THURSDAY

April 22, 2004

WEATHER



TONIGHT TOMORROW 61°-62° 84°-86°

Combined 'Flavors,' 'Song' tickets on sale for Saturday

Combination tickets are available for "Flavors of West Texas" and "The Symphony is Song,' scheduled back-to-back Saturday evening.

"Flavors" is an annual fund-raiser sponsored by the Heritage Museum. Those who attend will be able to sample a number of food dishes prepared by local and area chefs. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center and continues through 7:30 p.m.

"Song" is a production by the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, the Big Spring High School Meistersingers and the All-City Children's Honor Choir. It gets under way at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Big Municipal Spring Auditorium.

A combination ticket. available at the Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, can be purchased for \$16 per person. Sold separately, "Flavors" tickets are \$10 each while tickets for the symphony are \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and \$5 for students. Tickets are also available at a number of businesses and entities in Big Spring, including the Symphony Guild office at 808 Scurry.

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St. Lawrence teen killed in collision with school bus

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Early morning fog may have played a crucial role in the traffic death of a St. Lawrence teen-ager Wednesday, accord-Texas ing to Department of Public Safety officials.

Garden City High School student Todd Garrett Weishuhn, 16, was pro-

WEISHUHN

Center at 9:55 a.m. after he was flown from the scene of the accident by Shannon Medical Life Flight.

DPS Trooper Mark Couch said the collision, which occurred at west of Garden City, happened was driving slammed into the mph. back of the stopped bus.

"There was a lot of really dense the

nounced dead at Odessa Medical fog in that area this morning," said Couch. "Visibility was very low, and although the bus driver had all of the flashers and signals bus until it was too late.

"The young man's truck skid-7:55 a.m. on County Road 125 ded 109 feet before it hit the bus. approximately eight miles south- Judging from that and other factors at the scene, we've estimated when the Ford F-150 Weishuhn his speed at approximately 50

Couch said the 18 students on Glasscock

Independent School District bus were able to walk away from the tragic accident.

"Two of the students were on, he (Weishuhn) didn't see the taken to Midland Memorial Hospital, but they were treated and released shortly after," he

> Couch said Weishuhn wasn't wearing his seat belt.

"I really can't say whether wearing his seat belt could have

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Ron Careaga, right and Wendy Anderson, field events coordinators with the Outdoor Channel, share lunch Wednesday with Cox Communications field and network service technicians Jimmy Ruth, Mike Prichard, Wade Shoup and Terry Strickland as part of their promotional tour of 48 states for the cable network station.

Sweepstakes!

BSHS honor band brings it home

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The Big Spring High School honor band returned with the Sweepstakes Award after a successful run at the University Interscholastic League 4A Concert Sight-reading and Wednesday.

The 41-piece band earned three straight Division I ratings in both the concert and sight-reading portions of the contest held at Lee High School in Midland.

Those results, coupled with the band's Division I rating from its marching show in the fall, earned it the Sweepstakes honor.

"This is by far my best band since I've been here in Big Spring," said band director Rocky Harris. "They had a very tough panel of judges in

"They had a very tough panel of judges in both portions and a very tough sight-reading piece — the toughest I've seen in 4A competition."



Rocky Harris, band director

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The band's performance earned complementary reviews by several

"It has been a while since I've heard the Big Spring band, and I See BAND, Page 3A

continue to be impressed. Congrats," wrote one judge.

"A very solid reading of a pretty demanding sight-reading piece. Several highly exposed sections were handled well by the director and the group," wrote another judge.

On Tuesday, Big Spring's two non-varsity bands both had strong showings at the UIL contest against several Class 5A non-varsity

"They were very impressed how well our third band played. They set the standard," Harris said. That morning only four Division Is were given by any single judge. Three out of the four given that morning were given to our groups."

SCHOOL FINANCE

Perry wants voucher bill this session

AUSTIN Republican Gov. Rick Perry, an advocate of using taxpayer money to send some children to private schools, said

Wednesday he would like to see a school voucher bill emerge from the special legislative session. "I'm for a

public school choice pilot program, always have been," Perry said. "I'd like to have seen it four sessions ago. I don't have: a problem with that, never have.'

Lawmakers have not explicitly said a voucher bill is in the works, but voucher opponents who contend vouchers would take money away from public schools and divert it to private schools — have warned such legislation could be in the offing.

made Perry remarks while answering questions reporters' about his public school finance plan. He started the meeting by firing back at Republican rival Carole Keeton Strayhorn, insisting the comptroller's criticism of his finance plan is flat wrong and that she's intent on "blowing up" the legislative session that began this week.

The governor called the 30-day special session to reduce property taxes and eliminate the sharethe-wealth education funding system, known to some as Robin Hood. Perry says the plan he put forth would pump \$2.5 billion into public schools while cutting school property taxes by

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Rock the Block on again, rain or shine

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Despite being held off by rain that never managed to make its way to the Big Spring area, the Salvation Army Rock the Block concert is set to take place Saturday, rain or shine.

"We're going to have it this Saturday no matter what," laughed Captain Linda Keeney. "We may have canopies set up all over the place, but we're going to do this Saturday."

Keeney, along with her husband and fellow Salvation Army captain, Russ, postponed the Rock the Block concert, which

because of forecasted rain. "They were forecasting rain, ly, rain free day.

and a 60 percent chance is a pretty chance good around here," said Keeney. "We postponed it because we didn't want anyone to lose their equipment or have people back-

ing out because of interest to postpone."

When March 20 came, however,

What: Rock the Block, Christian music festival. Saturday." laughed. "We felt Where: 811 W. Fifth St. near the Salvation Army. had worked and When: Noon to 6 p.m. day, and we finally Saturday.

the weather. So we figured it it didn't rain a drop. I guess we've found bands to replace would be in everyone's best that's just one of the perks of liv- them. God has been good to us

ing in West Texas.' Keeney said the concert, which See ROCK, Page 3A

was originally set for March 20, Keeney said she and her hus- is slated for Saturday between band were surprised with a love- noon and 6 p.m. at the empty lot next to the Salvation Army couldn't Office, located at 811 West Fifth believe it when it St., will be same as originally didn't rain that planned with a few changes in the bands playing.

"There have been a few so bad because we changes to the bands that will be playing during Rock the Block,' worked for that said Keeney. "There were a few that couldn't do it on April 24 made the decision because their schedule just to postpone it, and wouldn't allow it. However,

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

· CASA of West Texas Candlelight Vigil at 7 p.m. in the First Baptist Church.

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

FRIDAY

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

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

· Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

· Big Spring Kennel Club is set from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

· Rock the Block is set for Saturday between noon and 6 p.m. at the empty lot next to the Salvation Army Office, located at 811 West Fifth St.

• Flavors of West Texas is set for 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center, sponsored by the Heritage Museum. Tickets are \$10 at the

· The Symphony is Song begins at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium. The All-City Children's Choir, Big Spring High School Meister Singers and the Symphony Chorus will also perform. Tickets are available at the United Way/Big Spring Symphony office, 808 Scurry.

· Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 704 W. Third.

SUNDAY

· Big Spring Kennel Club is set from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

· House of Hope and Birthright Open House is set from 2-4 p.m. at their new location, 1308 Scurry. The public is invited.

 Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

· Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

· Take Pounds Off Sensible (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in La Posada Restaurant.

TUESDAY · Intermediate Line dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center. Call 267-1628.

· Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

· A Stitchin' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.

WEDNESDAY

· Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.

· Senior Circle meets at 10 a.m. in the Scenic

Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721. · Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the

Howard College Cactus Room.

· Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.

· Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big

Spring Country Club.

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

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 1-8-12-30-34. Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 8-19-26-30-37. Bonus Ball:

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$34 million.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-5-8

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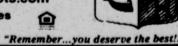
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Police blotter

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

· LISA LYNN BLATCHFORD, 40, of 611 San Antonio, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.

· WILLIAM ALLEN TILLEY, 23, of 2208 Monticello, was arrested Wednesday on two local traffic warrants.

JAMES TURNER, 21, of 809 E. 15th Street, was arrested Wednesday on a Rockwall County warrant for

JASON BLANTON, 32, of Fort Worth, was arrest ed Wednesday on a charge of driving while license

· THEFT was reported:

- in the 2500 block of Wasson. - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.

