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Motorcyclist flees cops, crashes in Crockett County Suspect walks out of S.A. hospital to elude authorities a second time

Jason Earl Cansler, 36, of San Angelo remained at large Tuesday afternoon after escaping police custody by walking out of Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo. Cansler was being treated there for injuries sustained early Saturday morning, July 8, 2006, when he wrecked a 1989 Yamaha motorcycle during a high-speed chase some 15 miles south of Big Lake on State Hwy. 137.

The chase began late Friday evening in Eldorado when Cansler refused to stop for Schleicher County Deputy Jason Chatham who radioed for assistance as the biker fled west on U.S. 190. Chatham gave chase and reported his speed in excess of 130 m.p.h. Chatham also reported by radio that he saw Cansler throw something from the motorcycle near the Schleicher/Crockett County line.

As Chatham pursued Cansler westward, Crockett County Deputy Fred Fierro set up a road block at the intersection of U.S. 190 and State Hwy. 163, some 15 miles north of Ozona. Cansler

and his motorcycle were too quick, however, swerving around the roadblock and continuing west-bound at a high rate of speed. Deputy Chatham continued his pursuit, with Deputy Fierro following closely.

Then, five miles west of the road block, Chatham's police cruiser ran out of fuel and coasted to a stop. Chatham was about to go off duty when the chase began and reported having more than a half tank when starting the pursuit. The high speeds, however, quickly depleted the fuel from his tank.

At that point, Deputy Fierro took over the chase with Schleicher County Chief Deputy George Arispe, who left Eldorado five minutes behind Chatham, monitoring the chase on his radio. Arispe stopped to pick up Chatham and continued the pursuit in order to provide backup to Deputy Fierro.

Cansler turned his motorcycle north-bound on State Hwy. 137, some 20 miles south of Big Lake, and continued on at

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Crockett County Deputy Sammy Longoria tended to Jason Earl Cansler (at right) after the San Angelo man crashed his motorcycle (above) 15 miles south of Big Lake on State Hwy. 137 following a high-speed chase that originated here in Eldorado. Deputy Jason Chatham, who initiated the pursuit when Cansler refused to stop for him, reported that the chase reached speeds in excess of 130 m.p.h. Cansler was taken by AirMed-1 helicopter to Shannon Medical Center where he later gave authorities the slip when he left the hospital on his own before being discharged.



COURTESY PHOTO

AZ jury finds Fischer guilty of sex with underage FLDS girl

Kelly Fisher, 39, of Colorado City, AZ was convicted last Friday of having sex with an underage girl after testimony and evidence revealed that he had entered into an arranged polygamous marriage with a girl younger than 18. He was also convicted on a separate charge of conspiracy to commit sexual conduct with a child, despite the fact that the alleged victim in the case never came forward to testify.

As the case unfolded, jurors learned that Fisher had previously married the girl's mother who later arranged for him to marry her 16-year-old daughter with the blessings of FLDS Prophet Warren Jeffs. And, it was Warren Jeffs who reportedly performed the marriage ceremony.

Fisher and the girl later had a child together, a fact that was crucial to the case since it was the child's birth certificate, listing Fisher and his underage wife as parents, that would weigh heavily in the jury's decision making.

Fisher is a building contractor and owner of Cozy Log Homes, a company that relocated from the twin cities of Colorado City, AZ and Hildale, UT after a judge last year stripped FLDS Prophet Warren Jeffs of control of the United Effort Plan Trust. The UEP is the financial arm of Jeffs' Fundamental Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. The trust controls almost all of the property in the Utah/Arizona border town. Judge Denise Lindberg found last year that Jeffs and other trustees had mismanaged

the UEP and appointed Bruce Wisan, a Special Fiduciary, to oversee day-to-day operation of the trust.

Fisher also has ties to the YFZ Ranch here in Schleicher County. Equipment owned by him has been seen here and he was stopped by Schleicher County officers when he attempted to pass a pickup driven by an off duty game warden who was passing another car that had pulled over on the shoulder of the road. Fisher was issued a citation for illegal passing and paid his fine before Justice of the Peace James C. Doyle.



COURTESY PHOTO

Kelly Fischer was convicted Friday of sexual conduct with a minor and conspiracy to commit sexual conduct with a minor after evidence showed he entered into a polygamous marriage with an underage girl then had a child with her before she turned 18.

between Fisher and the girl, only that they did not occur in Arizona.

Jurors in the case told reporters afterward that they didn't buy into the "It may have happened, but it didn't happen here," argument.

Kelly Fisher is the first of eight FLDS men to be convicted in a recent round of prosecutions. Seven other men including: Dale Evans Barlow, 48, whose trial begins in August; Rodney Hans Holm, 39; Donald Robert Barlow, 49; Vergel Bryce Jessop, 46; Terry Darger Barlow, 24; Randolph J. Barlow, 33; and David Romaine Bateman, 49, will stand trial soon.

Rodney Hans Holm, a former Colo-

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Oregon man survives plane crash at S.C. airport

There's an old saying among pilots that says any landing you can walk away from is a good landing. If that's true, then Matthew Petz, 28, of Bend, Oregon made a good landing Sunday morning, July 9, 2006, in a plowed field just north of the Schleicher County Airport.

It was the second mishap in as many weeks at the local airport.

Petz reported that he had just purchased the plane, a 1963 Mooney, in Columbus, TX and was on his way back home when his engine sputtered

and stalled a few thousand feet above Schleicher County.

Petz reported that foggy conditions made it difficult to see the ground but that he eventually saw a highway (FM 915) and lined up to land on it. But, moments later, he spotted the Schleicher County Airport and turned determined to try setting in plane down there.

Petz's airplane would never make it, gliding down short of the runway, the Mooney clipped the treetops lining the north edge of a field just north and west

of the airport. His landing gear then snagged a fence and the left wing took out a fence post as the plane spun to a stop in the north-east corner of the field.

It was later determined that the airplane's engine died because Petz had forgotten to switch fuel tanks.

Petz was unhurt, as was the Toy Terrier puppy he had bought to take home to his wife. Petz said he hadn't even given the dog a name yet.

One cannot help but wonder if the name "Lucky" might be appropriate.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Matthew Petz of Bend, Oregon, and his unnamed Toy Terrier puppy surveyed the damage Sunday morning after Petz attempted an unpowered landing at the Schleicher County airport when the engine on his 1963 Mooney airplane sputtered and died. Petz finished his flight a few hundred yards short of the runway after clipping treetops and taking out a strand of barbed wire. Neither Petz nor his puppy reported any injuries.

Flag-Burning and Hate Crimes

Just six days before the U.S. Senate failed to pass a proposed constitutional amendment allowing Congress to ban the desecration of American flags, somebody in Brooklyn set fire to seven American flags.

A despicable act made even more outrageous because one of the banners had been hung by a couple whose firefighter son died at the World Trade Center.

If the offenders are caught, should they be charged with mere vandalism against private property that can be replaced for less than \$100? Or do they

deserve something harsher -- the kind of thing proponents of the failed amendment had in mind?

When it comes to flag-burning, as with so much in American life, noise from bellowing conservatives and shrieking liberals shushes the sensible middle.

The right wing is eager to criminalize any and all desecrations of the flag, and never mind if one form of free speech is trampled in the process.

Meanwhile, the left wing charges that outlawing flag-burning criminalizes thought. Yet when it comes to ethnic "hate crimes," those same liberals will say that having the wrong thoughts indeed merits extra punishment.

Independent-minded Americans who ignore the shouting match will see striking parallels between laws to punish flag-burning and laws to punish ethnic hate crimes.

Neither kind of law should make any type of thought illegal. This country is strong enough for the worst type of communist scum to have the freedom to burn a U.S. flag as a form of political protest. It is also strong enough to allow the worst type of racist scum to burn a cross as a proclamation of ethnic animosity.

Yet in the absence of that sort of larger crime, there is a line that ought not be crossed. For instance, scribbling "Go Mets" on a synagogue door is obviously not the same as scribbling "Kill Jews." And that is a difference that the law ought to take into account. In this case, it is not the expression of anti-Semitic beliefs that should be made illegal; neither is vandalism the larger crime. The most punishable offense is the act of intimidating an entire community.

Similarly, crazies from the Ku Klux Klan should be free to burn a cross in public spaces or on their own property, but not on somebody's lawn. Intimidation is the problem, and not racist opinions or the scorching of a lawn that can be fixed by spending a few dollars on grass seed.

Same with flag-burning. What happened in Brooklyn wasn't just a legitimate political protest or a little vandalism against someone else's \$49.95 piece of cloth. It was an attempt to intimidate families flying the American flag as a sign of patriotism.

It should not even matter whether the culprits were politically motivated America-haters or local punks motivated by alcohol. It's enough that they interfered with the freedom of families to live in their homes the way they wish.

Protecting such a freedom is at the heart of American democracy. As is the right, salvaged by one vote in the Senate, to protest against those freedoms by burning the banner that symbolizes them best.

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Taking the Splash out of Summer

by Bobby Jenkins

On a hot Texas day, there's nothing more refreshing or exhilarating than plunging from a high dive into the neighborhood pool.

But when was the last time you saw a diving board at a public pool? Because of our sue-happy society, or rather the fear of a lawsuit, diving boards have largely evaporated from public and most private pools. Litigation concerns also spurred changes to a Texas statute in 2004 that increased required clearances for diving boards, further driving them from municipal pools.

Alas, one of the simple pleasures of summer is no more. For kids today, this means missing out on the thrill and anticipation that only a high diving board can provide.

