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## WEATHER

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## BRIEFLY

### VITA VOLUNTEERS

There will be a five-day training session for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers and others who are interested in preparing 2002 income tax returns.

The training will be held at the Senior Citizen's Center, 1901 Simler Drive, from Tuesday, Jan. 21, until Friday, Jan. 24, and on Monday, Jan. 27, at 9 a.m. until noon each day.

Persons must pass a test in order to qualify for assisting taxpayers with their returns. All training materials will be provided.

Free tax assistance will be available in February and March at the Spring City Senior Center.

For more information, call Dorothy Kennemur at (915) 398-5522 or e-mail [dkennemur@apex2000.net](mailto:dkennemur@apex2000.net).

## COMING SUNDAY



### BUSINESS

After more than 20 years of being in businesses the Decorator Center is continuing to grow with a six-month renovation and expansion project. See what's going on in Sunday's issue of the Herald.

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## Covenant shortfall should not affect clinic, officials say

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Operations at Big Spring's Covenant Malone and Hogan Clinic should be unaffected by a \$40 million budget shortfall reported in November by Covenant Health Systems.

"It's business as usual for us in Big Spring at this time," said Penny Phillips, Malone and Hogan administrator. "I

don't really see any story for us here. It's more of a story for the health system in Lubbock, the big health system. We're not really having any cut-backs here at this time."

Covenant Health System Media Supervisor Jenny Rosetta agreed with Phillips' assessment.

"I have not been informed that it will affect the clinic," Rosetta said. "They are part of

### REASONS FOR SHORTFALL

- Unsteady stock market
- Growing number of uninsured patients
- Nursing shortage
- Medicare reimbursement cuts

Covenant Medical Group, which is a part of us, but it's also separate. They are doing their own lay-

offs, but I don't think it will affect the clinic."

Rosetta explained that the shortfall is the result of several factors.

"One being an unsteady stock market, which Covenant isn't the only business affected by that," she said. "Also, we have a growing number of uninsured patients that are presenting either in the ER or at the hospital. If they present at the ER

and then have to be admitted and they're uninsured, we treat them through the whole process. There's a growing number of those."

The nursing shortage and Medicare cuts are also factors, she said.

"We're trying to make up for salaries of nurses, which is another problem that hospitals are facing

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## Stock show entrants hop up to center stage

Newcomers and veterans enjoy showing their rabbits

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Thursday was rabbit day at the Howard County Fairbarns.

The barns are the site of the annual Howard County Junior Livestock Show, and about 125 rabbits were measured, weighed, poked and prodded and judged on their relative merits during Thursday's show.

Experiencing the thrills of livestock showing for the first time Thursday was Catherine Leubner of Goliad Intermediate School.

"It was hard, but it takes a lot of responsibility," she said of her experience raising her two lop-ears, Sweet Pea and Wild Thing. "Keeping their cage clean."

The youngster said she wasn't nervous about the upcoming show and added that she enjoyed raising the rabbits.

"They're really good pets," she said. "I might sell one if I make the sale, but I'll probably keep



one."

Stock show veteran Dee Fryar, a freshman at Sands High School, has been showing rabbits for three years.

"It's fun because you get to show something," he said. "It's fun just being out here. I just like being out in these barns. I've shown just about everything you can show. I've shown rabbits, I've shown pigs, steers — I've never shown sheep, that's the one thing I haven't shown. But it's fun because you have competition. Everybody's real nice and you just go out there and have fun."

Fryar said he's still looking for just the right

technique to raise a great rabbit.

"I'm still trying to figure that out," he said. "Mostly, you just feed them right and give them a certain amount of water. I've heard of people who have dogs that don't bite and they let their dogs chase them around a little bit. But there's not really a secret to it."

Of course, grooming the wascally critters before the show is a must.

"There's a certain kind of brush that you take through their hair. Sometimes they get yellow stains on them and

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HERALD photos/Lyndel Moody and Roger Cline  
Above, Garden City High School senior Angela Schraeder works with her rabbit before the start of the Glasscock County Livestock Show Thursday. At left, Logan Gaskins helps out by weighing rabbits Thursday at the Howard County Junior Livestock Show. Here, Logan is weighing bunnies belonging to Kelby Kemper, also shown.

## Garden City senior enjoys participating in 4-H events

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

GARDEN CITY — Eighteen-year-old Angela Schraeder has a hard time remembering when she wasn't involved with the Glasscock County 4-H Club.

"Since I was born, it seems," said the Garden City High School senior. "I have two older brothers and two older sisters. They were always in 4-H projects."

Even as a young child, Schraeder remembers

"You get a lot of responsibility, getting up in the morning and taking care of something else."

attending livestock shows, watching her older siblings show off months of hard work and later taking part in

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HERALD photo/Roger Cline  
Area officials, including Municipal Judge Tim Green, Big Spring City Councilman Oscar Garcia, Howard County Commissioner Bill Crooker and Mayor Russ McEwen turned out this morning to the Dora Roberts Community Center to meet 19th Congressional District candidate Randy Neugebauer of Lubbock.

## Cossacks plans benefit to help local Ruth family

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

For the past 10 years the Cossacks Motorcycle Club has provided a great community service to Big Spring every Christmas by passing out bicycles, stuffed stockings and holiday food baskets to needy families.

This weekend, one of the Crossroads' friendliest leather-clad biker gangs will hold a benefit to take care of two of their own.

"We're doing this benefit for Jimmy and Cheryl Ruth," said Cossacks Member Kenny Stallings. "Back Sept. 19 over there at Wasson and Parkway, they were coming up Wasson towards FM 700

The benefit will be at the Dora Roberts Community Center in Comanche Trail Park from noon until midnight Saturday.

and a kid pulled out of a convenience store and broadsided Cheryl. Jimmy hit the back of the truck."

Cheryl had substantial injuries from the accident, Stallings said.

"Cheryl had 34 breaks in her left leg and a laceration from the temple to the back of her ear. She had a total knee

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# BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

## Obituaries

### Marla Becker



Marla Becker, 92, of Big Spring died at 11:10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, 2003, at her home following a lengthy illness.

A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12, 2003, at the Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass will be at noon Monday, Jan. 13, 2003, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mrs. Becker was born on Nov. 16, 1910, in Colorados, Chihuahua, Mexico. She grew up in Big Spring. She was a homemaker and a baby sitter. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

She is survived by three daughters, Dolores Ochoa of Chihuahua, Mexico, Rosa Orozco of Juarez, Mexico, and Socorro Cordova of Big Spring; one son, Sylvester Naranjo of Big Spring; several grandchildren including Fabiola Hernandez, Delma Fierro, Clara Cordova, Carlos Cordova, Gilbert Naranjo Jr. and Luis Naranjo; several great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, three sons, one sister and three brothers.

Pallbearers will be Sylvester Naranjo, Raul Cordova, Gilbert Naranjo, John Fierro, Morris Hernandez and Carlos Cordova.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### William J. McNew



William J. McNew, 67, of Big Spring died on Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2003, in a local hospital.

Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Capt. Russ Keeney and Maj. Roy Tolcher, both of the Salvation Army, officiating. Interment will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mr. McNew was born on Dec. 9, 1935, in Denton and married Patsy Rushing on May 14, 1955, in Hobbs, N.M.

He was a lifelong resident of Big Spring. He enjoyed cooking, fishing and collecting junk. He loved his family, kids, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was a member of the Salvation Army and a Men's Club volunteer.

Survivors include his wife, Patsy McNew of Big Spring; three daughters and sons-in-law, Beverly and Buddy Smith of Big Spring, Wanda and Jim Tubbs of Midland and Debbie Myrick and Bobby Terrill of Big Spring; one son, William J. McNew of Big Spring; six grandchildren, Shannon and Angela Smithie, Brandie and Tony Jetton, Chris and Kelly Myrick, Samantha Myrick and Kaman Barber, all of Big Spring, Kimberly Tubbs of Harlingen and James Tubbs of Midland; one brother and sister-in-law, Norman and Billie McNew of Baton Rouge, La.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Ann and Gene Thompson of Fort Worth and Sue and John Finch of Florida; six great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by one grandchild, Stephanie Merrifield, and an infant brother.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Big Spring, www.npwelch.com

### Jerry "Red" Brockman



Jerry "Red" Brockman, 63, of Greenwood, a former resident of Coahoma, died Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2003, at Midland Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, 2003, in the Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Dr. Walter McCall and Chuck Breyman officiating. Graveside service will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, at the Rosehill Cemetery in Merkel.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Mr. Brockman was born on Aug. 6, 1939, in Wills Point, a son of Clifford Cornelius and Dovie Etta Almond Brockman. He married Bonnie Sumpter on July 24, 1959, in Abilene, and she preceded him in death on Aug. 31, 2002.

Mr. Brockman lived in Coahoma for 25 years before moving to Lake Colorado City in December of 2000 and to Greenwood in November of 2002. He owned and operated Jabco Power Tongs in Coahoma from 1971 until 1986. He was field foreman for Walsh and Watts in Coahoma from 1986 until 2002. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Coahoma.

He is survived by one son, Wayne Brockman and his wife, Teresa, of Big Spring; three daughters, Lynn Brockman and Lori Brockman, both of Sweetwater, and Leslie Fader and her husband, Shannon, of Greenwood; six brothers, Garland Brockman, Gene Brockman, Benny Brockman, Bill Brockman, Don Brockman and Robert Brockman; three sisters, Doris Miller, Connie Shifflett and Kathryn Belcher; five grandchildren, Keigh Brockman, Courtney Brockman, Lance Brockman, Brandon Fader and Jenna Fader; and two great-grandchildren, Trey Brockman and Reagan Brockman.

In addition to his wife and parents, Mr. Brockman was preceded in death by two brothers, Sonny Brockman and Johnny Brockman, and one sister, Madia Scott.

Pallbearers will be Jebby Forbes, Jerome Phiffer, Terry Sanders, Bobby Capps, Bill Lain and Russell Parks. Honorary pallbearers will be Horace Nash and George Sloan.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

### Beatrice McCray



Beatrice McCray, 76, of Big Spring died at 10:45 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2003, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a lengthy illness.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10, 2003, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10, 2003, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, 2003, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. McCray was born on Jan. 31, 1926, in Big Spring.

