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## City Council meeting goes to the dogs

Animal Control was the main topic of the Monday, March 10th City Council Meeting.

City Secretary Carolyn Mayo provided County Attorney Raymond Loomis with a copy of a interlocal agreement previously adopted by the county and city in 2004. The agreement expired in 2005 and has not been renewed. Ms. Mayo also provided a list of recommendations for a future agreement.

The previous agreement stated the City of Eldorado would provide a Rabies Officer for the county as long as the city has a licensed animal control officer and that the Rabies Officer will conduct rabies investigations on behalf of the county. The city will not extend basic animal control services beyond its corporate city limits.

The county recently adopted Texas Health and Safety Code Section 822 and has expressed an interest in joining with the city to enforce animal control outside the city limits. According to Loomis the County Commissioners Court is willing help finance animal control outside the city limits since the county does not have the proper facilities to house the animals.

City Superintendent Floyd Fay advised the Council that two of his employees will take animal control classes in May and suggested a county employee take the classes also. The course is being offered in San Angelo.

Mr. Loomis took the interlocal agreements with him to study.

Eldorado resident Floyd West was also present to vent his frustrations with his neighbor's dog. West also complained about noxious odors and flies problem resulting from animal waste in his neighbor's yard.

Mr. West stated he has made complaints to the owners of the dogs, City Hall and the Sheriff's Department. He said he wanted an answer as to who is responsible for enforcement.

City Secretary Carolyn Mayo then distributed copies of the city's animal control ordinance, last updated in September, 2005.

The ordinance states that it is unlawful for any person to own, keep, possess, or maintain an animal in such a manner as to constitute a public nuisance or a nuisance to neighbors. It is also unlawful to permit a animal to bark, whine, howl, or otherwise make noise in a continuous or untimely fashion. The ordinance further states that maintaining animals in an environment of unsanitary conditions or lack of cleanliness which results in offensive odors, is dangerous to the public health, welfare or safety, or creates conditions which increase the probability of disease transmission.

The ordinance concludes by saying that complaints of alleged violations of this will be referred to the city's Animal Control Officer for investigation and enforcement.

The council instructed Utility Superintendent Floyd Fay to refer Mr. West's complaint to the city's animal control officer for investigation.

In other business, Floyd Fay advised that the city's new garbage truck has been repaired after the pins holding on the back dump door were sheared. Fay said the operator failed to realize the pins had not released when he attempted to dump a load of trash at the landfill. The cost to repair the pins was \$2,000.

Fay also noted that a master meter

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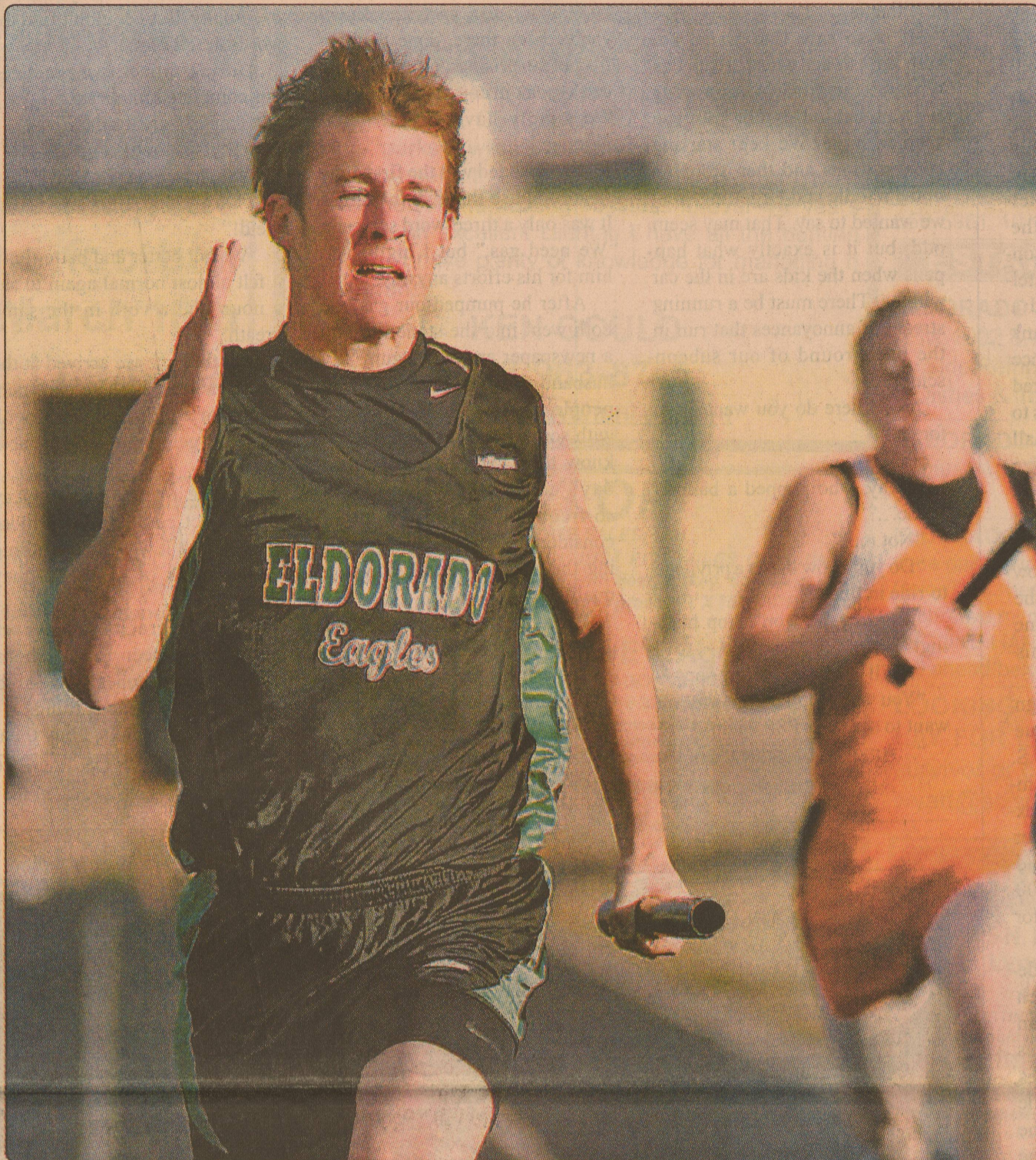


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Wes Brown brings the anchor leg of the varsity boy's 800 meter relay team to the finish line Friday during the Plateau Relays. Brown, along with Petey Garcia, Ivany Sanchez and Ryan Castillo placed 3rd in the event with a time of 1:40.01.

