. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2004, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Tim Stevens, minister of the Kemp Church of Christ in Kemp, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Lister was born Nov. 15, 1902, in Shady Point, Okla. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1934. She married William Henry Lister on Dec. 26, 1929, in Sayre, Okla. He preceded her in death on Aug. 31, 1994.

She was a homemaker and a member of Central Church of Christ.

Survivors include a daughter, Norma L. Morrison and husband Frank of Pampa; two sisters, Ramona Douglass of Yukon, Okla., and Faye McDonald of Alpine; two grandchildren, Marsha Stevens and husband Joe, and Kim Price

BETTY RUTH DILBECK LITTLEFIELD

McLEAN — Betty Ruth Dilbeck Littlefield, 59, died Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Thacker Haynes officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery under the direction of Bailey-Ware Funeral Home of McLean.

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; one son, Bill Carter and wife Boyce 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 requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

-Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

and husband Harold, all of Pampa; four great-grandchildren, Greg Stevens, Jeff Stevens, Trent Price and Lilly Price, all of Pampa; and five greatgreat-grandchildren.

The family

requests memorials be to Pampa Meals on Wheels, P.O. Box 939, Pampa, TX 79066-0930; or Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX 79101.

www.carmichael-whatley.com.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Llovd Littlefield; and a son, Richard Lee Adams.

Survivors include a son, Jim Bob Adams of McLean; a daughter, Peggy Adams of Midwest City, Okla.; three stepchildren, Roxy McMordie of McLean, Russell Littlefield of Sonora and Chris Littlefield of Oklahoma; two sisters, Mary Hicks of Mrs. Littlefield taught piano to many students California and Tina Hergenrother of Midwest City;

LORENA SCRUGGS 1912-2004

DIXIE HINES SMITH

1940-2004

and

DUMAS — Lorena Scruggs, 92, died Friday,

Feb. 20, 2004. Services will be at 2 p.m.

Wednesday in Morrison Funeral Directors

Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Mark Wallis,

pastor of Life Tabernacle in Dumas, officiating

with the assistance of Travis Evans, nephew of Mrs. Scruggs and lay minister of Nazarene

Church in California. Burial will be in Northlawn

Memorial Gardens in Dumas under the direction

Scruggs moved to Dumas two years ago from

Born Jan. 6, 1912, at Ravia, Okla., Mrs.

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

Miami with the Rev. Steve Patterson, pastor of

the First Methodist Church of Friona, and the

She was the business manager for the Miami

Survivors include her husband, Joe Smith, of

tion of Sullivan Funeral Home of Vernon.

Mr. Stowers was born June 21, 1933, at

Retrop, Okla., to the late Fate and Ruby Lois

King Stowers, and graduated from Retrop

High School. He married Frances House on

June 14, 1952, at Carter, Okla. He was a car-

penter, building contractor and worked for the

of Morrison Funeral Directors.

Pampa where she was a member of Church of the Nazarene of Pampa.

Mrs. Scruggs was an office clerk at Electrolux.

She married Edward Scruggs on Sept. 30, 1944, in California; he died in 1950.

Survivors include a stepson, Charles Scruggs of Glen Ellyn, Ill.; a nephew, J.A. George of Dumas; and other nieces and nephews.

The family will be at 513 Cedar in Dumas and requests memorials be to Memorial Hospice, 224 E. 2nd, Dumas.

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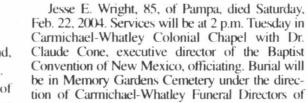


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W.T. Waggoner Estate for 30 years.

Pampa 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. 1, 1986, after husband Doug, Charisse Topper, all of Amarillo, and Karin Kohler of Winslow, Ariz.; one son, Garrett grandchildren, Tonya Henson of Pampa, Cassie

Rev. Don Kinder, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Miami, officiating. Burial will be in Helton and wife Dee Ann of Miami Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Guymon, Okla.; one brother, Bill Mrs. Smith was born May 7, 1940, in Borger. Hines and wife She was a 1958 graduate of Canadian High Betty of Vilas, School. She had been a resident of Miami from Colo.; and eight 1942 until she moved to Amarillo in 2002. She married Joe Smith on April 4, 1992, in

Lemons, Tanner Lemons, Hope Bonner Smith, and Tyson Liedtke, all of Amarillo, Bea Drinnon of Elk City, Okla., and Seth Kohler and Kari Independent School District from 1975 until Kohler, both of Winslow, Ariz. She was preceded retiring in 2002. She was a member of the First in death by her parents, Raburn and Ruby Hines; and a son, Steve Helton in 1986.

-Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com. the home; three daughters, Kathy Liedtke and

WALTER LAFAYETTE STOWERS 1933-2004

VERNON - Walter Lafayette Stowers, 70, He was a member of Wilbarger Street died Monday, Feb. 23, 2004, in a hospital at Church of Christ. Vernon. Services are pending under the direc-Mr. Stowers enjoyed woodworking.

He was preceded in death by a son, Robert Stowers in 1984.

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; and three greatgrandchildren.

JESSE E. WRIGHT

1918-2004

Elizabeth Kay Wright; and a great-granddaughter, Leah Elizabeth Sanders.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce, of the home; a son, Richard Wright of Albuquerque, N.M.; two daughters, Jana Sanders of Booker and Debbie Kraaier of Campo, Colo.; a brother, Jack Wright of Aztec, N.M.; five sisters, Katherine Bybee and Lorene Cook, both of Farmington, N.M., Pearl Sisson and Florene Ensor, both of Aztec, and Lula Gates of Fontana, Calif.; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, 600 W. 11th, Amarillo, TX 79101; 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 79005. –Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

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for many years and was employed at the safety rest area west bound on I-40. She enjoyed her family and friends, animals, sewing, baking and gardening.

two brothers, Ray Dilbeck of Lubbock and Tommy Dilbeck of California; and six grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be tocMcLean EMS, McLean, TX 79057.