- in the 300 block of Owens.

· in the 1100 block of Lamesa.

· CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 2000 block of Johnson.

· ASSAULT/CLASS C was reported:

- in the 1300 block of E. 11th Place. - in the 400 block of Fourth Street.

 ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1400 block of Austin.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

· SALLY LEANNE HAIR, 24, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief-more than \$500, less than \$1,500.

 ORLANDO SANCHEZ JR., 19, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of bailsman off of bond for two counts of burglary of a building and a disorderly conduct.

 NATHAN THOMAS SELLERS, 18, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of driving while license suspended, possession of marijuana-2 ounces or less and possession of drug paraphernalia.

· THEFT was reported in the 2200 block of S. Monticello Road.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday...Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday night...Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

Obituaries

Weston Blaine Mitchel Sr.

Weston Blaine Mitchel Sr., 72, of San Angelo died at his home Tuesday, April 20, 2004. Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. Friday in the Sterling City Cemetery with Rick Cunningham, minister of 14th and Main Church of Christ, officiating.

He was born March 30, 1922, in Fritch. He was a longtime Sterling County rancher. He was a member of the Church of Christ. He served in the National Guard as a captain for eight years.

He married Dorothy Purser on May 20, 1950. She preceded him in death on Sept. 18, 1980. He married Betty Lloyd on Aug. 31, 1991, in Big Spring.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Lloyd-Mitchel of San Angelo; one son, Wes Mitchel of Midland; one daughter, Debbie Sweeney of Russellville, Ark.; two stepsons, Roger Lloyd of Big Spring, and Richard Lloyd of United Arab Emerates; six grandchildren; two great grandchildren; three sisters, Venera Emery, Joyce Ditmore and Lavada Caffey, and his adopted daughter, Michell Biddison.

The family will receive friends from 7 until 9 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home

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

Helen Yarbrough Kirkpatrick Helen Yarbrough Kirkpatrick, 77, of Andrews died

April 21. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday. April 23, 2004, at McNett Funeral Home Chapel in Andrews with Elder Gail Faries of Lubbock and Elder Chuck Sammons of Midland officiating. Burial will follow in the Andrews Old Cemetery in Andrews.

She was born April 6, 1927, in Foyil, Okla. to Ira Irvin Lewis and Della Holland Lewis. She married Olen Lee Yarbrough on July 10, 1943, in Woodville. He preceded her in death on July 14, 1985.

She married Spence Kirkpatrick on Jan. 14, 1990, in Andrews. He preceded her in death on July 23, 2003. She had worked at the Andrews Nursing Home and was a homemaker. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist churches in Andrews and Big Spring.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Lois Russell; and one brother, Edward Lewis.

She is survived by her four sons. James Yarbrough and wife, Betty, Larry Yarbrough and wife, Linda, and Tim Yarbrough and wife, Betty, all of Andrews, and Kenny Yarbrough and wife, Sandra, of New Braunfels; 11 grandchildren; and 13 great grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the American Diabetes Foundation.

Services are under the direction of McNett Funeral Home of Andrews.

Willie Opal Barber Willie Opal Barber, 91, of Coahoma, died Thursday,

April 22, 2004, at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

All announcements to the Sunday Life! section are free of charge. Call the Herald office for more details, 263-7331

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Todd Garrett Weishuhn



Todd was given to his family, David, Belinda and Amy Weishuhn, on July 17, 1987, by the Lord. He was a very loved son and brother. Todd very much loved being in Little League Baseball, junior high and high school football and basketball. He participated in tennis and track in junior high and high school. His sophomore and junior years, he played

His athletic honors include All-District Special Team 2003, First Team All-District Receiver 2003, All West Texas Class A First Team Receiver 2003 and Second Team District in basketball. He was a member of the Glasscock County 4-H Club, where he enjoyed showing his pigs, and a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Youth Organization.

Todd's greatest hobbies were riding his dirt bike and hunting, and he proudly showed off his deer horns. Todd was a very outgoing person who never knew a stranger. He always made time to play with children, especially his cousins. Todd was a junior at Garden City High School and had plans of following in his sister's footsteps and attend Texas Tech University.

Then on April 21, 2004, the Lord called him home. Todd is survived by his parents, David and Belinda Weishuhn; his sister, Amy and her husband, Justin Schwartz, all of St. Lawrence; his grandparents, Lawrence and Helen Jost of St. Lawrence and Presley and Ethel Weishuhn of Eola; his uncles and aunts, Steven and Bridgett Jost and their children, Jordan, Saegan and Edwin, Stuart and Cassy Jost and their daughter, Cadence, all of St. Lawrence, Allen and JoAnn Weishuhn and their children, Brady and Stephanie Weishuhn and their son, Gage, all of Vancourt and Laurie and Grant Tiplicek and their children, Hunter and Hudson, of Sweetwater, Linda and David Urbanek and their children, Joe, John and Tanya and her daughter, Madison, all of Lowake, Donald and Theresa Weishuhn and their children. Carrie, Cody and Cassie of Eola; his godparents, Chris and Lana Hirt of St. Lawrence and numerous other family and friends.

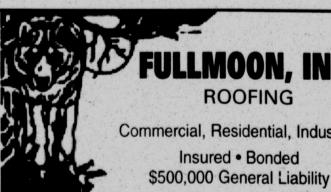
Pallbearers will be Allen Weishuhn, Donald Weishuhn, David Urbanek, Steven Jost, Stuart Jost and Chris Hirt. Honorary pallbearers will be the boys of the Junior and Senior Class of Garden City along with all of Todd's Bearkat teammates.

Rosary will be held at 7 p.m. today, April 22, 2004, at the St. Lawrence Catholic Church. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, April 23, 2004, at the St. Lawrence Catholic Church with the Rev. Bernard Gettigan, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at St. Lawrence Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to the Glasscock County EMS Services, P.O. Box 249, Garden City.

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

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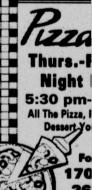
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saved his life in an accident like this. That's left to the doctors. However, I can tell you his chances of surviving the crash would have been much better if he had been wearing his seat belt," said Couch.

While it appears Weishuhn was traveling at 50 mph, well under the 60 mph speed limit on the stretch of road where the accident occurred, Couch said visibility and reaction time can be the difference between life and

"Anytime visibility is lowered the speed of the vehicle becomes crucial," he explained. "It all comes down to how quickly you can stop your vehicle. It takes approximately two seconds from the time you perceive the danger to get your foot on the brake and apply pres-

"In a situation like this. Weishuhn was simply driving too fast for the

To replace funds lost

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Rosary for Weishuhn will be today at 7 p.m. in the St. Lawrence Catholic Church. Funeral mass will be 10 a.m. Friday at the St. Lawrence Catholic Church.

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

I am telling the truth, and

I will keep telling the

Earlier in the day,

Strayhorn took another

shot at Perry's plan. She

said it's not appropriate

to "partner" with sexual-

ly oriented night clubs to

finance public education

and that she wants to put

those clubs out of busi-

"If these clubs can stay

in business selling lemon-

ade and iced tea, at least I

will feel better about the

safety of the dancers,"

Strayhorn said. "The

state of Texas does not

need to be partnering

with these clubs that are

degrading, particularly to

women, and are havens

Perry said if Strayhorn

wants to be part of the

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Strayhorn is considered

a potential Republican

candidate for governor in

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and he's really helped us bring all of this together.

"We're still a go and everything looks good. We're going to have some new music, including a Christian rap group called The Chosen from Lamesa. We also have a gentleman by the name of Walton Lyte that will be playing the keyboard."

Christian bands Paid In Full, 4Given and The Violent are still set to play the concert, but due to scheduling conflicts and life in general, two local bands won't be able to participate.

"Unfortunately Cornerstone Praise Team won't be able to make it," she explained. "Also, the Salvation Army Praise Band won't be able to play because our lead guitarist can't make the show. We're currently looking for a possible replacement, but we haven't had any luck so

Keeney said the event is

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The 36-member BSHS

second band, directed by

Samuel Hale, earned a

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As the first band of the

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The high school band

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the Salvation Army's way of showing its gratitude to the community for so many years of support.

