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WEATHER

Tonight:



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TONIGHT 31°-33° TOMORROW 52°-55°

BRIEFLY

MLK Day march

The Martin Luther King Jr. Day march will begin at 6 p.m. today at the corner of Martin Luther King Boulevard and Gregg Street in Big Spring.

Those unable to march can participate by other means such as bicycle or automobile.

Marchers will walk west to FM 700 where the group will hold a prayer.

Everyone is invited.

Election day polls

Polling places for Tuesday's Senate District 31 special election have been consolidated to the following:

- Precincts 101-115, North Side Fire Station, 100 N.E. Eighth Street. Precincts 202-205, 208, Washington Place School, 1201 S. Birdwell Lane. Precincts 207, 405, 407-409, Coahoma Community Center, Coahoma. Precincts 302-305, Goliad Middle School Library, 2000 Goliad Street. Precincts 401-406, 410, Big Spring High School Library, 707 E. 11th Place.

On the ballot are seven candidates, including lone Democratic hopeful Elaine King Miller of Amarillo.

Republican candidates are producer Lee Gibson of Dumas, businessman Kirk Edwards of Odessa, businessman Kel Selinger of Amarillo, businessman Don Sparks of Midland, Odessa businessman Bob Barnes, and restaurant owner/attorney Jesse Quackenbush of Amarillo.

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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Chilin' out, Texas style

Boss Hogg event draws 300 people

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Saturday was chilly and you needed a coat, but the food was chili, and it was plenty warm enough.

Would-be tasters were plenty at the Harley-Davidson Owners Group 15th annual Boss Hogg Chili Cook-Off. Despite the cold weather, the cook-off enticed about 300 people for fun and fellowship.

Steam rose all day under the big tent laid out by the Harley-Davidson Shop as 23 teams concocted their best recipes in hopes of being crowned the winner.

So, who had the best chili?

"We do, of course," said Paul Anderson of Bulchitnya Riders, standing by the team's creative mechanical chili cooker. As the chili finished, it was sent to a toilet bowl for serving.

"If the judges don't pick us... well, we can't control taste," Anderson quipped.

Other competitors would disagree.

"My chili is the best," said Harley-Davidson Shop owner Howard Walker, who expressed confidence that his recipe would earn the title. "I know all the judges and have had time to bribe them all."

Kathy Lusk of the Hotter Than "L" team felt so confident in her chili that she brought along a pink boa and tiara in case she was crowned chili queen.

Unfortunately, Lusk had to put aside her dreams of royalty as the All-American Cabinet team of Dalton and Carol Lewis won the show.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Chili cookers Randy Skinner, left, and Paul Anderson serve up another bowl of chili from their team's unique chili maker at the Harley-Davidson Owners Group 15th annual Boss Hogg Chili Cook-Off. The group won the Best of Show at the event, which drew a sizeable crowd of people.

Although they may have appreciated the chefs' showmanship, the judges, which included Texas Senate 31 candidates Kel Selinger and Lee Gibson, didn't actually know what biteful of chili belonged

to which contestant. Money from the annual event goes to supporting HOG, which contributes to a number of charities throughout the year.

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Seminar to focus on child obesity

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

As more emphasis is being placed on the rising rate of obesity among children in the United States, a civic club is holding to a seminar to disseminate more information about the issue.

"Every January, we present a community health forum," said Lisa Brooks of the Big Spring Woman's Club. "This year, club members thought about an issue that is important in this day and age and childhood obesity seems to be in epidemic proportions in our country."

Club members Kim Shafer, a family nurse practitioner, and nutritionist Laurie Phillips will present the forum at 7 p.m. today at the Trinity Baptist Church Annex, 810 11th Place. There is no cost to attend.

Shafer said the issue is very prevalent today, citing that the rate of obesity in children has doubled since the 1960s.

"It is a problem," Shafer said. "I don't think we have a good solution. It's real hard to tell these parents to just don't buy chips and soft drinks. That is not enough intervention."

The medical community is now seeing more children that run the risk of developing cardiovascular disease at a very young age, Shafer said.

Obesity places the child at risk of becoming a type 2 diabetic, developing high blood pressure, high cholesterol and bone and joint problems along with the physiological aspects of low esteem.

Shafer hopes disseminating this information through forums such as

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7 p.m. today, Trinity Baptist Church Annex, 810 11th Place

Howard SWCD invites public for group event

Special to the HERALD

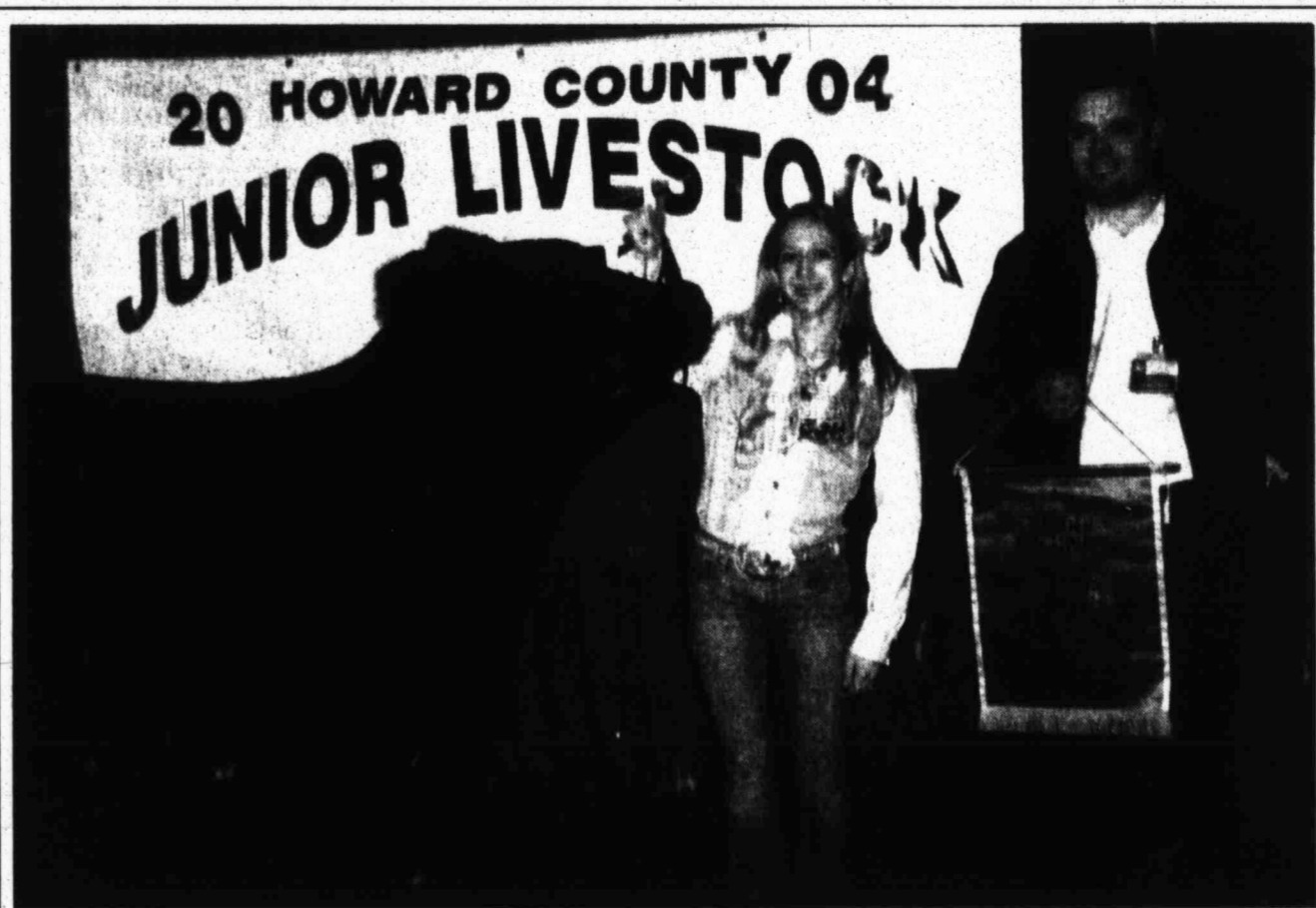
The Howard Soil and Water Conservation District is inviting the public to participate in a program development group meeting.

The group will provide advice to the local work group concerning the 2004 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) for Howard County.

EQIP provides technical assistance, cost-share payments, incentive payments and training to producers who enter into contracts based on an EQIP plan of operations. This program is designed to assist landowners in applying conservation practices on their land.

The SWCD is convening the meeting to receive comment on resource concerns, conservation practices, cost-share rates, screening and ranking tools, and areas of local concern.

The meeting will be held at the USDA Service Center, 302 W. 1-20 in Big Spring, at 3 p.m. Tuesday.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Britnee Nix of Coahoma FFA poses with her grand champion steer along with buyer John Kennedy of H-E-B following the Howard County Junior Livestock auction Saturday. The premium auction and appreciation luncheon wrapped up the four-day event. For more pictures of champion and reserve champion winners, see Page 6A.

Sales tax rebates off to good start in 2004

By BILL MCCLELLAN

News Editor

Taxes?

Big Spring began the new year in stable fashion, receiving \$279,224.67 in sales tax rebates this month. That's an increase of 11.64 percent compared to January 2003, when the city received \$250,107.49.

Year-to-date numbers are the same, since this is the first month of the new year.

According to the State Comptroller's Office, 12 of 19 area cities witnessed an increase in rebates for the month, including Coahoma and Forsan.

Coahoma received \$4,049.31, an increase of

46.39 percent when compared to the \$2,660.4 taken in for January 2003.

Forsan took in \$2,742.08, up 25.89 percent compared to the \$2,178.07 received a year ago.

Sales tax rebates for Abilene were down 2.34 percent, comparing the \$1,871,970.02 taken in this month to the \$1,916,870.68 taken in during January 2003.

Andrews took it in the pocketbook, receiving just \$57,999.52 this month compared to \$75,780.82 a year ago — a decrease of 23.46 percent.

Brownfield received \$51,409.53, some 3.67 percent off the pace of the \$53,368.78 received in January 2003.

Colorado City welcomed a 7.94 percent increase, comparing this year's receipts of \$29,544.07 to last January's \$27,368.94.

