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The
JEFF ZONE

a humor column by Jeff Davis

Reflections on resolutions

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Wow! It seems like only about 12 months ago I was excited that 2003 was here. Last year went by in a hurry, and I failed to fulfill any of my New Year's resolutions, but 2004 will be different. This year I've made some New Year's resolutions that I intend to keep. I'm going on the EAICS diet (Eat Anything I Can See), I will exercise regularly (including breathing in and out) and I will give up some specific foods and activities. I will give up collard greens, brussel sprouts, pig feet and anything else I don't eat. I will also give up skydiving, bungee jumping, hang gliding, bull riding and anything else I don't do. This will be the new me. You'll notice the changes when you see me. My personal New Year's resolutions and comments are nothing compared to those of recent newsmakers. Just read:

The Crocodile Hunter: Crikey! There'll be no more take your child to work days for me this year mate.

Britney Spears: I will marry for the long run next time, like at least a 3-day weekend.

Martha Stewart: Prepare to launch new mag-

azine spin-off titled "Living ... Behind Bars."

George W. Bush: This year I will get gooder with my englishment and keep my position as president-m a n .

Saddam Hussein: I will become tyrannical dictator of cell block C.

Michael Jackson: No more free sleepovers, they're costing me a f o r t u n e !

Bill Gates: I will make enough money to pay my bills a thousand times over.

Southern Florida Democratic Society: Train residents on those tricky voting machines before N o v e m b e r .

Osama Bin Laden: Keep hiding. A move a day keeps Uncle Sam away.

Pete Rose: Ok, I did it. Now what does a guy need to do around here to get in the Baseball Hall Of Fame?

Rush Limbaugh: Prove I have symptoms that warrant a new prescription for O x y c o t i n .

The Pope: Keep on keeping on, and ask Vatican for a new lightweight hat.

A r n o l d Schwarzenegger: This year it will be hasta la vista, budget deficit.

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The Hart Speaks

a fashion column by Jordana Hart

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I'll be the first one to admit that Boiling Springs is behind in many areas in which we would consider much of the country to be advanced. Fashion, in my opinion, is one of those areas. Therefore, it is no surprise to me that I have heard the buzzword "metrosexual" quite frequently as of late. According to the trendiest magazines, the term is now "out," although the look most certainly is not. For that reason, the term, as well as the concept, deserve at least a little of our consideration.

I Googled "metrosexual" the other day and found 69,500 results regarding the word, so it has definitely sparked some interest somewhere out there. Good Morning America even posted a quiz online that guys can take to find out if they are indeed metrosexuals (check out abcnews.go.com).

But what *is* a metrosexual? I interviewed a few male students and found their answers to be quite similar, and I found a plethora of varying definitions online as well. One site, urbandictionary.com, included 56 definitions of the word, the best of which, I think, is the following: "a

male, typically found in urban settings, that does not conform to historically 'macho' standards of masculinity. While this includes haircuts, wine tastes, clothing style and all the rest, it is often neglected that metrosexuality is so much bigger than that: metrosexuals are free to watch *Sex in the City*, give hugs, compliment other people in non-sexual ways and have even been known to cry."

The most succinct denotation I found, however, was on wordspy.com: "(met roh SEK shoo ul) n. An urban male with a strong aesthetic sense who spends a great deal of time and money on his appearance and lifestyle."

Anyway, you're probably thinking, *who cares?* Well, gentlemen, women do. There are 69,500 Google results because women like men to look and act their best, even if that means abandoning traditional machoism and embracing what may be considered "feminine" by some.

In the words of Shawn Pendergrass, student government association treasurer, who, among others, considers himself to be metrosexual, "It's hip. It's cool. It's me."

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