"The community has always been supportive of the Salvation Army, in numerous ways," said Keeney. "From the back to school programs to the kettles, anytime we need their help all we have to do is get the word out and they are there for us.

"We wanted to give something back to the community to say thank you in a different way, so my husband, Russ, came up with the idea for the concert. We've got this huge lot out here and it's seldom ever used, so we decided to have a concert and invite the entire community. We want people to bring their families and have a fun day together without it costing them anything."

Keeney said there will be plenty of music and fun at the concert, with every age group and taste in music in mind.

"We have a company that will be bringing these huge inflatable

program will hold a

spring concert on May 17.

Contact Staff Writer

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sports games," she said. "There are slides and all kinds of activities involved, with four huge inflatables. We'll also be serving hot dogs, chips and drinks. There's going to be candy and all kinds of things in addition to the music.

"Even if you don't like Christian rap, there's going to be all kinds of other music throughout the day that you will enjoy. We want it to appeal to everyone, from adults to the younger people as well. Most teenagers don't like the same type of music their parents like, so we have tried to make it a wide mix of styles."

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Weston Blaine Mitchel, City





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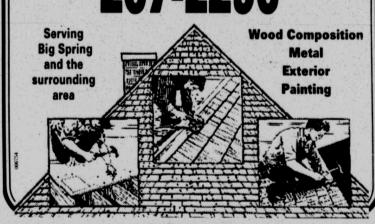
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\$6 billion.

Lawmakers could reject his plan and come up with their own.

Perry didn't elaborate Wednesday on how a "public school choice" pilot program would work.

In an interview last year with The Associated Press, he said he supports a pilot program to use taxpayer money to send children in failing schools to private schools.

Perry took a trip to the Bahamas in February with wealthy campaign contributor **James** Leininger of San Antonio, a voucher proponent.

The Coalition for Public Schools, a group opposing private school vouchers. called Perry's latest remarks disappointing and said during the special session he should focus on finding more money for public schools, which serve 94 percent of the children in Texas.

"We just cannot afford to subsidize private schools when currently there's not enough money for the neighborhood public schools," said coalition coordinator Carolyn Boyle. I just don't get it. It just doesn't compute

with me.' Meanwhile, Perry's school finance plan was introduced in a bill for discussion Wednesday by a House committee. The plan would lower business and residential property taxes by 17 percent, to a maximum \$1.25 per \$100 in appraised land value: The current maxi-



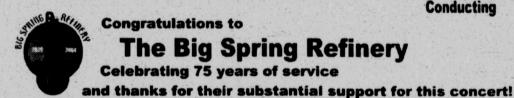
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OUR VIEWS

What a wonderful time is planned Saturday evening

all it a variation of "dining and dancing." OK, it's a stretch, but the Heritage Museum and Big Spring Symphony have combined forces to bring both great food and great music to folks looking for something to do Saturday evening.

Up first is the museum's "Flavors of West Texas" culinary event which begins at 5:30 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Community Center. Those who have been in Howard County for awhile will remember this annual event as "Around the World in 80 Bites," held each spring at the museum. Of late, however, the name has been changed to more accurately reflect the geographical region and the location has been moved to accommodate the event's growing popularity. A number of local and area "chefs" will be preparing bite-sized morsels of all types of food. Those who attend are invited to wrap their taste buds around many different delicious and unique culinary delights.

Tickets are \$10 for all ages and are available at

the museum, 510 Scurry.

Arter "Flavors" ends at 7:30, it will be time to make your way over to the Municipal Auditorium for the presentation of "The Symphony is Song." Put on by the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, the Big Spring High School Meistersingers and the All-City Children's Honor Choir, it promises to be an evening of wonderful musical enjoyment. Selections will include "Stomp Your Foot," "Promise of Living" and others by American composer Aaron Copeland, George Gershwin's "Porgy & Bess," "Spring Chorus" by John Rutter and Johann Sebastian Bach's "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring." It's a great way to celebrate spring, and gets under way at 8 p.m.

Tickets to the performance are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for students. Tickets are available at the Symphony Guild office, 808 Scurry, and multiple other locations around town.

Now, here's where going to the two events pay off. A combination ticket for "Flavors" and the symphony performance can be obtained for just \$16. That's a savings of \$4 for adults or \$2 for seniors — a great deal. Those tickets are available at the museum and the Symphony Guild

We hope you'll take advantage of the evening of entertainment on Saturday. Great food, wonderful music — what a delightful, enjoyable time.

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Airport terminals: Safety or shopping

he feds are considering changing the rules on airport security again, which could end up creating even greater bottlenecks at those security checkpoints that are the bane of every traveler. Thanks to pressure from some lawmakers

and retail companies, the Transportation Security

Administration (TSA) may open up airport terminals once more to people who don't hold airline tickets so that they can greet or send off travelers. Of course this would mean many more people snaking through

security lines, taking off their sneakers, emptying their pockets, and subjecting their bodies to pat downs and wandings by TSA employees. Obviously this isn't going to enhance security, much less make traveling easier or faster, so what's behind this

Apparently, some companies and regional airport authorities are distressed that the post 9/11 security rules have ruined their plans to turn airports into shopping malls. Don't get me wrong — I like the convenience of retail stores in airports. I'm not the typical business flyer who gets to the airport at the last minute. I usually arrive at least an hour ahead of time and end up spending time - and money — in those stores. In fact, I do most of my book buying in airports these days. But, I'd rather do without the stores than spend two or three times as long waiting in the security line, which is what will happen if airports open up their terminals to non-travelers

The idea behind terminals-asshopping-malls seems to have come from the Duty Free shops that have been in place for decades in most international airports. Even before airlines added extra security measures to combat terrorism, most international flights required passengers to arrive at least two hours early. which left travelers with lots of time to fill before their planes took off. Duty free shops filled the void and allowed international travelers to stock up on luxury items without paying the often exorbitant duties or taxes due on certain items. Now, similar shops have become ubiquitous in modern domestic terminals as well. Pittsburgh International is a

prime example. Once the least hospitable major airport, it is now one of the most modern, travelerfriendly in the country, thanks to a major \$800 million overhaul in 1992, which brought in restaurants and stores galore. But like many airports, Pittsburgh has been struggling since 9-11. It doesn't help matters that Pittsburgh depends on one airline for the bulk of its revenues. U.S. Airways, which controls about 80 percent of Pittsburgh's gates and has been struggling with its own financial woes, has been threatening to leave if the airport doesn't lower its costly gate fees.

But the airport can't lower gate fees unless it makes up the revenue with parking fees or merchant leases — and in order to earn these, the airport needs more people to spend time in its facilities. So the Allegheny County Airport Authority, which runs Pittsburgh International, is hoping to be the first test case to relax the rules on letting family and friends

accompany passengers to and from the gate. The TSA is currently reviewing a proposed plan to open the terminal to non-passengers, which could be in place this summer if the Department of Homeland Security approves it.

Given increased concerns about terrorist attacks this summer, this may not be the best time to implement such a plan. Longer lines at checkpoints would be unavoidable, increasing the risk that harried TSA screeners might not be as thorough as necessary to stop would-be terrorists. And, unless airlines reinstated photo-ID checks at the gate, which would add even more time to the process, what would stop terrorists from using decoys to purchase tickets, check in and then pass off the boarding pass to someone who might be on a watch list?

A better alternative might be to redesign airports with larger check-in terminals and smaller wait areas past security gates. San Francisco and Reagan National in Washington, D.C., have struck a good balance, with eateries and shops on the check-in side of the terminal as well as in the gate area, making it possible for friends and family to visit with passengers before they leave or while they await their arrival without clogging up security checkpoints. Sure, airports have to worry about revenues, but making travel even more time-consuming or less secure isn't the way to go about it.

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"Non-partisan" commissioner: Show me the money

amie Gorelick, the Clinton administration lawyer defended as a wholly nonpartisan member of the independent commission investigating the 9/11 terrorist

attacks, has contributed more heavily to political candidates - almost all Democrats - than any other commissioner.