She was a beautician at Webb Air Force Base, retiring in 1974. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Eastern Star Lodge and the Auxiliary of American Legion Post 506.

She is survived by her husband, Donald McCray of Big Spring; two daughters, Mary Jones and her husband, Kent, of Gig Harbor, Wash., and Bonnie Kishnic of Orange; one son, Bill McCray of Raleigh-Durham, N.C.; three grandsons, Brian Jones and wife, Leona, Kelly Jones and K.C. Jones Jr.; two great-grandchildren, Nicole Jones and K.C. Jones Jr.; 11 sisters, Mary Lou Leyva, Jessie Casillas, Rosalinda Gonzales, Bell Cornish and Mary Ann Ralston, all of Big Spring, Aggie Della Rocco of Midland, Angelita Hernandez and Elodia Holguin, both of Phoenix, Ariz., Angie Molina of Coahoma, Olivia Guzman of Bakersfield, Calif., and Ernestine Martinez of Kingsland; five brothers, Mike Zubiarte of San Antonio, Joe Zubiarte and Ernest Zubiarte, both of Dallas, Oscar Zubiarte of Lubbock, and Simon Zubiarte of Forsan; and a number of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Santiago Luevanos; her father, Eladio Zubiarte Sr.; one brother, Eladio Zubiarte Jr.; and two sisters, Maria Zubiarte and Margarita Luevanos.

Pallbearers will be Arthur Hernandez Jr., Melinda Hernandez, Joe Leyva, Luis Casillas, Marc Wejs and Jake Leyva.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Keith Slaughter

Keith Slaughter, 74, of Dallas, formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday, Jan. 9, 2003, in a Dallas hospital.

Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, Big Spring.

### Era "Billie" Nichols

Era "Billie" Nichols, 83, of Big Spring died Thursday, Jan. 9, 2003, in a local nursing home.

Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, Big Spring.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Thursday to 8 a.m. today:

- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 2500 block of Ent.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 2600 block of Ent. Someone reportedly kicked open the rear door of the home causing \$150 damage before stealing household goods worth \$75, home electronic equipment worth \$405, computer hardware or software worth \$100 and other items worth \$35.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 2400 block of West Highway 80. Tools worth \$950 were reported stolen.
- **THEFT OF FIREARM** was reported in the 1300 block of South Birdwell Lane. A firearm worth \$1,700 and home electronic equipment worth \$600 were reported stolen in the incident.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1900 block of South Rannels Street. A red 1996 Ford Escort reportedly sustained \$450 damage in the incident.
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA** two ounces or less was reported in the 1200 block of East Third Street.
- **HARRASSMENT** was reported in the 2500 block of Ent.
- **DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT** was reported in the 1600 South BENTON Street.
- **LOUD PARTY OR NOISE** was reported in the 1200 block of East Third Street.
- **ANIMAL PROBLEM** was reported in the 100 block of Jefferson Street.
- **FORGERY** was reported in the 800 block of East Third Street.
- **TERRORISTIC THREAT** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.

## Sheriff's report

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

- **WYLIE BARNEL STOKES JR.**, 31, of 1610 Mesquite in Abilene was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Thursday on a charge of theft by check.
- **STORMEE KAY NIX**, 22, of 1117 Jeffery Road was arrested on a charge of issuance of a bad check.
- **JASON L. WOODRUFF**, 20, of 1510 Eubanks was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Wednesday on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.
- **POSSIBLE ACCIDENT** was reported on Interstate 20 near the 165 mile marker. Deputies located a tractor-trailer that had run out of fuel and was parked on the side of the road. No accident was found.
- **INJURED ANIMAL** was reported on Highway 87 three miles north of Big Spring. Deputies were unable to locate a reported injured deer.

## Support groups

### FRIDAY

□ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### SATURDAY

□ Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles noon to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Open Birthday Night No Smoking meeting last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

### SUNDAY

□ Narcotics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

□ Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

□ Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates and times of upcoming groups.

□ Surviving Pregnancy Loss meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library Committee Room. Call 631-4430 for more information.

□ Alcoholics Anonymous meets from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open meeting on fourth floor at VA Medical Center from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### MONDAY

□ TOPS Club TX 21 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), weigh in at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.

□ New Voice Club support group for laryngotomees and families. For more information, call 267-2800.

□ The Big Spring Military Support Group meets at 6 p.m. the first Monday of the month at the VA Medical Center. The January meeting will be Monday, Jan. 13. For more information, contact Holly Moore at 263-8106 or Treva Hall at 263-8574.

### TUESDAY

□ TOPS Club TX 1756 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 6 p.m. meeting, Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, 11th and Birdwell, Call 263-2786 or 263-1340 for more information.

### WEDNESDAY

□ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Noon Open 12 and 12 Study meeting, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### THURSDAY

□ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.; Women's meeting; 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

## EMS

The Big Spring Fire and EMS Department reported the following calls:

- 12:44 a.m. — 5700 block of Cedar Road, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- 3:26 a.m. — 1400 block of Princeton, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.
- 9:30 a.m. — 800 block of Douglas, structure fire, fire was a false call.
- 11:19 a.m. — 100 block of W. 19th, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.
- 1:42 p.m. — 500 block of Scott, medical call, patient transportation to SMMC.
- 6:45 p.m. — 1700 block of Donley, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

## Lottery

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery: 3-15-26-32-37

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday afternoon: 1-8-4

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night: 2-5-7

## Weather

- Tonight — Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s. South winds 5 to 15 mph.
- Saturday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.
- Saturday night — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Lows in the upper 30s.
- Sunday — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Highs 45 to 50.
- Monday and Tuesday — Clear. Lows 30 to 35. Highs around 60.
- Wednesday and Thursday — Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s. Highs in the upper 50s.

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## Elsowhere

State and national news at a glance

### Sharon takes to the offensive

**JERUSALEM (AP)** — Embattled Prime Minister Ariel Sharon took the offensive after a wave of scandals wiped out his comfortable lead ahead of Israel's Jan. 28 elections, charging his rivals with trying to unseat him with "despicable lies."

Under police investigation over a \$1.5 million loan from a South Africa-based businessman, his party targeted with charges of underworld involvement and corruption in its internal elections, Sharon suddenly faced a virtual election tie in the polls.

That raised the possibility that dovish Amram Mitzna of the Labor Party, who opposes Sharon's harsh policies toward the Palestinians, could form the next Israeli government.

Pounding the podium at a prime time news conference on Thursday, Sharon denied knowledge of the \$1.5 million loan his sons took to cover the return of illegal campaign funds from an earlier election. Sharon insisted he had documents to prove he did nothing wrong and charged that Labor cooked up the scandals because it was stuck in the polls.

### CLINIC

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all over," she said. "With the nursing shortage, you have to be competitive with salaries and staff like that. Nobody expected it to be quite as big a problem as it is. The last thing is Medicare reimbursements from state and federal programs have been cut, which is part of that balanced budget act."

Rosetta said Lubbock's three Covenant facilities will be affected the most by the cutbacks. "It will affect the three hospitals in Lubbock the most," she said. "What it won't affect is bedside nurse positions. We have not cut any bedside nurse positions. However, I can't say it won't affect patient care. Even though we're cutting from the non-patient-care areas, it will slow down paperwork — we're going to have to do a lot more with a lot less in all departments."

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### HOWARD

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you try to get that out," he said. "Sometimes they'll have poop in their hair where they've sat on it, and you have to get that out with a brush."

Unlike Leubner, Fryar said he sees rabbits more as projects than as pets.

"I probably see them more as a project because you're trying to win," he said. "If you start thinking of them as a pet, it's too hard to let them go. When you let them go, you've lost a friend. If you think of them as a project, you don't get so caught up in it and it's easier to let them go."

Show organizer Mike Moates said the rabbit raisers all start on an even footing.

"These kids here, they've had their rabbits for about five weeks," he said. "They all get them at the same time, they all



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get them from the same breeder, so that way they're all starting on an even keel."

When judging rabbits, judges look for overall health, the amount of meat the animal is carrying as opposed to fat, and in general how marketable it is, Moates said. While rabbits are weighed to separate them into weight classes, their weight within their weight class is of minimal importance, he said.

#### Thursday's results:

**Lightweight Rabbits**  
1. Sarah Bartlett, Coahoma FFA; 2. James Wheeler, Howard Co. 4-H; 3. Colby Newton, Big Spring FFA; 4. Justin Darden, B.S. FFA; 5. Matt Hilario, B.S. FFA; 6. Magan Lyle, B.S. FFA; 7. Keisha Yarbar, H.C. 4-H; 8. Sarah Bartlett, C. FFA; 9. Nathan Clements, B.S. FFA; 10. Jeremy Knight, B.S. FFA

#### Medium Lightweight Rabbits

1. Lance Waters, C. FFA; 2. Nathan Sellers, C. FFA; 3. Shelby Jones, H.C. 4-H; 4. Rachael Wheeler, H.C. 4-H; 5. Tad White, C. FFA; 6. Noble Dyess, B.S. FFA; 7. Joseph Olvera, C. FFA; 8. Zac Chesworth, B.S. FFA; 9. Christin Powell, C. FFA; 10. Derek Martinez, C. FFA

#### Mediumweight Rabbits

1. Nick Bailey, B.S. FFA; 2. Jesse Metcalf, C. FFA; 3. Cade Bowlin, C. FFA; 4. Catherine Leubner, H.C. 4-H; 5. Chelsea Cornett, C. FFA; 6. Rachel Atkinson, C. FFA; 7. Berkley Iden, C. FFA; 8. Kyle Long, C. FFA; 9. Tyler Bradley, C. FFA; 10. Keisha Yarbar, H.C. 4-H

#### Heavyweight Rabbits

1. Dustyn Beauchamp, B.S. FFA; 2. Kelby Kemper, C. FFA; 3. Gene Corse, C. FFA; 4. Robin Anderson H.C. 4-H; 5. Rachel Atkinson, C. FFA; 6. Jacoby Jones, B.S. FFA; 7. Kyle Long, C. FFA; 8. Dee Fryar, Sands FFA; 9. Gene Corse, C. FFA; 10. Bradley Tatum, C. FFA

**Grand Champion Rabbit:** Dustyn Beauchamp  
**Reserve Champion Rabbit:**

Kelby Kemper

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### GLASSCOCK

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the activities herself. "Its something I've always enjoyed," Schraeder said.

