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## State relaxes rules on flu vaccine

### 3-day Flu Shot Clinic begins Monday in hospital lobby

Hospital Administrator Sharon Dietz announced this week that the Texas Department of Health has lifted the restriction on flu shots and is allowing the vaccine to be given to the general population. Dietz explained that a Flu Shot Clinic has been scheduled for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week in the Hospital's main lobby. The clinic will run from 9-12 each morning and continue from 1-5 each afternoon.

Cost of the vaccine is \$15. SCMC personnel will be happy to file Medicare claims, Ms. Dietz stated.

Youths under the age of 18 are asked to bring a permission letter from their

parents. Also, children ages 13 and younger may only receive the nasal flu mist and it is only being offered on Monday, February 7, 2005.

"I am happy that a sufficient quantity of flu vaccine has been manufactured and that the TDH has lifted the restrictions," Dietz said.

Ms Dietz went on to note that February and March are historically the peak flu months and she encouraged everyone who can to come by Schleicher County Medical Center to get their vaccine.

The nation's supply of flu vaccine was greatly curtailed late last year when

vaccine manufactured in a British plant owned by Chiron Corporation, was found to have been contaminated. British authorities quickly closed the plant, resulting in a world-wide shortage. As other manufacturers geared up to produce more vaccine, health care providers throughout the world were told to ration the remaining supply of vaccine, targeting only those in high-risk groups.

Here in Eldorado, SCMC received its first shipment of vaccine in November of 2004 and scheduled two flu shot clinics for at-risk groups, including elderly citizens and those with chronic health problems.

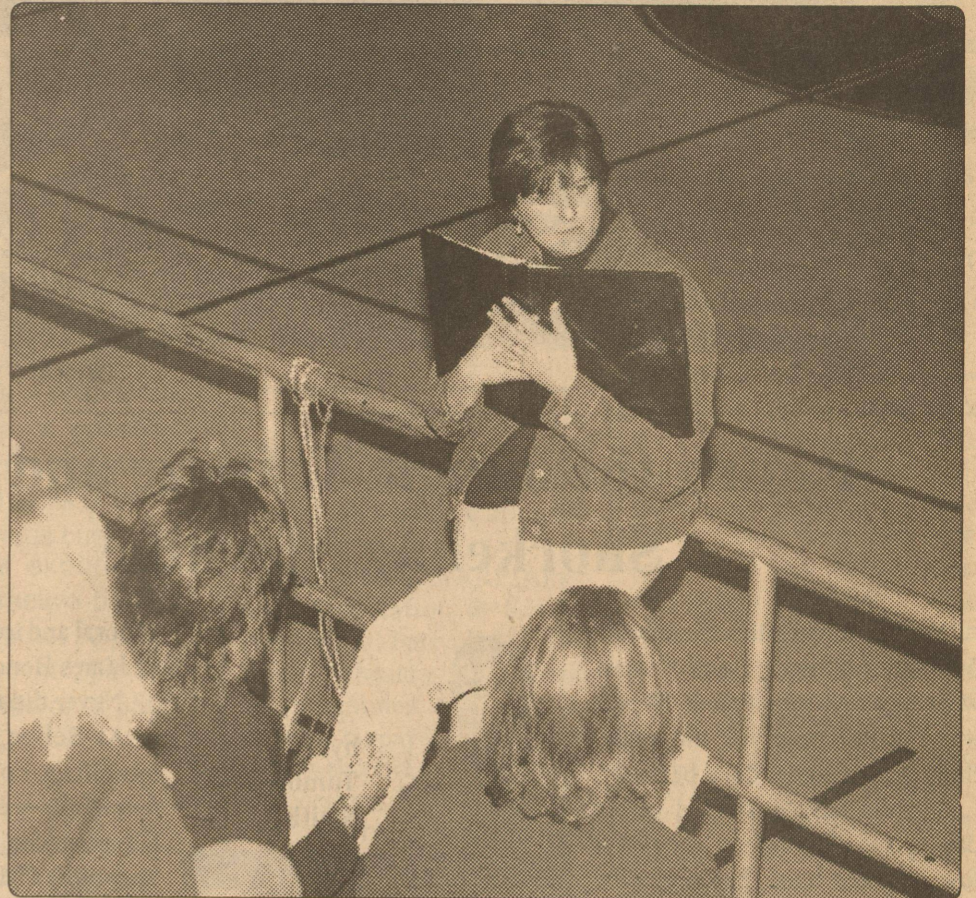


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Elementary Principal Maela Edmonson listen to inquiries about forming a Parent-Teacher Organization for Elementary students and parents. Parents present for the meeting reviewed and approved the bylaws for forming a local chapter. The group is now seeking nominations for officers.

## James Powell receives Texas Agriculture Lifetime Leadership Achievement Award

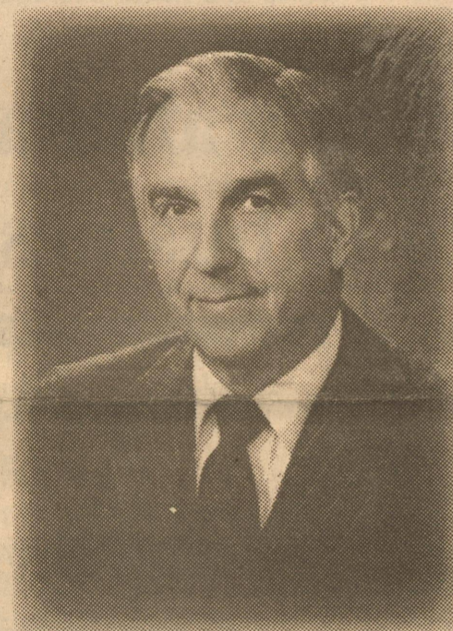
COLLEGE STATION – James Powell of Fort McKavett was given the Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership Achievement Award on Jan. 26, 2005 at the Tribute to Texas Leadership reception at the Austin Club in Austin. Lt. Governor David Dewhurst was the keynote speaker.

Powell ranches in Schleicher, Sutton, Menard and Tom Green counties.

A founding member of Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership (TALL) in 1987, Powell has served as vice chairman of the TALL advisory board and executive secretary of the TALL Foundation. He also provides financial support to the organization and helps recruit participants.

The TALL program teaches volunteer leaders in agriculture to improve the quality of life in their communities and work places, said Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz, director of the program.

"I've long admired the dedication and commitment that Jimmie Powell has offered to Texas," said Gov. Rick Perry. "The agriculture community, ranching industry and our entire state continue to benefit from his leadership, and I can think of no one more deserving of the Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership Achievement Award."



James Powell

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Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said, "I'm grateful for his hard work, enthusiasm and deep commitment to Texas. Jimmie's contributions to Texas education, agriculture and commerce have improved the lives of countless Texans."

Matt Brockman, executive vice president for the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, agreed, adding that Powell also is a long-time advocate for improving educational op-

portunities for young people.

Powell has been appointed to university boards by two governors, and often hosts university groups interested in studying agricultural management at his ranches, Brockman said.

Through the banking profession, Powell helps young people getting started in agriculture and related businesses and sponsors projects that benefit communities, he said.

"Jimmie is known throughout the ranching industry for his wise use of natural resources through such conservation practices as controlling brush and caring for the grasses," Brockman said.

"But he is perhaps better known throughout the nation and the halls of Congress as an expert on how taxes affect agriculture. For years, he has advocated valuing agriculture property based on productivity and ownership and has fought to lower the estate tax rate. He has long provided steady, exemplary leadership to the agriculture industry."

Powell has been president of the board of regents for the Texas State University System and chairman of the board of regents for the University of Texas System.

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## Nominations sought for officers as Elementary PTCP organizes

The Eldorado Elementary Parent-Teacher Community Partnership got off the ground with an organizational meeting Thursday, January 27 evening called by Elementary Principal Maela Edmonson. The purpose of the meeting was to organize parents who want to get involved with the school and have an active role in their child's education.

A group of twelve parents met to review and approve the PTCP bylaws. They then agreed not to assess dues until a membership can be held in August.

A nominating committee, consisting of Shannon Wideman, Rebecca Jacobson, Dede Miller and Beverly Minor, will seek out nominees for a slate of officers to be voted on at the group's next meeting, scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on March 3, 2005, in the Elementary Gym.

Elementary parents interested in becoming an officer are asked to contact Principal Maela Edmonson so that she may forward the information to the nominating committee.

