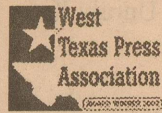


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## Prophet's nephew alleges sexual abuse

### FLDS & 3 Jeffs brothers named Thursday in Utah lawsuit

Warren Jeffs, president and prophet of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, the nation's largest polygamous community, was accused in a lawsuit last Thursday of repeatedly sodomizing his young nephew and covering it up for more than a decade. Jeffs is also accused of hiding wide-scale sexual abuse of other children by fellow members of the FLDS, including two of his brothers Blaine Balmforth Jeffs and Leslie Balmforth Jeffs.

The allegations are the most serious to be brought against Warren Jeffs, 48. He, and his top FLDS lieutenants have been under intense scrutiny by the attorneys general of Utah and Arizona, however, no criminal charges have been filed against anyone in the church leadership. But, Thursday's civil suit is of great interest to investigators in both states, even if they aren't exactly sure where to find the prophet.

A number of Hildale residents reportedly saw the prophet's motor home, and a caravan of automobiles, depart from his walled compound and drive toward St. George, Utah. One of the witnesses, who has asked to remain anonymous, told the Success this week that surveillance cameras which once stood sentinel on the estate walls, have been removed and that the prophet's home is "obviously empty."

"Some people are convinced he went to Texas, while others say he is hiding out in Canada," the source continued. "No one knows for sure, he may even be in Mexico."

While the prophet's whereabouts may be in doubt, the extent of the al-

legations against him are not. Jeffs and his two brothers, along with an unnamed defendant listed as John Doe, are accused of sodomizing Brent Jeffs when he was 4-6 years-old. Brent, now 21, was 5 and 6 years old when he claims the serial molestations took place. His attorneys said in the suit that he "decided to come forward with this information after his brother, Clayne, who lived in the same FLDS community, committed suicide."

**"They don't use the term excommunication. They prefer to say that people have been asked to repent at a distance."**

— FLDS Attorney Rodney Parker

Rodney Parker, a Salt Lake City attorney who represents the FLDS, spoke with the Success by phone Tuesday to say his client denies the charges. "The Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and its President Warren S. Jeffs deny in the strongest possible terms the allegations made by Mr. Brent Jeffs. The church and its President Jeffs believe that the filing of this action is part of a continuing effort by enemies of the church to defame it and its institutions. President Jeffs is confident that ul-

timately these allegations will be shown to be total fabrications," Parker said. Utah Attorney General Mark Shurtleff and Arizona Attorney General Terry Goddard have both expressed interest in the case, especially since it appears to bolster efforts of the two states to bring criminal charges against Warren Jeffs and the FLDS church.

#### The Accusations

The lawsuit filed by Brent Jeffs accuses Warren Jeffs, and two other men, Warren's brothers Blaine and Leslie, of molesting him repeatedly more than a decade ago in the basement of a Sunday school the FLDS ran in Salt Lake City. The Sunday school, known as the Alta Academy, has since closed.

"On repeated occasions, defendant prophet Warren would enter the basement room where the children were located, find (Brent) and instruct him to come to a nearby lavatory," the suit alleges.

"While in the lavatory, defendant prophet, and/or defendant Blaine and/or defendant Leslie confronted (Brent) and instructed him to remove his clothes."

The suit alleges that after Brent was undressed, the defendants told him it was "God's will" that he submit to one or all three of the men.

"Defendant prophet Warren then told (Brent) that these sodomizing activities were a way for (Brent) to 'become a man,'" the suit claims. "The defendant prophet Warren admonished (Brent) that it was God's will that he not tell anyone - particularly his parents - about said activities."

The suit also alleges that as prophet, "Warren Jeffs yields ultimate and absolute authority within the FLDS church."

"Defendant prophet Warren arranges and directs all marriages within the FLDS, and can at his whim expel any FLDS Church property it owns through the UEP Trust," the suit alleges.

Since rising to power following his father's death, Warren Jeffs has expelled several of the group's once most faithful members. The expulsions, called excommunications by many FLDS members, actually aren't excommunications at all, according to FLDS Attorney Rod Parker. "They prefer to say that people have been asked to repent at a distance," Parker said.

The lawsuit noted that the expulsions occur almost exclusively with young men aged 14-20, particularly if one of the young males shows an interest in their teenage female counterparts.

#### Coming Forward

Brent Jeffs, now 21, was 5 and 6 years old when the alleged serial molestations took place and that he decided to come forward only after his brother Clayne, who lived in the same FLDS community, committed suicide.

Attorney Joanne L. Suder of Baltimore, MD, is representing Brent Jeffs. She has made a name for herself with similar lawsuits against the Catholic Church's Baltimore Archdiocese. Also representing Brent Jeffs are attorneys John S. Jose and Rickey J. Brantley of Ft. Worth, Texas and Patrick A. Shea of Salt Lake City, UT.

Reaction to the lawsuit in Hildale, UT and Colorado City, AZ, was predictably mixed between the FLDS faithful who continue to follow the prophet and those who either voluntarily or through expulsion, left the group.

"Some see this as the final straw," one Colorado City resident told the Success by phone. "Even Warren's followers are sick about this and are praying that

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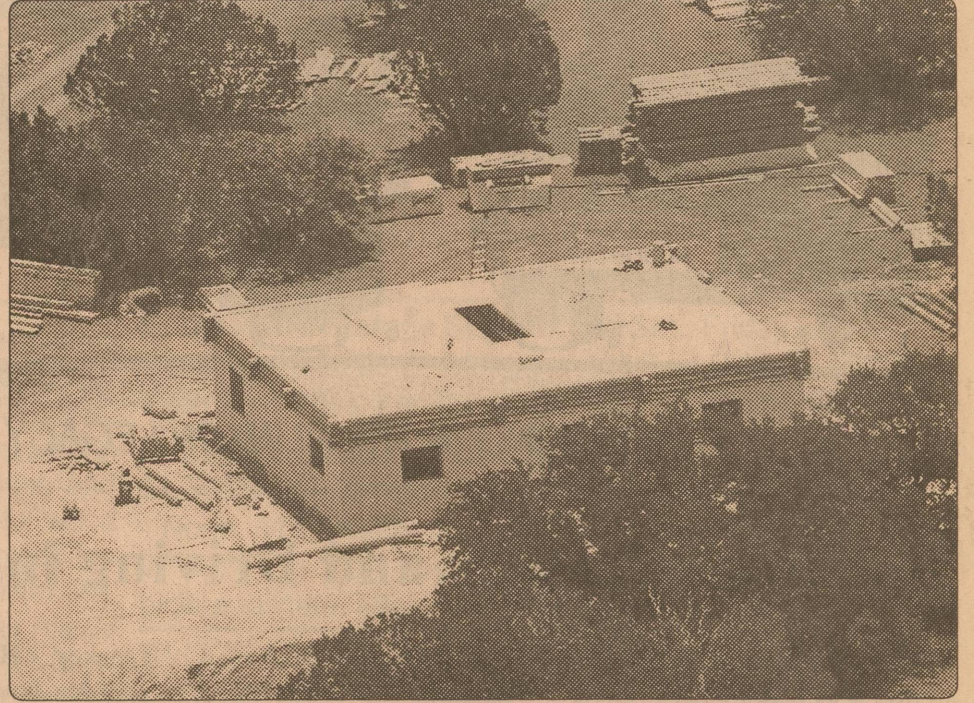


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The concrete walls were up on the first story of a new building at the YFZ Ranch and work was commencing on the second floor when this photo was taken last Thursday. Note the log cabin-style trim and the bundle of logs in the upper right of the photo. The Success has learned that much of the building material is being trucked in from Bountiful, Canada.

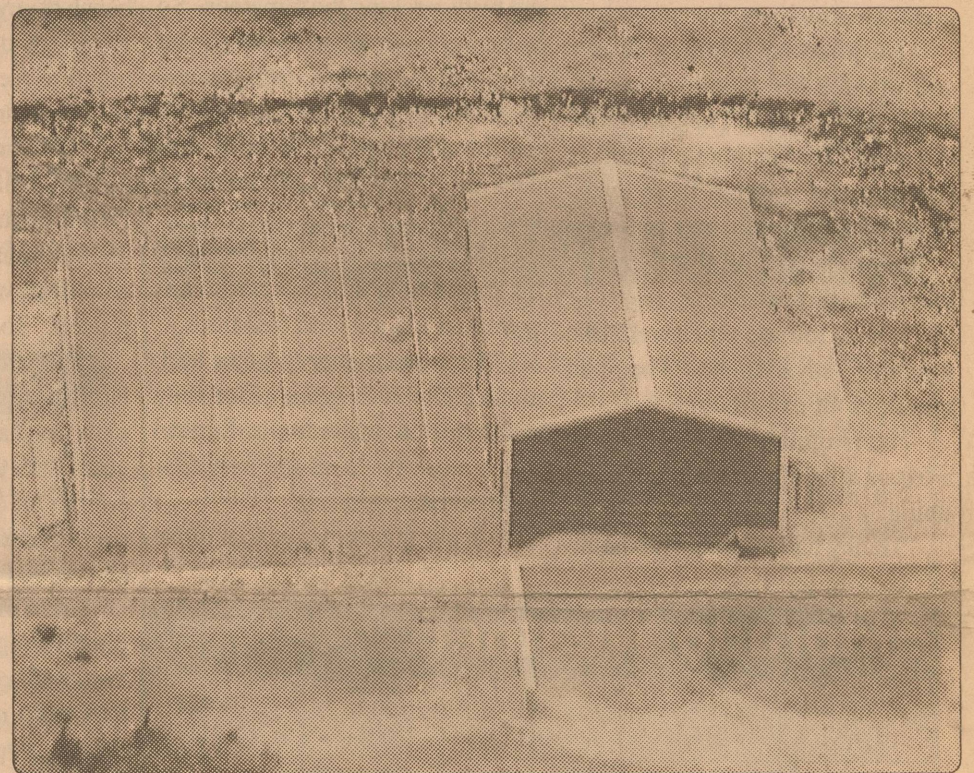


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This newly completed barn at the YFZ Ranch, photographed last Thursday, appears to already be home to several chickens, housed in one of the three outdoor pens.