Government records show Gorelick, President Clinton's deputy attorney general, donating at least \$32,500 to federal candidates since 1998.

Only \$4,250 of that total went to Republicans. She gave the maximum \$2,000 to Sen. John Kerry's presidential campaign last year when he was struggling.

The commission chairman, former Republican New Jersey Gov. Tom Kean, defended Gorelick last Friday after House Judiciary Committee Chairman James Sensenbrenner called for her resignation. Sensenbrenner contended Gorelick had disqualified herself by constructing in 1995 the wall between the FBI and the CIA

Sources close to Sen. John Kerry say he still feels the pain of being passed over for vice president four years ago and wants to avoid inflicting that punishment on anybody else as he picks his own running mate.

under attack by the commission.

Kerry was announced as a contestant in 2000 as Al Gore held a public competition for vice president. Sens. Joe Lieberman and John Edwards ended up as the

finalists, with Kerry eliminated early after being led to believe he had a real shot to be Gore's choice.

With Kerry determined not to mislead anybody, no list of prospects has been put out. Unofficial lists come from people who are not close to the presumptive presidential nominee and do not know his mind.

Prospecting among thousands of words uttered by John Kerry, Republican researchers spotted gold Tuesday in a Washington Post op-ed column by the prospective Democratic presidential nominee that attempted a non-partisan approach to Iraq.

"We are seeing increasing numbers of Iraqis," Kerry wrote, "lashing out at the United States to express their frustration over what the Bush administration has and hasn't done." The unfortunate word was "frustration," which Republicans say Kerry applied to the Iraqi fighters who are murdering Americans. That will be used repeatedly against the Democratic candidate.

Kerry has taken a less combative posture on Iraq since he clinched the nomination, angering some anti-war Democrats. Describing the "frustration" of Iraqi gunmen, therefore, was a mistake rather than a calculated strategy.

Following her impressive performance on NBC's "Meet the Press" April 4, Bush adviser Karen Hughes's friends and supporters in both Washington and Texas started quietly boosting her for governor of Texas in 2006.

Gov. Rick Perry, who succeeded to the governorship in 2000 when Gov. George W. Bush became pres-

ident, has indicated he will seek another term. But Perry has many enemies, and the word in Texas political circles is that Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison could challenge him for the Republican nomina-

Conservative activists do not consider Hughes one of them and are not talking about her for governor. However, Republican insiders who are not fond of either Perry or Hutchison are starting to promote Hughes, a former television journalist who never has run for public office.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, facing Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle's ultimatum that could block all of President Bush's judicial nominations, is considering a tough counter-strate-

Daschle has threatened to prevent any vote on 45 proposed federal judges unless the president "gives assurance" that he will not make any more recess appointments. That process, used when the Senate is in recess, puts a judicial nominee temporarily on the bench without being confirmed.

Frist is being urged to file cloture petitions, which will cut off debate and force a vote on each of the 45 stalled judges. If Democratic discipline holds as it has in the past, none of the judges will get the 60 votes needed to impose cloture. However, Democrats may get the blame for preventing the Senate from doing business.

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Jaguar offering limited edition 'Portfolio' XK sports car

"Hey Dad, Mom is run- do?" she asked. ning late and she wants you to pick up dinner," pulled into the driveway. works right now. "Any thing else?"

and he wants you to send your car columns in early because he's going out of town?"

"Any thing else?" "Yeah, James Bond called and he wants his car back," she said, quickly reminding me that she will soon be 16 set of wheels.

"You know Dad, look pretty good in that car. Come think of it, that car even makes you look good."

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I do look good in the Jaguar XKR "Portfolio" limited edition sports car.

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"What's that?" my daughter asked, pointing to a button on the center control panel as we drove to the restaurant

to pickup dinner. "That's for the satellite-based navigation system," I said, pushing the button and instantly converting the computerized screen displaying a clock into a map showing our present location.

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"What about that?" "Mr. Chester called she asked, pointed to another button on the console.

> "That's to turn on the butt warmers in the leather seats. As you can see by the light on the button, mine is already on."

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"Неу, that's pretty cool," she "What about that button?"

"DON'T TOUCH THAT!" I shouted, which startled her into an

upright position in her seat. "That's the sub but-

"The what?" "The sub button. It Automotive submarine. Since we're not around any water, it would be pretty bad if

you activated it now." "DAD!"

"Had you going, though, didn't I? This car is so cool, it wouldn't surprise you if it could convert into a subma-

"Keep on dreaming," she said. "I like it just the way it is. In fact, you know Dad, I think this car would make a really nice present for my 16th birthday."

'Now who's dreaming?" I asked. "But nice

Neal White has been covering the automotive industry for more than 10 years and is an officer with the Texas Auto Writers Association and member of the Midwest Media nate to test drive one of converts the XKR into a Association. Comments may be sent to Neal at neal.white@waxahachiedailylight.com.



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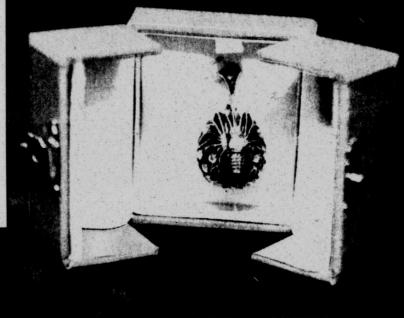
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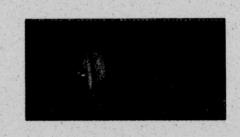
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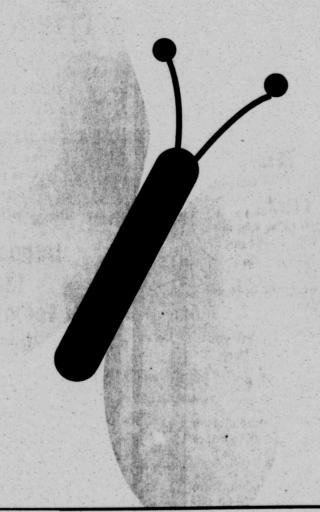
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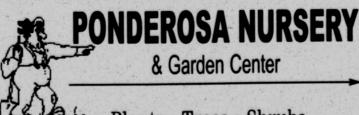
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IN BRIEF

Big Spring volleyball clinics announced

Big Spring high school volleyball coach Revis Daggett has announced a volleyball clinic available for incoming seventhgraders.

The clinics will take place Monday, Monday, May 3, Wednesday May 5, Monday, May 10 and/or Wednesday, May

Athletes may attend one or all five clinics.

Each clinic runs from 4-6 p.m. and takes place at the Big Spring Junior High School Gymnasium.

The cost is \$10 for any or all of the clinics and those interested may pay at the door at any one of the clinics.

Checks should be made payable to the Lady Steers Booster Club.

Seventh-grade volleyball tryout dates set

The Big Spring Junior High will also be holding volleyball tryouts in May. The dates for tryouts have been set for May 17-19 from 4-6 p.m. each day.

The tryouts will take place in the Big Spring Junior High Gymnasium and are free to all incoming seventh-graders.

Attendance required at least two of the three days in order to make the 2004-2005 team or prior arrangements need to be made with Coach Daggett. She can be reached at 816-9560 rldaggett@esc18.net.

W.Texas Nightmare tournament set

The West Nightmare softball tournament dates have been set for Friday through Sunday.

The tournament will take place at Mize Softball Field.

The entry fee will \$115 per team and team trophies will be awarded.

For more information. contact Leo at 263-1391 or Abel Rios at 263-2116. The deadline to sign-up is Thursday at 8 p.m.

CGA to hold benefit tournament for Relay

The Chicano Golf Association of Big Spring has scheduled a tournament Saturday to benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life for at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The tournament's format will be a four-man scramble.

Entry fees are \$20 per player and all players must be registered by 10 a.m. the day of the tournament.

For more information, call Billy Pineda at 264-7116 after 7 p.m.

Howard College announces banquet

Howard College has scheduled its athletic banquet for May 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the East Room of Dorthy Garrett Coliseum.

Coahoma win secures district title

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The Coahoma Lady Bulldogs softball team clinched the district title Tuesday after picking up a road victory at Colorado City, 7-0.