A splashless summer is one thing, but it seems no summer activity is safe from lawsuits. From putting on sunscreen, to taking a trip to the ballpark, to an outdoor picnic, summertime fun is ripe for litigation. Who knew so much danger lurked on these long, lazy days?

Consider these summer suits:

- 100 degrees in the shade: A class-action lawsuit was recently filed against sunscreen makers alleging that, while there are no negative medical effects associated with sunscreen use, advertising that encourages the use of sunscreens to protect against sun damage has unfairly lulled consumers into a false sense of

security about sun damage. (Wall Street Journal, June 7)

- A league of their own: A Florida father sued a youth baseball league because his son was erroneously told he'd made the league's all-star team. Because of the cost of the lawsuit, the future of the baseball league was threatened. (Liability Week, June 29, 1998)

- Think pink: A psychologist who was denied a pink tote bag during a Mother's Day giveaway at a Los Angeles Angels' baseball game has sued the team, alleging that thousands of males and fans under 18 were "treated unequally" and entitled to \$4,000 each in damages. (Los Angeles Times, May 11)

- School's out forever?: In suburban Milwaukee, a 17-year-old and his father sued a teacher, various school officials and the school district, challenging summer homework assignments made as a prerequisite to an honors pre-calculus class. Smartly, the judge threw out the lawsuit stating, "Had the family done a bit more homework, they would have discovered that the people of our state granted to the Legislature...the power to establish school boards and the state superintendent and to confer upon them the powers and duties the Legislature saw fit." (Associated Press, March 9, 2005)

- No fun allowed: Climbing, swinging and sliding was once a rite of passage all kids enjoyed during carefree summers. But

thanks to the onslaught of frivolous personal injury lawsuits and fear of future litigation, once-common equipment such as metal slides, seesaws and merry-go-rounds are vanishing. In fact, cities and counties are adopting new "no-fun" safety rules like Broward County, Fla., which recently added a new rule on the playground: "No running." (KATU 2 News, May 8)

- Fat, what fat?: In the latest example of personal responsibility being boiled in oil, personal injury lawyers have filed a class-action lawsuit against KFC alleging that their fried chicken actually may be unhealthy. The suit is currently pending, but backyard picnics and barbecues everywhere may never be the same. (Associated Press, June 14)

The lawsuit-happy tactics of some affect all of us. Abusive and frivolous lawsuits cost time and money -- even if cases are settled -- and taint some of life's simplest pleasures.

It's time to say no to summertime lawsuit lotto.

Bobby Jenkins of Austin is owner of ABC Pest and Lawn Service and a member of the Board of Directors of Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse (CALA) of Central Texas (www.tala.com), a nonprofit, nonpartisan grassroots watchdog organization dedicated to educating the public about the costs and consequences of lawsuit abuse and ensuring that our legal system is used for justice, not greed.

Judge rules DeLay's name must stay on ballot

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks of Austin ruled former Sugar Land congressional Rep. Tom DeLay's name must stay on the Nov. 7 election ballot.

Sparks ruling was on a petition brought by the Republican Party of Texas. The party had sought to appoint a candidate to replace DeLay as the nominee for Congressional District 22.

The Texas Democratic Party countered that DeLay's name belongs on the ballot because DeLay gave voters the impression he would run and serve.

DeLay resigned from Congress June 9 and moved to Virginia.

In his ruling Judge Sparks cited the U.S. Constitution's requirement that a candidate reside in the state when elected. So, if DeLay does not return to Texas and establish residence in this state by Nov. 7, he will be ineligible to serve, if elected.

DeLay is still under indictment in Travis County on state charges of money-laundering and campaign finance fraud in connection with the November 2002 election. That election resulted in Republican majorities in both houses of the state Legislature and made it possible for lawmakers to break with tradition and carry out a mid-Census redistricting.

The vote after the redistricting erased Texas Democrats' 17-15 seat majority in U.S. congressional seats and delivered Texas Republicans a 21-11 seat majority.

Some of DeLay's work to reconfigure the state's political map may be shortlived.

Mapmakers diluted the Hispanic Democratic vote in Laredo, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in June.

The high court then instructed a federal three-judge panel to redraw boundaries of the congressional district that runs from Laredo to far west Texas.

Meanwhile, the Republican Party of Texas has appealed Sparks' ruling to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

DeLay hinted he might come back to Texas if rulings on pending indictments against him go in his favor.

Whether it will be DeLay or a yet-unnamed GOP nominee running for CD-22, former Congressman Nick Lampson will be the Democrat in the race.

Man sentenced in child porn case

A San Marcos man was sentenced for storing sexually explicit images and videos of children on his iPod portable digital video player.

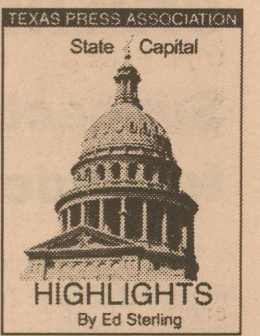
Ron James Guzman, 39, received a 10-year prison sentence for possessing the illegal material and a 20-year prison sentence on a charge of promoting child pornography.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott said it was the first such child pornography case handled by his Cyber Crimes Unit.

Guzman also pled guilty to four counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child and one count of indecency with a child in a separate plea agreement reached with the Hays County District Attorney's Office for a separate offense. The sentences in the two cases will run concurrently for a total prison term of 40 years.

Guy announces millions in aid

Texas is opening its pocketbook to the tune of \$255 million to help vic-



Words on the walls of the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum

On my last visit to Santa Fe I made my usual stop at the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum. It had an exhibition that highlighted some of the more than 1,000 new works. I've always been impressed with this artist who spent the years 1916 to 1918 in the Texas panhandle creating images of the Palo Duro Canyon. This time, though, I was fascinated with some of her quotations, which were printed on the walls of the museum: "Color is one of the great things in the world that makes life worth living."

"One paints what is around."
 "In front of my house there are low scrub bushes and cottonwood trees and, further out, a line of hills. And then I have this mountain. A flat top mountain that slopes off on each side. A blue mountain. And to the left you can see snow covered mountains, far, far away."

"It's my mountain."
 "I once spent three and a half months flying around the world.



by Tumbleweed Smith

I was surprised that there were so many desert areas with large river beds running through them. I made many drawings about one and a half inches square of the rivers seen from the air. At home I made larger charcoal drawings from the little pencil drawings.

"Where I was born and where and how I have lived is unimportant. It is what I have done with where I have been that should be of interest."

"Singing has always seemed to me the most perfect means of expression...it is so spontaneous.. since I cannot sing I paint."

"Nothing is less real than realism...details are confusing. It is only by selection, by elimination,

by emphasis, that we get at the real meaning of things."

"From experiences of one kind or another shapes and colors come to me very clearly."

"I paint what interests me and what I see."

"Women don't make good painters, they said. I had never thought of it that way. I just painted, that was all."

"It is easier for me to paint it than to write about it and I would so much rather people would look at it than read about it."

"My painting is what I have to give back to the world for what the world gives to me."

"When I was at Mabel's house in Taos, there was an alfalfa field like a large green saucer. On one side of the field was a path lined with flowers...one day walking down the path I picked a large blackish red hollyhock and some bright dark blue larkspur that immediately went into a painting—and then another painting."

OBITUARIES

Wayford D. Tyler Sr.

SONORA — Wayford D. Tyler Sr., 77, went to be with our Lord on Friday, July 7, 2006. He was born in Girard, Texas, on July 11, 1928, to J.I. (Ike) Tyler and Weltie Spradling Tyler. He later married Rhea Patricia Glasscock in October of 1966.

He is survived by his two sons, Wayford Jr. and Wayne Tyler of Sonora; his step-daughter, Janet Milhauser; his brothers, Winford Tyler of Fort Worth and W.M. Tyler of Plainview; one sister, Ollie Francis Hull of Matador; and grandchildren Kassandra Tyler, Leonard Thames and Pam

Harbin.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Pat Tyler; his parents; his brothers, V.I and John W. Tyler; and his sisters, Fanny May Hook and Lanelle Tyler.

He was active in the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and Suez Shrine for many years. Wayford was a loving father, grandfather and friend to many. He was a sweet-natured person whose presence will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the charity of your choice.



Mrs. Seth Charles Becker

COURTESY PHOTO

Lloyd/Becker exchange vows

Catherine Renee Lloyd and Seth Charles Becker were married on June 17, 2006 at Southgate Church of Christ in San Angelo with Paul Shero officiating. A reception was held at Dry Hollow Hideaway in Paint Rock. The bride is the daughter of Roy Gene and Melissa Lloyd of Eldorado. The groom is the son of Charles and Nancy Becker of Paint Rock.

Cooper Riley Lloyd son of the bride and Roy Gene Lloyd gave Catherine away. Maid of Honor was her sister Tabitha Lloyd of San Angelo. Bridesmaids were friend of the bride Lindsey Flue of Marble Falls, cousins of the bride Mitzi Miller of Lubbock and LeVona Lloyd of Arlington, niece of the groom CharliBeth Blackwell of Paint Rock. Flower girl was cousin of the bride Josephine Mae Lloyd of Arlington.

Best man was cousin of the groom Jed Hruska of Franklin. Groomsmen were friends of the groom Kody Eckert of Mason, Stacy McWright of Miles, Rode Moore of Austin and Justin McMillian of San Antonio. Ring bearer was nephew of the groom Jaxson Garcia of Paint Rock. Ushers were friends of the groom Kyle Eckert of San Angelo, Chase

Smith of Abilene, Tom Roberson of Leon Valley and Derek Schulze of Mason.

