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### Ag luncheon tickets available at chamber

Tickets are still available for the Ag Appreciation Luncheon, held at noon Thursday in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The meal is free for area farmers and producers. However, they must have a ticket, available at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Tickets are \$10 for the general public and also available at the chamber office.

Here is Thursday's Garden Show afternoon schedule in conjunction with the luncheon. Admission is free.

1:30: West Texas Landscape Design, Plant Propagation  
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3: How to Xeriscape  
3:30: Water Features  
4: Composting Basics  
4:30: Junior Master Gardening Program  
5: Household Hazardous Waste Removal

### Entries accepted for 'Razzmatazz'

Entries are being accepted for the Relay Rascal Razzmatazz, a children's pageant hosted by Big Spring State Hospital's Relay for Life team, "Mind, Body and Soul."

Money raised during the April 17 pageant will go towards the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life fund-raising drive.

The age groups are 0-12 months, 13-23 months, 2-3 years, 4-5 years, 6-8 years and 9-12 years of age. Entry forms are due April 2, with an entry fee of \$10 per child. Forms are available from the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 W. Third Street.

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## Council OKs activities at lake

### Paintball courses, motocross and jet skis to be allowed

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

New activities at Moss Creek Lake got a unanimous thumbs up from the Big Spring City Council Tuesday, while the first reading of an ordinance that would facilitate the construction of a new apartment complex on Martin Luther King Boulevard made it past round one.

City Public Works Director Todd Darden said final approval of the new activities at the city's Moss Creek recreational facility, which includes several paintball courses, a motocross track and allowance of jet skis on the lake, is ready to hit the ground running.

"In the next couple of weeks I'll be sitting down with the staff to try to develop plans for those facilities," said Darden. "One course at the paintball facility is well under way, thanks to volunteers and Rick Boiles, the caretaker at the lake, getting that course in playable condition. We could open that course up to the general public today.

"We'll be getting that plan together and get-

*"I can see nothing but good happening. I'm really hoping we can expand it even more."*

Mayor Russ McEwen



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins  
Moss Creek Lake caretaker Rick Bolles, left, and Dominick Bolles test out one of the "speedball" paintball courses recently constructed at the facility. City Council members voted in favor of adding paintball, motocross and jet skiing to the lake facility's menu of activities during Tuesday evening's council meeting.

ting with the media, and getting the word out about what's going on. We want to get some promotional ideas together so we can get people to come out and look at what we have to offer at the lake."

While it's taken a considerable amount of work on the part of city staff and volunteers alike to get the new provisions in place,

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## Supreme Court to take up 'under God'

WASHINGTON  
Americans overwhelmingly want the phrase "under God" preserved in the Pledge of Allegiance, a new poll says as the Supreme Court today examines whether the classroom salute crosses the division of church and state.

Almost nine in 10 people said the reference to God belongs in the pledge despite constitutional questions about the separation of church and state, according to an Associated Press poll.

The Supreme Court was hearing arguments today from a California atheist who objected to the daily pledges in his 9-year-old daughter's classroom. He sued her school and won, setting up the landmark appeal before a court that has repeatedly barred school-sponsored prayer from classrooms, playing fields and school ceremonies.

The pledge is different, argue officials at Elk Grove Unified School District near Sacramento, where the girl attends school. Superintendent Dave Gordon said popular opinion is on their side — but that's not all.

"It's not a popularity contest. If something is wrong, it should be corrected. No matter how many people support it," he said. "The argument that 'under God' in the pledge is pushing religion on children is wrong on the law. It's also wrong from a commonsense perspective."

God was not part of the original pledge written in

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins  
Texas Commission on Jail Standards Inspector Dennis Cisneros checks the service dates on fire extinguishers at the Howard County Jail. Cisneros performed an inspection of the aging facility Tuesday afternoon, giving it a thumbs up.

## Jail passes inspection but new facility will be inevitable, official says

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Howard County Jail got a thumbs up from the Texas Commission on Jail Standards Tuesday afternoon, earning a certificate of compliance from the state agency.

Dennis Cisneros, an inspector with the commission, spent a great deal of time during the inspection, checking every "nook and cranny" in the jail, as he continues making his rounds through the West Texas area.

"I was in Snyder yesterday," said Cisneros prior

to the inspection. "We pretty much do our inspections for a week at a time, so I'll go out on a Monday and hit anywhere between three to five jails, depending on how big they are, each week."

"We come in and inspect to make sure the jail meets all of the minimum standards. A lot of the things that the counties do is beyond those standards, and that's fine, but what we're looking for are the minimal things they have to

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*"Sometimes it's better to just mothball an old facility like this or turn it into office space, as opposed to trying to fix it..."*

Dennis Cisneros  
jail standards inspector

## Man acquitted in sexual assault trial

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

A Big Spring man has been acquitted of sexual assault, bringing charges brought in November of 2002 to a close.

Lorenzo Ontiveros, 43, was found not guilty by a 118th District Court

jury Tuesday afternoon. Ontiveros was accused of the sexual assault of a 19-year-old female co-worker that allegedly occurred in the 3700 block of Dixon, while both were employed by West Texas Centers for Mental Health and Mental Retardation (MHMR).

Prosecuting the case was Howard County Assistant District Attorney Robin Orr, who declined to comment on the reason for the delay of more than a year between the indictment of Ontiveros and his

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## Volunteers proud of newest addition

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The Howard County Volunteer Fire Department wrapped up a two-year effort Tuesday when firefighters drove home a brand new, custom-built pumper tanker.

"This truck fills a vast array of needs that we have for the Howard

County Volunteer Fire Department," said Tommy Sullivan, Howard County Volunteer Fire Department chief.

At approximately 40-feet long, the size of this new piece of equipment will allow for more firefighters to respond to the scene.

"We have 3,000 gallons

of water on this truck, so it can help protect ourselves with the initial knockdown of the fire," Sullivan said. "Also, we have enough water storage that we can knock down a pretty good structure fire with this truck alone."

"This truck gives us the capability to use it at the

refinery or for the oil companies we serve, such as responding to tank batteries," he continued. "It is equipped with a 100-gallon foam cell, so we can pump foam."

Purchase of new truck was funded through a \$200,000 FEMA (Federal

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Darden said it's going to take community participation to make the new additions the best they can be. "It's certainly going to take some help from volunteers," he explained. "We have a very limited number of people on the staff, and these projects can sometimes take awhile to get off the ground. With volunteers and people that participate in these activities, you'll usually find a willingness to help getting the project going. That's what we're hoping to accomplish over the next few weeks."

Boiles said as far as paintball goes, one "speedball" course is already completed and a secondary recreational, or "attack

and defend" course, is also in playable condition. "We plan to have the paintball course open on Saturdays and Sundays once all of the courses are completed," said Boiles. "Right now, because of all of the construction that's still ongoing, we'll only be open on Sundays." "All play on the courses has to be supervised by lake staff. If staff isn't available for some reason, or no one comes out to play, then the course will be closed. Anyone with questions about times or dates can contact me at 264-2392, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. They can also call the lake office at 393-5246."

Darden said design and construction of the motocross course is something he would like to see local motocross enthusiasts take part in. "We have some design layouts that we're looking at for the motocross track," said Darden. "We really want to involve

some people from the motocross community in its design. We have some people that want to bring some ideas to the proposed layout, and we'll get their feedback before we actually get into the construction phase of that project." "We want to make sure all of the safety aspects of the course are considered and we don't build a course that's going to take a lot of maintenance for the city. Those are some of the things that we're going to be asking the community for help on."

Mayor Russ McEwen said he's excited to see the facility expanding to meet the needs of the people, and expects to see it continue to grow in the coming years. "I'm excited about it," said McEwen. "You have more activities surrounding a recreational area, so I can see nothing but good happening. I'm really hoping we can expand it even further. We're going to

have a motocross track, and you see so many people that are riding four-wheelers." "You can go west of town to the facility in what used to be a dry lake bed, and the activity out there tells me there is a desire to have those types of facilities. If we can center them around Moss Lake, I think it can only be good for our community."

Also on Tuesday's agenda was a public hearing concerning the re-zoning of an area on the west side of Martin Luther King Boulevard. According to city officials, the re-zoning would impact a 5-acre tract of land out of the southwest quarter of Section 32, Block 33, for which the land's owner has requested a zone change from single family designation to "light commercial," for the use of a multifamily complex.

Darden said the request comes as part of an effort by Real Hope Properties, out of Austin, to develop an apart-

ment complex on the land. "The first leg of the project is to get through the zoning issue," explained Darden. "That has to be done before the developer can submit the application for a grant. They have to show proof that they have zoning in place, or are in the process of getting it in place." "The next step would be for them to come in with their site development plan and submit it to planning and zoning to start the planning process. Of course, from the indication we got from the developer, Real Hope Properties, it will all depend on whether or not they get the grant they are after."