Fort Stockton witnessed a decrease of 5.17 percent, comparing the \$98,699.99 taken in this month against the \$104,087.77 received 12 months ago.

Kermitt incurred a sizeable dropoff of 24.10 percent. That city received \$23,400.24 this month compared to \$30,833.33 in January 2003.

Rebates were up 5.94 percent for Lamesa, comparing the \$59,678.68 received this month to the \$56,329.66 received last January.

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## Obituaries

## Francile "Frankie" Davis

Francile "Frankie" Davis, 87, died Saturday, Jan. 17, 2004, in Waco. Mrs. Davis previously lived in Bruceville. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2004, at Heritage Funeral Home, with Hospice Chaplain Pat Patton, officiating. Visitation will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 17, at Heritage Funeral Home, located near Chapel Hill Memorial Park on I-35 South. Interment will follow at Chapel Hill Memorial Park.

Mrs. Davis was born Francile Mayfield on Aug. 23, 1916, in Lorena. She attended schools in Lorena and South Bosque where she met and married Nelson E. Davis on Aug. 26, 1933, in Long Branch, near Eddy. They had two children, Billy Charles and Joyce Nell. She and Mr. Davis were married for 39 years.

She was a member of Bruceville Baptist Church for approximately 55 years. During this time she taught the Junior Sunday school class, served as treasurer of WMU, taught vacation Bible school, and was active in all areas of church activities prior to going to Crestview Retirement and Convelesant Home. During the time she lived at Crestview she was active in the residents' Bible study group and took part in compiling a book which was published for the residents, called "Paul's Life and Teachings — the Way of Love."

Mrs. Davis was preceded in death by her husband, Nelson, and a beloved little grandson, Danny Leon Leuschner.

She is survived by one son, Billy Charles Davis of Waco; one daughter and son-in-law, Joycee and Tom Davis of Big Spring; a grandson and his wife, Michael and Dadrinne Leuschner; two great-grandchildren, Alex and Bradis Leuschner of Big Spring; and one sister, Joyce Mahoney of Waco.

Memorials may be made to the First Christian Church, 911 Goliad, Big Spring 79720.

*Paid obituary*

## Troy Allgood

Troy Allgood, 86, of Big Spring, died Monday, Jan. 19, 2004, in a Midland hospital. His funeral services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Johnny Payne

Johnny Payne, 45, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Jan. 18, 2004, in a Lubbock hospital. His funeral services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Support groups

## TUESDAY

□ Area Agency on Aging of the Permian Basin will hold a self-help support group for care givers in Howard County on Tuesday.

The meeting will be held at Canterbury Retirement Homes Inc., 1700 Lancaster, from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. For more information, call Raynetta Williams, caregiver coordinator, at (432) 563-1061 or (800) 491-4636 or locally call Debbie Read at Home Hospice at (432) 264-7599.

This group is open to the public and funded by the Texas Department on Aging.

## THURSDAY

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

□ The Fibromyalgia Autoimmune Disease Support Group will meet only on the second Thursday of the month at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. The group will no long meet weekly.

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

## Weather

Today — Sunny. Highs in the lower 50s. Northeast wind 5 mph, shifting to the south 5 to 10 mph late morning.

Tonight — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph.

Tuesday — Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday night — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. Lows in the mid 30s. South winds 5 to 15 mph.

Wednesday — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. Highs in the lower 40s. North winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday night — Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.

Thursday and thursday night — Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s. Lows in the lower 30s.

Friday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s.

Friday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.

Saturday — Mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers. Highs in the upper 50s.

Saturday night and Sunday — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Highs in the upper 50s.

## Police blotter

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

• **PAULA SUE BAKER**, 44, of 2607 Chanute, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JOE LUIS SANCHEZ**, 44, of 401 Young, was arrested Saturday on two local traffic warrants.

• **MIGUEL HINOJOS**, 40, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Sunday on a charge of assault-class C/family violence.

• **JULIAN MOJICA JR.**, 18, of 7402 W. FM 846, was arrested Sunday on three local traffic warrants.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF TO IMPARE/INTERRUPT PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 700 block of Lorilla.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 400 block of 11th Place.

• **THEFT** was reported:

- in the 800 block of Gregg Street.

- in the 2300 block of Wasson.

- in the 500 block of Westover Road.

- in the 400 block of Birdwell.

- in the 900 block of Willia.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 2500 block of Cindy.

• **ASSAULT BY THREAT** was reported in the 1500 block of 17th Street.

• **ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported:

- in the 800 block of Interstate Highway 20.

- in the 400 block of Young.

- in the 3600 block of Boulder.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:

- in the 2500 block of Cindy.

- in the 1600 block of Gregg Street.

- in the 1000 block of Hearn.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1200 block of 11th Place.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS OF A HABITATION/SHELTER CENTER** was reported in the 1100 block of Scurry.

## Sheriff's report

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

• **FORGERY** was reported in the 5600 block of Interstate Highway 20. Report taken.

• **ANIMAL PROBLEM** was reported in the area of N. Highway 87. Deputy responded, was unable to locate.

• **ANIMAL PROBLEM** was reported in the area of S. Anderson Road. Deputy responded.

• **INTOXICATED DRIVER** was reported in the westbound lane of Interstate Highway 20. Deputy responded, arrest made.

• **WANTED PERSON** was reported in the 600 block of Linda Lane. Deputy responded, arrest was made.

• **LOOSE LIVESTOCK** was reported in the area of the Interstate Highway 20 N. Service Road and Salem Road. Animal was returned to its owner.

• **THEFT OF SIGNS** was reported in the 6600 block of the Interstate Highway 20 N. Service Road. Deputy responded, report was taken.

## Take note

□ **A FUND HAS BEEN** established at the First Bank of West Texas, 1810 FM 700, to help with the medical expenses of 30-year-old Misty McCullum Wilson, who was diagnosed with cancer more than two months ago. Wilson, who went to Coahoma High School before moving to Lubbock, requires radiation treatments expected to cost \$10,000 per visit.

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

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

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

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

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

□ **BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING** counties are in critical need of foster families.

Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected.

For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

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

## Bulletin board

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

Senior circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for sit and be fit aerobics. People age 50 and over are welcome to participate. Call 268-4721.

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

Howard County ARC meets at 806 East 3rd in Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.

Big Spring Chapter and Council RAM meets at 7:30p.m. at the Masonic building, 221 1/2 Main St.

District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.

## TUESDAY

Intermediate line dance classes meet at 9 a.m. in the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information.

Big Spring Rotary meets at noon in Howard County Cactus Room.

VFW Post 2013 meets in VFW Hall at 7 p.m., 500 Driver Road.

Coahoma Senior Citizens luncheon is held at 11 a.m. in Coahoma Community Center.

Big Spring Chapter 67 Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Lodge, 219 Main Street.

Sheriff's Possee meets at 7 p.m. in the Clubhouse on Andrews Highway.

American Red Cross, Canterbury South, 1600 Lancaster, meets at 7 p.m.

Alzheimer's Ass. Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in Howard County Library, 500 South Main, in the conference room.

## WEDNESDAY

Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Senior Citizens Center located in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 for more information.

Duplicate Bridge Club meets Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 1 p.m. at Big Spring Country Club.

The Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard Country Cactus Room.

Downtown Lions Club meets at noon in the Howard County Cactus Room.

Senior Circle meets at 10 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for stretch and tone.

Fraternal Order of Eagles meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 203 West Third.

## THURSDAY

Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard County Cactus Room. Call 267-6479 for more information.

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

The Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. at Gale's.

## Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 9-14-26-33-43. Bonus Ball: 12.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: None.

Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$55 million.

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The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Saturday: 2-11-21-25-33

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night: 4-5-6

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## Luck

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# Lucky in love? Be careful

In the age of the "electronic person," Internet dating has become as popular as coffee houses and night clubs when it comes to meeting that special person. So how do you know who you can trust?

This week we'll look at 10 simple do's and don'ts of electronic dating, and how you can stay safe without giving up the convenience of meeting people in what's "believed" to be an anonymous environment.

## 1. Start slow

Watch out for someone who seems too good to be true. Begin by communicating solely by way of dating site personal messengers or e-mail, then look for odd behavior or inconsistencies. The person at the other end may not be who or what he or she says.

It may seem rather untrusting, but that's exactly what you need to be to keep yourself safe in this type of environment. Don't be afraid to lay your cards on the table and tell the perinea you're communicating with that you're not sure about the validity of the information they've given you. Chances are, if they've been on the online dating scene for some time, they'll understand and be happy to help "prove" who they are.

Most of all, trust your instincts. If anything makes you uncomfortable, walk away for your own safety and protection.

## 2. Guard your anonymity

Most correspondence between dating site members takes place through a double-blind system, ensuring your true identity is protected until you decide to reveal it. Before you choose a service or site, make sure this is the case. You might be surprised how many "fly-by-night" dating sites have your vital information in the open for anyone to snag.

Never include your last name, e-mail address, home address, phone number, place of work or any other identifying information in your free profile or initial messages. When corresponding with other members, turn off your e-mail signature file. Stop communicating with anyone who pressures you for personal information or attempts in any way to trick you into revealing it.

## 3. Exercise caution and common sense

Careful, thoughtful decisions generally yield better dating results. Guard against trusting the untrustworthy; suitors must earn your trust gradually, through consistently honorable, forthright behavior. Take all the time you need to test for a trustworthy person and pay careful attention along the way. If you suspect someone is lying, he or she probably is, so act accordingly.

Be responsible about romance, and don't fall in love at the click of a mouse. Don't become prematurely intimate with someone, even if that intimacy only occurs online.

4. Request a photo  
A photo will give you a good idea of the person's

appearance, which may prove helpful in achieving a gut feeling. In fact, it's best to view several images of someone in various settings: Casual, formal, indoor and outdoors. If all you hear are excuses about why you can't see a photo, consider that he or she has something to hide. Since most dating sites offer free scanning services to its members, there's no reason someone shouldn't be able to provide you a photo.

## 5. Chat on the phone

A phone call can reveal much about a person's communication and social skills. Consider your security and do not reveal your personal phone number to a stranger. Try a cell phone number instead, or use local telephone blocking techniques to prevent your phone number from appearing in Caller ID. Only furnish your phone number when you feel completely comfortable with the person you're communicating with.