The bride is a 1999 graduate of Eldorado High School. She graduated from Angelo State University with a degree in Early Childhood Education in 2003. She is currently employed by the Concho Valley Council of Governments Rural Head Start in San Angelo. The groom is a 1997 graduate of Paint Rock High School. He graduated from Texas A&M in Animal Science in 2001. He is currently employed by Farm Bureau in San Angelo.

After a Jamaican Cruise the couple will reside in San Angelo.

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tims of Hurricane Rita and low-income families purchase a home of their own. The program is expected to assist 2,300 Texas families.

In announcing the funding, Gov. Rick Perry said, "This is the largest amount of homebuyer funds ever released by the state. And more than 40 percent of it, or \$108 million, is coming here to help Southeast Texans recover

from Hurricane Rita."

Perry also announced the award of \$26.7 million to help crime victims under the federal Victims of Crime Act fund. The money supports programs that address family violence, child abuse and sexual assault, and provide support services to help victims recover from the effects of crime through counseling, advocacy and intervention.

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People like different things that, unless you are an aficionado too, you can hardly comprehend why.

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Then there are the train people. And, train lovers really like the Texas State Railroad. For now anyway.

Because a posted sign says the beloved East Texas railway will stop running at the end of the year unless more funds are raised.

All aboard!

Despite what the brochure says, round trip tickets are available from either Palestine (that's Pal-est-STEEN, Yankee) or Rusk.

We got on at Rusk and should've boarded in Palestine. Rusk SP has much more to do than Palestine SP. The former has a nice 15-acre lake, a playground, a nature trail, and even some "pedal boats" to use on the lily-heavy lake.

Palestine just has the train station and some picnic tables.

The 25-mile trip one way takes 1.5 hours then there's a 1.5 lay-over.

The fee was \$17 per adult; we got \$3 off each with our state park pass. Through September, kids under 12 ride free and our trip was filled with grandparents toting young 'uns.

Summer riders would be wise to upgrade to an air-conditioned car. The seats are better, too. We were ready to pay \$24 each when the ticket taker just laughed: "You need to reserve those two weeks in advance."

The climate-controlled coach is the only car that's wheelchair accessible.

So, with no reservations, we hopped onto our refurbished non-a/c Victorian railcar. You'll have

to decide between a padded, school bus-like seat or big windows in specific cars. You can't have both.

We chose the wide windows and settled down among a plethora of folks. And a few dirt daubers.

Ridin' the rails

Every time instructions were given on overhead speakers on the train, the whistle was blown.

"Be sure you see the HOOOOONKKK!" And: "You must never HOOOOONKKK!" And, most disappointing: "The real killers of JFK were HOOOOONK-KK!"

The home of the steam locomotive varies from month to month, bouncing back between Palestine and Rusk. It was in the former when we visited so we rode a diesel. It left a few minutes before its 11 a.m. scheduled departure.

The cars lurch and rock for a while when getting underway. Iffy stomachs could be in trouble. But finally the train gets a head of steam (or diesel) and it's much smoother sailing.

You can roam all around the cars, built in the 1920s. One very popular one is the food car which has popcorn, Blue Bell, and cold drinks.

Meanwhile, the train tools through the Pineywoods, bending occasionally and sometimes passing a bridge. The Neches River is motored over.

It's a bit tricky seeing wildlife since a lumbering train is rather inefficient at sneaking up on critters.

Along the way, a loop of train songs are played: "Midnight Special" and "City of New Orleans" and "Wabash Cannonball" and "Chattanooga Choo Choo" and Roger Miller's "Engine, Engine # 9."

Maybe an upgrade to hipper train songs would help ward off the 12/31/06 death date: "Driver

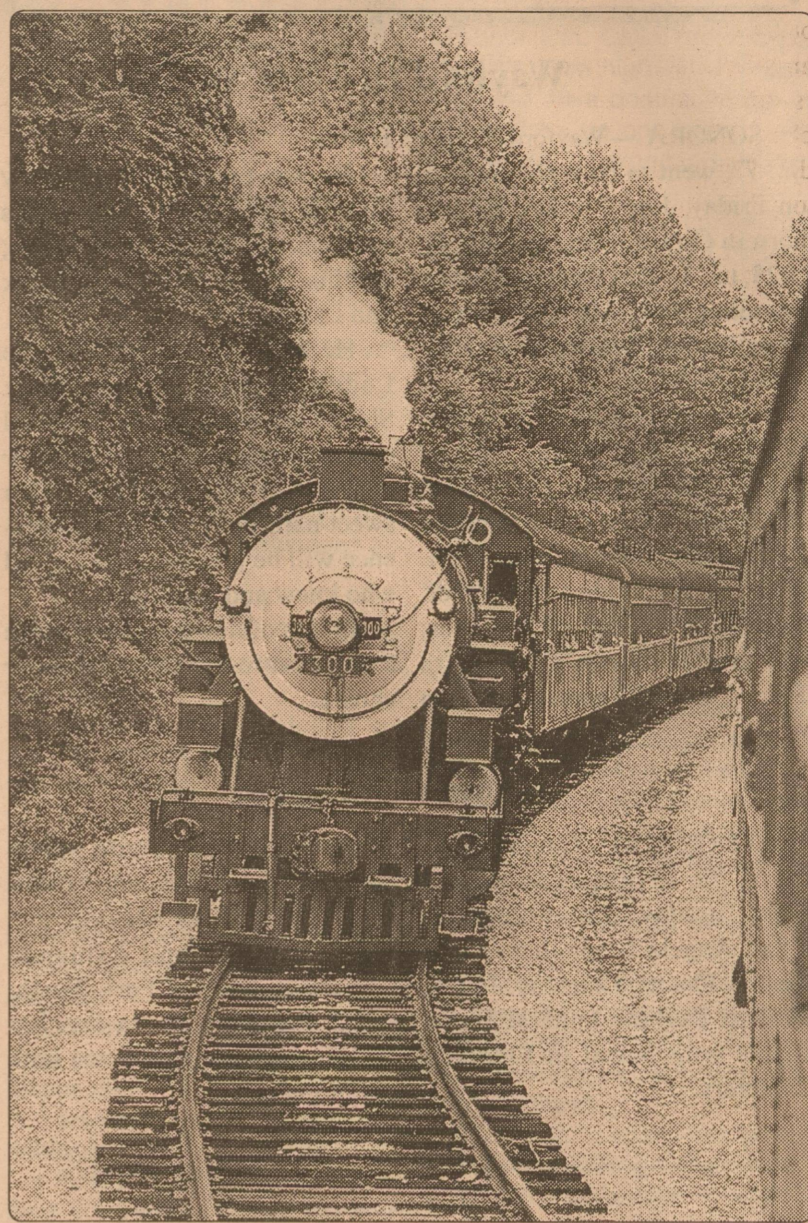


PHOTO BY PAULA CAMPBELL
The train from Palestine passes the still Rusk train midway in the midst of the Pineywoods.

8" (R.E.M.); "5:15" (The Who); "Crazy Train" (Ozzy Osborne); "Love Train" (the O'Jays); or Elvis' "Mystery Train."

About halfway over, the train coming from the other direction – in our case, the steam train from Palestine – passed near. It's a nice photo opportunity even though we sat still and hot for 10 minutes.

At every crossing, the whistle blew, shocking many unsuspecting passengers and eliciting squeals of terror then laughter.

Halfway

While veterans had brought lunches in coolers – the food car will store them for you – we arrived in Palestine without victuals.

So we lined up with scores of others to purchase "famous Eilenberger German bakery goods." For \$3.75 you got a ham or turkey sandwich between two pieces homemade bread; it was the kind of meal you could make in eight seconds for 17 cents at home.

And, they left the cheese off mine.

Still, it was tasty enough and there was more Blue Bell on site.

We boarded the train about 20 minutes early to make sure we got a seat in the back.

The return ride was nice as we click-clacked our return to Rusk. All the beavers at the pond marked on the map were apparently submerged on the 90 degree day.

It was freakishly humid, but the wind from the giant windows made the sweating and faint whiff of diesel fumes tolerable.

We left at exactly 2 p.m. as scheduled and arrived about 3:15, a little early.

Important note to teenagers: You get a cell signal at both stations.

Back

Both ends of the track offered a park store.

At the Rusk SP, campsites were available. Full hook-ups are offered amid gigantic pine trees.

The park is pretty small overall. Still, it would be a good place to stay and choose a weekday to ride the rails instead of the busier weekends. (Spring and full are active, too.)

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City council meets, considers new grant projects

The Eldorado City Council met Monday, July 10, 2006, with Mayor John Nikolauk and council members Toni Sudduth, Dora Bosmans, Richard Mendez, Dorothy Dacy and Dr. Pat Johnson in attendance. Council member Bill McCutcheon was absent. Also on hand for the meeting were City Secretary Carolyn Mayo and Utility Superintendent Floyd Fay.

Among other business the council held a public hearing to consider the block grants issued by the Texas Community Development Program, a division of the Office of Rural Community Affairs. Mayor John Nikolauk explained the grant program would fund certain infrastructure projects, such as water lines and sewer lines. A survey of proposed projects, including replacing the old 8-inch water main that runs behind First National Bank and West Texas Feed & Mercantile, was distributed to those in attendance for priority rating. It was noted completion of the survey is a requirement under the grant program.