A member of 4-H for 11 years, this year is Schraeder's last to participate in the Glasscock County Junior Livestock Show.

Participating in 4-H has taught Schraeder some valuable skills.

"You get a lot of responsibility, getting up in the morning and taking care of something else," she said.

And Schraeder has learned valuable home economic lesson through 4-H that has taken her to the state food show for the last four years.

"You learn about different shirt fabrics and how to wash them, you learn about nutrition for your body."

Activities continued today with the sheep show at 8 a.m. followed by steers. The pig show starts Saturday's activities at 8 a.m. with the goat show at 12:30 p.m. At 4 p.m., children will have a chance to win prizes in the annual pig scramble. The awards presentation begins at 4:30 p.m. with a lunch to follow. The premium sale begins at 6:30 p.m.

Results from Thursday's activities:

• **Grand champion rabbit.** Wade Machicek; **reserve grand champion rabbit.** Ian Schaefer; **junior showmanship.** Laura Halfmann; **intermediate showmanship.** Halie Schaefer; **senior showmanship.** Rebecca Cmerek.  
• **Fancy OPB Rabbits,** champion, Britni Cook; **reserve,** M'Call Schaefer; 3. Laura Halfmann; 4. Wade Machicek; 5. Britni Cook and M'Call Schaefer; 6. M'Call Schaefer; 7. Samantha Pitts; 8. Halie Schaefer; 9. Shanna Halfmann.  
• **Champion commercial rabbit,** Wade Machicek; **reserve commercial rabbit,** Ian Schaefer.  
• **Light weight New Zealand,** 1. Ian Schaefer; 2. Britni Cook, 3. Britni Cook; 4. Tyler Bednar; 5. Tyler Bednar; 6. Levi Schaefer; 7. K'lann Niehues.  
• **Heavy weight New Zealand,** 1. Wade Machicek; 2. Blayne Batla; 3. Blayne Batla; 4. Marianne Halfmann; 5. Ryan Machicek; 6. Halie Schaefer.  
• **Commercial OPB,** 1. Tyler Bednar; 2. Tyler Bednar; 3. Blayne Batla.  
• **Commercial light weight California,** 1. Wade Machicek; 2. Ryan Machicek; 3. K'lann Niehues; 6. Levi Schaefer;

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• **Heavy weight California,** 1. Laura Halfmann; 2. Shanna Halfmann; 3. Ian Schaefer; 4. M'Call Schaefer; 5. Halie Schaefer; 6. Britni Cook; 7. Britni Cook; Laura Halfmann.

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### BENEFIT

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replacement, ankle, hip and everything," he said. "She's going to be laid up — basically it's going to be about a year from now before she'll be able to walk normally. She's in therapy, but it's going to be a long, long road."

The benefit will be at the Dora Roberts Community Center in Comanche Trail Park from noon until midnight Saturday, he said. Admission is \$10 for a single person or \$15 for a couple. The American Legion will be providing food for the event and the Christian Motorcycle Association will be hosting the "Bike Games."

"From 12 to 3 we're going to have the Poker Run. Of course at about 12:30 or 1 we'll start setting out the food and the food will be there as long as it lasts," he said. "Then at 3 o'clock CMA's going to put on the Bike Games. We're going to have the Bike Games outside there."

At 4 p.m. the Cossacks will hold a benefit auction with donated items, followed by music by local groups the Last Call Band and One Star Shy.

"At 6:30 or 7 o'clock the bands will start," he said. "It'll probably be the Last Call Band first and then One Star Shy will play. Of

course we'll have music going all day long."

Food will be provided along with the price of admission to the event. An advertising flyer distributed by the Cossacks about the event advises "B.Y.O.B." and "No pets, no guns, no attitudes."

Bike games will include several events, Stallings said.

"Usually we have four or five different bike games," he said. "You go out there on your motorcycle, it doesn't have to be a Harley, but as long as you have a motorcycle you can participate in the bike games."

The games include the slow race, "Chase the Rabbit" and others, he said.

"We have the slow race where you have three or four bikes lined up in a row and whoever is the slowest to get across the finish line is the winner. They go in heats," he said. "Then you have what they call 'Chase the Rabbit' where they have a tube about 10 foot long and you're on the bike and you have a passenger on the bike. You roll a tennis ball through the tube and you've got to be there and catch it when it comes out. Then you have it where you have the cones and you've got to put a tennis ball on each cone. Stuff like that."

For more information about the benefit, call Stallings at 268-9862 or 638-7402.

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Sarah Johnson, 76, died Monday. Graveside services are 2:00 PM Friday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Beatrice McCray, 76, died Wednesday. The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Vigil services are 7:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be 11:00 AM Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park.

Jerry "Red" Brockman, 63 died Wednesday. The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith. Services are 1:00 PM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Graveside services are 4:00 PM Saturday at Merkel, Tx.

Maria Becker, 92, died Thursday. Vigil services will be at 7:00 PM Sunday at Myers & Smith. Funeral mass will be 12:00 noon at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

**Newly elected officials** — COUNTY JUDGE BEN LOCKHART, 118TH DISTRICT JUDGE ROBERT MOORE III, HOWARD COUNTY CLERK DONNA WRIGHT, COUNTY SURVEYOR MICHAEL MCBRAYER, COUNTY AUDITOR THERESA THOMAS, DISTRICT CLERK COLLEN BARTON, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS GARY SIMER and JERRY KILGORE, and JUSTICES OF THE PEACE KATHRINE WEISSMAN and QUAIL DOBBS, MAGGIE and JAKE TALAMANTEZ, who took the oath of office last week.

**EVERYONE** who participated in the KBST and Big Spring Herald food drive to benefit the Howard County Humane Society.

**TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS and STAFF MEMBERS** who returned to classrooms this week. We appreciate the job you do.

**HOWARD COUNTY and GLASSCOCK COUNTY FFA and 4-H students** participating in stock shows this week.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Help us, Lord, with our doubts and fears, for you know us better than our friends and relatives.

Amen

Looking forward to the return of Christ

One of the things that I'm hoping for in this new year is that this will be the year when Jesus returns to get his people.

This return of Christ is called the "rapture." You'll not find the word "rapture" in the Bible, but the doctrine of the rapture is found throughout the New Testament. In the 260 chapters that make up the New Testament, you'll find 318 references to Christ's return.

That averages out to one out of every 30 verses. In addition to that, 23 of the 27 New Testament books refer to this great event.

One of the plainest Biblical statements on this subject is found in 1 Thessalonians 1:16-17: "For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to

meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

Now, why am I so anxious for Jesus to return? It's simply because I'm tired of seeing all the sin, sickness, broken hearts and wickedness that Satan is using to torment the human race. Many years ago, Martin Luther said, "I ardently hope that amidst all these internal dissensions on earth, Jesus Christ will hasten the day of His coming." Well, if Martin Luther thought the world was in bad shape in his day, I wonder what he would have to say about the world in 2003? Even the most optimistic person would have to admit that the world is in trouble today. But the people who know Jesus Christ as their Saviour are confident and excited.

Football fans will never forget a game that was played on Jan. 3, 1993, between the Houston Oilers and the Buffalo Bills. On that day, the Buffalo Bills pulled off the greatest comeback in NFL history. The Oilers led 28-3 at halftime.

The Oilers' quarterback, Warren Moon, had just played the best half of his career. But in the locker room at halftime Moon warned his teammates the game was far

from over. The second half began with the Oilers' Bubba McDowell intercepting a Bills' pass and returning it 58 yards for a touchdown, increasing the Oilers' lead to 35-3. The Bills' chances seemed non-existent. But in the short space of 21 minutes, everything changed.

Fans saw the Bills overcome a 32-point deficit and win the game with a field goal in overtime.

Now, the reason I've reminded you of this game is because it provides us with a good illustration of where we are. In this world of sin and suffering it seems that God has been outscored, convincingly, by Satan.

The name of Jesus is being systematically removed from our culture. Biblical morality is disappearing from society at a rapid rate. The world is full of evil men who are determined to see that evil wins out.

But I Corinthians 15:52 lets us know that in the time span of "the twinkling of an eye" (about 1/50th of a second) things are going to turn completely around for the Christian.

That's when Jesus will return and rescue his people from this world.

The old preacher of bygone days, G. Campbell Morgan, had

this to say about our Lord's return, "To me the second coming is the perpetual light on the path which makes the present bearable. I never lay my head on my pillow without thinking that maybe before morning breaks, the final morning may have dawned! I never begin my work without thinking that perhaps He may interrupt my work and begin His own."

The rapture is anticipated by the Christian because it will be our removal from earth to heaven. The rapture will bring us into the presence of our Blessed Redeemer. No wonder, then, that Titus 2:13 refers to this event as "that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ."

If there is a negative to the doctrine of the rapture, it's the fact that when Jesus comes back, many people won't be ready to meet Him and they'll be left behind. Since the return of Jesus is so certain, and since life is so uncertain, it behooves every person to make certain their soul is safely sheltered in the Ark of safety, which is none other than Jesus.

Randy Cotton is the pastor of Trinity Baptist Church



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New generation will salvage the country

Believe it or not, there are a few advantages of getting older, and one of them is that you no longer bother with New Year's resolutions.

After a certain number of years, even the slowest of us learn something about ourselves.

I've learned that all my past New Year's resolutions should have been called January resolutions, as none survived to see the first day of February. Good intentions notwithstanding, I have remained fairly unchanged in outlook and attitudes since the age of 6. Resistance to authority and sympathy for the underdog seem to be a genetic inheritance.

But if I haven't changed, my country has, and it seems to me for the worse. Vulgarity and rude behavior are now acceptable, and it appears that there is nothing any politician can do that will upset his or her constituency. Bill

Clinton's ultimate contribution to American history was to cheapen the presidency. Many Americans seem to have become tolerant of everything except high standards.

