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Tonight:



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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 2:30: Insect Control 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 'Razzamatazz'

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 0months, 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

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more."

final said 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-



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 cere-

monies. 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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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

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

"Sometimes it's

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Dennis Cisneros

jail standards inspector

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Howard County Jail got a thumbs up from the Texas Commission on Jail Standards Tuesday

afternoon. earning certificate of compliance from the state agency. Dennis

Cisneros, an inspector with 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

depending on how big are, they each week. "We come and inspect 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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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

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 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

of 2002 to a close.

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 struc-

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

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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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Obituaries

Floyd "Dean" Newsom



Floyd "Dean" Newsom, 59, of Chandler, died on Monday, March 22, 2004, at his residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, March 25, 2004, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on April 11, 1944, in Big Spring and married Joyce Heflin on March 13, 1965, in Big Spring.

Mr. Newsom was a lifelong resident of Big Spring before moving to Chandler in

2000. Farming was his life and fishing was his hobby. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Newsom of Chandler; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Tonya Stanton of Chandler, Ronda and Eric Krueger of Venus and April and Paul Talamantez of Arlington; one brother and sister-in-law, Dan and Margaret Newsom of Big Spring; one sister, Natalie Roberts of Big Spring; and five grandchildren, Mike Stanton, Chris Stanton, Kasie Stanton, Alyssa Talamantez and Kailvnn Talamantez.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Floyd and Ina Mae Newsom; and one brother, Jim Newsom.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Faustino Rios



Faustino Rios, 71, of Big Spring, died Monday, March 22, 2004, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Vigil Services will be at 7 p.m. today, March 24, 2004, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at St. Thomas Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Feb. 15, 1933, in Gonzales. He was the son of Salome Rios and Juanita Ramirez Rios. He was a lifetime

resident of Howard County and farmed all of his life in Howard County. He was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Annabell Garcia of Big Spring; two sons, Alfred Rios and his wife, Melinda and Robert Rios Sr. and his wife, Elizabeth, all of Big Spring; three daughters, Annie Key and her husband, Dwayne of Tennessee, Sandy Johnson and her husband, Ralph of Graysville, Tenn., and Betty Jane Torres and her husband, Anthony of Odessa; one sister, Epifinia Amaró of Big Spring; six stepsons; three stepdaughters; 21 grandchildren; and 13 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Cresencia in 1982, whom he married in 1949. He was also preceded in death by his parents, four sons, Gustabo Rios, Salome Rios Sr., Faustino Rios Jr. and his wife, Irma to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of and David Rios.

Pallbearers will be Jeremy Rios, Thomas Rios, Robert Rios Jr., Sar Rios, Gus Rios and Jason

The family will be at 2104 Alabama.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com. paid obituary

Jackie Dale Thomason



Jackie Dale Thomason, 71, of Big Spring, died Monday, March 22, 2004, at the V.A. Medical Center in Albuquerque, N.M., following a long illness. Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with John Doll officiat-

He was born Oct. 13, 1932, in Coke County. He was the son of Rodney Willard Thomason and Stella Mae Calder Thomason.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He had worked as a lineman electrician for oil companies and also owned and operated College Park 66 Service Station.

He later went to work at Harris Lumber and Hardware. He married Lola Mae Fowler, Aug. 18, 1972, in Sanderson. He had been a resident of Big Spring since 1972.

He is survived by his wife, Lola Mae Thomason of Big Spring; one brother-in-law, Alvin Atnipp of San Angelo; and one sister-in-law, Ellen Thomason of

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his brother, Willard Thomason and sister, Jean

The family will be at 106 Lincoln Avenue. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com. paid obituary

Support groups

☐ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 noon to 1 p.m.; Women's meeting; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

☐ Alzheimers Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 North Highway 87. For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8387. FRIDAY

☐ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.





Joe Edd Gillespie

Joe Edd Gillespie, 77, of Ackerly died Monday, March 22, 2004, at his residence. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at First Baptist Church in Ackerly with the Rev. Derrick Looney officiating.

Mr. Gillespie was born on Sept. 2, 1926 in Truscott. He married Hallie White on June 5, 1949 in Ackerly. Mr. Gillespie farmed in Martin County for 54 years.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving in World War II. He was a longtime member of First Baptist Church in Ackerly.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Herbert and Marie Chowning Gillespie, and one son, Perry.

