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## WEATHER

Tonight:



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## Second forum on Anderson slated tonight

The second forum on closing Anderson Kindergarten Center and realignment of attendance zones for Big Spring Independent School District elementary schools is set for tonight.

BSISD administrators and trustees will be at Goliad Elementary, 2000 S. Goliad, at 6:30 to hear concerns or alternate plans to the recommended zone alignments and closure.

Other hearings are: Kentwood Elementary, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31; Moss Elementary, 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 4; Marcy Elementary, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5; and Batur Magnet, 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 7.

## Jury selection set Monday in Calhoun trial

Jury selection in the trial of Stephen Calhoun, accused of beating to death his girlfriend, Barbara Quernheim, will begin Monday.

Quernheim was discovered dead in Calhoun's apartment July 15, 2001. Calhoun was arrested at the apartment the next day.

District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson will prosecute the case before Judge Robert Moore III in the 116th District Court. A representative for the district attorney's office said the trial will most likely begin Tuesday.

Big Spring attorney Don Richard will represent Calhoun.

## WHAT'S UP...

**TODAY**  
 □ Masonic Lodge 598, 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.  
 Masonic Lodge 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

**FRIDAY**  
 □ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

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## Moore Development for Big Spring assists cabinet business

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

A local business will get a boost in its cash flow after the Moore Development for Big Spring board agreed to finance a \$95,000 note for assistance.

Commercial Cabinets, 615 Bethel, will



SHARP

Commercial Cabinets, 615 Bethel, will

receive the interest-free, one-year loan with an option to refinance the note at the end of the term. Monthly payments will be 1/60 of the note each month.

Kent Sharp, Moore Development executive director, said the loan was given to help the business continue to grow by assisting the company's cash flow issue.

The business has a positive credit history with the board, Sharp said.

"We have helped

Commercial Cabinets in the past with an interest free \$15,000 equity note," he said.

"They had the note paid off in a year and half and it was scheduled for five years."

Board members opted to use metal paneling to construct a 100,000-square-foot spec building instead of concrete after listening to local architect Phil Furqueron compare price and advantage of both material.

According to Sharp, the

concrete building will approximately cost about \$1.3 million compared to \$700,000 for the metal building.

The building will basically be a shell with no mechanical, electrical or plumbing and no foundation and the board is currently pursuing placing the structure on a site at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

By putting up a building, Moore Development hopes to provide a greater incentive for industry to locate in

Big Spring and to cut down the time it would take for that industry to be up and running.

Sharp said with a shell of a building already in place, the business owners can see if the structure is what they are looking for, then the board can finish the building to the company's specifications.

"We can say realistically it can be fitted in 45 to 60 days instead of several months off," Sharp commented.



Traffic was diverted to two lanes on Birdwell Lane this morning after city of Big Spring employees dug a hole to work on a sewer line. The city was installing a new sewer tap for a house on the corner of 14th and Birdwell and expected to have the street fully opened by this evening.

## Jobless rate experiences slight drop

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

More Howard Countians were working in December than were working in November, according to figures recently released by the Texas Workforce Commission.

"Our unemployment rate remains one of the lowest in the Permian Basin," said Virginia Belew of Workforce Network in Big Spring in a press release Wednesday.

"This part of Texas remains free of the economic downturns other areas of the country and some parts of our state are experiencing, giving us a sense of security at this time."

In December, the figures show that 12,835 people had jobs, while in November only 12,728 were working.

The number of unemployed in the labor force was virtually unchanged between the two months, with 456 unemployed in December and 458 out of work in November.

"Increases in employment from November to December occurred due to seasonal Christmas holiday hiring by retail merchants," Belew said.

The jobless rate fell from 3.5 percent to 3.4 percent. In December 2000, 3.6 percent of the workforce, or 486 people, were out of work, while 13,094 had jobs.

Unemployment statewide was 5.1 percent in December, while in the Permian Basin Workforce



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## Sheriff's Posse braying over fund-raiser

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

It may not be the National Basketball League, but sponsors are promising a heehawing good time as four local teams vie to become the champion of donkey basketball next month.

"It is going to be fun," said T.J. Walker of the Howard County Sheriff's Posse. "If you miss it, you will miss a really good time."

The donkey basketball tournament is set for 7 p.m., Friday, Feb. 1, at the Big



D. WALKER T.J. WALKER

Spring Junior High School gym, 624 E. Sixth St.

Each team participating will attempt to garner the most points while riding a donkey. Those who know how to ride a horse will not have an advantage.

"It is really hard to ride a donkey," said Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker. "Those who know how to ride a horse will have no advantage."

"There is no practice," T.J. Walker said. "That's what makes it fun."

According to a Dale Walker, donkeys can kick, bite, buck, lay down, roll over, duck and run, especially when getting close to the basket.

"When you shoot or pass your have to be on the donkey, that's all," Dale Walker said.

The Howard County

Sheriff's Posse, a non-profit organization not affiliated with the Howard County Sheriff's office, is holding the fund-raiser to collect money for renovation of the organization's building and to undergo extensive training in search and rescue operations.

The Sheriff's Posse will compete against members from the Howard County Sheriff's Office while the Big Spring Police Department will take on the Big Spring Fire Department.

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## Big Springopoly? Businesses can get on board

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

A group of Big Spring High School French students are hoping local businesses will say "oui" when it comes to purchasing a spot on the Big Springopoly board.

"We plan to sell 500 games so your advertisement investment will be minimal per household," said Deborah Mullins, BSHS French teacher. "If you were to become a 'property owner' you spend only 50 cents per household."

Twelve third-year French students hope to raise enough money for a trip to Paris this summer by selling a localized version of the classic board game.

A business can assign its name to a spot on the board for \$250. Corner spots go for \$300 each. "Instead of Boardwalk there would be a local business," said 17-year-old

senior Shasta Fuqua.

For a donation of \$500, a sponsor can have its name printed on all of the money used in the game. Patrons will have the name of their organization printed in the center of the board for a \$50 contribution.

A business that is already a property owner can have a "Fate" card with the name of the business printed on back.

The boards will be available for sale on April for \$25 and funds will go towards a possible seven- to 10-day trip in June.

Although Mullins wants her students to have fun, the trip will be educational in nature.

"We have to pick a place, research it, and tell her about it," said 17-year-old Chelsea Helsley. "If I talk about say the Eiffel Tower when we get there I will have to be the tour guide to it."

The students are excited about the possible trip. "It is going to be so much fun," said Fuqua. "I just want to go to hear everyone talk the language, so we know that the teacher is not



Big Spring High School students Amanda Sheedy, left, Chelsea Helsley, Kimberly Jumper and Shasta Fuqua, all of the French Club, discuss the Big Springopoly board. Twelve BSHS students are attempting to raise funds for a trip to Paris by selling a localized version of the classic board game.

crazy and making us study this strictly for her amusement."

The trip may be a once in

a life time event for some students, Fuqua said.

"For most of us here this may be the only chance to

go to another country in our life," Fuqua said.

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# Bush budget to seek defense increase, economic package, chopping 10-year surplus to \$1 trillion

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's budget will propose big boosts for defense and homeland security and a renewed drive to revive the economy, clipping the coming decade's surplus to \$1 trillion, White House budget chief Mitchell Daniels says.

To help hold down spending, Bush will propose cutting the budgets of the departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Interior and Labor as well as Army Corps of Engineers water projects, said a congressional official speaking on condition of anonymity.

Those details of Bush's \$2 trillion budget for next year, which he sends Congress on Feb. 4, emerged as the administration and the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office severely downgraded their surplus forecasts.

Both now envision annual deficits for the immediate future. The costs of last

year's tax cut, the drive against terrorism and the recession have brought an abrupt end to a four-year string of surpluses that began in 1998.

"Buying these tools may put a strain on the budget," Bush said of precision weapons and other military purchases he will propose. "But we will not cut corners when it comes to the defense of our great land."

Democrats chiefly blame the 10-year, \$1.35 trillion tax cut Bush shoved through Congress last spring for the budget's deterioration.

"Read my lips: No more surpluses," said Rep. John Spratt of South Carolina, top Democrat on the House Budget Committee, mimicking the first President Bush's pledge to not raise taxes, which he violated later.

The Congressional Budget Office provided Wednesday's first dose of bad news. It projected a sur-

plus for the next decade of \$1.6 trillion, 71 percent less than the \$5.6 trillion it and the White House forecast a year ago.

The new CBO number assumed lawmakers will make no changes in current tax and spending laws, which is extremely unlikely. It includes expected shortfalls of \$21 billion this year and \$14 billion in 2003, with annual surpluses resuming in 2004.

Over, for now, is the brief period when lawmakers delivered on promises to use the part of the surplus generated by Social Security for debt reduction. As they were for decades until the late 1990s, Social Security surpluses will be used to pay for other federal programs until 2010, CBO projected.

Daniels later told reporters that the White House envisioned a \$2.2 trillion surplus for the same 10-year period.

The difference is chiefly due to White House expectations for higher revenue collections than CBO assumed, he said.

For the 10 years beginning in 2003, Daniels said, the administration expects a \$1 trillion surplus — after Bush tax cuts and spending increases are enacted. Included would be three years of deficits starting with a \$106 billion shortfall this year, with surpluses returning in 2005.

Daniels said Bush would also propose:

—A \$38 billion increase for defense to \$369 billion, plus an additional \$10 billion "war reserve" he would spend only for active military operations overseas.

—A hefty of homeland security spending, with a focus on funds for emergency responders and public health facilities. Other officials have said about \$13 billion is being spent this year.