It's impossible to conceive of men like Harry Truman or Dwight Eisenhower appearing on television comedy shows and making fools of themselves to please the mob. Both men respected the office and knew that the behavior of the officeholder is what determines people's attitude toward their government. A president and a celebrity are not the same thing.

But if a country can change for the worse, it can also change for the better. That will depend on the younger generation, and there are already signs among the best of them that they realize that decadence and self-indulgence are not the formula for happiness.

Speaking of the basic principles that have guided Western civilization, the historian Samuel Eliot Morison said, "Often these principles are broken, often these values are lost to sight

when people are struggling for power or survival, but to them man must return, and does return, in order to enjoy his Creator's greatest gifts — life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

I believe the new generation will salvage the country and return it to basic values. After all, it is not they but we who have created the present mess. It's we who have elected less than our best people to public office; who have stood by while a handful of corporations gained control of most of the nation's communications; who have persisted in what John Adams said even in his day was the root of all the country's trouble — ignorance of money, credit and banking.

I'm not much impressed by do-gooders, so I'm less interested in young people who show up to feed the drunks at a homeless shelter than I am in the young people who enlist in the military. Anyone can commit an act of random kindness, but not everyone can commit to the hard life of true service to his or her country. And alongside those in the

military, I also value those young people who have the courage to take a stand for peace when the politicians are intoxicated with the smell of war for less than noble or even legitimate purposes. There is no greater act of disrespect than politicians wasting the lives of our servicemen and women in some pointless foreign adventure.

Prophecy is the oldest and most persistent fraud, and no one can foresee what the new year will bring. I've always thought New Year's Eve would be better spent in reflection on the past year than in celebrating what is inevitably a pig in a poke — the new year. Nevertheless, I agree with that old robber baron who said nobody should ever sell America short.

Whatever problems we have and whatever errors we make, we should not lose sight of the fact that throughout the nation's history, the American people have always met every challenge that came their way. There is no reason to believe that they will not do so in the future.

CHURCH NEWS

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## CHURCH NEWS

### Friends of Unity

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### St. Paul Lutheran Church

Start the New Year of right-grow your relationship with Jesus through studying God's word.

Small Group Studies are kicking off for 2003. Topics for study include "Myth or Faith" (Mondays at 7 p.m.), "Life of Christ" (Mondays at 7 p.m.), "Women Who Believed God" (Women's group Wednesdays at noon), "Sermon on the Mount" (Thursdays at 6 p.m.) and "Hope: A study of the End Times" (Saturdays at 6 p.m.). Other studies included are "Life Light-Hebrews" (Wednesdays at 6 p.m.), "Taking on Tough Issues" (Men's group Fridays at 5:50 a.m.) and "Faithfully Parenting Teenagers" (Sundays at

9:30 a.m.). Bring a friend and come visit to see what it's all about. Please call Sara at 267-7163 to find out more information about joining these Bible study groups. This is a wonderful way to build your relationship with Jesus and other Christians in our community.

The mission of St. Paul Lutheran Church is "to serve Jesus Christ in word and deed, through the power of the Holy Spirit, proclaiming the love of God so that everyone may have eternal life."

Call 267-7163 for more information about St. Paul Lutheran.

### First Baptist Church

Happy New Year! The family at First Baptist Church wish all of you immeasurable blessings in the year of 2003 and pray you'll be a bountiful giver as well as a gracious recipient in Jesus' name.

First Baptist invites you to worship with us this year if you are not already involved with another fellowship. Come this Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and join a Sunday School class for Bible Study and fellowship. Morning worship begins at 10:45. Our

pastor, Rev. Dennis Teeters, will preach the sermon "Crappie and Carp." Come find out what that could be.

We are beginning new classes at 5 p.m. concerning "Old Testament Survey" and "What Did Jesus Say About That?" These classes will be taught by our pastor and youth director, Dr. Jeff Donnell. We'll meet again for worship at 6 p.m.

If you are a fan of old time gospel music, you are in for a treat. Ed Enoch, formerly with the Statesmen who were backup singers for Elvis and Golden Covenant will be here in concert for Friday, Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. There will be childcare for children three years of age or younger. Come and enjoy this evening of music.

### St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Everyone is invited attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. We return to our regular schedule and Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. The Adult Sunday School class will be studying a

series on "The Christian Life."

St. Mary's is having a Visitors' Sunday, Sunday, Jan. 12. Everyone is encouraged to bring a guest and join in the special service with our parishioners.

The Vestry will meet on Monday at 5:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Cursillo/Walk to Emmaus Gathering is Thursday, Jan. 16 in the Parish Hall. For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit our Web site at [www.stmarysbst.org](http://www.stmarysbst.org). St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

### First United Methodist Church

The First United Methodist Church of Big Spring will host a noon Bible study with lunch every Wednesday in Garrett Hall. The Bible study will be open to the community for a great time of food and fellowship. The cost of the lunch is \$2 and the size of the group that participates is usually between 35 to 70. After a couple of weeks God's word is diligently studied for approximately 25 minutes before

the gathering adjourns at 12:50 p.m. Currently, the study is a survey of the New Testament which is about to begin I Corinthians. If you aren't already enjoying Wednesday Noon Bible Study, please come and join. We have plenty of room.

A New Young Adult Sunday School Class taught by Murray and Diane Murphy will begin Sunday in Garrett Hall at 9:45 a.m.

Kid's Club will start again for the semester on Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in the Partee Building. Additional volunteers are

always welcome. Please call Pam Steel at 263-5128 for additional details.

On Sunday, come and hear Pastor Dave Ring deliver his message from Joshua 24:14-18 "Making the Old New Again." This Sunday is Covenant Renewal Sunday come and rededicate your life to God during one of our morning worship services.

First United Methodist Church is located at 400 Scurry. For more information on any of the programs at First United Methodist Church, call the church office at 267-6394

## CLUB NEWS

### TOPS TX 21

TOPS TX 21 met for a regular Monday meeting on Jan. 6 at the Dora Roberts Rehab Center, 306 West Third at 6 p.m.

Wanda Lee opened the meeting with prayer followed by the TOPS pledge as led by Donna Menges. The group then joined in singing both the fellowship and enthusiasm songs.

Gladys Russell read the minutes of the previous meeting and Mrs. Lee gave a reading entitled, "Old Friends."

Weight recorder, Genay Bertran weighed 13 TOPS members and three KOPS members but being the first weigh-in of the year there was not a gain or loss. This weight determines the weight division each member will compete in during the current year.

During the awards ceremony, bracelets were handed out to Jennifer Roberts, Toni Bales, and Debbie Green.

Three months perfect attendance charms were handed out to Donna Menges, Hughetta Roberts and one unnamed member.

December best loser was Joyce Chelette.

Mrs. Bertran reported during 2002 the club had a net loss of 121.75 pounds with an average 6.09 pounds.

Carol Smith gave the program, "What is Obesity and What Causes It." Several causes listed were: age, genetics, environmental factors emotional aspects, lack of physical activity, illness and medications.

To find out more about

TOPS one can call 1-800-932-8677 or locally 263-0391 or 263-1758.

### Mighty Oaks

The East Fourth Street Baptist Church Mighty Oaks Club met at the Senior Citizens Center for their monthly business meeting, luncheon and program on Friday, Dec. 20.

There were 12 members and two visitors present. Our visitors were Carl and Debbie Newell.

Club President Latrice Davis presided. The opening prayer was worded by Harvey Harris. Appreciation was expressed for the beautiful table decorations provided by Dorothy Taylor, Joyce Walker and Ida Belle Bankston.

Prayer requests were for club members who were ill or had fallen; Pat Wyrick and husband, Drew and Lenorah Willingham.

Officers approved for 2003 at the meeting were: For president, Joyce Harris; vice president, Joy Fortenberry. Both will serve for three months only. For secretary/reporter, Dorothy Shanks; assistant secretary/reporter, Latrice Davis; treasurer, Ida Belle Bankston; telephone committee, Pat Dickenson, Norma Kelley and Theda Perez; Program/Decoration/Trip Planner committee, Dorothy Taylor, Joyce Walker and Ida Belle Bankston.

One thank you card and four get well cards

were mailed. Those having birthdays in December were wished a very happy birthday.

The club members wishing to see the Christmas lights in Big Spring and Midland were picked up by the church van at 5 p.m. They all ate at Furr's before leaving to see the lights.

The closing prayer and thanks for our food was worded by Mary Napper.

Our program of Christmas music was brought by Carl and Debbie Newell.

They also presented a skit. Debbie accompanied Emily Whetsel who sang some Christmas carols.

The club members exchanged White Elephant gifts and all were wished a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Our next club meeting will be Jan. 21 at the church fellowship hall. No program is planned, just fellowship.

### Disabled American Veterans

The Disabled American Veterans O'Neal Kunkle Chapter 47 will hold its next scheduled business meeting (members only) on Monday, Jan. 20, at 6:30 p.m., at the Chapter Home on the corner of Seventh and Abrams Streets.

Immediately following the business session, at about 7:30 p.m., we will have a special program on the DAV Homeless Veterans Initiative. At this time, all veterans are welcome to attend

and find out what's happening locally with the homeless program.

Commander Ed Meiser, along with Marge Salhus, Homeless Veterans Coordinator at the Big Spring VAMC, will present the program and answer your questions about the homeless program as it pertains to the local area.

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# Comforting cream soups perfect antidote for winter

HYDE PARK, N.Y. (AP) — Silky, comforting cream soups are a perfect antidote to bracing weather and nipping winds.

Their velvety texture and delicate ivory color make them an elegant but versatile option, whether they're served at the start of a dinner menu, as the main course for a Sunday supper, or packed in an insulated mug for a cold-weather countryside ramble.

According to classic definitions, a cream soup is based on a bechamel sauce (which is milk thickened with roux, a mixture of flour and butter slowly cooked over low heat) and is finished with heavy cream.

Many of today's cream soups, however, are made by simmering the major flavor ingredients in thickened broth until they're tender. Then the solids are strained and, in most cases, pureed and returned to the soup. A second straining often follows to get the velvety-smooth texture that's associated with cream soups.