## Gov. Perry seeks USDA help for Schleicher and Sutton Counties

Gov. Rick Perry last week asked the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency to provide disaster relief assistance for Schleicher, Sutton and Moore counties where farms and ranches experienced damage due to a series of severe storms that swept across Texas this fall.

Initial reports Schleicher County indicate that 12,000 acres of cotton and wheat were damaged by excessive rains in October and November. Sutton County experienced excessive rains from September through November. Sutton County estimated that 400 acres of wheat were damaged. Estimates from Moore County,

affected by excessive rain and snow beginning in October, reveal damage to 36,500 acres of cotton, wheat and grain sorghum.

If the USDA request is approved, qualified farm operators in designated counties will be eligible for low-interest emergency loans from the USDA's Farm Service Agency. Producers can borrow up to 100 percent of actual production or physical losses, or a maximum of \$500,000. The agency offers additional programs, such as technical assistance, to eligible farmers.

The National Weather Service counts November 2004 as the rainiest November since 1895.

## Hilderbran seeks to eliminate unfunded mandates

### Speaker Craddick picks Kerrville legislator to chair Tourism committee

AUSTIN - Representative Harvey Hilderbran (R-Kerrville) filed two pieces of legislation last week that, if passed, would spare local governments from having to pay the costs of administering new state laws.

"There is a lot of legislation that places fiscal implications on the backs of local governments," Hilderbran said. "The state shouldn't be passing new laws that cost political subdivisions without attaching state money to those mandates."

Local governments are almost entirely dependent on property taxes to pay for the services they offer. When the state passes legislation that requires the city or county to administer a new law, that government must either raise the property tax or reduce other services.

"State-required services should be funded by the state, not local property taxes," Hilderbran said.

House Bill 115 would halt unfunded mandates by amending the Texas Government Code, while House Joint Resolution 20 would call for a constitutional amendment to be voted on in the general election in November.

"This legislation would remove the

temptation for future legislatures to revert to unfunded mandates and provide a balanced approach, protecting both the political subdivisions and the state," Hilderbran said.

Jim Allison, general counsel for the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas, issued a statement of support for the legislation.

"Unfunded mandates have resulted in financial burdens being imposed on local taxpayers," Allison said. "By filing this legislation, Representative Hilderbran has shown his concern and support in protecting the local taxpayer from unnecessary tax increases."

Hilderbran introduced the two bills the week after many state legislators returned from President Bush's inaugural in Washington, D.C. Earlier in the week, House Speaker Tom Craddick appointed Hilderbran to serve as chairman of the House Committee on Culture, Recreation, and Tourism, and also named him as a member of the House Committee on Natural Resources.

The Culture, Recreation, and Tourism Committee, previously called the State Cultural and Recreational Resources Committee, has jurisdiction

over state parks, the preservation of wildlife and fish, hunting and fishing, and the preservation of Texas' history and memorials.

The committee also oversees the Parks and Wildlife Department, the Texas Commission on the Arts, the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, and the Texas Historical Commission.

Hilderbran was also appointed to the Natural Resources Committee, which he previously served on in 2001.

"I wanted to return to this particular committee because water is one of the most important issues facing Texas and Texas' future," Hilderbran said. "Serving on this committee will allow me to protect this natural resource for future generations of Hill Country residents."

The Natural Resources Committee has jurisdiction over the conservation of natural resources; the control and development of land and water; irrigation; water districts and all similar organs of local government dealing with water and water supply; and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality as it relates to the regulation of water resources.

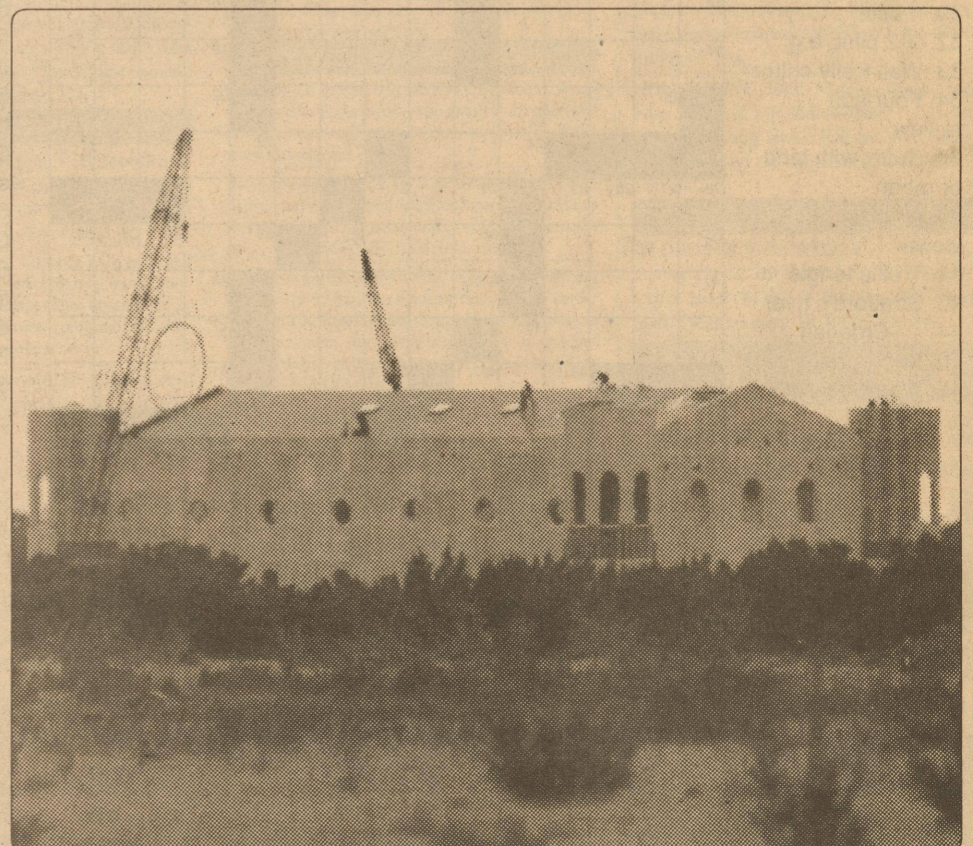
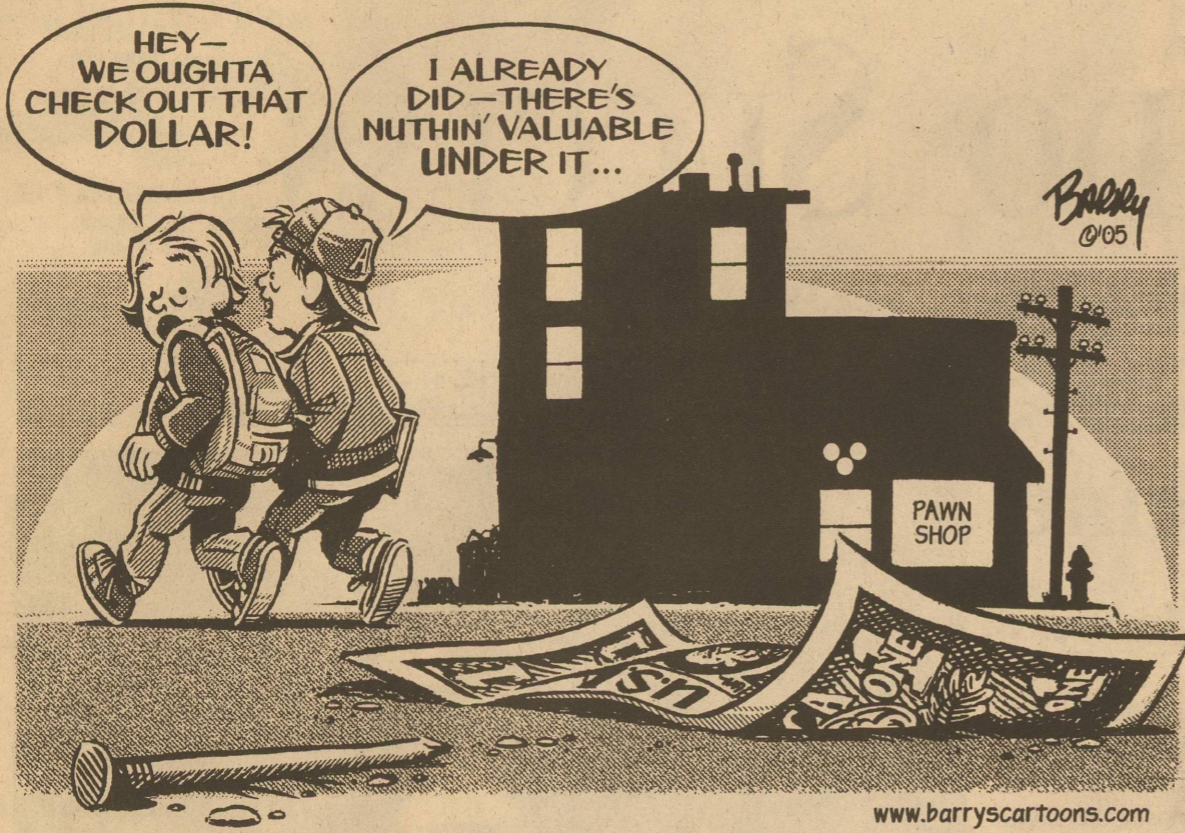


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The FLDS temple, under construction on the YFZ Ranch, is clearly visible from several vantage points on County Road 300. Here, the top of the structure looms over a hilltop, while the lower floors remain shielded from view.