## 6. Meet when YOU are ready

The beauty of meeting and relating online is that you can collect information gradually, later choosing whether to pursue the relationship in the off-line world. You are never obligated to meet someone, regardless of your level of online intimacy, and even if you decide to arrange a meeting, you always have the right to change your mind. It's possible that your decision to keep the relationship at the anonymous level is based on a hunch that you can't logically explain. Trust yourself. Go with your instincts.

## 7. Watch for red flags

Pay attention to displays of anger, intense frustration or attempts to pressure or control you. Acting in a passive-aggressive manner, making demeaning or disrespectful comments or any physically inappropriate behavior are all red flags. You should be concerned if your date exhibits any of the following behavior without providing an acceptable explanation:

- Provides inconsistent information about age, interests, appearance, marital status, profession, employment, etc.
- Refuses to speak to you on the phone after establishing ongoing, online intimacy.
- Fails to provide direct answers to direct questions.
- Appears significantly different in person from his or her online persona.
- Never introduces you to friends, professional associates or family members.

## 8. Meet in a safe place

When you choose to meet off-line, always tell a friend where you are going and when you will return. Leave your date's name and telephone number with your friend. Never arrange for your date to pick you up at home. Provide your own

transportation, meet in a public place at a time with many people around, and when the date is over, leave on your own as well. A familiar restaurant or coffee shop, at a time when a lot of other people will be present, is often a fine choice. If you decide to move to another location, take your own car. When the timing is appropriate, thank your date for getting together and say goodbye.

## 9. Take extra caution outside your area

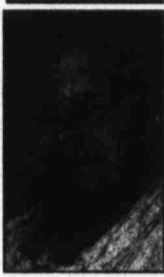
If you are flying in from another city, arrange for your own car and hotel room. Do not disclose the name of your hotel and never allow your date to make the arrangements for you. Rent a car at the airport and drive directly to your hotel. Call your date from the hotel or meet at the location you have already agreed to. If the location seems inappropriate or unsafe, go back to your hotel. Try to contact your date at that location or leave a message on a home machine. Always make sure a friend or family member knows your plans and has your contact information. And if possible, carry a cell phone at all times.

## 10. Get yourself out of a jam

Never do anything you feel unsure about. If you are in any way afraid of your date, use your best judgment to diffuse the situation and get out of there. Excuse yourself, long enough to call a friend for advice, ask someone else on the scene for help or slip out the back door and drive away. If you feel you are in danger, call the police. It's always better to be safe than sorry. Never worry or feel embarrassed about your behavior. Your safety is much more important than one person's opinion of you.

While liars, cheaters and impostors certainly ply their craft on the Internet, you'll also find them in nightclubs and off-line dating services, cocktail parties or even sitting across from you at your local cafe. Regardless of where you meet someone, dating is never a risk-free activity, but a little caution will reduce your risk in matters of the heart.

*Note: This column was prepared utilizing information from several of the online-dating industry's top sites, including America On-Line, Yahoo and MSN.*



THOMAS JENKINS

# Howard County Junior Livestock Show results

Results from Friday's activities at the Howard County Junior Livestock Show.

## STEERS

Grand Champion, Britnee Nix, Coahoma FFA  
Reserve Champion, Brayden Iden, Coahoma FFA

## AMERICAN

Champion, Michael Yeater, Coahoma FFA  
Reserve, Travis Roberts, Coahoma FFA  
1. Michael Yeater, Coahoma FFA; 2. Travis Roberts, Coahoma FFA; 3. Lauren Yeater, Coahoma FFA; 4. Casey Roberts, Coahoma FFA.

## BRITISH

Champion, Machel Barr, Coahoma FFA  
Reserve, Jes Brooks, HC 4-H

## LIGHT WEIGHT

1. Jess Brooks, HC 4-H; 2. Shelbi Paige, Coahoma FFA; 3. Travis Roberts, Coahoma FFA.

## HEAVY WEIGHT

1. Machel Barr, Coahoma FFA; 2. Keisha Yarbar, HC 4-H; 3. Chad Born, HC 4-H.

## EXOTIC

Champion, Britnee Nix, Coahoma FFA  
Reserve, Brayden Iden, Coahoma FFA

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MEDIUM WEIGHT: 1. Brittni Blagrove, Sands FFA; 2. Dee Fryar, Sands FFA; 3. Colby Newton, Big Spring FFA; 4. Alyssa Hodnett, HC 4-H; 5. Justin Darden, Big Spring FFA.

HEAVY WEIGHT: 1. Ashley Martin, Coahoma FFA; 2. Kaelyn Waters, Coahoma FFA; 3. Gene Corse, Coahoma FFA; 4. Brittni Blagrove, Sands FFA; 5. Alex Moore, Coahoma FFA.

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HEAVY WEIGHT: 1. Ginni Metcalf, Coahoma FFA; 2. Landon Parker, Sands FFA; 3. Courtney Schaedel, Coahoma FFA; 4. McKenzie Metcalf, HC 4-H; 5. Rachell Atkinson, Coahoma FFA; 6. Kenzie Moore, Coahoma FFA.

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Heavy Weight: 1. Collin McMillan, HC 4-H; 2. Garrett Nichols, Sands FFA; 3. Garrett Nichols, Sands FFA; 4. Kenzie Moore, Coahoma FFA; 5. Ethan Zant, Sands FFA; 6. James Morgan, Coahoma FFA.

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MEDIUM WEIGHT: 1. Judson Chevalier, HC 4-H; 2. Preston Zant, Sands FFA; 3. Amanda White, HC 4-H; 4. Kenzie Moore, Coahoma FFA; 5. Lisa Shaffer, Big Spring FFA; 6. Cocy Flarity, Big Spring FFA.

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# SALES TAX

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Lubbock experienced an 8.33 percent increase, comparing this month's rebate of \$2,188,030.04 to last January's rebate of \$2,019,661.12.

Midland took in \$1,485,515.75 this month, a 3.74 percent increase compared to January 2003's \$1,431,858.79.

Monahans greeted an increase in rebates of

19.41 percent. That compares this month's proceeds of \$63,796.86 to January 2003's proceeds of \$53,426.16.

Almost even — that was the first month comparison for Odessa, which received \$1,009,522.88 this month compared to \$1,002,577.25, a difference of plus 0.69 percent.

Pecos' proceeds were off the mark by 2.78 percent, comparing January 2004 totals of \$52,422.86 to January 2003 totals of \$53,926.96.

San Angelo enjoyed a slight increase between the two Januarys, receiving \$1,062,791.09 this month and \$1,046,129.37 in 2003. That's a difference of 1.59 percent.

Snyder received \$136,361.15 this month. That compares to \$117,996.52 in 2003.

Stanton enjoyed a 72.15 percent increase. The Martin County seat brought in \$9,025.08 this January compared to \$5,242.34 a year ago.

# CHILI

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Results from the cook-off are as follows: 1. American Cabinet team of Dalton and Carol Lewis; 2. Hotter than "L" Team Lusk, Dan and Kathy Lusk; 3. Tom Jones

of T-N-T; 4. Carl Wyrick; 5. Steve Mattingley and Mike Lindsey; 6. Chili Kings, Cliff Skausk; 7. Safety School Chili, Ro Gore, Sally Gore and Terry Brown; 8. Tawekean Team Cook, Bubba Grantham, Carol Grantham, Nick Denton, Amanada Dentan; 9. Henry's, Henry Roach;

and 10. Jacye Riders, David Sager and Jan Bartlett.

Best of Show were 1. Bulchitnya Riders; 2. Hotter than "L" Team Lusk; and 3. Henry's.

The Horses A. Award went to Carl Wyrick and the 50-50 drawing went to Randal Hollis, who netted \$220.

# SEMINAR

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Monday's event, will encourage parents to begin to think about finding a solution to the problem.

"I'm hoping that by increasing awareness here, we will have enough interested parents

to start something for kids who are obese such as coming up with a nutrition program with exercise," she said.

Club members will provide healthy refreshments and will be handing out healthy menus.

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## EDITORIAL

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## OTHER VIEWS

## Don't forget the deadline for Leadership

Remember, it's not too late to take advantage of one of the best tools the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce offers our community. That's because the chamber has extended its registration deadline for Leadership Big Spring to Friday, Jan. 23.

That's right, there's still time to sign up for the program that begins Feb. 12. The Chamber-sponsored program takes its students throughout the city and county — to government offices, major industries such as Western Container and the ALON Big Spring Refinery, the public school district, agribusinesses and many, many other entities vital to our community. Those in the program see first-hand how businesses and government work. They learn about communication resources and law enforcement. There are also workshops on developing leadership skills.

Participants are required to attend three board meetings of a local governmental entity, ride in a patrol car with a police officer and take part in a community project.

The course is a "must" for new business people in Howard County and should be a prerequisite for anyone interested in a locally-elected office.

The day-long classes are held on the second Thursday of each month for nine months.

Tuition is \$300 per person and covers transportation, lunch and textbooks.

Applications can be obtained at the Chamber, 215 W. Third St., but don't delay in signing up, this really is the "last call."

If you haven't considered taking part in the program, we strongly suggest you do so now.

Leadership Big Spring builds community leaders and that's something we can never have too many of.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, when we have a problem, please send us your knowledge.

Amen

## Kerry: The yankee Al Gore

I want John Forbes Kerry to be the Democratic nominee for president. I want the granite face to win the primary in the Granite State.

I want a Democratic nominee who bemoans "America's gluttony for fossil fuel," unfazed by the embarrassing fact that he owns a Cessna.

I don't think the Massachusetts senator has exhausted all the nuances possible concerning his position on the war in Iraq. I want to hear all the dirty details about how Bush "misled" Kerry. Or how Kerry was pushing for the right war, but not if it's done wrong, even if for the right reasons.

I want to see if "Live Shot" — as wags call him — will be wearing makeup the next time he calls George W. Bush the "photo-op president."

I want a nominee who knows how to pile on adjectives. It was fascinating to watch Kerry say on "Meet the Press" that Bush has "run the most arrogant, inept, reckless and ideological foreign policy in modern history."