No one in the audience elected to speak during the public hearing portion of the discussion, and the council approved the first reading of the ordinance to re-zone unanimously.

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JAIL

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do to keep themselves out of legal problems or any type of litigation." While the inspection still causes Sheriff Dale Walker to tense up to a degree, the first-term sheriff said things have come together nicely over the past four years, making it a little less stressful.

"It's beginning to be less of a fear now," said Walker. "When I first came in here, the facility was pretty nasty and really run down. We've done a lot of improving on the facility and changing the way our personnel was thinking and running the jail. It's a lot more professional atmosphere and we're better prepared for these types of inspections at any given time."

"We still have the issues concerning the age of the facility that we simply can't do anything about. So we certainly fear any changes in regulations concerning space, which we can't do anything with. Luckily things have stayed about the same, and our staff has done an excellent job of keeping the facility clean and sanitary, which takes a lot of the stress off of me."

Cisneros, who spent a decade as a corrections officer before taking a position with the state agency, said he tries to look at the situations in a jail from two different points of view.

"We inspect conditions and make sure the jail is sanitary," explained Cisneros. "We want to make sure that it's safe for both the inmates and the jail staff. We check the living conditions and the work environment, including all of the paperwork. We'll look at the hourly security check documentation, as well as the medical paperwork."

"Another important aspect of this inspection is the classification of the inmates, which you need to make sure your inmates are housed and separated properly. Being a correctional officer for 10 years, I have a good

idea what the jailers and the inmates go through, and when I go through a jail I try to look at things from both points of view." "You name it and we check it," he said. "We pretty much go from the floor to the ceiling on these inspections. One of the most common misconceptions about these inspections is that we're doing it solely for the inmates' benefit, and that's simply not true. I'd say about 50 percent of what we do is aimed at making sure the jail staff is working in a safe environment."

"You don't want a door that doesn't work or a eight maximum custody level inmates in a holding tank with one officer. You want to keep those prisoners segregated so that it's just two or three of them to a pod. From the inmate's point of view, you want to make sure that someone who is in here for a very violent crime isn't housed with someone who is in for something like DWI or hot checks."

Cisneros said concern over the need for a new jail isn't something you'll only find in Howard County, as many smaller facilities find themselves falling behind state standards.

"We're seeing a lot with the smaller jails, about the size of this one," he said. "You don't see many new 20-inmate jails being built these days. Most of the new jails are built to house 48 to 96 inmates."

"In these older jails, I look very closely at safety issues. When I walk through a cell, I'll look at pretty much everything in the cell and whether or not it's bolted down, because anything that's not secured can possibly become a weapon to be used against other inmates or the staff. If something can be taken out and it's not required by the state, I usually recommend they take it out."

"A jail ages three years per year because it's a 24-

hour, 7-day operation," explained Cisneros. "So when you figure this jail has been open since 1952, and here it is 2004, that basically puts the jail here in Howard County at 156 years old."

Walker said on average the facility is 20 inmates in excess of state recommendations, making it a very expensive situation to remedy.

"Our jail is a 49-bed jail, and the commission asks that we keep 10 percent less than that so there's room to move inmates a r o u n d because of disciplinary or classification measures," explained Walker. "So they want us to have between 41 and 42 inmates. Our average daily population for 2003 was 62 inmates, so anything above the 41 we have no choice but to house them at another facility that's contracted with Howard County."

"It's an expensive measure, but it's one that my hands are tied on. We're paying \$37.50 per day to house inmates at the Upton County facility, which is the cheapest we've been able to find anywhere."

While the decision to build a new county jail is certainly a heated topic, Cisneros said there's no denying the fact that it is an eventuality.

"Eventually it will come to that point," said Cisneros. "It's going to get to the point where the jail just can't be repaired because it violates standards, and you're looking at square footage and reducing the bunk population at that point. Then I think they are going to have to look at going to a brand new facility, which I can't necessarily say is the best thing, but in the long run it's certainly the most economical thing to do."

"Sometimes it's better to just mothball and old

facility like this or turn it into office space, as opposed to trying to fix it, because when you begin modifying an old jail you run into some serious and very expensive problems."

Walker said a decision on how to handle the jail situation remains out of his hands, however.

"The main thing I want to stress is whether or not to build a new jail isn't solely my decision," he said. "No matter what I think or feel, I can't go out and say we're building a jail. That's something that has to be prepared and presented to the commissioners' court so they can make a well informed decision. It's going to fall to them to decide whether or not it's time to build."

County Commissioners Jerry Kilgore and Gary Simer, along with Walker and Chief Jailer Mike Smith, will be going to Colorado for training on

making just that type of decision. The seminar, which is presented by the U.S. Department of Justice Planning of New Institutions Program (PONI), will be held on Monday, April 5, in Longmont, Colo.

According to Walker, the county had to prove the community was in support of and in need of building a new jail facility, and the training details the process from the construction methods to location site down to the type of bedding needed for a jail environment.

"They train very few law enforcement agencies in the nation," Walker said. "They work with about 30 agencies, so we had to apply to get into the program. They pay for all the expenses. They fly two county commissioners and two sheriff's office representatives up there for a week to learn about the process of building a new institution."

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Jackie D. Thomason, 71, died Monday. Memorial Services will be at 2:00 Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

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## OUR VIEWS

### Hope to s-s-s-see you at the annual Rattlesnake Roundup

S cary? Yes. Deadly? They certainly can be. Fascinating? Absolutely. We don't know how you feel about rattlesnakes, but unless you are terrified at the thought, we'd encourage to go out to the Rattlesnake Roundup this year at the Howard County Fair Barn off FM 700.

What you will see there are all kinds of exhibits, most of which are very educational. You're likely to learn how to avoid the creatures — something that may come in handy one of these days in West Texas. You'll learn why the snakes are "milked" for their venom, and what that venom is used for. You'll find items made of snakeskin as well as have the opportunity to taste the meat. (We know, we know, it tastes like chicken.)

Tickets to the roundup are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children age 3 to 11.

You'll also want to attend the arts and crafts show, which is free, by the way. Organizers will be buying snakes from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and again early Saturday morning. The doors open at 10 a.m. Saturday and close at 6 p.m. The show continues from noon until 6 p.m. on Sunday.

The roundup is sponsored by the American Business Clubs of Big Spring. Proceeds go to the group's scholarship fund.

We hope you'll take time to go out and support this worthwhile event. It's fun, educational, and it benefits a great organization.

Hope to s-s-s-s-s-see you there.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we live our life as if everything depends on you, Lord.

Amen

# A collection of antique motorcycles

Jim Watson of Fredericksburg has some real treasures in a building behind his garage: some old motorized two-wheelers with brand names I didn't know existed. They're all road worthy. Jim has gathered and restored all of them over a long period of time. He got his first one while he was in college.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

He has three BMW's (two from the 1960s) which he doesn't include in his collection. Those are for running around the country. One has more than 100,000 miles on it. Another has 80,000 miles. Jim likes to ride. One has a sidecar on it. He uses that to run local errands.

He lists the items in his collection: "I have two Indian motorcycles, one a 1918 Power Plus that I've had since 1968, the other one is a 1948 Indian Chief, which I've only had about three years. There's also a 1927 Harley Davidson and a 1912 Pierce (which he worked on during his 26 years as a petroleum chemist). That's by

far the rarest motorcycle I have. It was made by the same people who made the Pierce motor cars in Buffalo, New York back in the 20s and 30s but they only built motorcycles four years, from 1909 to 1913. There's probably less than a dozen of those in existence worldwide. Finally I've got a 1922 Cleveland, a brand that was built in Cleveland, Ohio from the mid teens until about 1924.

Today it seems like everybody has a Harley Davidson. That company is more than a hundred years old now. Indian was the largest manufacturer up to and through the first world war. They were made in Springfield, Mass. The last Indians were made in 1953. Most of the other brands of motorcycles went out prior to the Great Depression of the late 20s. There have been more than 200 manufacturers of motorcycles in the US. I used to have a 1928 Henderson, but I sold that."

The first motorcycle was made of wood, built by Daimler-Benz in 1885. Indian came into existence in 1901. Harley Davidson started in 1903. By 1910, Indian, Harley and Excelsior and others were selling in the tens of thousands a year. In the early days, motorcycles were transportation. They

were not sport vehicles. Henry Ford diminished the use of motorcycles. In the early 1900s you could buy a Model T cheaper than you could buy an Indian.