## County urged toward hotel tax for economic development

### No decision on school land in Gaines County

Stan Meador met Monday with the Schleicher County Commissioners Court to request \$500 for the second printing of the Texas Fords Trail map. Eldorado is highlighted on the map which connects a series of Texas Frontier Fords located in West Texas. The commissioners agreed to the request and authorized the expenditure.

Meador then asked the commissioners to consider a county hotel occupancy tax to help fund an economic development position. The commissioners briefly discussed the matter but took no action on the item.

Phil McCormick then met with the commissioners on behalf of the Eldorado Golf Club. He asked that the club's previous request for an additional \$6,000 in annual budget be rescinded. In its place, McCormick presented prices for two fairway mowers, ranging from \$9,000 to \$12,400.

The commissioners had no problem with purchasing a 2007 Grasshopper demonstrator model mower for \$12,000. They asked the item be placed on their next agenda so they could formally act on the matter.

Nancy Lester and Oscar Martinez were also present representing the Golf Club.

In other business, Road Superintendent Clay Burleson noted the need for a transport load of unleaded

gasoline. The commissioners called for bids to be opened at their March 24th meeting.

Burleson then noted that the used Bush Hog shredder the commissioners were hoping to purchase is no longer available. He said the owner had decided to sell the tractor and shredder as one unit.

The commissioners next approved the expenditure of \$750 in budgeted funds for the Soil and Water Conservation District.

The commissioners then discussed whether to lease or put up for sale 708 acres of Schleicher County school land in Gaines County. Commissioner Matt Brown agreed to investigate the matter further and to contact a real estate agent in the Seminole area. Otherwise, no action was taken on the matter.

County Treasurer Karen Henderson then requested the transfer of \$5,000. He request was approved.

The commissioners ended the session with a joint meeting with employees and representatives of the Texas and District Retirement System.

Commissioners Matt Brown, Johnny Mayo, Kirk Griffin and Lynn Meador were present for Monday's meeting, as were County Judge Johnny Griffin, Clerk Peggy Williams, Treasurer Karen Henderson and Road Superintendent Clay Burleson.

## SCISD trustees meet, renew staff contracts

The Schleicher County ISD board of trustees met Monday, March 10, 2008 with all members in attendance and voted to renew all teachers and non-certified administrator contracts. They also renewed the contracts of all coaches, program directors and support staff.

In other business the trustees learned that the district's paid enrollment stands at 611 with a total enrollment of 640 on March 5, 2008.

Superintendent Collins explained that with the recent Flu outbreak there is more concern about attendance than enrollment.

The trustees then got their first look at a proposed calendar for the 2008-09 school year. Collins noted that the calendar is very similar to the current calendar. The board will vote on a final '08-'09 calendar at a future meeting.

The board also approved a staff appreciation banquet for the final Friday on the teacher's calendar.

Collins then noted that the "Cafeteria Police" had paid a visit to the school. Food Service Director Ima Bruce then explained that a 5-year inspection by the United States Department of Agriculture revealed a few minor deficiencies that were easily corrected. Perhaps the largest and most expensive problem is the need for new computer software so Ms. Bruce can comply with a number of reports required by USDA.

Bruce noted that a couple of the minor problems identified by the inspector were a missing label on an individual  
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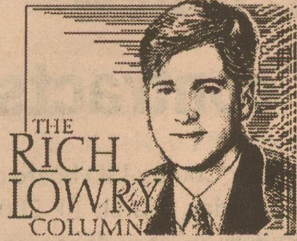
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Kiely Johnson, an Eldorado Daisy Scout, displayed a custom made floral arrangement she created during Girl Scout Meeting Monday night at the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church. The girls prepared the arrangements to present to residents at the Schleicher County Nursing Home. Kiely is a Pre-K student at Eldorado Elementary. She is the daughter of Scotty and Kim Johnson.

# Impact at 130 Miles

Somewhere 130 miles above the Pacific Ocean, tumbling around the Earth at 17,000 mph, a disabled spy satellite met a fiery end late last month -- destroyed by a U.S. missile-defense interceptor.

The spectacular hit marks a definitive turn in the debate concerning missile defense, from whether it's technically possible to whether it's ethically desirable. The same people who had argued for years that missile defense couldn't be done now will complain that it constitutes a nefarious "weaponizing of space."



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The U.S. normally isn't in the business of shooting down satellites. It took out the dead National Reconnaissance Office satellite because it had a full, 1,000-pound tank

of toxic rocket fuel that there was some slim chance could fall on a populated area when it re-entered the atmosphere. Now, the hydrazine fuel appears to have burned up in an explosion in space, and small pieces of the 5,000-pound satellite -- about the size of a school bus -- will fall harmlessly to Earth.

The satellite wasn't a missile launched with just minutes warning, but hitting it is still a major success for our missile-defense system. The window for a successful strike was about 30 seconds, the speeds involved were mind-boggling and the same technologies that would be deployed against a missile were in play.

The Chinese immediately lashed out. A Foreign Ministry spokesman said that they will continue to monitor "the possible harm caused by the U.S. action to outer space security." The Chinese commitment to "outer space security" was recently exemplified by their shooting down an aging weather satellite with no warning, then denying they had done it, and doing it at an orbit so high that 1,600 pieces of space debris will clutter Earth's orbit for years.

The Chinese test -- of a system explicitly designed to target satellites -- didn't produce much outrage from arms controllers. It's long been an axiom of arms control that whatever the U.S. does is dangerous and a provocation to other countries, while our adversaries are merely forced into hostile or irresponsible acts by our recklessness. But the U.S. position on space -- like our position on the high seas -- is that everyone should have full and free access to it for peaceful purposes.

This is how deep the Chinese and Russian commitment to the peacefulness of space runs: They want to have the option of launching ICBMs out into space where they will travel undisturbed until they re-enter Earth's atmosphere on their way to visiting untold devastation on a target. The Chinese could make a genuine gesture toward peace in space by ending their rapid buildup of ICBMs, but their true interest is in preventing us from checking their missile threat.

Space has been weaponized at least since the Germans launched V-2 rockets against Britain. Today, we use satellites not just for commercial purposes, but for intelligence and military command and control. That's the reason the Chinese are so keen to be able to shoot them down. Space isn't a pristine last frontier unscathed by human competitiveness and ferocity, but an extension of our flawed world down here below. It can be dangerous, which is why it's a comfort that we are building defenses against threats more serious than a tank of hydrazine.