Survivors include his wife, Hallie of Ackerly; three sons, Kenny and wife Patricia Gillespie of Colorado City, Tony and wife Angela Gillespie of Knott and Danny Jo Gillespie of Bartonville; one daughter-inlaw, Gloria Gillespie of Turkey, N.C.; one brother, J. H. Gillespie of Crowell; 11 grandchildren and 14 greatgrandchildren.

paid obituary

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. today:

RANDY RAMIRO RAMIREZ, 20, of 1511 Sunset,

was arrested Tuesday on two local traffic warrants. ROBERTO MATA JR., 22, of 1101 Masa, was arrested Wednesday on a local traffic warrant and a charge of no driver's license.

 MARCELO HERNANDEZ, 21, of 1609 Young, was arrested Tuesday on three local traffic warrants.

ERIC MITCHELL, 46, of 1500 Sycamore, was arrested Tuesday on a parole violation.

• BILLY JOE CHAVERA, 26, of 3702 Connally, was arrested Tuesday on charges of no driver's license and no insurance.

 BURGLARY OF A HABITATION WITH INTENT TO COMMIT OTHER FELONY was reported in the 1300 block of Tucson.

THEFT was reported:

- in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.

- in the 2300 block of Wasson.

- in the 1100 block of Lamesa. - in the 1900 block of 11th Place.

BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported:

in the 2500 block of Old Highway 80.

- in the 1100 block of Lamesa.

 ASSAULT BY THREAT was reported in the 100 block of Third Street.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following recent activity:

theft-more than \$1,500, less than \$20,000.

· RICKY LIN WALLACE, 38, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of burglary of a habitation and driving while license sus-

· MATTHEW RODRIGUEZ, 18, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for possession of marijuana-2 ounces or less.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 8500 block of El Camino.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the lower 60s. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs around 80. South

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Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs around 80. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Friday night and Saturday...Partly cloudy. Lows in

the upper 50s. Highs in the upper 70s. Saturday night...Breezy. Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 3-5-8-21-32. Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 4-11-19-32. Bonus Ball: 35. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Friday night drawing: \$250,000.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday afternoon by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-8-1



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Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

TODAY

· Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

· Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Senior

Citizen Center at the Industrial Park. · Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big

Spring Country Club. · Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard

College Cactus Room. · Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

· Senior Circle meets at 10 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and

THURSDAY

Masonic Lodge 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main

the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main at 500 S. · "Life After Loss," a grief support group for those who have experienced the death of a loved one,

· Arts, Crafts and Quilting Club meets at 6 p.m. in

meets from 6-8 p.m. for the next six weeks at Home Hospice, 600 S. Gregg St. Registration is required. For more information contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-

· Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479.

• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.

· Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

 Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. till 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Members bring their own lunch. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.

 Spring City Senior Citizen's Country and Western Dance from 7:30-10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invit-

 AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant. · Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

· Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third. · Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1-5 p.m. Admission fee is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

· Hangar 25 Air Museum, located at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday from 1:30-4 p.m.

Take note

☐ HAVE YOU SEEN the movie "The Passion"? If you have seen it, or just heard about it, would you like to receive a free booklet which answers the question "Is the Passion True or False?" Call 263-0680, leave your name and address, and we will be happy to send you this booklet that answers this question, compliments of your friends at St . Paul Lutheran Church.

□ CHRIST'S COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP is requesting donations of any household items, furniture, appliances, linens, cookware and dishes to be distributed to the needy in Big Spring. Items will be picked up. Please call 263-5683 and leave a message.

☐ THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed.

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big

If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3

□ ROAD TO RECOVERY DRIVERS WANTED. Volunteer drivers are needed to transport cancer patients to and from treatments. If you can spare a few hours each month, please consider volunteering to drive somebody along the Road to Recovery. For more information about volunteering or if you are a cancer patient in need of the service, call La Wanda Hamm, 263-7827.

□ SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy.

Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

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Darden said it's going to take community participation to make the new additions the best

they can be. certainly "It's going to take some help from volun-

teers," 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 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

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

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 vears.