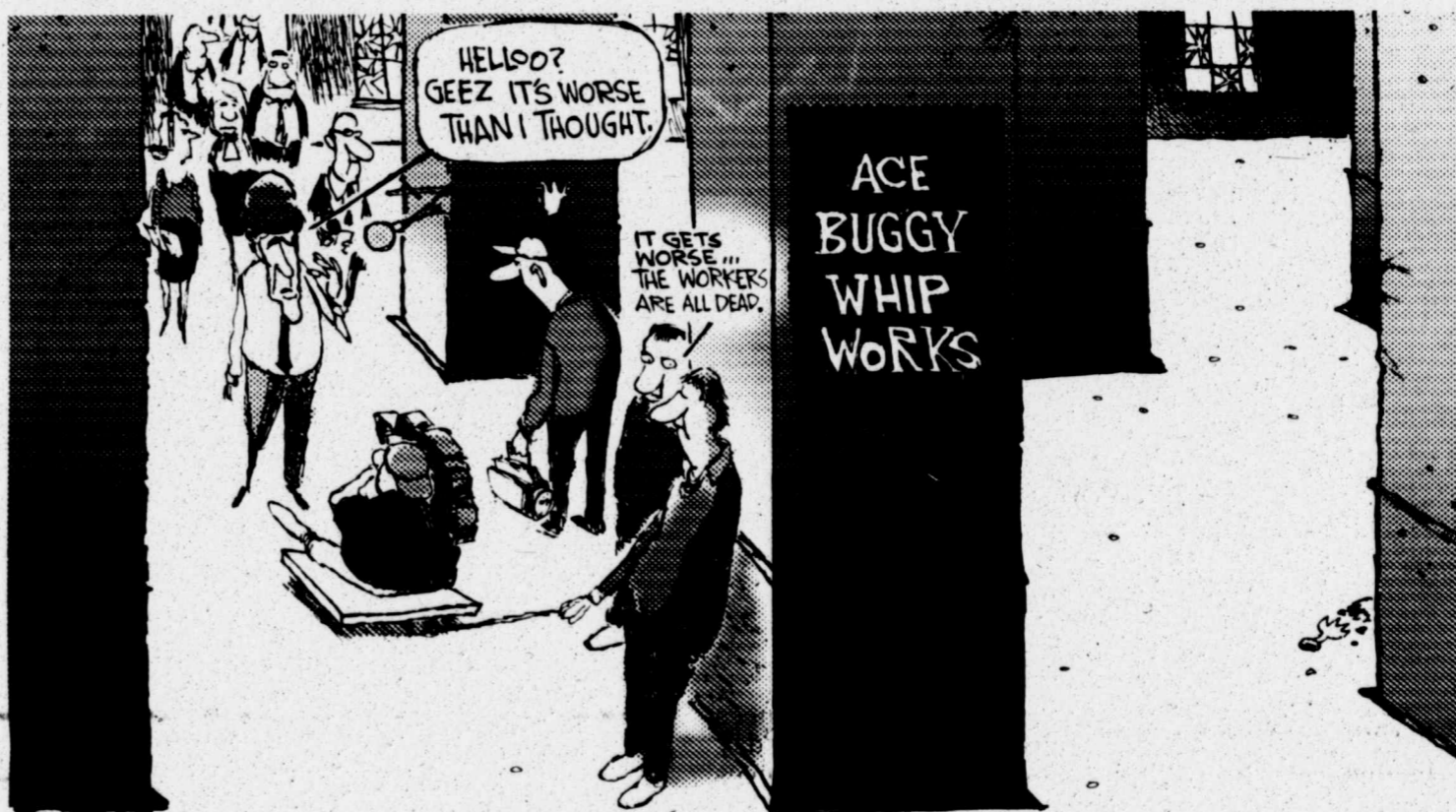
The headlight on his 1918 Indian looks like a train light. It's actually an acetylene lighting system. Both the headlight and tail light are lighted with a match. At the time, the lighting system was optional.

Swap meets are good places to find parts. The biggest motorcycle swap shop is in Davenport, Iowa over Labor Day.

Jim started riding motorcycles when he sold his 57 Chevy to pay college fees. He had some change left and he bought an old Italian scooter from a guy in the dorm. He's had some sort of motorcycle ever since. He says they tend to accumulate. His cycles are beautiful and attract attention when he rides them.

A sign on his wall reads: "Why Spend a Reasonable Amount of Money on a New Motorcycle When You Could Spend an Unreasonable Amount on a Used One."

Jim calls his hobby an addiction. "These old things have intrinsic value. I think we have an obligation to try to preserve some of this stuff for posterity."



SENATOR KERRY TOURS A SHUTTERED FACTORY

# No good deed goes unpunished

Staffers and supporters of then-President Bill Clinton used to enjoy repeating the old adage, "No good deed goes unpunished."

Now, they're proving the old adage true, as Clinton administration biggies are signifying their intent to finger the Bush administration for not heeding their warnings on al Qaeda.

The worst of it is, President Bush could have passed on to President Clinton some of the blame for the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks that shocked America some 230 days into his administration. After all, Clintonia was warned about al Qaeda — by al Qaeda. Al Qaeda was linked with the 1993 World Trade Center bombing that killed six and wounded 1,000. Clinton was president when al Qaeda bombs killed 231 people at U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania in 1998. Seven years after terrorists tried to destroy the World Trade Center, the Clinton administration failed to prevent Osama bin Laden's operation from attacking the destroyer Cole in 2000, an attack that left 17 dead.

Bush didn't point the finger at Clinton. As former Gov. Pete Wilson, who is on the president's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, noted, "Bush was willing to give them a pass on this because he thought this was a time for unity, not partisan sniping."

Dubya's reward for not faulting Clinton? The Clinton machine is blaming Bush. On Saturday, The New York Times reported that big fish in the Clinton pond were planning 0.1 telling the independent commission investigating the

Sept. 11 attacks that they had warned the Bushies about al Qaeda but that the Bush White House was slow to react.

Then, on "60 Minutes," Richard Clarke, a former counterterrorism official under both Bush and Clinton, essentially blamed Bush for letting Sept. 11 happen. Said Clarke, "Frankly, I find it outrageous that the president is running for re-election on the grounds that he's done such great things about terrorism. He ignored it. He ignored terrorism for months, when maybe we could have done something to stop Sept. 11. Maybe. We'll never know."

It should tell you something that Clarke doesn't blame the Clinton administration, even though Clinton failed to curb al Qaeda over eight event-rich years. As former Gov. Wilson noted, Clintonia is wandering into dangerous territory if it tries to paint Bush as somehow culpable for the Sept. 11 deaths.

If it were preventable, Wilson asked, "Well, then, why didn't Clinton prevent it?" Clinton, after all, had eight years to fight Osama bin Laden and avenge the deaths of Americans killed in service to their country. Added Wilson, "There's a long record of the (Clinton administration) having ignored escalating acts of terrorism and making an inadequate response."

Consider the words of former Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Neb., who told The New York Times, "There was no contemplation of any military action after (the feds discovered how close al Qaeda terrorists had been to coordinated attacks in America during millennium festivities), and there should have been."

Kerrey added that the attack on the Cole was "even worse," because, "it was an Islamic army against our Navy. Just because

you don't have a nation-state as your adversary doesn't mean you should not consider a declaration of war."

Last week, NBC's Lisa Myers reported that a CIA plane produced a satellite video of a man believed to be Osama bin Laden in Afghanistan a year before the Sept. 11 attacks. The tape, Myers reported, "illustrates an enormous opportunity the Clinton administration had to kill or capture bin Laden. Critics call it a missed opportunity."

It was an opportunity the Clinton government didn't grab.

Do I blame Clinton for the Sept. 11 attacks? No, absolutely not.

I blame al Qaeda. I think Clinton could have done things differently. He was too quick to bomb terrorist targets but lax when it came to doing all that needed to be done to fight Osama bin Laden. It would have been nice if Bush were Osama savvy sooner, if he were strong where Clinton was not, but I'm not sure what Bush could have done differently that would have prevented some 3,000 deaths.

I know that America — Clinton, Bush, Democrat and Republican — had a wholly different attitude before Sept. 11. Osama bin Laden had declared holy war on America. And America barely noticed.

Not even Clarke seems to have foreseen the carnage to come. And before he started writing his book, that was his job.

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# Great reading at the Howard County Library New books depict soldier's hardships

It seems like many books are being written about World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Another is "Flyboys: A True Story of Courage" (940.540 BRA J). By James Bradley, this is the true story of young American airmen who were shot down over Chichi Jima. Eight of these young men were captured by Japanese troops and taken prisoner. Another, George Herbert Bush, was rescued by an American submarine and went on to become president. The reality of what happened to the eight prisoners has remained a secret for almost 60 years. After the war, the American and Japanese governments conspired to cover up the shocking truth. Not even the families of the airmen were informed what had happened to their sons. It



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has remained a mystery - until now. On the island of Chichi Jima those young men would face the ultimate test. Their story will make you proud and will break your heart. A couple of biographies have arrived. Chuck Pfarrer has written "Warrior Soul: The Memoir of a Navy Seal" (B PFA C). Since the first frogman crawled up the beaches at Normandy, no SEAL has ever surrendered, been captured, nor has a single teammate or body been left in the field. This legacy of valor is unmatched in military history. This is the story of a young man's education in the art of war.