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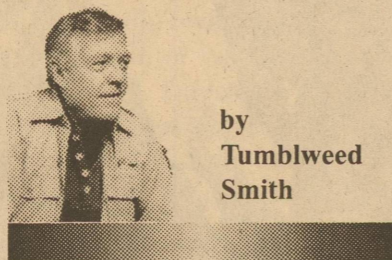
# Riding the Jungle Trapeze and the Snorkeling Machine

While touring the Caribbean over the holidays, I saw a man wearing a t-shirt that read: "When was the last time you did something you've never done before?"

I could have answered yesterday or the day before...or just a few minutes ago. I don't know why it is that some people never do anything new and exciting except on vacations. Granted, vacations are times when we experience new places and people and activities, but don't you think during the ordinary course of day-to-day living there should be some excitement there, too?

I've seen people who lead extremely sedentary lives get on a cruise ship and just go crazy. We had lunch onetime on a cruise with a couple of ladies who were in their 80's. When we asked them what they did during the morning they said they rafted on the rapids, one of the most demanding shore excursions offered.

Anyway...when we signed up



by Tumbleweed Smith

for the cruise, we said we wanted to do the canopy tour at Roatan, an island off Honduras. Sounds innocent enough.

We were put in a harness that had a small pulley on it. While we stood on a platform a hundred feet above the ground, we were lifted up and our pulley placed on a cable. We sailed 200 yards through the jungle treetops. We did that from eleven different stations. Never did that before.

At Cozumel we donned fins, masks and snorkels and then grabbed hold of a machine resembling a vacuum cleaner canister. It had a fan on the front of it and if you pointed it downward, it took you with it into the beautiful home

of coral and tropical fish. Shades of James Bond.

Never did that before, either.

At Belize, the only English speaking country in Central America, we ran into Robert Cavness who gave us a tour of an unexplored Mayan ruin. He operates a large mahogany plantation owned by Texan Walter Mischer.

Robert's bodyguard, Juan, got out his machete and hacked away at the jungle overgrowth so we could get to the site. We saw things nobody else on the cruise got to see. Robert rented a van and drove us at least a hundred miles, even though gas was four dollars a gallon. He took us to a new museum a friend of his had just opened. It shows among other things how chicle, the main ingredient in chewing gum, is harvested. We saw a sign advertising Cow Foot Soup. Never saw that before.

We got to meet Robert through his brother, Toby, a partner in the Fort Davis Drug Store. When we told Toby we were going to Belize he suggested we get in touch with Robert and he would show us around. So we imposed. It was fabulous.

My New Year's resolution is to do more things I haven't done before.



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## Weekly Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS
1. Sings like Ella
6. Rice Krispies sound
10. Doorframe part
14. Give the OK to
15. New Ager John
16. Quarter-mile's path
17. Living doll
18. Big name in oil
19. Putter's target
20. Bearded farm animal
22. Cairo's river
23. Artist Krasner
24. Whacked hard
26. Meat loaf serving
30. "I see!"
32. U-2 pilot, e.g.
33. Walt Kelly critter
34. Four-star review
36. Suffix with land or moon
40. Al-Jazeera viewer
41. Traffic tangle
43. Stratford's river
44. \_\_\_Croatian
46. In \_\_\_ straits
47. Warm-hearted

- 48. Starchy tuber
50. Hightail it
51. Breyers rival
52. Act the blowhard
56. Slowpoke at the track
58. Packard or Kaiser
59. New Jersey peninsula
64. Cereal "for kids"
65. Snooty one
66. Significant

- person?
68. Prefix with cast or commute
69. Opposite of endo-
70. "Goosebumps" author R. L.
71. River of Flanders
72. One-horse carriage
73. Honeybunch

- DOWN
1. Cul-de-\_\_\_
2. Caveman's weapon
3. Height: Prefix
4. Slave away
5. "Neato!"
6. Key grip, e.g.
7. "Quo Vadis?" emperor
8. Songwriters' org.
9. Vacation memorabilia
10. Cornmeal bread
11. Keep clear of
12. "Atlantic City" director Louis
13. Extort money from

- 21. Orbital periods
25. FedEx rival
26. Healthful resorts
27. Tribal history
28. Petri dish gel
29. '40s teen girl
31. Be of use to
35. Gofer
37. Gung-ho
38. Yankee Doodle's mount
39. Some pass catchers
42. Wallace's 1968 running mate
45. Granola tidbit
49. Teenagers' rooms, often
52. Wacko
53. Angler's boxful
54. Of service
55. Dude's place
57. Casper of cartoonom, e.g.
60. "\_\_\_ creature was stirring..."
61. Grid great
62. State with a fivesided flag
63. Role for Reeve or Reeves
67. Hi-\_\_\_ graphics

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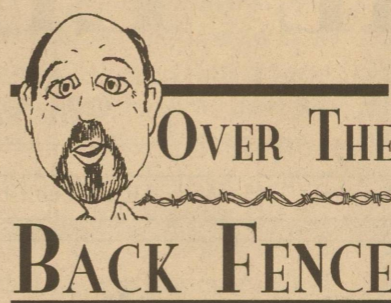
# How many doomsday predictions does one prophet get?

Winston Blackmore, known by many in the FLDS church as the Bishop of Bountiful, British Columbia, at least until he was excommunicated in 2002 by Prophet Warren Jeffs, posed some interesting thoughts this week. In a newsletter he publishes on the Internet, Blackmore pointed out a number of predictions Jeffs has made, all of which have failed to come true.

Writing directly to Jeffs Blackmore says, "I was so impressed when you told us that your father would live 320 years into the future that I could have bet it would happen. I was so impressed when you told us that when the DOW hit 9000 that it would be the ultimate end of the economy that I traded off my investments and gave you the money. When you predicted the end of the world in 98, I bought a generator. When you changed the date twice in 99 I bought another generator. When you changed the date to 2000, I traded again on a new, bigger one. When you called for last minute donations, I sold my generators and donated my thousands."

But wait, it gets better. Blackmore continues, "I knew that the Olympics would never happen because you said it wouldn't. I traveled hundreds of miles around Salt Lake City, stayed away from California, sold my trucking company, and gave the money because I believed."

"Why did Uncle Rulon not live



by Randy Mankin

320 years into the future? Why is the economy prospering while the DOW is beyond 10,000? Why did the Olympics happen? Why did you ruin the Barlows? Why the sacking of the UEP?

But Blackmore did more than take Jeffs to task for his erroneous predictions, he challenged the prophet's decision to claim his dead father's wives as his own and chastised him for his treatment of the FLDS faithful.

"I confess that I was troubled when I heard about Zion being in Texas. Throughout our history we have been taught by real prophets that Zion would be built in Jackson County, Missouri."

"I confess that I was troubled when I saw that you had taken your fathers wives for your own as Uncle Roy (former FLDS Prophet Leroy Johnson) had taught us that that practice was an abomination in the sight of God and was the reason for the destruction of great nations. I confess that I struggled when I saw what you have done to Allan Steed (an early worker at the YFZ Ranch who was later

excommunicated). You took his millions and then took his wives and family. You have killed Uncle Allan as surely as if you had sent him to the front lines to battle. In a time of peace, you have practiced family genocide on a weak and believing people."

"I confess that you are a hypocrite when it comes to those Canadians. You go there and let them have meetings and let them pretend to be so much better. I know why. If you cut any of those guys off like you have done to the Barlows, you would have to sleep with one eye open. As long as a steady stream of log houses comes your way they are needed good guys. When they find out that you have no plans for even one of them to come live in Zion, not now or ever, they may not like it at all."