# Texas unemployment fund just about empty

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas' unemployment compensation fund will run out of money in March, according to officials who say it will force the state to borrow from the federal government and levy a \$1.6 billion tax increase on employers in 2003.

That tax increase is about double the \$800 million the Texas Workforce Commission was predicting last week, said spokesman Larry Jones.

Last week's prediction was based on a projected annual unemployment rate of 4.6 percent. But the commission Wednesday released new figures based on a projected annual Texas unemployment rate of 5.54 percent.

Gov. Rick Perry and a state business association leader said the shortfalls and tax increases result from rising unemployment.

But the Texas AFL-CIO

and Democrats accused Perry of mismanaging the fund.

Under the new figures, the unemployment fund will run \$117 million short of covering benefit payments in March.

The average employer tax rate will rise from 1.03 percent in 2002 to 2 percent in 2003 on the first \$9,000 of each worker's wages, Jones said.

The fund will run an actual deficit of \$643 million this year and have a total shortfall of \$1.4 billion as it pays out unemployment benefits to Texas workers at a rate of \$44 million per week, work force commission figures show.

To keep benefits flowing to unemployed workers, Jones said the state will contact the federal government about borrowing money in February, a month before the fund is expected to run out.

# Lay resigns as chairman of Enron Corp.

HOUSTON (AP) — Enron chairman and chief executive Kenneth L. Lay quit after watching the collapse of the company he spent 16 years nurturing into an energy giant.

"I think Ken Lay was becoming radioactive," said John Olson, a Houston-based securities analyst with Sanders Morris Harris. "Sooner or later this was going to happen, and it happened sooner."

Lay said in a statement Wednesday that the many inquiries and investigations into Enron were taking up too much of his time, making it difficult for him to concentrate on shareholders' interests. The resignation came just hours before two Congressional committee hearings related to Enron's downfall were to begin. "I want to see Enron survive, and for that to happen

we need someone at the helm who can focus 100 percent of his efforts on reorganizing the company and preserving value for our creditors and hardworking employees," Lay said.

Lay, 59, will remain on Enron's board, which will work with the creditor's committee on Enron's bankruptcy to find a restructuring specialist. The specialist will serve as acting chief executive officer, the company said.

"Someone that's going to be immersed as (Lay) is going to be in an unending series of interviews, investigations, it's impossible to do that and try to run what's left of the company," said Mike Greenberger, a former director of trading and markets for the Commodities Futures Trading Commission. "Someone can be brought in that can spend 100 percent of time looking at

what's left."

Henry T.C. Hu, a corporate law professor at the University of Texas, said Enron's situation was so bleak that there would likely be only advantages in replacing Lay.

"You have a situation where Enron, rightly or wrongly, has been accused of everything except harboring bin Laden in the basement of its corporate headquarters," Hu said.

Lay took over as chief executive officer at Enron in February 1986, seven months after it was formed by the merger of Houston Natural Gas and Omaha, Neb.-based InterNorth Inc.

In December 2000, he turned over CEO duties to Jeffrey Skilling but remained chairman. On Dec. 28, 2000, Enron shares hit a 52-week high of \$84.78.

Eight months later Skilling abruptly resigned, citing personal reasons.

# Lindh faces charges in federal court today

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — His long hair and beard shorn, Taliban soldier John Walker Lindh faced charges in federal court today that he conspired to kill his fellow Americans in the war on terrorism.

U.S. Magistrate Judge W. Curtis Sewell was to read Lindh the charges in a criminal complaint and ensure that he has legal representation. Heavy security surrounded Lindh's arrival at the federal courthouse here, just a few miles from the Pentagon, which was extensively damaged in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Lindh's parents, Marilyn Walker and Frank Lindh, who are from the San Francisco area, went to the Alexandria jail Wednesday night with lawyers in hopes of meeting with their son. They emerged after about a

half-hour saying they had been unable to see him.

"We're a little disappointed, but the guard was able to tell us that he is in good condition," Lindh said of his son. One of the lawyers, James Brosnahan, said jail authorities felt the meeting should be put off until today.

Brosnahan said the 20-year-old Lindh approved him as a defense lawyer in a letter written while he was a prisoner on a U.S. Navy ship.

Lindh was captured in November in Afghanistan after an uprising by Taliban and al-Qaida prisoners. Two years after leaving his country for Yemen to study Arabic and Islam, he was brought under tight secrecy and security to the same jail in Northern Virginia where the only man charged so far

in the Sept. 11 attacks, Zacarias Moussaoui, awaits trial on conspiracy charges.

"Mr. Lindh will be well cared for while he's with us," Alexandria Sheriff James H. Dunning said.

Lindh will spend 23 hours per day in an 80-square-foot jail cell with "very limited activities" and little contact with other inmates, Dunning said. He said the U.S. attorney's office would decide when Lindh could see his parents.

While it has yet to go to a grand jury, the government's case against Lindh so far is built around a criminal complaint based mainly on his interviews with the FBI on Dec. 9 and 10 and statements he made in a television interview.

Lindh signed a form waiving his right to legal counsel.

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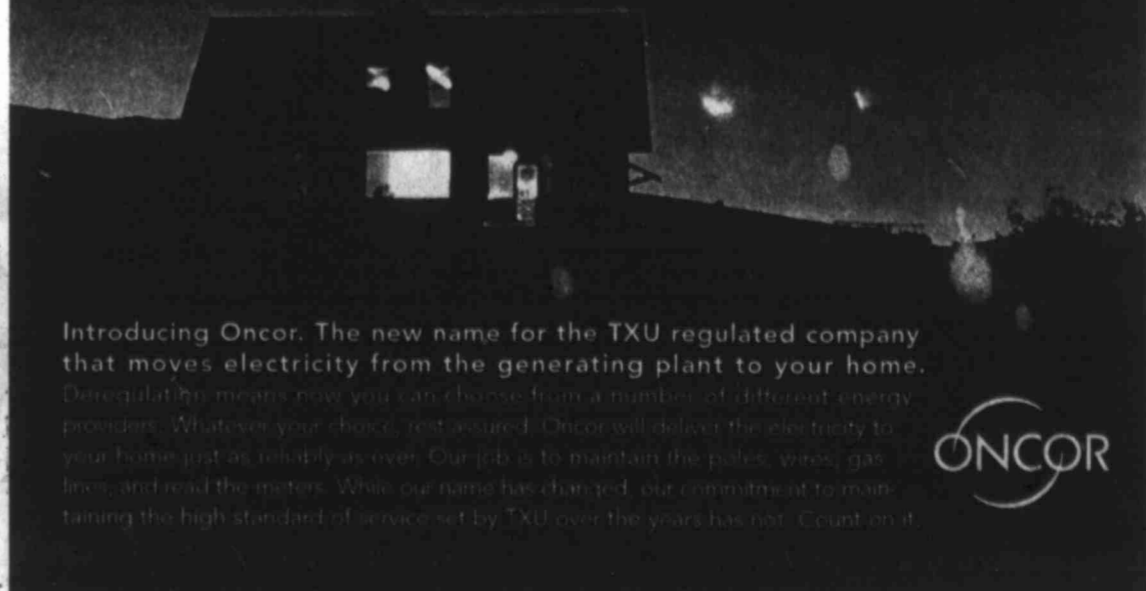
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# EDITORIAL

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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## OTHER VIEWS

# Database just another bad security idea

We all lost our privacy a long time ago when our Social Security numbers got linked to our bank accounts and credit card numbers and they all got fed into a computer database somewhere that can instantly tell banks and merchants if we qualify for yet another credit card, right there on the spot.

That's no reason to sit still for any further inroads on our privacy, however. That brings us to the proposal from the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, which has asked Congress to ante up \$100 million to create a coordinated national system that would include high-tech driver's licenses and a network of tightly linked databases of driver information.

It's disturbing that this new bureaucratic beast is being proposed by state officials, who usually complain loudly — and rightly — about expensive federal mandates. While this proposal wouldn't create an actual national identification card, it would come perilously close to doing so, especially if the states use computer chips or fingerprints to verify the holder's identity, as they are all but certain to do.

"The whole issue comes down to improving public safety, protecting national security and preventing identity fraud," said Jason King, a spokesman for the association. "It will take changes in federal legislation. It will take changes in state legislation, and it most certainly will require funding."

There it is. National security. It's getting to be the catch-phrase justification for any expansion of government authority that someone wants to impose on America. But while we are just as interested in improving national security as any other American, we don't believe that requires a complex new database that is more likely to inconvenience law-abiding citizens than identify lawbreakers. It's almost impossible now to conduct routine business transactions without a driver's license or a state-issued identification card. How many of us want to be part of a national system that can track our travel and transactions wherever we go?

No matter how well-intended, a national ID system creates the opportunity for surveillance of ordinary citizens beyond anything that has ever been done before. Furthermore, experts in the field repeatedly warn us about the ease with which terrorists or other criminal elements could gain access to such databases in order to use them for their own sinister purposes. So this proposal that's being touted as something that would enhance national security might in fact have precisely the opposite effect.

If state motor vehicle agencies want to upgrade their own license systems to make them more high-tech, that's one thing. But we should not adopt a national system that would be susceptible to abuse and impossible to reverse once it became apparent that we had committed a grievous error.

VICTORIA ADVOCATE

# If it sounds too amazing to be true...

The coincidence was almost too good to be true. "An old news video of Lt. Col. Oliver North testifying at the Iran-Contra hearings during the Reagan Administration," the e-mail from a friend began, "what he said was stunning!" I remember the event well.