## Gesch cannot be reassigned

The Eldorado Success received a copy of SCISD Superintendent Mark Gesch's employment contract last Thursday after filing a request for the document under provisions of the Texas Open Records Act.

As had been widely rumored, the contract contains a clause prohibiting the SCISD board of trustees from reassigning Gesch to a position other than that of Superintendent without his consent.

Gesch, who is on paid leave from the district, has one year remaining on his contract. He is reportedly looking for

a suitable administrative position with another school district. His \$81,000.00 salary continues while he is on leave and former Superintendent George Blanch has been hired to fill the post of acting superintendent.

Individual school trustees have told the Success that such "non-reassignment" clauses are commonplace and are routinely included in the contracts of school administrators. None of the trustees, however, have spoken about the issue "on the record," saying instead that SCISD Attorney Sarah Leon advises that they not comment.

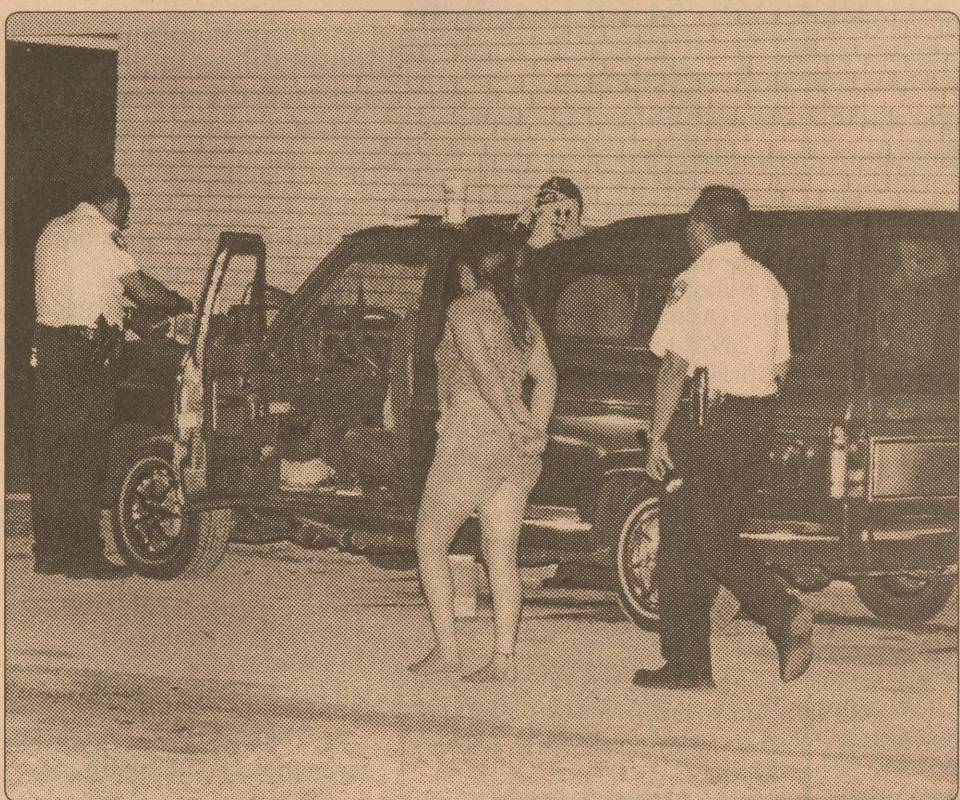


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Officers confiscated a quantity of Methamphetamine, a dog named Babe, a chicken named Clyde, and a parrot named Polly, after arresting Sheryl Mae Denton, 40, of Arizona early Sunday morning. Deputy Kevin Herbert (L) found Denton parked on the north side of Shot's and stopped to investigate. Before he was through, Herbert located a substance he believed to be Meth. Deputy David Olivian (R), assisted, as did Deputy George Arispe and DPS Trooper Danny Nunez, who took Babe, Clyde and Polly into "protective custody." Ms. Denton was booked into the Schleicher County Jail and charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance. She was later released on a \$5,0000 surety bond.

## Buitron accused of aiding and abetting illegal aliens

Martha Buitron, 37, of Eldorado is free on \$2,500 bond from federal custody in Del Rio after being arrested last week at the Port of Entry on the U.S./Mexico border. Buitron was allegedly assisting undocumented aliens in attempting to enter the United States illegally.

Buitron was freed Monday after post-

ing bond. She was initially represented by, William Hermesmeier, a court appointed attorney, but she later hired her own attorney.

Buitron's case will be heard in the U.S. Court for the Southern District of Texas, most likely at its Del Rio Division.

## Rumored escape from YFZ has internet buzzing

So far, at least, the Success has found no evidence to support a series of rumors about a woman escaping from the YFZ Ranch, despite the fact that several versions of the rumor were posted last week on various Internet websites and even referred to in numerous published news stories.

When the reports, which appear to have originated in Utah and Arizona, first reached Schleicher County last Thursday, Sheriff David Doran and Justice of the Peace James C. Doyle carried out an aerial search for the woman who, according to one version of the story, was accompanied by her two small children.

While the men scanned the area from the air, other officers looked for the woman on the ground. The search was finally called off when nothing was found.

A later version of the story claimed the woman was yet another of Prophet Warren Jeffs' wives while another claimed she had been wed to former

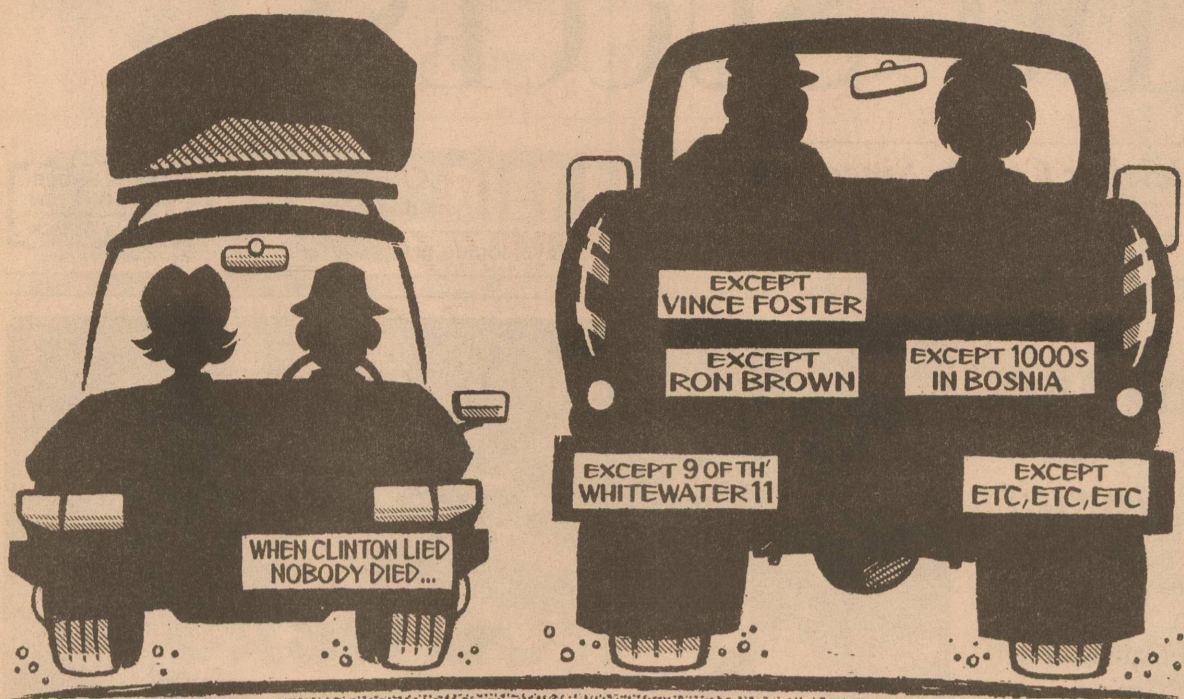
Prophet Rulon Jeffs and was married by the new prophet following his father's death in 2002.

On Tuesday, the Success was contacted by a man in Colorado City, AZ, who claimed hearing the story at least three weeks ago. In that version of the story, the woman managed to get away, not from the YFZ Ranch, but from a convoy of vehicles traveling from Utah to Texas.

Regardless of the version, the rapid spread of the story illustrates what government investigators and law enforcement officials are faced with when dealing with hot button issues like polygamy.

"Even though we all sensed that we were on a wild goose chase, we had to take this thing seriously," Sheriff David Doran told the Success later. He went on to note that arrangements have been made with the appropriate state agencies just in case the real thing ever happens here.

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TRAFFICKING IN THE CLINTON LEGACY...

## Tomatoes, Snakes and Driving in Reverse

Knob Chapman of Klondike is an expert at grafting pecan trees. He has been doing that as a hobby for a long time. He also grows blackberries and makes blackberry jam and jelly. He grows tomatoes by the bushel.

Knob's neighbor, Hanky, had a great tomato crop a few years ago. "He piled up a bunch of hay and planted his tomatoes in that hay," says Knob. "They were doing great. He just planted them in that hay and watered them every day and watched them go."

Another neighbor of Hanky was quite impressed.

"Those tomato vines were like a jungle," says Knob. "They had tomatoes all over them."

The neighbor wanted to show a friend what those tomatoes were doing.

"Hanky had trouble with mock-



by  
Tumbleweed  
Smith

ing birds pecking the tomatoes. So he had gone down to the store and bought three or four little plastic snakes and put them in around the tomato vines. The birds quit pecking. The snakes were doing heir job."

That neighbor wanted to show his friend how those tomato vines were just loaded with tomatoes.

"They went over there to look and Hanky was gone. But they went out to inspect the tomato vines anyway. And the neighbor jumped back and said

"O, my goodness, look at those

snakes.' He ran and grabbed a garden hoe and chopped those snakes all to pieces."