Blackmore ends with a prediction of his own -- a prediction I wish Warren Jeffs remaining followers would carefully consider.

"You will be known in history as the Prophet of Doom. You will have to go through all you have put us through, and in the end God will confess, "Paul I know, Jesus I know, but you—I don't know you."

False prophets come and false prophets go. Warren Jeffs maintains his hold on his flock...for the time being, at least.

Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. — 1 John 4:1 KJV

# Watch your wallet as legislators get down to business in Austin

AUSTIN — An old Austin saw that's held up longer than the Capitol dome is "watch your wallet when the Legislature's in town." This session, another way to do that is to watch House Bill 3.

Filed last Thursday by Rep. Jim Keffer, R-Eastland, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, the measure is what lawmakers call a "shell bill" in that it eventually will contain more than it does now.

As it stands, House Bill 3 lowers school property taxes to \$1 per \$100 valuation. If that cut holds, it will mean Texas homeowners will get to write smaller property tax checks. Since there's no such thing as free money, the state will have to make up for the loss of revenue in other ways.

Toward that end, Keffer's bill raises the cigarette tax by \$1 a pack (or, in the exact language of the bill, by increasing the tax on 1,000

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cigarettes from \$20.50 to \$70.50) and allows lottery tickets to be sold at the gas pump. That, presumably, is to stimulate impulse buying of the tickets, which will help the revenue picture.

What the bill does not yet contain is any language creating a uniform business tax, which some lawmakers believe is the way the state should raise much

of the money needed to finance public schools.

## Born to be wild

Downtown Austin's noise level rose higher than normal last Monday as 6,000 leather-clad bikers descended on the Capitol, loudly urging lawmakers to change the state's motorcycle helmet law.

Under the current law, someone over 21 must have at least \$10,000 in medical insurance and be a graduate of an approved motorcycle safety course to ride helmet-free. The bikers who came to the Legislature last week want those two restrictions dropped from the statute. Those who crowded into the House gallery were introduced by motorcycle enthusiast Rep. Norma Chavez, D-El Paso, who has filed a measure to that effect, House Bill 264.

## Smart kids' dream bill

Bright Texas school kids surely would like to see House Bill 524 become law.

Filed by Rep. Anna Mowery, R-Fort Worth, the bill would let students doing well in a particular class be able to skip that class on the last day it is held each week. If approved by lawmakers, the law would cover first to 12th grades.

Obviously, a particularly good student could end up with a four-day school week. But passage of the bill is not considered likely.

## Well, well, well

The oldest recorded water well in Texas was dug by hand in 1820 in what is now Starr County. Information on that well and some 130,000 others is contained in a database maintained by the Texas Water Development Board.

The number of wells listed by the agency sounds like a lot of wells, but it's really just a drop in the bucket - more than a million water wells have been drilled in Texas just since 1965. Even so, the database offers some useful information including depth, water levels and water quality.

To access the database, visit www.twdb.state.tx.us/index\_explain.asp

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# OBITUARIES

## Joyce Whitten

ELDORADO - Joyce Whitten, 72, died Monday, Jan. 31, 2005, in a Houston hospital. Services are pending at Kerbow Funeral Home.

## Nicholas (Nick) Shurley

SONORA - Nicholas (Nick) Shurley, 16 year old son of Marvin and Wanda Shurley of Sonora, Texas died early Sunday morning, January 30, 2005, from injuries received in an automobile accident. Memorial services were held, February 2, 2005, at the Sonora High School gymnasium with graveside services following at the Sonora Cemetery.

He is survived by his parents; two brothers, Jon Cody Gann and wife, Heather of San Angelo, Kevin Gann and wife, Veronica of Elgin; and one sister Amy Gann of Harare, Zimbabwe; one niece and three nephews.

He is also survived by his great-grandmother Inez Motes Royster of Laurens, South Carolina; grandmother Patsy Hutcherson of Taylor, Texas and grandfather Henry H. Hutcherson of Milano, Texas, along with numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Nick was born October 7, 1988 in San Angelo, Texas and while young

in years Nick was a wonderfully brilliant young man who was wise beyond his years, and it is with great sorrow we announce our loss.

One of God's brightest stars has fallen from the sky, as throughout his young life Nick always reached out to others, acting as a friend and mentor to many of his fellow friends and students at Sonora High School. He was often called by many of them "fact man" or the "walking dictionary".

Scientific research projects, astronomy, study of world cultures, and theology, were just some of his interests. A brilliant and unique young man Nick was able to call as friends, persons ranging from 8 to 80 years of age. His outgoing nature developed early on in life and continued to be a strong point of his personality up to his passing. Perhaps the Lord needed a few answers as well and called Nick along to help him, these things we will never know but he will be missed by all of us who knew and loved him.

## William Harold Williams

PUEBLO, Colo. — William Harold Williams, 85, passed away peacefully Saturday, Jan. 22, 2005, in Pueblo, Colo. He was born May 15, 1919, in Eden, Texas.

A veteran of World War II, Harold is survived by his wife of 56 years, Barbara Louise Boyd Williams of Rye, Colo.; his sons, Dick (and Diane) Williams of Eldorado, Texas, Ron Williams (and Kathy Schaper) of DeKalb Junction, N.Y., and J. Lynn Williams of San Angelo, Texas; his daughter, Mary Kathleen (Williams) (and Bill) Muse of Missoula, Mont.; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Of Harold's 10 siblings, Billy (and Beverly) Williams of Eldorado, Texas, and Ann (Wil-

liams) Brock of Burleson, Texas, survive him. His son, Doug Williams, preceded him in death in 1975.

Funeral service and burial were conducted by the Rev. Phil Barton at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, at Laurel Land Memorial Park Chapel and Cemetery in Fort Worth, Texas. Pallbearers were Chad Williams, Mike Guentherman, John Williams, Eric Brock, Ty Williams, and Gary Williams. A memorial service was held Saturday, Jan. 29, at the Church of Christ in Rye, Colo.

Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to Pine Springs Summer Camp Inc. of Lubbock, TX; or Sangre de Cristo Hospice Palliative Care in Pueblo, CO.

## Mayci Schwiening named to Dean's List at Texas A&M

Mayci Nicole Schwiening, a 2003 Eldorado High School graduate, had been named to the 2004 Fall Semester Dean's List. Undergraduate students who maintain sufficiently high academic averages each semester are placed on the University's special honor rolls—the President's Honor Roll and the Dean's List. The Dean's List includes the names of those undergraduate students, who, during the semester, have been registered for not less than 12 hours of academic work, not counting non-academic service courses, and who have maintained a minimum semester academic grade average of at least 3.25. The President's Honor Roll includes the names of those undergraduate students who have met the above requirements and have maintained a semester

academic grade average of 4.00. Schwiening is a Chemistry major with a minor in Mathematics. She is the daughter of Susan Warnock-Lively of Eldorado and the granddaughter of Jon and Rene Calcote of Eldorado.

### Meals for Friends Menu

- Monday, February 7**  
Beef Stew, Stew Vegetables, Sweet Peas, Cornbread, Citrus Fruit Cup, Milk
- Tuesday, February 8**  
Bar-B-Que Chicken, Blackeyed Peas, Beets, Hot Rolls, Pears w/ Pineapples, Choc. Chip Cookies, Milk
- Wednesday, February 9**  
Fried Fish w/ Tarter Sauce, Hominy, Broccoli, Corn Muffins, Bread Pudding w/ Raisins, Milk
- Thursday, February 10**  
Salisbury Steak, Baked Beans, Mustard Greens, Bread, Peaches, Milk
- Friday, February 11**  
Roast Beef w/ Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Coleslaw, Carrot Cake, Milk

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Meldey and Kyle McCormack

## Caspe/McCormack wedding

Medley Caspe and Kyle McCormack of Odessa were married November 21, 2004, at Bacolod Adventist Church in Bacolod City, Philippines with Pastor Charles Jondonero officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Diosdada Caspe of Kalibo, Aklan, Philippines and the late Eulogio Caspe. She is a graduate of West Visayan Academy in Iloilo, Philippines, a graduate of the Adventist University of the Philippines and a graduate of Odessa College. She is a flight attendant for ATA Airlines in Chicago.

The groom is the son of Danell McCormack of Eldorado and the late A.G. McCormack. He is a graduate of Eldorado High School and a graduate of Eldorado High

School and a graduate of Southwest Texas Junior College in Uvalde. He works for the ground operations department at Southwest Airlines in Midland.