A second biography now available is about Bruce "The Boss" Springsteen. It is not a typical biography. Instead, author Robert Coles explores Springsteen's word as contemporary poetry and offers firsthand accounts of how people interact with them. The title is "Bruce Springsteen's America: Orleans on Super Bowl Weekend. A visiting football fan has Super Bowl tickets but no place to stay. Mary Lou Cassidy is directing the production. Performances are April 2 through April 18, with two April 8 and 15, and two Sunday matinees, April 4 and 18. Evening performances are at 8 p.m. and matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets for Friday and Saturday performances are \$10, while Thursday and Sunday performances are \$5. Reservations may be made by calling 432-522-5225. The Maverick Box Office has moved to "Brittle and More," next door to Murray's Restaurant & Deli on Wadley Avenue in Midland. It will open March 29.

The People Listening, a Poet Singing" (B SPR B). Are you chasing that low-carb diet? This book is being touted as the perfect plan for low carb dieters: "The Fat Flush Fitness Plan" (613.71 GIT A) by Ann Louise Gittleman will direct you on how to reshape your body while melting flesh from your hips, waist, arms and thighs. Lots of new fiction as arrived also. Titles that will probably appeal to women more than men are "Francine Rivers," "And the Shofar Blew" and "Charming Grace" by Deborah Smith; "The Goddesses of Kitchen Avenue" by Barbara Samuel; "Ain't She Sweet" by Susan Elizabeth Phillips; David Guterson's (he wrote "Snow Falling on Cedars") newest book, "Our Lady of the Forest"; "The Third Child" by Marge Piercy; Robin Pilcher's "A Risk Worth Taking"; "The Spirit of Covington" by Joan

Medlicott and "Girl's in Trouble" by Caroline Leavitt. Next week, I'll give some titles for men to enjoy. I suppose it was only a matter of time until a book was written about Andrea Yates. Suzanne O'Malley has written "Are You There Alone: The Unspeakable Crime of Andrea Yates" (364.452 OMA S). Andrea Yates' horrific murders of her five small children - drowning them one by one in their bathtub - remains one of the most shocking crimes of recent years. O'Malley asserts that Yates was never properly diagnosed and relies on psychiatric opinion that claim, tragically, that a different diagnosis and appropriate treatment could have prevented her devastating actions. The writing, although sometimes jarring has some new information, and heartbreaking extracts from correspondence the author received from

Yates add interest. More analysis would have been welcome, even if the nature of the murders seems to necessarily render a satisfactory understanding forever beyond human capacity. Have you watched "Monster Machines" on cable? Jesse James is a customizer deluxe of motorcycles and autos. In "Jesse James: The Man and His Machines" (629.227 SEA M), you will find out what makes Jesse run. While I am not fond of automobiles or motorcycles shows (think quilting), this is an entertaining and most interesting book. Many small schools in Texas field what is called "six-man" football teams. Laura Wilson has compiled a volume of photos from those small towns. Titled "Grit and Glory: Six-Man Football" (796.332 WIL L), the game is the exotic variant for public and private schools and for communities sparsely populated that do

not field a traditional 11-man squad. With fewer players and smaller fields, this is a fast-moving game full of wide-open plays and razzle-dazzle. Pride in their team's fortune unites the whole community. This is a great book about small towns and their sports. Howard County Library is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday and 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday. The Internet/Video room is closed from noon until 1 p.m. and closes one-half hour before closing. The Library is located at 500 S. Main St. Our phone number is 264-2260. The Web site is www.howard-county.lib.tx.us; the online catalog is online; our e-mail address is howardcountylibrary@ho

gmail.com. Hollis McCright is librarian at the Howard County Library.

### Forsan students to perform one-act play entry on Thursday

Forsan Independent School District theater students will perform their one-act play entry, "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay," Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Featuring 16 freshmen-to-senior cast and crew members, the play is a 1923 comedy. Jim Rhodes is directing, and Jeremy Higginbotham is his assistant. There is no charge for admittance. Forsan students will compete in one-act district competition Saturday in Crane.

### Maverick Theater open April 2

"The Spectator Sport," a new romantic comedy by John Culbertson will open the 2004 season of Maverick Players on April 2. The play is set in New

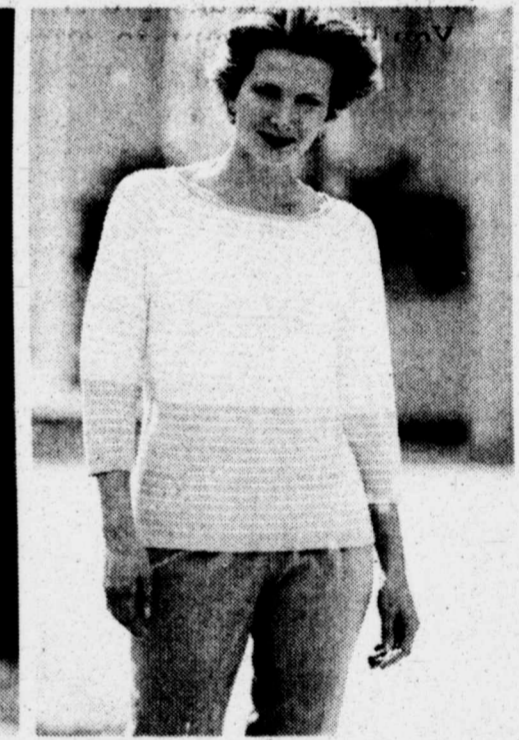
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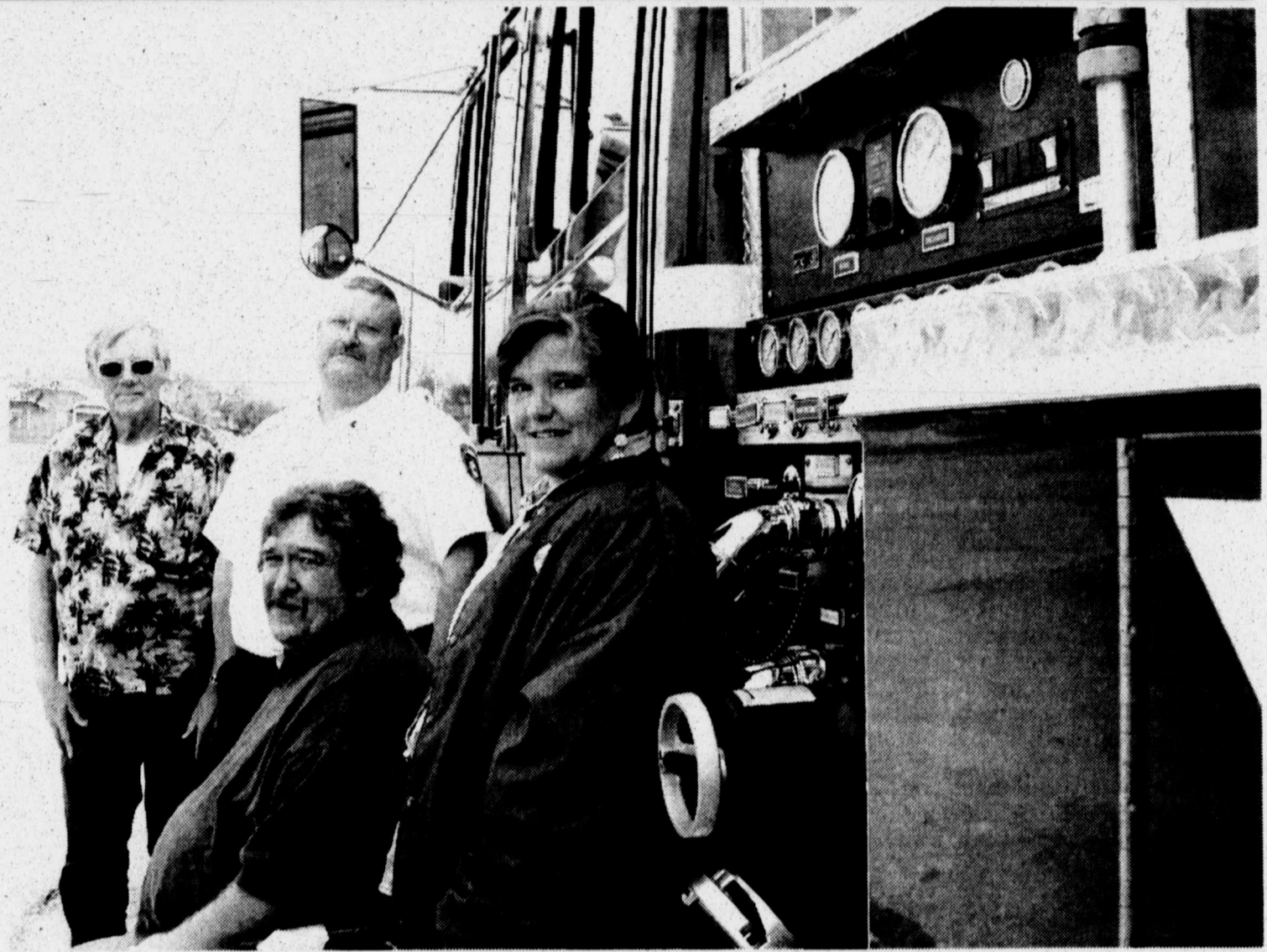
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Emergency Management Agency) grant while Howard County citizens raised a little more than \$26,000 in matching funds, Sullivan said. It is the first new piece of equipment for the volunteer fire department since 1998.