I want to find out if that means Kerry thinks the war in Iraq is more inept, more reckless and

more ideological than the war in Vietnam.

I want to hear the f-word in presidential debates. If Kerry could proffer fricatives for Rolling Stone, surely he might find them handy while debating an arrogant, inept, reckless, ideological president.

Then, if his numbers fall, I want to hear Kerry say he doesn't pay attention to the f-ing polls.

I want a Democratic nominee whose wife's stock portfolio makes Veep Dick Cheney's erstwhile Halliburton holdings look like chump change. I want a wannabe first lady who, if the Bushies make light of her husband, retorts that the Bushies don't even speak French — with her r's trilled.

I want a Democratic nominee who orders Grey Poupon with his Philly cheese steak sandwich.

I want a 2004 candidate who lets the world see what Al Gore would be like if he were a Yankee.

I want a Democratic nominee who, like Bush, eschews federal matching funds for his political campaign — but only after blaming rival Howard Dean for dropping out of the matching-fund system first.

I want Kerry to win the nod so that he can raise enough money to pay off the loan and the mortgage he took out on his Boston home after he said no to matching funds.

And then I want to hear Kerry

denounce the pernicious influence of big-money special interests.

I want a nominee who fires top staff when he's down in the polls. It's especially choice when, afterward, his friends explain to the media that Kerry is always down in the polls, at least until the last minute, when he inevitably bounces back and sails to victory.

I want to see a musical duel between Bush supporter Ricky Martin and the Kerry-loving Moby.

I don't think the Democratic Party can have enough candidates who show that they're regular gun-loving guys by going pheasant hunting.

I want Kerry to ride his Harley on the "Tonight Show" again — but wearing the helmet Michael Dukakis wore in the tank.

Most of all, I want to understand how a man can be so brave that he earned a Silver Star, a Bronze Star and three Purple Hearts in Vietnam, yet he then can be so craven that when he protested the war, he threw away other people's medals in protest.

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## Howard Dean's decline beginning

If Iowa were kicking off the Democratic presidential selection with a regular primary election instead of Monday night's caucuses, the fabulous campaign of Howard Dean would suffer a possibly mortal wound. Thousands of anti-war activists who have come here from all over the country to work for the former governor of Vermont, directed by his elaborate network of precinct captains, may save him. But talk of Dean roaring out of Iowa into New Hampshire and clinching the nomination by the end of January has ended.

The last week has been a nightmare for Dean. Beginning with a run-in on Sunday, Jan. 11, with a Republican heckler, he has looked increasingly less presidential. Dean's broad-brush painting of his Democratic opponents as warmongers has backfired, diminishing his identification as the essential anti-Bush candidate. He has failed to significantly reduce support for Rep. Richard Gephardt as his principal opponent, and instead lost backing to revived candidacies of Sens. John Kerry and John Edwards.

The extraordinary volatility of Democratic voters here is explained by their leaders as evidence of their passionate desire to defeat George W. Bush in November. "Electability" is the characteristic most mentioned by Iowa Democrats as what they seek in a presidential candidate. Support for Dean has slipped so sharply here because he is viewed as markedly less electable in view of his recent conduct.

Dean's problems nationally started when he dismissed the importance of capturing Saddam Hussein. But his Iowa slide began, says one prominent Democratic neutral, on Jan. 11 in the town of Oelwein, when a Republican heckler called Dean "pompous," accused him of "mean mouthing" and then interrupted him. Dean erupted, shouting: "You sit down! You had your say! Now, I'm going to have my say!"

That exchange may have been responsible for a lackluster performance by Dean at the "black and brown" debate that same day. Nearly a week later, I heard the Oelwein story repeatedly retold by disapproving Iowans. It was followed by Dean's angry declaration that he no longer would be a "pin cushion" and by his attack television ads against opponents (ads that his campaign said it pulled but were still running on Des Moines television Friday night and Saturday). The Des Moines Register poll, released Saturday night, stunned Dean's supporters by showing he had fallen to third place in a four-way race.

Just a week ago, Dick Gephardt seemed likely to benefit from Dean's decline. The winner of the 1988 caucuses, only Gephardt has the ground organization to challenge Dean's. His campaign is run by 33-year-old John Lapp, a political prodigy from northern Virginia and former aide to Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack who is considered the hottest political organizer in the state.

At Marshalltown Thursday night, leaders and members of 21 labor unions conducted an old-fashioned rip-roaring rally for Gephardt. To these supporters, this is a cultural war. Chuck Rocha, the Steelworkers Union

political director who is running Gephardt's labor effort in Iowa, asks whether blue-collar Iowans will relate to a brother unionist who works the same job and has the same calluses or to a body-piercer from Seattle.

Polling and anecdotal evidence, however, show that the Dean defectors are going to Kerry and Edwards, not Gephardt. The rise of Edwards since his unexpected endorsement a week ago by the Des Moines Register was equally unexpected. That may have countered suspicions that Edwards, though matching the Iowa standard of niceness better than any other candidate, appeared to be too callow.

But it is Kerry who has been the hot candidate, belatedly hitting the stride he had shown in past Massachusetts campaigns. Capitalizing on his Vietnam War record as never before, he has mobilized veterans. While Kerry does not have Dean's precinct organization or Gephardt's labor battalions, veteran Iowa Democratic organizer John Norris has a plan to get his voters to caucuses.

InsiderAdvantage, which previously has polled mainly in the South, says the contest may not actually be that close in Iowa. Calculating second-choice preferences that may be decisive in the complicated caucus system, the poll gives Kerry 33 percent of the actual caucus vote to Dean's 26 percent. Instead of a quick knock-out here, Howard Dean is struggling for survival.

To find out more about Robert D. Novak and read his past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).

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# IT'S NOT MY FAULT... OR IS IT?

## Understanding the difference between external and internal obstacles

(FeatureSource) Why is it that we seem to experience the same problems and issues over and over again?

Often our unexamined thoughts create what happens in our lives. For example, on the day you are in the biggest rush, it seems every light turns red and every commuter is in your lane. But it is really your own hurry that makes you sensitive to what is between you and your destination. The obstacle is internal.

Some obstacles are external. Circumstances out of your control sneak up on you and knock you out of your routine. For example, your flight is delayed, you receive a call that a relative is having emergency surgery, or a coworker quits and leaves you to do the job of two people.

So some obstacles are internal, and others are external. As obvious as this may seem, most people are not aware of the difference. Nor are they aware of how critical it is to understand this distinction.

Internal obstacles are generated entirely on our own. These internal obstacles often get in the way of achieving our personal goals.

External obstacles are imposed or dictated by outside agencies, individuals or forces. Like flight delays and hospitalized friends, some things are simply out of your control.

The trick is realizing the difference, then taking action.

"As humans, we have a natural tendency to take the internal obstacles

and assign them an external cause, thus perpetuating the problem," says Dr. David R. Cox, co-author of "Cut the CRAP and Resolve Your Problems" (DC Press, www.CutTheCRAP.net). "Once you identify and understand your obstacles and determine whether they are internal or external, you can deal with them and achieve your goals."

"Life is about what we make happen," says co-author Dr. Don Sanders. "As manager of your own life, once you recognize the truth of this you can proactively deal with both the external and internal problems that life presents."

According to Cox and Sanders, your choices about how you deal with these factors will determine the following:

- Will you achieve your goals or give in to unconscious compliance?
- Are you enthusiastic, purposeful and productive? Or do you experience reduced personal productivity, frustration and burnout?
- Are you optimistic, positive and upbeat? Or do you experience bouts of depression and self-doubt?

Once you understand the obstacles you face, you become committed to ensuring a healthy and productive life.

### Knowing What You Cannot Change

The obstacles we have the least control over are the external ones. It is easy to believe the efforts we make as individuals get lost with policies, bureaucracies, legal or

legislative systems, controlling spouses or parents. It is also easy to believe these factors control our lives.

"The whole process of

**"For most of us, external factors keep us from achieving our goals when we are at the far end of the inertia or instability scale."**

individual change and working our way toward personal goal achievement can often seem to be at the mercy of these externally controlling factors," Cox says.

We can work, plan and try our hardest, yet feel unsuccessful because our specific goals were not achieved. We often attribute this lack of success to our inability to overcome these external factors.

Essentially, external factors serve as reminders that not every-

thing we want is in our direct control. As individuals, we don't have unlimited control when we engage in the world. The environment sometimes limits us. It is not that we cannot change those things but that such change is often slow, difficult and sometimes not clearly related to our efforts.

What frequently happens is that people decide that the external factor is something they cannot change just because they cannot change it quickly. External factors can make an individual give up on achieving personal goals. In extreme cases, they can even lead to depression.

### Mistaking External for Internal

You may be thinking, "That's me! My life is messy due to external factors beyond my control. It's OK to be where I am."

That's the primary danger of acknowledging the existence of external factors.

"For most of us, external factors keep us from achieving our goals when we are at the far end of the inertia or instability scale," Sanders says.

"Moving just a few degrees from either end of this continuum

tremendously reduces the impact of these external factors on our lives."

"If you're in a situation where you believe the external factors have taken over your life, you must step back and determine if it is truly due to the external factors or is it really due to one of the four internal factors: catastrophizing, rationalizing, agonizing or procrastinating. Or CRAP for short," Cox says.

The tendency for many of us is to ascribe our internal CRAP to external causes. We give up on achieving our dreams because we have mistakenly assumed that external factors control our lives, say Cox and Sanders.

The question is "Whose CRAP is it anyway?" Is it external or internal? No matter what CRAP is holding you back, there is hope.

You can visit

www.CutTheCRAP.net for 10 free success stories and lessons that teach you how to undo the CRAP in your life. Or pick up a copy of "Cut the CRAP and Resolve Your Problems" to discover the causes and cures of internal CRAP.

"The Undo It Docs" co-authored "Cut the CRAP and Resolve Your Problems." Cox is a licensed psychologist who developed the CRAP model while working

with patients for 20 years at some of the nation's most prestigious universities and medical centers. Sanders helps organizations and individuals develop new skills and breakthrough strategies for personal and organizational improvement.

Sanders is a speaker, author and consultant who is passionate about helping people break free from the CRAP that holds them back.