LINDA CHAVEZ

I worked with Ollie North in the Reagan White House from 1985 until early in 1986, when I was director of public liaison. He was a charismatic speaker, one I frequently enlisted for briefings on the situation in Nicaragua, where the United States was trying to help a group of guerrillas known as the Contras, who were trying to overthrow the communist Sandinista government there. When Congress cut off funds to the Contras, Ollie helped set up a clandestine operation to raise private money for the group. In November 1986, the operation was discov-

ered, leading to the worst crisis of the Reagan administration and to criminal indictments against North (whose conviction was later overturned) and others involved. The Congress also held hearings in which North and others testified.

One of the most memorable moments in those hearings was when Ollie talked about the threats on his own life, which prompted him to use \$60,000 of the money he'd raised for a sophisticated home security system.

My friend's e-mail described the scene when a senator confronted Ollie about the security system:

"Isn't that just a little excessive?"

"No, sir," Ollie answered.

"Why not?"

"Because the lives of my family and I were threatened, sir," the e-mail replied.

"By whom?" the senator questioned.

"By a terrorist, sir," Ollie answered. "His name is Osama bin Laden, sir."

"Why are you so afraid of this man?" the senator asked.

"Because, sir, he is the most evil person alive that I know of," the e-mail quotes Ollie as answering.

"And what do you recom-

mend we do about him?" asked the senator.

"Well, sir, if it were up to me, I would recommend that an assassin team be formed to eliminate him and his men from the face of the earth."

My friend titled the e-mail "Amazing." Yes, I wrote back, it's amazing, all right. It also happens to be untrue.

Since I first got this e-mail, I've received a dozen copies of it, mostly from people who should know better. The latest version even had the added twist that the evil senator was none other than Al Gore.

In fact, Ollie North did testify that his life had been threatened by a notorious terrorist, a man named Abu Nidal, who was responsible for several high-profile terrorist attacks in the mid-'80s, including an attack on the Rome airport, in which a 9-year-old American girl was killed. The person doing the questioning was not Al Gore, or any other senator, but a Democratic staffer named John Nields, a rather scraggly looking, long-haired fellow who was the chief counsel to the committee.

And Ollie didn't suggest "taking out" Nidal either.

What he said was more personal.

"I'll be glad to meet Abu Nidal on equal terms anywhere in the world. ... But I am not willing to have my wife and my four children meet Abu Nidal or his organization on his terms," the tough-talking Marine lieutenant colonel told his interrogators.

The e-mail hoax points out a danger. Not only do we want to paint our heroes as all-knowing and good, but we want to paint our adversaries as incompetent, or worse. The clear message from this e-mail is that the Democrats — and, in the latest version, Al Gore — are to blame for not getting rid of Osama bin Laden before he could kill more than 3,000 Americans.

There are some important questions to ask about what the Clinton administration might have done differently in dealing with the bin Laden and al Qaeda threat on their watch. But it's too bad some people have to invent incidents to make their case — and a warning to anyone who believes every cockamamie story that comes over the Internet transom: If it sounds too amazing to be true, it probably isn't.



# The jurors in Massachusetts missed it

I know that there are good people in Massachusetts. I have several friends from that state. But the good people still there ought to move to the United States, where they will not be deprived of their rights.



CHARLEY REESE

Poor Thomas Junta, recently convicted of involuntary manslaughter, got a raw deal from start to finish. He should never have been charged. He should never have gone to trial. If there is any case of self-defense, it was his. But a hysterical press in love with clichés and cheap alliterations ("the rink rage case"), coupled with Massachusetts law, has wrecked his life. He could get up to 20 years in prison.

There are three elements necessary to prove self-defense. You must not have initiated the confrontation. You must retreat if you can. Once you've neutralized the force being used against you, you must stop. All of these are just common sense based on common-law. You can't pick a fight and then claim self-defense after you have

killed somebody. If you can avoid the danger, you should, and once the danger has passed, you have to stop. You can't, for example, shoot a burglar and then, after he's down, pump more bullets into him.

Junta stopped by the hockey rink to pick up his son. He saw some older kids fighting some younger ones and, like a responsible father, walked out onto the ice and told the kids to break it up. That's when Michael Costin, 40, another father, skated up and, in an argumentative manner, said fighting was what hockey was about. Junta curtly disagreed, but after an exchange of a few words, Junta retreated back to the other end of the rink.

When his son went into the dressing room, Junta followed, and there Costin again initiated a confrontation. This time they tussled. Costin pulled a chain from Junta's neck and tried to kick him with his ice skates. Junta finally shoved him against the wall and, again, retreated — going outside to his truck.

After several minutes, he started back in to find out what was holding up his son, and Costin, apparently on his way outside to continue the confrontation, tried to sucker punch him as he came back into the rink. The two fell to the

floor and for about five seconds exchanged punches. When Costin raised his hand in front of his face, Junta stopped hitting him, retrieved his son and started to go home.

Much was made of the fact that Junta weighs 270 pounds and Costin, 160 pounds. In wrestling, that would make a difference, but 160 pounds is, by boxing standards, a middleweight. I don't know about you, but I wouldn't want to be hit by a Marvin Hagler or a Sugar Ray Leonard. These guys were swapping punches. The fight was over in about five seconds, during which Junta said he threw two or three punches. When Costin raised his hand in front of his face, Junta stopped.

Turns out Costin was not "beaten to death." He was unlucky. Either through his own struggles or one of Junta's short punches, he twisted his neck and ruptured an artery. That's what killed him.

It also turns out, though the jury was not allowed to know this, that Costin had a police record with a number of arrests — assault, assault and battery, assault on a police officer, violation of a restraining order his wife had taken out. In other words, 160 pounds or not, he was a bad-tempered man. If the jury had known

this, the prosecution's contention that Junta has started the confrontation would have fallen on its face. The only rage at that rink was Costin's.

I saw one of the jurors interviewed, and he seemed definitely to be no penetrating intellect. According to him, the jury spent a lot of time trying to figure out the judge's charge. Nor were they allowed to know that involuntary manslaughter carries the same sentence as voluntary manslaughter. Jurors should not waste time trying to figure out a judge's explanation of the law. They should weigh the evidence and arrive at their own independent judgment. Even if a defendant's acts meet the criteria for conviction, jurors have the right to acquit if they think either the law is unjust or the prosecution flawed. Of course, judges and lawyers try to convince jurors otherwise, but if a jury cannot exercise independent judgment, there's no point.

The purpose of the right to trial by our peers is to protect us from abuses by the state, from bad laws and from overzealous policemen or prosecutors. In Thomas Junta's case, the jury failed in its duty.

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### Indents can add important information to family tree

It has been awhile since I have written an article but here goes. Many of us researchers, especially the ones bitten by the bug, look for any reference no matter how small to lead us to our elusive ancestors.



Bobby Rawls

We take an entry no matter where it is to add to the puzzle. One source for information on our South Carolina families in the 1700s is the index to Indents growing out of the American Revolution. These indents are where people applied to the government for reimbursement for items or supplies or service in the Revolution.

These entries are found for the Rawls surname and as you can see add important documentation to my family records.

First of all John Rawls enlisted and then his son William took his place. John and his three sons, John, William and Cotton Rawls, all served and are represented by various documents pertaining to their service. John's brother Elisha Rawls served first as a horseman and later as a footman with General Francis Marion.

Anyone researching the American Revolution should know of Francis Marion also known as the "Swamp Fox."

Cotton Rawls served 117 days duty in the militia in 1779 and 1781 under Captain John Garvin.

Elisha Rawls served 120 days as a horseman in General Marion's brigade from Dec. 1, 1789, to April 1, 1781, and then 120 days footman in the same brigade in 1782.

John Rawls received 25 pounds, seven shillings

and five pence on Feb. 14, 1783.

William Rawls supplied 300 weight of beef for the Continentals on April 28, 1782, then he received 27 pounds, eight shillings and six pence 1/2 penny sterling for 192 days service with Captain John Garvin and again for 44 days in John Garvin's company of the Granville county regiment.

Luke Rawls had supplied provisions and forage for the militia use in October and November 1781 coming to 10 pounds, 16 shillings and five pence, 1/2 penny sterling. He had supplied three barron (sic) cows for the use of General Pickins brigade commanded by Colonel Farr and he also supplied 60 weight of pork and one bushel and peck of corn taken by Joseph Dawson on Oct. 12, 1781.

William Rawls applied for a pension in Florida and stated many facts pertaining to his family and places of residence. He also talked of some of his battles fought in and being wounded and where he was sent.

Luke Rawls was a brother to my fifth great-grandfather, the Rev. Gabriel Rawls. Luke was a resident of Fairfield county South Carolina, but we need to remember when counties were formed and their parent counties.

These records supply vital clues in tracking and proving family relationships and should be a part of anyone's collection of their family records.

If anyone is interested in how to obtain these records please contact me via the Big Spring Herald or my e-mail at brrawls@rc.com.net or by regular mail at P.O. Box 541, Big Spring 79720.

Bobby Rawls writes a regular column on genealogy for the Herald.

### Extra doses of vitamins may hinder cholesterol lowering drugs

DALLAS (AP) — Extra doses of vitamins such as C and E may blunt some benefits of widely prescribed cholesterol-lowering drugs, a new study concludes.

Some research suggests that the so-called antioxidant vitamins, intended to offset the harmful effects of oxygen, may help keep arteries healthy, while other reports have disputed this idea.

The latest study compared patients with coronary artery disease who were taking a mix of antioxidant vitamins and drugs to those who were taking drugs alone. The study used the vitamin niacin and the drug Zocor, which lowers artery-clogging LDL cholesterol while increasing beneficial HDL cholesterol.

It found that the volunteers' HDL levels failed to rise as much as expected when they mixed the vitamins with their cholesterol drugs.