In other business, the council met with Agnes Lozano and Josie Ramirez concerning the city's water and gas reports. Ms Lozano told the council Lozano told the court her husband has been sick. She said she had seen a notice in the newspaper and was concerned that the city might introduce additives into the water supply. Floyd Fay advised Ms. Lozano that the city is required to add chlorine to the water city supply, otherwise the water is excellent.

Mrs. Lozano complimented City Secretary Carolyn Mayo on doing a good job and notice her working late into the evening. She also thanked the City Council for doing a good job.

Bobby Zesch, the city's group insurance provider, was present to discuss the problems encountered by city employees with health insurance network claims. Zesch advised that the city's new insurance provider, Starmark, did not include Schleicher County Medical Center as an in-network provider, but that the situation could be corrected with the completion of the necessary documentation. He advised that employees are provided

a list each year to tell them which doctors and hospitals are included "in-network."

Zesch also went over comparisons on new policy pricing with Starmark Insurance for the next year to with the council.

Fire Chief Jerry Jones then asked the council for funds to help purchase 3 sets of new bunker gear. The 3 sets will cost \$2,245 and could be purchased from the Texas Forrest Service. The council voted to approve the purchase.

Superintendent Fay reported the SCADA unit that controls the city's water wells and water towers was knocked out of service by a lightning storm. The break down caused pressure to drop throughout the city's water system. Fay

noted that the problem was quickly remedied.

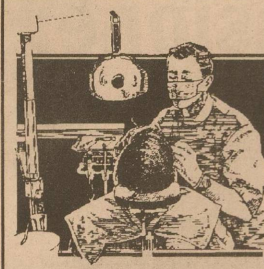
Fay continued to report no major water leaks, but noted a survey around the city found several small leaks around cut off valves. He said the valves are in the process of being repaired.

Fay then noted no problems with the landfill and sewer plant. He explained that new material for a pole barn to replace the city's current barn would be arriving August 18 and the old barn needed to be torn down. City Secretary Mayo told the council she has had no response to the ad for demolition.

Ms. Mayo then gave June Financial Reports, Tax Report and asked for amendment #7 to the 2005-2006 budget. Mayo then re-

quested guidance from the council about how long to hold deposits and existing accounts. The council recommended requiring anyone who has been gone from Eldorado for a year or more to provide new information and set up new accounts when returning to town.

Before adjourning the council reviewed current billing and approved the June 12, 2006 minutes. They then went into executive session to discuss personnel matters but returned to open session, taking no action on the matter.



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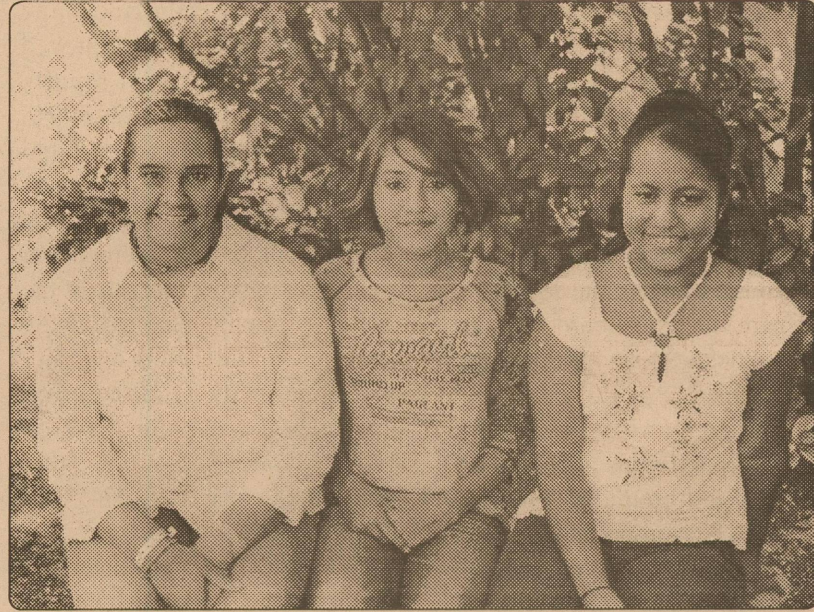


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2006 Rodeo Sweetheart Contestants: (L-R) Samantha Brown, Marci Leanna Minor and Marissa Gonzales; (not present) Miranda Arispe. These young ladies are vying for Miss Rodeo Sweetheart. The rodeo will be the weekend of July 28 and 29. Each contestant will be selling advanced rodeo tickets \$6.00 for senior citizens and \$8.00 for adults. The sweetheart will be chosen during the Friday night performance on July 28.

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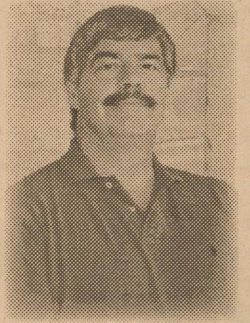
Fathers always want the best for their children, and that includes academic success. There are many ways men can make a positive difference in children's lives; the key is to spend time with them on a regular basis and participate in the daily learning experiences.

Dr. Day, father of three and Dr. Johnson, father of three and dad to four others both recommend all men take care of themselves. A great start is by having a general check up and physical under the following age guidelines:

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Dr. Johnson

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County commissioners meeting held Monday

County Clerk Peggy Williams read the minutes from the June 26, 2006 commissioners court meeting and asked for clarification on the vote for the County Wide Burn Ban. Commissioner Kirk Griffin said he voted against the ban and County Clerk Williams noted the vote in the corrected minutes.

The Success reported in the June 29 edition that Griffin voted for the ban.

County Judge Johnny Griffin called the meeting to order with commissioners Johnny Mayo, Kirk Griffin and Matt Brown in attendance. Judge Griffin reported that commissioner Bill Clark was in another state and would be missing several meetings.

Next, the commissioners met with Mike Lux and Brian Edmiston, representatives of the Edwards Plateau Control Burn Association about repairing the sprayer pump on grass truck #31 that the county recently donated to the associa-

tion. The commissioners voted to purchase a kit to repair the pump seal.

Discussion then turned to the current burn ban that was reinstated at the June 26 commissioners meeting. The men were concerned about a report that the burn association would have to have a certified prescribed burn specialist in order to conduct controlled burns. A federal requirement through the National Resources Conservation Service requiring certification from a zone specialist with Level IVb Prescribed Burning Authority was recently dropped when the NRCS stopped supervising burns. Vaden Aldridge with the NRCS told the Success on Tuesday that his agency cannot supervise controlled burns in the summer months after the temperature gets above 95 degrees.

The burn ban association told the county they want to continue prescribed burns and that while

they don't have a certified technician, they have several qualified burn bosses. Judge Griffin advised that the county will not require the certified technician.

Meanwhile the overall burn ban remains in effect in Schleicher County.

Moving on, the commissioners voted accept the only bid for diesel fuel from Griffin Oil in the amount of \$2.4988 per gallon.

Judge Griffin then informed the court that he temporarily employed Lane Babb to do maintenance/mowing at the courthouse. No action was taken on the agenda item 5 on job requirements, qualifications and salary for the position

of county buildings and grounds maintenance supervisor.

The court then voted to take bids for fencing and reject an indigent request for payment of utilities.

The commissioners next agreed to keep the \$10.00 County Road/Bridge fee added to automobile registration in the county.

Before adjourning, County Treasurer Karen Henderson presented accounts payables and account transfers that were reviewed and approved by the commissioners. The meeting ended with the commissioners appointing election judges for the November 2006 General Election.

SCISD trustees meet, handle light agenda

The Schleicher County ISD board of trustees met Monday evening, July 10, 2006, for its regular monthly meeting.

Board President Jo Helen Kotsch called the meeting to order with trustees Jan Wanoreck, Berta Nicholson, Leanne Higgins, Kurtis Homer, Lupe Sanchez and Robert Jay in attendance.

Also present for the meeting were SCISD Superintendent Billy Collins, campus principals Bob Wanoreck, Kara Garlitz, Maela Edmonson, Middle School Teacher Katrina Gonzales, and SCISD Finance Director Ray Ballew.

Among other business the trustees reviewed and approved the district's financial reports. Ray Ballew explained \$29,909.01 in the district's Activity Fund are in 90-day certificates of deposit and are currently earning interest at a rate of 3 percent per year. Meanwhile, the bulk of the school's investments are drawing 4.14 percent interest in a municipal money market fund based on the federal government's Treasury Bill rate. Ballew noted that the school earned \$10,774.53 in interest in that account.

The district's reserves, or fund balance, stood at \$1,550,337 on June 30, 2006.

In other business, the trustees reviewed and approved the minutes of their previous meeting held on June 12th. They also voted to continue using the Austin law firm of Powell & Leon, L.L.P. as the district's attorneys.

Next, the board took up the subject of property and casualty insurance and voted unanimously to accept the bid of \$38,626 from Key & Piskuran Agency.

The board then voted to contract with Maynard and Associates for student accident and athletic insurance. The policy will be issued by the Markel Company for \$11,079.

There were no changes to the district's Student Code of Conduct and the board voted unanimously to leave last year's code of conduct in place for the coming school year.

The trustees then elected Kurtis Homer as a delegate and Berta Nicholson as an alternate delegate to the Texas Association of School Boards delegate assembly, slated for Oct. 7, 2006 in Houston.

The board then entered into a lengthy executive session for the discussion of personnel matters. When they emerged from the closed-door meeting some 90-minutes later, the trustees voted unanimously to hire Kathy Newman as a Middle School/Elementary School counselor. Also, Gail Stevens was hired to teach Middle School math and Shelly Self was employed as an Elementary teacher.