During his high school years, Knob had a friend who loved to drive in reverse.

"There used to be a drive-in restaurant on the edge of Dallas. A bunch of guys from Sulphur Springs would go over there on Saturday nights to see the girls come out and wait on us in shorts.

"This one boy began to bet that he could back all the way from Dallas to Sulphur Springs. People started laying bets on him. And actually I was betting on the guy myself. So he took off.

"Just before he got to Garland an electric light pole got in the middle of the road and he drove that car for years with the imprint of that light pole in the back end of his car. It sunk it in about three or four feet. he couldn't open the trunk."

Knob played football for Sulphur Springs High School back in the 1940's. He made the all-district team in 1943 as a defensive tackle, even though he played that position only once in a game against Highland Park. Every September athletes from those years get together for a meal and reminiscences. Those attending all graduated prior to 1950.

"Last year's crowd was pretty small. We're thinking about inviting athletes who graduated in the fifties."

## Eldorado Weather

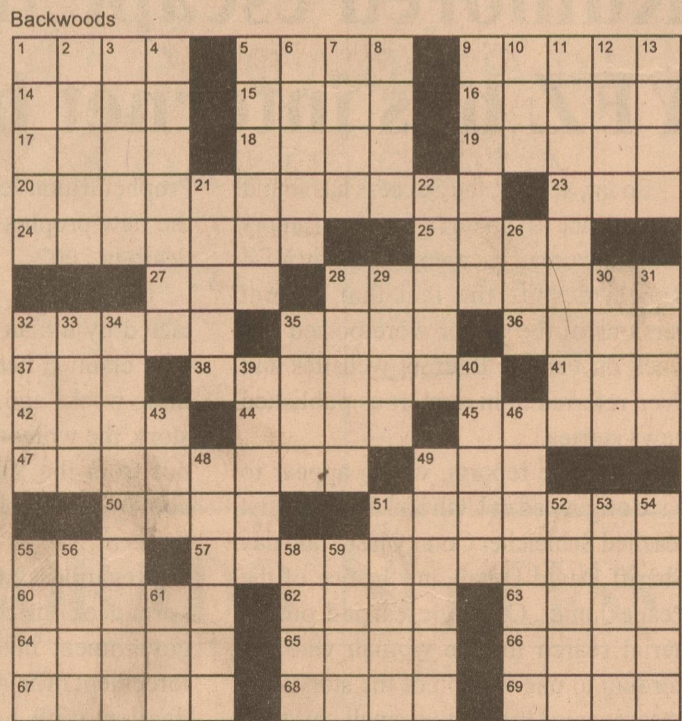
Fri 8/6	Sat 8/7	Sun 8/8	Mon 8/9	Tue 8/10
<b>94/68</b>	<b>88/68</b>	<b>92/67</b>	<b>87/66</b>	<b>90/66</b>
Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	A few clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s.	Slight chance of a thunderstorm.	Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.

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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- High-five sound
  - "Dancing Queen" band
  - Colorful parrot
  - Colombian cartel city
  - Muffin choice
  - Give the slip to
  - "This won't hurt \_!"
  - Genesis son
  - Oral vaccine pioneer
  - Perennial Halloween tune
  - Med. specialty
  - Make believe
  - Cash register slot
  - Windsor's prov.
  - Occurs earlier than
  - Zoo behemoth
  - Sow's mate
  - Lugosi of filmdom
  - "Without further \_..."
  - Morsels in some bran cereals
  - Seek an answer
  - Trifling
  - Iditarod vehicle
  - Sneakers with swooshes
  - Plato's mentor
  - Actor McKellen
  - Org. that dissolved in 1991

- Rubs away
- "Alley \_!"
- Hall of Fame knuckleballer
- Warbling sound
- Klutzes
- First name in scat
- Lint-collecting navel
- Model binder
- State firmly
- Moth-eaten
- Things to cure
- \_ up (confined)
- DOWN**
- Disney dog
- Part of a repair bill
- Roomy dress
- Indy service area
- Mark over a vowel
- Two-by-four, e.g.
- Fedora feature
- Alamo capturer Santa \_
- Fit snugly
- \_ carte
- Tenderized cut of beef
- Score after deuce, often
- Took one's turn
- Kind of sax
- "Private Parts" star Howard
- Slap the cuffs on
- Sits for a photo
- Late-night fridge visit
- Choice word
- Fifth Avenue store
- Radio hobbyists
- Prefix with logical
- What Moe called Larry
- Liver product
- Houston pro
- Traffic tie-up
- Triage ctrs.
- Piled messily
- Fashion designer Laura
- "Sacred" birds
- Worth an F
- Dig deeply
- She "outed" on TV
- Eligible for Mensa
- Mayberry tippler
- Author Sarah \_ Jewett
- He caught Whitey
- Starbucks size
- Jar topper



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## A list of goofy signs seen on the road

I had the opportunity to pass through Paint Rock last Saturday and was intrigued by a sign advertising the "Screaming Weenie Picnic" at the city park. Having just survived the Running of the Bull Festival in Eldorado the weekend before, I couldn't help but wonder if the Screaming Weenie Picnic was something Jim Runge had dreamed up. Then I noticed how amateurish the sign was, plus the fact that there was only one of them, and deduced that the good folks of Paint Rock had come up with the Screaming Weenie idea all on their own.

I didn't have time to drive down to the park, so I didn't get to experience the Screaming Weenie Picnic. Maybe next year. But, the whole thing got me to thinking about a list of weird signs that I've been saving for the day when I needed an idea for this column.

I located the list this morning and noted the first entry was for the "Lottie Freakin' Dah Ranch." I spied the odd ranch sign bearing the unusual name a few miles south of Strawn.

What follows is a list of signs that I have compiled over the period of a decade.

1. Dead Cows On Sale Here



- Curl Up and Dye Hair Salon
- New Mexico School for the Deaf --- NM Gay Mens Choir In Concert Here
- Ernest F. Duh, Attorney at Law
- Shop Earth First
- Sherril's Eat Here and Get Gas Cafe
- Entrance Only -- DO NOT ENTER
- Auction Sunday, Nov. 7, 3 p.m. -- New and Used Food
- Diesel Fried Chicken
- BE CAREFUL -- Goats like to nibble clothes and butt
- I.V. Restaurant -- Chinese Food

- to Go!
- Night Night Motel -- Highly Recommended by Owner
  - Please Drive Slow -- Old Horses, Blind Dogs, Unruly Kids next two miles
  - Perms and Worms
  - Ponderosa Veterinary Hospital - Spay or Neuter Your Best Friend
  - Jaylyn Studios -- Have the Kids Shot for Dad only \$24.95
  - Give Blood -- 8 Billion Mosquitoes Can't Be Wrong
  - Shcool Zone
  - Burger King -- Hunchback Kids Meals Are Here
  - Slow Children Playing
  - Bicycle Riding Prohibited in Subway Tunnel
  - Welcome to Lind, Washington. Drop in --- Mt. Saint Helens Did. Combine Demolition Derby and Rodeo June 6, 7 & 8
  - CRUISE SHIPS use Airport Exit.

## Sharks, bacteria dampen Texas coastal trips

AUSTIN — At the height of the summer tourist season on the coast, sharks and a little known bacteria are making Texans nervous about getting in the surf.

Two shark bites have been reported along the upper coast and along the mid coast three people are suffering from the effects of Vibrio bacteria exposure.

Even so, the Texas Department of Health says the rise in Vibrio cases is not unusual.

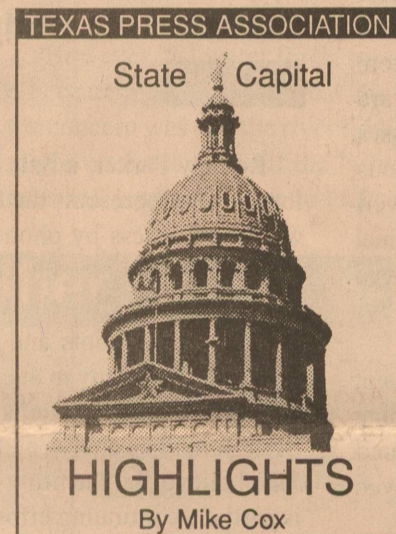
"Vibrio is not new to the world, and it's not new to Texas," said TDH epidemiologist Linda Gaul. "But some precautions are in order."

TDH has confirmed 20 cases of Vibrio illness since March, including three deaths. Texas averages 36 cases a year, Gaul said.

The bacteria lives in warm coastal saltwater and can be introduced into the body through open cuts or sores. Vibrio also can be contracted from eating raw seafood such as oysters.

The basic precaution is to keep any cuts or sores well-covered if getting in salt water, and to not eat uncooked shellfish, especially if you have diabetes, a weakened immune system or liver disease.

Another name on the dance card...



Latest gubernatorial candidate said to be thinking about the '06 primary is U.S. Rep. Chris Bell (D-Houston), who lost a re-election try in his legislatively realigned district.

Bell talked about his plans in a breakfast speech at the Democratic National Convention last week in Boston. He said whether he runs in the Democratic primary depends on whether U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison decides to retire from Washington and seek a new address at 11th and Colorado in downtown Austin.

If Hutchison opts for a try at the Governor's Mansion, the buzz has Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst running to replace her in the Senate, with

Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn then going for Dewhurst's post.

Singer-writer Kinky Friedman of Kerrville continues to blow cigar smoke about running for governor as an independent, with (he says cigar-in-cheek) Willie Nelson as head of the Texas Rangers. Friedman's also mentioned Nelson as agriculture commission, but that's an elected office.

Down on the farm...

This fall, the Texas Department of Agriculture will mark the 30th anniversary of its Family Land Heritage Program.

Since 1974, the department has recognized 3,900 farms and ranches in 222 counties that have been in the same family for a century or more. In addition to being able to prove 100 years of ownership to qualify for recognition, families must have at least 10 acres generating a minimum of \$50 in agricultural sales a year. If the farm covers less than 10 acres, sales must amount to at least \$250 annually.