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# Complete Sentences

## Laura on Life



by Laura Snyder

To top off a stressful week of flu-ridden children, car problems, and other small crises, my husband and I pronounced ourselves ready for a break. Now that the kids were better, we hired my nephew to babysit and went to have dinner and a movie...alone. Just he and I. Do you know how rare that is?

It is so rare that we're not sure how to act when it happens. Without the furor of annoying rug rats behind us, the minivan seemed huge. We kept starting conversations and then stopping in the middle and forgetting what we wanted to say. That may seem odd, but it is exactly what happens when the kids are in the car with us. There must be a running stream of annoyances that run in the background of our subconscious.

"So, where do you want to go for...?"

POP!

"Okay, who popped a balloon in the...?"

"Not me!"

"Do you know that is a privilege to ride in this...?"

"Mommy, he won't stop burping!"

"I will after I finish my song."

"You will stop now if you ever want to see your PSP again!"

"...Anyway, the reviews for the

movie are supposed to be..."

If you are a parent, I know you've been there, done that. So it's not surprising that most of us can't speak in complete sentences. We simply haven't had much practice.

My husband was the first of us to accomplish that feat that night. It was only a three-word sentence, "We need gas," but I high-fived him for his efforts anyway.

After he pumped our gas, we both went into the station to buy a newspaper and some gum. My husband prides himself on using people's names when speaking with someone, even if he doesn't know them. Since "Have a nice day" comes out of his mouth so frequently, it really can't be considered a full sentence. Adding the person's name, however, qualifies it.

When we left I asked him, "Did you just call her Weed?"

After high-fiving me for my first complete sentence, he answered, "Yep."

"Strange name. Spelling?"

"W-E-I-D."

I didn't know how to break it to him. That person's name tag must've said, "We ID." It's an easy enough mistake. If the person wasn't accommodating enough to place a space between "We" and "ID", she deserved to be called "Weed". It'll dawn on my husband eventually. But I couldn't find the words to tell him.

During dinner, we practiced our complete sentences.

"This is a great salad."

"My spaghetti is good."

"So, how was your day?"

"Oh my God! Her name wasn't Weed!"

We got better and better until it felt almost normal again to say a noun and a verb in the same breath.

By the time we arrived at the movie theatre, I felt so confident that I started a conversation with an older gentleman sitting next to me.

"Those are nice socks." Okay, the subject could've been more relevant, but it was the only thing I could think of. I mean... they were argyle.

He was gracious, however, having once been in our shoes. (That was a metaphor; it had nothing to do with the sock thing.)

He said, "Thanks, I buy them

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# Texas primaries draw record number of voters

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — More than 4.2 million people voted in the March 4 Texas primaries.

This was a record-breaking turnout, far surpassing the previous record of 2.7 million in 1988.

The Republican primary, with its one person, one vote, no-caucus method, quickly yielded a winner: U.S. Sen. John McCain of Arizona with 51 percent of the vote to former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee's 38 percent.

McCain received 80 delegates to Huckabee's 16 and Huckabee dropped out of the race, as McCain had accumulated enough GOP state delegates to win the nomination.

U.S. Rep. Ron Paul of Clute, who got 5 percent of the Texas Republican vote, also ended his race for the presidential nomination.

The Democratic Party, on the other hand, revealed how engaging but messy democracy can be in actuating its "Texas Two Step" primary election process.

The state's chief election official, Secretary of State Phil Wilson, on March 4 said his office received many calls from people confused over the Democratic Party's process.

Democrats who cast ballots on March 4 or in early voting were allowed to participate in a post-election precinct caucus.

Caucus goers, according to party rules, proved they had voted as Democrats by showing the party stamp on their valid voter registration card.

Next, they signed their name and address on a sign-in sheet. Along with their name, they were asked, but not required, to declare in writing the presidential candidate of their choice.

Precinct chairs and secretaries applied a formula to the candidate declarations to calculate the number of Clinton or Obama delegates and alternates who will attend county party conventions later in March.

U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton of New York won the popular vote with 51 percent to Illinois U.S. Sen. Barack Obama's 47 percent. The precinct caucus delegate count wasn't complete until March 7. Clinton won 65 delegates to Obama's 61.

Many thought winning Texas was a do-or-die situation for Clinton, but she bolstered her bid for the Democratic presidential nomination by also winning Ohio.

## Challengers replace incumbents

Eight incumbent members of the Texas House of Representatives lost their primary races. Their names are below, with the new nominees in parentheses:

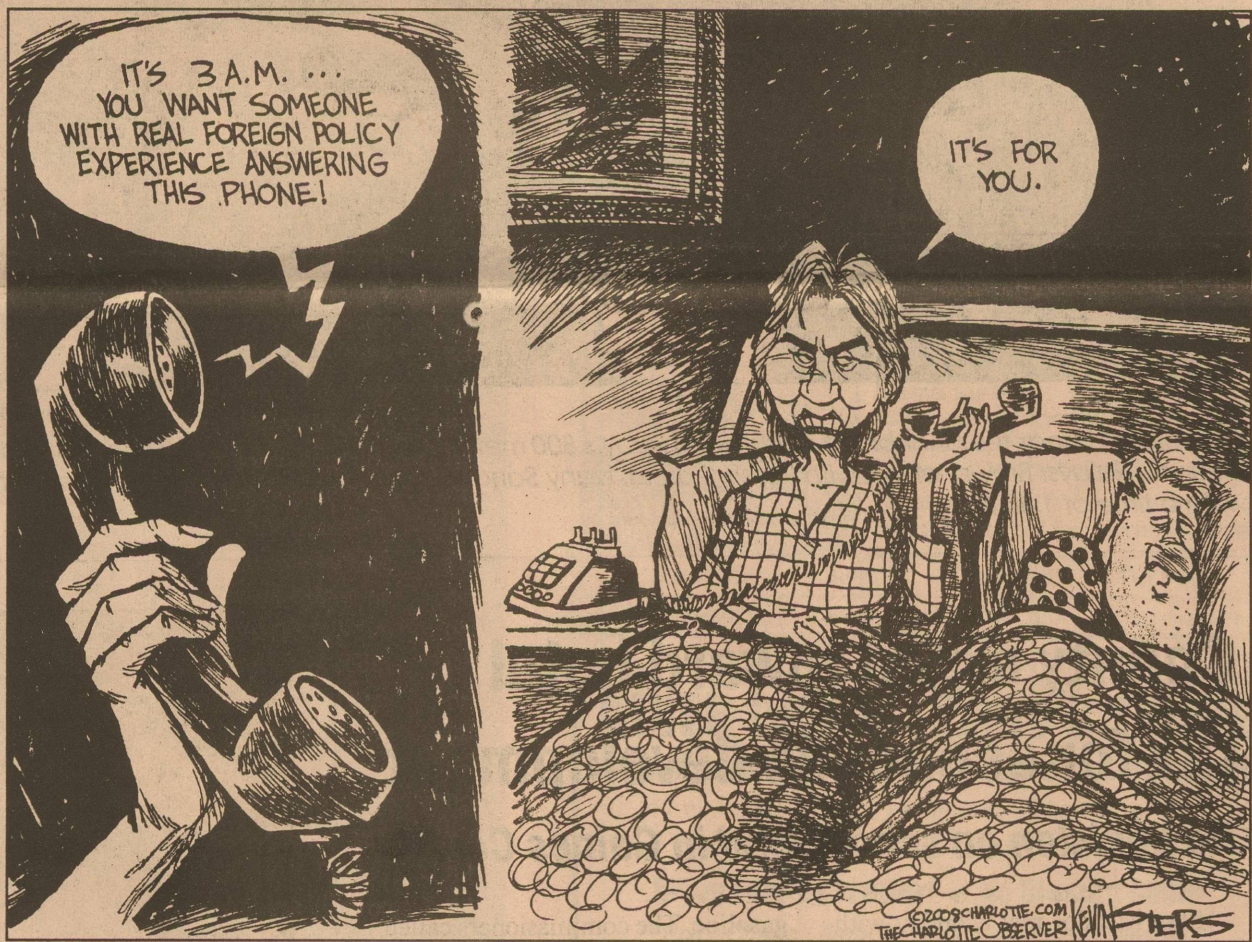
- Kevin Bailey, D-Houston, House District 140 (Armando Walle);
- Juan Escobar, D-Kingsville, House District 43 (Tara Rios Ybarra);
- Pat Haggerty, R-El Paso, House District 78 (Dee Margo);
- Thomas Latham, R-Dallas, House District 101 (Mike Anderson);
- Nathan Macias, R-Bulverde, House District 73 (Doug Miller)
- Borris Miles, D-Houston, House District 146 (Al Edwards)
- Paul Moreno, D-El Paso, House District 77 (Marisa Marquez)
- Corbin Van Arsdale, R-Tomball, House District 130 (Allen Fletcher)

Incumbent members continue in office until their term expires on Dec. 31. Each will face opposition in the November general election.

## Runoffs will decide 7 nominees

Five state house districts and two U.S. congressional districts will elect nominees by runoff on April 8. Those

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# The Girvin Social Club

Several years ago I interviewed a man in Girvin who had a donkey that could do tricks. He could lie down, turn over, smile and nod his head. The donkey was extremely talented. The man who owned the animal, Paul Zeitner, actually lived in Old Girvin, a nearby ghost town. He would play his harmonica and the donkey brayed in accompaniment. It was amazing.

Some years later I visited with Mildred Helmers, who owned the Girvin Social Club. It's a beer joint that serves ranchers, oil field workers and folks who erect wind turbines. Girvin is near the Pecos River between McCamey and Fort Stockton. The Girvin Social Club is the only going business there since the post office closed some time ago.

The beer joint was closed for a while. Jason Jones bought it two years ago. He says he got it primarily for his bride to be. He is in the electrical business.

You would not believe how busy that place gets. It is in a remote location, to say the least. Some people would say it is the



by Tumbleweed Smith

middle of nowhere because there's not much within miles of it. But it's on US highway 385, which carries a lot of traffic.

The Girvin Social Club is rustic. If it didn't have cars and pickups around it, you would swear the place had been abandoned. Inside, patrons put their names and clever sayings on the rafters and wall studs. There is a lot of old stuff around. The huge Satellite TV looks out of place. This is a drinking establishment. There is no food for sale. Occasionally Jason or some of his customers will broil steaks outside on a cooker. People make donations to cover the cost.

The place has a jukebox and a pool table. When a good danceable song comes on, people get up and dance and the pool game has

to wait until the song finishes. It is a small place. Some folks play dominoes or cards. You can relax there. Nobody is stressed out at the Girvin Social Club. It's open seven days a week.

Jason sometimes entertains his customers with his singing and guitar playing. Occasionally a visiting DJ will drop in and play for a dance. Saturday night it's standing room only. A few dogs, goats and donkeys roam the premises just outside the door. The place has lots of character.

"We get all kinds of folks in here," says Jason. "The first timers always say they'll come back because they feel so comfortable here. Most of them do, if they live within a reasonable distance."

Every once in awhile someone will drink too much. If they live in McCamey, 11 miles away, or on a nearby ranch, Jason or somebody from the club will take them home.

"We're wanting to build an RV Park so people can stay overnight," says Jason. "We might even make a resort out of this place."

# OBITUARIES

## Mabel Whitley Koy Freitag



ing 8 miles east of Eldorado in 1977. They became active in many activities. Mabel worked part time at the First National Bank in Eldorado. She was very active in the Eldorado Golf Club and had 2 Lady Tournaments named in her honor. She was the first woman in Texas to serve on the ASCS Board where she served 8 years. Mabel was active in the Schleicher County Historical Society and the West Texas Rehabilitation Center. She was named the Schleicher County Senior Citizen of the Year in 1998. She and Bill were active in the 4-H and Eldorado Soil and Water Conservation District.

Mabel was born June 27, 1920 and passed away March 10, 2008.

She attended schools in Sterling City, Ozona and Eldorado as her folks moved around leasing ranches in Sterling, Crockett and Schleicher Counties. She graduated from Eldorado High School in 1938.

Mabel married Gene Koy in 1939 and they ranched in Schleicher County until Gene entered the Air Force in 1942. He was stationed at Roswell, New Mexico, San Bernardino, California and Dayton, Ohio. Mabel transferred each time with the Civil Service and worked at the different Air Bases.

After Gene was discharged in 1946, they moved to Camp Wood, Texas and ranched and later, in 1949, moved to Roswell, New Mexico to ranch and become part owners of the Roswell Livestock Commission Co. Gene passed away in 1960.

Mabel continued living in Roswell, working at the Auction and also sold real estate. At night she worked at the hospital.