In some cases, milk is the base liquid, replacing the broth. You may also substitute potatoes or rice as the thickener instead

of roux. A "veloute" soup is based on a light veloute sauce (which is a broth thickened with roux) and is finished with a liaison (thickening agent) of heavy cream and egg yolks. Soups finished with such a liaison are very rich and high in calories.

Trim, peel and cut vegetables for cream soups according to type and recipe requirements.

"It is less important that the cuts are neat and uniform for cream soups than for hearty soups, because cream soups will be pureed," says Joe Mure, Assistant Professor in Culinary Arts at The Culinary Institute of America.

"However, it is important that the cuts be small and relatively uniform in size, in order to cook evenly."

"Garnishes, too, should be uniform because they decorate the soup," Mure adds, and they should be small enough for both garnish and soup to fit onto a spoon.

Aromatic vegetables such as carrots, onions, and celery should be cut relatively small to let their flavors be fully released. If you want a

white or ivory cream soup, use a combination of parsnips, leeks and celery. Other aromatic combinations, including sachets of various herbs and spices, are sometimes used in cream soups.

Finishing ingredients, final flavoring and seasonings and garnishes should be assembled and added just before serving.

Fresh sweet cream is the most common finishing ingredient, but liaisons and flavored creams (scented with ginger or other aromatics) may also be used.

Garnishes for cream soups are usually a diced meat or vegetable that reflects the major flavoring ingredient. For example, the cream of broccoli soup in the following recipe is typically garnished with cooked broccoli florets. However, if the soup is to be stored and served later, do not add these ingredients until just before serving.

Cream soups should have a velvety mouth feel with a body, consistency and texture similar to cold heavy cream — perfectly smooth and fairly thick.

However, the soup should not taste like cream. The dominant fla-

vor should be the main ingredient, as with the broccoli soup. The color will vary, depending upon the major flavoring ingredient but, in all cases, it should be relatively pale.

This recipe for cream of broccoli soup is simple to make, but elegant and refined, and makes a mouthwatering first course. It is featured, along with more than 100 other soup recipes, in The Culinary Institute of America's "Book of Soups" (Lebhar-Friedman Books, 2001, \$35).

**Cream of Broccoli Soup**  
2 pounds fresh broccoli  
1/4 cup olive or vegetable oil

1 medium onion, chopped (about 1 1/4 cup)  
1 celery stalk, chopped (about 1/2 cup)  
1 leek, white and light green parts, chopped (about 1 1/4 cup)  
1/4 cup all-purpose flour  
1 1/2 quarts chicken broth  
1/2 cup heavy cream, heated  
Fresh lemon juice, to taste  
Salt, to taste  
Freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Separate broccoli into stems and florets. Trim

away tough outer parts of stems. Set aside 1 cup of small florets for garnish. Coarsely chop remaining florets and stems.

Heat oil in a soup pot over medium heat. Add onion, celery, leek and chopped broccoli. Cook, stirring frequently, until onion is translucent, 6 to 8 minutes.

Add flour and stir well to combine. Cook, stirring frequently, 4 minutes. Add broth to pot gradually, whisking to work out any lumps of flour. Bring soup to a simmer and cook, 45 minutes. Stir frequently and skim as needed.

Strain solids, reserving liquid. Puree the solids, adding liquid as neces-

sary to facilitate pureeing. Combine puree with enough reserved liquid to achieve the consistency of heavy cream. Strain soup through a fine sieve (optional). Return soup to a simmer.

Meanwhile, steam or boil reserved broccoli florets until just tender. Remove soup from heat and add heated cream. Season with lemon juice, salt and pepper. Serve in heated bowls, garnished with florets.

Makes 8 servings (eight 8-ounce cups).

Nutrition information per serving: 200 cal., 7 g pro., 15 g carbo., 14 g fat, 25 mg chol., 125 mg sodium.

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## Woman should drop boyfriend and move on

Dear Prudence: My boyfriend came to me a couple weeks ago and said he didn't know if he could handle being a couple anymore. He said he feels I will only end up finding him boring and break up with him.



Dear Prudence

His reasoning is that his life is so simple, while I am very social. I know everyone and am "so loved by everyone" that it's too much to "live up to." He also said he wasn't sure if I'd be able to settle into such a "boring" life (his words, not mine).

It is the simplicity of his life that I love, and as for settling down, he's almost 40 and has never had a relationship that lasted more than nine months. He says he has a "personal affliction" that causes him to get quite depressed, and he let me know that he said all these things during an "attack." I want to be with this person and have been beating myself up like crazy over the situation. He continues to tell me how he has deep feelings and wants me in his life, but distances himself because he feels he cannot trust himself around me. From the outside, what do you think? — Tearing My Hair Out

Dear Prudence: Prudence would be most interested to know what it is this man does not trust himself around you to DO. Or is it to not do? Aside from being a closet commitment phobe who cannot make it past nine months, he sounds altogether quite strange. Alas, he is trying to tell you goodbye, but he wants you to be the one to wave adios. And you don't need to be a shrink to know that there is no "personal affliction" causing depression triggering an "attack" of telling a girl it's over.

Start the new year right, hon, and give this man

his wish: Take your social self (the one who knows everyone and is loved by them) out of his life so that he won't have to live up to... whatever it is, and then he can't bore you, but he CAN spare you his "personal affliction." — Prudence, skeptically

Dear Prudence: I am in the middle of the biggest dilemma of my life! I have a boyfriend I have been seeing for four years. I love him, but our dates are drinks and a walk... and that's it. Maybe on the weekends we'll go biking. He's also not very good with my 6-and-a-half-year-old daughter.

Here's the problem: I've met someone else through a chat room, and he is wonderful. We have fun together, he's great with my daughter, and he treats me the way a woman should be treated.

The only problem is... he's married. He told me if things work out, he is going to leave his wife. My question is, do I leave

my boyfriend and see what happens with this other man? I'm at a dead end here and don't know what to do. HELP! — Love Times Two

Dear Love: Welcome... for you obviously are a new reader. The old ones, of course, already know that borrowed husbands are never worth the trouble or the complications. Yes, occasionally it can work out, but the Sid Bases of the world are few and far between.

As for your chat-room friend, allow Prudence to interpret his remark about leaving his wife "if things work out." Translated loosely, this means things are NEVER going to work out, as there will always be an impediment to his leaving... be it health, money, children, position, responsibility, employment, Happy, Sleepy and Doc. And Prudence will go further and make a radical suggestion: Ditch both of these dudes, and look for someone who is both

available and heart-stoppingly wonderful. Prudence, optimistically

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Freshmen Lynsey Chalker and Courtney Rodriguez trap a Seminole play in the backcourt during Thursday's 60-35 non-district win.

### Lady Steer freshmen climb past .500 with romp over Seminole

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor  
Liverpool, England, may have spawned John, Paul, Ringo and George, but even it couldn't match the star power Big Spring put on the court Thursday night. Carmen Lewis, Raegan Ritchey, Brenn Swinney and Courtney Rodriguez all hit the big time in front of a large crowd in the Big Spring Junior High School gym. And when Lady Steers needed them most, the BSJHS 'Fab

Four' just wouldn't let the Seminole Maidens be. The foursome combined for 32 second-half points and sparking a 60-35 rout. The win left freshman coach Kenny Lowery impressed with the team's ability to regroup after an extended layoff. "I thought they came out and played very well," said Lowery. "Considering we haven't played a full team in about a month, they did really well. We showed a little rust, but they kept their

composure and battled through it." The win vaulted Big Spring over the .500 plateau for the year, improving its mark to 5-4. Big Spring didn't waste any time in setting the tone for the contest. Rodriguez led five Lady Steers in scoring in the first eight minutes and powered the BSJHS freshmen to a 12-6 advantage. Becky Cheyna capped Big Spring's first quarter run by hitting the front

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### IN BRIEF

#### Softball booster club sets Jan. 13 meeting

The Big Spring Lady Steers Softball Booster Club is scheduled to hold a meeting next week in the Big Spring High School athletic training facility. The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 13 in the ATC meeting room. All softball parents, fans and boosters are encouraged to attend and participate in the meeting.

#### Hawks' skills camp will begin Jan. 18

The Howard College Hawks coaching staff and players will begin their Skills Camp on Jan. 18 in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The camp is open to boys and girls ages 6-12. Campers will learn the fundamentals of basketball. They will showcase the skills at the half of the Hawks-Clarendon game on Feb. 10.

The cost for the camp, which runs four Saturdays from 11 a.m. to noon, is \$10 per person.

For more information contact Hawks head coach Chris Jans at 264-5044.

#### BSYBA hoop season set to begin Jan. 11

The Big Spring Youth Basketball Association is scheduled to tip-off its 2003 season this weekend with play in the 12 & Under division.

Teams from throughout the area, including Ackerly, Stanton, Forsan and Coahoma are slated to field teams this year. Coahoma will be competing in its own league.

#### Big Spring girls will host Frenship today

The Big Spring Lady Steers will continue their District 4-4A march today when they host the Frenship Lady Tigers in the BSJHS gym.

The JV Lady Steers are slated to tip off at 7:30 p.m. The BSJHS varsity squad, 15-7 overall, will start at 6 p.m.

#### Ten Star basketball camp taking entries

Applications for the Ten Star All-Star Basketball Camp are now being evaluated. The camp is an invitation-only program for male and female athletes ages 10 to 19.

Past participants in the camp include Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse and Grant Hill. The camp will showcase talent from 50 states and eight foreign countries. For a free brochure on the camp contact Ten Star All-Star Basketball at (704) 373-0873.

### ON THE AIR

Sports Broadcast Schedule		
Jan. 10		
Event, Time	Station	
Mavericks vs. Boston, 6:30 p.m.	1490	
Jan. 12		
Event, Time	Station	
Mavericks vs. Clippers, 2 p.m.	1490	
Jan. 13		
Event, Time	Station	
Mavericks vs. Clippers, 2 p.m.	1490	
Lady Hawks vs. Odessa, 5:35 p.m.	1490	
Jan. 14		
Event, Time	Station	
Mavericks vs. Clippers, 2 p.m.	1490	
Lady Hawks vs. Odessa, 5:35 p.m.	1490	
Jan. 16		
Event, Time	Station	
Lady Hawks vs. Clarendon, 5:35 p.m.	1490	

### Steers set to begin 4-4A play tonight

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Welcome Frenship to "It's Your Guess." Today's subject is ... the Big Spring Steers. Here's a team that has spent the better part of two months adjusting to a new system, a new coach and life off the football field.