"It looks like antioxidant supplements in general ... have no value of their own" and may actually interfere with cholesterol drugs' ability to boost HDL, said Dr. B. Greg Brown of the University of Washington at Seattle, one of the researchers.

The one-year study was published in the August issue of Atherosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology, a journal of the American Heart

Association. It involved 153 patients ages 33 to 74 who had heart disease and high LDL levels.

The patients were randomly assigned to one of four treatment groups: drug therapy with Zocor and niacin; a combination of the antioxidant vitamins E, C and beta carotene plus selenium; drug therapy and the antioxidant supplements; or a placebo.

The patients receiving antioxidants and drugs had an average HDL increase of 18 percent, compared with 25 percent among those who received drugs alone. HDL remained unchanged with vitamins alone or the placebo.

A component of HDL cholesterol called HDL(2), which is thought to account for much of HDL's benefit, was especially affected. Its levels increased by 42 percent with drugs alone but remained unchanged in patients who also received antioxidants.

In an editorial, Dr. Lewis H. Kuller of University of Pittsburgh said the results, along with other disappointing findings about vitamins, make a compelling case against recommending antioxidant supplements to prevent or treat coronary artery disease.

"It will be important that physicians advise their patients that the use of antioxidants could be hazardous," he said.

### Catalogs bring garden dreams

POUND RIDGE, N.Y. (AP) — Early winter brings gardeners promises we don't fully believe, but like to dream about anyway. It's seed catalog time.

Nowadays, it's not just seeds, but transplants, tools, fluorescent light stands, fertilizers, the wherewithal for the ideal garden. And most of us are comfortable with the hype as we fantasize.

Take this online ad for a plum tomato from Burpee, the venerable seedhouse: "Big Mama is so huge, it sets a new standard for home-grown paste tomatoes ... up to five inches long and three inches across ... she will save you time in peeling and coring ... easily yields thick, creamy sauces."

A 30-seed packet comes at \$3.95 from Burpee, Warminster, Pa., Tel. 800-888-1447; www.burpee.com. Seems worth a try for people making their own pasta sauce, but over the years has anybody not noticed how seed quantity from many providers gets smaller and prices get larger?

Burpee and other catalogs are featuring an ever greater number of offerings. Even the Seed Savers Exchange catalog contains 120 new vegetables, flowers and herbs, with an increasing count of seeds labeled "certified organic."

The Exchange, at Decorah, Iowa, Tel. 563-382-5990, www.seedsavers.org, is also offering heirloom tomatoes, like Brandywine, and pepper transplants at \$2.25 apiece, plus shipping.

The option of buying singles instead of six-plant minimums is a plus for gardeners liking to grow different varieties in limited space.

Shepherd's Garden Seeds combines with White

Flower Farm in a catalog that features "more than 100 new items" among seeds, fruits, tools and herbs. It also offers a suggestion to merge vegetable and flower gardens to save time and space.

"Whether you mix morning glories or sweet peas with your tomatoes on the trellis, surround your pea bush with broad sweeps of nasturtiums, or nurture leeks between rows of annual flowers, you will be making good use of your time and your territory," says writer Amos Pettingill.

Among novel items featured by Shepherd's, Torrington, Conn., Tel. 860-482-3638, www.shepherd-seeds.com, is a mulch cloth, black on the bottom and white on top, that is said to triple the amount of light plants receive. It comes at \$15 for a 4-by-30-foot sheet.

Every catalog features "new" stuff, of course, and "big" is always high on the list.

Park's, for instance, is offering what it calls "the biggest blooms available in marigolds," gold, orange or yellow.

The blooms are described as up to four inches across on plants that are 18 inches tall and 12 inches wide, with the promise of "withstanding all the bad weather of the summer." A 25-seed packet is priced at \$2.50 from Park Seed, Greenwood, S.C., Tel. 800-845-3369, www.parkseed.com.

If you're into "organic" and also don't want the fuss of ordering seeds separately, The Cook's Garden, Londonderry, Vt., Tel. 800-457-9703, www.cooks-garden.com, offers a 17-item kitchen garden collection certified to have been grown without the use of synthetic

fertilizers and pesticides.

At \$28.95, the collection includes packets of basil, bush bean, beet, carrot, chard, cucumber, dill, eggplant, cilantro herb, two lettuces, parsley, radish, spinach, tomato, winter squash and zucchini.

The National Garden Bureau, incidentally, has named 2002 as "the Year of the Spinach and Vinca," so, if you like that kind of thing, you might want to cultivate some or more of these two plants. Kits are available to schools with horticultural information about them.

The bureau, based at Downers Grove, Ill., Tel. 630-963-0770, www.ngb.org, is a nonprofit organization supported by seed companies for its educational programs.

Next year will be dedicated to the bean and the poppy. Earlier, the bureau announced All-America Selections for 2002 and most catalogs are carrying the 13 flowers and vegetables with the label of AAS winners.

Two petunias, Lavender Wave and Tidal Wave Silver, and two pumpkins, Orange Smoothie and Sorcerer, made the list.

Other winners were a cleome, Sparkler Blush; a rudbeckia, Cherokee Sunset; a geranium, Black Magic Rose; a pansy, Ultima Morpho; a vinca, Jaio Scarlet Eye; a winter squash, Cornell's Bush Delicata; an ornamental pepper, Chilli Chili; a basil, Magical Michael; and a cucumber, Diva. The awards are based on nationwide field trials.

EDITOR'S NOTE: George Bria retired from the AP in 1981 after 40 years that included coverage of World War II from Italy.

### Research balloon lands after record flight of 32 days

LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP) — A giant unmanned research balloon has been brought back to the ground in Antarctica after a record flight of nearly 32 days to study particles from space, researchers said.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration brought the helium-filled balloon down Monday, ending a flight that studied atomic particles bombarding the Earth.

The balloon was launched from McMurdo Station, the main U.S. facility in Antarctica, by the National Scientific Balloon Facility, which New Mexico State University runs for NASA.

The balloon, which carried instruments for Washington University in St. Louis, took advantage of polar wind currents to make two circuits of Antarctica in the stratosphere, the region 12 to 30 miles above the ground, said Danny Ball, manager of the facility based in Palestine, Texas.

The facility launches 20 to 25 research balloons a year, Ball said. The balloons, each larger than a football field and launched at sites around the world, carry telescopes and other scientific instruments to the upper reaches of the atmosphere.

The previous balloon endurance record, set a year ago, was 26 days.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Hunter education course scheduled

A hunter education course, sponsored by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, has been scheduled for March 2-3 at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce offices located at the corner of Third and Gregg.

Class sessions are set for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Steve Pointevint and Boyce Hale will be instructors for the course.

Anyone born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, is required to successfully complete the TP&WD course before being allowed purchase a hunting license.

For more information, call Hale or Pointevint at 267-7891, 264-7033 or 267-6957.

#### CGA organizational meeting is tonight

The Chicano Golf Association of Big Spring will hold its annual organizational meeting at 7:30 tonight at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Youth Center.

For more information, call Willie Mendoza at 267-7977.

#### National LL slates meeting for Jan. 31

Big Spring's National Little League has scheduled its organizational meeting for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31, at Allan's Furniture.

Coaches and league officials will be determined during that meeting.

For more information, call Allan Johnson at 267-6278 or 263-1163.

#### Industrial league meeting scheduled

An meeting for the Men's Industrial Softball League has been scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, at John Wesley's.

For more information, call Sally Grant at 268-1198 or 267-5237.

### ON TAP

**TONIGHT**  
**JUCO BASKETBALL**  
6 p.m. — NMJC Lady Thunderbirds at Howard College Lady Hawks.  
8 p.m. — NMJC Thunderbirds at Howard College Hawks.

### ON THE AIR

**Radio**  
**JUCO BASKETBALL**  
Women — 5:45 p.m. — NMJC Lady Thunderbirds at Howard College Lady Hawks, KBST-AM 1490.  
Men — 7:45 p.m. — NMJC Thunderbirds at Howard College Hawks, KBST-AM 1490.

**Television**  
**COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
Men — 6 p.m. — Michigan at Ohio State, ESPN.  
8 p.m. — Duke at Boston College, ESPN.  
9:30 p.m. — Stanford at UCLA, FXS.

**PRO BASKETBALL**  
8 p.m. — Dallas Mavericks at Denver Nuggets, FXS.  
8 p.m. — Utah Jazz at Sacramento Kings, TNT.

**HOCKEY**  
6:30 p.m. — Pittsburgh Penguins at New York Islanders, ESPN2.

**TENNIS**  
9:30 p.m. — Australian Open, men's semifinals matches, ESPN2.

## Aggies take 80-74 win over ice cold Longhorns

AUSTIN (AP) — The Big 12's best 3-point shooting team was far off the mark.

No. 24 Texas, shooting 39.8 percent from 3-point range this season, including 49.3 percent in conference play, went 2-for-21 in an 80-74 loss to Texas A&M on Wednesday night.

"I was thinking sooner or later we were going to make a 3," Texas coach Rick Barnes said. "But we didn't."

Bernard King scored 30 points to lead Texas A&M to its first win in Austin since 1987.

The loss also snapped Texas' 28-game winning streak over in-state

opponents. The last time the Longhorns (13-5, 4-1) lost to an in-state opponent was at Houston in the opening game of the 1998-99 season, Barnes' first at the school.

Texas A&M (8-11, 2-3), which had lost 16 straight games to Texas since 1994, took advantage of Texas' cold shooting from behind the 3-point line and made the most of its own scoring chances despite turning the ball over 25 times.