She married an old school friend Bill Freitag in 1962. Bill was a widower with three children. They lived in Odessa where Bill was in the oil business. The three children graduated from Permian High School. The girls were cheer leaders and Jay was the Permian Panther mascot his senior year. Bill and Mabel began ranch-

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Bill passed away in 2004. Mabel is survived by her brother, T. L. Whitley and family of Uvalde, two stepdaughters, Kay Wiginton of Lubbock and Sheliah Safford and husband Bryant of Orem, Utah and a stepson Jay Freitag and wife Pam of San Angelo. She is also survived by six grand children, Lauren and Lindsay Wiginton, Taylor and Trevor Safford, Jeff and wife Kristi Freitag, Jana and husband Daniel Harrison and three great grandchildren, Ariel and Audrey Freitag and Cody Harrison.

Mabel will be greatly missed. She loved and was loved by many. Mabel wished to be cremated and her ashes buried with her mother. The family will honor her wishes with a graveside service on Wednesday, March 19 at 2:00 pm at the Eldorado Cemetery with Kerbow Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Honorary Pall Bearers are Orval Edmiston, Ed Meador, Bob Helmers, Hyman Sauer, Rick Sterling, Jeffrey Freitag, Daniel Harrison, Bryant Safford and Ernie Gonzales.

Memorials may be made to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, The Concho Valley Home for Girls or a charity of your choice.



Early day Eldorado women wear the latest fashions in this vintage photograph from yesteryear.

## Touch of History

by Rene Caloote

### High Fashion in the Pioneer Days

Eldorado ladies have always had an eye for fashion, as you can see in the photo of a group of early day women in front of the Tailor Shop on Main Street down town Eldorado.

Spring is near and Easter is less than two weeks away, time to wear white shoes, and light colors!

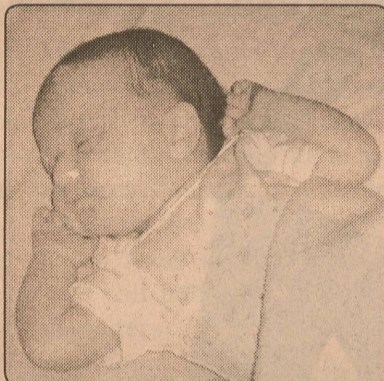
Do not feel bad about getting a new outfit for Easter; it symbolizes a beautiful custom. It goes back to early Christianity, and what is known as white week.

White week was a time that

newly baptized Christians wore white linen robes for a whole week to honor their rebirth and new life. The other Church members wore new clothes to honor the new Christians.

After the Civil War, Easter was known as "Sunday of Joy". Women and girls had worn the dark colors of mourning for such a long time changed their dress to bright spring colors and large hats decorated with spring flowers and ribbons.

So go on out, ladies, and buy that new spring outfit! Celebrate the new life!



Miley Raye Doran



David Ray and Jennifer Doran would like to announce the birth of their new baby girl, Miley Raye Doran. Miley was born on Monday, March 3, 2008 at 12:04 p.m. at San Angelo Community Medical Center. She weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and was 19.5 inches long.

Miley was welcomed to the world by many friends and family members, including her big sister Ayla Hope. Parents and baby are home in Eldorado and adjusting well to the new arrival. Proud grandparents are David and Lenette Doran of Eldorado, John and Jennifer Byrd of San Angelo and Rosa Byrd also of San Angelo.

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## Margaret Elaine Burkes



Margaret Elaine Burkes, 65, of Bryan passed away March 5, 2008 at her home. No services are planned at this time.

Margaret was born November 2, 1942 in Fredericksburg, Texas

to Chandler M. Whitten and Margaret E. Schneider Whitten. She enjoyed being outdoors, fishing and had a strong love for her family and friends.

Preceded in death by her parents and her youngest brother, Pete Whitten.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Dyer Burkes and Nora Gonzales of Bryan; daughters and sons-in-law, Jamie and Mike Batchelor of Indiana and Wendy and Dale Hickey of Pleasanton, Tx.; brothers and sisters-in-law, Jimmie and Betty Whitten of Eldorado, Jacob and Helen Whitten of Valdosta, Ga., Gary and Beverly Whitten of Eldorado and David and Bethanne Whitten of Midland; six grandchildren.

### Meals for Friends Menu

**Monday, March 17**  
Chicken Fried Steak, Oven Fried Potatoes, Carrots, Hot Rolls, Vanilla Pudding w/Fruit, Milk

**Tuesday, March 18**  
Chicken Enchiladas, Pinto Beans, Mexican Corn, Toss Salad, Lemon Pudding, Milk

**Wednesday, March 19**  
Meat w/Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, Zucchini Squash, Garlic Bread, White Cake w/Caramel Icing, Juice/Milk

**Thursday, March 20**  
Smothered Steak w/Onions, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Apple Crisp, Orange Juice, Milk

**Friday, March 21**  
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### Weekly Sudoku Puzzle

by Linda Thistle

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9		1		2	
1		4			8
	3	2		5	
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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: \*\***  
\* Moderate \*\* Challenging \*\*\* Hoo Boy!  
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.  
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## Eagles claim Reagan County links title

Eldorado's boys golf team captured 1st Place last week in the Reagan County High School Invitational played on the Big Lake Golf Course. The team played well despite high winds and sub freezing temperatures.

Tyler Doan placed 2nd individually with a score of 82. He was only one stroke behind Kagan Maxey of Iraan.

The Eagles shot a total of 360 to take the team championship. Doan paced the team with an 82 while Clayton Sauer had an 89 and Richmond Adame shot a 90. Jaymie O'Harrow tallied a 95 while Wes Brown came in at 99 and Clark Meyer at 111.



PHOTO BY MARLA DAUGHERTY THE BIG LAKE WILDCAT

Eldorado's golf team was all smiles last week after claiming the 1st Place Trophy at the Reagan County Invitational Tournament in Big Lake. Team members include: (L-R) Jamie O'Harrow, Tyler Doan, Clark Meyer, Clayton Sauer, Richmond Adame and Wes Brown.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Rebecca Hernandez stands in the batter's box waiting for her pitch. Her patience paid off as Hernandez drove a double through the left side of the Miles infield. She would reach third on a Haley Higgins single, and came home when Bridgett Mitchell walked. The Lady Eagles won the game 22-0.

## Lady Eagles bulldoze Bulldogs

The Eldorado Softball team started district off right Tuesday evening beating the Miles Lady Bulldogs 22-0 in three innings.

Eldorado showed patience in the batter's box and managed eleven base runners on balls.