For a free pat on the back and a promise to let you by the producers of the show a free Big Mac. Can you tell everyone in Paperland what the Steers' 2-19 non-district record amounts to?

Doo-dee-dumm-doo.

Oops, sorry. Time's up. The correct answer is it means nothing. Believe it or not, everyone is 0-0 tonight.

The Steers, who have turned in several strong outings over the past two weeks, will kick off their District 4-4A schedule tonight in the Steer Gym against the Frenship Tigers. The game will be the second half of a doubleheader that begins at 6 p.m. with the Big Spring Lady Steers.

Despite their record, Big Spring has shown improvement of late. The Steers pushed Lamesa to the brink twice in the recent O.W. Follis Tournament and staged a strong effort against Snyder prior to the Christmas break.

Big Spring is led by senior Alvin Russell and juniors Jordan Cobb and Wes Smith.

Frenship should be a solid test for the Steers. The Tigers were ranked among the state's Top 20 earlier this year.

In the Lady Steers, the Big Spring girls will be facing yet another solid squad. Frenship threw a scare into Levelland in the first week of 4-4A action before falling, 42-39.

That loss, and an ensuing setback against Lubbock Estacado, will have Frenship in desperation mode. Another loss in loop play would severely damage the Lady Steers' playoff hopes — a fact that could only help Big Spring.

The Lady Steers, 15-7 overall, head into the third game of district play with a 1-1 record and in a tie for second place with Andrews. A win tonight would likely send Big Spring into Tuesday's game with Estacado with the upper hand in the race for a playoff berth.

The Lady Steers will be led into the game by seniors Courtney Brock and Krystle Long and junior Leina Braxton.

## BACK IN ACTION

### Seminole spoils Lady Steers' '03 debut with sweep

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Meagan Smith, Cecili Islas and Brittany Simer probably felt a little like a lifeguard looking at a sinking ship with just one life ring Thursday night. They threw up shot after shot but simply ran out of ammunition in a 40-37 setback to the Seminole Maidens.

The Lady Steers' loss was one of four Big Spring suffered to Seminole as teams returned to action for the first time in nearly a month.

Smith and the Lady Steers actually got off to a good start against Seminole. Big Spring outscored the Maidens by a 7-6 margin in the first quarter.

Seminole rallied back from there. They put together a 19-17 run through the second and third quarters and took a slim 25-24 lead into the final stanza.

The Maidens sealed the win with a slim 14-12 spree in the final six minutes.

Smith finished the contest as the Lady Steers' top scorer with 10 points. Islas and Simer added six apiece.

The Big Spring eighth grade A team also found it hard to jump back into action. Despite solid games from Jacquelyn Hopkins, Myeisha Shorts and Brinnan Pierce, the Lady Steers fell, 40-22, in their first outing of 2003.

Seminole did most of its damage in the first and fourth quarters. They opened the game with a 12-4 run. Three quarters later, they sealed the win with a 15-6 run.

Hopkins led all BSJHS scorers with eight points. She also had a team-high five rebounds.

Shorts finished the game as the team's second-leading scorer, netting six points. Pierce added five.

The Maidens' seventh grade A team withstood a wild fourth-quarter surge to claim a tough 26-19 win over Big Spring.

The Lady Steers showed plenty

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Big Spring Junior High School's Jacquelyn Hopkins puts back an offensive rebound during the third quarter of the Lady Steers' 40-22 loss to Seminole Thursday. Seminole won all four games against the BSJHS cagers.

### Coahoma begins 3-2A action against Forsan

The Coahoma Bulldogs know one thing for sure: The road to the District 3-2A title runs through Forsan. With that in mind, the Bulldogs will try and take their first step toward a playoff berth tonight when they invade the Buffalo Gym for a showdown with their cross-county rivals.

The two Howard County rivals are scheduled to begin the district portions

Area Basketball Schedule	
Girls	
Coahoma at Forsan	6:30 p.m.
Stanton at Crane	6:30 p.m.
Grady at Sands	6 p.m.
Borden Co. at Dawson	6 p.m.
Garden City at Rankin	6 p.m.
Boys	
Coahoma at Forsan	8 p.m.
Stanton at Crane	8 p.m.
Grady at Sands	8 p.m.
Borden Co. at Dawson	8 p.m.
Garden City at Rankin	6 p.m.

of their schedule beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Forsan heads into the contest on a high note. The Buffaloes made their debut in the Texas

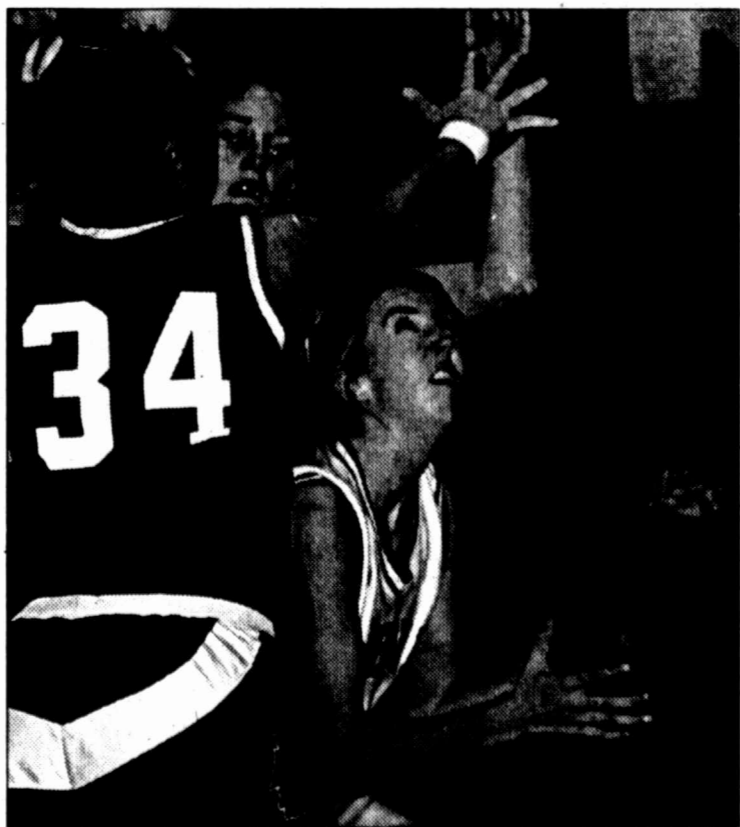
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### BSYBA action begins Saturday

The Big Spring Youth Basketball season tips off Saturday morning with games throughout the city.

The Wizards are slated to begin their 12 & Under

season at 9:30 a.m. against the Mavericks in the Big Spring Junior High School-gym. Games will also be played in the Goliad gym and YMCA gym.



The Coahoma Bulldogettes will try and earn their first District 3-2A win tonight when they invade Forsan for a showdown with their cross-county rivals.

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2003 BSYBA Girls' Schedules

GIRLS	
8 & Under Division	
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10 & Under Division	
Jan. 11	
Teams	Time
Wildcats vs. Buffaloes	9:30 a.m.
Fever vs. Jazz	10:30 a.m.
Bulldogettes vs. Comets	11:30 a.m.
Stars vs. Swish	1 p.m.
Kats vs. Lady Buffs	2 p.m.
Lady Steers vs. Mustangs	3 p.m.
Rockets vs. Sparks	4 p.m.
Titans vs. Buffalo Stars	5 p.m.
Jan. 18	
Event, Time	Station
Buffalo Stars vs. Wildcats	9:30 a.m.
Buffaloes vs. Titans	10:30 a.m.
Comets vs. Stars	11:30 a.m.
Swish vs. Bulldogettes	1 p.m.
Sparks vs. Fever	2 p.m.
Jazz vs. Rockets	3 p.m.
Mustangs vs. Kats	4 p.m.
Lady Buffs vs. Lady Steers	5 p.m.
Jan. 25	
Event, Time	Station
Mustangs vs. Titans	9:30 a.m.
Bulldogettes vs. Stars	10:30 a.m.
Sparks vs. Comets	11:30 a.m.
Swish vs. Buffaloes	1 p.m.
Fever vs. Rockets	2 p.m.
Buffalo Stars vs. Jazz	3 p.m.
Kats vs. Lady Steers	4 p.m.
Wildcats vs. Lady Buffs	5 p.m.
Feb. 1	
Teams	Time
Jazz vs. Lady Steers	9:30 a.m.
Buffaloes vs. Sparks	10:30 a.m.
Bulldogettes vs. Rockets	11:30 a.m.
Buffalo Stars vs. Swish	1 p.m.
Wildcats vs. Mustangs	2 p.m.
Fever vs. Stars	3 p.m.
Kats vs. Titans	4 p.m.
Lady Buffs vs. Comets	5 p.m.
Feb. 8	
Event, Time	Station
Sparks vs. Stars	9:30 a.m.
Lady Steers vs. Rockets	10:30 a.m.
Comets vs. Buffalo Stars	11:30 a.m.
Titans vs. Swish	1 p.m.
Jazz vs. Wildcats	2 p.m.
Fever vs. Lady Buffs	3 p.m.
Mustangs vs. Buffaloes	4 p.m.
Bulldogettes vs. Kats	5 p.m.
Feb. 15	
Event, Time	Station
Fever vs. Lady Steers	9:30 a.m.
Lady Buffs vs. Mustangs	10:30 a.m.
Wildcats vs. Bulldogettes	11:30 a.m.
Swish vs. Sparks	1 p.m.
Buffalo Stars vs. Kats	2 p.m.
Buffaloes vs. Rockets	3 p.m.
Comets vs. Jazz	4 p.m.
Stars vs. Titans	5 p.m.
Feb. 22	
Event, Time	Station
Sparks vs. Lady Buffs	9:30 a.m.
Buffalo Stars vs. Bulldogettes	10:30 a.m.
Titans vs. Fever	11:30 a.m.
Rockets vs. Swish	1 p.m.
Jazz vs. Buffaloes	2 p.m.
Lady Steers vs. Comets	3 p.m.
Kats vs. Wildcats	4 p.m.
Mustangs vs. Stars	5 p.m.
March 1	
Event, Time	Station
Wildcats vs. Lady Steers	9:30 a.m.
Lady Buffs vs. Rockets	10:30 a.m.
Sparks vs. Buffalo Stars	11:30 a.m.
Swish vs. Fever	1 p.m.

