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Neck and neck — Chelsea Belman, riding in a three-wheeled buggy pulled by a goat named Santa Fe, and Jonah Griggs, piloting a two-wheeled chariot behind Studley the Wonder Goat, raced to the turn Saturday during the second annual Elgoatarod Festival held over the weekend on the Courthouse Square.

Goats, goats and more goats steal the show at 2nd annual Elgoatarod festival

Yes, there was goat racing in Eldorado last weekend, and there was goat kissing, goat pill flipping, and even stick goat racing, all of which punctuated a day and a half of fun and games on the courthouse square known simply as the Elgoatarod.

Jim Runge, the event organizer, says he got the idea from the Iditirod dog sled race in Alaska. "If they can race dog sleds, why can't we race goat sleds?" Runge asks.

Why, indeed.

Runge's rhetorical question was answered to his satisfaction last year when the first-ever Elgoatarod was held in

Eldorado and the first known goat race was staged. This year, however, even the most dubious of critics had to be satisfied as a series of goat races were held around a couple of markers in the courthouse parking lot, and the first recorded goat sled accident occurred when J.D. Doyle, owner and trainer of Studley the Wonder Goat, was bowled over by the Galactic Goat Express, a flying-saucer shaped goat buggy, piloted by Addye Chatham. What followed was a four-goat pileup in turn one that held up the action for a minute or two.

Seriously though, the Goat racing was the excuse to hold a festival on the

courthouse square and some 32 vendors took advantage of the event to offer kids rides, sell food or otherwise hawk their wares. The festival attracted about thousand spectators, mostly on Saturday, who sampled food, browsed through arts and craft booths and turned their children loose on a huge inflatable slide, or other youngsters rides. Some of the festival-goers even tried their luck on a mechanical bucking bull. The bull always won, by the way.

Along with the goat racing and other goat related events, the Elgoatarod featured a car show, won this year by Lebi Velez of San Antonio with his 2002 Dodge Prowler. Velez also won the Goat Kissing Contest, narrowly beating out Suzanne Conaway, wife of Republican congressional candidate Mike Conaway, who also kissed a few goats during his appearance at the event. "I lost my last election by 587 votes," Conaway said as he puckered up. "I'll kiss a goat, or even a pig if it will help get me one more vote."

Not only did Velez win the car show and the Goat Kissing Contest, he is the proud owner of a kid goat donated by William Edmiston. Velez, who is bottle feeding the orphaned goat, named it Eldorado and said he planned to bring it back next year to race in the 3rd annual Elgoatarod.

Addye Chatham, daughter of Jason and Ebby Chatham, was the overall winner of the Goat Racing Contest. She piloted the Galactic Goat Express, pulled by Sam the Cigarette-Eating Goat, to victory over a field three other entrants. The Galactic Goat Express, designed and built by G & G Fiberglass of Eldorado from two satellite dishes won the Best Designed Cart Trophy while Sam the Cigarette-Eating Goat, owned by Barney McAlpine, was named the Top Racing Goat.

Jonah Griggs won the Stick Goat Racing Contest while Kyle Taylor claimed top honors in the Goat Pill Flipping Contest for the second straight year. The Best Dressed Goat Trophy went to owner Dick Runge and the only Purple Heart Trophy of the entire event was presented to J.D. Doyle.

Jim Runge noted that this year's Elgoatarod was bigger than last year's and says he hopes the 2005 edition will be even bigger.



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Exit, stage right — Scott McCutcheon held on for a little while, but finally fell victim to the mechanical bucking bull Saturday, just one of the vendor booths at the 2nd annual Elgoatarod Festival.

Loomis unseats Overstreet in County Attorney's race

Schleicher County voters went to the polls Tuesday as the Democratic and Republican primaries were held statewide. Locally, the turnout was lower than expected with most of the interest in the Democratic primary due two locally contested races. One of those races saw Raymond Loomis defeat incumbent County Attorney Marian Overstreet by a 307 to 240 margin. The primary win effectively gives Loomis the job next January since there is no Republican challenger.

"I want to thank everyone who supported me," Raymond Loomis told the Success after the returns were posted. "I look forward to serving the people of Schleicher County and will do my best on their behalf. I also want to congratulate Marian Overstreet on a good campaign and I wish her well as she completes her term of office."

In the race for County Tax Assessor-Collector, Jeanne Snelson will face Betty Robles in a runoff for the Democratic nomination to replace retiring Tax Assessor-Collector Lou Ann Turner. Snelson received 277 while Betty Robles got 193. Mary Ann Gonzalez finished 3rd in the race with 106. The winner of the Snelson/Robles runoff will face Lee Ann Higgins who was unopposed on in the Republican Primary.

The race for Schleicher County Sheriff is another that won't be decided until the fall, since neither of the two Sheriff candidates had a primary opponent. Incumbent Sheriff David Doran received 92 of 113 votes cast in the Republican Primary or 82 percent while

challenger Robert Bybee gained 292 of the 590 votes cast in the Democratic primary, or 49 percent.

In other spotlight races, Mike Conaway of Midland easily won the Republican Primary over Bill Lester of Brownwood in the race for the U.S. House of Representatives in District 11 by 76 percent to 23 percent, roughly the same advantage he won by here in Schleicher County. Conaway will face Democrat Wayne Raasch of Monahans in the November general election.

Incumbent State Representative Harvey Hilderbran easily defeated challenger Nicki Harle by 69 to 31 percent in State House District 53. That's a slightly lower percentage than he won by in the local Republican primary. The win effectively reelects Hilderbran since no Democrat ran for the office.

County Clerk Peggy Williams noted the turnout was about what she expected in the Republican Primary, due mainly to the fact there were no locally contested races, but lower than she expected in the Democratic Primary. Williams speculated that the overall low turnout might be due to the school being out on Spring Break.

Schleicher County Democrats preferred John Kerry over a field of nine other candidates to be their party's nominee for President. Kerry polled just over 47 percent of the votes in the Democratic Primary while President George W. Bush received 96 percent of the vote in the Republican Primary.

A complete list of Schleicher County vote totals can be found inside this edition on Page 6.