McEwen. "You have more activities surrounding a recreational area, so I can see nothing but good happening. I'm motocross track," said Darden. really hoping we can expand it

and defend" course, is also in some people from the motocross 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 fam-"I'm excited about it," said ily 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 "We really want to involve even further. We're going to 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.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail

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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 stress-

"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.

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"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

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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 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 against other inmates or the staff. If something can be taken out and it's not required by the state, I usually rec-

ommend they take it out. "A jail ages three years per year because it's a 24-

idea what the jailers and 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 around because of dis-

ciplinary 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 crime isn't housed with 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

"Sometimes it's better to just mothball and old

facility like this or turn it making just that type of 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 Colorado for training on ing a new institution."

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," \ \ ker 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 Smith, will be going to about the process of build-

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OUR VIEWS

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

cary? Yes. Deadly? They certainly Fascinating? Absolutely. can be. 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-see you there.

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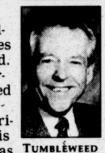
A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

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

A collection of antique motorcycles

im Watson of Fredericksburg 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.



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 collec-

tion: "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."





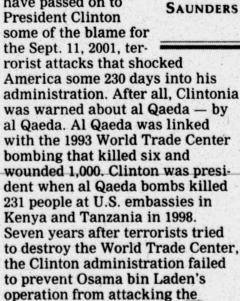
SENATOR KERRY TOURS A SHUTTERED FACTORY

No good deed goes unpunished

taffers 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, ter-



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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

destroyer Cole in 2000, an attack

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 on 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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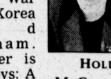
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like many books are being written about World War II, Korea n Vietnam. Another is "Flyboys: A

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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. captured 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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have arrived. Chuck Pfarrer has written Gittleman will direct you "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 Eight of these young men legacy of valor is unmatched in military history. This is the story of a young man's Avenue" education in the art of

> 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 directing is production.

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New books depict soldier's hardships

Great reading at the Howard County Library

young men would face the 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 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 by Barbara Samuel; "Ain't She Susan Sweet" 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 information, Taking;" "The Spirit of from correspondence the

has remained a mystery - The People Listening, a Medlicott and "Girl's in Yates add interest. More not field a traditional 11 Trouble" by Caroline analysis would have been Are you chasing that Leavitt. Next week, I'll welcome, even if the give some titles for men nature of the murders to enjoy.

> 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. sometimes although jarring has some new and Pilcher's "A Risk Worth heartbreaking extracts

seems to necessarily I suppose it was only a 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 Covington" by Joan author received from sparsely populated that do

man squad. With fewer players and smaller fields, this is a fastmoving game full of wideopen plays and razzledazzle. Pride in their team's fortune unites the whole community. This is a great book about small towns and their sports.

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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

"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 specing the same type of truck."

The new truck will be stationed at Sand Springs.

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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.



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.

TRIAL

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trial.

Although Orr said he was personally disappointed in the outcome of the case, he said he respectsthe 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 com- ald.com

ment 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 Democrats in their fall bin Laden before the Sept. 11 attacks were hindered 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 indigenous Afghan 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 attack's against New York and Washington.

The commission's findings are to be released this summer and are like-

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both Republicans and network than the previelection campaigns.

appearing Also 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 by Defense Tuesday 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 direc-

tives that came out of the National Security Council, at the president's direction, dealt with eliminating the Taliban regime and having a more robust ly to provide fodder for response to the al-Qaida

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

SPRING HERALD

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,

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 min-seeded LSU (25-7) in Seattle on Carey went down because she utes later and led the top-seeded Longhorns to an 80-61 victory that sent them to the West Regional semifinals.

"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 fourthSaturday, and second-seeded Purdue (29-3) will meet No. 3 seed Georgia (24-9).

Purdue made 13 of 16 shots in She was fine, and so was Texas. 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 TCU beating 85-71 Philadelphia on Monday.