Deadline for submitting applications for the 2004 class of honorees is Nov. 15. For more information, see the department's Web site at www.agr.state.tx.us or call 512-463-2631.

Grants target air pollution...

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality awarded \$80.89 million in pollution reduction grants that will remove more than 13,000 tons of ozone-producing nitrogen oxide (NOx) from Texas air. That is equivalent to removing NOx emissions from 182,500 cars per day.

The grants are funded under the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan. The reductions will help ensure that Texas will meet federal Clean Air Act deadlines.

- Projects include:
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  - Dallas-Ft. Worth area, 93 projects, \$29.6 million
  - Austin area, 43 projects, \$6 million
  - Beaumont-Port Arthur area, seven projects, \$2.2 million
  - San Antonio area, five projects, \$2.5 million
  - Corpus Christi area, four projects, \$1.9 million
  - Tyler area, two projects, \$799,450
  - Victoria area, four projects, \$828,390
  - El Paso area, two projects, \$457,018

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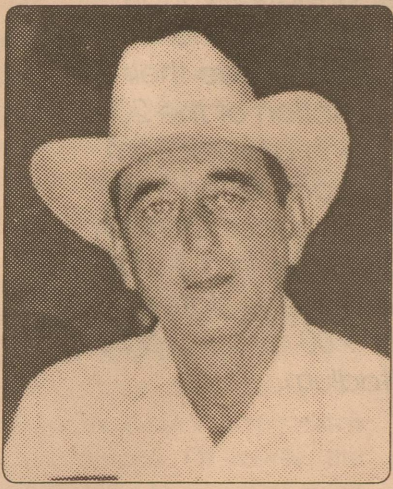
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# OBITUARIES

## Gale W. Pugh



Gale W. Pugh, of Midland, Texas went to be with the Lord on Monday, August 2, 2004.

He was born June 12, 1924 to Lee and Myrtle Pugh in Coahoma, Texas and was the sixth child in a family of eight children. Gale served his country during WWII in the U.S. Army. On June 15, 1945, he married the love of his life, Christine Thomas in Morton, Texas. Gale farmed and ranched in Midland County since 1948 where he was one of the early pioneers in the cotton industry. He gave meaning to the word progressive, as he was a very innovative entrepreneur. He was a faithful member and deacon at Terminal Baptist Church. He served as a past president of the Midland Farmers Union. Gale dearly loved his family, enjoyed hunting, dominoes, politics, visiting and fishing at his place at Oak Creek Lake. He also loved to grow things and was an avid reader. He had recently moved to Eldorado, Texas to raise his cows and sheep.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Christine Thomas Pugh, his parents, sisters, Anita Smith and Leenez Reid, and sister-in-law, Ruby Holladay.

Gale is survived by his daughters, Kathy Crowley and husband, Robert "Steve", of Midland, TX;

Linda Chancellor and husband, Jim, of Eldorado, TX; five grandchildren, Susan Crowley Scharf of Monahans, TX; Jeff Chancellor of Eldorado, TX; John Chancellor and wife, Laura, of Christoval, TX; Julie Chancellor Smithwick and husband, Kyle, of Miles, TX; Brian Crowley of Midland, TX; four great-grandchildren, Byron and Jackson Scharf of Monahans, TX; Jaime Chancellor of Eldorado, TX; Regan Smithwick of Miles, TX; sisters, Irene Smith of Lubbock, TX; Alma McGinty of Sunnyvale, CA; Shirley Thrasher of La Grange, TX; brothers, Ralph Pugh and wife, Ruby, of Midland, TX; Ray Pugh and wife, Patsy, of Fairborn, OH; brothers-in-law, Bud Thomas and wife, Bernice, of Lubbock, TX; Pete Thomas and wife, Rita, of Morton, TX; Virgil Thomas and wife, Wanda, of Irving, TX; Jerry Thomas and wife, Virgie, of Lovington, NM; sisters-in-law, Dorothy Piland of Great Bend, KS; Dolly Richmon and husband, L.W., of Brownwood, TX; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends at Ellis Funeral Home, Thursday, August 5, 2004 between the hours of 5:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 1:00 P.M. Friday, August 6, 2004 at First Baptist Church of Midland with Reverend Bob Hopkins officiating with Reverend Michael R. Chancellor assisting. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Hwy. Midland, Texas (432) 683-5555.

Memorials may be directed to the Bereavement Committee of First Baptist Church, 2104 W. Louisiana, Midland, Texas 79701.

## Myrtis Smith

Myrtis Smith, 87, of Brownfield, Texas formerly of Cisco, died Thursday, July 29, 2004, in Brownfield Rehab and Care Center in Brownfield. Funeral services were at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, July 31, 2004 in Kimbrough Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Nimrod Cemetery, directed by Kimbrough Funeral Home.

She was born March 17, 1917 in Eldorado, Texas to O. and Martha Roberts. She graduated from Menard High School. She married Raymond C. Smith September 30, 1943 in Sonora, Texas he preceded her in death on December 21, 1965. Cisco was her home until 1998 when she moved to Brownfield, Texas. She was a member of West Tate Church of Christ in Brownfield.

She is survived by a son;

Ernest Smith and wife Leta of Brownfield, Texas daughters; Charlotte Boling & husband Orval of Eastland, Texas, Laverne Thomas & husband James of Early, Texas and Noma Lee Fonville & husband Phillip of Jacksboro, Texas 7 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

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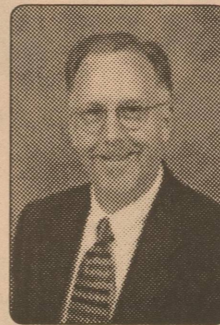
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## Dr. Carl Igo to teach at Montana State University

Dr. Igo who has been a teacher trainer at Texas State University at San Marcos will relocate to Montana in August 2004 where he will become teacher trainer at Montana State University beginning the fall semester.

Dr. Igo, a graduate of Eldorado High School in 1979, received a bachelors and masters degree from Texas Tech University, taught agricultural science in Ft. Hancock and Odessa and received a doctorate degree from Oklahoma State University. His wife, Mary Ellen, who

Dr. Carl Igo heads to Montana State University



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is an elementary teacher in San Marcos will teach in Montana.

The couple has three sons, Ethan and Aaron. Carl is the son of Fred and Juanita Igo.

## Strayhorn: Sales Tax Holiday will save over \$46 million

AUSTIN -- Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn today predicted that Texas families will save \$46.1 million in state and local sales taxes during the sixth annual Sales Tax Holiday August 6-8.

During the Sales Tax Holiday, most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 are tax-free. Shoppers can save about \$8 for every \$100 they spend on back-to-school clothes for the kids and new apparel for the entire family.

"This is a much-needed and well-deserved tax break for hard-working Texas families," Strayhorn said. "It lets families keep more of their dollars in their pockets for their families' priorities."

Since the first Sales Tax Holiday in August 1999, Texans have saved an estimated \$193.5 million in sales tax, including \$152.7 million in state sales tax and \$40.8 million in local sales taxes.

Examples of items that can be purchased tax-free August 6-8 include kids' clothes and school uniforms, adults' clothes and work uniforms, shoes, tennis shoes, sleepwear and undergarments. Items that cannot be purchased tax-free include handbags, wallets, jewelry, accessories, athletic shoes and sports apparel that are not consid-

ered street wear, backpacks and school supplies.

"I remain hopeful that the Legislature will add backpacks and school supplies to the Sales Tax Holiday in the future. Texans deserve a tax break to help out with the cost of items kids are required to have for school," Strayhorn said. "I also want to expand the list of tax-exempt items to include sewing supplies for families that make their clothes, and kids' safety gear such as bike helmets and car safety seats. I want to extend the Sales Tax Holiday from three days to five days, to avoid a three-day traffic jam."

If the Legislature makes her recommended changes, Strayhorn estimates Texans will save an additional \$25 million per year during the Sales Tax Holiday.

More information about the Sales Tax Holiday, including a list of tax-exempt items, can be found on the Comptroller's Web site at [www.window.state.tx.us/tax-info/taxpubs/tx98\\_490/tx98\\_490.html](http://www.window.state.tx.us/tax-info/taxpubs/tx98_490/tx98_490.html).