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## Small steps not enough to reverse childhood obesity

HOUSTON — At the rate they're currently overeating, many overweight kids would need to walk three miles or more a day to just prevent further weight gain, say researchers at Baylor College of Medicine (BCM) in Houston.

"Although healthy children are expected to gain weight as they grow, weight loss is recommended for overweight children, which are those with a body mass index at or above the 95th percentile," said Dr. Nancy Butte, a professor of pediatrics at BCM. "However, we found that many overweight children are continuing to gain weight at alarming rates."

Butte, the director of the Children's Nutrition Research Center's energy metabolism unit, measured body composition changes among 337 Hispanic children ages 5 to 19 years over a one-year period. She found that the overweight children who remained overweight one year later had gained an average of 16 pounds, while those whose weight status had

returned to 'normal' over the course of the year lost an average of one pound. Children whose weight status was 'normal' at the beginning and end of the year were found to have gained an average of 9 pounds, while those whose BMI crossed the 95th percentile during the year gained an average of 15 pounds.

"Our results suggest that a deficit of at least 260 calories per day would be required to prevent further weight gain in 90 percent of these overweight children," she said.

According to Butte, to burn an extra 260 calories per day, these overweight children would need to walk the equivalent of three miles or about 60 minutes per day.

"Halting the epidemic of childhood obesity will take much more than helping children make small changes in diet and physical activity," Butte said. "It will require a significant and concerted societal effort to change the way our children are eating and to increase their physical activity."

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## Kel's 40 Point Plan For Howard County

To Enhance & Protect Our Quality of Life & Natural Resources

- RESPONSIVENESS TO CITIZEN NEEDS**
  - #1 Use volunteers to staff constituent offices in all 26 counties across Texas Senate District 31
  - #2 Hold annual town hall meetings in all counties and appoint regional citizen advisory committees
  - #3 Have all citizen phone calls returned in 24 hours
- PROTECTING OUR LOCAL LAND & WATER**
  - #4 Support/protect private property owner rights
  - #5 Support groundwater conservation districts & regional water planning
  - #6 Support protecting our children & grandchildren from unreasonable siphoning off of local water
- PUBLIC SCHOOLS & HIGHER ED NEEDS**
  - #7 Strongly support local community control and oppose unfunded state/federal mandates
  - #8 Support teacher pay raise to national average and state funded teacher health insurance plan
  - #9 Oppose mandatory vouchers without local ISD Board approval; Support pilot voucher program
  - #10 Oppose state regulation of home schooling
  - #11 Support high tech & ag vocational school programs
  - #12 Strongly support funding for Midland College, Odessa College, Amarillo College, UTPB, Howard College, West Texas A&M Univ., Frank Phillips College, and Texas Tech Medical Center
- STIFFER PENALTIES FOR CRIME & DRUGS**
  - #13 Favor Texas death penalty for capital crimes
  - #14 Increase state and federal patrols along Texas-Mexico border to stop drug smuggling
  - #15 Mandatory life in prison for drug smugglers
  - #16 Use "civil commitment" to keep sex offenders & child molesters in prison
  - #17 Mandatory jail time for kids who attack teachers
  - #18 Regularly ride with local law enforcement officers
- LOWER TAXES, FAIR APPRAISALS**
  - #19 Oppose Robin Hood property taxation
- #20 Strongly oppose a state income tax
- #21 Require voter approval of new school finance plan
- #22 Cut in half homeowner appraisal tax increases
- JOBS, ENERGY, AGRICULTURE & ROADS**
  - #23 Support local economic development districts
  - #24 Oppose abusive & frivolous lawsuits
  - #25 Protect Permian Basin/Panhandle energy industry by reducing burdensome regulations, changing well bonding rules & supporting new Texas Energy Planning Commission
  - #26 Protect ranch & farm tax exemptions/abatements
  - #27 Support strong funding for West Texas/Panhandle state highways, farm-to-market road system, & our West Texas International Trade Corridor
  - #28 Improve broadband internet service to rural Texas
- STAND UP FOR CONSERVATIVE VALUES**
  - #29 Support voluntary prayer & Pledge in schools
  - #30 Support Pro-Life positions; oppose abortion except in cases of rape, incest and danger to mother's life; support parental notification
  - #31 Oppose same sex marriages
- PATIENT / CONSUMER PROTECTIONS**
  - #32 Support Texas HMO reforms/patient protections
  - #33 Support Amarillo & Big Spring's VA Medical Centers
  - #34 Proper funding for nursing home care/senior centers
  - #35 Make sure electric and phone deregulation lowers consumer costs through fair competition
  - #36 Work with Tx Dept. of Insurance to expand options for lower cost homeowner & auto insurance
- PROTECT 2ND AMENDMENT RIGHTS**
  - #37 Support right-to-carry handgun law
  - #38 Oppose mandatory gun registration
  - #39 Support voluntary child safety lock program
- STRAIGHTFORWARD ON ALL ISSUES**
  - #40 I will take a straightforward stand on all issues brought to me by District 31 neighbors

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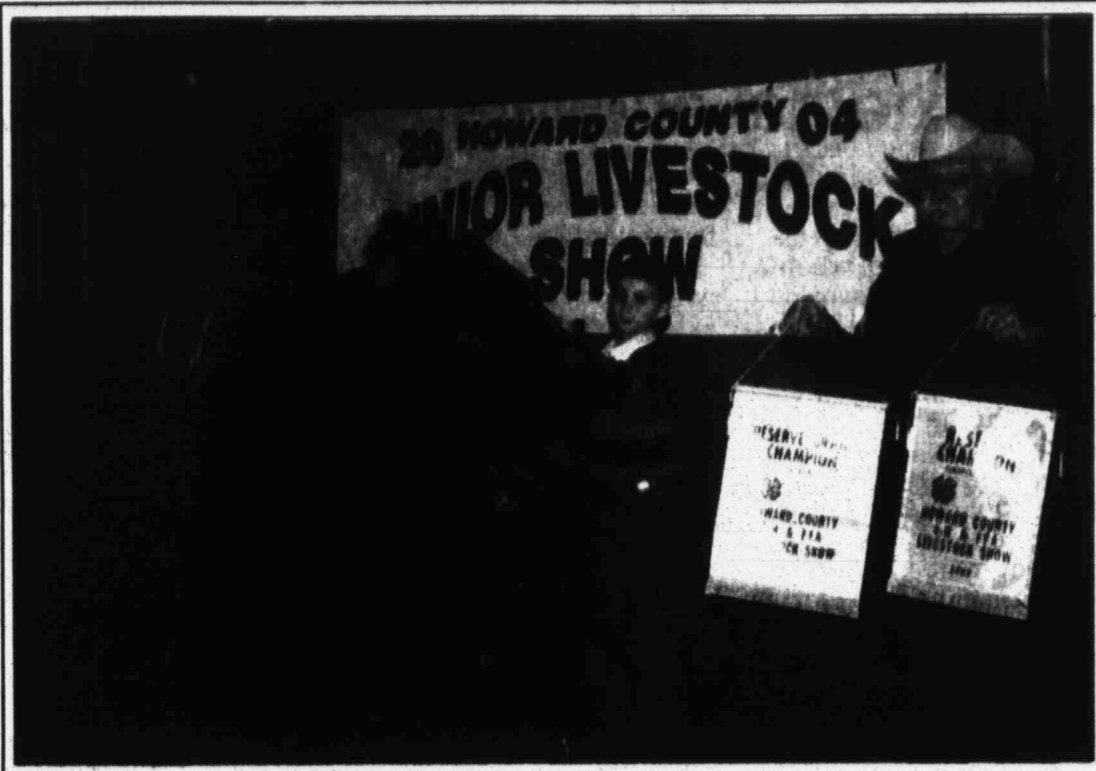
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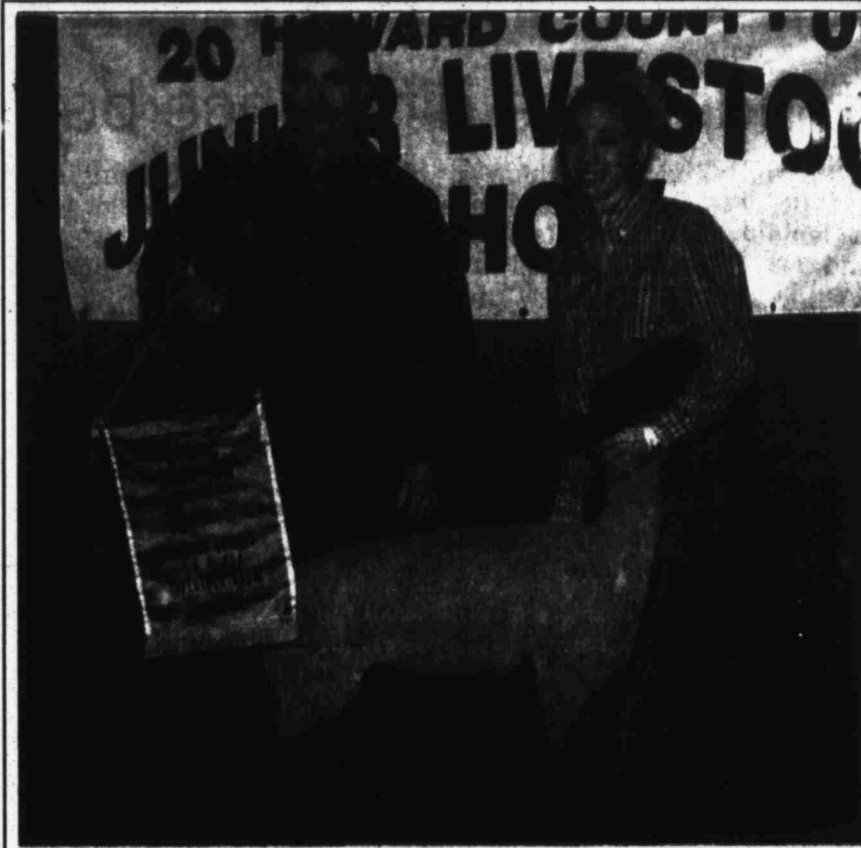
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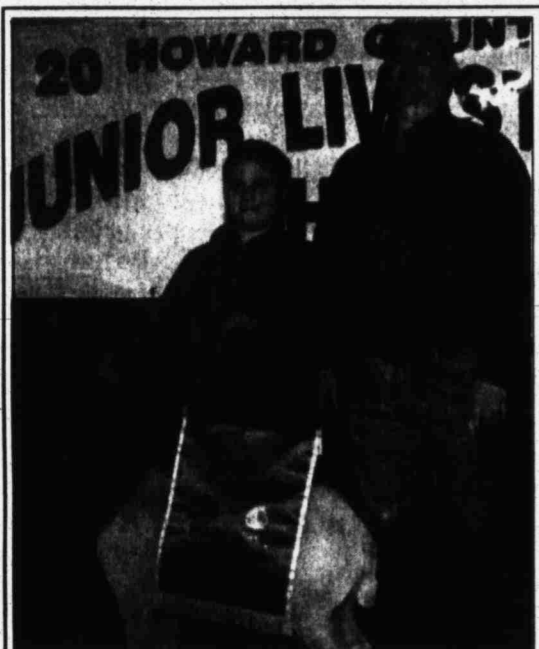
Howard County Junior Livestock Show Grand and Reserve Champions



Braden Iden of Coahoma FFA poses with his reserve champion steer along with buyer Bob Wegner of Bob Wegner Farms.