Coahoma started things off in the first inning with two runs. Ruby Garcia was hit by a pitch before Liz Conley reached on a

the plate for the first runs of the game after Kali Roberts singled to centerfield.

The Lady Bulldogs added two more runs in the second inning. Sarah Dunn led off the inning with a walk and then Samantha Bayes reached on an error. Ashle New proceeded to ground out. throwing error. Garcia but picked up the RBI scored in the seventh 12-10 overall and 4-0 in beginning at 4:30 p.m.

left scored Bayes to make the score 4-0.

Coahoma didn't add to the score until the sixth tance on the mound and inning.

in New with a grounder surrendered only two to the shortstop that was hits, while walking none. overthrown to first base, making the score 5-0.

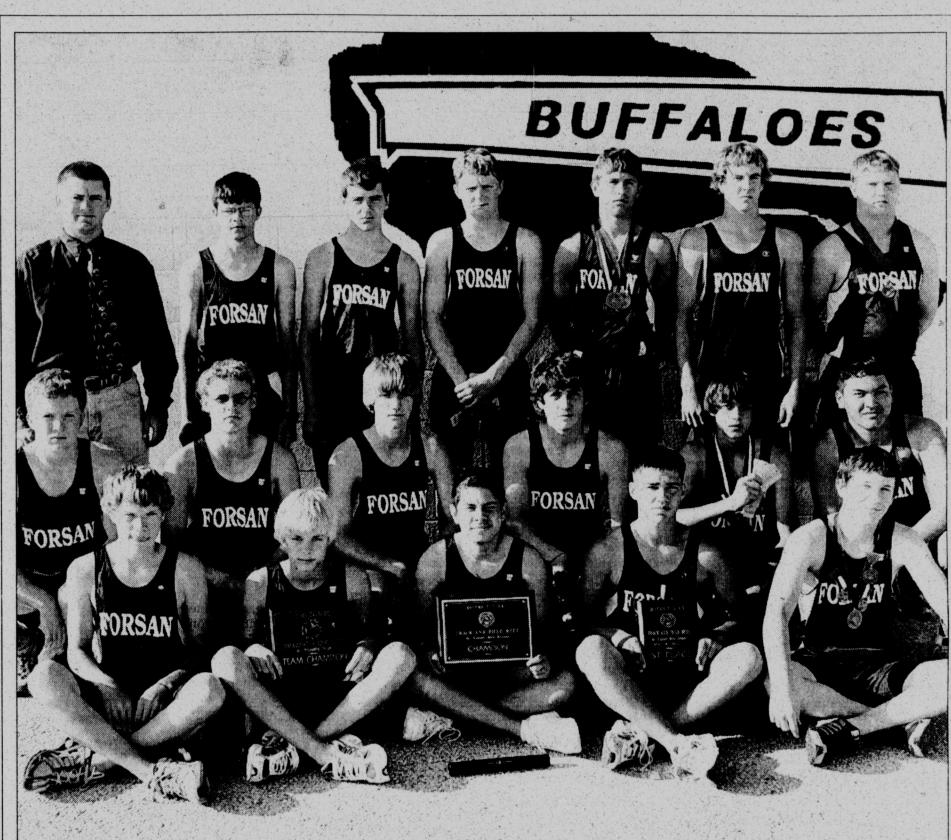
plate. Conley's single to stealing second base. She Bulldogs scored on an overthrow to Lubbock first base.

Roberts went the dispicked up the win. She Ami Martinez knocked struck out 11 batters and Colorado City commit-

ted five errors. Cheyenne Grice also Coahoma improved to Spring in Coahoma,

and Conley then crossed after Dunn crossed the inning after walking and district play. The Lady Coronado Friday. The varsity game starts at 7 p.m.

The Lady Bulldogs' game Tuesday has been changed. Greenwood cancelled its game with Coahoma, but the Lady Bulldogs will host Big



The Forsan junior varsity track team brought home the JV team District 3-2A championship by scoring 168.5 points at the district track meet held in Coahoma this past Friday. The Buffaloes sit here with their medals and awards from the meet. Front row, from left: Seth Johnson, Rusty Gressett, Jeremy Gomez, Cody Frietag and Shelby Lefever. Middle: Luke Smith, Mitchell Murray, Justin Forshee, Clay Kuykendall, Jonathon Ochoa and Anthony Acosta. Back: Coach Thompson, Blain Matthews, Jerry Sims, Taylor Barber, Jarrod Price, Jon Sutton and Tyler Phillips. Forsan captured first place finishes in several events, as well. The district champion in the 3200 meter run was Jonathan Ochoa and 4x100 meter relay team of Smith, Sutton. Frietag and Murray all claimed district gold with a time of 47.54 seconds. Lefever took third in the 800 meter, crossing the line in 2:21, while Kuykendall took fifth overall with a time of 2:28. Price was crowned champion in the 100 meter high hurdles, finishing in 18.92 seconds. Sutton and Johnson also took fourth and sixth, respectively, in the hurdles, as well. Murray and Matthews took third and sixth in the 100 meter dash, respectively. In the 400 meter dash, Forsan crowned another district champion. Forshee won the race with a time of 56.9 seconds, while Smith place third overall, finishing in 58.5 seconds. The 300 meter hurdles event saw three Forsan runners finish in the top-five. Sutton placed second place overall with a time of 47 seconds. Price took third in 49 seconds, while Johnson finished in fifth, crossing the line in 53 seconds. Acosta, Matthews, Frietag and Lefever took third in the 4x200 meter relay. The team crossed the line in 1:46. Ochoa came back to run in the 1600 meter run, but did not finish first. Instead, Ochoa place second overall with a 5:32 mile. Kuykendall took third overall in the 1600 meter run, while Barber came across in seventh in just over six minutes. The Buffaloes also placed in the 4x400 meter relay. Forsan's team of Smith, Murray, Frietag and Forshee took second overall, crossing the line in 3:53. Forshee placed first in the triple jump and fourth in the long jump. Forshee's jump in the triple jump was marked at 37-10 and his long jump covered 16-11. Murray took second overall in the discus and Barber tied for sixth place in the high jump. Barber's cleared the bar at 4-10.

Two Wildcats advance to regional tourney

Special to the HERALD

A Young Westbrook Wildcat tennis team will advance two singles' champions this week at Hardin Simmons University.

Sophomore Trey Chavez will represent Westbrook at the Region II championships, along with teammate freshman Lauren Johnson as both captured their respective divisions at district 10-A championships held earlier this month at Abilene.

last year as a freshman will again begin his quest for a state crown, after downing his district opponents losing a mere three games.

champ, he must overcome earlier defeated Chavez at others that will attempt to

steal the region crown Tournament 4-6, 6-4, 7-5. from him that will advance him to the state tournament in Austin May 10-11.

Sporting a 33-2 mark, the young Cat has lost only two matches all year. One was to last year's two-time 2A state defending champion Rhett Heartsill at this past weekend's Regional Qualifiers Tournament in Reagan County.

In his first match, Chavez defeated Crane's Chavez, a state qualifier Matt Wynn 6-2, 7-6 (11-9), and then advanced to the semifinals against Wall. With the loss, it put the Westbrook youngster playing for third place pitted against Reagan As last year's Region II County's Carrillo, who County the Reagan

Chavez demolished Carrillo 6-4, 6-1 to capture

third place at the qualifiers tournament. This year, Chavez will have company as freshman Johnson captured the girl's singles crown

second place finisher. Johnson won a thrilling match, saw three sets last three hours, 4-6, 6-4, 7-5.

after defeating last year's

The young freshman played Forsan's Lacy Eggleston in the opening round but lost the match and lost in the consolation finals in three sets.

The Westbrook duo played Wednesday at HSU courts, but results were not available at press time. If either player wins or captures the runner-up position, they will qualify

for the state tournament. Other Wildcats contributing to the team's second-place finish was the team of Garrett Bisnette both competed in Womack, senior, and junior Jared Matlock who finished third behind Throckmorton.

Senior Jennifer Halverson and junior Candice Hale placed fourth in girl's doubles action. The team of Cory Morton and Logan Truelove also won their year. first match against Trent, but lost to the eventual champions.