28 years of service. Mr. Wright was a Baptist and a U.S. Navy veter-

an, serving during World War II.

He was preceded in death by two sons, James Carroll Wright and Willie Earl Wright; a daughter,



ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department today reported the following motor vehicle accidents.

Friday, Feb. 20

9:28 a.m. – A 2000 Chevrolet Astro driven by Sue Hardin Helms, 57, of Canadian, and a 1997 Ford F-150 pickup driven by Tommy Lynn Cole, 35, of Amarillo, collided in the 1000 block of North Hobart. Helms was cited for failure to control speed. Helms, her passenger, Matt Dean Helms, and Cole all reported possible injuries and were transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center by ambulance.

9:25 p.m. - A 2001 Chevrolet Blazer driven by Francisco Rodriguez, 39, 2627 Seminole, collided with a legally parked 1998 Chevrolet 3500 pickup owned by Albert Tumbunga, 2626 Seminole, in the 2600 block of North Seminole. Rodriguez was cited for driving while intoxicat ed.

Saturday, Feb. 21

An unknown white pickup truck collided with the steps of a building located in the 2600 block of North Hobart causing an estimated \$1,000 damage to the building

Amarillo.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance responded to the 2300 block reported the following calls of Fir. No transport. during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Feb. 23

10:48 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Pampa **Regional Medical Center and**

4:47 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to CHC and trans-7:58 p.m. – A mobile ICU transferred a patient to ferred a patient to PRMC



SHERIFF

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

Monday, Feb. 23

Antonio Soria, 30, 1036 Prairie Drive, was arrested for violation of probation on a charge of fraudulent use or possession of identity information.

Tabitha Herring, 24, 418 Yeager, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia. Angela Fitzer, 33, 2206 N. Nelson, was arrested for no valid driver's license and no insurance.

Abraham Lima, 27, Milwaukee, Wis., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for no driver's license and speeding.

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests. Wednesday, Feb. 18

Disorderly conduct/language was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester.

Saturday, Feb. 21 Numerous citations were

issued for minor in possesblock of North Chestnut.

Sale of tobacco to a minor was reported at Taylor Mart, 1342 N Hobart; United Supermarket, 1420 N Hobart; Wal-Mart, 2225 N Hobart; and The Cigarette

Theft/organized crime was reported at Allsup's, 140 S. Starkweather. Two 30-packs of beer were taken, for an estimated loss of \$40.38.

reported in the 1100 block of East Harvester.

taken at One Medical Plaza.

Monday, Feb. 23

Possession of a controlled substance was reported in the 2100 block of Lynn. The substance was prescription medication.

sion of alcohol in the 2600 100 block of South Lowry.

receiver. Estimated loss was \$465

James Robles, 22, 1001 S. Faulkner, was arrested on a bond forfeiture concerning a charge of possession of marijuana.



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thing," he said. "We're hoping that they will be people out there with business ideas in the back of their minds that they want to start up, and they may have a little money to put into it or some credit. This will give them the expertise and the hands on experience to make it work."

The incubator will use about 13,000 square feet of the U.S. Bus building at 822 block of East Foster.

"It will be a business incubator," Grant said. "The main thrust of this is to bring in what the college calls new money."

The incubator will help develop new businesses in Pampa, Grant said. The jobs created by the incubator won't compete with existing businesses.

"We're not slicing the pie thinner," Grant said. "They don't want to come in with a business that's going to compete with one of our local businesses."

All the businesses will be start-ups. Grant said it is a three-year program.

"Typically," he said, "a business will start up and graduate in three years."

By that time, the business should be strong enough to get out of the building and on it's own

"They can offer assistance to start-up businesses or existing businesses for a fee," Grant said.

A business doesn't have to be in the building to be part of the program.

The incubator will be part of the Texas A&M Enterprise Network. Grant said the network consists of six incubators in the panhandle, including Pampa.

Dan Redd and Don Taylor, both from West Texas A&M, will oversee the incubator.

"The thing I like about this program is the people that are involved," Grant said. "I know the people, and they're all just really top notch."

Grant said he and Clay Rice with the chamber of commerce looked into the program.

"I was very impressed with the program," Grant said. The city manager said that

preparation of the space for the

incubators has gone quickly. "I was told that if we continue like we are," Grant said, "that we will probably be the first one to be operating."

There's no firm date for 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 construction, he said, only a few walls will have to be put up in the building, but there is some electrical work that will need to be done.

"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 foot building for their incubator.

Grant said Dumas is about 30 percent complete with their building.



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Loralee Cooley asked

whether the state is working

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.

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Monday afternoon, Chuck ROADS White questioned why the a third of the money need-

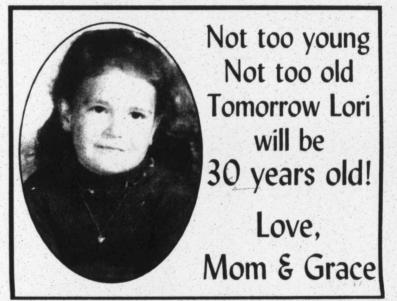
ed to improve and expand transportation. He said funding to expand Interstate 35 regions. from Dallas-Fort Worth to "Like Pampa,"

Austin and San Antonio and Lonny Robbins said. funding to build Interstate 69 "If you build these roads coming down from the Midclose to big cities," said Gray West won't be available for County Judge Richard Peet,

to the congestion."

with surrounding states on corridors couldn't be used to bring people out of the conmatching interstate transgested urban areas into other. portation arteries. Tomlinson said there have Mayor been conversations, but no

planning Dale Roth wanted to know if the utility zone would carry water from Roberts County to "all we're going to do is add the Metroplex. Tomlinson said it could.



GRANT

Grant said. "Probably about \$20,000."

The Home Grant is not a big program, he said, so he doesn't know if the PRPC would consider handling it. A consultant, he said, might work better.