Matron of Honor was Cheryl Giardina of Farmington, New Mexico. Bridesmaids were Amelyn Morales, Regina Labrado and Chloe David all of the Philippines. Best man was Steve Calderon of Sacramento, California. Groomsmen were Alden Caspe, Rionilo Valencia, Joemarie Corral and Elmer David all of the Philippines.

Following the ceremony and wedding photos, a reception and a dinner were held at L'Fisher hotel. Cultural Folk Dancers and a live band provided entertainment. Closing out the reception, a surprise birthday cake was presented to Diosdada Caspe and Danell McCormack. The couple live in Odessa.

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## BIRTHDAY LIST

- FEBRUARY**
- 5th Veronica K. Shockley, Jose Rocha, Mayra Robles, Kate Rankin
  - 6th Gene Rojas, Kiarra Trevino, Branda Gray, Gina Sauer, Jessica Valero
  - 7th Doris Jay, Lindsey Griffin Parker, Lola Squyres, Kayla McCravey
  - 8th Candi Homer, Enrique Rocha, Haley Higgins, Ana Iglesias, BreeAnne Davis
  - 9th Cy Griffin, Felix Ramos, Reyes Sanchez, Les Bassinger, Cody Wheeler, Katya Gonzalez, Chelsey Pridemore, Christy Leggett
  - 10th Sylas Politte, Jacob Politte, Carolyn Mittel, Shannan Wideman, Guillermo Zuniga, Nancy McCray, Tammy Spinks
  - 11th Phil McCormick, Alberto Mathias Buitron

## ANNIVERSARIES

- FEBRUARY**
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  - 9th Keith & Mary Nolen, Jim & Jerre Holley

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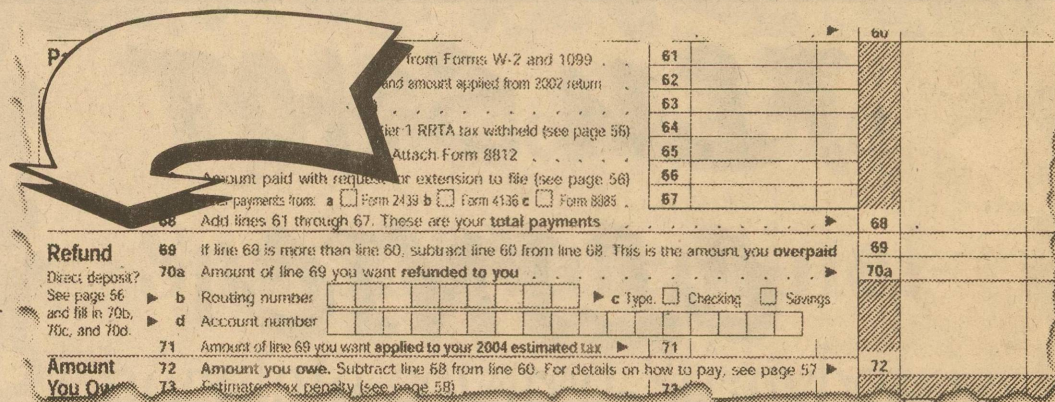
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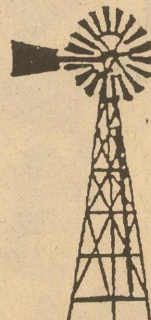


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Winners in the Knights of Columbus 2005 Free Throw Championship include: (Front L-R) Melissa Gonzales, Abby Fuentes, Ben Wipff (2nd Row L-R) Krystal Hamilton, Chelsey Hill, Joseph Turnbull and Allen Espinosa. Others participating were: (3rd Row L-R) Atahualpa Garcia, Amy Alviso, Marissa Gonzales, Tyler Farmer, Robert Chavez; Back L-R: Londy Alfaro, and Briley Leadbetter.

### Knights of Columbus free throw contest held Saturday

Seven boys and girls from Eldorado, ages 10-14, won the right to advance to district level and to be called winners in the 2005 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship held this past Saturday.

The Knights of Columbus from Our Lady of Guadalupe Council 11282 in Eldorado sponsored the local competition at the Eldorado Middle School Gym.

Abby Fuentes was named champion in the 10 year-old girls division. No boy was chosen in the 10 year-old division. In the 11 year-old bracket, Melissa Gonzales was the girls champion and Allen Espinosa was the boys champion. Krystal Hamilton won in the 12 year old girls division and Ben Wipff won in the boys 12 year old division.

Champions in the fourteen-year-old division were Joseph Turnbull and Chelsey Hill.

Each contestant was allowed 15 free throws attempts in the contests. Ties were settled by successive round of five free throws per contestant until winner emerged.

Each participant received a patch, a certificate and, in the case of the winners, a plaque.

The winners will competed at the district competition to be held on February 13, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at Ozona High School Gym with an eye toward moving on to the state and international level.

# HOOP SCORES

### 7th GRADE BOYS

**Rocksprings Tournament**  
**January 20, 2005**

Eldorado 04-06-09-08=27  
 LeaKey 19-08-09-04=40

Playing for the Eagles: Tony McCord (2), David Tirado (2), Wesley Brown (2), Ram Perez (2), Dustin Ramos (2), Ivany Sanchez (6), Juan Mondrano (4), Mason Baker (7); Also playing for the Eagles: Ryan Castillo, Hugo Rios, J. Trujillo, Dylan Dombroski, and Shawn Young.

**Rocksprings Tournament**  
**January 20, 2005**

Eldorado 07-13-12-14=46  
 Medina 01-04-06-01=12

Playing for the Eagles: Tony McCord (2), David Tirado (1), Ryan Castillo (2), Wesley Brown (14), Ram Perez (8), Ivany Sanchez (2), Dylan Dombroski (5), Juan Mondrano (2), Mason Baker (8); Also playing for the Eagles: Dustin Ramos, J. Trujillo, and Shawn Young.

**January 24, 2005**

Eldorado 02-00-05-03=10  
 Sonora 04-05-10-05=24

Playing for the Eagles: Ryan Castillo (2), Wesley Brown (2), Ivany Sanchez (4), Hugo Rios (1), Mason Baker (1); Also playing for the Eagles: Dustin Ramos, Dylan Dombroski, Ram Perez, J. Trujillo, Juan Mondrano, Shawn Young and Tony McCord.

**January 25, 2005**

Eldorado 06-09-04-02=21  
 Reagan Co. 11-12-10-04=37

Playing for the Eagles: Wesley Brown (4), Ivany Sanchez (4), Dustin Ramos (2), Dylan Dombroski (11); Also playing for the Eagles: Mason Baker, Hugo Rios, Anthony Mata, Ram Perez, J. Trujillo, Ryan Castillo, Juan Mendrano, and Tony McCord.

### VARSITY GIRLS

**January 18, 2005**

Eldorado 09-09-14-06=38  
 Sonora 08-14-12-18=51

Playing for the Lady Eagles: Chelsey Hill (2), Katey Blair (8), Chandra Wanoreck (10), Jessica Robertson (1), Josie Diaz (1), Taylor Baker (16); Also playing for the Lady Eagles: Karina Sanchez and Maxie Holley.

**January 21, 2005**

Eldorado 00-05-02-04=11  
 Wall 20-20-05-14=59

Playing for the Lady Eagles: Maxie Holley (3), Katey Blair (2), Chandra Wanoreck (1), Josie Diaz (3), Taylor Baker (2). Also playing for the Lady Eagles: Katey Blair, Chandra Wanoreck, Chelsey Hill, Karina Sanchez and Jessica Robertson.

**January 25, 2005**

Eldorado 04-07-09-07=27  
 Big Lake 19-12-12-09=52

Playing for the Lady Eagles: Chelsey Hill (4), Maxie Holley (10), Chandra Wanoreck (5), Josie Diaz (1), Jessica Robertson (2), Taylor Baker (5); Also playing for the Lady Eagles: Katey Blair and Karina Sanchez.

### 7th GRADE GIRLS

**January 31, 2005**

Eldorado 06-03-03-04=16  
 Reagan Co. 04-02-02-04=12

Playing for the Lady Eagles: Victoria Garza (7), Adrianna Hernandez (9); Also playing for the Lady Eagles: Crystal Hamilton, Clarissa Hernandez, Patricia Hernandez, Megan Self, Meagan Self, Emily Espinosa, Maureen Martinez and Patricia Hernandez.