Billy Collins then updated the board on the upcoming TASB convention slated for Oct. 8th. Middle School principal Kara Garlitz next informed the trustees that the school has received a \$20,000 Learn and Serve America grant. Garlitz explained that Ilse Williams handled the grant application. She noted that the goals of the grant program must be defined, implemented and completed over a three year period.

Before adjourning, the trustees discussed a schedule for budget workshops, but decided to schedule only one workshop on Aug. 14th. The workshop will be held immediately after the school board's regular meeting.

The trustees also received information on conflict of interest statements they each must complete. Supt. Collins explained that the statements will be posted on the school's website as part of the state's new disclosure law.

Collins also updated them on highlights of House Bill 1, including the reduction of tax rates of the next two years and the implementation of a later starting date for the school year. The new date won't affect the upcoming school year. However, beginning in 2007, school's may not begin class earlier than the 4th Monday in August. Collins noted there will be no waivers for this new rule.

S.C. Wellness Foundation update

by Dr. Jim Brame

"How is the Exercise Center coming along?" is the question most heard when I am around town. The answer is that it is coming along fine and moving right along. Some of the delay to start fund raising was that the IRS, who makes not-for-profit determinations, was flooded with applications after Katrina and those had priority. Last month, the Foundation received the determination as a fully not-for-profit organization and is now equipped to accept donations in all forms. Gifts of money, memorial to love ones, property gifts and grants may be made at the First National Bank of Eldorado and 1st Community Federal Credit Union. Local fund raising activities should begin soon but any gifts can be made now to the Foundation account at either of the two institutions.

In addition to an exercise area with up to date equipment and machines, we plan on space for aerobics for women and men and a room for health education classes which will include a kitchen for healthy meal preparation and instruction. The Schleicher County Hospital District has agreed to manage the Center when completed. There are still options about where the Center

might be located. Common knowledge tells us that it should be near or on the Hospital/Nursing Home grounds but no definite decision has been made. The Board has opted not to include a swimming pool at this time.

The architectural and facility planning activities should allow us to have a ground elevation and scheme of the proposed Center very soon so that it may be displayed in town. The Center is for everyone and it welcomes suggestions. Here is a current list of Board members that you might contact for further information.

Eddie Albin-President, Randy Mankin-Vice-President, Beverly Ann Minor-Treasurer, Randy Mitchell, Ilse Williams, Patrick E. Johnson, Danny Pina, Cherie Sproul, Jim Martin, W.G. Day, Christy Meador and Rick Sterling. Staff members are Jim Bob Brame, Nancy Lester, Rebecca Sullivan and Holly Brame.

Officers of the Foundation will be communicating soon with individuals from large charitable organization from which grants might be obtained. The next step, in addition to local fund raisers, will be to complete the required grant applications.

Rodeo Sweetheart Candidate



Marci Minor

Hello my name is, Marci Minor I'm 13 years old, I am the daughter of Ruby Kay Minor and Steve Minor. I have lived in Eldorado for 13 years, have enjoyed being apart of this community. I am currently an 8th grader at the Middle School. Vice President this coming year in Student Council. Active in cheerleading, Basketball, Softball, Track, Cross Country, Tennis, 4-H, and a member at First Baptist Church. I would be proud to be representing Eldorado, and would greatly appreciate your support. I am available by phone if you would like to purchase tickets for the Rodeo on July 28-29, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. Home 853-4048.

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There are 71 camping sites, 22 of them in a group camp.

Palestine is a day-use only park.

It was a nice, unique ride. Some kids got a little bored, but they perked up with an ice cream and a chance to use the bathroom on a moving train.

Even non-train riders like us liked the outing.

Mission Tejas SP

Because the hiking trail at Rusk SP was so puny and we wanted to venture into the Pineywoods, we drove over to Mission Tejas SP.

(We passed Caddoan Mounds State Historical Site which was locked up; it's only open on week-ends.)

On the way over, we saw some unique roadkill – an alligator. Except that it was really road-wounded. It snarled at passing vehicles.

At Mission Tejas, about 30 minutes from the railroad, two structures dominated the small park.

The first, very near headquarters, was the Rice family log home. It's kind of weird that it's at Mission Tejas because it "does not look as it did at any particular time" and the original was built "16 miles west."

Still, it's spacious and fun to wander through. Wide porches on either side were valuable for cooling off during searing summers or hanging clothes out to dry

– like clothes could dry in the 180 percent humidity.

Just past the log home is "Fire Tower Hill" where a fire tower used to be. Just when we thought this was actually some kind of Park of Illusion, we arrived at Mission Tejas.

The mission

The original mission – which, of course, has been destroyed – has been recreated with a cool petrified wood fireplace.

The dark structure is silent and peaceful; the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) – those valiant men whose hands can be seen in almost every state park – built a replica of the first Mission San Francisco de los Tejas in 1934.

The actual story is pretty tragic. Priests arrived in 1690 to spread Christianity to the Neadache Indians. Right off the bat, a smallpox epidemic killed 300 people living nearby – 3,000 total in the area.

Priests challenged the Indians established religious practices, including mocking sacred items. The two groups weren't getting along too well.

Then things got bad. A drought in 1691 was followed by a second one the next year. The first was alleviated by arrival of supplies from Spain. But the summer-fall drought of '92 killed most of the cattle around.

By then, the Neadache had had just about enough. In 1693, the Indians – who once referred to the

new arrivals as friends or "tejas" (hence our state name and motto: Friendship [which just beat out "Drought"]) – told the Spaniards to vamanos.

The flip side of "tejas" was about to be unleashed unless the interlopers left. The Spaniards split for Mexico – probably Cancun – in the dead of night two weeks later, burning the modest buildings.

Priests tried twice more to establish the mission. In 1716, a war between Spain and France sub-marined the plan after three years.

Then, in 1721, the Indians suggested the Spaniards just keep on a-go-in' when another attempt at settling was made.

A hike

After a brief trek around a small pond – where I keenly kept an eye out for wounded alligators – we just had to find out what "CCC bathtubs" were.

The trail dipped down quickly into the forest, amid humidity that was as thick as the pines. Small bridges crossed a creek twice.

At the second one, a black snake sat on the bottom of the clear stream. We tried to encourage it to be more photogenic, but it refused to budge from the bottom.

We decided it was dead; certainly no snake could hold its breath that long. But apparently it could because when we came back through, its head was cocked above the water.

We followed the axiom "enter

right, stay right" and, despite some signage lacking, we eventually scaled an impressive rise and came upon another unmarked trail.

According to the map, this small side path should lead to the tubs. And it did.

Three small rocky dugouts were apparently used as natural bathtubs when spring water was routed that way. They had some serious rings around the tub today, but workers were probably glad to submerge themselves back in the Depression.

This was a really nice hike. The trail was well-kept and rolled over the surprisingly elevated terrain through a bona fide forest.

Camping could be fun here, too. Only 15 sites – near the mission at the back of the park – are available. They are tucked under some massive trees and the place is idyllic.

The park is much more popular during the spring when blooming dogwoods attract hordes.

But, on this dripping, early summer's day, the silence – in the mission and on the trails – was lovely.

There was plenty to like between the mission and the railroad, but certainly nothing in this lifetime will ever rival HOOOOONKKK!

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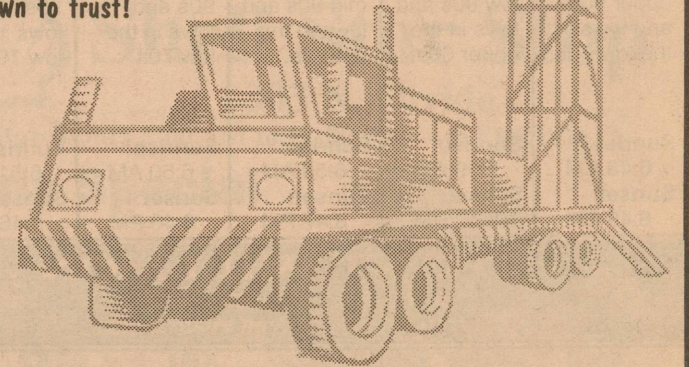
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This is the snake near a bridge that just refused to leave its cool pool in the stream.