Holmes romps to top offensive player award

Priest Holmes accomplished in 14 games what many players can't in two full seasons. His reward: The Associated Press NFL Offensive Player of the Year award.

The dynamic running back for the Kansas City Chiefs was on pace to shatter several NFL records before a deep hip bruise sidelined him for the final two games of 2002. Still, Holmes set 10 team records, including 1,615 yards rushing and 21 TDs. He also had three scores as a receiver, and the 24 TDs were two short of Marshall Faulk's league mark.

Holmes' 2,287 yards from scrimmage fell 142 short of Faulk's NFL record. And in 383 touches, Holmes had only one fumble.

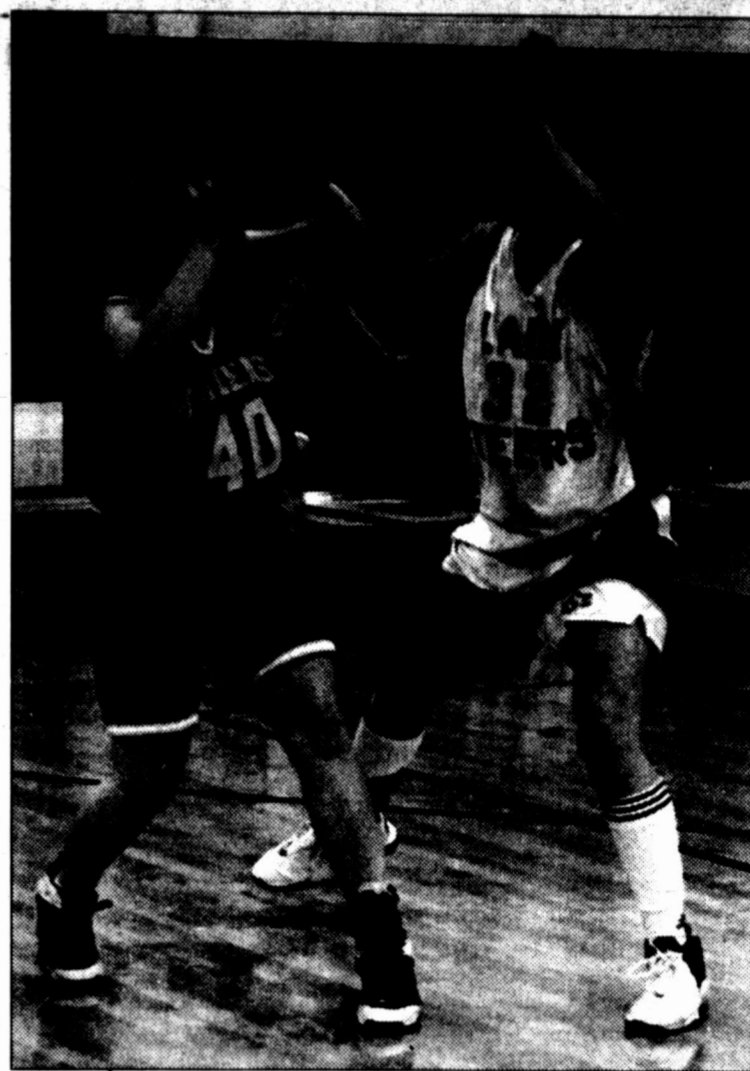
Chiefs coach Dick Vermeil researched Holmes' total yards from scrimmage and found it was the most ever in a 14-game span.

Howard College offering free passes to Flight Club members

The Howard College Lady Hawks and Hawks will open their conference basketball season at home on Monday, Jan. 13, against Odessa College.

The Lady Hawks, 9-9, will begin at 5:50 p.m. against the OC Lady Wranglers. The Hawks, 16-0 overall and ranked No. 5 in the latest NJCAA national poll, will play 20 minutes following the first game.

To kick off the evening, "Homeland", a trio from Trinity Baptist Church consisting of Steve Moses and Tim & Debbie Dunn will be singing the National Anthem. The Howard College cheerleaders also will be performing at half of both games. Admission price is \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.



Big Spring freshman Raegan Ritchey attempts to deny a pass during the second quarter Thursday.

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end of a one-and-one situation with no time remaining.

Cheyne's free throw sent the Lady Steers into the second quarter holding a seven-point lead.

Seminole, despite six points from Lewis, battled back in the ensuing period. They outscored Big Spring by a 17-14 clip in the second and pulled to within 27-23 at the half.

Raegan Ritchey helped power the Lady Steers' offense in the second. She scored five of her 13 points in the frame.

Big Spring turned up the intensity in the second half. And Seminole paid dearly because of it.

Ritchey and Rodriguez ignited a torrid third-quarter run by the Lady Steers that broke the game open. Paced by five points apiece by Ritchey and Rodriguez, the freshmen staged a 14-6 run in the frame and ballooned their lead to 41-29.

Rodriguez, who finished with 11 points, delivered the big blow in the frame by sinking the team's only 3-point basket.

Lewis, the game's top scorer, added to the third-quarter efforts by contributing a pair of shots from the floor.

Swinney and Lewis went prime time in the final eight minutes. The two spearheaded a 19-6 fourth-quarter romp by combing for 15 points.

Swinney tallied eight of her 12 points in the fourth. Lewis chalked up seven of her 20 in the stanza.

Zephyr football coach dies of leukemia

Zephyr High School football coach Chad Nabors lost his battle with leukemia Tuesday night in Houston. Nabors, who was diagnosed with the disease last spring, had been receiving treatment in Houston. Funeral services are set for 11 a.m. today at the First Baptist Church in De Leon.

BSJHS

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of rust from the break. They made three points in the first two quarters into the half by a 15-6 margin.

Big Spring's production was worse in the BSJHS girls' match one shot field in the first minutes of the second quarter.

Big Spring led the fourth period by a 20-8 margin.

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The Lady Steers' grade B team fered a 10-9 deficit in periods to clinch win.

Big Spring, Stacy Beall, used defense to get lead early.

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Seminole pulled in 6-5 at the half.

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of rust from the holiday break. They managed just three points in each of the first two quarters and went into the half trailing by a 15-6 margin.

Big Spring's offensive production got even worse in the third. The BSJHS girls managed to hit one shot from the field in the first six minutes of the second half.

Big Spring went into to the fourth period down by a 20-8 margin.

The Lady Steers found their game in the final stanza. Keyed by Amanda Caskey, Madeleine Hopkins and Lauren Sage, Big Spring hammered out 11 points in the final frame and pulled to within seven at the final buzzer.

The Lady Steer seventh grade B team also suffered a tough loss. Seminole rallied from a 10-9 deficit after three periods to claim a 21-13 win.

Big Spring, coached by Stacy Beall, used a stingy defense to grab an early lead early. The Lady Steers held the Maidens scoreless in the opening six minutes and took a slim 2-0 lead into the second.

Seminole pulled to within 6-5 at the half.

Big Spring kept the pressure on in the third. Both teams pushed home four points in the frame and sent the game into the fourth with Big Spring holding a 1-point advantage.

The Maidens blew open the game in the final minutes by going on a 12-3 run.

Clarissa Carrisalez led the Lady Steers on both sides of the ball. She finished with four points and six steals. Amber Simer had three points and two rebounds.

**AREA**

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Association of Basketball Coaches' poll this week at No. 19.

The Buffs, who earned consolation honors at the recent Sterling City Invitational, are led into the game by Matt Ellis, Wes Longorio and Josh Helmstetter.

Coahoma, under the direction of veteran head coach Kim Nichols, has a few weapons of their own in Chase Davis, Cory Mulkey and Kelly Kemper.

Forsan and Coahoma won't be the only area team opening 3-2A action tonight. The Stanton Buffaloes will begin their run in Crane at 6:30 p.m.

Other area teams in action tonight include: Garden City traveling to Rankin; Grady visiting Sands and Borden Co. facing Dawson in Welch.

**Payton to join Cowboys' staff**

DALLAS (AP) — Offensive coordinator Sean Payton is leaving the New York Giants to join Bill Parcells with the Dallas Cowboys.

Several published reports Friday said Payton will become the Cowboys' assistant head coach and quarterbacks coach, with an official announcement expected as early as Friday.

Payton's departure had been expected after he was stripped of play-calling duties by Jim Fassel midway through the season. The 35-year-old Payton had called plays for the Giants since mid-way 1999.

Monday, Parcells brought in Maurice Carthon as offensive coordinator to replace Bruce Coslet.