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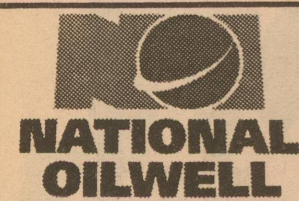
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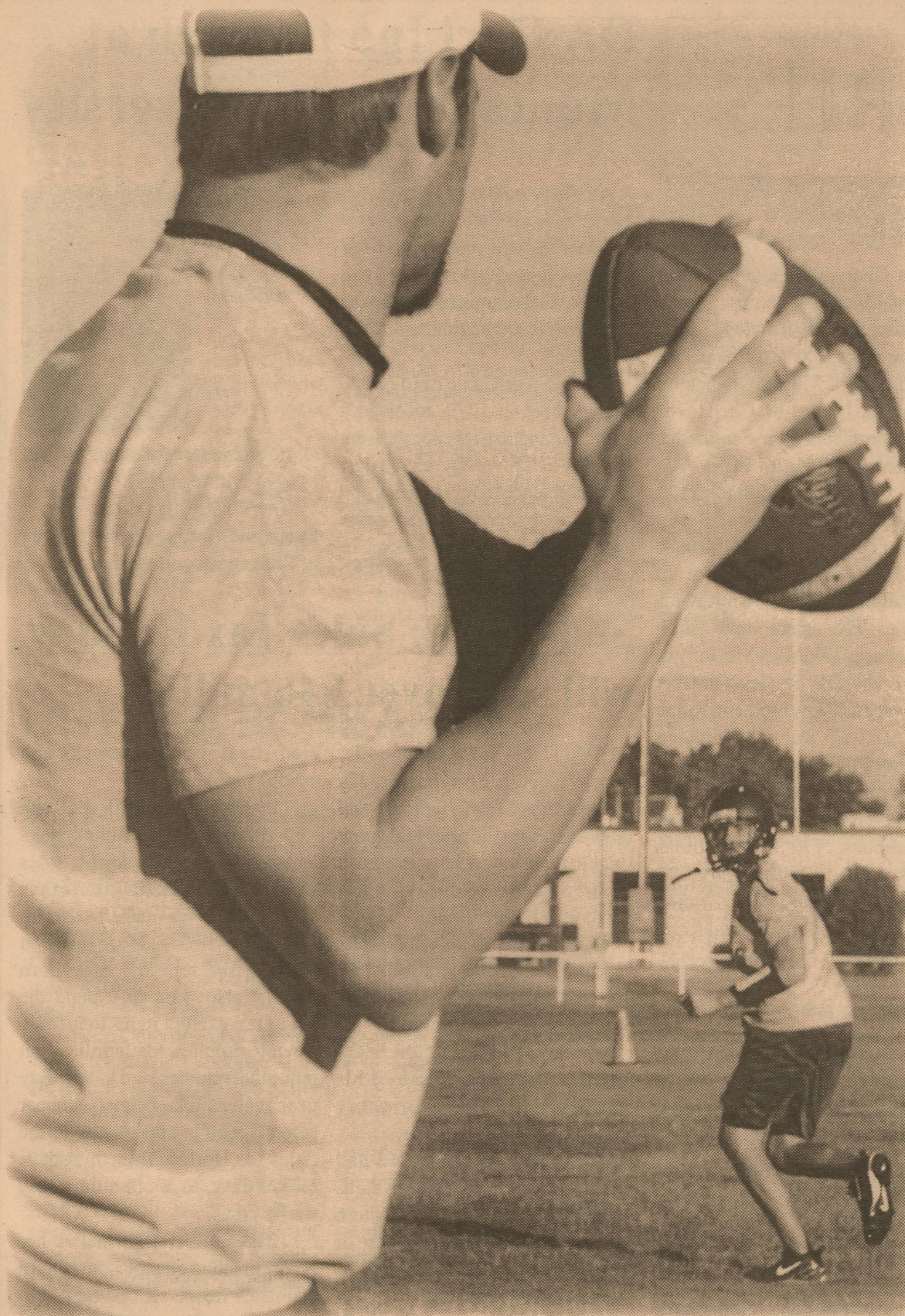
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**Watch the QB --**  
Defensive safety Ryan Cathey kept a close eye on the ball Tuesday as defensive coach Charley Bunch put the Warbirds' secondary through their paces. The Eagles will see their first action of the 2004 season a week from Saturday when they host Nueces Canyon and Miles in a 3-way scrimmage slated for 9:00 a.m. in Eagle Stadium.

PHOTO BY J.L. MANKIN

## Here come the Eagles

They're big, they're bad and they're back. The Eldorado Eagles took to the practice field for two-a-day workouts this week in preparation for the upcoming 2004 season. This year's Warbirds find themselves in a familiar, if somewhat larger District 2-2A. All five of last year's district opponents are back, but so are two other teams, also familiar to the Eagles, Junction and Mason.

Coach Gary Grubbs says he likes the Eagles chances, however, and the first couple of days of workouts seem to indicate he just might be right.

The Eagles will get their first taste of full contact action a week from Saturday when they host Nueces Canyon and Miles in a 3-way scrimmage.

## Golf Play Day

by Su Scott

The Eldorado Golf Club held its monthly Play Day on Sunday, August 1st. There were 26 adults and two youths, Cash Lane and Chance Meyers, who participated.

There results were:

1st place-score 55-Jon Cartwright, Su Scott, Scott Edmonson, and Johnny Arispe.

2nd place-score 56-Moises Hill, Roy Guerrero, Gordon Jones, and Tim Williams.

There was a scorecard playoff for 3rd place because there were three teams that tied and the following team won the scorecard playoff.

3rd place-score 60-Barry Lane, George Scott, Gordon Emmons, and Robert Bybee.

The next Play Day will be Sunday, September 5th. The Eldorado Golf Club will host the Hext Memorial 2-Man Tournament on Saturday and Sunday, August 14th and 15th.

## Eldorado Varsity Football Schedule

Saturday, August 14, 2004	Nueces Canyon / Miles Here
Friday, August 20, 2004	McCamey/Rankin There
Friday, August 27, 2004	Christoval 7:30 pm Here
Friday, September 01, 2004	*Forsan 7:30 pm Here
Friday, September 08, 2004	Menard 8:00 pm There
Friday, September 15, 2004	Open
Friday, September 24, 2004	**Grape Creek 7:30 pm There
Friday, October 1, 2004	**Sonora 7:30 pm Here
Friday, October 8, 2004	**Reagan County 7:30pm There
Friday, October 15, 2004	**Junction 7:30 pm There
Friday, October 22, 2004	**Ozona 7:30 pm Here
Friday, October 29, 2004	**Mason 7:30 pm There
Friday, November 5, 2004	**Wall 7:30 pm Here

## Eldorado JV Football Schedule

Saturday, August 14, 2004	Nueces Canyon / Miles Here
Friday, August 20, 2004	McCamey/Rankin There
Thursday, August 26, 2004	Christoval 6:30 pm There
Thursday, September 2, 2004	Forsan 6:00 pm There
Thursday, September 9, 2004	Menard 6:30 pm Here
Thursday, September 14, 2004	Open
Thursday, September 23, 2004	Grape Creek 6:30 pm Here
Thursday, September 30, 2004	Sonora 6:30 pm There
Thursday, October 7, 2004	Reagan County 6:30pm Here
Thursday, October 14, 2004	Junction 6:30 pm Here
Thursday, October 21, 2004	Ozona 6:30 pm There
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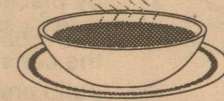


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**Tuesday, August 10**

Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Wheat Bread, Macaroni, Cubes Canteloupe, Milk

**Wednesday, August 11**

Beef & Noodles w/ Gravy, Peas, Dinner Roll, Toss Salad w/ 3 Tomato Slices, Banana Pudding, Milk

**Thursday, August 12**

Chicken Fajita w/ Onion & Green Pepper, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans & Cheese, Flour Tortilla, Lettuce & Tomato, Fruited Gelatin, Milk

**Friday, August 13**

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he will step aside or be forced out of power."

### ELDORADO CONNECTION

It is unclear if any of the fallout from the Salt Lake City lawsuit will reach to Schleicher County. But, the fact that two of Brent Jeffs' attorneys are from Texas indicates that the FLDS church's ongoing building program at the YFZ Ranch is of great interest to the plaintiff.

As part of the lawsuit, Brent Jeffs is asking that a Utah State Judge issue a temporary restraining order to prohibit the FLDS church and its trust fund the United Effort Plan (UEP) from "dissipating or otherwise disposing of their assets" until the case can be decided on its merits. If granted, the restraining order could bring construction at the YFZ Ranch to a halt until the lawsuit was tried in court. Brent's attorneys said they hoped to get a hearing on that request some time next week.



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Paisano Baptist Encampment completed its eighty-fourth General Assembly family camp the last week of July. While no actual count is taken, at estimated one thousand persons participated in the annual camp. Of note, the Youth meeting nearly doubled in the number of participants with seventy five and the children's day camp had one hundred and fifty participants. Over twenty spiritual decisions were reported by these two programs within the camp. The camp this year was highlighted by rain showers and cool weather. In the photograph, is the Tabernacle where worship services are held. In the background is Paisano Peak. The camp is located in the Davis Mountains, at an elevation of over 5,000 feet. The General Assembly at Paisano Baptist Encampment convenes in 2005 on Sunday, July 24.

## Smokey Bear's 60th birthday celebration kicks off Aug. 9

Since 1944, Smokey Bear has been a national icon with his message "Only you can prevent wildfires." The Texas Forest Service will kick off Smokey's 60th birthday on Aug. 9. The celebration will continue throughout the year, reminding citizens of the importance of protecting natural

resources.

To coincide with the birthday celebration, TFS is sponsoring a contest to design Smokey's birthday card. All Texas residents are eligible to compete in age groups ranging from Pre-K through adult. Five regional winners from each of the five age groups will compete for state recognition and the chance to have their art used in Texas Forest Service prevention campaigns.

Smokey's message is once again in the spotlight because of the recent devastating wildfires in the Western U.S. and Alaska. But Texas is not immune to the same

problems other states are having. A growing number of residents are choosing to live in fire-prone wildland/urban interface, where combustible vegetation meets combustible homes.

Texas experienced severe wildfires in 1996, '98, '99 and 2000 with an estimated 746,000 acres lost over that five-year span. Since more than 90 percent of Texas wildfires are human-caused, Smokey Bear's message of vigilance continues to stress the importance of preventing wildfires.

For more information on the Texas Forest Service wildfire prevention campaigns, visit <http://texasforestservice.com/> and for more information on Smokey Bear, including the history of his prevention campaign, visit <http://www.smokeybear.com/>.

## FSA seeks County Committee candidates

The Schleicher/Sutton/Val Verde County Farm Service Agency is restructuring their LAA's (Local Administrative Areas) due to regulations. LAA #1 will consist of the area north of Highway 190 in Schleicher County. LAA #2 will consist of the area south of Highway 190 in Schleicher County. LAA #3 will consist of all of Sutton County. LAA #4 will consist of all of Val Verde County. The three committees met to help restructure the three committees into one area committee required by law.

from your FSA County Office and should be submitted by September 3, 2004. This year's election is for LAA #1, LAA #2, LAA #3, and LAA #4. Nominees must reside in the area that they will be representing. Unlike previous years, a full slate of candidates will not be created to fill the ballot. If only one person is nominated, there will be only one candidate on the ballot, two persons nominated, two on the ballot, and so forth. A full slate will be created only if there are no nominations received.

If you or someone you know has an interest in providing guidance on federal farm program issues - impacting local farmers and ranchers - then the Schleicher/Sut-

ton/Val Verde County FSA wants your nomination. All landowners, operators and tenants of legal voting age are eligible to serve on FSA County Committees and vote in these elections.