"They would be interested, later on this year," Grant said, "in a community development grant, which deals with water and sewer."

Grant said competition for ent, Grant said.

FORUM

puts the city in a difficult situation. It is a larger small town, and often smaller towns get the grants, but Pampa's too small to be an entitlement city, like

Amarillo, where the grant money comes more easily. The Home Grant is differ-

"They're not so keen on competition," he said, "but they 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."

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R. Christan "Chris" Lockridge, incumbent, faces two challengers in his bid for re-election as constable for Precinct 2.

"I have been constable since McLean said he would be a 990. I have 24 years of experience, 20 of them here. I'm elected to the Precinct A posiinvolved 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 officer's license, I feel it's a way I can give back to the community. I love Pampa and the citizens here and want to do my part to 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.

Gray County is in a financial crunch. I visited with Sheriff Copeland and he said his office could handle it," Fletcher said. Johnnie Max Carpenter of

"full-time active constable" if

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any of these grant is keen, but the city has gotten block grants before. "Pampa has tried that a few times and has been fairly successful," Grant said. He said Pampa's population

use of tolls and bonds. He said the new system would be paid for by those that use the system. Tomlinson said under a private-public scenario that's envisioned,

another 50 years.

landowners instead of selling their land outright would be able to collect royalties on easements crossing their property.

The state wants to finance

the Trans Texas Corridors;

Tomlinson said, through the

"It could be a 21st Century version of an oil well," Tomlinson said.

Of the dozen people attending the meeting

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County for 18 years. I like the

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"I have worked for Gray

Two county commissioners up for re-election are running unopposed.

ents" Whitehead said

"This is the first election in which I have been unopposed, either in the primary or the general election, in 16 years," said Joe Wheeley, Precinct 1 commissioner. "I have thoroughly enjoyed serving the people of Gray County."

Gerald Wright, Precinct 3 commissioner up for re-election, 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.

Ware, Doug county Republican chairman, is also up for re-election and is unopposed. He asked for continued support in his bid to continue in the party office, which is an unpaid position.

tion. He is currently a fail sergeant at Gray County Jail, and said he would resign that position if elected.

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 the county," he said.

Randy Stubblefield of Pampa is a former Gray County sheriff and is entered in the Precinct 4 constable's race. 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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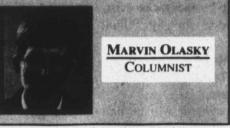
"In those days, there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes."

That's how the Old Testament book of Judges ends. These days, it seems as if there is no settled law in America: Judges and mayors do what is right in their own 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 to same-sex couples.

Who are these audacious magistrates? Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court head Margaret Marshall, wife of New York Times columnist emeritus (and evangelical-despising) Anthony Lewis, gained her position through heavy backing by the Boston Globe, which is owned 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 their dream jobs. Before Marshall's appointment, the Globe called her "a moderate" and cited her opposition to a Boston ordinance that created domestic partners: Cities, she wrote, must not take the law into their own hands, but should press the legislature to act. Once in power, though, she did what was right in her own eyes and put together a 4-to-3 court majority for same-sex marriage.

Until Valentine's Day weekend, Newsom was best known as a glamorous



Democrat who wanted homeless individuals to receive fewer direct handouts but more government programs. Two months 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 marriage licenses and perhaps millions of future Gavin devotees, if the 36-yearold's aspirations for higher office turn him toward statewide or national campaigns.

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 superior court judge refused to order an immediate stop to the parade, which may now continue until March 29.

Why are judges so pliable? Why has California's action hero governor become a portrait of inaction? So what if 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 own eyes, particularly if big media eyes declare perpetrators to be heroes rather than violators of their oaths of office.

Campaign for California Families director Randy Thomasson protested vociferously: "No one made the mayor of San Francisco king; he can't play God. He cannot trash the vote of the people." But 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 in 2000 approved by a 2-to-1 margin Proposition 22, which limits marriage to one man and one woman, should our modern Abimelechs obey?

Liberals who praise Newsom but condemned Alabama's Judge Roy Moore should think again. I've been critical of both men, but Moore has the stronger defense: He was opposing the over-reaching of a few federal judges, but Newsom 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 that process by supporting legislation that would limit the ability of federal judges 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 creates such a mess that dictatorship often follows.



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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.

In addition, fraud escalates the cost of taxpayer-supported government programs such as Medicare.

Recent efforts by the Texas Department of Insurance to put 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 insur-

ance is an estimated \$80 billion annually, says the Coalition Against Insurance Fraud, an insurance industry-backed organization 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 announced that it will hire a special prosecutor to work on insurance fraud cases with the district attorney's office in Dallas County, a hot spot for fraudulent activity.

Citing industry studies, TDI said that "the average household 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, the 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, 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 the 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 years each.

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 clinics

But most fraud cases are much more mundane.

As the Insurance Information Institute notes in a video on the topic: "Everyday, otherwise honest people risk arrest by committing insurance fraud maybe a woman dents her fender in a minor collision, but then pads her claim by lying that prior 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.

Why Bush must bash Kerry now

The 2004 presidential election may be 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.

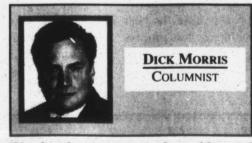
Stalled in his effort to win re-election on his own merits, the president now must turn his attention to his opponent. The Battle of Bush is deadlocked. But the Battle of Kerry has only just begun.

John Kerry is now entering any candidate'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 absorb and process anything about him 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



War has been permanently emblazoned on the public mind with the dramatic appearance of the soldier he rescued, under heavy fire. But so has his subsequent strong anti-war position. (Rumors of marital infidelity will leave their faint trace, but, without corroboration - and in the face of his denial - shouldn't amount to much.)

Bush can't let this definitional period pass without putting up black marks against the Massachusetts senator's record. And he won't miss the chance. 7

The battle to define Kerry comes when the Democrat must focus all his resources on the remaining primaries. His opponents lie wounded on the ground, but he has still won only a small proportion of the delegates he needs to win the nomination. While his is busy with this task, Bush should - and likely will - advertise nationally to sully the Kerry image.