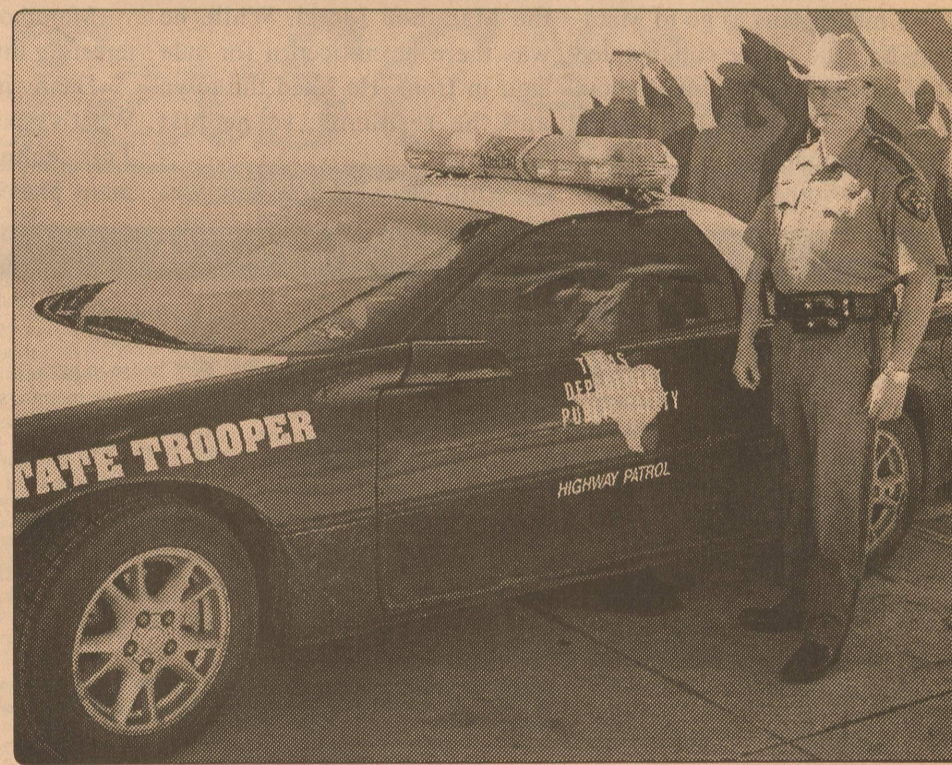


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New Trooper on Patrol — DPS Trooper Danny Nunez recently began patrolling the highways around Eldorado. He moved here from San Angelo. Nunez has been with the DPS nearly two years. Before that he was a Deputy Sheriff in Tom Green County for 9 years where he rose to the rank of Patrol Sergeant and supervised three K-9 patrol units. Nunez says he looks forward to meeting his new neighbors in Eldorado, hopefully outside his work.

County moves ahead with Cemetery Chapel construction

Schleicher County Commissioners voted Monday to make a down payment of \$2,750.00 toward the purchase of metal building material to be used in the construction of a cemetery Chapel. Schleicher County will be the general contractor and will hire subcontractors to do the actual construction. Kevin Tully of San Angelo has been hired as a subcontractor to build the chapel. Plans are also underway for construction of the building's foundation. However, no start date was discussed.

The Commissioners Court meeting was called to order by Judge Johnny Griffin with Commissioners Matt Brown, Bill Clark, and Johnny Mayo in

Attendance. Commissioner Kirk Griffin was absent.

Among other business, the men met with Bill Hodges who expressed his concern about the parking area around the Civic Center. He told the commissioners that since new caliche has been installed and the parking area has been built up, water from heavy rains can now run into the building.

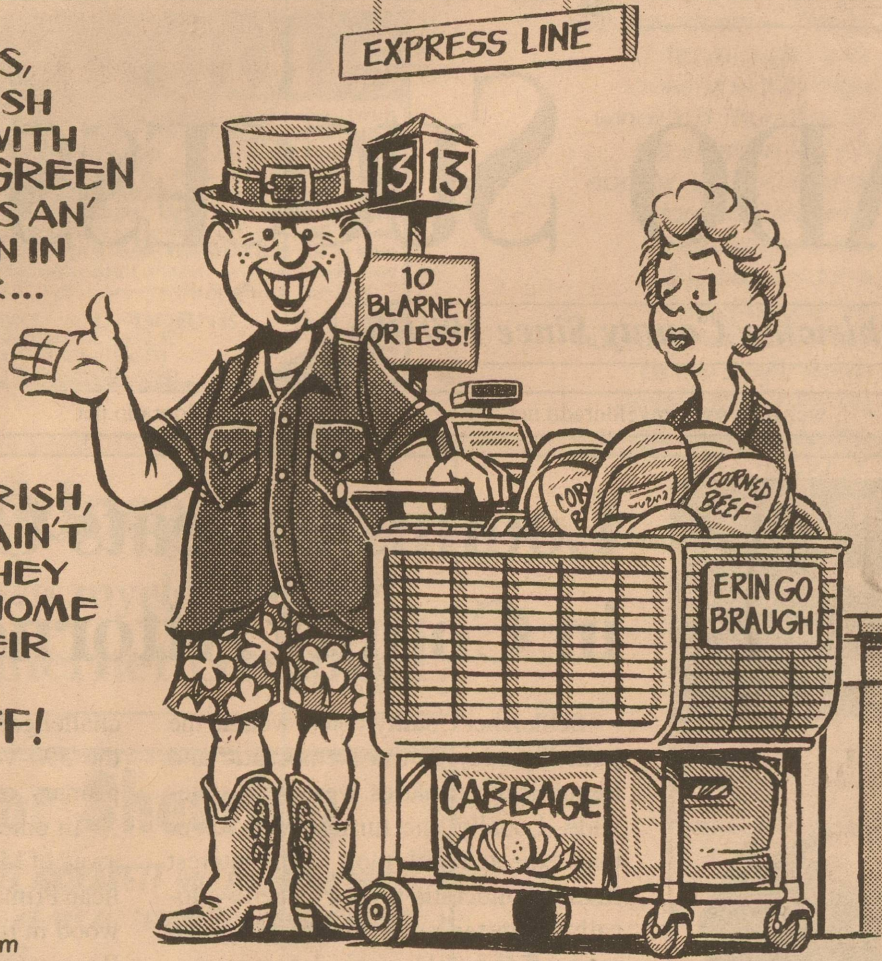
Judge Griffin advised Hodges that the commissioners were aware of the drainage problem and that would be addressed as soon as digging was completed for utility and water lines being laid around the Civic Center.

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Marathon, Texas is a Surprising Place

For years, travelers have gone to Marathon to eat and sleep at the Gage Hotel during a trip to the Big Bend National Park. They've shopped at the stores, viewed art and photos at the galleries, enjoyed a donut or piece of pie at Shirley's Burnt Biscuit bakery shop and generally enjoyed the wide open spaces of the gateway to the Big Bend.

Well, some new stuff is happening in Marathon. The town, which has always had an interesting bunch of residents, is growing.

My friend and Marathon resident Star Warford sent me an email the other day and said there was a guy in Marathon who had bought the Marathon Motel, fixed it up, added a restaurant and built a community radio and TV station. Wow! That type of thing is right down my alley. I told Star to alert the guy that I was coming down for an interview.