Weekly Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. L'il Abner's creator Al
5. Price to pay
9. Gem weight unit
14. Toast topper
15. Nabisco favorite since 1912
16. Bring a smile to
17. Boardwalk's Monopoly partner
19. Country star LeAnn
20. Ran the show
21. Draw no cards
23. Homer Simpson cry
24. SASE, e.g.
26. Jurist Fortas
27. Birth announcement senders
33. Uncle Remus honorific
36. ___ Lanka
37. Disney's Little Mermaid
38. Prom wheels
39. Barely defeated
42. Calvary letters
43. Colorful phrase

45. Game with Reverse cards
46. Summer spot
47. Musical acuity of sorts
51. Fawn bearer
52. Sandra of "Gidget"
53. DVD maker
56. Their leaders are crowned
61. Sources of milk
63. Much of it is spam
64. Spicy soup
66. Cape Cod house

- feature
67. Disassemble
68. Florence's river mouse?
69. Nasty campaign tactic
70. Ollie's partner
71. Transvaal trekker

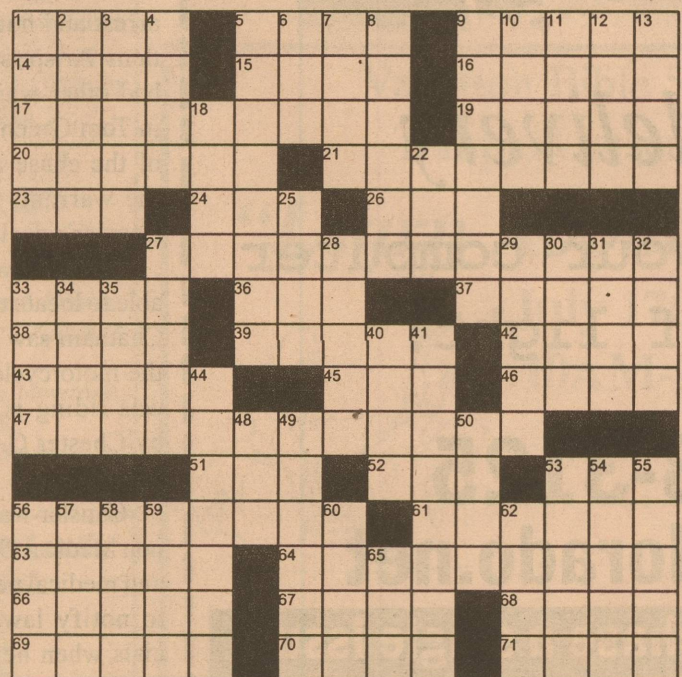
DOWN

1. Made do
2. San Antonio landmark
3. Bird's roost
4. Pig's place?
5. Sign of a healthy

- dog
6. "... man ___ mouse?"
7. Short times, for short
8. Dance technique
9. '30s heavyweight champ Primo
10. In the thick of
11. Rear end
12. On the briny
13. Acid ___
18. Use a spyglass
22. "___ Daba Honeymoon"

25. Bean ___ (tofu)
27. Whiskey bottle word
28. Unearth
29. "Love Story" author Segal
30. Hirschfeld's girl
31. Time in office
32. Take a spill
33. Radar image
34. Hitcher's hope
35. Mideast chief
40. Geraint's lady
41. Spoil rotten
44. Nosy sort
48. Coop call
49. ___ fugit
50. Hand over
53. Copy, for short
54. Witchy woman
55. Noted furrier
56. Powder holders
57. Mosque leader
58. Local theater, slangily
59. ___ monster (large lizard)
60. Shipped out
62. Dull as dishwater
65. Palm Pilot, e.g.

Split P's



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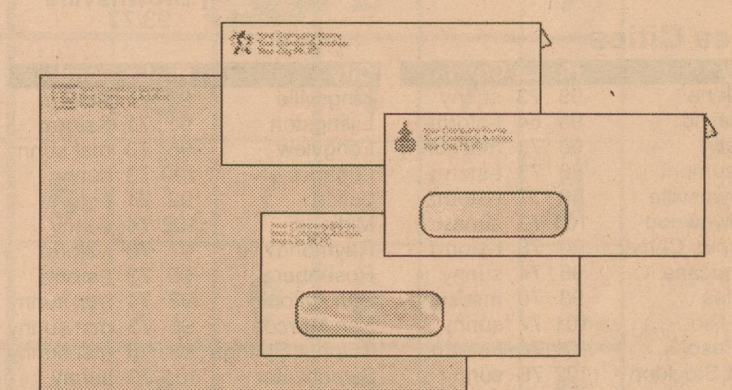
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SEEKING DEMOLITION PROPOSALS

The City of Eldorado is soliciting proposals for demolition of the old tin and lumber barn located at the corner of S. Cottonwood St. and E. Murchison Ave. All work must be completed and the site cleared by August 18 to allow for erection of a new barn. Full or partial salvage rights to materials are offered in lieu of full or partial payment. For more information, please contact Floyd Fay at the City Hall or by calling 853-2691 or 650-0587.

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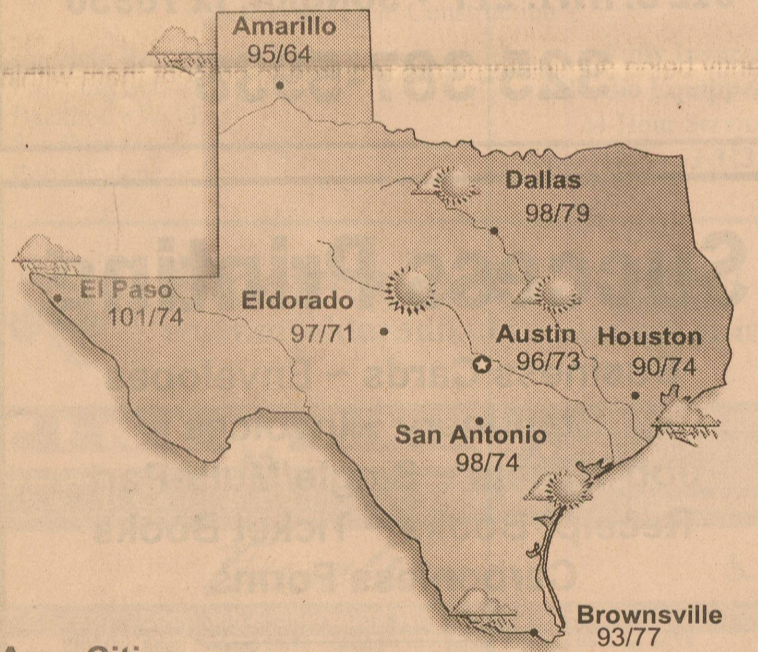
Eldorado Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

| Fri 7/14 | Sat 7/15 | Sun 7/16 | Mon 7/17 | Tue 7/18 |
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| 97/71 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s. | 93/69 More sun than clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s. | 94/70 Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s. | 97/71 Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s. | 96/71 Plenty of sun. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s. |
| Sunrise: 6:48 AM Sunset: 8:48 PM | Sunrise: 6:49 AM Sunset: 8:47 PM | Sunrise: 6:50 AM Sunset: 8:47 PM | Sunrise: 6:50 AM Sunset: 8:46 PM | Sunrise: 6:51 AM Sunset: 8:46 PM |

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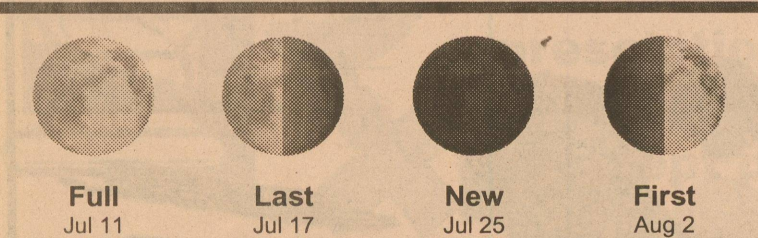
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| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
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| Abilene | 99 | 73 | sunny | Kingsville | 93 | 76 | t-storm |
| Amarillo | 95 | 64 | t-storm | Livingston | 91 | 71 | t-storm |
| Austin | 96 | 73 | mst sunny | Longview | 96 | 73 | mst sunny |
| Beaumont | 88 | 73 | t-storm | Lubbock | 100 | 73 | sunny |
| Brownsville | 93 | 77 | t-storm | Lufkin | 92 | 71 | t-storm |
| Brownwood | 101 | 73 | sunny | Midland | 102 | 74 | sunny |
| Corpus Christi | 90 | 78 | t-storm | Raymondville | 97 | 76 | t-storm |
| Corsicana | 96 | 74 | sunny | Rosenberg | 90 | 73 | t-storm |
| Dallas | 98 | 79 | mst sunny | San Antonio | 98 | 74 | mst sunny |
| Del Rio | 101 | 77 | sunny | San Marcos | 96 | 73 | mst sunny |
| El Paso | 101 | 74 | t-storm | Sulphur Springs | 98 | 76 | mst sunny |
| Fort Stockton | 102 | 75 | sunny | Sweetwater | 101 | 73 | sunny |
| Gainesville | 99 | 76 | t-storm | Tyler | 96 | 72 | mst sunny |
| Greenville | 100 | 74 | mst sunny | Weatherford | 97 | 74 | mst sunny |
| Houston | 90 | 74 | t-storm | Wichita Falls | 102 | 76 | t-storm |

National Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
|-------------|----|----|-----------|----------------|-----|----|-----------|
| Atlanta | 89 | 72 | t-storm | Minneapolis | 94 | 75 | sunny |
| Boston | 74 | 67 | rain | New York | 83 | 73 | t-storm |
| Chicago | 84 | 67 | mst sunny | Phoenix | 110 | 91 | sunny |
| Dallas | 98 | 79 | mst sunny | San Francisco | 69 | 54 | mst sunny |
| Denver | 91 | 62 | mst sunny | Seattle | 64 | 56 | rain |
| Houston | 90 | 74 | t-storm | St. Louis | 91 | 74 | pt sunny |
| Los Angeles | 84 | 67 | sunny | Washington, DC | 90 | 73 | t-storm |
| Miami | 87 | 79 | t-storm | | | | |

Moon Phases



UV Index

| Fri 7/14 | Sat 7/15 | Sun 7/16 | Mon 7/17 | Tue 7/18 |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 |
| Extreme | Extreme | Extreme | Extreme | Extreme |

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, 0 being the lowest and 11 the highest. A UV Index of 6 or higher shows the need for greater skin protection.