In 1988, Bush's father could afford to wait until the summer nominating conventions to tell voters about Mike Dukakis. But, back then, the nominating battle was drawn out over half a year and

it was premature for the opposing party to inject its own attacks on the frontrunner that early.

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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 advertising, no matter how much he wants to. His resources are fully engaged with the primaries. But he'll soon be free for the combat.

Bush must strike now, while Kerry's planes are still on the ground or otherwise 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 turns Kerry into a Dukakis (instead of letting him become a Clinton). We'll know by spring if he has succeeded.

If Bush fails in this effort, we'll be in for a see-saw battle and another photo finish.

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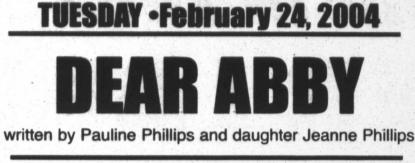


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HERPES INFECTION IS REMINDER OF HUSBAND'S BROKEN

DEAR ABBY: A young mother wrote that her husband had given her herpes-2, and asked you to help her decide whether to stay or to leave the marriage. She said that the virus was a constant reminder of his indiscretion, and asked if any other man could love her if he knew. Please give her this message:

I also contracted herpes-2 (HSV-2) from my ex-husband during our marriage. We divorced and I married my soul mate. While we were dating, I told him about the virus and waited to hear him say, "Adios." Instead, to my amazement, his response was, "I love you. This isn't your fault and we'll deal with it."

I, too, am angry during an outbreak because it is a reminder that the person I trusted most betrayed me. But remember that stress is one of the triggers for an outbreak. Then remind yourself that this virus doesn't change who you are inside. You have done nothing wrong. Get all the information you can because knowledge is empowering. No matter what decision you make about your marriage, your heart will heal. My thoughts are with you. --LIVING HAPPILY EVER AFTER

DEAR LIVING: Thank you for the beautiful testimonial that a full life is possible after an HSV-2 diagnosis. People who have this infection often feel isolated because it is not a condition that is easily discussed. For anyone who might have missed it in my previous column, the National Herpes Hotline -- (919) 361-8488 operates from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Eastern time. The staff provides information and referrals to support groups.

I'm pleased to say you are not the only caring reader who wrote to offer support to that young woman. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I contracted herpes-2 after a one-night stand 10 years ago. if she can live without the family unit the two of them have built together.

I am still single since my diagnosis, but I have had two healthy relationships over six years' time. The key is honesty and healthy communication. -- LIVING STRONG IN LOS ANGELES

DEAR LIVING STRONG: I agree, and that is true in any healthy relationship. I would be shirking my responsibility as an advice columnist, however, if I didn't point out that more than half of all teenagers today are sexually active. That is why they need clear, concise sex education -- beyond "just say no" -- to help them avoid sexually transmitted diseases and unwanted pregnancies. While most adults prefer that teens and pre-teens abstain from having sex, it is obvious that many are NOT abstaining. *****

DEAR ABBY: My friend "Diane" and I went downtown for a few drinks after work. She drove. At the end of the night, she had a parking ticket. I was surprised when she said I should pay half, especially since she knows money is tight for me right now. I think Diane is being unfair. I wouldn't expect her to pay half of it if it was my ticket. Am I wrong? -- CON-**FUSED IN FLORIDA**

DEAR CONFUSED: She provided the transportation. I assume she paid for the gas. Since you were together when she got the parking ticket, it would have been nice if you had OFFERED to pay half the ticket. That's how friends treat each other. *****

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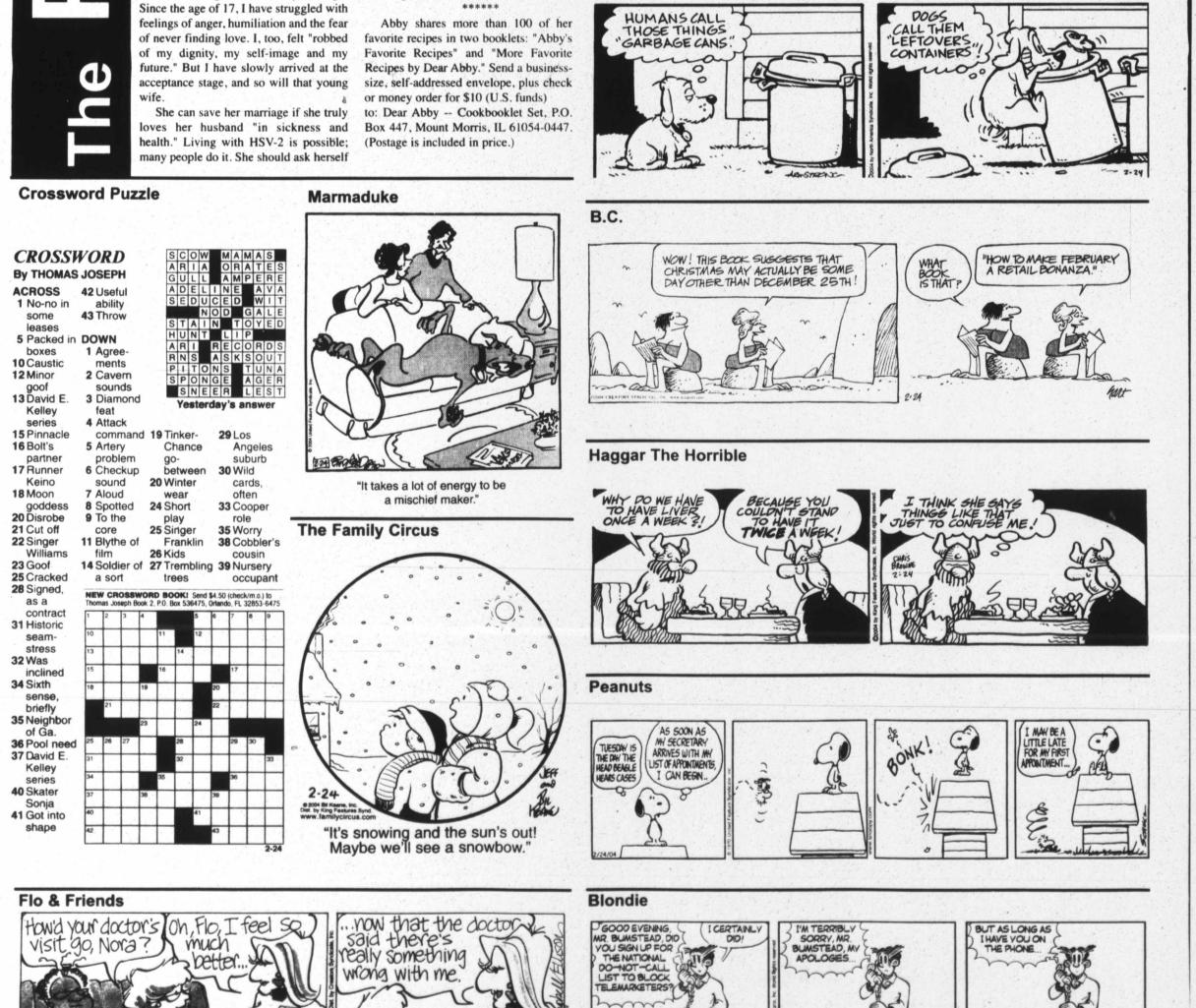