The Lady Eagles bats were quiet during the first inning with

only three hits, but wayward pitching helped them scorch Miles for 11 points in the opening stanza.

The second inning proved to be less exciting for the Eagles from the batter box. The Lady Eagles managed only one run. But, Eldorado found its rhythm in the third as the bats came alive and the Lady Eagles brought in 10 runs on a nine-hit barrage.

Bridgett Mitchell dominated the Miles batting order. She struck out five of the 11 batters she faced. That would be enough as Lady Eagles got the 22-0 mercy rule win at the end of the third.

"We really eliminated some of the fielding problems we have had early in the season," Coach Jesse Rubio said. "The girls have really focused on what needs to be done, and it shows on the diamond."

The Lady Eagles stand at 9-6 this season, 1-0 in district play.

"I'm confident in what these girls can do this season," Rubio said. "They can't be satisfied with this win. We have to keep our eye on the ball and do what needs to be done each week."

Eldorado will face Menard at home Friday. The game is scheduled for 5 p.m., but Rubio says the schedule is tentative at this point.

"I would like to move that game up earlier in the day," Rubio said. "That would allow these girls an earlier start on their spring break."

## Eagles 9 whip Brady, Ozona McCamey, fall to Junction

The Eldorado Baseball team picked up wins against Brady, Ozona and McCamey last weekend before losing to Junction 6-3 in the championship round of the Ozona Baseball Tournament.

Millo Vallejo pitched four innings and struck out five batters in the teams 21-4 victory over Brady.

Garrett Lux took the mound against Ozona and pitched six innings and struck out 11 batters in

the teams 17-7 win.

Jonathan Belman pitched six innings and struck out nine batters in the teams 11-7 win over McCamey.

In the championship round Rance Cathey took the mound going seven innings for eight strike outs, but took the 6-3 loss.

Warbirds that made it on the All-Tournament Team were: Dustin Gauna, Louie Buitron and Jorge Mata.

## Plateau Relays Final Standings

2008 Plateau Relays  
Friday, March 7, 2008  
"VARSITY BOYS" DIVISION

**Points By School:** 1. Iraan, 155.5; 2. Irion County, 93.5; 3. Greenwood JV, 67; 4. Rankin, 59; 5. Rocksprings, 56; 6. Eldorado, 49; 7. Nueces Canyon

**100 M Dash:** 1. Sandridge, Forsan, 11.24; 2. T. Price, Irion County, 11.36; 3. Gage Perry, Nueces Canyon, 11.44; 4. Coy Mize, Panther Creek, 12.03; 5. Uil Lopez, Rocksprings, 12.09; 6. Wes Brown, Eldorado, 12.10

**200 M Dash:** 1. Huckabee, Forsan, 24.05; 2. B. Kenley, Irion County, 24.41; 3. Kevin Whipkey, Nueces Canyon, 24.64; 4. Uil Lopez, Rocksprings, 24.95; 5. Roman Galindo, Rocksprings, 25.15; 6. Hunter Grimes, Greenwood, 25.21

**400 M Dash:** 1. J. Thiers, Irion County, 54.35; 2. Uil Lopez, Rocksprings, 55.57; 3. Wade Halfmann, Panther Creek, 56.04; 4. J. Lemmond, Rankin, 56.19; 5. Dustin Ramirez, Eldorado, 57.35; 6. Ector Galindo, Iraan, 59.12

**800 M Run:** 1. Hernandez, Rankin, 2:11.32; 2. Jesse Ochoa, Greenwood JV, 2:12.34; 3. Jaime Ibarra, Iraan, 2:12.79; 4. C. Marquez, Irion County, 2:15.1; 5. Alex Rameriz, Rocksprings, 2:18.17; 6. Froy DeSantiago, Greenwood JV, 2:22.83

**1600 M Run:** 1. C. Marquez, Irion County, 5:24.51; 2. Andy Knapp, Greenwood JV, 5:26.93; 3. Joe M. Valenzuela, Nueces Canyon, 5:46.66; 4. Braden, Rankin, 5:52.59; 5. John Warren, Panther Creek, 5:53.13; 6. Herrera, Rankin, 5:57.05

**3200 M Run:** 1. Jaime Ibarra, Iraan, 11:12.38; 2. Benton Warren, Panther Creek, 11:12.89; 3. John Warren, Panther Creek, 12:29.43; 4. Aaron Parsley, Eldorado, 12:29.90; 5. Braden, Rankin, 13:00.11; 6. Aaron Warren, Panther Creek, 13:38.01

**4 x 100 (400 M) Relay:** 1. David Himel, Shane Holmes, Jose Chavez, Drew Allen) Iraan, 46.28; 2. (G. Barnett, B. Kenley, M. Miller, T. Price) Irion County, 46.41; 3. (Petey Garcia, Ivany Sanchez, Ryan Castillo, Wes Brown) Eldorado, 47.29; 4. (Galindo, Tipping, McGuire, Lujan) Wink, 47.53; 5. (Schmitz, Epley, J. Castillo, Smith) Rankin, 48.46; 6. (Aaron Norris, Saul Leyva, Kyle Young, Jordan Weathered) Greenwood JV, 49.26

**4 x 200 (800 M) Relay:** 1. (Shane Holmes, David Himel, Johnny Contreras, Jose Chavez) Iraan, 1:38.09; 2. (Fabian Franco, Buck Neal, Roman Galindo, Alex Rameriz) Rocksprings, 1:38.56; 3. (Petey Garcia, Ivany Sanchez, Ryan Castillo, Wes Brown, Eldorado, 1:40.01; 4. (Aaron Norris, Kyle Young, Saul Leyva, Jordan Weathered) Greenwood JV, 1:41.03; 5. (Galindo, Tipping, McGuire, Lujan) Wink, 1:41.93; 6. (Wade Halfmann, John Warren, Benton Warren, Dustin Deleon) Panther Creek, 1:45.81

**4 x 400 (1600 M) Relay:** 1. (Bradley Ledford, Shane Holmes, Jaime Ibarra, David Himel) Iraan, 3:40.92; 2. (Fabian Franco, Roman Galindo, Buck Neal, Alex Rameriz) Rocksprings, 3:46.33; 3. (Hernandez, J. Lemmond, Avalos, J. Castillo) Rankin, 3:46.67; 4. (Hunter Grimes, Saul Leyva, Jordan Weathered, Aaron Norris) Greenwood JV, 3:46.69; 5. (G. Sullenger, B. Kenley, M. Miller, J. Thiers) Irion County, 3:47.93; 6. (Gage Perry, Sam Sifuentes, JW Bishop, Kevin Whipkey) Nueces Canyon, 3:49.79