My buddy, Bill Murchison, a documentary photographer from Florida was coming in for a visit, so we made plans to go to Marathon. Bill and I have collaborated on slide shows and videos about rattlesnake hunts, the Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque, a few Texas towns and some wonderful char-



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Tumbleweed Smith

acters.

When we got to the Marathon Motel we met the owner, Danny Self. We also met about 20 of the most talented and intelligent residents of the town who just happened to be on the premises. Danny showed us the patio, enclosed within an adobe wall. It has a fireplace, fountain, covered porch with rocking chairs, stone walkways and desert landscaping. It is attractive. Danny has spent some money. We then went to Marcie's Kitchen for quesadillas and wine. I started interviewing some of the folks and Bill was photographing them.

I asked Danny how he ended up with the motel. He said he had an exotic game ranch near Dripping Springs and came to Marathon for a wedding. He stayed in the Marathon Motel. While he was there he noticed a for sale sign in front. He liked the town and the residents, so he just bought it.

While the sound system was

being installed in the courtyard, someone suggested to Danny that he build a community radio station. Radio reception is nearly impossible in Marathon. Danny got some of the smart people in town to help him and soon it was broadcasting music on FM 100.1. The station covers a 10 mile area. The community cable TV guy suggested it wouldn't be too difficult to do a TV station. So those smart folks figured out how to do it. Now the Marathon TV station broadcasts on channels 98 (Big Bend promotional videos and movies) and 6 (local access).

Abe Bloom, the multi media manager of the Marathon Broadcasting enterprise, spends a lot of time at the stations and does a late night music show. Susan Brown does a talk show that broadcasts once a week from Marcie's Restaurant. It started out as a 30 minute show but quickly expanded to an hour or so. Susan interviews local artists and residents, even had a makeover from the local Mary Kay consultant.

Marathon (pop. 450) is an interesting little town.

Danny just calls it serendipity. What's next? Perhaps a network. This technology could fit into many places and situations.

Let's try our elections Jim Runge style

Well, it's been quite a week here in Eldorado. Another primary election has come and gone...well almost, there's still a runoff to contend with. Also, we've all survived yet another of Jim Runge's festivals, this time the 2nd annual Elgoatrod. I don't know how Jim does it, but I'm glad he does.

As I sat here at my keyboard, reflecting the week gone by and everything that has happened since the last edition of the Success, I couldn't help but wonder about the people who think that small towns are boring.

First of all, Thursday morning brought a powerful thunderstorm and some much needed rain sweeping across the area. That meant power failures for some, especially those at or around the school. The high winds blew down a carport or two, snapped a few power poles and wrecked a travel home (see photo on Page 8). Otherwise, we came through it unscathed.

The rain, while always welcomed in Schleicher County did manage to send the first two rounds of the Eldorado Baseball Tournament to San Angelo. It was Saturday before the field was dry enough for the players to return to Eldorado to play the final couple of games. Unfortunately, the Warbirds, who have been winning a lot



of games lately, lost the Championship game to Mason 7-5.

For those of you who haven't seen the newly renovated Eagle Field on McWhorter St., please do so. It's gorgeous already, but will be even more so when the grass starts greening up.

The Eagles Team Tennis squad was in San Angelo and the high school track teams were in Big Lake on Saturday, all the while the Elgoatrod was keeping things lively on the courthouse square.

Then, on Saturday night, there was a jam session in the old bank building on Main Street. I even dug out my guitar and joined in. Everyone seemed to enjoy it, although I did notice that each time I attempted to sing, a few in the audience would get ready to leave.

There was some talk that the jam session might become an ongoing thing, possibly on the 1st Saturday night of each month. Stay tuned for details.

The following day, I had the great pleasure of participating in

a deacon ordination service for my good friend Taylor King. It was a moving experience for all who attended and one that I know Taylor will remember the rest of his life.

Monday was a work day, followed by a round of meetings and all the other things that keep my life busy and Tuesday found me at the newspaper office, trying to put together another edition while awaiting election results.

Elections are always tense, especially for those who are directly involved, and maybe even more so for their families. Having participated in my share, my heart goes out to anyone who is willing to put their name on the line and their fate in the hands of the voters.

I was still a bit dismayed by the low voter turnout and I'm not sure what to do about it. Apathy is to blame, I suppose.

That reminds me, Jim Runge once said that it's hard to get people to care about apathy. You know, he just might be on to something. And, he just might be the man for the job.

Who among us has had more success in getting people interested and involved than Jim Runge? Let's put him in charge of the elections and watch the people flock to the polls.

One thing is for sure, the campaign signs will be more exciting.

Governor's management council meets in secrecy

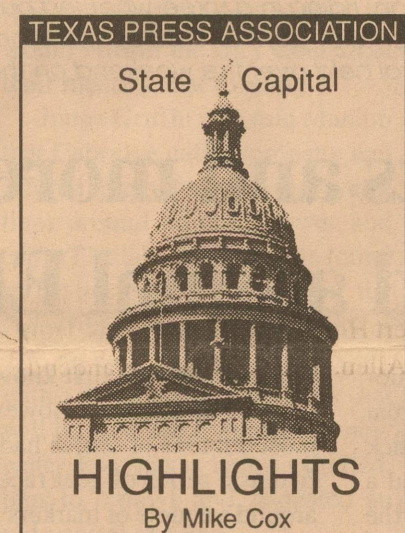
AUSTIN — Some states have a cabinet similar to the federal government's, but not Texas. Of course, you can have a cabinet and call it a pantry. Or, in the case of Texas, it could be called the Governor's Management Council.

Last week Gov. Rick Perry presided over the first meeting of a newly-created group by that name. It's made up of the directors of 11 major state agencies (excluding the constitutional offices such as the General Land Office and comptroller) who will meet with Perry to discuss various issues and ideas.

The state's constitution does not give the governor much direct authority over state agencies, but he or she gets to appoint the policy-making commissions that oversee the agencies. And there's always the so-called "bully pulpit" of public office.

Open government advocates were not happy about the fact that the new council met behind closed doors.

"For true free flow of information," Perry said before shutting the door, "I think to close the doors to talk to those agency heads about what's going on over there (is)



quite appropriate."

Public schools start 2004-05 leaner

All Texas public schools participating in the federal child nutrition programs must comply with new guidelines for the 2004-05 school year designed to fight child obesity.

The new policy limits the number of grams of fat and sugar Texas schoolchildren may have each week, and allows a phase-in period to eliminate deep-fat frying in food preparation for meals, a la carte and snack items, Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said.