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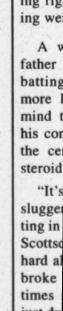
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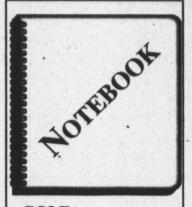


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SPORTS



GOLF

PLAINVIEW - The Pampa boys golf team was entered in the Plainview Invitational last weekend. The Harvesters had a tworound total of 775.

Plainview won the team title with a 617. Lubbock Monterey was second at 620.

Taylor Fatheree's 179 led Pampa. Wesley Brogdin had 182, Aaron Pepper 190 and Jonathan Maciel 224.

ROLLER HOCKEY

PAMPA — Pampa Kids & Youth Club is having roller hockey signups from 6 p.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 Street (one block south of Taylor Mart).

Youngsters are urged to bring roller blades and any hockey gear.

For more information, call Joe at 669-1533 (daytime), Janet at 664-3813, or Anna at 669-1740. After 6 p.m., call Dean at 663-1917



(Photo by Ray Boring)

Pampa guard Clayton Hall sets up the offense against Andrews.

Andrews sneaks by Pampa

PLAINVIEW - Taylor 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 3-4A bi-district game Tuesday night.

The Harvesters close their season with 13-19 record. Andrews advances with a 24-5 record.

Trailing 60-57 with just 36 seconds left, junior guard Clayton Hall tied the score with Pampa's only 3-pointer of the game. However, Haygood was fouled going up for a shot in the final seconds. He missed the first free throw, but hit the second one.

Hall had a tremendous outing for the Harvesters with a

High School Basketball

game-high 26 points. He was 19 of 22 from the foul line.

Chance Bowers added 11 points and 7 rebounds for the Harvesters.

Haygood was Andrews' top scorer with 20 points. Pampa 16 27 41 60 Andrews 14, 29 45 61 P - Clayton Hall 26, Chance Bowers 11, Jed Martin 9, Jarett Kotara 8, Collin Bowers 6.

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

Ft. Elliott 57, Hartley 56 AMARILLO - Fort Elliott opened the playoffs 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 Lonberger chipped in 11 each.

Boydston hit one of two foul shots with two seconds remaining after Hartley had been called for a technical for calling an illegal timeout. The score was tied at 56-56 when Boydston walked to the foul line.

T.J. Black paced Andrews with 19 points. Reese Wilson followed with 11.

Fort Elliott moves into area action with a 21-8 record. Hartley finishes at 13-13.

UConn replaces Texas atop women's poll

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 position it held the first eight 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.

This was the fourth time in the last eight weeks the No. 1 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 Utah dropped out.

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 eight by an average of 28 points.

"Anytime you lose early in the season and get knocked down a few notches, it always feels good to work your way back," UConn senior Maria Conlon said.

"We hit rock bottom there and we bounced back. That says a lot about the character of our team."

Connecticut's recent surge of dominating play, which included a 14-point win at Connecticut (22-2) tum- Tennessee, began with a 68- No. 23 Boston College 81-60

Three days earlier, the Huskies had been forced to scramble at the end to beat Seton Hall 71-63.

"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 ... if we didn't play the way we did that night, it would have been another Notre Dame or a close game.

"That kind of redefined the 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 Pittsburgh 97-42 and then-

bled from first to fourth after 50 victory at Virginia Tech. last week. The Huskies Oklahoma. Vanderbilt and votes from a national media panel and had 1,173 points 61 more than Tennessee.

> Tennessee (23-2), No. 3 Duke (22-3) and No. 4 Purdue (23-2) each moved up one place. Purdue, winners of 14" straight, received the two other first-place votes.

Penn State climbed one spot to sixth and was followed by Louisiana Tech. Texas Tech, Kansas State and Stanford.

North Carolina advanced five places to 11th, Minnesota slipped one spot to 12th after losing at Iowa and TCU went from 17th to 13th. Then it was Colorado, LSU and Baylor, followed by Houston, Auburn, Georgia and DePaul.

received 45 of 47 first-place Ohio State held the final five places.

> North Carolina made the biggest jump within the poll and DePaul had the biggest drop, falling from 12th to 20th after losing at TCU and Houston.

Vanderbilt (18-7) has been ranked twice before this season, at No. 24 for one week each time. The Commodores returned to the poll after breaking a four-game losing streak with victories over two ranked teams, LSU and Auburn.