Others competing were freshman Jordan Truelove who lost in the first round against Bryson 6-4, 7-6 (11-9), 6-4. Senior Sheena Fernandez lost to foreign exchange

student from Bryson 6-2, 6-1.

Junior Chris Molina and freshman Kourtney JV action, where Bisnette placed third.

Second-year Tennis Coach Chavez was very pleased at the varsity's district showing and expects a better year with a great crop of eighth graders, who have won four tournaments this

"We are very pleased that they did a great job at district," said Chavez. "We finished second behind Throckmorton in the boys and girls brackets. Next year we hope to compete for both titles. We will be strong next won her first match, but year. Maybe we can compete in team tennis."

New shortstop leads Rangers to win over rival

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) Rookie catcher Gerald Laird is going to become a favorite of his pitching staff if he keeps throwing out potential base stealers at this rate.

Laird threw out three baserunners trying to er to throw out three runsecond Wednesday night, and Michael Young hit a tiebreaking two-run triple to help the Rangers beat Anaheim 4-1 for their Young, who shifted from fifth win in six tries against the Angels.

strong point, being able to ed to the Yankees. "I had throw guys out," Laird a couple of tough throws said. "Every level I've played at, I've led the league in throwing-out percentage, so I just want to be consistent and continue that success.

"What it does is help" out our pitchers. If they see I can throw guys out, they're going to hold guys on for me," Laird added. of scoring position, and Dickey was able to do his Oakland on April 14. thing and focus on making his pitches."

Laird, who grew up about 10 minutes from Angel Stadium, has

HOUSTON (AP) - Jim had

Edmonds hit a grand

slam for one of the St.

Louis Cardinals' five

home runs in a 12-6 victo-

ry over the Houston

Astros on Wednesday

Reggie Sanders hit a

solo home runs for the

Cardinals, who beat the

Astros for only the fourth

and Edgar Renteria each

time in 12 games. Rolen

Marlon Anderson added innings.

right and play the game hard," Eckstein said. "They're going to be in a lot of ballgames because they play for nine innings."

The last Rangers catchners in a game was Doug Mirabelli, on May 7, 2001, against the White Sox.

Mike," Laird said of second base to shortstop this season after AL MVP "That's always been my Alex Rodriguez was tradand Mike made some good plays for me with those tags.'

Dickey R.A. (2-1)allowed a run and six hits over seven innings, struck out seven and walked one. The righthander was shelled for nine earned runs, nine hits and three homers "We kept three guys out over 4 2-3 innings in his previous start against

"As a big leaguer, it was probably one of my more rewarding outings _ just because of the adversity I went through last week," thrown out six of 10 run- said Dickey, who pitched ners this season, includ- on six days' rest. "The ing David Eckstein in the rest probably did help. I

three

Matt Morris (3-1) held

Houston to three runs and

four hits in six innings

with four strikeouts and

no walks. He also had an

RBI single in the second.

Tim Redding (0-3) was

Redding gave up eight

runs in his third start to

raise his ERA to 10.22

Cardinals' 16 hits.

"They play the game went on, and I felt like I where I had to do my job could have finished the game. My body responded real well and it was a fun night.'

Pitching coach Orel Hershiser believes Dickey's success is and will be predicated on his knack for pitching through tough innings.

"I see a positive future "I owe a lot of it to for him," Hershiser said. "I see him as a guy who's going to grind out wins and find a way to win games. I mean, he's going to get his lunch handed to him by teams, but he's got two or three pitches that are bona fide big league 'out' pitches."

> Dickey pitched with runners on base in each of the first five innings. He was bailed out twice on strikeout-caught stealing double plays as Laird threw out Jose Guillenwith Jeff DaVanon at the plate in the second, then erased Bengie Molina on a failed hit-and-run with Adam Kennedy up in the fifth.

"The strikeout-throwem-out double plays help your pitch count, and it's incredible the kind of weight that lifts off you," Dickey said. "All three of those pitches were fastfelt stronger as the game balls, so it was a situation

in the sixth inning off

Ricky Stone, scoring

Morris, Anderson and

St. Louis went up 3-0 in

the first inning on a solo

home run by Lankford,

his third of the season,

and a 2-run shot by Rolen.

Pujols had doubled before

Rolen hit his eighth of the

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St. Louis took an 8-0

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Albert Pujols.

Red-hot Cardinals double up Houston

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Jeff Nelson pitched a hitless eighth inning and Francisco Cordero pitched the ninth for his fourth save.

The Rangers, who won the opener of this threegame set on Tuesday, had not won any of their previous 20 road series against AL West teams since taking two of three at Anaheim in September 2000. They lost 18 of those series and split two.

Texas improved to 8-7, the Rangers' best start since winning 10 of their first 15 games in 1998. They have finished last in the AL West in each of the last four seasons.

The Rangers snapped a 1-all tie in the fifth, when Young drove John Lackey's first-pitch fastball to right-center after singles by Laynce Nix and No. 9 hitter Adrian Gonzalez.

Lackey (0-3) pitched 6 2-3 innings and allowed three runs on seven hits, including an RBI single by Hank Blalock in the first. Gonzalez singled home a run in the ninth for his first major league RBI.

Darin Erstad drove in

home run. After two outs.

Anderson chased Redding

Mike Lamb hit his sec-

ond home run of the sea-

son and Jeff Bagwell his

Orlando Palmeiro had

The Astros added two

runs in the eighth on a

fielding error by St. Louis

third baseman Cody

McKay, who pinch-hit for

Rolen in the top half.

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with his fourth homer.

fifth for Houston.

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RBIs: 4 Doubles: 3 Hits: 12 Runs: 8 Strikeouts: 14

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Runs: 15 Strikeouts: 7

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The field will be flighted by first round score. The number of flights will be determined by number of entries.

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Softball - Friday, April 23 @ Andrews (6 p.m.)* (district finale)

Baseball — Friday, April 23 @ Andrews (7 p.m.)* Tuesday, April 27 @Lakeview (5 p.m.)* Friday, April 30 vs. Levelland (5 p.m.)*

Track - Friday and Saturday, April 30-May 1 @San Angelo (Regional track meet-both boys and girls)

* denotes district game



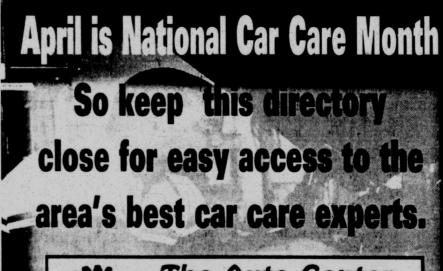
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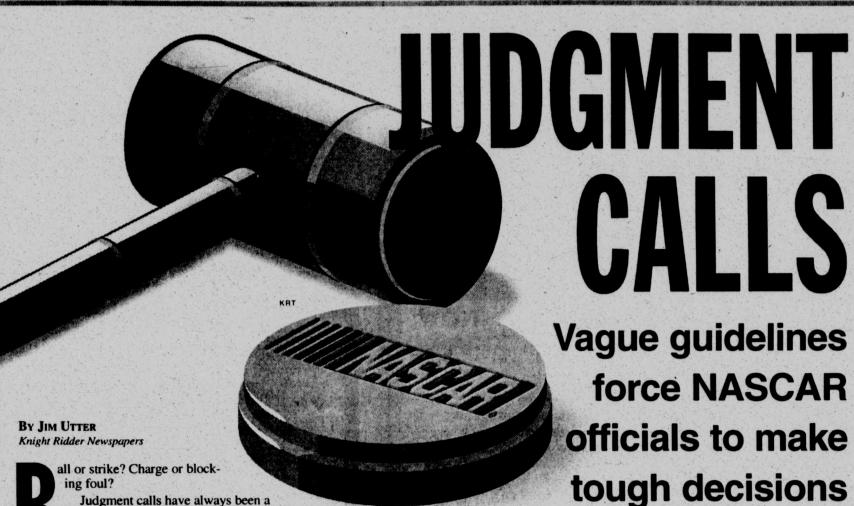
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Judgment calls have always been a part of sports and NASCAR is no

Throughout NASCAR rule books are clauses containing the phrase "in the judgment of NASCAR officials." And those are just the rules that are written.