French fries are one of the foods on the hit list. In elementary schools fries may not exceed 3 ounces per serving, may only be served once a week and students may only purchase one serving at a time.

In junior high and middle school french fries may not exceed 3 ounces per serving, may only be served three times a week and students may only purchase one serving at a time.

In high school french fries may not exceed 3 ounces per serving and students may only purchase one serving at a time.

The new policy becomes effective Aug. 1, 2004.

New Public Safety commissioner...

Brownsville accountant Carlos H. Cascos has been appointed by Gov. Perry to the Public Safety Commission, the three-member panel that sets policy for the Department of Public Safety.

Cascos, a former Cameron County commissioner, replaces former Commissioner James B. Francis Jr., who resigned last December after eight years' service. The new commissioner will serve a six-year term that expires Dec. 31, 2009.

Reappointed as chair of the commission was Colleen McHugh, a Corpus Christi attorney who has served on the commission since 1998.

Death and taxes in Texas...

The old saw that the only two inevitabilities in life are death and taxes may not hold true in the Lone Star state.

Anyone familiar with Texas' colorful political history knows that during the reign of George Parr — the Duke of Duval — the dearly-departed still exercised their right to vote.

The marking of ballots by dead people happened decades ago in Duval County, but recently anonymous letters have been in the mail concerning the ongoing issue of the use of corporate campaign contributions in Texas. Some of the letters bore a return address of 900 Navasota St. in Austin. That is the location of the State Cemetery. Meanwhile, the Travis County grand jury investigation into whether corporate money illegally-funded the Republican cause in Texas continues.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS	1. Mrs. Truman	5. Take a break	9. Dearth of "Star Wars"	14. Zillions	15. Emollient-yielding plant	16. Slip away from	17. In quick succession	19. Like the Battle of Midway	20. Catchall column	21. Broke a Commandment	23. Type widths	24. Loch sighting, in tabloids	26. Doctors sometimes split them	28. VCR button	34. Item on Maine's flag	38. "Ben Adhem"	39. Prepares for publication	40. "What happened next?"	42. Prima donna's repertoire	43. IRA	44. Bacitracin, for one	46. British press, figuratively	50. Big wheel's wheels																				
DOWN	1. Von Richthofen's title	2. Put on cloud nine	3. Tenth-graders	4. Messy places	5. Luftwaffe battlers; Abbr.	6. New Haven collegians	7. Put in groups	8. Start a hole	9. Thin layer	10. Actress Gardner	11. Winfield in Cooperstown	12. Cheese in balls	13. Fam. tree members	18. Blizzard pileups	22. Writer Rosten	25. Something to lend or bend	27. Travel like locusts	29. Coral or Aral	30. Caruso was one	31. Irish Rose's beau	32. Horse coloring	33. Check for fingerprints	34. Broadway showing; Abbr.	35. Revered object	36. Evening, in ads	37. Merman or Mertz	41. Yahtzee cube	42. Tear into	45. After-tax take	47. Heart, slangily	48. Dallas sch.	49. It's measured in foot-pounds	52. Michael of "Monty Python"	53. Author Jong	54. gin fizz	55. Surgeon's blockage reliever	56. Hieroglyphics bird	57. Hamlet, for one	58. Phaser setting	60. John of "High Society"	61. French fries or cole slaw	64. Prefix with bar or tonic	66. One in the clink

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OBITUARIES

Linda Daniels

ELDORADO — On Sunday, March 7, 2004, Linda Daniels went to be with the Lord. She is going to join her husband, Jimmie Daniels, whom she married at the Antioch Baptist Church on Oct. 18, 1958. She was a devoted sister, mom, grandma (Gam) and great-grandma.

She is survived by two sisters, Frankie Schrier and Billie Jo Collett of Eldorado; two brothers, David Jeffrey and wife, Jeanette, of Eldorado and Cecil Jeffery and wife, Beverly, of Houston. She had four children, James Daniels and wife, Cindy, of Eldorado, Shirley Jean and husband, Bobby Levensailor, of Llano, Susan and husband, Randy Van Horn, of Las Vegas and Wayne Daniels and

wife, Varonda, of Eldorado; grandchildren, David Daniels, Jami Howard, Wendy Davis, Christy Van Horn, Barbara Van Horn, Kyle Van Horn, Brandy Van Horn, Michael Wedum, Candace Engdahl, Misti Daniels, Shelly Daniels and Austin Daniels; great-grandchildren, Kelly Davis, Brook Davis, Star and Sterling Foley, Giovanni Daniels, Trini, Felix, Omega and Orion Guerra; mother-in-law, Gladys Faulk; several sisters and brothers-in-law; and numerous beloved nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 9, at the Primitive Baptist Church, with burial following in Eldorado Cemetery with Pastor Steven Saldivar officiating.



Mandy Belk and Kenny Holland

COURTESY PHOTO

Belk/Holland wedding announced

Mr. & Mrs. Belk announce the engagement of their daughter Mandy to Kenny Holland of Dillon, Montana.

Kenny is the son of Chad &

Verna Holland of Dillon, Montana. Mandy graduated from West Texas A&M in Canyon, Texas and is currently Office Manager for the Dillon Back & Neck Clinic.

Kenny graduated from the University of Western Montana in Dillon, Montana and currently works for the Holland Family Ranch Corporation. A fall wedding is planned.

Doris Virginia Hollcroft Jay



Hollcroft. She attended schools in Kermit and Monahan where she met and married her husband, Dexter, on Oct. 17, 1938. They were married 65 years. Doris was employed at the Pantex Plant in Amarillo, Texas, for 27 years, retiring in 1983. Despite a disability, she was an avid quilter, making many heirlooms for her children and grandchildren.

Doris is survived by her loving husband and caretaker, Dexter; son, Ronald Dexter Jay and his wife, Zellena, of Austin; daughter, Judy Christian and her husband, Joe Charles, of Eldorado; grandchildren, Michael Edwin Roberts and his wife, Theda, of Yukon, Okla., Bradley Jay Roberts and his wife, Angela, of Cedar Hill, Texas; brother, Robert Hollcroft and wife, Lois, from Allen, Texas; adopted grandchildren, Joseph Michael Christian and wife, Heather, of Norman, Okla., Ann Michelle Christian of Boulder, Colo.; eight great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Joseph Donald Hollcroft; mother, Edith Hollcroft; brother, Joe Don Hollcroft; and sister Ruth Purvines.

Julia A. Olivan

Julia A. Olivan, 82, passed away February 25, 2004 in Del Rio, Texas. She was born June 19, 1921 in Torreon, Mexico.