Ohio State (17-8) has recovered from a slump that knocked the Buckeyes out of the Top 25 on Jan. 12. They lost six of eight in one stretch, but now have won four Miami, Michigan State, straight and seven of eight.

Fullmer looking forward to playing with Rangers way it ended in Anaheim, with recently traded short- be the Rangers' No. 1 SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) Teixeira," Fullmer said. Rodriguez, starter. The pitchers did "Now I am the veteran with but my thing is to be a part stop Alex Fullmer said the Rangers some work off the bullpen of things here and make the the playoff experience and the ring who can show them Angels regret they didn't mounds Monday, but were can still succeed. veteran role with the Texas what it takes." keep me," Fullmer said. "We weren't a group of delayed in the afternoon by Fullmer said he's feeling superstars when the Angels rain and instead watched Fullmer played with the The 29-year-old first Anaheim Angels when they nearly back to where he was won the championship," he film of defensive plays from won the World Series in before the injury. said. "This is how we did it last season. "We've been there." keeping tape since the sec-2002. "I mean he was in full But Anaheim decided not uniform and had already Notes: Left-hander ond week of the season," worked up a good sweat. Kenny Rogers threw some Showalter said. "We can sit regular position players, to to resign Fullmer after he long tosses Monday, but out here all day and talk had to undergo season-end-This guy is ready to play," manager Buck Showalter ing knee surgery last July to he's still taking it easy after bunt defense, but it's a lot "Coming up I was the repair a ruptured tendon in said. injuring his right hamstring more meaningful to be able While disappointed he Saturday. The offseason free to show them. We're going his right knee. "I'm disappointed the won't get a chance to play agent signee is expected to to use this rain day."

or Janet at 669-1838.

FOOTBALL

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - The Indianapolis Colts gave Peyton Manning their franchise tag, a move that 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 teams to be under the league's \$80.5 million salary cap.

BASEBALL

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — For years, Barry Bonds has faced accusations 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 to," said Bonds, who showed up at spring training right around his playing weight of 228 pounds.

A winter without his father beside him in the batting cage weighed more heavily on Bonds' mind this offseason than his connection to a lab at the center of an alleged steroid ring.

"It's been difficult," the slugger said Monday, sitting in the dugout at soggy Scottsdale Stadium. "Just hard all the way around. I broke down a couple times in the batting cage just due to the fact he wasn't with me. He's been my coach my whole life."

- Recently signed free agent Brad Fullmer says he's looking forward to his Rangers.

baseman was in camp Monday, one day ahead of Tuesday's reporting day for take part in some rain-shortened drills.

young guy with promise like Hank (Blalock) or (Mark)

Her eighth-place was

the highest placing for a

female diver in PHS his-

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Penrod makes diving history at state

Shockers compete in Little **Dribblers tourney in McLean**

The Pampa Shockers 4thgrade boys team competed in the 5-6th Grade Division at the McLean Little Dribblers Tournament over the weekend, and finished with a 1-2 record.

Pampa started the tournament strong with a 40-4 victory over Kelton, but would go onto lose their next two game against Valley (44-26) and Lefors 6th grade (28-24).

Despite being required by the tournament director to 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 Pettitte and Roger Clemens during the offseason, plan to announce the deal at a news conference Tuesday, the official said, speaking on the condition.

team played their best basketball of the year against very 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.

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Latigo Collins	24	9	12	. 6	
Cole Engle	17	6	12	6	
Shane Smith	11	1	5	11	
Ryan Pearson	6	0	0	7	
Landon Powell	4	0	6	5	
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learned new dives, but has increased the degree nation."

Coach Miller said Penrod is looking forward to a return trip to state next year, and hopes there will be an increased interest in diving.

"She's hopes that more head coach Greg Miller. students will come out "She not only has for diving next year," he said.

Penrod, who now of difficulty as well. Her returns to the cheerleadgreatest attributes are ing team, plans to sharpswimming-diving team her athletic ability, con- en her skills by attending to finish 33rd in the centration and determi- a state diving camp this summer.



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Source: Broncos, Redskins discuss Portis-for-Bailey swap

DENVER (AP) — If a proposed trade goes through, Clinton Portis would head to Washington to solve the Redskins' unsettled running back situation.

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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 source said Monday.

tion in the April draft, the NFL source told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Vinny Cerrato, Washington's player personnel director, said at the NFL scouting combine in Indianapolis: "We are talking to a number of teams and Denver is one of the teams." He wouldn't name the players.

The deal would make sense In giving up Portis for Bailey, because the Redskins went last sea-Denver also would receive son without an every-down running Washington's second-round selec- back, a must in the offensive system Arizona.

favored by new coach Joe Gibbs. Trung Canidate led the Redskins 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 York Jets, Houston, Chicago and

"We have had preliminary discussions 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 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 the Redskins must make him a one-

year, \$6.8 million tender, the average of the top five players at his position.

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' Portis has two years remaining on the contract he signed as a secondround draft pick in 2002. Displeased with the \$300,000 he made last season, he has hinted he might be a holdout when training camp starts unless the Broncos rework his deal.

Portis' agent, Drew Rosenhaus, declined comment and the Broncos did not return a call seeking comment

Gonzaga gains highest AP basketball top 25 ranking ever

By JIM O'CONNELL AP Basketball Writer

Gonzaga has made some deep runs in the NCAA tournament and now has its highest 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 basketball poll Monday.

Stanford and Saint Joseph's each won two games last week to remain the nation's only unbeaten teams and stayed 1-2 in the poll.

Gonzaga (23-2) was sixth last week, matching its spot for the final two weeks of 2001-02. Wins last week over Portland — the game when John Stockton's jersey was retired and the Bulldogs clinched the West Coast Conference regular season title- and at Tulsa moved the Bulldogs up two places.

Gonzaga reached the regional final in 1999, losing to eventual national champion Connecticut, and made it to

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years.