The crowd of 8,105 at Texas held its collective breath after See WEST, Page 2B

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

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

Big Spring pitcher Alex

Maidens to only one hit,

and that did not come

until the bottom of the

might have traveled three

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

Meanwhile, the Big

Spring offense never let

up, scoring 16 times on 16

hits and seven Lake View

Big Spring improved to

21-2-1 on the season and 1-

0 in District 4-4A. Lake

"They are the best team

we have played this year

and easily the best pitch-

er 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

"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

Big Spring scored three

times in the top of the

first on three hits and two

Heather Vassar drove in

Watkins with a two-out

Neither team scored in

the second inning, but the

Lady Steers put the game

way out of reach in the

Twelve Big Spring bat-

ters came to the plate and

eight of them scored on

View errors.

Stewart and

much else you can do.

View fell to 7-10, 0-1.

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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 3pointers, 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



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



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

third career triple-double and the season despite being harassed by

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from the floor.

He paused.

"We won the game," he said. "I'll

play in romp five hits and three more View errors. Lake Watkins drove in two of the runs with a single while Leina Braxton and Stewart each had RBI sin-

gles 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 tworun 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 cerfourth inning on a bunt tain mix for every game by Judy Tarango that 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.

Kassey Perez (3). Robyn Beatty (4) and Caro Tavares, Stacey Conley (4), WP — Watkins, LP — Lemley, 2B — Big Spring; Laura Olague, 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

The **MINNEAPOLIS** 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

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

Spurs defensive specialist Bruce Bowen. Cassell finished 2-for-11

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

take that any night."

It was much different when the teams played Thursday. The Spurs routed the Wolves 106-86 in San Antonic. 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.

SPURS

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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 atten-bers. But it was the Antonio with 26 points, dance, 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 MVP numWolves' 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) Trenton Hassell, who played strong defense.

Duncan, in his second game in the starting lineup since returning from a left knee injury, led San 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 fadeaway to tie it at 81.

outscored Maryland 49-33 after trailing 28-27 at half-

"In the first half we shot a dismal 35 percent, but no one hung their heads," coach Chatman said. "We came back and we attacked. We didn't do anything any differently except we hit

for LSU. points 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 12thseeded 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.

WEST

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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 eighth-seeded Michigan State (22-9), has never which advanced past the second round in five NCAA tournaments.

Purdue's torrid second half erased Villanova's 28- ed Villanova's deliberate some shots." 23 halftime lead and sent offense isn't geared to ral- Doneeka Hodges added 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-seedlying, 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

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,

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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Some say he was William Henry Roberts or Henry

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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 Steve Sederal Garrett shot someone Baca Count else, collected the reward Graves have and let Billy ride off into the sunset.

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

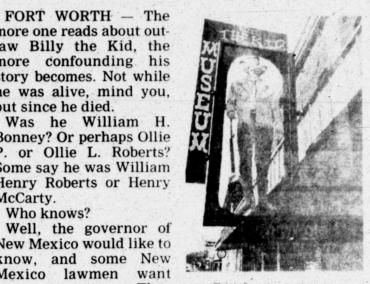
It's working out pretty well in Hico as well.

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



Debate over Billy the Kid gives

The outside of the Bill Kid Museum in Hico.

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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

New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson said he really wants to get to the truth, but if the investigation increases interest and tourism in New Mexico, that will make him happy as well.

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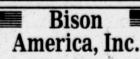
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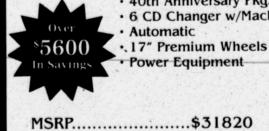
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PUBLIC NOTICE Services To Eligible Persons Under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA)

The Permian Basin Workforce Development Board (PBWDB) issues this public notice of its annual strategic and operational Plan Modification. PBWDB is responsible for the implementation of workforce development programs throughout its Board area, which includes the following counties: Andrews, Borden. Crane. | Dawson, Ector, Gaines, Glasscock, Howard, Loving, Martin, Midland, Pecos, Reeves, Terrell, Upton, Ward, Win-

Available to the public is a PBWDB draft of the strategic and operational Plan Modification for the plan year of July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005. The public comment period will be from February 11, 2004 and will end at the close of business on March 24, 2004. The general public may access the document on the Board's website at www.pbwdb.org, or the document is available to view Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm at 2911 La Force Blvd., Midland, Texas. Public comments must be submitted in writing attention; Willie Taylor, PBWDB, P.O. Box 61947, Midland, Texas 79711, or by fax to (432)561-8785.