### 8th GRADE GIRLS

**January 31, 2005**

Eldorado 10-07-06-05=28  
 Reagan Co. 07-04-04-04=19

Playing for the Lady Eagles: Haley Higgins (8), Tracy Brenner (2), Kirsten Stubbs (8), Bridgett Mitchell (2), Cassandra Buitron (7), Megan Griffin (1); Also playing for the Lady Eagles: Deyanira Cruz, Jessica Valero, Megan Griffin, and Corie Williams.

Eldorado 28-00-00-00=28  
 Reagan Co. 04-00-00-00=04

Playing for the Lady Eagles "B" team: Veronica Valero (6), Marcela Huerto (2), Lindsey Pridemore (2), Bridgett Mitchell (18); Also playing Darci Graves, and April Porras.

### JV BOYS

**January 25, 2005**

Eldorado 09-05-07-12=33  
 Reagan Co. 14-04-15-21=54

Playing for the Eagles: J.P. Joiner (8), Russell Cathey (7), Lalo Sanchez (13), Manny Gonzalez (5); Also playing for the Eagles: Michael Redish, Abel Montalvo, Jorge Mata and Tyler Dombroski.

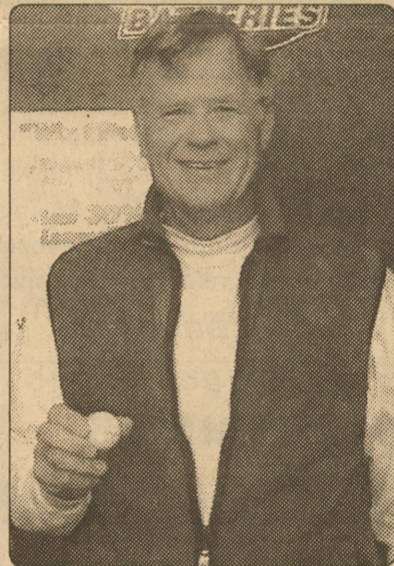


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Buddy White made a hole-in-one Tuesday, January 25 on hole #1. Witnessed by Ray Don McIntosh, Kirk Griffin, Bill Wells, Oscar Martinez and Ed Dominguez.

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 1:30 \*4:15 \*7:00 9:35
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## Beta Sigma Phi Report

by Glenda Harris

The Beta Sigma Phi met Tuesday, January 22, 2005 in the home of Kim-et Nelson with six members repeating the opening ritual. Minutes of the December 7th meeting were read by recording secretary Mary Nolen. This included a visit to the Schleicher County Medical Center Nursing Home where each resident was presented with a stocking of goodies from Beta Sigma Phi.

In December the sorority catered the Masonic Lodge's 100th anniversary celebration as a fund raiser. It was deemed a success.

President Nelson read several communications from the international office. It was noted that there would not be a cookbook sale but anyone who would like to contribute a recipe is encouraged

to do so. It was also voted to accept the Walter & Dorothy Ross Scholarship Fund to contribute to as the Endowment Fund Choice.

With Treasurer Barbara Jackson absent, Kim-et Nelson then read the treasury report.

It was there after decided that the annual Valentine's Day salad supper would be February 14th at the home of Mary Leigh Dunagan. Everyone will bring a salad and a gift for their secret sister. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Following the meetings adjournment and the closing ritual, refreshments of beans, cornbread and tamales along with cake were served by Glenda Harris.

Ending the evening events Mary Leigh Dunagan presented the sunshine gift which was won by Mary Nolen.

## AG likes legislation requiring open government education

AUSTIN - Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott signaled his approval last week of identical bills filed in the Legislature today to require all elected or appointed officials in state and local governments to undergo open government education.

Sen. Jeff Wentworth (R-San Antonio) and Rep. Todd Baxter (R-Austin) filed the legislation to emphasize the need for government officials to understand Texas' open government laws.

"I am pleased these two open government advocates have stepped forward to move Texas government further into the sunshine," said Attorney General Abbott. "As stewards of the public trust, government officials at every level have a duty to be as transparent as possible in the way the public's business is conducted."

Rep. Baxter agreed, saying, "I believe open government should be a top priority for public servants. Making this kind of training available early can help prevent inadvertent compliance problems and ensure our government remains open to the interests of all Texans."

Sen. Wentworth added, "To ensure that government in Texas is open government, it is vital that the public officials in the 2,600 governmental entities in Texas know their responsibilities under the law. An understanding of the laws regarding access to information by citizens is essential to the preservation of all Texans' liberty."

The bill as proposed would require a training and education course through the Attorney General's Office or other training approved by the Attorney General. To further ensure public officials

keep abreast of the laws, they must enroll in a refresher course every two years.

The course would be widely available for officials and would ensure the uniformity of knowledge disseminated. The training would include a general background of legal requirements for open records and meetings, as well as how the laws apply to a specific government official's workplace.

The training also would inform officials of their responsibility to request assistance from the Attorney General's Open Records Division in making decisions about whether certain requested information should remain confidential.

"The need for statewide open government education is clear when one looks at the number of open records rulings the Attorney General issues each year on behalf of government officials," said Attorney General Abbott.

In fiscal year 2004 alone, the Open Records Division received 11,355 requests from officials about the nature of their records and whether they should be disclosed to the public. In turn, the Attorney General issued almost 11,000 rulings about whether governments should disclose records.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

The 2005 Eldorado Soil and Water Conservation Award recipients are John R. Wales and his wife Virginia. They were honored recently at the annual Schleicher Chamber of Commerce Community Awards program where Wales was recognized for his contributions toward conservation stewardship at his two ranches located in Schleicher County. The award was presented to Wales by SWCD board member Billy Hausenfluck.

## BURN, BABY, BURN! (Calories, that is!)

It's a new year! A time to set goals for ourselves and make our resolutions! I'm sure many of you have included 'exercise' somewhere on your list. But how many of us will stick to it and follow through with our plan to tone up and thin out?

We all know it would be beneficial to wake up every morning and go for a jog. But what some of us lack is the motivation to exercise. Surprisingly enough, many of us get some exercise and burn calories simply by going about our normal daily routines. For instance, making a 30 minute drive to work in the morning burns 71 calories.

And once you get to work you burn another 859 calories doing office work in an eight hour day. Here are some other interesting calorie calculations:

- Cooking for 30 minutes burns 89 calories
  - Cleaning House for an hour burns 179 calories
  - Playing with your kids for an hour burns 286 calories
- You can burn 71 calories in one

hour just by watching TV, reading or talking on the phone. You're even burning calories while you sleep. An eight hour night of sleep can burn you 515 calories. Not a bad night's rest!

Is going about your normal daily routine enough exercise? Experts often disagree about what constitutes enough exercise, but, in general, you will feel better and sleep better if you at least do something.

So, the next time you're reading the paper, driving to work, or just standing in place, you can feel assured that you are doing something - you're burning calories!

For more information contact: Roxanne Fentress, CEA - FCS Schleicher Co. Extension Office 325-853-2132



### County Agent's Update

by Roxanne Fentress

## Powell receives leadership award

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He is a former chairman and current advisory director of First National Bank of Mertzon and past director of Texas Commerce Bancshares in Houston.

He was president of the National Wool Growers Association and of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. He was also a member of the advisory committee of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Packers and Stockyards Administration and of the Secretary of Agriculture's Technical Advisory Committee for Multilateral Trade Negotiations. He was chairman of the National Cattleman's Association tax committee and a member of the National Livestock Tax Committee.

Powell earned a bachelor's degree from Rice University in 1951 and completed graduate work at the University of Texas. He was Lieutenant junior grade on the USS Oriskany from 1952 until 1954 during the Korean Conflict.

In 2002, he received the National Golden Spur Award from

the National Ranching Heritage Center. The Boy Scouts of America also gave him the National Distinguished Eagle Award.

Past recipients of the TALL Lifetime Leadership Award are the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, former Gov. Dolph Briscoe of Uvalde, and Hal Hillman of Houston. The TALL program has 210 alumni and 25 current participants.

Former Gov. Dolph Briscoe of Uvalde said Powell has "devoted his life to the livestock industry and education. Jimmie Powell spent his life working for agricultural livestock improvement through leading numerous (livestock) associations. He has been at the head of every movement for the betterment of the livestock industry for many years. He has served with great distinction and effectiveness as the chairman of the board of regents of the University of Texas System. No one has contributed more to the great state of Texas we all enjoy today than Jimmie Powell," Briscoe said.

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# Procedures, dates set for Lamb Referendum

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service announced the final procedures for a continuance referendum under the Lamb Promotion, Research and Information order, more commonly known as the Lamb Checkoff Program, and also announced that the referendum will be conducted January 31 through February 28, 2005.