Stanford (23-0) beat Southern California and UCLA on the road last week to hold the No. 1 spot for a second straight week, while Saint Joseph's (24-0) had wins over Fordham and Temple.

For the second week in a row Stanford had a 64-8 advantage in first-place votes from the national media panel, but the Hawks closed the point gap slightly, from 70 to 59.

Pittsburgh (24-2) moved up two spots to third, the Panthers' highest ranking since they were No. 2 for two weeks last season.

Duke, which snapped a two-game losing streak with a win over Maryland on Sunday, dropped from third to fifth and was followed by Oklahoma State, Mississippi State, Connecticut, Kentucky and Texas.

Wake Forest, which beat Duke and Georgia Tech last week, jumped four spots to

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the round of 16 the next two No. 11. The Demon Deacons were followed by North Carolina, Providence, North Carolina State, Cincinnati, Southern Illinois, Arizona, Georgia Tech, Memphis and Kansas.

> The last five ranked teams were Louisville, Wisconsin, Illinois, Utah State and Texas Tech.

Illinois and Utah State returned to the Top 25 this week, replacing LSU and South Carolina, who fell out from 24th and 25th.

The Fighting Illini (18-5) fell out of the poll for five weeks after being ranked all season and getting as high as No. 11. They re-entered on a six-game winning streak, including victories last week over Wisconsin and Penn State.

Utah State (22-2) made its first poll appearance since 1971 three weeks ago, but fell out last week after losing at Pacific. The Aggies are back in following wins over UC Riverside and Cal State Fullerton.

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Top 25 last week for the first time this season, but playing without injured leading scorer and rebounder Jamie Lloreda the Tigers lost to Auburn and Vanderbilt.

South Carolina (20-6) was ranked for the last five weeks, never getting higher than

AUSTIN (AP) — James Thomas' wide shoulders certainly appear big enough to carry Texas to a Big 12 title.

The senior center had eight points in a key second half-run that sent No. 10 Texas to an 82-67 win over No. 20 Kansas that kept the Longhorns within striking distance of a league championship.

Brandon Mouton continued his torrid scoring pace with 23 points, but it was Thomas who provided the muscle in the

LSU (17-6) moved into the 24th. The Gamecocks lost to Arkansas in their only game last week.

> The loss of LSU and South Carolina cut the Southeastern Conference's number of ranked teams in half with Mississippi State and Kentucky the only league members still in the Top 25.

No. 6 in the country.

record for rebounds.

"This time of year, I know

"In the first half, I wanted to

get a feel of the game," he said.

"But in the second half, I knew

have to step it up to a new level

Louisville and Wisconsin joined LSU as ranked teams to lose two games last week, and both took a big fall in the poll. Louisville (17-6) has lost

five of its last six games, including last week's losses to Texas Christian and Cincinnati.

Jonghorns roll past Kansas game involving Top 25 teams

about anything else," Thomas Monday also kept Texas withsaid. "Rebounding, scoring off in a half-game of conference offensive rebounds, running leader Oklahoma State, ranked the floor and playing defense."

Texas has three games left on the schedule. The home my teammates need me so I stretch includes a rematch with the Cowboys next Monday in if we want to win champi-Stillwater. Oklahoma State onships," said Thomas, who beat Texas in Austin in last week broke Texas' career January.

> Minutes after beating Kansas, Texas players seemed to be focusing on what's ahead.

"It's not a goal of ours to beat Kansas," Mouton said. "It's a goal to win championships. Our goal is to win every game."

Marlins get ready to prepare for World Series title defense JUPITER, Fla. (AP) -

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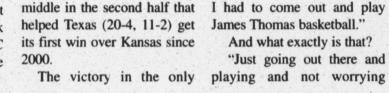
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Jack McKeon hopes it's an omen that his grandson Kellan won a second consecutive state high school wrestling championship in North Carolina last week. "He told me the other

night, 'Hey papa, see if you can go back to back too, 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 grounders, much like the slow 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 inu paseman Mike Lowell, who studied a huge stack of fan mail that accumulated during the offseason and wondered how to answer it 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.

motivated," McKeon said. "They realize all the good things that happened and the reason they came about. I think what we did in the playoffs will have a big carry-over

Confidence won't be a problem. But the other clubs will have something to say about it, too."

With the regular season six weeks away, the Marlins still have some time to savor last season. The workout 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 through the doors as defending World Series champions. "You've got to enjoy it and realize what we did was special. But when we go out there, we've got to work harder, because people are going to be shooting for us now. And that's what we want."

The Marlins' only previ- out."

Countdown underway for Small Fry Tournament

FRITCH — Win Bishop, president of the Lake 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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1997, when they also won the World Series. That team was quickly dismantled, and Florida went 54-108 the following year, the worst record for a defending effect. Series winner.

> This time, the champions return largely intact. The biggest changes will be Ramon Castro replacing Ivan Rodriguez at catcher, Hee Seop Choi replacing Derrek Lee at first base, and Benitez replacing Ugueth Urbina as the closer.

Florida still has a talented rotation, and right-hander A.J. Burnett — who led the major leagues with five shutouts in 2002 — could return in May from reconstructive elbow surgery.

But with offseason upgrades by Houston, Philadelphia and the Chicago Cubs, the Marlins are hardly considered the team to beat in the National League.

"We like being the underdog," McKeon said. "We'll just go out there and do our thing and hope it works

> "We encourage all area children 6 to 14 years of age to participate in this year's fishing tournament to be held at the Stilling Basin, Spring Canyon, at Lake Meredith National Recreation Area. We are looking forward to one of best tournaments in years," Bishop said.

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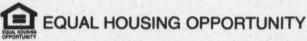
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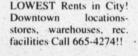
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2004:

Sometimes you might criticize yourself when you really don't need to. No one is harder on you than you are on yourself. Learn to be kinder to yourself, but in some way you might what to transform. Avoid being the self-destructive Fish, and treat yourself as you would treat others. 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 with. If you are attached, a relationship will warm up if you become more open with your sweetie. Share more of what you feel and think. Be free, expressing your insecurities and negative feelings. TAURUS energizes you.