For more information or nomination forms, contact the Schleicher/Sutton/Val Verde County FSA office at (325) 853-3535 or access the FSA website at:

[www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections/](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections/)

## It's time to order livestock validation tags for stock shows

by Scott Edmonson  
County

Once again the time is here to place your order for validation tags for sheep, goats and swine projects. As required by all major livestock shows, these animals must be validated during specific times and must have validation tags, etc. The deadline to call in your number of desired tags is as

follows: Sheep & Goats - August 18, Swine - September 20. Call in your request to the Extension office.

Actual validation will take place in October and November, but we have to order these tags before hand. If you have any questions regarding these validation procedures, please feel free to give me a call at 853-2132.

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**FIRST GRADE** #2 Pencils; Large Elmer's Glue (white only); School box; Metal inlaid scissors; Crayons - 16 count; 1 pkg. 9 X 12 assorted construction paper (loose); 1 box Kleenex; 4 pocket folders (bottom pocket); 40 page spiral notebook; Pencil top erasers; \$2.00 for Weekly Reader; (1) Box sandwich size zip-lock bags.

**SECOND GRADE** 6 Pencils - (#2); Crayolas box of 24; Elmer's glue (white); Zipper pouch, large eraser; Fiskars's scissors; 4 Red marking pencils; Kleenex (200 count); 6 pocket folders with bottom pockets; Map colors; Kleenex (200 Count), 2-70 page spirals; \$2.00 for Weekly Reader.

**THIRD GRADE** Crayons box of 24; (4) #2 pencils; Kleenex (200 count); Scissors - sharp point (Fiskars only); Zipper pouch for notebook; (4) four red marking pencils; small Elmer's glue; Loose leaf 3 ring notebook NO TRAPPER KEEPERS; 1 pkg. dividers (do not write on these); Map colors; 1 spiral notebook (70 pages); 1 pocket folder w/bottom pockets; \$2.00 for Weekly Reader; **INDIVIDUAL TEACHERS MAY GIVE ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES NEEDED THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**.

**FOURTH GRADE** 3 Ring notebook NO TRAPPER KEEPERS; Notebook paper (no college or narrow ruled); Eraser; Map colors; Ruler both metric and American standard; Glue; Scissors 6" or 7" sharp point; 6 Red grading pencils; Kleenex - large box; #2 Pencils; 6 subject dividers with tabs; Zipper pouch; (3) Spiral notebooks (70 pages); (3) pocket folders (with 3 holes); Composition notebook (not a spiral)

INDIVIDUAL TEACHER MAY REQUEST SPIRALS AND FOLDERS.

**FIFTH GRADE:** Notebook (large rings), notebook paper (wide ruled), dividers 1 pkg 8 1/2" x 11", 1 zipper bags (to fit inside notebook), 1 plastic crayon/pencil box (approximately 8" by 4 1/2"), 24 count box of crayons, \*Pencils-no mechanical ones, red grading pens or pencils, map colors, large box of Kleenex, hi-liter, 1 1/2 -- 2 inch 3 ring notebook (no polybinders), 3 pocket folders with brads, markers, scotch tape, scissors, \*White paper - 1 ram (500 sheets) 8 1/2" x 11

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**SIX GRADE:** Math Problem Solving Supplies, 3 ring binder - 2 inches wide, plain with hard sides, 1 package of tab dividers for binder (5 in a pack), 1 zipper pocket for binder, 5 - #2 pencils, 1 ream of copy paper, 1 set of 12 map colors, Red grading pens or pencils. \*If you have a pair of scissors, please bring them, but do not buy new ones if you don't.

## Water conservation is always a good idea

by Cindy Cawley  
Plateau UWCS D

This year has generally brought more rainfall and lower temperatures than the past several years. Just because we have been blessed with more rainfall this year is no reason to abandon efficient use and conservation of the groundwater supplies. Conservation should be the norm of how we use not only groundwater, but all resources.

The old adage "If a little is good, then more is better" does not hold true when watering the vegetation in and around our homes. FACT: More plants die from over-watering than under-watering. Be sure to only water plants when necessary.

Practicing efficient watering techniques should be as natural as getting up in the morning.

Outdoor use accounts for about 60% of water use in the summertime. Utilizing efficient and conservative watering practices ensures sufficient groundwater supplies, now and in the future.

For your lawn:

- Reduce watering frequency to once a week
- Water slowly during the early morning when it is cooler
- Deeper less frequent watering promotes root growth and drought tolerance
- Use sprinklers which produces large drops of water and avoid watering on windy days
- Forget about watering streets and sidewalks (they will not grow)
- Raise the mower cutting height (taller grass reduces

evaporation)

For your trees and shrubs:

- Use mulch to retain moisture and reduce evaporation
- Use drip irrigation or soaker hoses

When planning landscape changes consider changing the "old established" thinking.

- Use native plant and grass varieties

(Buffalo grass requires watering every 2-5 weeks)

(St Augustine requires watering every 5 days)

- Decorate areas with rocks, gravel, or other materials
- Expand existing flower beds with native plants and mulch
- Mulch out to the drip line of existing trees
- Think in terms of Xeriscape landscaping

ing with water use is a win-win proposition.

- Plants and grass are healthier and develop deeper root systems

- Native plants require less "maintenance" (water and work)
- Less water use equals lower water or utility bills

Additional information on efficient use and conservation measures both inside and outside the home is available at the Plateau Underground Water Conservation & Supply District Office. If your group or organization would like a water conservation program, contact the District. Water analysis for residents of the District are available upon request. Please contact the District at 853-2121 for informational materials, scheduling a program, or requesting a water analysis.

## Ancient art of glass blowing lives on at TTU Junction

Creating art is a very individual experience, but glass blowing is group art. Besides being a very collaborative process, it also requires the support of specialized equipment. The unique furnaces and tools, the raw materials, even the natural gas, are all very expensive. Consequently, glass blowing is not an art form for the backyard.

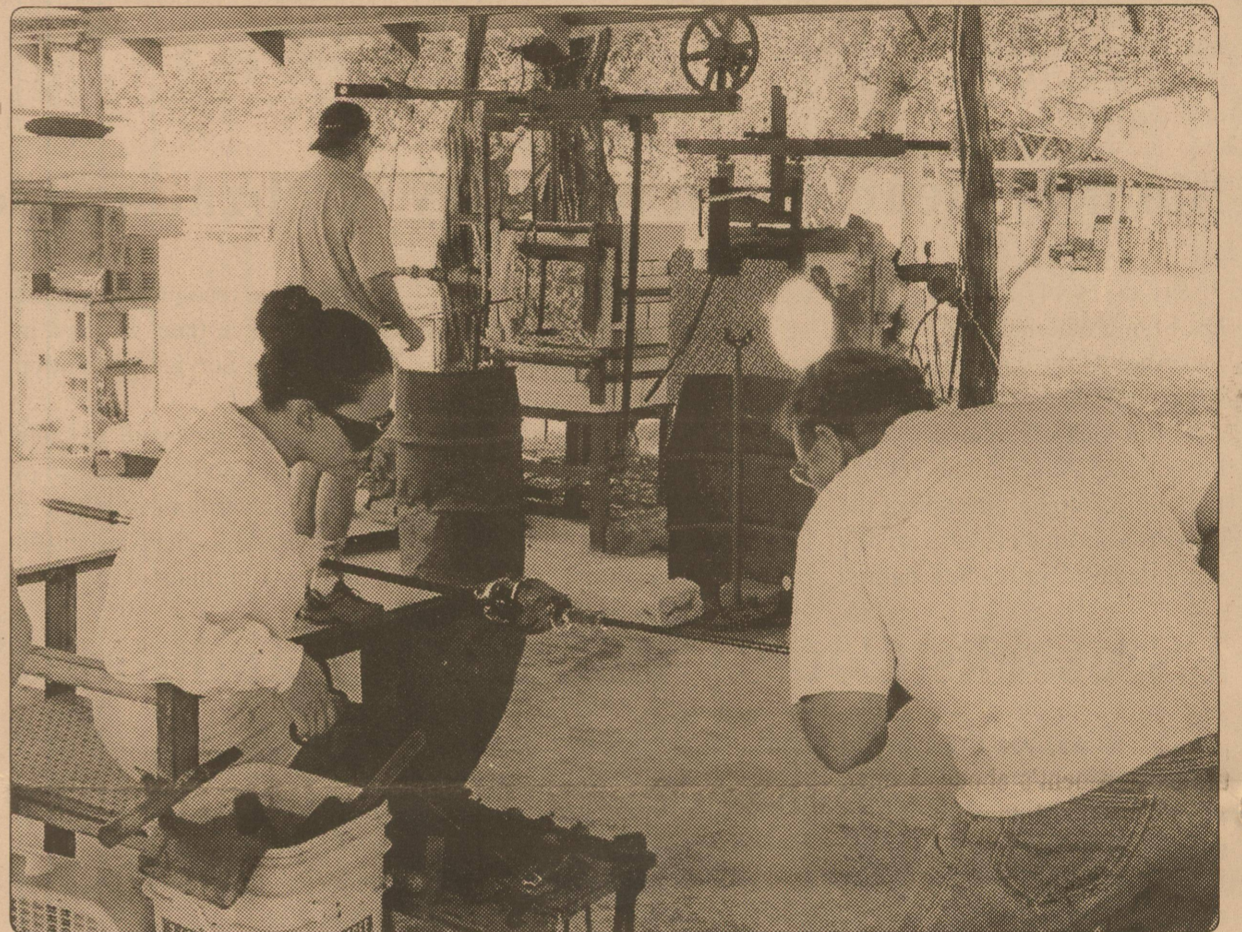
Each summer, up to six people can leave their lives behind and come to the Texas Tech University Center at Junction for a glass blowing workshop for two or three weeks. Natural gas fires the furnaces but the process is much the same as it has been for thousands of years.