"We're ecstatic about this," Sullivan said. "When we were coming home, we were refueling in Lamesa and firefighters stopped by.

"They asked if we could stop by the station so their guys could study it. They are thinking of specifying the same type of truck."

The new truck will be stationed at Sand Springs.



The Howard County Volunteer Fire Department brought home a new, custom-built pumper tanker Tuesday. Pictured from left are Howard County Volunteer firefighters Richard Willadsen, assistant chief; Louie Smith, battalion chief; Tommy Sullivan, chief; and Valarie Sullivan, captain.

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1892. Congress inserted it in 1954, after lobbying by religious leaders during the Cold War. Since then, it has become a familiar part of life for a generation of students.

The question put to the Supreme Court: Does the use of the pledge in public schools violate the Constitution's ban on government established religion?

Michael Newdow, the father who filed the lawsuit, compared the controversy to the issue of segregation in schools, which the Supreme Court

took up 50 years ago in Brown v. Board of Education.

"Aren't we a better nation because we got rid of that stuff?" asked Newdow, a 50-year-old lawyer and doctor arguing his own case at the court.

The AP poll, conducted by Ipsos-Public Affairs, found college graduates were more likely than those who did not have a college degree to say the phrase "under God" should be removed. Democrats and independents were more likely than Republicans to think the phrase should be taken out.

Justices could dodge the issue altogether.

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trial.

Although Orr said he was personally disappointed in the outcome of the case, he said he respects the jury's decision.

"Of course I'm personally disappointed in the outcome," said Orr. "However, I feel like the jury gave it their all and came to what they saw was the proper verdict, and I respect that."

Orr declined to comment on what he thought was the deciding factor for the jury hearing the case. "That would simply be speculation," he said.

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Commission on 9-11 attacks continues to hear testimony

WASHINGTON (AP) — CIA efforts to stop Osama bin Laden before the Sept. 11 attacks were hindered by confusion over whether intelligence officers were allowed to kill the al-Qaida leader, a federal commission said Wednesday.

The CIA also had depended too much on Afghan indigenous groups to attack bin Laden and CIA Director George Tenet understood its chances of succeeding were only 10 percent to 20 percent, the federal commission on the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks said in a preliminary report.

Tenet was appearing before the panel Wednesday, the second day of hearings with Bush and Clinton administration officials as the commission examines diplomatic, military and intelligence efforts to stop al-Qaida before the Sept. 11 attacks against New York and Washington.

The commission's findings are to be released this summer and are likely to provide fodder for

both Republicans and Democrats in their fall election campaigns.

Also appearing Wednesday was Richard Clarke, counterterrorism adviser in both administrations. In a newly published book, Clarke accuses President Bush of ignoring the threat posed by al-Qaida until the day of the attacks.

Clarke's charges were strongly rebutted Tuesday by Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and Secretary of State Colin Powell. They said they were going beyond past practices of carrying out retaliatory strikes and had been developing a strategy for defeating al-Qaida.

And on Wednesday, White House chief of staff Andrew Card took issue with the contention.

"One of the first directives that came out of the National Security Council, at the president's direction, dealt with eliminating the Taliban regime and having a more robust response to the al-Qaida

network than the previous administration had," Card said on ABC's "Good Morning America."

The panel's report said the CIA's deputy director of operations, Jim Pavitt, told Bush shortly after he was elected that bin Laden was one of the gravest threats to the country.

"President-elect Bush asked whether killing bin Laden would end the problem. Pavitt said he and (Tenet) answered that killing bin Laden would have an impact but not stop the threat," the report said.

The CIA later told the White House that "the only long-term way to deal with the threat was to end al-Qaida's ability to use Afghanistan as a sanctuary for its operations."

Bush in late 2001 ordered U.S. military forces, with British assistance, to help Afghan's Northern Alliance depose the Taliban government that had been sheltering bin Laden. Bin Laden was not found.

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### IN BRIEF

#### **Bulldogettes top Midland Christian**

Coahoma's Bulldogettes continued to prepare for the start of District 3-2A play by posting a 2-0 win over Midland Christian's Lady Mustangs on Tuesday.

The win allowed the Bulldogettes to even their record at 7-7 on the season.

Ashle New struck out nine batters, allowed four hits and gave up just one walk in recording the shutout.

She also added the game-winning run in the fourth inning, plating Liz Conley to break open a scoreless deadlock.

Sarah Dunn added an RBI single in the seventh to provide an insurance run.

#### **Umpires needed for upcoming season**

The Big Spring Girls' Softball Association is currently seeking individuals interested in umpiring games.

Parties interested in umpiring should contact Francisco Ramirez at (432) 466-3670.

#### **CGA to hold 4-person event on Sunday**

The Chicano Gold Association will hold its 4-Person Select Drive event on Sunday at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

#### **Teen League slates registration**

The Big Spring Teenage Baseball League is holding registration at All District Screen Printing, 1005 E. 11th Place, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. The league is open to all area youth ages 13-16, with sign-up continuing through April 16. The signing fee is \$65 and includes a team cap and shirt. For more information, contact Stan Parker at 264-2570.

#### **Girls softball try-outs slated**

Big Spring Girls Softball Association try-outs will be held on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Roy Anderson Complex.

#### **Texas Peloteros Bash coming in April**

Texas Peloteros' April Fool's Bash softball tournament will be held April 3-4 in Big Spring. Entry fee is \$125. First through third team trophies and T-shirts and a fourth place team trophy will be awarded.

For information, contact Manuel and Edna Gonzales at 263-8219 or 432-816-6159 or Pete Carrillo at 432-816-1179.

#### **Umpires needed for Little League season**

Umpires are needed for the Little League baseball season. Anyone interested in working with youth should call Jason Hester, president of the big Spring Little League Umpires Association, at 816-1280, or Don Booth, vice president, at 263-6597.

### ON THE AIR

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Musicals @ Indiana	6:30 p.m.	1490
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Event	Time	Station
Spurs vs. Detroit	7 p.m.	1490

## Lady Longhorns, other top seeds all advance in West

By **CHUCK SCHOFFNER**

AP Sports Writer

A hush settled over what had been a noisy crowd at the NCAA tournament game in Austin, Texas.

Jamie Carey was down. Carey, the gritty point guard for the Texas women, crumpled to the floor Tuesday night after running into a Michigan State screen and stayed there for several minutes. She eventually made her way to the locker

room, but returned three minutes later and led the top-seeded Longhorns to an 80-61 victory that sent them to the West Regional semifinals.

She was fine, and so was Texas. "Jamie just brings so much to the court and when she came back out, she brought 8,000 people with her," teammate Stacy Stephens said.

The Texas victory completed a sweep by the favorites in the regional's first two rounds. The Longhorns (30-4) will play fourth-

seeded LSU (25-7) in Seattle on Saturday, and second-seeded Purdue (29-3) will meet No. 3 seed Georgia (24-9).

Purdue made 13 of 16 shots in the second half en route to a 60-42 victory over Villanova in Ames, Iowa, on Tuesday night. LSU, playing at home, advanced with a 76-61 victory over Maryland. Georgia made it by beating TCU 85-71 in Philadelphia on Monday.

The crowd of 8,105 at Texas held its collective breath after

Carey went down because she has history of concussions that forced her to sit out two seasons. Scoreless at the time of the first-half collision, Carey finished with 20 points, including five 3-pointers, and immediately began mixing it up on her return.

She drew a hard foul on a drive to the basket, then dived to the floor to force a turnover.

"That's how she plays," Texas coach Jody Conradt said. "That's

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Here are the members of the Big Spring Junior High School Lady Steers eighth-grade 1,600-meter relay team that posted a win at the Tall City Junior High Relays in Midland on March 18. From left are: Lauren Bryant, Katheryn Krager, Esther Tobar and Whitney Lewis.



Here are the members of the Big Spring Junior High School Lady Steers seventh-grade 1,600-meter relay team that posted a win at the Tall City Junior High Relays in Midland on March 18. From left are: Andrea Claxton, Crystal Torres, Shelbi Stewart and Courtney Strait.



Here are the members of the Big Spring Junior High School Lady Steers seventh-grade 2,400-meter relay team that posted a win at the Tall City Junior High Relays in Midland on March 18. From left are: Ariel Johnson, Catherine Leubner, Ambrie Schaffner and Casey Carroll.