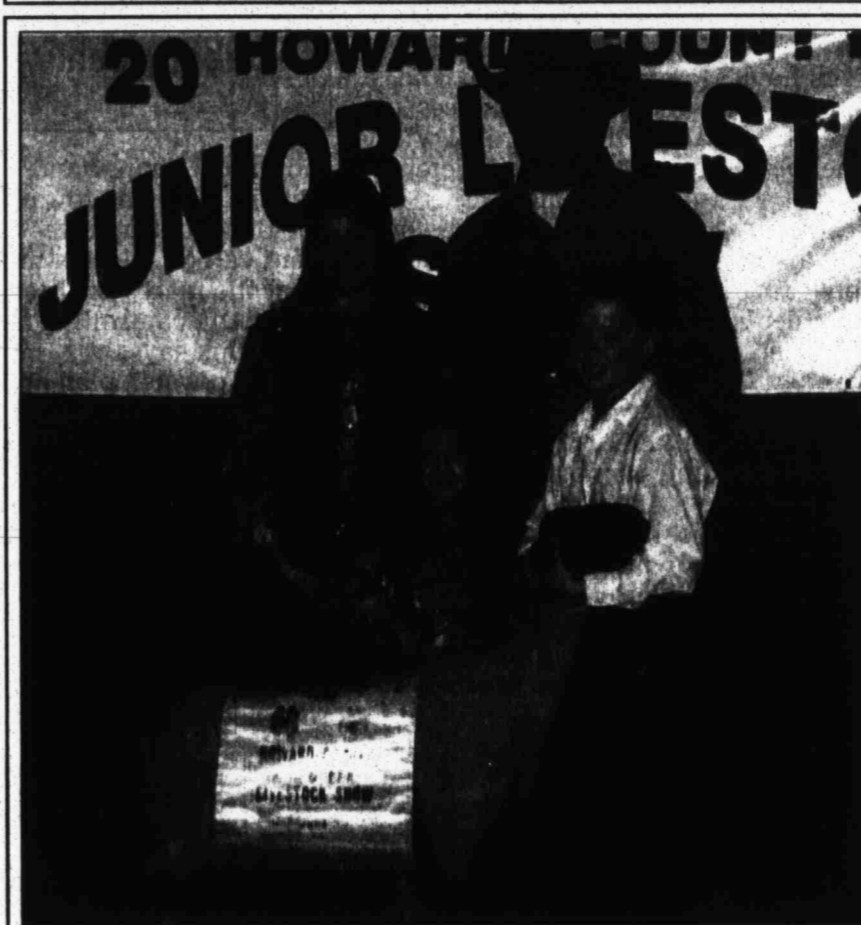
Meagan Kothman of Howard County 4-H poses with her grand champion lamb along with buyer Scott Nelson of Wells Fargo Bank.



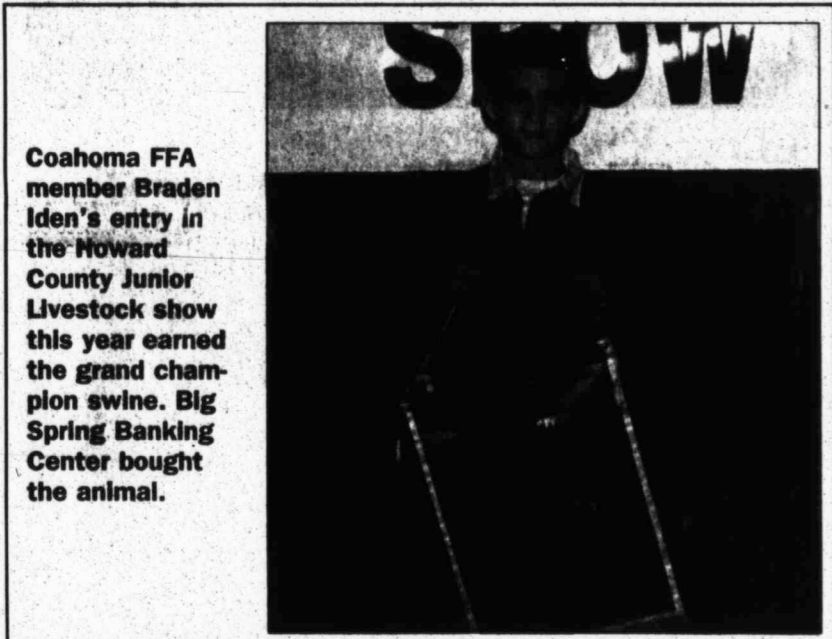
Kelsey Jones of Howard County 4-H poses with her grand champion goat along with buyer Brandon Luce of the Howard County Farm Bureau.



Meagan Kothman of Howard County 4-H poses with her reserve champion goat along with buyer David Zant of Farmer's Co-op.

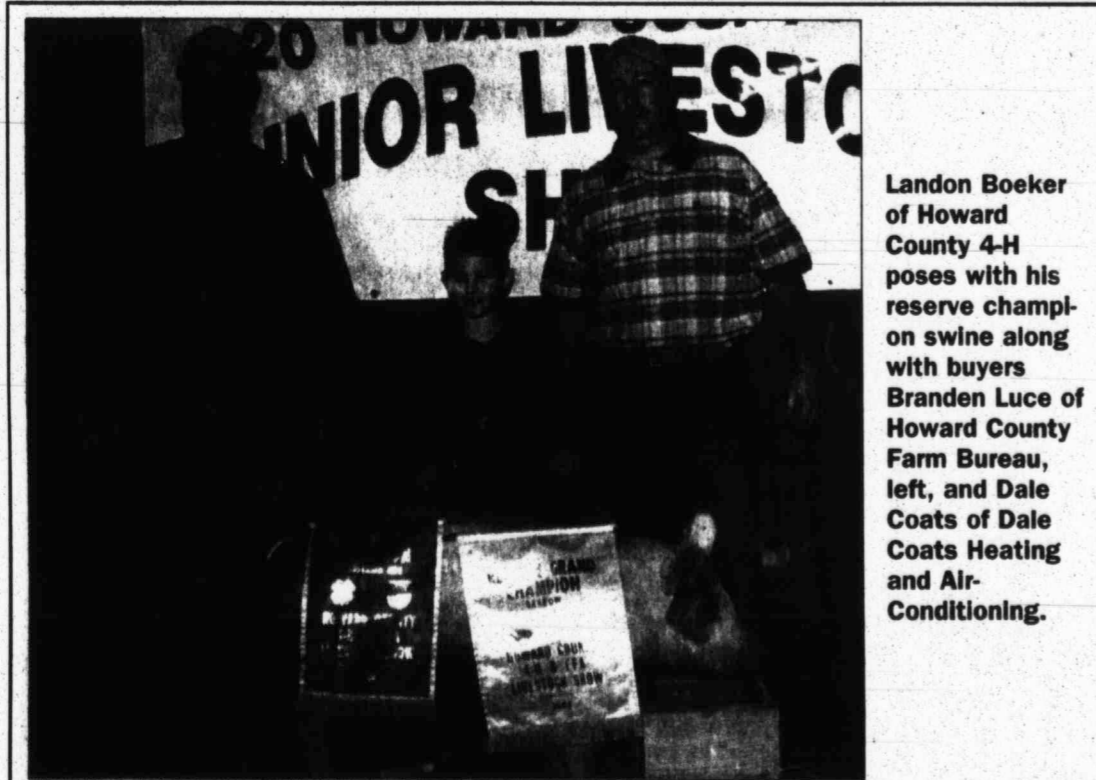


Rosie Morgan poses with her reserve champion lamb along with buyers Karen, left, Shane and Stevi Ward of Ward's Boot, Saddle & Western Wear.



Coahoma FFA member Braden Iden's entry in the Howard County Junior Livestock show this year earned the grand champion swine. Big Spring Banking Center bought the animal.

Photos by Herald reporter Lyndel Moody



Landon Booker of Howard County 4-H poses with his reserve champion swine along with buyers Brandon Luce of Howard County Farm Bureau, left, and Dale Coats of Dale Coats Heating and Air-Conditioning.



Cody Jackson poses with the grand champion rabbit shown by his sister, Paige Jackson of Coahoma FFA, along with buyer Karla Grimes of Wal-Mart.



Cody Griffith of Coahoma FFA poses with his reserve grand champion rabbit along with with buyer Sherry Wegner of Sherry Wegner Insurance Agency.