"Except for the turnovers, we played exceptionally well," Texas A&M coach Melvin Watkins said. "We didn't fold under the pressure of a big game like this one."

Texas, which returned to the Top 25 on Monday, led 36-32 at halftime, but the Aggies hit their first seven shots in an 18-3 run to start the second half, giving them a 50-39 lead.

During that stretch, King hit two jumpers and a 3-pointer, while Larry Scott had a 3-pointer and a layup to cap the run.

Texas closed to 60-57 with 8:47 left with a run that included a steal by T.J. Ford that led to a three-point play by Deginald Erskine and two free throws each by Brandon Mouton and Brian Boddicker.

Fredie Williams of Texas made two free throws to make it 67-65

with three minutes left, but a long jumper by Bradley Jackson and stellar free-throw shooting down the stretch let the Aggies keep the lead. Texas A&M was 20-of-23 from the free-throw line in the second half.

"Our free-throw shooting won the game for us," said King, who finished 13-of-14 from the line.

James Thomas led Texas with 15 points and 10 rebounds.

Texas failed to hit any of its eight 3-point attempts in the first half, and its inability to convert from behind the arc in the second allowed Texas A&M to maintain its lead.

## Steers find solutions to knock off Snyder

By CAREN GREATHOUSE  
Special to the Herald

Big Spring's Steers had to do some soul searching but found solutions in the end when they pulled off a 66-60 win over the Snyder Tigers on Tuesday.

The Steers improved to 10-14 on the season and 2-6 in District 4-4A play with the victory.

The close win started with the Steers hitting the court strong and scoring early. The first six minutes of play saw the Steers take a 12-8 lead, as Mic Fleming, Arthur Belvin, Clarence Wilkins and Clayton Weaver all hit buckets.

Snyder would not allow the Steers to keep that lead for long, as the Tigers closed the period with four unanswered points to deadlock the game at 12-all going into the second quarter.

The two teams were again evenly matched as they battled tit for tat in the second period, the score being deadlocked at 26-all going into the half-time intermission.

In the second half, the Tigers took charge early with three three-pointers and seemed almost ready to put the game out of reach, claiming a 12-point lead with 2:16 left in the third period.

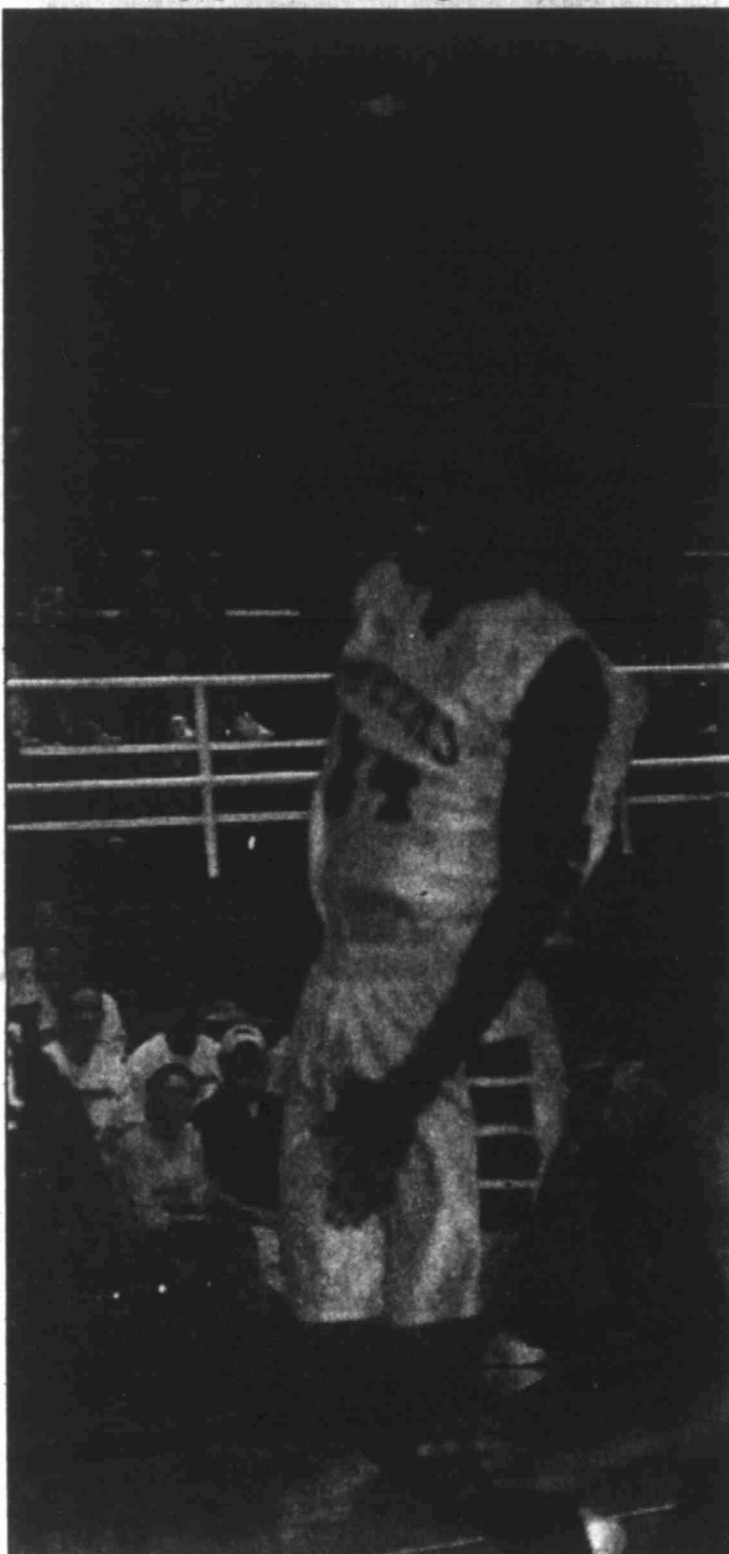
Big Spring answered, however. The Steers outscored the Tigers 13-9 down the stretch and trailed by just eight, 47-39, with eight minutes to play.

The Steers would not let history repeat itself with another close loss.

"In the fourth quarter, we were in the same situation as we were against Frenship," Steers head coach Brian Ellington noted following the game. "We responded as if we had really learned a lot. When Snyder got up 12, we called a timeout and the kids convinced themselves that we weren't going to let this one slip away."

The Steers rallied with a series of well designed steals that coupled with blocks and rebounds turned up the defensive heat a notch, obviously rattling the Tigers.

A Snyder turnover at the



Big Spring's Arthur Belvin (24), pictured here in action against Plainview, scored 22 points in helping lead the Steers to a 66-60 win over Snyder on Tuesday.

4:30 mark was converted by Belvin, the layup giving the Steers the lead 50-49 and the confidence to win the game.

"I am extremely proud of our kids, they really played hard and never gave up," Ellington noted. "They really wanted this game. I thought that Arthur Belvin played to his capability tonight. Austin Nutting played well inside, as did Jason Watson. We had a well-rounded team effort and our kids battled hard,

as did Snyder's. It looked as if they would break our back when they got up 12, but the boys showed a lot of heart to win this one."

The Steers travel to Andrews Friday night for a 7:30 game.

**BIG SPRING 66, SNYDER 60**  
BIG SPRING — Greathouse 4, Jackson 2, Wiswell 2, Wilkins 16, Belvin 22, Fleming 11. Nutting 9.  
SNYDER — Scott 10, McLeod 5, Driggers 3, Thompson 20, Jones 13, Clay 9.  
Score by Quarters:  
BIG SPRING 12 14 13 27-60  
SNYDER 12 14 21 13-60  
Three-point goals: Snyder 7 (McLeod, Driggers, Thompson 2, Landes 3); Big Spring 1 (Fleming).

## BSHS swimmers primed for bid at district meet

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Managing Editor

Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers head into this weekend's District 3-4A Swimming and Diving Championships in Monahans knowing full well that they have little or no hope of winning team titles.

That's because Pecos' Eagles and Lady Eagles have to be considered clear favorites in both divisions of the meet.

However, that doesn't mean Big Spring swimmers have nothing to compete for this weekend.

Quite the contrary. A great deal is at stake. And in the boys' division, Steers coach Harlan Smith said his team is conceding nothing.

"I think you have to consider Pecos the favorite, but we're going to make them earn it," Smith said. "We've got a solid boys team and we've beaten them a couple of times this season. The difference this weekend is that when we've beaten them we done it with numbers — offset their speed with being able to enter two relay teams and gotten some help from strong 5A teams that took some of their points away."

"We won't have that kind of help this time around and won't be able to enter two teams in each of the relays," he added. "That gives them the advantage. On the girls' side, nobody's going to come close to them (Lady Eagles). Nobody's come much closer than a 100 points to them. But we do have a couple of girls, Nadia Torres and Jessica Hughey, that we expect will do very well."

The district meet gets under way with swimming prelims at noon Friday, which diving competition following immediately thereafter. Swimming finals begin at 1 p.m. Saturday.

The Big Spring teams are returning to competition following a lengthy break, their last meet having been the Fort Stockton Invitational in mid December when the Steers piled up 278 points to take a

25-point margin of victory over Pecos in the boys' division.

The Steers put themselves in strong position in the meet's opening event, the 200 medley relay, by taking second- and fourth-place finishes. The "A" foursome of Josh Pike, Will Liggett, Mark Sheedy and Michael Carrasco finished just behind Pecos.

That same foursome figures to qualify for the Region I, Class 4A meet in Lubbock next month with the same kind of finish this weekend.

Cody Clark, Ryan Beall, Pike and Carrasco will swim the 200 freestyle relay.