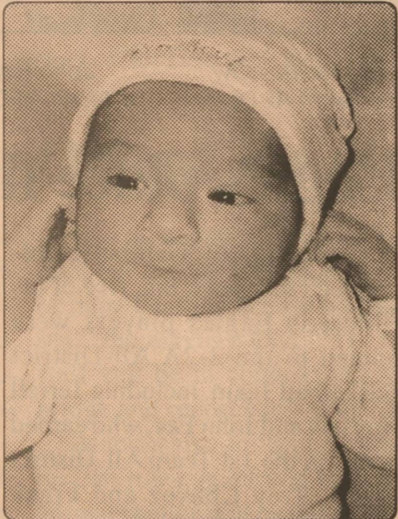
She was preceded in death by her husband Luis Olivan Sr.

She is survived by her children, Saul and wife Noemi Olivan, Gerarda and husband Francisco Sanchez, Luis and wife Leticia Olivan, Margarita and husband Fructoso Rodriguez and Daniel and wife Hortencia Olivan; brothers, Trinidad Avila and Lorenzo Avila; 18 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

A chapel service was held Saturday, February 28 at the Del Rio Funeral Home Chapel.

Interment followed at the Del Rio Memorial Park Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Del Rio Funeral Home.



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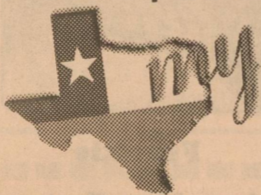
Damian Ray

It's a Boy!

Erica Buitron and Marcelo Romo would like to say a very special welcome to their son "Damian Ray" who was born on February 6, 2004. Welcome home from Maternal Grandparents Ramiro & Martha Buitron; Paternal Grandparents Bernardo & Lupina Romo; Maternal Great-Grandparents Raul & Maria Martinez, Maternal Great-Grandmother Juanita Buitron. His Uncle Jr., Ram, and Mathi would also like to welcome him home.

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- 13th Martha B. Henderson, Jamie Hardy
- 14th Lori Neubert, Mary Pina, Pat Gentry, Carrie Covarrubiaz
- 15th Reyes Lozano Sr., Longino Pina
- 16th Bobby Phillips, Sydney Dean, Jed Edmiston, Alan Dykstra, Jessie Guadarrama, Vickie J. Williams
- 17th Juan Arispe Sr., Mary Spears

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Sauce, Orange Juice, Milk
Tuesday, March 16
Pig-N-Blanket, Choice of Juice,
Peaches, Milk
Wednesday, March 17
Banana Nut Muffins, Choice of
Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk
Thursday, March 18
Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Jelly,
Choice of Juices, Pineapple
Tidbits, Milk
Friday, March 19
Cream of Wheat, Toast, Choice of
Juice, Fruit, Milk

BASKET LINE
Monday, March 15
Chicken Strips, French Fries, Hot
Rolls, Rosy Applesauce
Tuesday, March 16
Pepperoni Hot Pockets, French
Fries, Carrot Stix w/ Dip, Apple
Halves
Wednesday, March 17
Vegetable Beef Stew, Cornbread,
Grilled Cheese Sandwich,
Pineapple Slices, Strawberry Jello
w/ Topping
Thursday, March 18
Chicken Burger, French Fries,
Sandwich Salad, Peach Halves
Friday, March 19
Cheeseburgers, Spicy Fries,
Hamburger Salad, Pickles, Orange
Halves

CAFETERIA LINE
Monday, March 15
Chili dogs, French Fries, Cole Slaw,
Rosy Applesauce
Tuesday, March 16
Burritos, Mexican Corn, Carrots
Stix w/ Dip, Apple Halves
Wednesday, March 17
Vegetable Beef Stew, Cornbread,
Grilled Cheese Sandwich,
Pineapple Slices, Strawberry Jello
w/ Topping
Thursday, March 18
Chicken Fajitas, Tortillas, Pinto
Beans, Tossed Salad, Peach Halves
Friday, March 19
Cheeseburgers, Spicy Fries,
Hamburger Salad, Pickles, Orange
Halves

Out at Home — Eagles
catcher Caleb Nixon
tagged out this Mason
runner at home plate last
Saturday after Trey
Chavez threw the ball in
from center field. The
Eagles fell to the
punchers 7-5, however, in
the Championship game of
the Eldorado
tournament.



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Terrell Boysaw 1st Team All-District John Fay 1st Team All-District Trey Chavez 2nd Team All-District Frank Wipff 2nd Team All-District Kolby Dombroski Hon. Men. Team

Eagles place five on 2-2A All-District Team

Coach Alan Gillespie announced this week that five of his Eldorado Eagles players were named to the 2-2A All-District Basketball Team, including Terrell Boysaw and John Fay, who earned spots on the 1st Team All-District squad, Trey Chavez and Frank Wipff, 2nd Team All-District, and Kolby Dombroski, who was named to the Honorable mention team.

Stats on each of the five players are listed below.
1st Team: Terrell Boysaw 5'10" Jr., Shot 44% 3pts. on 51 or 116, Led team in rebounding and scoring with 13 rebounds a game and 18 pts. per game, also led the team in blocks and steals.
John Fay 5'8" Sr., Made 88 three pts. and shot 39% on 3 pt. shots, averaged 13.4 pts. per game and 4.3 assists per game, led the team in FT shooting at 64%.
2nd Team: Trey Chavez 5'10" Sr., Led the team in assists at 5.6 per game, averaged 12.3 pts. per game and 7.1 rebounds 3.5 steals, shot 42% field goal percentage.
Frank Wipff 5'10" Soph., Averaged 5.4 rebounds per game.
Honorable Mention: Kolby Dombroski 5'10" Jr., Averaged 4.1 rebounds per game and 4.2 pts. per game.

**03-04 Academic
All-District
basketball
announced**

Girls-Seniors: Kasey Boysaw - 97.33 and Clara Herrera - 99.41.
Juniors: Jessica Robertson - 93.90
Sophomores: Taylor Baker - 98.07; Maxie Holley - 95.71; Chandra Wanoreck - 98.42.
Boys-Seniors: John Fay 96.41; Joshua Trejo 96.78
Juniors: Terrell Boysaw 90.42; Kolby Dombroski 96.64

Hole-in-One —
Steve Snelson
sank a hole-in-
one on the first
hole during the
Golf Club's Play
Day held
Sunday, March
7th.