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**Horoscope**

**BY JACQUELINE BIGAR HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Friday, Jan. 10, 2003:  
Often you feel pressured by circumstances. As a result, you approach key matters differently. Have more faith in your ability to work through life's logjams. You often decide to simply leap over them and let astrological currents work them out. Your ability to pull back and detach can save you in tough times. You are more than willing to work hard and put in many long hours. You will reap your rewards through financial gain. A partnership might increase in importance. Learn to work with others more closely. You pull the wild card financially. If you are single, you will have an intense relationship this year; someone from a distance or quite different could enter your life after August. If you are attached, a partner or loved one could make a distinct difference in your life, financially and emotionally. Spend more time together. ARIES understands more than you know.  
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) \*\*\* Pressure builds left and right. Discussions could trigger your nerves. You will think that others seem negative. Use your high energy with a particular goal. Excitement marks your day. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) \*\* Take your time. You might unnecessarily jump to conclusions that could be unfounded, causing your-

self a problem. Don't make any money decisions just yet, especially as so much could change. A boss could surprise you. Tonight: Get some extra sleep. You're going to need it.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) \*\*\* Your perspective changes quickly. At first you could be irritated by certain issues that seem to plague a relationship. Remember, the misunderstanding could also be on your side. Talk rather than close down. News flies your way. Tonight: Make hay while you can.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) \*\*\* Stay in contact with your needs, as well as others. Sometimes you feel pushed to the limit. Review a matter that might be close to your heart with a loved one. What you see as a problem could quickly pass with some thought. Tonight: A must show.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\* Push beyond your normal limits. Let a controversy work for you. See where you might be limiting your thinking. By stretching, you'll be able to incorporate a long-term goal. Still, an associate could surprise you. Tonight: Take off ASAP. Need I remind you it's Friday night?  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\* Your efforts touch someone close. You might want to consider how to help someone see a developing situation as you do. Besides explaining, there might be little you can do. Relax more with the moment. Accept that you cannot change someone. Tonight: Opt for closeness.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\* Others distinguish the difference between a disagreement and your need-

ing control. Distance yourself from the situation, and you'll gain another point of view. Surprises happen when you let go of a problem. Tonight: Go with plans.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\* Dig your heels in a project. You make the best out of a situation that stems from a misunderstanding. Perhaps you can backpedal; talk to each individual and clear the air. As a result, you'll get everything back on track. Tonight: Join the work gang.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\* Stabilize what you consider a weakness. Work with your finances prior to making a mistake. Review a matter that is close to your heart with a loved one. Pressure builds, as someone wants it his or her way. Why not? Tonight: Let the chips fall where they may.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\* Visualizing and creating what you want could put you at odds with a family member. You seem to be walking into a double bind. Understand that there

might be a way to make both of you happy. Work on dynamic thinking. Tonight: Stay close to home.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\* You might not exactly be sure what is workable right now. Your caring way opens new doors with a friend or associate. Don't take someone's statements personally. This person could be out of sorts. Tonight: Cruise your favorite spots.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\* Outside your immediate environment, you see many in discomfort and reacting to it. Take the time to think through a problem rather than reacting. A meeting could tumble into disarray. Let time work its wonder. You could be delighted. Tonight: Treat yourself to something new.  
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**31 year old virgin bride wonders about husband**

Editor's Note: Hundreds of Ann Landers' loyal readers have requested that newspapers continue to publish her columns of the past 47 years. These letters originally appeared in 1998 and 1996.  
Dear Ann Landers: I have been married for 10 months and am still a virgin. I am 31, and "Edward" is 25. I dated him for four years. We attend church regularly, eat out a lot and have a wide circle of friends. I dated a number of boys before I met Edward. I am ~~the only~~ girl he ever took out.  
Edward's father died when he was 13. He had a very close relationship with his mother and was taught to respect older people, open doors for ladies and so on. His social skills are impeccable. That is what attracted me to him. Even though our relationship was platonic when we courted, I thought surely it would change when we married. I believed he was showing his respect for me because he knew I had high moral standards.  
The problem is that nothing has changed. Edward tells me he loves me and tries to show it by cleaning the house, taking me out to dinner and surprising me with gifts. He never hugs or kisses me. The only time he ever kissed me was at our marriage ceremony when the preacher said, "You may kiss the bride."  
He shows no indication that he is gay. We work at the same place and do everything together, except have sex. At this point, I feel frustrated, depressed and lonely. I love this man and used to enjoy his companionship, but lately, I'm beginning to feel a lot of resentment.  
When I try to give him a hug, he draws back, and I sense a coolness. When we go to bed, we say goodnight, and he turns his back on me and goes to sleep. We've never seen each other naked. He is slightly overweight and tells me he won't be so shy when he looks better. He says if I really love him, I will wait until he is ready. Ann, how long do I wait? — Frustrated in Florida  
Dear Florida: Let me get this straight. You dated Edward for four years, have been married 10 months and are still a virgin. You have not seen him without clothes because he wants to wait until he looks better. You are sure he isn't gay.  
Have you considered the possibility that Edward is asexual? While he isn't interested in males, he isn't interested in females, either. And now you ask how long you should wait. Time is not a factor.

Edward could wait forever. I urge you to seek professional help at once. Of course, your husband needs therapy, too, but for now, you need to get your head straightened around and find out why you have settled for so little for so long. You can think about Edward's head later.  
Dear Annie: I have lived in this neighborhood for six years. Four years ago, there was a fight among several young children, with my children to blame. Since then, the neighbors' children have not been allowed to play with mine, nor have they spoken to anyone from my household. The grownups will not talk to us, either. Any attempts to resolve the situation have been fruitless.  
I'm sure a lot of this is because the moms don't like me, but I'm concerned about my children's hurt feelings. Please help. — Spokane, Wash.  
Dear Spokane: What kind of altercation was so terrible that young children have been unable to play together for four years? Try one last time to smooth the ruffled feathers. Visit one of the mothers (maybe bring along some homemade cookies), and say, "I'm so sorry we haven't been better neighbors, especially since it's so hard on the children. Can we try to work things out?" If she rejects you, at least you will have done your best. Encourage your children to make friends through school or extracurricular programs. When they are older, it will no longer be an issue.  
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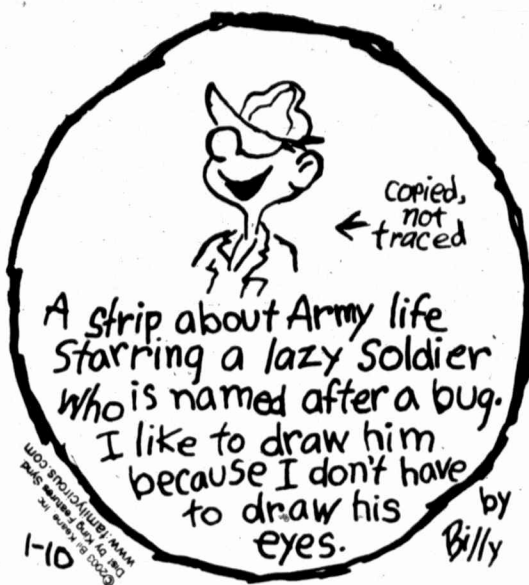
FRIDAY JAN. 10 TV schedule table with columns for station, time, and program name.

DENNIS THE MENACE



"DON'T GET ONE OF THOSE SITTERS THAT CRIES A LOT. THEY ALWAYS MAKE ME FEEL GUILTY."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



Little Billy takes a Keane look at "BEETLE BAILEY."

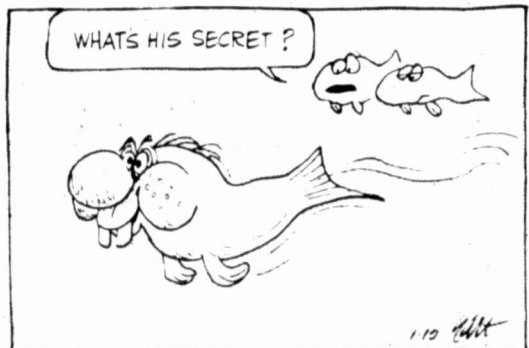
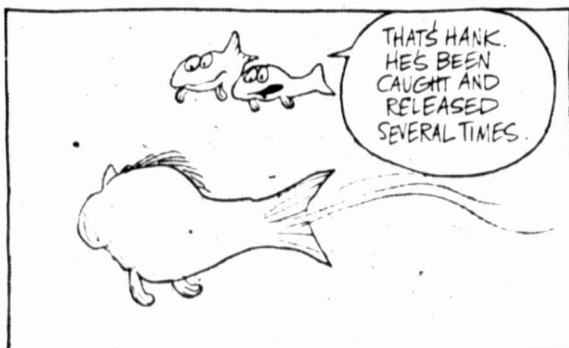
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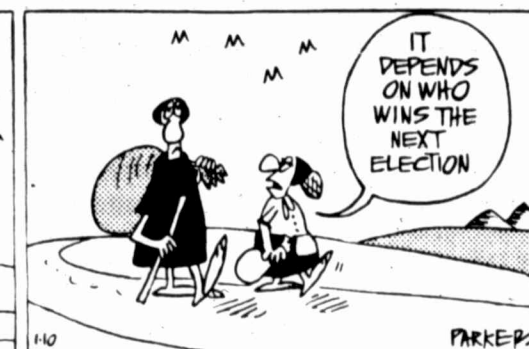
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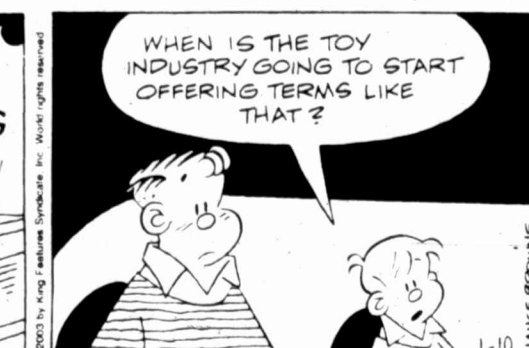
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People In the News

By The Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. - Singer Diana Ross said she was trying to rent a video and got lost when she was stopped for allegedly driving under the influence.

consented to a field sobriety test but fell down and laughed while trying to stand on one leg and count to 10.

Ross was cited on three misdemeanor counts related to driving under the influence and has a Jan. 13 court date.

A spokeswoman for her Los Angeles-based publicist, Paul Bloch, declined to comment on the arrest.

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) - Gov. Jesse Ventura has a new set of wheels - big ones.

Less than a week before he returns to private life.

Ventura was showing off his new, copper-colored 2003 Hummer outside the Capitol on Tuesday.

The Hummer is a loaded version of the military Humvee, the squat vehicle often seen on television during the Gulf War.

Ventura said he wanted one because "I live in Minnesota and I don't want to get stuck."

Ventura leveled the governorship Monday when his successor, Tim Pawlenty, takes the oath of office.

Answer to previous puzzle grid with words like EVER, AGHA, SCAMP, DAVE, GRID, TONER, ARID, AIDA, ENTRY, MYLITTLE, MARGIE, DAHL, UNO, SOC, MAESTRO, DAS, TRAMP, AAA, DOLT, IDREAMOF, JEANNIE, LEER, IRE, LANGE, TRY, EMERITI, AND, AXE, NIBS, MYSISTER, ILEEN, ROOTS, ALOU, ALMA, ARGOT, SLAP, SLIT, PEARS, KEDS, HATE.

Newsday Crossword

I BEFORE E by Richard Silvestri Edited by Stanley Newman

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.