## Lady Steers open 4-4A play in romp

By **NATHAN WRIGHT**

Special to the Herald

The Big Spring High School softball team came into Tuesday's District 4-4A opener against Lake View with 20 wins, the majority of which have come against Class 5A schools, and only two losses.

The Lady Steers and Andrews are favored to battle for this year's title. Big Spring took a huge first step toward that goal with a 16-1 rout of Lake View at Maidens Field, backing up their record and expectations in the process.

Big Spring pitcher Alex Watkins held the Maidens to only one hit, and that did not come until the bottom of the fourth inning on a bunt by Judy Tarango that might have traveled three feet from home plate.

For the rest of the game, Watkins — the defending District 4-4A Defensive Player of the Year — had the Maidens baffled, striking out seven in five innings.

Meanwhile, the Big Spring offense never let up, scoring 16 times on 16 hits and seven Lake View errors.

Big Spring improved to 21-2-1 on the season and 1-0 in District 4-4A. Lake View fell to 7-10, 0-1.

"They are the best team we have played this year and easily the best pitcher we have faced," Lake View coach Margie Lyons said. "I had no idea she was this strong. We knew it was going to be tough going in. But when you beat yourself there isn't much else you can do."

"We have to be able to put the ball in play. We knew it was going to be tough. Andrews will be too. We just have to be ready."

Big Spring scored three times in the top of the first on three hits and two Lake View errors. Heather Vassar drove in Erica Stewart and Watkins with a two-out single.

Neither team scored in the second inning, but the Lady Steers put the game way out of reach in the third.

Twelve Big Spring batters came to the plate and eight of them scored on

five hits and three more Lake View errors. Watkins drove in two of the runs with a single while Leina Braxton and Stewart each had RBI singles to give Big Spring an 11-0 lead.

The Lady Steers added four more in the top of the fourth when the scored four times on five hits and two Lake View errors to take a 15-0 lead. Braxton, Whitney Hufford and Vassar all had RBI singles while Kate Smiley had a two-run single.

Lake View tried everything to stop the bleeding, including switching its entire infield and outfield during one inning and using three pitchers in the five-inning contest.

"We have to fine a certain mix for every game we play," Lyons said. "Every game it is going to be different. It took me four innings to get it right today. I tried everything. My young girls got to play some and we made some good plays late in the game. I thought Allison Hill made some good plays and had some good throw-ins. I thought Megan High played a great game at third. All my pitchers did a good job. We will just have to settle in and play."

Lake View went into the bottom of the fourth needing at least one run to send the game to a fifth inning. Tarango opened by laying down a bunt that skirted the first-base line. By the time it was fielded, Tarango was at first.

After a couple of Big Spring errors, Tarango managed to score the first and only Lake View run of the game. The Maidens also got a walk in the inning, but left the bases loaded when Royal Dobbs popped out to the pitcher to end the fourth.

Big Spring managed to score one more run in the fifth when Vassar singled home Watkins. Lake View then grounded out three straight times in the bottom of the fifth to end the game.

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Alex Watkins and Erica Stewart, Jamie Lemley, Kasey Perez (3), Robyn Beatty (4) and Carol Tavares, Stacy Conley (4), WP — Watkins, LP — Lemley. 2B — Big Spring; Lau 3. League Records — Big Spring is 21-2-1, 1-0; Lake View is 7-10, 0-1.

## Cassell's triple-double allows Timberwolves to knock off Spurs

By **ANDRES YBARRA**

Associated Press Writer

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Timberwolves were determined to keep San Antonio from embarrassing them two games in a row.

Sam Cassell had 14 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds for his

third career triple-double and the Wolves held off the Spurs 86-81 on Tuesday night to extend their lead over their Midwest Division rivals to three games.

Kevin Garnett scored 27 points, and Latrell Sprewell had 20.

Cassell, who went 10-for-11 from the free-throw line, recorded his first triple-double of the

season despite being harassed by Spurs defensive specialist Bruce Bowen. Cassell finished 2-for-11 from the floor.

"I was terrible," Cassell said. "That's cool, but I pride myself on making shots."

He paused. "We won the game," he said. "I'll take that any night."

It was much different when the teams played Thursday. The Spurs routed the Wolves 106-86 in San Antonio. Garnett said that loss gave the Wolves plenty of motivation, especially after coach Flip Saunders spoke to the team.

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**Big Spring Junior boy's Little Dribblers will be playing Andrews at 6 p.m. Friday in the Little Dribblers Regional Tournament in Plainview. Pictured left to right, are, bottom row, Trey Lowery, Tobyn Tannehill, Austin Gibson, Sergio Molina, Mark Molina and CW Kinney, and top row, Michael Lopez, Tyler Graves, Aaron Hanes, Marc Segundo, Michael Oliva and Corey Lopez. The team is coached by Tommy Gibson and George Lopez.**

TEXAS SPORTS BRIEFS

**Houston hires Penders as basketball coach**  
HOUSTON (AP) — Tom Penders was hired Tuesday to coach at Houston, the once-powerful program that hasn't won an NCAA tournament game in 20 years. Penders and the university agreed to a five-year contract, but terms weren't finalized, officials said. Penders, a coach at Texas for 10 years, replaces Ray McCallum, who was reassigned March 8. Penders, 58, is best known for resuscitating Texas after his arrival in 1988 after successful stints at Tufts, Columbia, Fordham and Rhode Island. He led Texas to a 208-110 record and eight NCAA tournaments.

**Texas could get second NASCAR race**  
FORT WORTH (AP) — Texas Motor Speedway could get a second NASCAR Nextel Cup race even without a trial in the lawsuit filed by one of the track owner's shareholders.

An attorney for plaintiffs in the 2-year-old case said Tuesday that settlement talks with NASCAR were ongoing, and indicated progress had been made. "While we are hopeful that an amicable resolution can occur, and discussions are under way and progressing nicely, the plaintiffs have continued to meet all the briefing deadlines and are ready to go to trial in the fall," said attorney Samuel Cherry of Dothan, Ala. Cherry wouldn't discuss specifics of the case or what would be considered an acceptable resolution. But the intent of the February 2002 lawsuit was for Texas Motor Speedway to get a second Winston Cup race.

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"Yesterday we had a hard practice," he said. "We were a little fatigued. And then Flip talked about the game we played in San Antonio, which was garbage. A lot of energy filled the gym, and we carried that over into tonight."

With NBA commission-

er David Stern in attendance, two of the league's leading MVP candidates — Garnett and Tim Duncan — gave a thrilling performance. "That's the way the playoffs are going to be," Saunders said. The Spurs, who trailed by 15 in the first quarter, have lost four straight road games. Garnett and Duncan put up their usual MYP num-

bers. But it was the Wolves' role players who made the difference. Besides Cassell and Sprewell, Minnesota got key minutes from Ervin Johnson (eight points, eight rebounds and three blocked shots) and Trenton Hassell, who played strong defense. Duncan, in his second game in the starting lineup since returning from a left knee injury, led San

Antonio with 26 points, but missed a pair of critical free throws that would've given the Spurs a two-point lead with 2:17 to play. "I put this one on my shoulders," he said. "I had two or three opportunities at the end of the game to score. I just didn't get it done." Garnett made two free throws and a short fade-away to tie it at 81.

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one of the things that makes her as good as she is. It's hard to take away that. She brings a special intensity and special focus. She doesn't care who she gets on when the game is on the line."

Carey hit two 3-pointers to help Texas build a 34-23 halftime lead. Then, after Michigan State drew to 39-35, Carey scored nine points in an 11-0 run that took the lead to 50-35 and the Longhorns soon turned it into a rout.

"Carey is a great leader for them," Michigan State coach Joanne McCallie said. "She's like a coach out there. She plays that way and it can go a long way in the tournament."

Heather Schreiber added 23 points for Texas, while Kelli Roehrig had 18 points and 13 rebounds for eighth-seeded Michigan State (22-9), which has never advanced past the second round in five NCAA tournaments. Purdue's torrid second half erased Villanova's 28-23 halftime lead and sent the Boilermakers to the round of 16 for the third time in four years. Shereka Wright scored 15 of her 19 points in the second half, and freshman Katie Gearlds scored 13 on 6-for-6 shooting. Just as critical was the Boilermakers' aggressive defense, which held Villanova to five field goals in the second half. "We were pushing them out and not allowing them

to penetrate, and I think that frustrated them a bit," Wright said. "I think being aggressive was the whole key to the defensive end." Wright scored the final five points of a 13-0 run that gave Purdue a 44-33 lead midway through the second half. Seventh-seeded Villanova's deliberate offense isn't geared to rallying, and there would be no comeback in this one for the Wildcats (23-7). Liad Suez led Villanova with 12 points, and Jackie Adamshick scored 11. "In the first half, we could beat anybody in the country," Villanova coach Harry Perretta said. "The second half, we couldn't beat a fifth-grade team." Sophomore Seimone Augustus scored 26 points to lead LSU, which

outscored Maryland 49-33 after trailing 28-27 at half-time. "In the first half we shot a dismal 35 percent, but no one hung their heads," LSU coach Pokey Chatman said. "We came back and we attacked. We didn't do anything any differently except we hit some shots." Doneeka Hodges added 15 points for LSU, Temeka Johnson had 12 points and 12 assists, Wendlyn Jones scored 10 points and Tillie Willis had 10 points and 11 rebounds. LSU secured the victory with a 16-6 run after 12th-seeded Maryland (18-13) drew to 60-55 on two free throws by Shay Doron with 5:27 remaining. Doron led the Terrapins with 23 points.