Eldorado Golf Club News

The Eldorado Golf Club held its monthly Play Day on Sunday, March 7th. There were 22 adults and one youth, Cash Lane, who participated.
Steve Snelson made a Hole-In-One on Hole #1 during the Play Day. The results were: There were two teams tied for first. There was a scorecard playoff for first place.
1st place - score 58 - Steve Snelson, Melissa O'Harrow, Dennis Terry, and Charlie Pharis.
2nd place - score 58 - Ross Whitten, Don Richters, Tim Williams, and Larry Donaldson.
3rd place - score 61 - Barry Lane, Bill Wells, and Tommy Hunley.
The next Play Day will be Sunday, April 4th. The Eldorado Golf Club will have a 2 Person Select Shot Tournament on Saturday, March 20th. Tee time is 1:30 p.m.

Baseball Draft will be Monday, March 15 at 5:30. If you children are not registered they must do so before 5:00 p.m. that day. Softball will be held at a later date.

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First Graders hold 17th annual Rodeo

The 17th Annual First Grade Rodeo was Thursday, March 4, 2004. Held in the Elementary gym, the program began with the Pledge of Allegiance and "Texas, Our Texas." The stands were full of proud parents with camcorders in hand, as well as other Elementary students. In rodeo tradition the clowns were most comical, and all the rodeo contestants were filled with the cowboy spirit.

Participating in the various events were: Grand Entry: Welcome-Tres Whitten, Pledge of Allegiance, "The Star Spangled Banner", "Texas, Our Texas."

Boot Scramble: Jaqueline Castro, Evelyn Martinez, Caitlyn Self, Estephania Estrada, Janee Nicole Lacy, Abby Nolen, Claire Wideman, Morgan Miller.

Hat Toss: Dominique Ochoa, Elizabeth Guerrero, Julian Garcia, Amber Bristow, Angel Estrada, Alex Rodriguez, Kiara Trevino, Tony Rey Martinez.

Pony Express: Baylee Griffin, Jessica Gonzalez, Jacob Mettlen, Whit-

ney Perez, Martin Iglesias, Garet Swinford, Okshana Hernandez, Jessica Gandar.

Barrel Race: Jacob Sanchez, McKenzie McAngus, Arden Mertz, Mika Key, Josh Seymore, Tyler Wilha, Abbi Spradley, Lucus Santellano.

Calf Roping: Breana Crofoot, Dalton Buholz, Melissa Hernandez, Deonn Fuentes, Victoria Guerrero, Jerry Pina, Fabian Gomez, Tres Whitten.

Clowns: West Ramon, Jonah Griggs, Gabriel Villarreal. Readings: Janee Nicole Lacy, Morgan Miller, Abby Nolen.

Grand Finale: "I Started On The Trail", "Deep In The Heart of Texas", "Cowboy On The Ranch".

The Rodeo Producers were Janet Curtis, Branda Gray, Allene Halbert, they were very grateful to the people who helped with providing props and assistance. They were: J.D. Doyle, Mrs. Lacy, Mrs. Gonzalez, Mrs. Seymore, Mr. & Mrs. Spradley, Katrina Gonzales, Mr. Wanoreck, Candi Homer, Kriss Griffin, Margaret Gutierrez, Judith Samaniego, Susie McAlpine, Lacy Ragsdale, Neal Brenner, Shay Parker, and The Eldorado Feed Store.

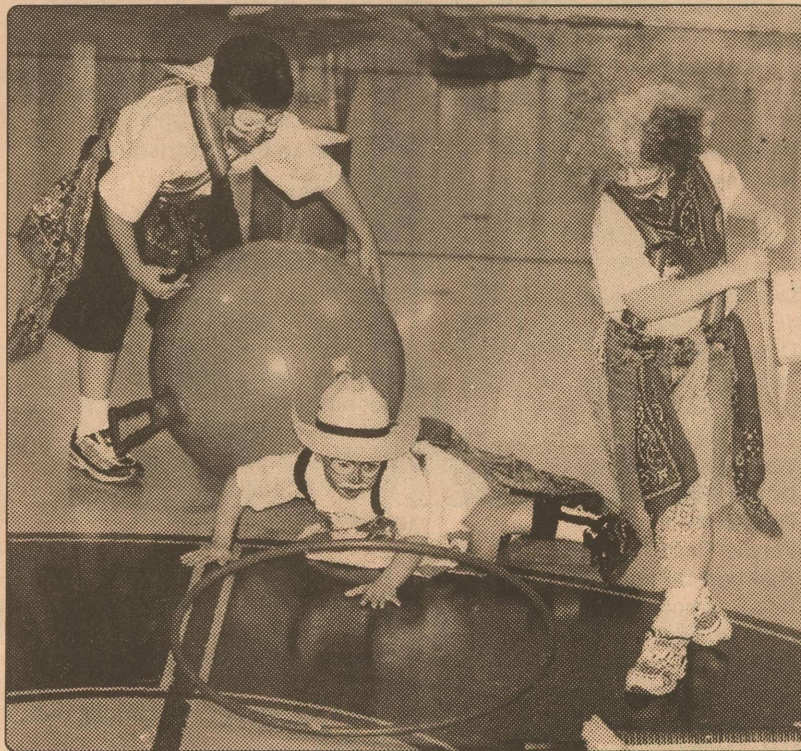


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Clowning Around — Gabriel Villarreal, West Ramon, and Jonah Griggs were clowning around during the 17th annual Elementary First Grade Rodeo, Friday, March 5, 2004 in the Elementary Gym. The annual show was performed for parents, grandparents, guests and other Elementary School students.

City council okays changes to Orient Heights water project

by Staci Key

The Eldorado City Council met Monday evening, March 8, at Eldorado City Hall. Among the agenda items handled was a public hearing regarding changes to the water improvement project the City will soon carry out in the Orient Heights addition. According to Mayor John Nikolauk, the changes were minor, and included the addition of three service taps to the system as well as a "road bore" under U.S. 190 so that the project could be connected to a 6-inch water main on East Street. Even with that, the project, funded by a grant through the Texas Office of Rural and Community Affairs, will have about \$40,000 left over. The mayor said that the city is asking the state to allow the money to be used at the sewer plant.

Mayor Nikolauk called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with council members Toni Sudduth, Dora Bosmans, Richard Mendez and Juakin Rojas in attendance. Mayor Pro Tem Tommy Minor was absent. Rev. Bob Jacobsen, pastor of Community Baptist Church, opened the meeting with a prayer.

Following the public hearing, and under the agenda section re-

served for hearing from citizens and guests, the council heard a complaint from Bill Hodges regarding sewer service in his neighborhood. Mayor Nikolauk explained that city crews will investigate the problem.

Utility Superintendent Floyd Fay then updated the council on work in his various departments. He also told them about traveling to Sonora to see a demonstration of newly installed "radio read" water meters. Mayor Nikolauk explained later that the city would like to upgrade to water and gas meters that can be read by radio, but that right now it's not financially feasible.