The referendum will be conducted at USDA's County Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices. To be eligible to participate, persons must certify and provide documentation, such as a sales receipt or remittance form, that shows they have been engaged in the production, feeding or slaughtering of lambs during the period of January 1 through December 31, 2004.

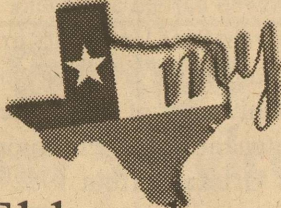
Beginning January 31, 2005 and continuing through February 28, 2005, persons may obtain form LS-86 to vote in the referendum from County FSA Offices either in person, by mail, or facsimile. Forms may also be obtained via

the Internet at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/mpb/rp-lamb.htm>. Persons will vote in the referendum at the County FSA Office where their administrative farm records are maintained. For persons not participating in FSA programs, the opportunity to vote will be provided at the County FSA Office where the person owns or rents land. Form LS-86 and supporting documentation may be returned in person, by mail, or facsimile to the appropriate County FSA Office. Form LS-86, and accompanying documentation returned in person or by facsimile, must be received in the appropriate County Office before the close of business of February 28, 2005. Form LS-86 and accompanying documentation returned by mail must be postmarked no later than midnight of February 28, 2005, and received in the County FSA Office by March 7, 2005.

For the program to continue, it must be approved by a majority of voters who also represent a majority of the volume represented in the referendum.

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**Weekly Scripture**  
**For we know that if the earthly tent that we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.**  
Deuteronomy 4:39

## NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/SUMMONS

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### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF UTAH, CENTRAL DIVISION

SHEM FISCHER, Plaintiff,  
vs. FORESTWOOD COMPANY, INC., a Utah corporation, a/k/a FORESTWOOD, FORESTWOOD INDUSTRIAL, INC., a Utah corporation, CORPORATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE FUNDAMENTALIST CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS, CORPORATION OF THE PRESIDING BISHOP OF THE FUNDAMENTALIST CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS, WARREN S. JEFFS, JOHN DOE COMPANIES I-V, and JOHN DOE INDIVIDUALS I-X. Defendants.

### ORDER ON EX PARTE MOTION FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

Case No. 2-02-CV-210K Honorable Dale A. Kimball  
Based on the Motion of Plaintiff, Shem Fischer, for service by publication, the Affidavit of Sam E. Brower, and the Court's determination that the whereabouts of Defendant, Warren Jeffs, cannot be ascertained through reasonable diligence, that good cause exists to believe that Defendant Warren Jeffs is avoiding service of process and that the means of service outlined in Plaintiff's Motion is reasonably calculated under all the circumstances to apprise him of the pendency of this action to the extent reasonably possible or practicable:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, pursuant to Rule 4(d)(4) of the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure as is made applicable to this Court pursuant to Rule 4(e)(1) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff shall be allowed to effect service upon Defendant Warren Jeffs by publication of this Order with a Summons in the above-referenced matter in the form of the Summons attached hereto as Exhibit "A". This Order and the Summons shall be published on two occasions each in the following newspapers, each of which is a newspaper of general circulation the specified county and is published in the English language:

1. The Spectrum - Washington County, Utah;
  2. Eldorado Success - Schleicher County, Texas; and
  3. The Cortez Journal - Montezuma County, Colorado.
- Service of process shall be deemed complete after Plaintiff has filed with this Court a Proof of Service by Publication consistent with this Order. Thereafter, Defendant Warren Jeffs shall have 20 days to answer or otherwise respond to the First Amended Complaint.  
DATED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 2005.  
BY THE COURT: Hon. Dale A. Kimball

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### SUMMONS

Case No. 2-02-CV-210K Honorable Dale A. Kimball

THE STATE OF UTAH TO: WARREN STEED JEFFS  
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Within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons and Complaint upon you, you are required to serve a written Answer to the Complaint by hand delivering or mailing a copy of your Answer to Plaintiff's attorneys, James W. Stewart and Boyd L. Rogers of Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP, 201 South Main Street, Suite 600, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111-2221. You are also required to file your Answer with the Clerk of the United States District Court for the District of Utah, 350 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101, where the Complaint has been filed. If you do not serve and file an Answer to the Complaint within twenty (20) days, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded.

DATED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2004.  
BALLARD SPAHR ANDREWS & INGERSOLL, LLP  
James W. Stewart  
Boyd L. Rogers  
Attorneys for Plaintiffs

# Discover ASU Spring schedule announced

Angelo State University's Admissions Office will host four Saturday sessions of "Discover ASU" this spring to allow high school seniors and others considering college careers to get a closer look at what ASU has to offer in the way of programs, scholarships, housing, financial aid and extracurricular activities.

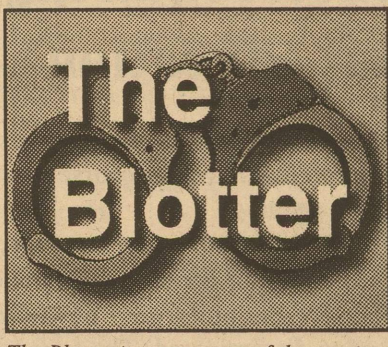
Discover ASU programs are scheduled for Feb. 12, March 5, April 9 and April 23 on the Angelo State University campus in San Angelo. Each program will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m., followed at 9:15 a.m. with a welcome from ASU President James Hindman and an overview of the university. Tours and special programs will follow the opening session. The university will provide a complementary

lunch for students and their families.

The Feb. 12 and March 5 programs will be in the Houston Harte University Center at 1910 Rosemont Drive. The April 9 and April 23 sessions are planned for the Center for Human Performance, 2050 S. Johnson St.

General information will be available on financial aid, Carr Academic Scholarships, student organizations, residence halls and extracurricular activities. Special sessions will cover academic and pre-professional programs.

For more information on Discover ASU, which was previously known as "College Days," contact the ASU Admissions Office at (325) 942-2058 or visit the university Web site at [www.angelo.edu](http://www.angelo.edu).



The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the Sheriff's office, nor does it include routine security checks, minor traffic stops or routine patrols. Incidents of major impact will be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

**ARRESTS**  
**January 26** • Reyes, Rosa D., female age 33, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Warrant, Terroristic Threat. Released on \$500.00 PR Bond.  
**January 29** • Granados, Gloria Elva, female age 35, arresting officer SC deputy, offense MTR - Assault Causing Bodily Injury. Released on a \$2000.00 Surety Bond.  
**January 29** • Granados, Isidro, male age 37, arresting officer SC deputy, offense MTR- Resisting Ar-

rest. Released on \$2,000.00 Surety Bond.

**January 30** • Cucci, Anthony, male age 33, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Public Intoxication. Released with Citation.

**January 31** • Terry, Greg Owen, male age 29, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Forgery.

### INCIDENTS

**January 24** • 8:00 p.m. Complainant stated that someone had stolen her son's wallet from the high school field house. Officer responded.

• 11:59 p.m. Complainant stated that there was an intoxicated individual knocking at her door. Officer responded.

**January 25** • 4:11 p.m. Complainant stated that she had some checks forged on her account. Officer responded.

• 4:59 p.m. Complainant stated that her sister turned out in front of her while complainant was turning out of gas station heading north on Divide. Officer responded and a report was taken.

• 5:18 p.m. Complainant requested to speak to an officer. Officer responded.

• 10:05 p.m. Complainant reported neighbors displaying fireworks. Officer responded was unable to locate.

**January 26** • 12:51 p.m. Complainant reported bees near the fireplace at a residence. EVFD was notified.

**January 27** • 7:15 p.m. Caller requested to speak with an officer. Officer responded.

• 9:00 p.m. Caller reported a reckless driver. Officer responded.

• 9:35 p.m. Caller reported an intruder on his property. Officer responded.

**January 28** • 7:38 a.m. Complainant reported a vehicle accident. Officer responded.

• 10:40 a.m. Complainant reported a minor vehicle accident. Officer responded.

• 2:02 p.m. Complainant reported receiving harassing phone calls. Officer responded.

• 3:56 p.m. Complainant reported that 2 of her dogs had been stolen. One was a Lab and one was a Dingo. Officer responded.

• 4:57 p.m. Caller reported a fire on Hwy 190 East. Officer and EVFD responded.

• 6:26 p.m. Subject came into office to report mother had failed to bring the children to visitation.

• 12:00 a.m. Complainant reported a fight on El Paso and Colorado. Officers responded.