The deadline to receive comments is 5pm on March 24, 2004. All comments will be submitted to the Texas Workforce Commission and incorporated as part of the Board's Plan Modification. The Permian Basin Workforce Development Board is an equal opportunity organiza-

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

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long term. like when you look back on a seemingly insignificant childhood event and realize that it still affects who you 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 pre-

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You lose self-control, and that's when you're

Dear Annie: I have

been married for over 20

years, and my wife and I

have three teenage chil-

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of soul-searching, I have

come to accept the fact

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humiliation of living this

lie, and I feel the time

has come to tell my fami-

ly. 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 han-

Dear Frank: Is your wife aware of your sexu-

al orientation? You will

need her support and

understanding when you

break the news to the

children. For informa-

tion on the best way to

do this, please contact

PFLAG, 1726 M Street,

Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Annie: I read the

complaint from "Too

Much Stuff," whose hus-

band travels a lot on

business. When he

returns home, he show-

ers his children with

expensive gifts. You rec-

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Why don't you and Mom go talk to the thera-

pist 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 fre-

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bring my wife and kids

Annie, there are a lot of

things we miss as we go

to places we have never

been and try to do busi-

ness 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

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call you anytime. The

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(www.pflag.org).

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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 deadend 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

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, selfemployment, 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 and time 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 razorsharp 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

are miserable and have

stayed together only for

the children, whom he

sees infrequently now

and would see less of if

he moves away.

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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 EXTRAORDINARY (PART THREE THREE) "Extraordinary" defined as being "very unusual and deserving attention because of being wonderful, excellent, strange or shocking." What makes your extraordinary? sign 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

her children should

address her adult friends.

It is fairly common in the

South for children to

address

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.

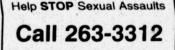
CELEBRITY FILES: From Broadway stardom in her teens to playing Carrie Bradshaw on "Sex and the City," Sarah Jessica Parker has positively harnessed Aries strength. With the end of "Sex and the City," Parker has her pick of where to focus her career next. This year, I predict a return to the stage for Parker. Aries love the immediacy and intensity of an applauding crowd. It's just too hard for them to

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NOBODY ASKS FOR IT Help STOP Sexual Assaults

Rape Crisis Services/Big Spring





KATHY MITCHELL 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 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

DON'T PAY

to find work before you get the job. For free information about avoiding employment service scams, write the Federal Trade Commission,

Washington, DC 20580 or call the National Fraud Information Center, 800-876-7060.

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 pornography and would rather be with himself than with me. (The first seven years of 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

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

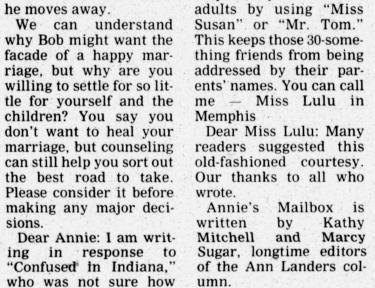
Dear Go For It: And so, apparently, will you. If Bob moves, there is little difference between the arrangement you will have and a legal separation So why not make a clean break? You say you

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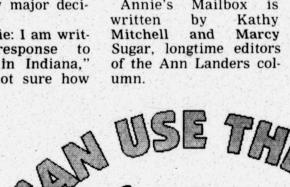
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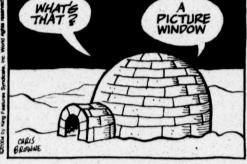
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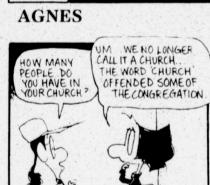


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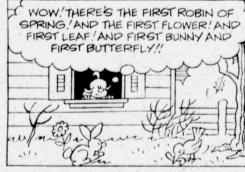
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This Date In History

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.

1934, President In Franklin Roosevelt signed a bill granting future independence 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

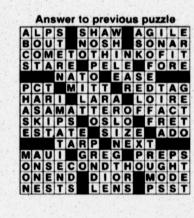
Argentina, Isabel Peron, was deposed by her country's military.

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.

Today's 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 "Kool Kollie" Terry (Ghostown DJs) is 43.



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