Angie Heath, who teaches art in Southland, Texas, near Lubbock, has been coming for 17 years. "It's wonderful. You need to focus on your work and on the process. I don't have to worry about cooking or dishes—just blowing glass. There are people to talk to about glass." During the rest of the year she does lampworking—making beads with rods of glass and a small torch fueled with mapp gas.

John Larson is a lawyer in Austin, but for his vacation for the past three years, he attended the glass blowing workshop. He says, "It's a good balance to everything I do the rest of the year. It's great."

Carol D'Alessandro has been coming for seven years as a break from teaching in San Antonio.

Vickie Bunting, one of the instructors, is an English and history teacher at Lubbock High School in



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The art of Glass Blowing is alive and well at the Texas Tech University campus in Junction where each summer a group of artisans gather to practice the ancient craft.

her other life but every summer she is in Junction working with glass. For 18 years she worked with Bill Bagley, a Texas Tech University art professor and sculptor who ventured into glass in the early '70's. When he died in 1998, Bunting and Dale Battle, another long time Junction student, took over instructing the workshop. Dale is now retired after teaching art 33 years in Baytown. He keeps the electrical and mechanical systems up and running.

Each time a person creates a piece, two or more people assist with the process. The instructors and the other students work together to teach the new students the ancient art.

The novice has to learn the body movements necessary to gather molten globs of 2000 degree glass from the furnace. The glass is a fluid mass on the end of a blow pipe and it needs to be turned and shaped. It has to be re-heated in the glory hole furnace. Other artists and the teachers help with the blowing, hand the artist tools, and open the doors of the roaring gas-fired furnaces. When the piece is formed, the artist places it into a 950 degree annealing furnaces to slowly cool so it will not break from thermal shock.

Terry Martin, a pediatric ICU nurse from Lubbock, received the workshop as a Christmas present from his wife. He had a wonderful time and vowed to return next summer with his wife.

Monica and Laurel Watkins, sisters from Mason, were also new students this year. "It takes coordination and practice to handle the glass in a safe way, but it was very interesting", said Monica.

For information on the glass blowing workshops next year, contact Wanda Merchant at 830-990-2717 or wanda.merchant@ttu.edu. Also see <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/hillcountry/junction/junc.on%20glass%20blowing.htm>.

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# A politically correct visit and drive

by Mark Campbell

Texas has had its share of presidents.

Eisenhower was born in Denison and has the State Historic Site to prove it.

Of course, the Bush family has made political history. The elder's official library is at College Station, safely assuring that his presidential documents will remain unmarred for centuries since Aggies can't read.

Our current leader, George W., managed to make the tiny town of Crawford — a team my high school, Meridian, defeated 14-12 in 1973 in a major upset thanks to my two extra points, thank you very much — world famous. Of course, the town might not be so famous much longer come November.

But really, there's just one real Texas president, one who lived the stereotype of everything being big and brash in the Lone Star State, one who has not only a State Historic Site but a State Park and a National Park — all in the same place — Lyndon Baines Johnson.

And, not too far away (visible from the LBJ Ranch), is one of the most unique drives in the state, a marvelous 13-mile trek that will have you wondering if you're still in Texas at all.

## LBJ SP

There's kind of a scam going on at LBJ SP. If you want to see the "Texas White House" — the sprawling Johnson residence between Fredericksburg and Johnson City — up close and personal, you have to go by bus. Well, most of the time.

At the state park headquarters, you can purchase a ducat for \$3 that will give you a seat on an air-conditioned tram for a one-hour tour around the LBJ facilities. By paying that \$3, you'll get to see the ex-president's abode, a huge ranch house with towering pecan trees and a sprawling green lawn that slopes down to the Pedernales River. The National Park Service runs these tours.

Most of the time, only NPS buses are permitted to motor up the road to the ranch. However, according to a sign at the road to the house, you can take a private vehicle up there from 5 p.m. to dusk. We snuck in at 4:50 and did doughnuts on the lawn in protest.

The headquarters has a nice display wrapping up LBJ's life and the history of the area with its heavy German influence. There's a "dogtrot" cabin dating from the 1870's next to the headquarters. It's also where you catch the bus.

An interpretive nature trail takes off from the visitor center

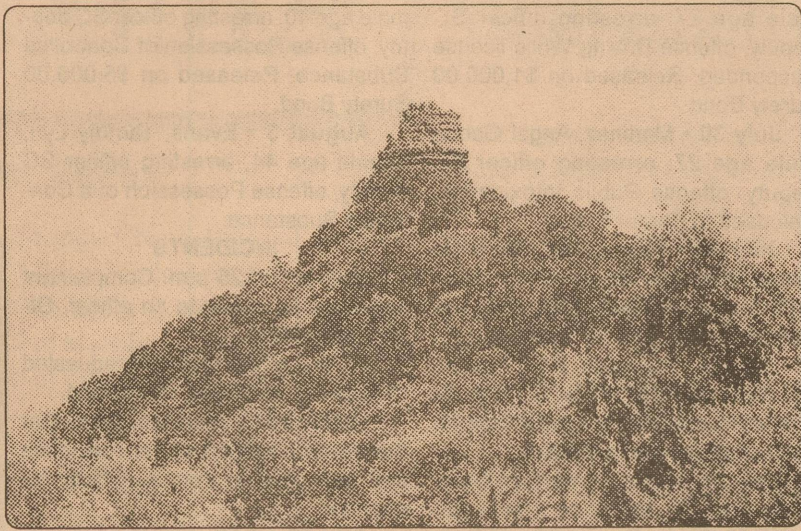


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Bell Mountain not only soars almost 2,000 feet above the Willow City Loop, but on its slopes is a popular winery, called, surprisingly, Bell Mountain Vineyards.

complex. Not far away is a statue of LBJ. He's either offering his hand in friendship, pointing to the Pedernales, or grabbing for another Democratic handout. It's hard to tell.

The park's claim to fame is its expanse of wildflowers. In the spring, people pour into the place to see the wide fields of bluebonnets and Indian paintbrushes. Even though we arrived in July, there were still, amazingly, a few bluebonnets around and plenty of paintbrushes and yellow coreopsis.

The newest hiking trail — this one very flat, made of crushed limestone, and ADA-approved — meanders for a mile right through a gargantuan field of flowers and past huge trees.

Another place to visit at LBJ SP is the Sauer-Beckmann Farm, a "working" farm that illustrates how life was so horrible back in 1900-1918. Live actors — sorry, "costumed interpreters" — perform chores of the era like: canning, butchering, gathering eggs, slopping hogs, churning butter. Or you

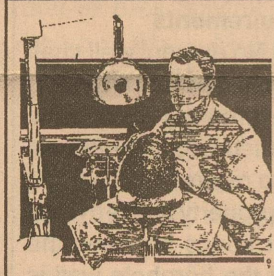
can buy the X-Box game at the visitors center.

## Another trail

A second trail drops down to a small, crystal clear creek. The 1.25-mile Paseo Del Arroyo Natural Trail bends around a fenced enclosure of white-tailed deer (which are very prevalent as you probably already saw en route to the park, with several deer "resting on the shoulder of the highway," as you told the kids), longhorns, and buffalo.

Those animals, not exactly frisky due to the Texas heat, surely wished they could go with you on your hike because it gets much cooler down by the stream. A bridge crosses over the babbling brook. To the right the trail stays by the water. A placard tells why, thanks to several feet of pristine, unmarred soil, this part of Texas has the best peaches in the world. Of course, plenty of other places in the state claim to have the best peaches, but, well, they don't have a placard, do they?

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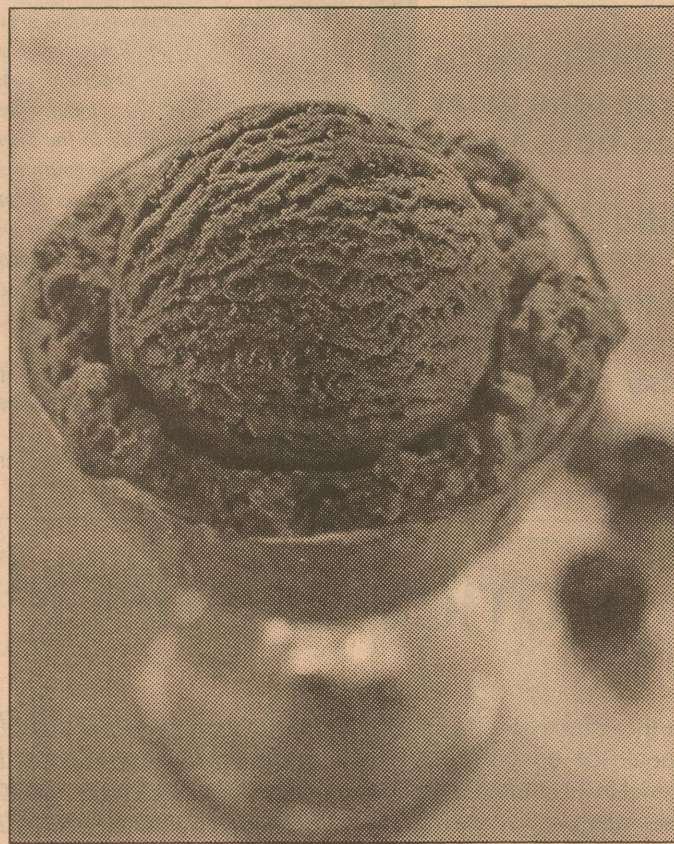
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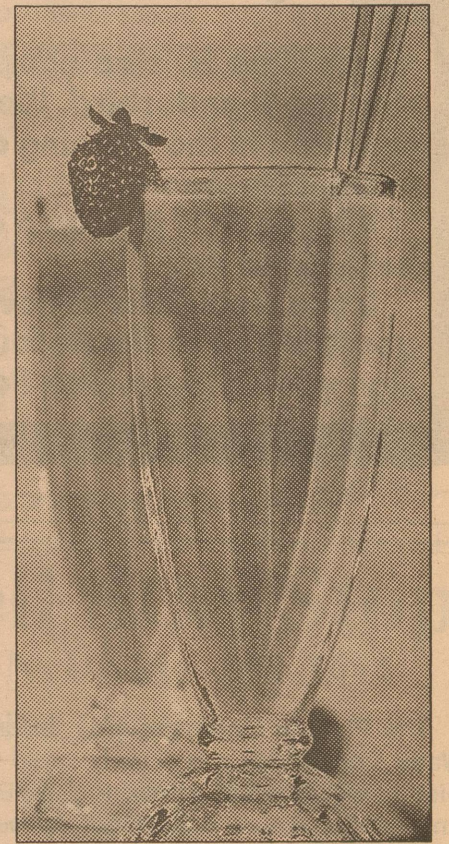
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## Blackberry-Lemon Ice Cream