**January 29** • 12:14 a.m. Complainant reported husband is harassing her. Following her late at night, calls her at all hours and drives by her house at all times. Complainant said she fears physical abuse and has to make sure she has someone to accompany her at all times. Officer responded.

• 11:54 a.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for an ACLS transfer to San Angelo. EMS responded.

**January 30** • 2:09 a.m. Received call -- two white females and one white male in a vehicle, female caller reported husband hit wife they requested officer assistance. Caller first reported being between Christoval and Eldorado. Tom Green County was advised both counties were unable to locate. Dispatch called complainant they reported being back home in different county. That county was notified. Officers responded.

• 7:09 p.m. Caller requested an officer advise his wife he was trying to get in touch with her. Officer responded.

• 11:20 p.m. Complainant reported unknown animals fighting under her house. Officer responded.

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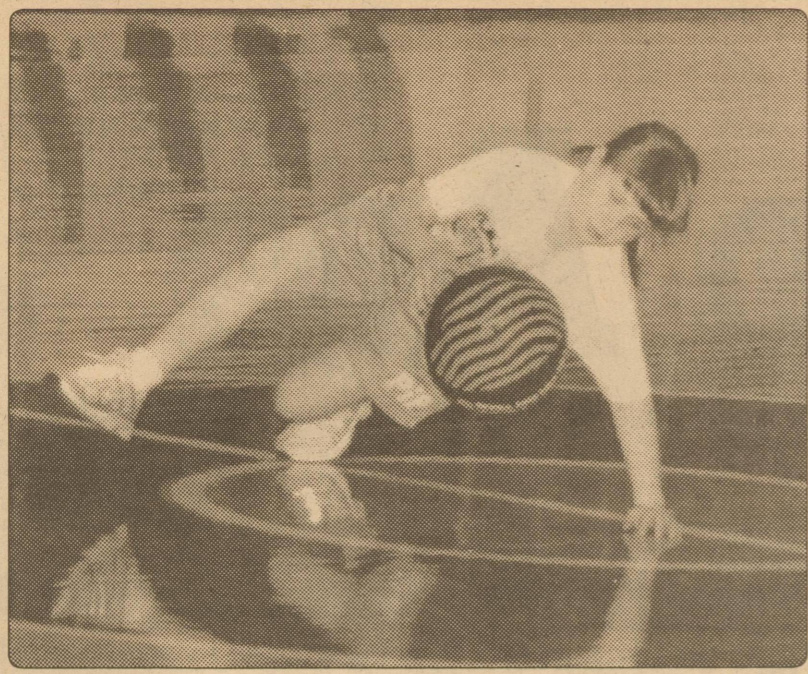


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Caitlyn Grubbs shows off her moves during the Players In Progress (PIPS) performance last Friday evening in Eagle Gym during the break between the Varsity girls and boys games. Caitlyn is the daughter of Gary and Margaret Grubbs.

**Big Spring's VA selected for consolidated AR Unit**

The Department of Veterans Affairs continually reviews ways to maximize use of resources. Patricia McKlem, Director, Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) notified Lou Ann Atkins, Medical Center Director, West

Texas VA Health Care System, the Big Spring VA facility was selected as the Network site for the VISN 18 Centralized Accounts Receivable Follow-up Unit Program. The location of this consolidated billing program at the Big Spring VA facility will be a tremendous asset to the local VA programs and the community.

Phase I implementation will be the immediate addition of 14 employees. These employees will focus on third-party collections and be located on the 6th floor, the recently vacated Nursing Home Care Unit. Approximately four of these positions will concentrate on denial management (previously denied insurance claims). Construction and design will also begin for the remainder of the 6th floor for future expansion.

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**EQIP sign-up period ends March 18**

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas announced that farmers and ranchers wishing to be considered for 2005 funding in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) should make sure they sign up by the close of business Friday, March 18, 2005.

EQIP was reauthorized in the 2002 Farm Bill to provide a voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers that promotes agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible national goals. EQIP offers financial and technical help to assist eligible participants install or implement structural and/or management practices on eligible agricultural land.

In 2005 Texas will receive approximately \$64 million in EQIP financial assistance funds and approximately \$5.5 million in Ground and Surface Water EQIP funds.

"The funds will help farmers and ranchers improve the natural resources on private working lands in Texas," said Dr. Larry Butler, Texas NRCS State Conservationist. "They will be used to solve locally identified resource problems in each county and will also fund special statewide concerns recommended by the Texas State Technical Committee such as water quantity, water and air quality, wildlife habitat, and treatment of invasive species. This program offers cost share and incentives payments to producers applying approved conservation measures."

Butler explained, "Using national and state EQIP priorities, counties working through a Local Work Group chaired by the local Soil and Water Conservation District recommended local resource

concerns to be addressed, eligible practices, and cost-share rates and/or incentive payments. This group also recommended cost-share rates for beginning farmers. In 2005, producers who meet the criteria as a Limited Resource Farmer or Rancher can receive 90 percent cost share for eligible practices. The group also recommended an application ranking process to prioritize applications for funding. We have reviewed and concurred in all of their recommendations."

Beginning immediately after March 18, 2005, all applications

will be ranked and those selected for funding will be approved. A conservation planner will develop a contract and conservation plan for each contract that is approved. Producers who have been awarded contracts can then begin implementing the approved conservation practices this year. Local NRCS field offices have complete details for their county.

Additional information and access to ranking criteria, practices, and cost share rates for EQIP can be found at [www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/](http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/).



Stargazer

Paul Derrick

**Future of Hubble Space Telescope in jeopardy**

To be or not to be? That seems to be the question facing the venerable Hubble Space Telescope (HST). The 15-year-old orbiting observatory needs another maintenance visit to extend its life and upgrade old equipment. Its gyroscopes, batteries and guidance sensors, all essential for continued operation, are expected to wear out within 2-4 years.

In addition, two new state-of-the-art science instruments are already build and ready for installation. These instruments, according to the National Academy of Sciences, would greatly improve the HST's scientific sensitivity, and from them "a broad range of new discoveries would be expected from Hubble."

What's needed is another servicing visit from a space shuttle crew to replace aging equipment and install the new instruments, something that's been done in 1993, 1997, 1999 and 2002. A mission was in the works until the tragic Columbia disaster in 2003 led NASA to ground the shuttles pending a thorough study.

In mid-2004, to the dismay of the scientific community, NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe announced plans to abandon the HST on the basis that another servicing mission would be too risky for astronauts. After pressure from equally dismayed members of congress and the public, he agreed to reconsider.

The National Academy of Sciences conducted a risks/benefits analysis looking at (1) HST's continuing scientific value, (2) the risks to astronauts, and (3) the feasibility of using robots.

It was determined that HST's many advantages over Earth-based telescopes make it "the most powerful optical astronomical facility in history" and that it can continue to make "profound and unique contributions" to our understanding of the universe, including galaxies, star formation and black holes. Thus, its continuing scientific value is enormous.

The NAS analysis indicates

that while all shuttle missions pose risks for astronauts, a mission to HST poses no greater risk than missions to the International Space Station, a level of risk NASA, congress and the public find acceptable.

Finally, said NAS, a robotic mission would be more expensive, would likely fail, and could probably not be developed in time to save HST from permanent damage that would render it useless.

In conclusion, NAS recommended that NASA proceed with the servicing mission as soon as feasible after the shuttles resume flight. But now it is reported that the Bush administration plans to eliminate funding for the mission from its 2006 budget--a death sentence for the popular Hubble Space Telescope.

Sky Calendar.  
 \* Feb. 1 Tue. morning: Virgo's brightest star, Spica, is between Jupiter and the Moon.  
 \* 2 Wed. is Groundhog Day and Candlemas, a cross-quarter day celebrating the middle of winter, and the Moon is at 3rd quarter.

\* 4 Fri. morning: A crescent Moon is to the lower left of Scorpius' bright reddish star, Antares, with reddish Mars further to the lower left.

\* 5 Sat. morning: The crescent Moon is below Mars.


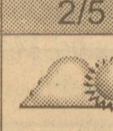
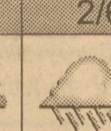


\* 8 Tue.: The Moon is new.

\* 15 Tue. evening: The 1st quarter Moon is to the lower right of the Pleiades star cluster; usually this cluster is easily seen with naked eyes, but the Moon's glare will make binoculars helpful.

Naked-eye Planets. Morning: Venus is slipping into the morning Sun. Mars is in the southeast before dawn with Jupiter in the southwest. Evening: Saturn is high in the east in the evening and sets before dawn.

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