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# Debate over Billy the Kid gives a boost to tourism

FORT WORTH — The more one reads about outlaw Billy the Kid, the more confounding his story becomes. Not while he was alive, mind you, but since he died.

Was he William H. Bonney? Or perhaps Ollie P. or Ollie L. Roberts? Some say he was William Henry Roberts or Henry McCarty.

Who knows? Well, the governor of New Mexico would like to know, and some New Mexico lawmen want some answers too. They say Pat Garrett was the infamous New Mexico lawman who supposedly shot and killed Billy the night of July 14, 1881. But maybe he didn't.

Maybe he and the Kid were in cahoots and Garrett shot someone else, collected the reward and let Billy ride off into the sunset.

The sheriffs want Garrett's name cleared of such skulduggery; the governor wants to correct the state history; and the New Mexico tourist bureau is delighted over the continuing controversy.

It's working out pretty well in Hico as well.

That small Texas town, about 80 miles southwest of Fort Worth, claims to be the final resting place of Billy the Kid, or as they call him in Hico, Ollie "Brushy" Bill Roberts.

New Mexico says the Kid is buried at Fort Sumner, N.M., where Garrett killed him.

Other towns, other places, have their own scenarios.

The only answer, some believe, is to just dig



The outside of the Billy the Kid Museum in Hico.

everybody to use the DNA.

In New Mexico, Sullivan, Pappas, Steve Soderstrom, Baca County, N.M. Graves have a petition in a state court in Fort Worth seeking to disinter the remains of Billy the Kid in a Fort Sumner cemetery.

They have a petition pending in district court in Santa Fe, N.M., to exhumate the remains of a woman, Catherine Antrim.

They want to know

exactly where Catherine Antrim's remains are? "No, and that's the threshold question: Can you identify the place where she is buried with reasonable accuracy? And we think the answer to that is, no, you can't."

It turns out that the cemetery at Fort Sumner was flooded in 1904, and no one knows for sure that they got all the headstones back with the right graves.

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Pluto is like Mars on steroids. It's a big picture planet whose influence is usually assessed over the long term, like when you look back on a seemingly insignificant childhood event and realize that it still affects you who are as an adult every day. Pluto turns retrograde today, and you can use the transit to cleanse your soul of old baggage.  
ARIES (March 21-April 19). Do your job with pride, no matter what it is. There are changes on the horizon, and you may be shifting into another position soon. Love deepens when you decide to let go of all of the pretense.  
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You lose self-control, and that's when you're



Joyce Jillson

having the most fun. Doesn't everyone prefer the unpredictable goofball to the person who is tightly wound? Listen to your partner's opinion — he or she wants the best for you.  
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Learning new skills gives you self-esteem. Do it the easy way, by taking a proven step-by-step approach instead of stubbornly teaching yourself. As usual, finding love within yourself is the best way to attract it from others.  
CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's always another avenue, so don't be discouraged by a dead-end street. However, if you're still chasing the same thing year after year, maybe it's time to drop it and find a goal that better represents the real you.  
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Being able to depend on someone when you can't do it yourself is one thing, but when you're perfectly capable, it's

harder to trust others to contribute. Love life at a standstill? You'll be laughing and romancing by the weekend.  
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Though you'd like to seize every opportunity that is in front of you, some of them aren't worth tangling with in the long run. Be noble, and be honorable. Money tip for tonight: If you don't ask, you won't get!  
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Be forewarned: Friends pop by. Cleaning and special projects help you get your busy life in order. You do a job well, but there is definitely room for improvement. Going the extra mile will make you a master at what you do.  
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your heart is in the right place, but your schedule seems to have a life of its own. Set aside time specifically to spend with a loved one, or you won't get around to it. Tonight features a victory for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Added responsibility reflects someone's confidence in you. New places excite your mind and ambition. Now is the time to make a bid for freedom, self-employment, self-determination or a move to a new town.  
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If you visualize the end product, work goes easily. Make use of a support group; pertinent information will save time and money. Tonight, meet people while helping the community. A love interest returns your admiration.  
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). What is too good to be true makes you nervous. Take precautions, and stop a loved one from making the mistake as well. Your mind is razor-sharp tonight. You find love through something you build, draw or write.  
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Focus on quality control, maintenance and avoiding oversights. You

receive a broad-based stamp of approval, but it's meaningless unless you approve of yourself, too. Give yourself and others the benefit of the doubt.  
WHY YOU ARE EXTRAORDINARY (PART THREE OF T H R E E ) : "Extraordinary" is defined as being "very unusual and deserving attention because of being wonderful, excellent, strange or shocking." What makes your sign extraordinary? SAGITTARIUS has extraordinary moxie. It's not the absence of fear that allows Sagittarius to investigate the unknown with such velocity, rather the fact that Sagittarius is compelled. I predict it will be an extraordinary Sagittarius who first sets foot on Mars. CAPRICORN has a super power that has driven great men and women to the heights of their field for thousands of years — extraordinary

ambition. Capricorn people systematically figure out what it takes to be the best and then do any and all work necessary to get where they want to be — the top. AQUARIUS is gifted with extraordinary vision. Seeing the world how it could be and sharing that expansive point of view brings about transformation, not only for Aquarius but for mankind. PISCES people are extraordinarily psychic. If you're a Pisces who doesn't feel psychic, it is probably because you are so used to operating under the guidance of your intuition that you don't even realize you are doing it.  
CELEBRITY PROFILES: From Broadway stardom in her teens to playing Carrie Bradshaw on "Sex and the City," Sarah Jessica Parker has positively harnessed Aries strength. With the end of "Sex and the City," Parker has her pick of where to focus her career next. This year, I predict a return to the stage for Parker. Aries love the immediacy and intensity of an applauding crowd. It's just too hard for them to resist.

Annie's Mailbox®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I have been married for over 20 years, and my wife and I have three teenage children. After many years of soul-searching, I have come to accept the fact that I am gay.

I cannot begin to describe the stress and humiliation of living this lie, and I feel the time has come to tell my family. My biggest fear is what the announcement will do to my children. Their well-being is my biggest concern. Please tell me how best to handle this. — Frank

Dear Frank: Is your wife aware of your sexual orientation? You will need her support and understanding when you break the news to the children. For information on the best way to do this, please contact PFLAG, 1726 M Street, N.W., Suite 400, Washington, D.C. 20036 (www.pflag.org).

Dear Annie: I read the complaint from "Too Much Stuff," whose husband travels a lot on business. When he returns home, he shows his children with expensive gifts. You recommended family therapy for the couple.

Why don't you and Mom go talk to the therapist and leave Dad alone? Among the gifts Dad bought were cell phones. Why do you imagine he did this? Here is a clue: He wants to talk to his kids when he's on the road. I did the same thing. I also gave my children computers with e-mail accounts so they can write me. Along with the gifts, I use my frequent-flyer miles to bring my wife and kids to meet me.

Annie, there are a lot of things we miss as we go to places we have never been and try to do business to provide for our loved ones. Give us a break, please, and let us enjoy our kids when we can. — Dad on the Move

Dear Dad: We are all in favor of enjoying your kids, setting up e-mail accounts and, if you can afford it, splurging on cell phones so they can call you anytime. The woman who wrote, however, also said her husband took the kids for excursions to the video arcades as soon as he walked in the door, and he bought them bikes and sports equipment. To top it off, the children were unappreciative. This sounds like an



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MARCY SUGAR

attempt to buy their affection, and Dad needs to find a better balance.

We know how hard it can be for parents who travel on business. Our mail indicates that most travelers long to be in their own homes, with their spouses and children. Those who find ways to stay in close touch deserve encouragement.

Dear Annie: Please allow me to vent in the hope that one person out there will see him- or herself and change. I am a waitress in a family restaurant, and often, customers come into the restaurant for reasons other than food. Specifically, they come to conduct business meetings or interviews. Some of them even have the audacity to ask where there is an outlet so they can plug in their laptops.

These people usually sit for hours and rarely eat. I keep their beverages filled and check back often to make sure they are satisfied. In return, I get a meager tip based on the two cups of coffee they had. I could have made a lot more money on that table in the three hours they occupied it.