**110 M Hurdles:** 1. Zack Benton,

Greenwood JV, 16.73; 2. Alex Arnold, Iraan, 16.81; 3. Bradley Ledford, Iraan, 17.08; 4. Bailey, Forsan, 17.32; 5. Buck Neal, Rocksprings, 18.20; 6. Smith, Rankin, 18.25

**300 M Hurdles:** 1. Bradley Ledford, Iraan, 43.06; 2. Avalos, Rankin, 44.49; 3. Dakota Green, Iraan, 46.28; 4. Smith, Rankin, 46.73; 5. G. Barnett, Irion County, 47.77; 6. Alex Arnold, Iraan, 47.82

**Long Jump:** 1. Shane Holmes, Iraan, 21'-0 1/2"; 2. T. Price, Irion County, 20'-8 3/4"; 3. Stacy Smith, Greenwood JV, 20'-4"; 4. J. Lemmond, Rankin, 20'-3 1/2"; 5. Lujan, Wink, 20'-1"; 6. Kyle Young, Greenwood JV, 19'-6 1/4"

**Shot Put:** 1. Travis Anderson, Iraan, 42'-9 1/2"; 2. Tim Maskill, Eldorado, 42'-2 1/2"; 3. Thomas, Wink, 42'-2"; 4. T. Price, Irion County, 39'-7"; 5. Jose Chavez, Iraan, 38'-5"; 6. Marcus Soto, Paint Rock, 38'-4 1/2"

**Discus:** 1. Ector Galindo, Iraan, 124'-0"; 2. T. Price, Irion County, 111'-10 1/2"; 3. Jose Chavez, Iraan, 109'-9"; 4. Matt Turney, Panther Creek, 106'-1"; 5. Tim Maskill, Eldorado, 105'-10"

**Triple Jump:** 1. Kevin Hurt, Nueces Canyon, 40'-1 3/4"; 2. Gary Hup, Nueces Canyon, 37'-1 1/2"; 3. Stacy Smith, Greenwood JV, 37'-0 1/2"; 4. Roman Galindo, Rocksprings, 36'-5 1/2"; 5. Kyle Young, Greenwood JV, 36'-4"; 6. Schmitz, Rankin, 35'-1 1/4"

**High Jump:** 1. Huckabee, Forsan, 5'-8"; 2. Tyler Dombroski, Eldorado, 5'-8"; 3. Stacy Smith, Greenwood JV, 5'-6"; 4. Smith, Rankin, 5'-4"; 5. C. Marquez, Irion County, 5'-2"; 5. Alex Arnold, Iraan, 5'-2"

**Pole Vault:** 1. G. Barnett, Irion County, 12'-6"; 2. Shane Holmes, Iraan, 12'-0"; 3. JW Bishop, Nueces Canyon, 9'-0"

**VARSITY GIRLS**  
Points By School: 1. Irion County, 124.5; 2. Wink, 107; 3. McCamey Girls, 85; 4. Iraan, 71.5; 5. Eldorado, 53; 6. Rocksprings, 53; 7. Nueces Canyon, 48; 8. Rankin

**100 M Dash:** 1. R. Peterson, Iraan, 13.23; 2. Haile Davis, Rankin, 13.50; 3. Bridgett Mitchell, Eldorado, 13.66; 4. Sylvia Iwoula, Nueces Canyon, 13.82; 5. Kara Montez, Irion County, 13.91; 6. Courtney Butts, Irion County, 14.01

**200 M Dash:** 1. Sylvia Iwoula, Nueces Canyon, 28.31; 2. Keelin Wiley, McCamey, 28.40; 3. Leah McFadden, Corner Stone, 28.73; 4. Taylor Kain, Rocksprings, 29.07; 5. Keisha Sellers, Wink, 29.34; 6. Megan Mesa, McCamey, 30.10

**400 M Dash:** 1. Leah McFadden, Corner Stone, 1:05.16; 2. Allison Walter, Irion County, 1:06.66; 3. Tori Gauer, Forsan, 1:07.22; 4. Bess Dunbar, Rocksprings, 1:08.22; 5. Shiny Templeton, Rankin, 1:08.99; 6. Lisa Bamfill, Panther Creek, 1:09.16

**800 M Run:** 1. Erin Stodghill, Wink, 2:50.11; 2. Nancy Meyer, Panther Creek, 2:52.31; 3. Natasha Flores, Rocksprings, 2:52.64; 4. Sierra Honea, Irion County, 2:53.47; 5. A. Homsley, Iraan, 2:53.56; 6. Lauren Watson, Irion County, 2:54.53

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# The Public Library Report

by Linda Thomas, Librarian

Do you know about the Schleicher County Public Library? It's located at 201 SW Main next door to the county extension office. The hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and it is closed for lunch from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

The library carries books, audio books, music CD's, DVD's, Videos, and tax forms. If the library does not have the material you want, you can request it through interlibrary loan. A fax machine, copier, computers hooked up to the internet and printers are available for public use.

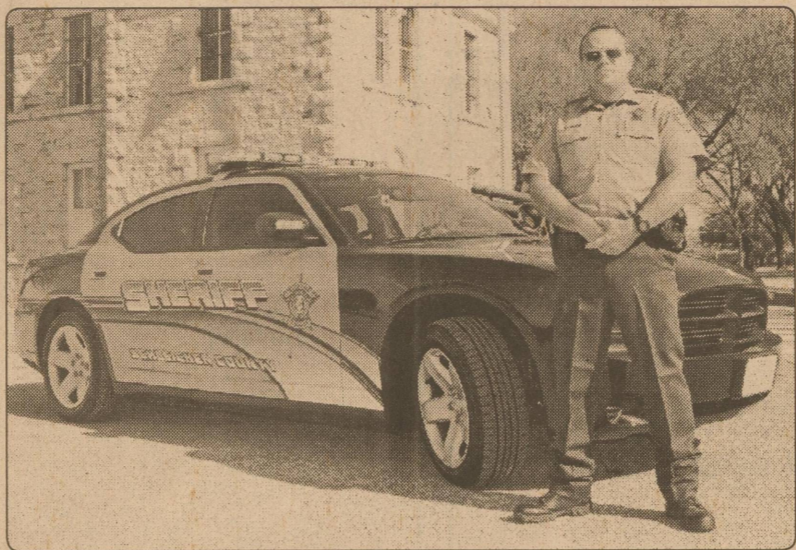
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the building. Patrons may also recheck items by telephone. Fines on overdue items are as follows: ten cents a day on books & CD's and one dollar a day on DVD's and Videos.