The Steers 400 freestyle relay lineup figures to be somewhat of a question mark, since Chris Stokes won't be available to swim one of the legs.

Still, the Steers figure to get solid point production from Justin Petrowski, David Brooks, Jeremy Petrowski, Randy Yanez and Josh Torres.

In girls' division action, the last time the Lady Steers saw action, they mustered 84 points at Fort Stockton while Pecos rolled to a win with 385 points — 190 more than runner-up Abilene Wylie's Lady Bulldogs could muster.

The Lady Steers hope to get off to a solid start when Jessica Hughey, Nadia Torres, Daniele Bartlett and Amanda Chapman combine in the 200 medley relay. The same foursome will also swim in the 200 freestyle relay.

Hughey, although just a freshman, could well be the Lady Steers' top producer. "She's really swimming well right now and I wouldn't be a bit surprised to see her break her school record in the 100 backstroke," Smith said of Hughey.

But Smith said he also expects Nadia Torres to turn in an impressive showing.

"Nadia's a senior," he noted. "She's battled her way back. She got sick right before the district meet last year and wasn't able to swim. It's been a long road back, but her stroke is probably the best it's every been and she's hungry."

## Zimmerman agrees to \$10 million contract with Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — Jeff Zimmerman got a \$10 million, three-year contract Wednesday from the Texas Rangers, the only team that responded to his faxed resume four years ago.

The Rangers avoided salary arbitration with Zimmerman, who had 28 saves last season after taking over the closer role from injured Tim Lincecum.

"I realize now that the Rangers really believe that I am a key component to the bullpen, and I look forward to going out and proving it," Zimmerman said. "It's unbelievable. My family is so blown away by it."

The 29-year-old right-hander from Canada was 4-4 with a 2.40 ERA in 66 games last season, his third with the Rangers. He ended the season with a team-record 17 straight save conversions and blew just three save opportunities.

Zimmerman was seeking \$2.8 million this season — an 812 percent

increase over his 2001 salary of \$307,000 and significantly more than the \$2 million the Rangers initially offered.

His deal calls for a \$500,000 signing bonus, \$2 million this year, \$3.2 million in 2003 and \$4.3 million in 2004.

"As we looked to improve the bullpen, it was always with the idea that we had the one stalwart piece," new Rangers general manager John Hart said. "We had one anchor, and that was Jeff."

After leading the independent Northern League with a 2.82 ERA in 1997, Zimmerman faxed his resume to every major league team. Only the Rangers responded, inviting him to camp as a non-roster player.

The 1993 TCU graduate had played in France in 1994 and spent two years as a starter for the Canadian national team before it failed to qualify for the Olympics.

Zimmerman spent just one full season in the minors for Texas

before making the AL All-Star team as a rookie in 1999. As a middle reliever, he started the season 9-0 with a team-record 26 straight appearances without allowing a run.

Zimmerman isn't the only potential closer for the Rangers in 2002. Hart acquired John Rocker in a trade with Cleveland and signed free agents Todd Van Poppel and Jay Powell, but manager Jerry Narron said Zimmerman is the closer.

"Jim definitely deserves to be the guy at the end of the game," Narron said. "Last year, he pitched as well in the ninth inning as anybody in baseball. He was outstanding and I don't foresee that changing."

Zimmerman says he won't worry about his role, and looks forward to going to spring training next month.

"I'll focus on the task at hand, focus on what you have to do when you're out there," Zimmerman said.

"The roles will take care of themselves. You get away from doing your job when your mind gets too far in the future and you start to try to speculate and try to predict things."

The Rangers didn't offer a contract to Crabtree, who became a free agent. Crabtree, who replaced the retired John Wetteland, had saves in his first four opportunities last season before having back problems and then season-ending surgery for a torn rotator cuff.

After finishing 9-3 with a 2.36 ERA and three saves in 65 games in 1999, Zimmerman struggled in 2000. He started the season with a 7.16 ERA through 18 games and went on to finish with 4-5 with one save and a 5.30 ERA in 65 appearances.

Notes: Texas agreed to one-year contracts with RHP Ryan Dittfurth, RHP Travis Hughes and INF Travis Hafner, and a minor league contract with free agent C Julio Mosquera.

Here is the week as compiled for and Wildlife Dept. 23. (Report also at www.txfishing.com)

### CENTRAL

**BROWNWOOD:** degrees; 4 low; B pounds are slow worms in 2 - 20 feet to 21 inches are crankbaits in 15 - bass to 13 inch minnows in 10 - to 12 inches are and white jigs in Channel and blue inches are fair of shrimp in 10 - 30 fish to 9 pounds are and shiners in 10

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### WEST

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**ARROWHEAD:** W degrees; 8 low; B slow. Crappie are fa are slow. Catfish a lines.

**COLORADO CITY:** 71.4 degrees; Black b crankbaits and jigs fair on minnows ar bass' are good Redfish are good Catfish are fair on cutbait.

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**STAMFORD:** W stained; 52 degr Black bass are slo good on minnows. fair on minnows ar 20 feet. Catfish a lines baited with s

**SWEETWATER:** stained; 50 degr Black bass are slo Crappie are fair o jigs. White bass ar nows. Catfish are bated with minnow

**WHITE RIVER:** W degrees; 22.25 lo are very slow. Crap the crappie house c nows. Walleye are are slow.



FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Jan. 23. (Report also available on Web as www.txfishing.com.)

**CENTRAL**  
**BROWNWOOD:** Water clear; 46 degrees; 4 low; Black bass to 3.5 pounds are slow on soft plastic worms in 2-20 feet. Striped bass to 21 inches are slow on white crankbaits in 15-40 feet. White bass to 13 inches are slow on minnows in 10-30 feet. Crappie to 12 inches are slow on minnows and white jigs in 6-15 feet. Channel and blue catfish to 17 inches are fair on minnows and shrimp in 10-30 feet. Yellow catfish to 9 pounds are slow on shad and shiners in 10-40 feet.

**BUCHANAN:** Water clear; 51 degrees; 10:14.91; Black bass are fair on 3/16 oz. Terminator Jigs and pork, 4" pumpkin BBB Disc Worms and pumpkin 4" Sliding Weight Craw Fish along ledges, rock piles and docks in 8-20 feet. Striped bass are good drifting live bait and vertically jiggling Pirk Minnows and white Curb's bucktails around The Willows in 20-30 feet - some top-water action on Red Fins and Zara Spooks. White bass are fair on 2" Lit'l Fishie Shads, white BBB 3" grubs and jiggling 1/4 oz. Pirk Minnows on main lake points and long sloping points. Crappie are slow on minnows.

**PROCTOR:** Water murky; 49 degrees; 11:57.17; Black bass are slow on red shad plastic worms. Striped bass are fair trolling shad. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs. Channel and blue catfish are fair to good on shad and worms. Yellow catfish are fair to good on shad and perch on trotlines.

**SOUTH**  
**AMISTAD:** Water fairly clear; 55 degrees; 48 low; Black bass are slow on Carolina-rigged worms, Rat-L-Traps and deep-diving crankbaits off points, and fair around standing grass. Striped bass are fair to good on slabs and striper jigs up the Rio Grande. White bass are fair to good on slabs and striper jigs up the Rio Grande under birds. Crappie are slow on live minnows up Devils River around trees and brush. Channel and blue catfish are fair to good on cheesebait in 70-90 feet. Yellow catfish are slow on trotlines on live bait.

**WEST**  
**ALAN HENRY:** Water clear; 43 degrees; Black bass are slow in the afternoon. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs.

**ARROWHEAD:** Water stained; 50 degrees; 8 low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair. White bass are slow. Catfish are fair on trotlines.

**COLORADO CITY:** Water clear; 71 degrees; Black bass are fair on crankbaits and jigs. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on minnows. Redfish are good on minnows. Catfish are fair on minnows and cutbait.

**FT. PHANTOM HILL:** Water clear; 53 degrees; Black bass are slow on minnows and crankbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows. White bass are fair on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on goldfish and minnows.

**HUBBARD CREEK:** Water murky; 50 degrees; 19 low; Black bass are slow on Carolina-rigs. Crappie are very slow. White bass are very slow. Striped bass are very slow. Catfish to 38 pounds are excellent on jug lines and trotlines baited with minnows. The concrete boat ramps are out of the water. A temporary ramp is open near the dam (turn at Wal-Mart and follow the paved/caliche road to the east side of the dam).

**NASWORTHY:** Water lightly stained; 50 degrees; Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Redfish are fair on minnows. White bass and striped bass are fair. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with shad. Lake is being dredged of 2-feet of silt (3 year project started summer 2000).

**OKA CREEK:** Water stained; 50 degrees; No boat ramps open. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow around docks on minnows and jigs. Catfish are slow on trotlines baited with minnows and cutbait.

**OH. IVE:** Water stained; 52 degrees; 19.25 low; Black bass are fair on crankbaits, jigs and minnows. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on minnows and striped bass are fair. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with shad. Lake is being dredged of 2-feet of silt (3 year project started summer 2000).

**POCSUM KINGDOM:** Water stained; 50 degrees; 5.5 low; Black bass are slow. Striped bass are fair. Catfish are fair.

**SPENCE:** Water stained; 51 degrees; 7 low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on minnows. Striped bass to 10 pounds are fair on minnows. Catfish to 25 pounds are fair on trotlines baited with shad and minnows.

**STAMFORD:** Water lightly stained; 52 degrees; 10 low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are good on minnows. White bass are fair on minnows and slabs at 15-20 feet. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with shad and perch.

**SWEETWATER:** Water lightly stained; 50 degrees; 19.5 low; Black bass are slow on minnows. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on minnows. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with minnows.