I find it extremely rude for them to sit as long as they do, only to leave their pocket change as a tip. They should save it for the office. — Fed Up in Wisconsin

Dear Fed Up: Some restaurants encourage patrons to make themselves at home for as long as they want, but many prefer to free up those tables for paying customers, especially if the place is packed. Folks, if you are taking up an excessive amount of a server's time and preventing him or her from earning tips, please remember to compensate generously when you leave.

Dear Annie: My husband and I are miserable. We have been married for 12 years — the last five as roommates. I care for "Bob," but stopped loving him when he admitted he is addicted to pornography and would rather be with himself than with me. (The first seven years of our relationship, I thought he just had a low sex drive.) We have stayed together for our two children, ages 6 and 8. I have no interest in healing our marriage, and Bob doesn't want a divorce.

Bob travels a great deal on business, and the company he last visited would like to hire him on a permanent basis. The new job would be three states away in a place where I do not wish to live. It would, however, be a great opportunity for Bob, and I'd like him to take the position.

Bob is a devoted father and doesn't want to leave us. I realize he would be lonely initially, but he rarely sees us as it is. How do I convince Bob that he should not let this opportunity pass? He will be happier if he takes the job. — Go For It, Bob

Dear Go For It: And so, apparently, will you. If Bob moves, there is little difference between the arrangement you will have and a legal separation. So why not make a clean break? You say you

are miserable and have stayed together only for the children, whom he sees infrequently now and would see less of if he moves away.

We can understand why Bob might want the facade of a happy marriage, but why are you willing to settle for so little for yourself and the children? You say you don't want to heal your marriage, but counseling can still help you sort out the best road to take. Please consider it before making any major decisions.

Dear Annie: I am writing in response to "Confused in Indiana," who was not sure how

her children should address her adult friends. It is fairly common in the South for children to respectfully address adults by using "Miss Susan" or "Mr. Tom." This keeps those 30-something friends from being addressed by their parents' names. You can call me — Miss Lulu in Memphis.

Dear Miss Lulu: Many readers suggested this old-fashioned courtesy. Our thanks to all who wrote.

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



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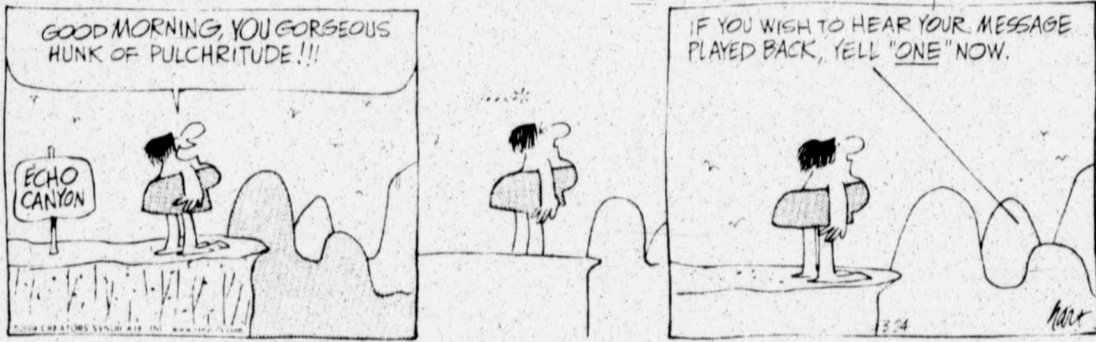
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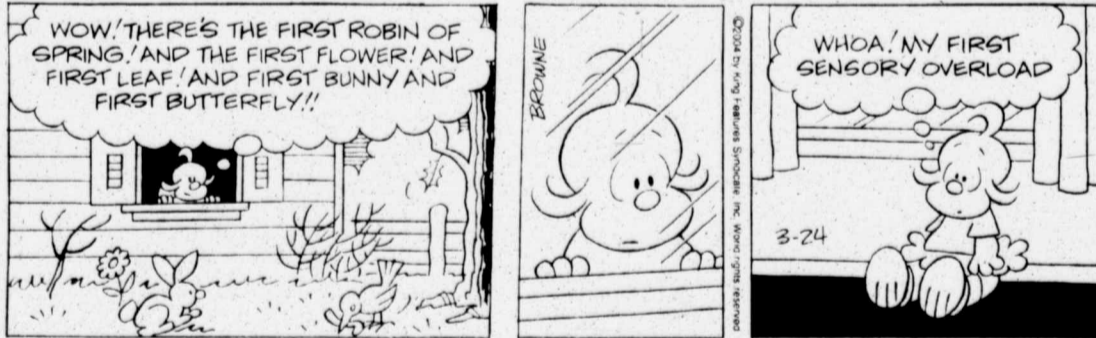
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, March 24, the 84th day of 2004. There are 282 days left in the year. The Jewish festival of Purim begins at sunset. Today's Highlight in History: On March 24, 1765, Britain enacted the Quartering Act, requiring American colonists to provide temporary housing to British soldiers. On this date: In 1882, German scientist Robert Koch announced in Berlin that he had discovered the bacillus responsible for tuberculosis. In 1883, long-distance telephone service was inaugurated between Chicago and New York. In 1934, President Franklin Roosevelt signed a bill granting future inde-

pendence to the Philippines. In 1944, in occupied Rome, the Nazis executed more than 300 civilians in reprisal for an attack by Italian partisans the day before that killed 32 German soldiers. In 1955, the Tennessee Williams play "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" opened on Broadway. In 1958, rock-and-roll singer Elvis Presley was inducted into the Army in Memphis, Tenn. In 1976, the president of Argentina, Isabel Peron, was deposed by her country's military. In 1980, one of El Salvador's most respected Roman Catholic Church leaders, Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero, was shot to death by gunmen as he celebrated Mass in San Salvador. In 1989, the nation's worst oil spill occurred as the supertanker Exxon Valdez ran aground on a reef in Alaska's Prince William Sound and began leaking 11 million gallons of crude.

In 1993, Ezer Weizman was elected Israel's seventh president. Birthdays: Animator Joseph Barbera is 93. Fashion and costume designer Bob Mackie is 64. Actor R. Lee Ermey is 60. Movie director Curtis Hanson is 59. Rock musician Lee Oskar is 56. Rock musician Dougie Thomson (Supertramp) is 53. Comedian Louie Anderson is 51. Actress Donna Pescow is 50. Actor Robert Carradine is 50. Actress Kelly LeBrock is 44. Rhythm and blues DJ Rodney "Koolhaio" Terry (Ghostown DJs) is 43.

Answer to previous puzzle: A grid of words including ALPS, SHAW, AGILE, BOUT, NOSH, SONAR, COMET, OTH, INKOFIT, STARE, PELE, FORE, NATO, EASE, PCT, MITT, REDTAG, HARI, LARA, LOIRE, ASAMATTEROFFACT, SKIPS, OSLO, FRET, ESTATE, SIZE, ADO, TARP, NEXT, MAUI, GREG, PREPS, ONSECONDTHOUGHT, ONEND, DIOR, MODE, NESTS, LENS, PSST.

Newsday Crossword

CATS by Randall J. Hartman  
Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS: 1 Milne character, 5 Canines and molars, 10 One of Dracula's, 14 TV role for Calista, 15 U.S. Grant foe, 16 vera, 17 Pilgrims' meal, 19 Municipality, 20 Hunter's traps, 21 Quarterback's target, 22 On-line discussion, 23 Picnic pests, 25 Prances about, 27 Pretense, 30 Give off, 32 Parliamentary vote, 33 Sweet talk, 35 Upper house, 39 Biography beginning, 40 Bracketed disclaimer, 42 Prompted, as with a line, 43 Scolded, with "out", 46 Like some lithographs, 49 Game-show prize, 50 Firmly attach, 51 Actress Madigan, 52 Less than, 56 Rookie, 58 Andes nation, 59 Pod inhabitant, 61 Dobbin's restraint, 65 Jai, 66 Fancy floor covering, 68 New Jersey cagers, 69 Thrill, 70 Powerful checkers piece, 71 Patella location, 72 "Blowin' in the Wind" writer, 73 Health resorts, 6 Always, to Byron, 7 Actress Sommer, 8 High schoolers, 9 Heady times, 10 "Forget it!", 11 Maui greeting, 12 "Forget it!", 13 Fellows, 18 Doctrine, 24 Letter starter, 26 Get it, 27 At a distance, 28 Professor Plum's game, 29 "So long," in Soho, 31 Evening the score, 34 Jerry Maguire portrayer, 36 Atmosphere, 37 Overflow, 38 Small whirlpool, 41 Splinter group, 44 Take in a burger, 45 Lost, as a game, 47 Acapulco approval, 48 Yogi of baseball, 52 Punish, perhaps, 53 Paris' captive, 54 Talk formally, 55 Touchy, 57 Sty cries, 60 Asian salt lake, 62 Sink sound, 63 Roman moon goddess, 64 Omelet ingredients, 67 B&O stop.

15x15 crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-73 indicating starting points for words.