GLASSCOCK COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2003

Data Control Codes	10		Total	
	General Fund	Other Funds	Governmental Funds	
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$5,579,405	\$44,478	\$5,623,883
5800	State Program Revenues	223,846	357,995	581,841
5900	Federal Program Revenues		222,120	222,120
5020	Total Revenues	5,803,251	624,593	6,427,844
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
Current				
0011	Instruction	1,381,973	492,975	1,874,948
0012	Instructional Resources & Media Services	56,296	1,014	57,310
0013	Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	277		277
0021	Instructional Leadership		4,153	4,153
0023	School Leadership	176,908	3,212	180,120
0031	Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	26,696		26,696
0033	Health Services	546		546
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	169,671	5,120	174,791
0035	Food Services		200,800	200,800
0036	Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	139,818	285	140,103
0041	General Administration	243,085	2,014	245,099
0051	Plant Maintenance and Operations	538,701	5,116	543,817
0052	Security and Monitoring Services	1,200		1,200
0053	Data Processing Services	11,400		11,400
Capital Outlay:				
0081	Facilities Acquisition and Construction	27,467		27,467
Intergovernmental:				
0091	Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	2,761,675		2,761,675
0093	Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	53,929		53,929
6030	Total Expenditures	5,589,642	714,689	6,304,331
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	213,609	(90,096)	123,513
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
7912	Sale of Real and Personal Property	14,653		14,653
7915	Transfers In		90,097	90,097
8911	Transfers Out (Use)	(90,097)		(90,097)
7080	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(75,444)	90,097	14,653
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	138,165	1	138,166
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	2,987,417		2,987,417
1300	Prior Period Adjustment	(434,929)		(434,929)
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$2,690,653	\$1	\$2,690,654

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Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Tommy Wells at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

### IN BRIEF

#### Patriots dump Colts, head to Super Bowl

FOXBORO, Mass (AP) - Ty Law had three interceptions, Rodney Harrison added another and forced a fumble, and the New England Patriots beat the Indianapolis Colts 24-14 to advance to their second Super Bowl in three seasons. Jarvis Green had three of the team's four sacks as the constant pressure made the NFL's co-MVP look very average.

Colts' quarterback Manning had thrown eight touchdowns and no interceptions, and the Colts had scored 79 points in wins over Denver and Kansas City.

But Indianapolis could never get going on Sunday. Things were so bad that when the Colts finally had to punt for the first time in the playoffs, the snap went over the punter's head and resulted in a safety.

Tom Brady, meanwhile, was almost as good in the cold weather as Manning had been in his first two games. He finished 22-of-36 for 227 yards and a 7-yard TD pass to David Givens.

Manning finished 23-of-47 for 237 yards, with one touchdown and four interceptions.

The Patriots will face the Carolina Panthers in Super Bowl XXXVIII. Carolina defeated Philadelphia, 14-3, in the NFC Championship game.

#### YMCA swim team spots available

The Big Spring Family YMCA swim team has positions open for interested athletes.

To be eligible to participate as a member of the swim team, athletes must be at least six years of age and able to swim two lengths of the pool with proper rotary breathing.

For more information call Dolline Budke at 264-8252 or 263-4505.

#### BSHS swimmers face 4-4A meet on Friday

Big Spring High School swim team will try and nail down the District 4-4A swimming title on Friday when it travels to Ft. Stockton.

#### Hawks to hold 'Pack the Coliseum' night

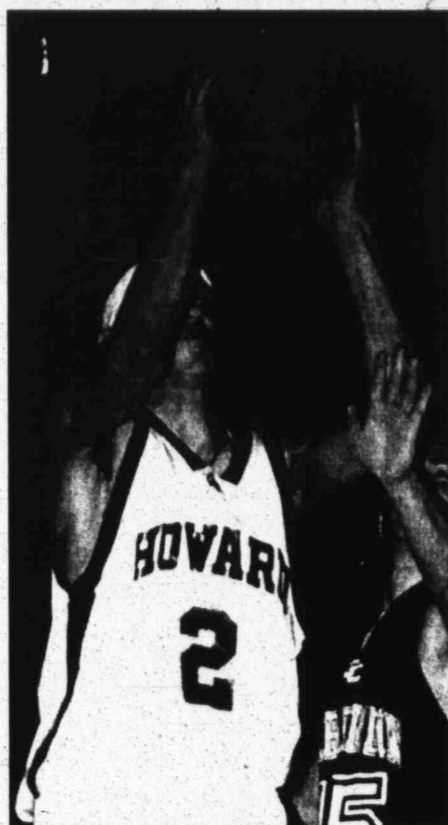
Howard College will be holding a "Pack the Coliseum" night on Jan. 26 when the Lady Hawks and Hawks host Odessa College. Any fans attending the game wearing red will be admitted free of charge.

Game times are at 5:50 and 7:50 p.m.

Also on tap to perform are the Sweetwater Intermediate School Jump Rope Team. The group will perform its jump rope routines during half-time of both games. The Trinity Baptist Church trio of Steve Moses, Tim and Debbie Dunn will sing the national anthem.

### ON THE AIR

Sports Broadcast Schedule  
Jan. 19  
Event, Time, Station  
Lady Hawks vs. New Mexico, 5:45 p.m., 1490  
Hawks vs. New Mexico, 8:45 p.m., 1490  
Jan. 20  
Event, Time, Station  
Lady Steers vs. Estacado, 5:45 p.m., 1490  
Steers vs. Estacado, 7:15 p.m., 1490



Herald Photo/Bruce Schooler  
Howard College's Steve Goff is averaging 16.5 points per game.

## Hawks draw slumping T'birds today

By TOMMY WELLS

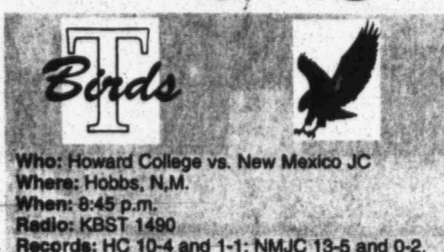
Sports Editor

HOBBS, N.M. — The Howard College Hawks can take a huge step toward getting back into the Western Junior College Athletic Conference race tonight with a win over the New Mexico Junior College Thunderbirds.

It will be anything but an easy step, however.

Howard College, 10-4 overall and 1-1 in conference play, is scheduled to face a deceiving NMJC squad that has dropped its first two conference outings. The two teams are scheduled to begin play at 8:45 p.m.

In the Thunderbirds, the Hawks will be facing one of their most dangerous opponents. Despite starting conference play at 0-2, New Mexico has averaged 93 points in its first two WJCAC outings. The Hawks, over that same span, have chalked up 75.



Who: Howard College vs. New Mexico JC  
Where: Hobbs, N.M.  
When: 8:45 p.m.  
Radio: KBST 1490  
Records: HC 10-4 and 1-1; NMJC 13-5 and 0-2.

The Thunderbirds, 13-5 overall, have dropped three straight decisions heading into their matchup with Howard. New Mexico opened conference play with a tough 84-73 setback to defending Region 5 champion South Plains and then dropped a nail-biting 103-102 bout to Clarendon.

Howard College, which knocked off Clarendon Monday for its first WJCAC victory, heads into the game at 10-4 and 1-1.

The Thunderbirds are led into the contest by sophomore forward Kareem Lloyd. The NMJC

standout leads the team in scoring and rebounding this fall, averaging 13.2 points and 9.2 rebounds a game. He also tops all NMJC defenders in blocked shots with 12.

Lloyd isn't the only weapon. Guards Fred Campbell and Karim Telfer both have had solid starts. Campbell, who ranks among the conference leaders in assists with 5.8 a night, has scored 10.7 points a night. Telfer has averaged 9.3.

Forwards Alvin Thomas and Ronald Hughes also add to the Thunderbirds' mix.

Howard is led into the showdown by sophomores Steve Goff and John Sykes. Goff ranks among the conference leaders in scoring (16.5 points per game), steals (333) and three-point shots (league-high 51).

Sykes leads the HC defense, averaging 9.3 rebounds a game.



Herald Photo/Tommy Wells  
Big Spring Steers' head coach Jim Kinnear speaks with his team during a timeout in their game against Sweetwater. The Steers, coming off an impressive showing against the Frenship Tigers Friday, are scheduled to face the Estacado Matadors Tuesday in Lubbock.

## HC fems to face red hot NMJC

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Howard College Lady Hawks know one thing heading into today's showdown with the New Mexico Junior College Lady Thunderbirds: Even though it's only the third game of their Western Junior College Athletic Conference schedule, it is do-or-die.

Howard College enters today's matchup with conference-leading NMJC sporting a 9-10 record and 1-1 mark in WJCAC play. The Lady Thunderbirds are 8-2 and 2-0.

New Mexico will be led into the contest with four of the top female players in the WJCAC, including sophomore forward Toni Atherley and center Eva Vodrazkova. Atherley is the team's top scorer, netting 14.1 points a game. Vodrazkova, a foreign student from Russia, has registered a league-high 53 blocked shots.

Forward Johnice James and guard Miranda Swearingen have also averaged double figures this fall, scoring 12.3 points apiece per game. Howard College, which dropped a tough decision to Clarendon Monday at home, has plenty of firepower, too. The Lady Hawks are led offensively by Desire Bostice, who is averaging 14.4 points a game. Freshman Ciara Tidwell and sophomore Kristen Valentine have chalked up 12.3 and 10.5 points a game, respectively.

Howard College will travel to Clarendon Tuesday.

Garden City will travel to McCamey Tuesday.

## Kats scratch out win over Rankin

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Leslie Jansa scored 14 points and Jessica Hoch added eight more Friday and powered the Garden City Lady Kats to a commanding 36-17 win over the Rankin Lady Devils in District 7-A action.

With the win, Garden City ran its season record to 18-3 and improved to 3-0 in district.

The Lady Kats defense dominated Rankin in the first two quarters of play. Garden City allowed the

Lady Devils just one shot from the field in each of the first two periods of play.

Jansa, one of four seniors in the GCHS starting lineup, helped the Lady Kats get off to a solid start. She sank a clutch shot in the early minutes and keyed a 7-2 run in the first eight minutes.

Garden City stretched its lead to 11 at the half, at 15-4, with an 8-2 second-quarter run.

Rankin managed to get

its offense in gear a bit in the third. The Lady Devils hammered out six points in the first eight minutes of the second half and went into the fourth quarter trailing 22-10.

Garden City removed any doubt as to the game's final outcome with a convincing performance in the fourth. The Lady Kats outscored Rankin by a staggering 16-7 margin.

Jansa sparked the GCHS offense with two

three-point shots in the game. She also sank four of eight attempts from the free throw line.

Senior Amanda Henson and junior forward Megan Niehues also contributed to the Lady Kats' win. Henson pumped in five points while Niehues added four. Krystal Sullivan and Anna Flores pushed in four and two points, respectively, while Laura Plagens tallied one.