In the next agenda item, Randy Mankin updated the council on how an interlocal agreement between the city and county is progressing. He also advised the group that Cebriidge cable TV company has proposed a 15-year franchise agreement to replace an expired agreement between the city and the now defunct Classic Cable Company. "Randy had problems with the 15-year term, and so did the council," Mayor Nikolauk said later. "We've been approached by a company who wants

to help us negotiate a better contract but the fee they charge may be more than any benefit we might see," the mayor added. "The city staff will be in contact with Cebriidge and report back to us later.

Mankin also advised the council that rules governing the city's animal shelter will be changing in 2005. Currently, city's under 75,000 population don't have to meet as strict a standard as bigger cities. "That's all changing and the same rules will apply to us all," Mayor Nikolauk said. "We built the new animal shelter to meet the requirements of the Texas Department of Health. I don't anticipate having to make too many changes when the new rules kick in."

Under old business, the minutes of the Feb. 9, 2004 meeting were corrected and approved. The council also reviewed and approved the city's financial reports.

The group then also discussed several changes to the city's utility ordinance and called a public hearing for the group's next meeting at which time the changes will be discussed and voted on. Ac-

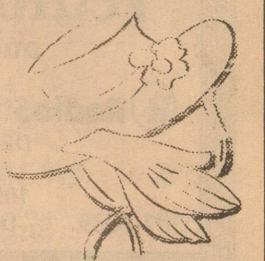
cording to Mayor Nikolauk, most of the changes involve the way utility deposits are handled and, in the case of some businesses, the deposits, especially for water, may be increased. The mayor explained that the proposed increases would apply only to new utility accounts.

Before adjourning, the council adopted a resolution supporting an interjurisdictional emergency management plan between the city, county and the Concho Valley Council of Governments. The council also agreed to invite attorney James Kosub to attend the group's next meeting to update the council on the Texas Open Meetings Act and the appropriate use of executive sessions, the mayor said.

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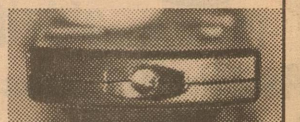


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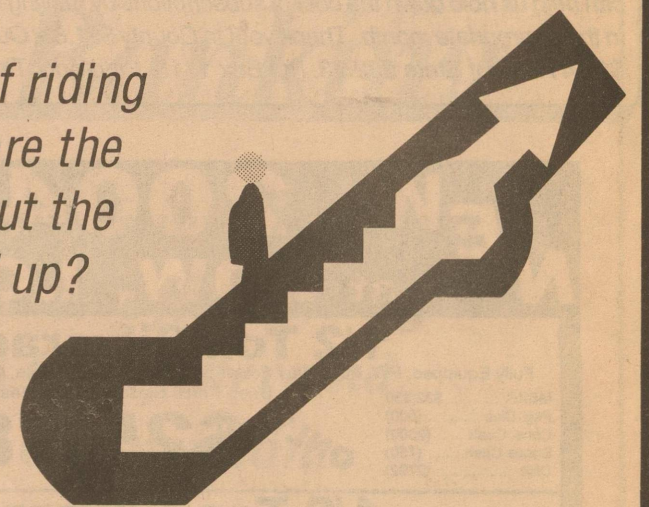
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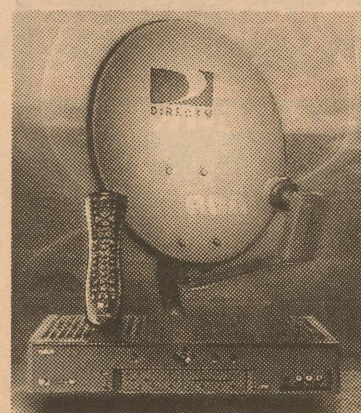
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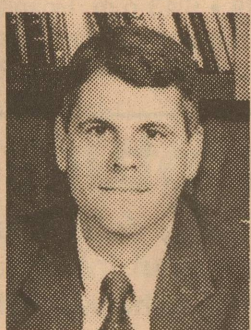
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Child abuse expert to speak in Sonora on March 25 & 26

Sonora will welcome Sergeant Bill Davis on Thursday, March 25th and Friday, March 26th 2004 to speak with surrounding area's audiences about child abuse. Sergeant Bill Davis is a twenty-nine year veteran of the Beaumont Police Department in Beaumont, Texas who has investigated over 7,000 child abuse cases.



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Sgt. Bill Davis

Sergeant Davis will speak to our parents and all community members as well as law enforcement personnel on March 25th at 6:30 at the Sonora Civic Center. He will share his experiences, convictions and a clear review of the law on these subjects.

Davis presents workshops on awareness, prevention, and intervention of child abuse and sex crimes. He focuses on the safety of children and positive parenting skills. He presents all over the United States and abroad. He has

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ARRESTS

February 6 • Patton, Kenny Jerome, male age 28, offense out of county warrants.

February 6 • Bates, Nicholas Joseph, male age 25, offense out of county warrants.

INCIDENTS

March 2 • 12:27 p.m. Hospital called and requested a ACLS transfer to San Angelo hospital. EMS responded.

March 2 • 6:27 p.m. Hospital called for a ACLS transfer to San Angelo hospital. EMS responded.

• Complainant requested medical attention for a female in her 70's. EMS and officer responded.

• 7:52 p.m. Complainant called and requested to speak with an officer about juveniles at baseball

field. Officer responded.

March 3 • 7:30 a.m. Complainant reported that a life line button had been activated and there was no answer at the residence. Officer responded.

March 5 • 7:47 p.m. Complainant reported an intoxicated driver. Officer responded and was unable to locate.

• 7:48 p.m. Complainant called 911 requested an ambulance for an elderly male with bodily pain. Officer and EMS 2 responded.

• 9:32 p.m. Complainant call 911 reported an intoxicated driver. Officer responded and found vehicle.

March 6 • 12:26 a.m. Complainant reported some loud music on N. Main. Office responded.

• 7:07 a.m. Complainant called to report a water leak in front of office. City personnel responded.

• 8:32 p.m. Complainant reported a possible intoxicated driver. Officer responded and was unable to locate.

March 7 • 7:17 a.m. Complainant called 911 to report an elderly female was not responding. EMS responded.

• 4:50 p.m. Complainant called to reported three illegals around their ranch. Border patrol and officer responded.

• 9:35 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to speak with them. Two officers responded to residence.

March 8 • 4:51 p.m. Complainant called to advised they would be having a controlled burn.

March 9 • 6:43 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for an ACLS transfer. EMS 1 responded.