**WHITE RIVER:** Water stained; 44 degrees; 22.25 low; Black bass are very slow. Crappie are good at the crappie house on jigs and minnows. White bass are slow. Catfish are slow.



By BETTY DEBNAM

# Wow! What a Lake! What Makes the Salt Lake Great?



**Out in the West, in Utah, is one of the natural wonders of the world. When the athletes fly into Salt Lake City on their way to the Olympics, they will likely see it from the plane.**



Utah is shaded on this U.S. map. Where the lake is located in Utah.

**Let's see what makes the Great Salt Lake so great.**

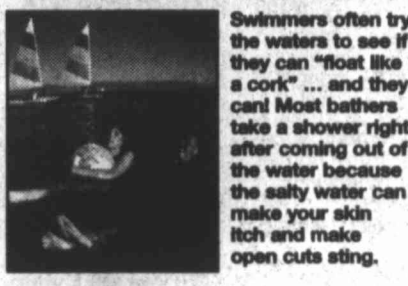
**Size**  
It is the largest lake west of the Mississippi River. Today it measures 75 miles long and 28 miles wide at its widest point.

The flow of water into the lake changes from time to time. On the average, the lake covers 1,700 square miles. At its highest level, in 1987, it covered 2,400 square miles. Since 1849, the shoreline has varied by as much as 15 miles.

**History**  
The lake formed 25,000 years ago. The old lake was called Lake Bonneville. It was much larger than the Great Salt Lake. At its biggest size, Lake Bonneville measured 345 miles long and 135 miles wide. It covered parts of what is now Utah, Idaho and Nevada. Then the waters of the lake broke through a pass, or path through a mountain range.



Many people visit the Great Salt Lake, and some just want to put their feet in the thrill of stepping into a natural wonder.



Swimmers often try the waters to see if they can "float like a cork" ... and they can! Most bathers take a shower right after coming out of the water because the salty water can make your skin itch and make open cuts sting.

**Sniff, sniff**  
The unpleasant smell is caused by decaying plant life in the shallow water around the shore. The smell is not as noticeable out on the lake itself.

The Mini Page thanks Karl Kappo, Utah Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands; and Neka Roundy, Davis County tourism coordinator, for help with this story.

**Birds**  
The lake supports millions of shore and water birds that count on it as a stopping-off place when they migrate in the spring and fall. Bird watching is a popular hobby in the area.

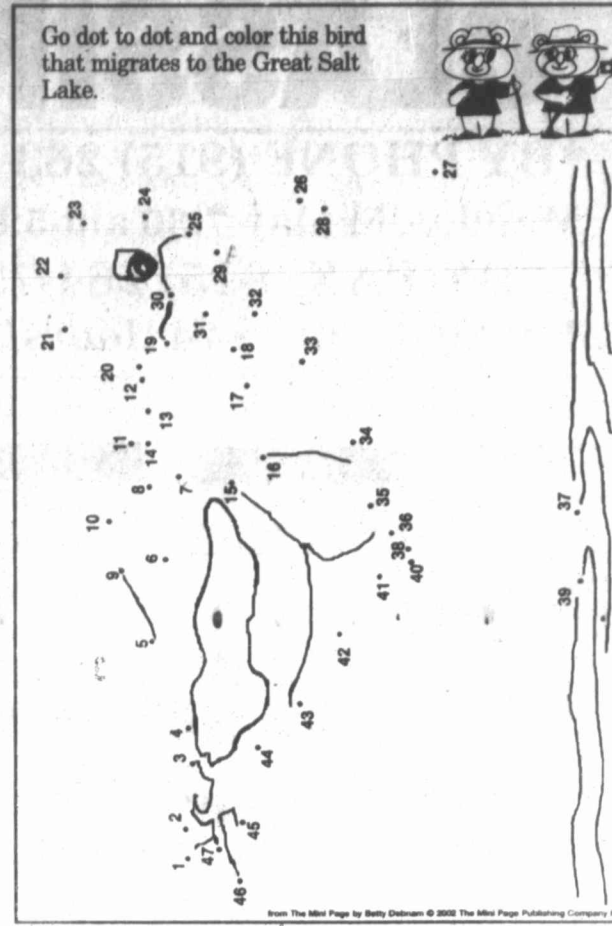
**Salt**  
It is the second saltiest body of water in the world. It is so salty because it has no outlet. Four rivers flow into the lake, but nothing flows out. The only way water gets out is to evaporate, leaving behind salt, sand and other minerals.

The lake is from two to nine times as salty as the ocean. Some parts of the lake are saltier than others.

**Brine shrimp**  
There are no fish in the Great Salt Lake. However, from April to December, brine shrimp do live there. These shrimp die in the winter after laying trillions of eggs. The eggs are so small that 150 could fit on the head of a pin.

It is a big business to harvest the eggs and dry them out. The eggs can be stored for years. When put in salt water, they come to life, furnishing food for prawns and birds.

**Brine flies**  
These tiny flies live in the billions along the shoreline at a certain time of year. They lay about 100 eggs at a time. They fly in swarms along the beaches but they do not bite. They eat algae. They are food for the birds.



**Rookie Cookie's Recipe Super Sandwich**

You'll need:

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- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons mustard
- 2 slices bologna
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- 4 tomato slices

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**Goldie Goodsport's Report Supersport: Stacy Sykora**

Height: 5-10 College: Texas A&M

Birthdate: 6-24-77 Birthplace: Fort Worth, Texas

Stacy Sykora is one of the stars of the U.S. women's national volleyball team.

In 2000, she led the team in digs with 553. She also led the team in 1999.

Stacy was on the team that played in the 2000 Olympics. They finished fourth. At the Olympics, she was second among all players in digs. Her best game was 26 against Korea.

She was also a star on her college volleyball team and was the most valuable player at one tournament. She graduated in 1998 and now plays professional volleyball in Italy.

In her free time, Stacy likes making jewelry, listening to music and writing poetry. Her favorite food is double cheeseburgers.

**Meet Marc Anthony**

Marc Anthony is the best-selling salsa singer in the world. He sings in both English and Spanish. He also acts.

Marc, 33, was born Marco Antonio Muniz and grew up in New York City. He was named for a famous Mexican singer.

Growing up, he liked listening to music and singing with his father, who was a musician. He began writing songs while in high school. He began his singing career by performing in clubs in New York. He joined a band, but then switched to a solo career.

Marc and his wife, Dayanara, have a son, Christian. He also has a daughter, Arianna. He likes the music of Paul Simon and Santana. Black is his favorite color.

**Mighty Funny's Mini Jokes**

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

**Martin:** What do you call it when you holler to someone 5 miles away?  
**Sol:** Lung distance!

**Patrick:** What part of our body has the most rhythm?  
**Freddy:** Our eardrums!

**Kanu:** How many feet are there in the world?  
**Henry:** Twice as many as there are people!

**Great Salt Lake TRY 'N FIND**

Words and names that remind us of the Great Salt Lake are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: GREAT, SALT, LAKE, UTAH, FLIES, WONDER, WATER, BIG, RIVERS, EVAPORATE, SAND, BRINE, MINERALS, SHRIMP, EGGS, KEYSTONE, SPECIES, SHORES.

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**Mini Spy ...**

Mini Spy and Basset Brown are having fun floating in the Great Salt Lake. See if you can find:

- letter A
- banana
- number 8
- word MINI
- number 3
- question mark
- cat
- letter D
- dragon
- snake
- goose
- exclamation mark
- lips

**Hello, Salt Lake City**

This February, thousands of athletes from all over the world will be flocking to Salt Lake City, Utah, for the Winter Olympics. Millions of Olympic spectators will turn the area into a major athletic stage.

Fewer than 200,000 people usually live in the city, with about 1 1/2 million people in surrounding suburbs. It is a center for arts and sports.

Ten ski resorts are within an hour of the city. Also 10 national parks, such as Bryce Canyon and Yellowstone, are nearby.

The Mini Page explores some of the top spots of the city.

**The Salt Lake Temple**  
Before modern aids such as electricity, Mormon pioneers cut huge blocks of granite weighing up to 5,000 pounds each from nearby mountains. For 40 years they hauled these blocks to the heart of the new city to build their temple. Today it is the most visited spot in Utah, with about 5 million visitors each year.

**Mormon Tabernacle Choir**  
The world-famous Mormon Tabernacle Choir is centered around a huge pipe organ. There are more than 11,600 pipes, ranging from 3/4 of an inch to 32 feet long. When it was first built about 1870, it took five men to operate the organ's pump.

**Old Deseret Village**  
Old Deseret Village features life as it was in pioneer times. It is in this is the Place Heritage Park, where Brigham Young found a home for the Mormons.

**Family History Library**  
This is the biggest library tracing family histories, or genealogies, in the world. It has about 36 million names and their links to family trees.

**Beehive House**  
Beehive House was the home of Brigham Young. Beehives, symbols of Mormon hard work, decorate the home.

**North American Museum of Ancient Life**  
The biggest dinosaur museum in the world is nearby, at Thanksgiving Point. It has 60 dinosaur skeletons and hundreds of other fossils.