There are plenty of issues in NASCAR not clear-cut enough for the rule book.

The rule which prohibits drivers from going below the yellow line on superspeedways to advance their position is one such example. It is spelled out in prerace drivers meetings at Daytona International Speedway and Talladega, Ala., site of Sunday's Aaron's 499.

NASCAR's decision late in 2003 to prohibit racing back to the caution and its rules setting the "commitment line" on pit stops — the point on the track after which drivers cannot change their mind to pit - have added more opportunities to play umpire.

"There are always going to be judgment calls in sports. There is no way around it," said Chad Knaus, crew chief for driver Jimmie Johnson. 'Somebody has to make the final decision.

There can be reviews and different things to help in the process, but the problem a lot of competitors have is they want it to be black and

white. But there is no black and white - period." Before NASCAR stopped racing back to the caution, its biggest and most controversial judgment calls came from enforcing the yellow line

at Daytona and Talladega. It's most famous no-call call came a year ago in the spring race at Talladega, when eventual winner Dale Earnhardt Jr. dipped below the yellow line late in the race while completing a pass

and received no penalty. The judgment in that call came under enormous criticism from competitors and fans.

NASCAR compared that decision to a "ball or strike" call in baseball — one that can be debated even when different people watch the

This season, NASCAR appears to have taken on a larger role as umpire, perhaps unintentional-

Before prohibiting racing back to the caution, NASCAR President Mike Helton repeatedly warned drivers to adhere to the "gentlemen's agreement" not to race back, or they would not like it when NASCAR "got involved."

End-of-the-race scoring issues have cropped

"You also know that if you're still speeding when the caution comes out, (NASCAR officials) have been very vocal in saying they will penalize drivers more positions than they would naturally lose."

Advanced scoring methods might help reduce the times NASCAR must rely on its judgment to make calls, but until then competitors are learning to accept their existence.

"I try to look at the big picture. You have to believe that a call might not go your way and take away a win, a championship or just a position on the track, but in the long run things pretty much even out for everyone," said Robbie Loomis, crew chief for four-time Cup champion

Jeff Gordon: "At the time the incident happens, you are looking at just what is in front of you — what you lost. That's hard to look past, but you have to if you are going to stay in this sport.

"Again, the big picture is to look at why rules like not racing back to the caution were made and that's to improve safety. I will always support that goal.

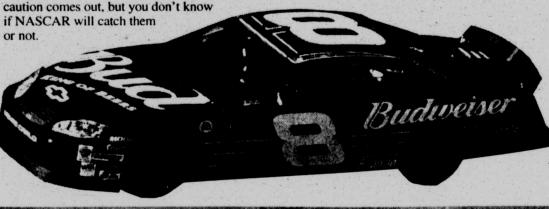
Knaus said the "big picture" philosophy is the best way to put judgment calls in perspective.

"I definitely used to be a moment-type guy. Whatever was happening right there, I wanted it my way right now," he said.

"If you're trying to win the Nextel Cup championship, you cannot focus on the week-to-week battles. You have to focus on the yearlong bat-

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Dale Earnhardt Jr., who drives car No. 8, was the center of controversy last year due to a no-call call at Talladega.



RANKINGS THAT'S RACIN'S TOP **PICKS**

1. Dale Earnhardt Jr. (car No. 8): Team keeps looking more and more title-worthy. And now it gets to go to Talladega. Last week: 2.

2. Matt Kenseth (car No. 17): As solid as ever. Top-10 finish at Martinsville is just another notch in this team's belt. Last week: 3.

3. Kasey Kahne (car No. 9): Nothing unusual about a rookie having a tough go of it at Martinsville. Even this one. Last week: 1.

Knaus

given moment.

North Carolina Speedway.

Sadler

up several times, particularly in NASCAR Busch

Since the running order is "frozen" when the

caution is displayed now, NASCAR finds itself

having to determine where all 43 cars are at that

Without a sophisticated Global Positioning

System, NASCAR relies on TV replays, official

scorers and its eyes to make final determinations.

"We've always had judgment calls in the

on them now " Johnson said "

sport, but it seems like there is a little bit more

like the more time that goes by, the more rules

Many drivers, like Elliott Sadler, believe

"I think they're doing a good job," he said

control 43 different minds. We're making it hard

"it's just that it's one group of minds trying to

Sadler said drivers often face conflicting

"It means a lot to a race car driver coming

inside you should not let guys pass you when the

down to the final few laps what you should or should not do," he said. "You know deep down

"Our fate is in NASCAR's hands."

NASCAR has its hands full.

issues in late-race incidents.

Series races at Las Vegas; Bristol, Tenn.; and

Nashville, Tenn., and the Nextel Cup race at

Loomis

4. Kurt Busch (car No. 97): As good as this team has done, it still believes it's not quite clicking yet. That's scary. Last week: 4.

5. Jimmie Johnson (car No. 48): This team knew it had messed up not pitting at Martinsville, and then it had the integrity to admit it. Last

week: 5.

6. Jeff Gordon (car No. 24): Draining battery at Texas, and then flying concrete at Martinsville. The bad breaks just keep on coming. Last

7. Rusty Wallace (car No. 2): Breaks his 105-race drought for another drink from Victory Lane's fountain of youth. Last week: 12.

8. Elliott Sadler (car No. 38): Can he break DEI's grip on Talladega

and return Robert Yates Racing to plate success? Last week: 7.

9. (tie) Ryan Newman (car No. 12) and Tony Stewart (car No. 20): So far, neither of these teams has raced up to its potential, but they both are in OK shape in the standings. Still, we keep waiting on the breakout. Last week: Newman, 9; Stewart, 8.

For the rest of the top-40 rankings, go online and visit

Crew chief Carter is missing link in Wallace's team

uring Rusty Wallace's 105-race winless streak, which he finally snapped on Sunday at Martinsville Speedway, there seemed to be one standard regarding pit strategy that applied throughout Nextel Cup rac-

As long as your team did the opposite from what Wallace's team did, you made the right call.

If Wallace pitted, then staying out worked better. If Wallace took two tires, then four tires were the way to go. If Wallace took four tires, no tires proved to be the right call. Some of it was just plain bad luck, some of it was bad decision-making. But whatever Wallace and his team tried usually found a way to blow up in their faces.

That's why it was ironic Sunday that it was a pit decision by Jimmie Johnson that put Wallace in position to take over and eventually win the Advance Auto Parts 500.

Johnson and crew chief Chad Knaus knew as soon as they talked themselves

into staying on the track with fewer than 100 laps to go that they'd made a mistake.

Wallace was immediately able to commiserate. "I've been there a lot. Should you pit or not pit?" he said. The difference now is

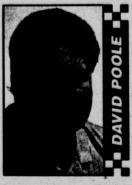
that Wallace no longer has much of a say in such decisions. His job is to drive the No. 2 Dodge. Crew chief Larry Carter, who took over for the start of this

season, is in charge of pit strategy. Wallace says that plan is working well. "I'm completely staying out of the pit calls." Wallace said. "They ask me what I think the car needs, and I'm still

Making the right call, though, was only part of the equation for success for Wallace on Sunday.

involved in that. But you'll never hear

me on the radio saying, 'I want to pit



When Johnson stayed out and kept the lead on Lap 414, Wallace's Penske Racing teammate Ryan Newman changed two tires to gain track position. That put Newman second behind Johnson, but it also meant that the driver whose team gave him the best four-tire stop would be third on the restart but would have the best shot at winning.

Wallace's pit crew gave him that opportunity. It made a four-tire pit stop quickly enough for Wallace to beat everybody else off pit road. Ultimately, that may have been the difference

between winning and losing. Earlier this year, Wallace and Carter were shuffling the roster of their overthe-wall crew just about every weekend because of poor pit stops.

"I was getting known as a hard guy to work for," Wallace said. "I really wasn't a hard guy to work for, but we've got to

get the job done. We can come in and everybody is doing a 13-second pit stop and we're doing a 17.

"We needed one person. We brought in that one person at Bristol and we almost won the race.'

Wallace finished second behind Kurt Busch at Bristol, and a part of him couldn't help but wonder if he might have lost his last opportunity to score a 55th career victory.