Fischer convicted of sex with underage girl

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rado City, AZ police officer, was previously convicted of similar charges in Utah. His brother, Richard Holm, a former member of the FLDS church was one of the prosecution's main witnesses in last week's trial. Richard Holm, along with Isaac Wyler, another former member, described for the jury how polygamous, or spiritual marriages are arranged inside the FLDS community.

Mohave County Attorney Matt Smith says he expects convictions in all the cases, especially since the underage brides have agreed to testify in several of the cases.

The eight cases filed last year by Matt Smith represent the largest push legal challenge against the polygamous lifestyles of the FLDS faithful in Colorado City/Hildale, since the infamous Short Creek Raid of 1953 when hundreds of men, women and children were rounded up in the community and shipped to other locations. Many of the men spent years in prison before being reunited with their families. Decades passed before either Arizona or Utah were again willing to challenge the FLDS in a court of law.

Meanwhile FLDS Prophet Warren Jeffs, himself wanted on a series of state and federal charges remains at large. He was named in May to the FBI's Ten

Most Wanted Fugitives List and a \$100,000 reward is being offered for information leading to his arrest and conviction.

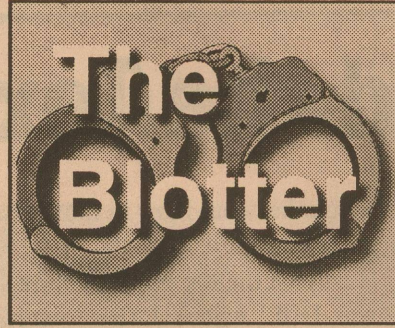
Still following the money

Special Fiduciary Bruce Wisan, the man now in charge of the UEP and therefore much of the property in Colorado City and Hildale, wants to review evidence the FBI seized from Warren Jeffs' brother Seth Jeffs.

Wisan recently sought and got an order from Utah District Judge Denise Lindberg asking Colorado courts to issue a subpoena for a laptop computer, records and documents currently held by the FBI. The feds got hold of the information after Seth Jeffs and his cousin Nathaniel Steed Allred were arrested in Pueblo, CO. The pair were found to be in possession of hundreds of thousands of dollars that were on their way to the YFZ Ranch near Eldorado, presumably for the use of FLDS Prophet Warren Jeffs.

Wisan, who has been charged with getting control of the UEP assets wants to look over the evidence to see if any of it belongs to the UEP trust, or if he can find any clues leading to the whereabouts of UEP assets.

Seth Jeffs was charged with shielding his brother from prosecution. He reached a plea deal with federal prosecutors two months under which he doesn't have to say where Warren Jeffs is hiding. Seth Jeffs could receive a sentence of six months in a federal prison but his attorney thinks prison time is unlikely and that his client will probably receive probation.



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

July 7 • Bently, Kevin Eugene, male age 28, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Out of County Warrant/Theft by Check. Released on \$1,000 Cash Bond.

INCIDENTS

July 3 • 2:59 p.m. Requested an ambulance for his wife. EMS 2 responded.

• 6:41 p.m. Subject found an abandon bicycle south of town. Officer was notified.

• 8:03 p.m. Subject reported stolen green Next bike. Officer notified.

July 4 • 1:28 a.m. Complainant reported a party at the Eldorado Place Apartments. Officer responded.

• 3:35 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer. Officer responded.

• 5:44 p.m. Reported vehicles mudding.

• 9:00 p.m. Reported kids popping fire works at the Eldorado Place Apt.

July 5 • 8:09 p.m. Complainant reported smelling smoke from a grass fire near her residence. Officer and EVFD responded.

• 8:16 p.m. Complainant reported a yellow children's bike with the word "Jeep" across the side was stolen.

July 6 • 6:15 a.m. Complainant reported kids misusing BB guns. Officer was notified.

• 11:30 a.m. Caller advised there were two sacks of feed out in the middle of road out on highway 190.

Feed treated with toxic chemicals (pesticides).

July 7 • 8:14 a.m. Caller stated that animals next door are not being fed and are dying. Attempted to contact owners but could not reach them.

• 8:23 a.m. Caller reporting a white truck on highway 915 west that may have possibly been in an accident, no one injured and no medical emergency services required.

• 9:12 a.m. Caller concerned because emergency light blinking at housing authority.

• 12:15 a.m. Complainant reported kids walking around with flashlights, near the baptist church. Officer responded.

July 8 • 11:17 a.m. Complainant requested a criminal trespass be served on male subject. Officer responded.

• 8:50 p.m. Caller reported hitting a deer.

• 9:32 p.m. Subject reported lost pony at their residence. Officer notified.

• 10:03 p.m. Complainant reported subject shooting gun behind residence. Officers responded.

July 9 • 12:31 a.m. Complainant reported the alarm at the Schleicher County Nursing Home was set off, requesting an officer. Officer responded and reported everything OK.

• 7:32 p.m. Complainant advised that there was a stranded motorist approx. one mile north of Pave Paws, possibly due to blowout. Officer responded.

• 7:54 p.m. Complainant spoke with officer, advising of a wreckless driver headed southbound on 277, traveling at high rate of speed. Officer was advised the vehicle would be a white pickup with a black grill guard. Sutton County was notified.

• 8:54 p.m. Complainant advised a subject speeding excessively down Main Street. Officer was notified.

July 10 • 1:30 p.m. Basic transfer to Angelo Community Hospital.

• 5:17 p.m. Requested to speak to an officer. Office responded.

• 5:26 p.m. Requested an officer. Officer responded.

• 6:59 p.m. Yellow bike found.

July 11 • 12:40 a.m. Requested EMS for basic transfer from ER to Shannon. EMS responded.

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High-speed pursuit

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a high rate of speed for another 5 miles before losing control and crashing the bike just 15 miles from Big Lake.

There, Deputy Fierro took Cansler into custody and rendered first aide until an ambulance from Ozona could arrive. DPS Trooper Castulo Bilano also assisted at the scene. Cansler was then transported back to the intersection of U.S. 190 and State Hwy. 163, where minutes earlier he avoided Deputy Fierro's road block. He was taken from there by AirMed-1 helicopter to Shannon Hospital in San Angelo.

Chief Deputy George Arispe reports that Cansler is wanted in Schleicher County for evading arrest and numerous traffic violations. Arispe says that Cansler also had other warrants for his arrest in Tom Green County at the time of the chase and speculates that the warrants likely figured into Cansler's decision to run.

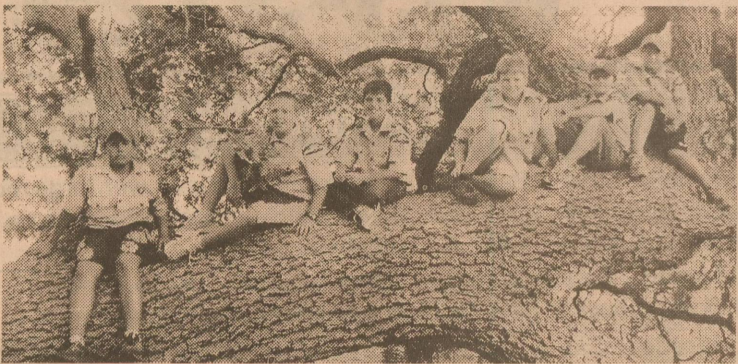
Officers were reportedly unable to locate the item that Deputy Chatham saw being thrown from the motorcycle. The bike Cansler was riding is reportedly owned by Chester G. Mosely, Jr. of San Angelo.

Cansler was admitted to Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo and medical personnel were asked to notify law enforcement officials when he would be released. Deputy Arispe said that Cansler had other plans, however, leaving the hospital on his own without waiting to be discharged.

Anyone with information concerning Cansler's whereabouts is asked to contact the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department at 325-853-2737.

Eldorado Troop 18 Attends Camp Sol Meyer

Camp Sol Meyer was attended by six scouts and three adult leaders from Eldorado on June 11-17, 2006. A great time was had by all. The troop would like to thank the following Eldorado individuals, businesses and organizations for their generous contributions to Troop 18 which made it possible for us to attend camp: Niblett's Oil Field Services, Inc., Raymond Mittel, Mittel Insurance Company, Crowder Services, Eldorado Lion's Club, First National Bank of Eldorado, Eldorado American Legion Post No. 257.



Pictured above are the following scouts (L-R): Diego Sanchez, Ryan Espinosa, Dylan Ramos, Ethan Hulsey, Morgan Barker, Will Barker. Adult leaders in attendance not pictured were: Dr. Patrick Johnson, Jerry Barker, and Ramon Espinosa.

KTB unveils new specialty license plate

(Austin, Texas) July 5, 2006 – Keep Texas Beautiful, a state-wide environmental and community improvement organization, is proud to introduce its new specialty license plate. The redesigned plate features the Don't Mess with Texas® Logo imposed over a beautiful scenic highway with the words "Keep Texas Beautiful" along the bottom border.

The Keep Texas Beautiful specialty license plate, first introduced in 1998, funds projects that focus on beautification and litter prevention. There are currently 730 of the first edition plates issued, but Keep Texas Beautiful hopes to increase that number with the new and colorful eye catching design.

"When you purchase a Keep Texas Beautiful specialty license plate, you are not only helping support beautification programs, but you are letting everyone know that you are taking responsibility to make Texas the cleanest state in the nation and reminding them they should as well," Debbie Johnston, President of Keep Texas



Beautiful, says.

Keep Texas Beautiful has worked closely with the Don't Mess with Texas litter prevention campaign since the campaign's inception in 1986 and partners with the Department of Transportation for the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off, the single largest one-day cleanup event in the state, each April. The release of the new license plate coincides with the 20th anniversary of the Don't Mess with Texas campaign.