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Friday, Jan. 25: You're unusually desirable this year. Whether at work or play, others will want to say "yes" to you, as you offer so much and intuitively know how to appeal to others. Use your gifts to lasso in a long-term goal. You can make happen what you want. Creativity peaks as you put form to something you have desired. If single, clearly your status could be subject to change. Check out what walks toward you late summer! If attached, your relationship will become more romantic with age. Isn't it wonderful? GEMINI knows how to tease you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) You could feel unusually pressured by a friend. Make an effort toward someone who might have fallen on hard times. Your caring means much more than you realize. Use care when wording an option. Someone could be unusually defensive. Tonight: Relax with a pal.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) Just when you thought someone wouldn't come through for you, you have a delightful surprise. Realize that anything becomes possible if you remain upbeat and positive. A partner doesn't agree with you on an investment. Postpone the decision. Tonight: Play the weekend in.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) The Moon in your sign inspires you to take a leap of faith. Don't worry so much about the risk. Remember, if you don't take a risk, you'll have nothing. Be more upbeat about the possibilities that surround you. Others cheer you to the finish line. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) Follow a loved one's or an associate's lead. You'll feel a lot better if you do what comes naturally. Think in terms of trust. Worry less about all the "ifs" and "maybes." Someone expresses his or her feelings. You can't say "no" to this person, nor do you want to. Tonight: Play it low-key.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) Aim for what you want. Your determination

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nothing partially right now. When you opt for a 100 percent effort, you get even better results than you'd hoped for. Tonight: Let someone know how much you appreciate him or her.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) Your smile betrays what is really going on. Though you might not choose to share every detail that goes through your mind, you feel far more in control if you have someone's support. Don't create a problem before there is one. Tonight: Happy at home.

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**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Someone knows how to make you misty-eyed, as this person appeals to your more spiritually loving side. Still, there is a day-dream quality about this relationship that you cannot get around. Enjoy what is happening rather than fight it. Tonight: Opt for romantic or different.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Deal with someone on a one-on-one level. Your caring will multiply if you open up to talks. Holding back and not sharing your thoughts could backfire, even with a work-related matter. What you say makes a difference. Do something special for a loved one. Tonight: Dinner out.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Let others make choices, though you might want to guide a special person with a comment or two. Return calls. Catch up on news. During lunch, visit with a friend you haven't seen for a while. Meanwhile, clear your desk as you start smiling about the weekend. Tonight: Accept someone's invitation.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Make an effort to shorten your day by organizing your workload or perhaps even delegating it. You could be delighted by a financial offer that finally fits your needs. Don't hesitate any longer than you need to. You pull the wild card financially. Tonight: Decide on easy.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Your smile wins you new friends and warns up others. Your ability to draw others peaks if you express your softer, intellectual side. Decide to do

**Matchmaking club works well for some, but caution is key**

Dear Ann Landers: Several years ago, I joined a matchmaking club. Some of my friends laugh behind my back, but it worked out really well for me. I would like to pass on a few suggestions to women who may be interested:

Never reject a man based on his physical appearance. You could be passing up someone really terrific.

Have fun, no matter what. I considered it my responsibility to find a topic of mutual interest, and I always encouraged my date to talk about his hobbies. In other words, I was a good listener.

I met 40 men in four months, and went to the opera, art museums, trendy bars and fancy restaurants. I met men for lunch, breakfast, dinner, tea, you name it. Some of my best dates were with average-looking men who had interesting backgrounds and were well-educated.

By the time I met the man who became my husband, I felt confident, attractive and fascinating. We just celebrated our fifth anniversary, and I can't wait to tell my grandchildren how we met. — Perfectly Matched in the East

Dear Perfectly Matched: You've given some extremely astute advice, and I thank you. I've had several letters from both women and men who found the perfect mate through a matchmaking club. A word of caution, however. Do some careful checking before you make a commitment.

Dear Ann Landers: I read the letter about the parents who keep their son and his wife at the door for 30 minutes while saying goodbye. It made me laugh. For those guests we truly love, we say goodbye all the way to their car. That is what my grandparents did when I was young, and I knew it meant they cared for us. — Loving My Family in Kansas

Dear Loving Your Family: It's OK to walk your guests to the car, so long as you let them drive away. Holding them hostage at the door strikes me not as a loving gesture, but a controlling one. Long goodbyes can be exhausting. I say, make it short and sweet.

Dear Ann Landers: I am writing in response to "No Slob in Pittsburgh," whose boyfriend was obsessive about showering before touching the bed, whether to sleep for the night or lie down for a short nap. I realize her situation is not the same as mine, but my girlfriend is using your column against me, so I figured it's only fair to write you with the other side of the story.

I am not obsessive-compulsive. I prefer to shower at night before going to bed. My girlfriend prefers to shower in the morning before going to work. I want to smell good for "Wanda." But it is obvious that she would rather smell good for her co-workers. I can live with that, but what irritates me is when she goes to the gym and works out for an hour, comes

home sticky and sweaty, and goes to bed without showering. I shower daily, but she often goes two or three days without stepping in the shower.

I realize that I shower more often than most people, but Wanda showers less. She says I'm obsessive. I say she's a slob. Please stick up for me, Annie. — Squeaky Clean in Sunny California

Dear Squeaky Clean: I'm with you — all the way. Your girlfriend is a slob — and lazy t'boot. If marriage is a possibility, I hope you will get her to shape up, or the bloom will be off the rose before her bridal bouquet wilts.

Dear Ann Landers: My husband and I have been married for three years. Whenever we get into a fight, he becomes extremely punitive. Last week, we had a silly argument, and he cancelled my long-distance phone card. He said I can have it back when I apologize.

Ann, we are in counseling, but we don't always apply what we've learned. Sometimes he is so mean to me that I feel hopeless about our marriage. Then he will be so sweet and loving that it makes me cry with happiness. What's going on here? I feel like a puppet on a string. Can you help me? — Sad and Lonely in Savannah, Ga.

Dear Savannah: Your husband has learned how to make you dance to his tune. You both need to stick with the counseling in order to put your relationship on an adult, mutually rewarding basis. I urge you to talk to your therapist about this.

Keep in mind that therapy works only if you are willing to do your part to make things better. If you are unwilling to "apply what you have learned," nothing will change. Please listen to what I am telling you — the future of your marriage depends on it.

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BLONDIE comic strip panels showing characters in a snowy setting with speech bubbles like "Wanna try out my new motorized sled, Mr. B?"

BEETLE BAILY comic strip panels showing characters in a kitchen with speech bubbles like "Oh, you guys can always find something to complain about!"

B.C. comic strip panels showing characters in a cave with speech bubbles like "B.C. wake up! ... you okay?"

HAGAR comic strip panels showing characters on a boat with speech bubbles like "Why did we have to sail miles out of our way to reach this island, Hagar?!"

GEECH comic strip panels showing characters in a kitchen with speech bubbles like "It's Mr. Truett again. What does he want this time?"

WIZARD OF ID comic strip panels showing characters with speech bubbles like "Do you have anything that would help me lose my appetite?"

SNUFFY SMITH comic strip panels showing characters at a table with speech bubbles like "I'm a firm believer in 'ask an' ye shall receive,' Loweezy!"

HI AND LOIS comic strip panels showing characters with speech bubbles like "Would you like me to shovel your walk, Mr. Thurston?"

GASOLINE ALLEY comic strip panels showing characters with speech bubbles like "C'mon, Clovia! Let's eat some Italian food!"

THIS DATE IN HISTORY The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Thursday, Jan. 24, the 24th day of 2002. There are 341 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 24, 1942, a special court of inquiry into America's lack of preparedness for the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor placed much of the blame on Rear Adm. Husband E. Kimmel and Lt. Gen. Walter C. Short, the Navy and Army commanders. On this date: In 1848, James W. Marshall discovered a gold nugget at Sutter's Mill in northern California, a discovery that led to the gold rush of '49. In 1908, the first Boy Scout troop was organized in England by Robert Baden-Powell. In 1924, the Russian city of St. Petersburg was renamed Leningrad in honor of the late revolutionary leader (however, it has since been renamed St. Petersburg). In 1943, President Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Churchill concluded a wartime conference in Casablanca, Morocco. In 1965, Winston Churchill died in London at age 90. In 1972, the Supreme Court struck down laws that denied welfare benefits to people who had resided in a state for less than a year. In 1978, a nuclear-powered Soviet satellite plunged through Earth's atmosphere and disintegrated, scattering radioactive debris over parts of northern Canada. In 1987, gunmen in Lebanon kidnapped educators Alann Steen, Jesse Turner and Robert Polhill and Mithleshwar Singh (all were later released). In 1989, confessed serial killer Theodore Bundy was put to death in Florida's electric chair. In 1993, retired Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall died in Bethesda, Md., at age 84. Ten years ago: The state of Arkansas executed convicted cop-killer Rickey Ray Rector after Gov. Bill Clinton refused to intervene. A judge in El Salvador sentenced an army colonel and a lieutenant to 30 years in prison for their part in the 1989 massacre of six Jesuit priests, their housekeeper and her daughter. Today's Birthdays: Actor Ernest Borgnine is 85. Evangelist Oral Roberts is 84. Actor Marvin Kaplan ("Top Cat") is 75. Cajun musician Doug Kershaw is 66. Singer-songwriter Ray Stevens is 63. Singer-songwriter Neil Diamond is 61. Singer Aaron Neville is 61. Actor Michael Ontkean is 56. Singer Warren Zevon is 55. Country singer-songwriter Becky Hobbs is 52.

Newsday Crossword CHEESE IT by S.N. Edited by Stanley Newman. Includes a list of clues (ACROSS, DOWN) and a crossword grid.

Answer to previous puzzle HALAS ASIPS FLA ALIBI IKEA BOOP RUMBLESEAT URSA EMBATTLE SOMMER TIT LIBERT MOTHRA EWE LIL LINT DREG ELIA CARMELA BOMBERS KNOB ARAB GENES LEVEL GREASY SILEX ANA ADAPTS ROOMETTE LISTI TUMBLEWEED VOTE OPEL RERAN OMS WIDE ERISA