But on Sunday, he worked his way past Newman and grabbed second, then stalked Johnson until finally getting the lead on Lap 456. Carter and the crew had done their work.

"Once I got the lead I just kept telling myself to be smooth, hit my marks and don't give this thing away," said Wallace, who now ranks eighth on the all-time list of race winners at NASCAR's highest level.

"We finally got it all right."

THIS WEEK'S RACE

AARON'S 499

Where: Talladega Superspeedway, a 2.66-mile highly banked paved tri-oval located in Talladega, Ala.

When: Sunday at 1:30 p.m. (all times ET). Qualifying is 4:10 p.m.

TV: Fox. Radio: Motor Racing Network.

Purse: \$5,711,245. Last year's winner: Dale Earnhardt Jr.

Also this week: Earnhardt Jr. will be going for his fifth consecutive restrictor-plate win in the NASCAR Busch Series in Saturday's Aaron's 312 at Talladega. He swept all three races last season and won the season opener at Daytona this season. Michael Waltrip, fresh off his win at Nashville,

Worth noting: The last non-Dale Earnhardt Inc. driver to win at Talladega was Bobby Hamilton in the spring race in 2001.

holds an eight-point lead over David Green in points. The NASCAR Truck Series is off until

POLL POSITION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

DEI drivers Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Michael Waltrip have won the past five races at Talladega. Will a DEI driver extend the streak this weekend?

> Cast your vote at: www.thatsracin.com

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

Of the current top 10 in the Nextel Cup standings, which driver do you think is least likely to make the cut and be part of the Chase for the Championship in the season's final 10 races?

Number of votes: 10,555

Driver	No. of votes	Percent
Elliot Sadler	5,969	57%
Kasey Kahne	1710	16%
Kevin Harvick	874	8%
Dale Earnhardt Jr.	517	5%
Kurt Busch	405	4%
Jeff Gordon	394	4%
Tony Stewart	223	2%
Ryan Newman	216	2%
Matt Kenseth	143	1%
Jimmie Johnson	104	1%

STOP 'N' GO

TALLADEGA MILESTONES ■ Ricky Rudd is expected to make his

725th consecutive Nextel Cup start at Talladega. Rudd's consecutive record is an alltime NASCAR record which he has continued to extend each week. Mark Martin is expected to make his

575th Cup career start this weekend.

■ Bobby Labonte is expected to make his 375th Cup career start this weekend. - Jim Utter

BY THE NUMBERS

NEXTEL CUP POINTS LEADERS

The top-40 drivers as of April 18:

Rank/Driver Points	Rank/Driver Points
1. D. Earnhardt Jr. (8)	21. G. Biffle (16) 803
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Rank/Driver Points	Rank/Driver Points
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10. J. Benson 829	20. S. Compton 709

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Rank/Driver Points	Rank/Driver Points
1. C. Edwards 486	6. M. Crafton 407
2. T. Kvapil 464	7. R. Crawford 406
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Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON

The Aries moon and sun are a turbo boost - you don't even have to know where you're going, and you're off like a rocket. Plans are abandoned in order to follow momentary interests. Whatever is new carries its own exciting momentum. Do something thrilling while you have the chance.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're a spitfire! The truly strong among your friends can deal with your new level of moxie, but weaker souls could get scorched by your words. Either avoid them, or be gentle. Leo and Scorpio give you the big thumbs

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There is much to do around the home. Working side by side with your kin or hanging out with family, you'll be tempted to keep a lower profile to fit in and make everyone comfortable. Instead, be genuine, direct and even loud.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Creative reasoning may not make sense to others, but it works for you. You have the ability to stay fluid in the moment and lose yourself in work. Time is elastic as far as you're concerned, and can be stretched at your will.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). State your goals to the world. Just because you set a low goal doesn't mean you aren't thinking big. Attainable goals will cause you to commit to your practice until it becomes second nature. Consider all possibilities.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're in the right place for lucky happenings. You could share an experience with some heavy players. Believe in your heart that you are every bit as deserving of success as these people. Your confidence will win them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Love and excitement are a decision and a lifestyle, not illusive phenomena. Break out of self-imposed boundaries. Circumstances may seem to restrict your freedom, but in reality. you are the one who is holding yourself back.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). This is a good time to touch base with those you haven't spoken with in ages. Reconnecting with roots is lucky. Money worries clear, and you're ready to move forward and what's practical. Remember to inform family of plans.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's both brave and lucky to speak out about wrongdoing. hospitality to former foes you've got class. You're a terrific friend but may want more out of a certain relationship. You can flip it into romance pretty easily.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You can't help but get bored when the world is going at a slower pace than your quick mind and body. That's why you're drawn to a lively someone. Your ability to act as an independent agent is both sexy and inspiring.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Take extra good care of yourself. You'll be meeting new people. It's helpful to remember that others are operating from an entirely different value from yours system Find common initially. ground.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are in an adventurous frame of mind. Did you know that you need a certain amount of variety to stay happy? A slight but noticeable change in your appearance makes you fell different,

FISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Roadblocks on your spiritual path are a little surprising. This journey you are on is no downhill ski run! It's how you handle obstacles that counts. Admit what you don't know, and stand by your natural rights.

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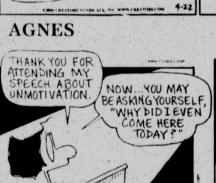






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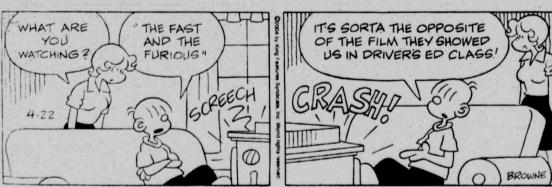
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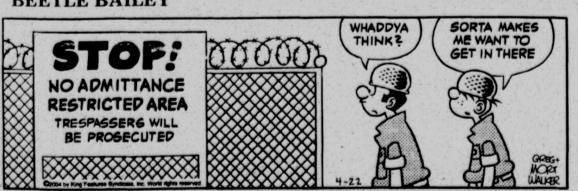


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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, April 22, the 113th day of 2004. There are 253 days left inthe year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on April 22, 1954, the televised Senate Army-McCarthy hearings began.

On this date:

In 1451, Queen Isabella I, who sponsored the voyages of Christopher Columbus, was born in Madrigal, Spain.

In 1509, Henry VIII ascended the throne of England following the death of his father, Henry VII.

In 1864, Congress authorized the use of the phrase "In God We Trust" on U.S. coins.

In 1889, the Oklahoma Land Rush began at noon as thousands of homesteaders

staked claims.

In 1944, during World War II, U.S. forces began invading Japanese-held New Guinea with amphibious landings near Hollandia.

In 1952, an atomic test conducted in Nevada became the first nuclear explosion shown on live network television.

In 1964, President Johnson opened the New York World's Fair.

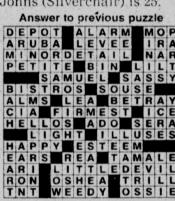
In 1970, millions of Americans concerned about the environment observed the first Earth Day In 1983, the West German

news magazine Stern announced the discovery of 60 volumes of personal diaries purportedly written by Adolf Hitler. However, the diaries turned out to be a hoax.

In 1993, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum was dedicated in Washington D.C. to honor the victims of Nazi extermination.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Eddie Albert is 96. TV producer Aaron Spelling is 81. Actor George Cole is 79. Actress Charlotte Rae is 78.

Estelle Actress ("Seinfeld") is 72. Singer Glen Campbell is 68. Actor Jack Nicholson is 67. Singer Mel Carter is 61. Country singer Cleve Francis is 59. Movie director John Waters is 58. Singer Peter Frampton is 54. Rock singer-musician Paul Carrack (Mike and the Mechanics; Squeeze) is 53. Actor Joseph Bottoms is 50. Actor Ryan Stiles is 45. Comedian Byron Allen is 43. Actor Chris Makepeace is 40. Actress Sheryl Lee is 37. Country singer-musician Heath Wright (Ricochet) is 37. Country singer Kellie Coffey is 33. Actor Ingo Rademacher is 33. Rock singer-musician Daniel Johns (Silverchair) is 25.



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