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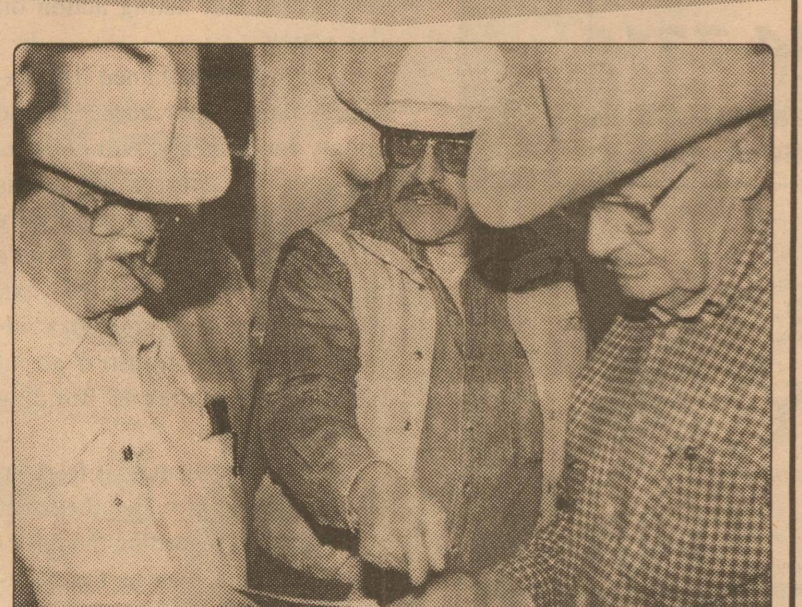
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Eldorado Spotlight



This week the Eldorado Spotlight shines on (L-R) Orval Edmiston, Charles West and W. Roy Jacoby of Menard. The men participate in the TSGRA District 5 held here last week and are shown here looking over a photo taken at the 1940 San Angelo Livestock Show.

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Reagan Co. Invitational Track Meet results

Varsity Boys
Discus Throw: 2. Chris Sanchez 117 - 01.
High Jump: 2. Terrell Boysaw 5 - 08.00; 2. Jeremy Ussery 5 - 08.00.
Shot Put: 2. Chris Sanchez 44 - 10.00; 5. Manuel Arispe 40 - 03.00.
Triple Jump: 4. Terrell Boysaw 37 - 09.50.
400 Yard Relay: 3. John Fay, Rigo Arispe, Tico Robles, Tony Garcia 46.24.
800 Yard Run: 4. Jeremy Ussery 2:14.63.
100 Yard Dash: 2. Rigo Arispe 11.45; 10. Tico Robles 12.40.
800 Yard Relay: 3. John Fay, Rigo Arispe, Tico Robles, Tony Garcia 1:41.14.
400 Yard Dash: 3. Terrell

Boys
1600 Yard Run: 2. Eric Garcia 5:14.55.
1600 Yard Relay: 3. John Fay, Terrell Boysaw, Jeremy Ussery, Eric Garcia 3:46.00.
J.V. Boys
Pole Vault: 4. Nestor Hernandez 8-06.50.
400 Yard Relay: 2. Donnie Rodriguez, Nestor Hernandez, Neal Higgins, Juan Garcia 48.40.
100 Yard Dash: 17. Juan Garcia 14.68.
800 Yard Relay: 3. Donnie Rodriguez, Nestor Hernandez, Neal Higgins, Juan Garcia 1:43.00.
200 Yard Dash: 4. Donnie Rodriguez 26.36.



Up and over — Terrell Boysaw (above) tied with teammate Jeremy Ussery for 2nd in the Boys High Jump Saturday at the Reagan County Invitational Track Meet in Big Lake. They both cleared 5 ft. 8 in.

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County Commissioners meet

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Bill Clark explained that after the utility work is complete the parking area will be leveled and a concrete apron placed around the Civic Center complex to channel water away from the foundation.

Next, the court met with City Administrator Randy Mankin regarding an interlocal agreement that has been in the works between the county and city. Judge Griffin advised Mankin that the agreement was being reviewed by County Attorney Marian Overstreet and that she was making some changes in the wording. Mankin said he would inform the City Council at their meeting that evening.

Judge Griffin also told Mankin that Cebidge cable company had offered to pay for rerouting water lines around its radio tower and cable TV station, which was found to be occupying an alley in the Orient Heights Addition. Mankin said he would provide the county with a dollar amount for work that will be required to relocate a new water line that is being installed, plus to remove and relocated an old natural gas line.

County Agent Scott Edmonson then requested additional travel funds to finish this season's stock show circuit. The court voted to extend up to \$1,200 for expenses.

Next, Judge Griffin notified the commissioners that installation of the airport fueling system was complete and that the county is now selling aviation fuel. Pilots may purchase the fuel by using a credit card reader located at the fuel pump.

The commissioners then heard from Brigitte Rogers from Sono-

ra, a member of the Texas Silver Haired Legislature, regarding legislation that allows counties to cap the ad valorem tax rate for citizens over age 65, as well as disabled citizens. She asked the men freeze the tax rate as outlined in the law, noting that the cap would only apply to the tax rate, not property valuations.

The men were troubled with the language of the new law, especially the word "forever." Scott Sutton, Chief Appraiser of the Schleicher County Tax Appraisal District, explained that if such a tax rate cap were to be enacted now, and if taxes increased a penny in 2005, the county would lose \$327.57 in revenue.

It was noted that there are currently 217 property owners in the county who are over age 65, and some 17 disabled property owners. In all, there are 729 property owners in the county. Ms. Rogers told the men that if they fail to freeze the tax rate she will start a petition and force a vote on the question. The men took no action on the matter preferring to wait until all commissioners were present.

In other business, the court voted to hire Rene Valeriano to manage the county swimming pool this summer. The men agreed to pay him a management fee of \$2,000 for the season, pay for all the chemicals and repairs, and pay for two part-time lifeguards. The county will be responsible for the pool 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. Coach Valeriano will be responsible for concession stand and any private parties.

The court then adopted a resolution opposing the State of Texas leasing rights to state-owned ground water.

Next, the men went into an executive session to discuss the possible purchase of real estate for county use. They returned to open session without taking action on the matter.

It was then explained that Ramon Avila, who has worked for the county for 22 years, will be retiring soon. The court discussed his job description and the possibility of using inmates to cover Avila's duties until the end of the year. They also discussed some individuals who have inquired about cleaning the Memorial Building and Courthouse.

A sales representative from an electric power provider then met with the court regarding the possibility of taking over as the county's electricity provider. She soon noted, however, that it would not be possible for her company to beat the price the county is currently paying to WTU Retail. She did, however, recommend that the county, city, school and hospital combine their accounts into an "aggregate" in order to get a better rate.

Before adjourning the men approved an indigent care request for \$150.77 to pay for city utilities.

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