- 2 cups fresh or thawed frozen unsweetened blackberries, mashed
- 1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)

- 1/4 cup ReaLemon Lemon Juice from Concentrate
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind, optional
- 3 cups (1 1/2 pints) half-and-half

1. In large bowl, combine blackberries, sweetened condensed milk, lemon juice from concentrate and rind if desired. Stir in half-and-half.
2. Pour into ice cream freezer container.
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## Fruit Smoothies

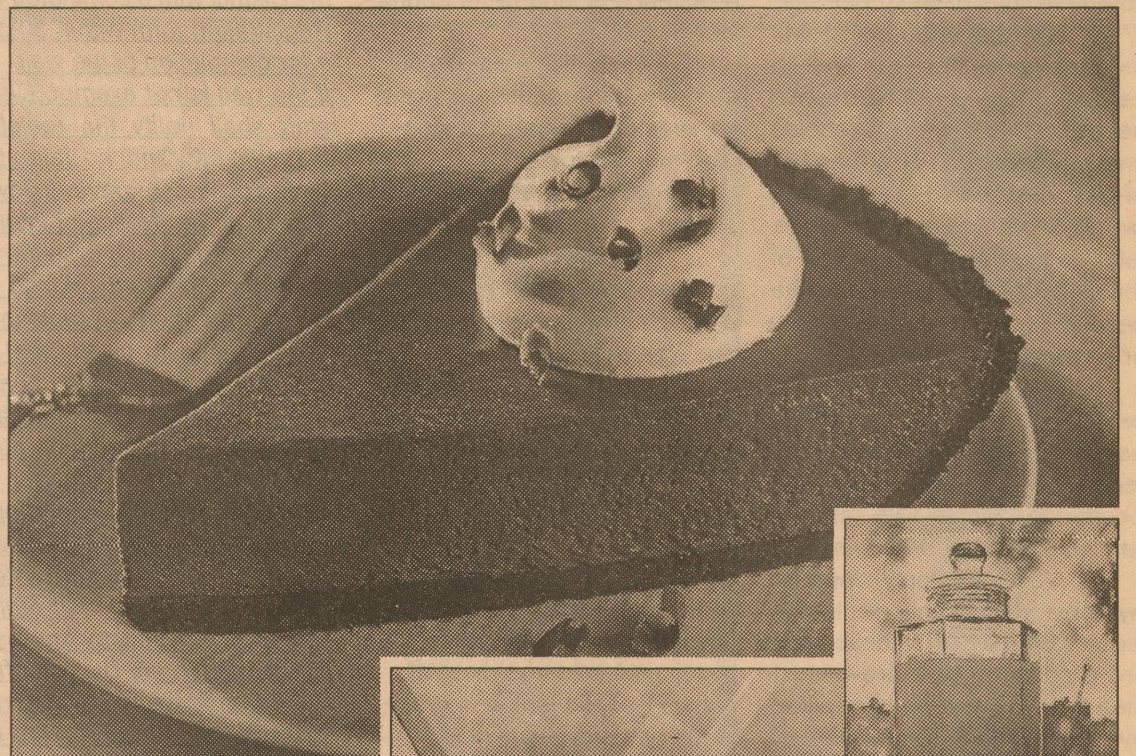
- 1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)
- 1 (8-ounce) carton plain yogurt
- 1 small banana, cut up
- 1 cup frozen or fresh whole strawberries

- 1 (8-ounce) can crushed pineapple packed with juice, chilled
- 2 tablespoons ReaLemon Lemon Juice from Concentrate
- 1 cup ice cubes
- Halved fresh strawberries, optional

1. Chill sweetened condensed milk. In blender container, combine sweetened condensed milk, yogurt, banana, whole strawberries, pineapple with its juice and lemon juice from concentrate; cover and blend until smooth.
2. With blender running, gradually add ice cubes, blending until smooth.
3. Garnish with halved strawberries if desired. Serve immediately.

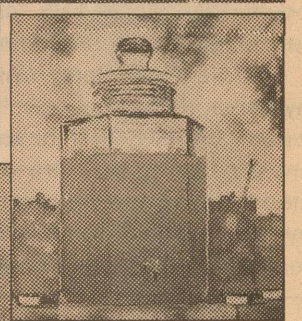
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Chocolate Chiffon Pie

Fruit Meltdown Popsicle Treats



Lemon-Lime Iced Tea

## Chocolate Chiffon Pie

- 2 (1-ounce) squares unsweetened chocolate, chopped
- 1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)
- 1 envelope unflavored gelatin
- 1/3 cup water
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup (1/2 pint) whipping cream, whipped
- 1 (6-ounce) ready-made chocolate or graham cracker crust pie crust
- Additional whipped cream

1. In heavy saucepan over low heat, melt chocolate with sweetened condensed milk. Remove from heat.
2. Meanwhile, in small saucepan sprinkle gelatin over water; let stand 1 minute over low heat, stir until gelatin dissolves.
3. Stir gelatin into chocolate mixture. Add vanilla. Cool to room temperature. Fold in whipped cream. Spread into crust.
4. Chill 3 hours or until set. Garnish with additional whipped cream. Store covered in refrigerator.

6 or 8 servings

## Fruit Meltdown Popsicle Treats

- 2 cups strawberries or favorite fruit (e.g. chopped honeydew melon, cantaloupe, pineapple or raspberries)
- 1 cup cold water
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup ReaLemon Lemon Juice from Concentrate
- 10 (3-ounce) paper cups
- 10 popsicle sticks

1. Place strawberries, water, sugar and lemon juice from concentrate in blender container; blend until smooth.
2. Pour mixture into cups, filling until almost full.
3. Place cups on tray and freeze 30 minutes or until just firm.
4. Place sticks into the middle of each cup. Continue to freeze until solid.
5. Remove from cups and serve.

10 servings

## Lemon-Lime Iced Tea

- 3 1/2 cups water
- 4 to 6 tea bags
- 1/3 cup ReaLemon Lemon Juice from Concentrate
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons ReaLime Lime Juice from Concentrate
- Ice cubes

1. Bring water to a boil in a large saucepan. Remove from heat. Add tea bags. Cover and let steep 5 minutes.
2. Remove tea bags. Add lemon juice from concentrate, sugar and lime juice from concentrate; stir until sugar dissolves. Transfer to pitcher.
3. Serve over ice cubes.

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**LBJ State Park**

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The path eventually leads to restrooms and a playground under some humongous pecan and oak trees.

Going left at the bridge required us to climb over a fallen log that either meant the trail was closed because of recent heavy rains or it had incredibly tumbled over exactly at the trailhead. We chose to believe the latter.

The path goes under an overpass along the creek as it heads for the Pedernales. The trail comes out near some picnic tables. You can cross Ranch Road 1 here and sit at the official "river overlook." You can watch the Pedernales flow and see the place where, awhile back, the park tram used to go along a small spillway that crossed the river just past an old, gated LBJ Ranch road (now closed).

However, the water force, usually quite mild, was too great and the concern was that the river flow might wash the tram off the little road and send it on down to Peder-

nales Falls SP where all occupants would be charged another entrance fee. No one wanted that.

**Also at the park**

You could have quite a family outing at LBJ.

The park has multiple playgrounds and tennis courts as well as a baseball diamond that can be reserved.

So can a dining hall that seats 70 and a picnic area with a capacity of 200.

LBJ has a large swimming pool that's normally open from Memorial Day to Labor Day (Wed.-Sun. plus holidays) from noon-8 p.m. It, too, can be rented.

The entire facility is a day use only park. But some youth groups are permitted to camp overnight.

Buildings on the property close at 5 p.m., just like at every other state park; the farm shuts down at 4:30. Picnic areas are available until dark.

The park is officially open everyday but three: Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. However, since there's no gate at the front entrance, visitors can still roam around the property -- and you could boldly drive your car right up to the LBJ Ranch in broad daylight!

**The loop**

North of Fredericksburg is the Willow City Loop. There used to be a Willow City, but now it's pretty much just a beer joint at "the knot in the loop" and a couple of old buildings.

This 13-mile driving trek -- most of which takes place on skinny paved roads through private property -- is jam-packed during wildflower season. Bikers -- Harley-Davidson sorts not the Lance Armstrong devotees -- especially fill the roadway, also taking in nearby Enchanted Rock during rallies.

Most people make the loop counterclockwise, beginning at the intersection of Highway 16 and Ranch Road 1323. That's where the beer joint is.

Soon enough, you're on private property (signs a-plenty, attached to numerous cattle guards, declare that) and creeping through some remarkable landscape, even for the Hill Country.

Our mid-summer drive was full of wildlife, especially deer. We saw scads of fawns, rabbits, buzzards, and other critters leaping, jumping, and flying around the rugged green and red landscape.

The roadway drops and suddenly the land looks very Colorado-y with ruddy cliffs and jagged rock formations. On one rise, the view is especially exceptional with a canyon spread out below.

Eventually you reach the lowest part of the drive where a creek flows before a towering cliff and trees line the waterway. Then you head back up and out, passing Bell Mountain, which stands almost 2,000 feet up.

While springtime is spectacular (and crowded), the drive is pleasant any time of year. And, just maybe Lady Bird Johnson will be watching through her binoculars from the Ranch, trying to figure out who is making all those doughnuts on her lawn.

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Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	A few clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s.	Slight chance of a thunderstorm.	Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.

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