Garden City will travel to McCamey Tuesday.

## Bridges' 21 points powers Stanton past Lady Birds

By BRANDON HALLFORD  
Special to the Herald

The Stanton Lady Buffaloes took another step toward defending their District 3-2A title Friday by defeating the Crane Lady Birds, 44-36.

Stanton, now 14-8 overall and 3-0 district, streaked to a 30-18 lead after three quarters of play then withstood a furious Crane rally to snag the win.

With the loss, the Lady Birds fell to 0-3 in district play.

Senior Kristi Bridges led the Lady Buffs with a game-high 21. Shelby Harp and Colby Ringner added seven apiece.

Amanda Baker paced the Lady Birds with 15. Stanton will face rival Coahoma — a team it has split two earlier matchups with — Tuesday night, beginning at 6 p.m. in Stanton.



Herald Photo/Bruce Schooler  
Van Jamison and the Big Spring Rebels made their debut in the Texas Professional Basketball League a memorable event Friday by downing defending champion San Angelo by a 114-94 margin in the Steer Gym. The Rebels will host Abilene Friday at 8 p.m.

## Cranes deal Buffaloes a 46-33 setback

STANTON — The Crane Golden Cranes used a smothering defense and a 15-4 third-quarter run en route to claiming a 46-33 win over the Stanton Buffaloes Friday.

Michael Washington paced the Buffaloes offensively with 18 points while Luis Chapa poured in six.

Stanton hosts Coahoma Tuesday night.

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	Dallas	Midland	Spanish	Odessa	Odessa	Telemundo	Midland	Atlanta	Odessa	Odessa	Discovery	Classica	Atlanta	Black Ent.	Disney	Sports	Sports	New York	Premium
6	PM News (CC)	News Wheel-Fortune	Amar Otra Vez	King of the Hill Raymond	News Ent. Tonight	Pasion de Gavilanes	News Seinfeld (CC)	Seinfeld (CC) Friends (CC)	Joseph Good John Hagee	News-Lehrer	MythBusters (CC)	Movie: NBA	NBA Tip-Off NBA	Live Movie: Do the	Proud Family Proud Family	NFL Live NHL Hockey:	College Basketball:	JAG (CC)	Angel
7	PM Movie: Meet the Parents	Movie: Meet the Parents	Velo de Novia (CC) (DVS)	American Idol (CC)	Yes, Dear Still Standing	Amor Descarado	Fear Factor (CC)	Movie: The Pelican Brief	Update/Israel Sam Peak	Antiques Roadshow	Monster Garage (CC)	Midnight Run	Basketball: Rockets at Grizzlies	Right Thing	Movie: Remember the	Colorado Avalanche at Tampa Bay Lightning	Pittsburgh at Connecticut	Law & Order: Special Victims	Movie: The Sum of All Fears (CC)
8	PM In Style Celebrity Weddings	In Style Celebrity Weddings	Cristina	70s Show Dharma-Greg	CSI: Miami Raymond	Mujeres Apasionadas	Average Joe: Hawaii (CC)	40 Movie: "Citizen King" (CC) (DVS)	American Chopper	AMC Project	NBA Basketball:	Comcview	Movie: Remember the	Tennis: Australian	Oklahoma at Texas Tech	SportsCenter (CC)	Law & Order: Special Victims	Movie: The Sum of All Fears (CC)	:05 Movie: Soul Survivors
9	PM News (CC)	News Nightline	Primer Impacto Noticiero Univ.	70s Show Raymond	News Late Show	Noticias Laura	News Tonight Show	The Devil's Advocate	Hour of Healing	Charlie Rose (CC)	Movie: Risky Business	Utah Jazz at Golden State	Nightly News Hey Monie	Titans (CC)	Open -- Early Rounds (CC)	College Basketball:	Law & Order: Special Victims	Movie: The Sum of All Fears (CC)	
10	PM Ent. Tonight Jimmy Kimmel	Extra (CC) Jimmy Kimmel	En las Mejores Familias Spin City	Becker (CC) Spin City	(CC) Late Late	Al Rop Vivo- (CC)	Late Night (CC)	Rev. J. Hansen Tommie	Sign Off	Monster Garage	Warriors Inside the NBA	Midnight Love	Proud Family Proud Family	College Basketball:	Colorado State at Utah (CC)	Martin (CC)	Movie: The		
11	AM Live (CC) Oprah Winfrey	Live (CC) Paid Program	Angela	Blind Date Blind Date	Show (CC) Street Smarts	Mania Celeste Corte-Familia	(CC) Fraser (CC)	40 Movie: Update/Israel N. McBride	American Chopper	Movie: Midnight Run	X-Files (CC)	Comcview	Proud Family Proud Family	NBA Fastbreak					

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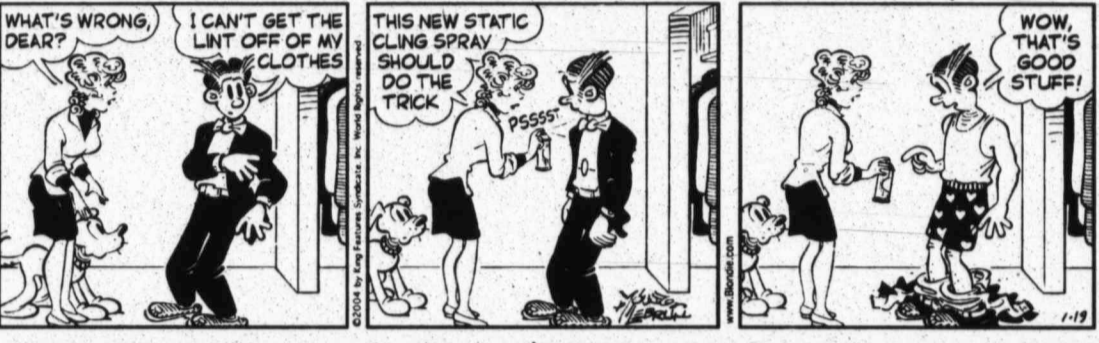


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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Jan. 19, the 19th day of 2004. There are 347 days left in the year. This is the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday observance.

Today's Highlight in History:  
On Jan. 19, 1807, Robert E. Lee, the commander in chief of the Confederate armies, was born in Stratford, Va.

On this date:  
In 1736, James Watt, inventor of the steam engine, was born in Scotland.

In 1809, author Edgar Allan Poe was born in Boston.

In 1853, Giuseppe Verdi's opera "Il Trovatore" premiered in Rome.

In 1861, Georgia seceded from the Union.

In 1944, the federal gov-

ernment relinquished control of the nation's railroads following settlement of a wage dispute.

In 1955, a presidential news conference was filmed for television for the first time, with permission from President Eisenhower.

In 1966, Indira Gandhi was elected prime minister of India.

In 1970, President Nixon nominated G. Harrold Carswell to the Supreme Court; however, the nomination was defeated because of controversy over Carswell's past racial views.

In 1977, in one of his last acts of office, President Ford pardoned Iva Toguri D'Aquino, an American who had made wartime broadcasts for Japan.

In 1981, the United States and Iran signed an agreement paving the way for the release of 52 Americans held hostage for more than 14 months.

Today's Birthdays:  
Actress Jean Stapleton is 81. Actor Fritz Weaver is 78. Actress Tippi Hedren is 74.

Former PBS newsmen Robert MacNeil is 73. Movie director Richard Lester is 72. Singer Phil Everly is 65. Actor-singer Michael Crawford is 62. Actress Shelley Fabares is 60. Country singer Dolly Parton is 58. ABC newswoman Ann Compton is 57. Singer Harry McGilberry (Temptations) is 53. Singer Dewey Bunnell (America) is 52. Actor Desi Arnaz Jr. is 51. Comedian Paul Rodriguez is 49. Actress Katey Sagal is 47. Reggae musician Mickey Virtue (UB40) is 47. Actor Paul McCrane is 43. Actor William Ragsdale is 43.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

SCRAM by Sally R. Stein  
Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS**
- 1 Saloons
  - 5 Book of maps
  - 10 Frost
  - 14 Class-reunion attendee
  - 15 Pointy
  - 16 Major (constellation)
  - 17 Workday start for many
  - 18 Aquarium fish
  - 19 In the neighborhood
  - 20 Bonnie and Clyde vehicle
  - 22 With the Wind
  - 23 Make noise while sleeping
  - 24 Laughing African beast
  - 26 Make illegal
  - 29 Most achy
  - 33 Clock part
  - 37 Go first
  - 40 Actor Sal
  - 41 Memorable '50s-'60s sitcom
  - 44 Trial and
  - 45 Peddle
  - 46 Manhattan, on envelopes
  - 47 Ten dimes
  - 49 Airline stat. Abbr.
  - 51 Take for oneself
  - 54 Checkout-counter units
  - 59 Big blow
  - 62 Amish country dessert
  - 65 Mattered vehicle
  - 66 Singer Lena
  - 67 Warsaw resident
  - 68 Norway's capital
- DOWN**
- 1 Loud sounds
  - 2 One with a green card
  - 3 Total
  - 4 Makeup stain
  - 5 Whodunit canine
  - 6 Those folks
  - 7 Door closer
  - 8 Well-ordered lineup
  - 9 Bowling scores
  - 10 Zsa Zsa Gabor, by birth
  - 11 Black-and-white cookie
  - 12 Wise owl
  - 13 Very uncommon
  - 21 Spider's creation
  - 25 Alaska city
  - 27 Muhammad
  - 28 Basketball targets
  - 30 Jealousy
  - 31 Taken a look at
  - 32 British Conservative
  - 33 Escaped
  - 34 Aviation word starter
  - 35 Poet Sandburg
  - 36 Darwin's theory
  - 38 Had a feast
  - 39 North Carolina senator
  - 42 Historical periods
  - 43 Sandwich letters
  - 48 Moved quickly
  - 50 Feel poorly
  - 52 Mary Tyler Moore Show spin-off
  - 53 and Bess
  - 55 Does word processing
  - 56 Strong glue
  - 57 City of Italy
  - 58 Appears to be
  - 59 Store away
  - 60 Get ready for dinner
  - 61 Wheel bar
  - 63 Highest draft rating
  - 64 Type of houseplant

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