For more information on the

Keep Texas Beautiful specialty license plate and ordering instructions, visit www.ktb.org or call 1-800-CLEAN-TX.

Keep Texas Beautiful, a state-wide grassroots environmental and community improvement nonprofit and affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, strives to educate and engage Texans to take

responsibility for improving their community environment. KTB and its over 340 affiliates work with government, businesses, civic groups, and volunteers to ensure that every Texan has the opportunity to take individual responsibility for making Texas the cleanest, most beautiful state in the nation.

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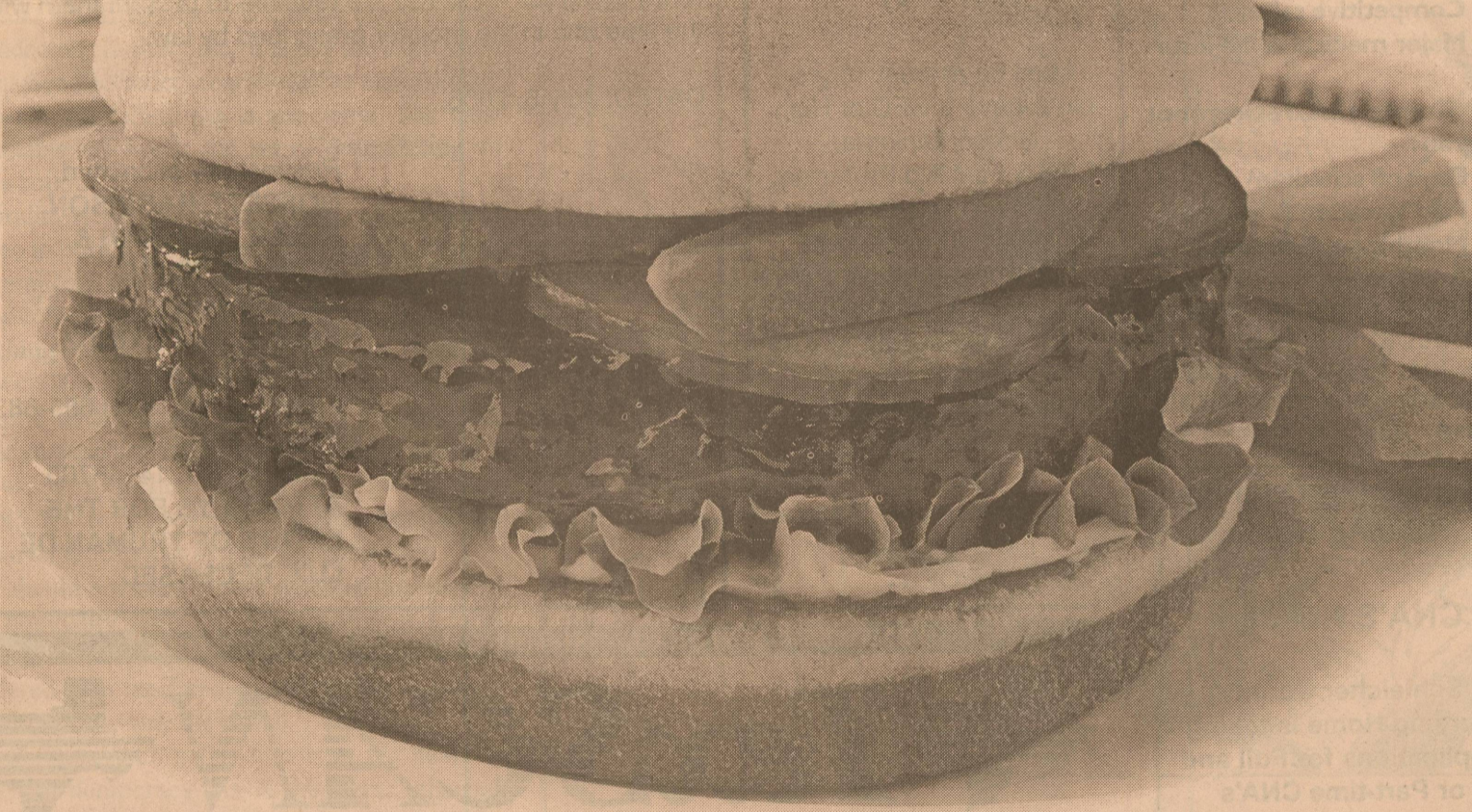
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Take a BITE Out of Summer!



Awesome BBQ Burgers

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FAMILY FEATURES

If you're like most women, you want to look toned in your summer shorts and tank tops without giving up the foods you love. A recent survey by Boca Foods found that more than half of women feel guilty about the foods they eat at least two to three times a week, and almost 20 percent of women feel guilty every time they eat. Between backyard barbecues and beach parties, that's a lot of time spent feeling guilty when you should be soaking up the summer sun.

There are simple recipes that allow you to cook and eat in a more healthful way while still enjoying the delicious foods you love, according to Isabel Cruz, chef and owner of the Cantina Panaderia Restaurant in San Diego. For example, she suggests making Asian-Style Lettuce Wraps

with Boca Foods Meatless Ground Burger instead of regular hamburger. You can save 100 calories and 9.5 grams of fat per serving, and you'll still be the hit at your next party.

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Real Life — Real Helpful Eating Tips

From Chef and Restaurant Owner Isabel Cruz

"As a chef, I love serving up scrumptious food that is exotic, fresh and dynamic," said Chef Isabel Cruz. "Whether I'm hosting dinner parties for my girlfriends or cooking a weeknight meal for my family, I serve healthful yet delicious choices. With this commitment to better-for-you eating, I've come up with some simple tips any woman can use to enjoy the foods she loves, guilt-free!"

- When you head to the grocery store, opt to walk home with the bags. Carrying the extra weight will help give your arms a good workout and give you some extra time to enjoy the weather.
- Veg Out! Shop farmers' markets for fresh produce and try one of the many soy-based meatless products as a better-for-you option in your favorite recipes.
- Salad plates aren't just for salad anymore. Grab some inexpensive small plates in festive summer prints to help keep portions in perspective.
- The hottest new accessory is a brown bag! Pack your own lunch and eat outside during your lunch hour. You'll have greater control over what you are eating and you'll be able to enjoy the afternoon sun.

Awesome BBQ Burgers

Serves: 4

- 1 10-ounce package frozen Boca Foods Meatless Original Burgers
 - 1/4 cup barbecue sauce
 - 1/4 cup light cream cheese spread
 - 4 hamburger buns, split, toasted
 - 4 lettuce leaves
 - 1/4 of a medium cucumber, thinly sliced
 - 1/2 of a medium avocado, peeled, sliced
- Grill burgers as directed on package, brushing with barbecue sauce during last 2 minutes of grilling time.
 - Spread cream cheese on bottom halves of buns.
 - Top evenly with lettuce, burgers, cucumbers, avocados and top halves of buns.

Sassy Chik'n Sandwich

Serves: 2

- 2 frozen Boca Foods Meatless Original Chik'n Patties
 - 2 teaspoons country Dijon mustard
 - 2 teaspoons horseradish sauce
 - 2 lettuce leaves
 - 4 slices Italian bread, toasted
 - 4 tomato slices
 - 4 medium slices fresh buffalo mozzarella
- Microwave patties as directed on package.
 - Mix mustard and horseradish sauce until well blended.
 - Place lettuce on 2 toast slices.
 - Top evenly with tomatoes, patties, mustard mixture and mozzarella.
 - Cover with remaining toast slices.

Asian-Style Lettuce Wraps

Serves: 2

- 4 crisp, green leaf lettuce leaves, washed and dried
 - 1 cucumber, chopped
- Sesame Soy Drizzle Sauce**
- 1/4 cup dark sesame oil
 - 2 tablespoons Japanese rice vinegar
 - 2 tablespoons low-sodium soy sauce
 - 2 tablespoons sugar
- Asian-Style Ground**
- 1 cup fresh bean sprouts
 - 1 pouch (1 cup) frozen Boca Foods Meatless Ground Burger
 - 1 teaspoon fresh, minced ginger
 - 1/2 clove garlic, minced
 - 1/2 cup chopped green onion
- Wrap lettuce in paper towel and refrigerate until ready to serve.
 - Whisk together sesame oil, rice vinegar, soy sauce and sugar for drizzle sauce; set aside.
 - Heat oil to coat large nonstick skillet or wok.
 - Add ground burger, cook and stir on medium heat about 3 minutes (until about half way cooked).
 - Add ginger and garlic and heat about 2 1/2 to 3 minutes more.
 - Stir in green onion and bean sprouts and cook about 1 minute more, just until heated through. Don't overcook bean sprouts; recipe tastes best when they still have some crunch left.
 - Lay lettuce leaves flat on plate, divide cucumber evenly on each leaf.
 - Scoop 1/4 ground burger mixture (about 1/4 cup) on each leaf.
 - Drizzle sesame soy sauce (about 2 teaspoons) onto inside of lettuce wrap, and roll up lettuce wraps.
- Special extra:** Sprinkle ground burger mixture with chopped peanuts before wrapping.
- Serving suggestion:** This is a good amount for two people as an appetizer. To serve as an entrée, add 1 cup of steamed rice before wrapping, or simply provide it as a side for your guests.



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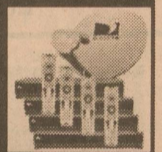
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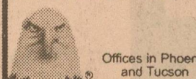
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