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)

★★★★ You might understand much more than others realize, but perhaps playing dumb could be the best course of 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)

**** You're all smiles, except when dealing with certain difficult people 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. Tonight: Find your favorite playmate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** You could feel a change in the wind, as your ruler changes signs today. You might be more concerned about work and your public image than you have been in a while. Don't beat yourself up or become too critical. Listen to what an authority figure shares. Tonight: Indulge yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Emphasize success and goals. Your friendly side emerges, drawing others to you. You might feel like someone close is messing up. You can only make suggestions and hope he or she will listen. Your ability to communicate stars right now. Tonight: Where your friends are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Take charge at work or wherever you spend your day. Others need your sense of direction, as they might be waffling in some way. Express your generosity of spirit in a new way. Review decisions in a more forthright manner. Tonight: Expect a late bedtime. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ 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) **** Work with someone close, while realizing you could be distorting 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. Tonight: Togetherness works. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** Others reach out for you. At first you might have an adverse reaction to someone's bellicose manner. Listen to

Pampa, TX. 79065 his or her message, not to your knee-jerk reaction. Remember your long-term aims with others. Tonight: Where your

friends are. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Pace yourself, as you have a lot 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 appearance

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan: 19) **** 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 all the praise you'd like to hear. Tonight: Rent a movie, and relax your mind. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

**** Listen to your instincts, to a 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 to your work location or hours. Tonight: An intimate chat with a partner. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** 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 possibilities that surround an important relationship. Tonight: Just answer your phone or go to a neighborhood restaurant. Socialize, please.

BORN TODAY

Comedian Zeppo Marx (1901), Beatle George Harrison (1943), actor Sean Astin (1971)

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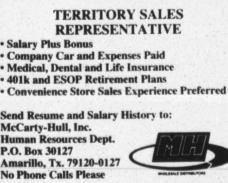
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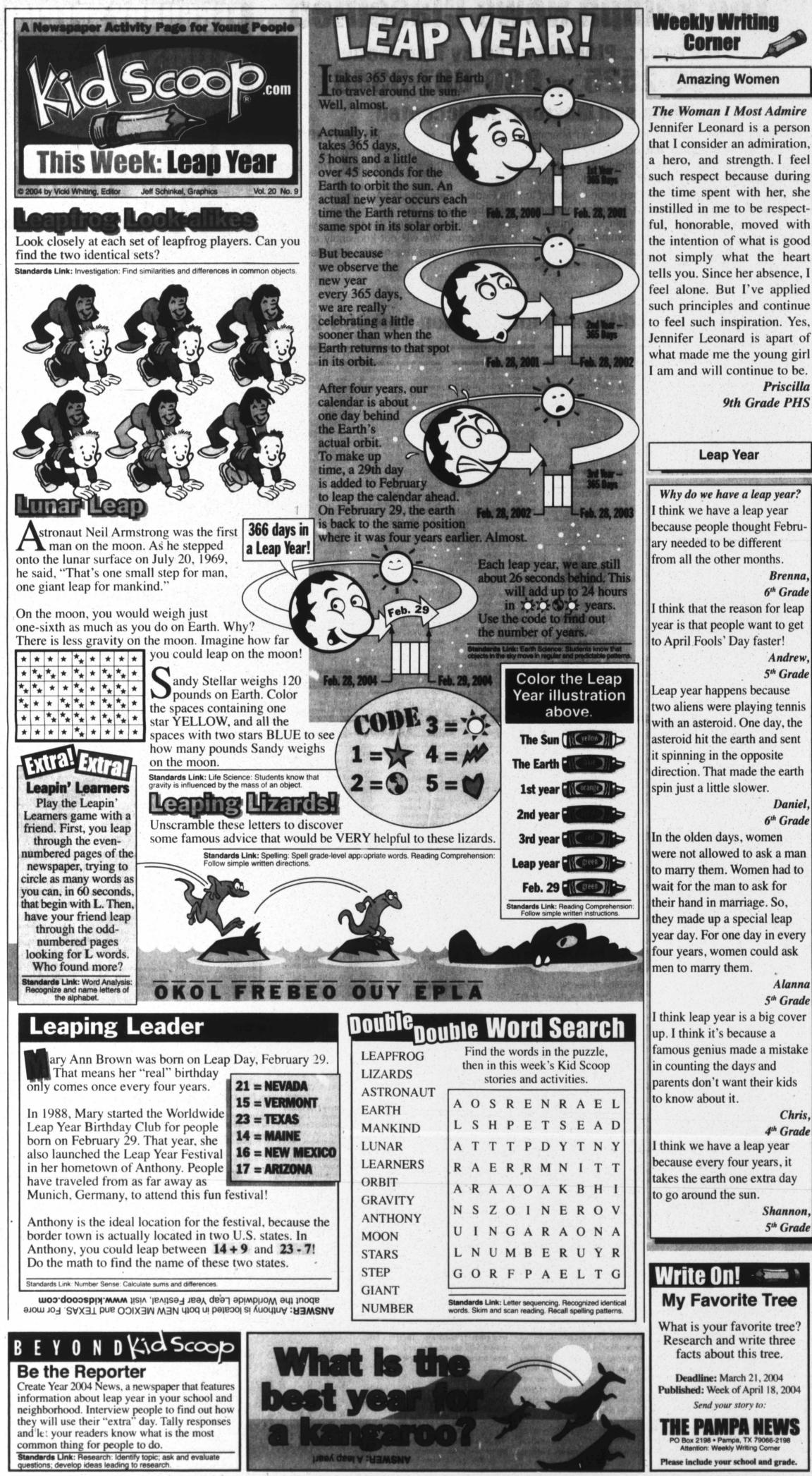
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