New book releases are acquired monthly. Recent acquisitions included "The Appeal" by John Grisham, "Escape" by Carolyn Jessop, and "Shadow Music" by Julie Garwood.

The current library board consists of the following members: Pam White-President, Treasurer-Carolyn Mayo, Sandra Helmers-Secretary, Penny Bland, Kay Creek, Jo Helen Kotsch, Abbie McCormick, Dana Owens and Gina Sauer.

Come by, visit the library and make use of it's many services.



COURTESY PHOTO

Deputy Kevin Herbert poses with his sporty new Dodge Charger police cruiser. The car was bought through the purchasing cooperative at the Houston/Galveston Area Council of Governments and came at a \$1,500 savings over a conventional Ford Crown Victoria. Plus, the car came with light bar, prisoner cage, console and other police equipment that would have cost extra with the Ford. And...in case you were wondering, the speedometer tops out at a whopping 160 mph.

## Sheriffs' Dept gets its first Dodge Charger

The Schleicher County Sheriff's Department took delivery last week of a 2007 Dodge Charger "Police Package" cruiser.

Sheriff Doran stated that this is a new look for his department but that after careful comparison he was able to purchase the new car turn-key with an LED lighting system, console, prisoner barrier and graphics at a \$1,500 savings over a plain Ford Crown Victoria with no additional law enforcement equipment.

Another attractive feature for the Charger, Doran said, was the 3.5 liter engine which has a fuel economy of 19 mpg city and 27 highway as compared to the 16 city and 22 highway offered by the Crown Victoria.

The sheriff said that with today's escalating fuel prices a functional alternative had to be found without compromising performance or officer safety.

"My patrol officers spend the majority of their time in their

vehicles patrolling the city and county," Doran said, "Other agencies have had good luck with the Dodge Chargers and I hope we get the same results."

Several people have stopped by to comment on the new car's distinctive design and graphics.

"It is kind of a different look for us," the sheriff noted, "but it reflects the trend across the country."

The new graphics are more visible to passing motorists, especially at night or in low-light conditions, Doran added. "I feel the unit will offer a positive reflection on our community."

Several surrounding counties and, including Reagan County, have already switched to the Dodge Charger, Doran said. So far the new cars have received very positive reviews from police and sheriff's department's alike.

The new Schleicher County unit has been assigned to Deputy Kevin Herbert and is already in service.

## Concho Valley Bluegrass Festival slated for weekend

Concho Valley Bluegrass Festival will be held Friday, March 14 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m and Saturday, March 15 throughout the day in the Wells Fargo Pavilion at the Tom Green County Fairgrounds.

The event will feature seven bands including: Wildwood Valley Boys, Tennessee Valley Authority,

Saltgrass, Batten Family, Triple L, Wes Perry Band and Concho Grass. \$6.00 for Friday, \$12.00 for Saturday and \$15.00 for entire weekend. FMI call 325-653-7030.

The Concho Valley Bluegrass Festival is a fund raiser for the Concho Valley Home for Girls Children's Emergency Shelter.

## School board meeting held

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servicing size pizza pocket and a chalupa shell that didn't weigh enough.

The trustees thanked Ms. Bruce for her report and encouraged her to keep up the good work in the cafeteria.

For his part, Finance Director Ray Ballew explained that declining interest rates will likely mean lower than budgeted interest income. Otherwise, Ballew explained, the district's finances are in good order.

The board then approved the minutes of the February 18th meeting. They also voted to waive tuition for two out-of-district students.

The trustees then approved a resolution calling for the inclusion of The Eldorado Success newspaper, Randy & Kathy Mankin owners and publishers, on the Media Honor Roll compiled each year by the Texas Association of School Boards. The resolution noted the paper's coverage of school

events and the positive coverage of SCISD students.

The next meeting of the SCISD board of trustees is slated for 6 p.m. on Monday, April 14, 2008 in the High School library.

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Thanks again and may God bless each of you.

Mary Lozano

Inmates from the Texas Department of Corrections have been busy this week replacing the bleachers on the home stands at Eagle Stadium. The renovation was the first part of a construction program launched at the school after voters turned down a tax rollback. The inmates have been supervised during the work day. They are spending their nights in the Schleicher County Jail.



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## City Council Meeting...

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for the rural gas pipeline had been purchased and installed. He noted that a crew has been busy using the pothole patcher to fill in bad spots in the city's streets.

City Secretary Carolyn Mayo then informed the council that Horizon Builders had requested permission to dispose of building material at the landfill. The company is building new homes in Sonora. The council heard the request and gave their permission.

Before adjourning, the council approved the minutes of the Feb. 11, 2008 meeting. They also

reviewed the city's bills and authorized payment.

It was noted that council members Dora Bosmans, Stacy Haynes and Richard Mendez had filed for a place on the ballot in the upcoming city council election. Mayor John Nikolauk also filed for re-election.

So far, no one has filed for the vacant seat in Ward #1 and the filing deadline expired at 5 p.m. on Monday. The deadline for filing as a write-in candidate for the open seat, or any seat on the ballot is 5 p.m. on Monday March 17, 2008.

## Capital Highlights...

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are:

- Republicans Bryan Daniel and Doyle Hobbs, HD 52 (east half of Williamson County);
- Republicans Ralph Sheffield and Martha Tyroch, HD 55 (most of Bell County);
- Republicans Tyron Lewis and Buddy West, HD 81 (Andrews, Winkler and Ector counties);
- Republicans Angie Button and Randy Dunning, HD 112 (part of northeast Dallas County);

- Republicans Ken Legler and Fred Roberts, HD 144 (part of southeast Harris County);

- Republicans Pete Olson and Shelley Sekula-Gibbs, CD 22 (part of Fort Bend, Galveston, Brazoria and Harris counties);

- Democrats Steve Love and Eric Roberson, CD 32 (part of north, northeast and central Dallas).

The winners of those runoffs will face opponents in the November general election.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Coach Ross Hodges 3&4 Grade Little Dribblers: Front (L-R)- Mathias Buitron, Cade Ledbetter, Keanu Hernandez, and Will Mynatt; Back (L-R)-Danny Pechacek, Jake Swindall, Rafael Ruela and not pictured Coach Kirk Swidall.



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Coach Mason Vaughn's 3&4 Grade Little Dribblers: Front (L-R) Victo Castro, Straight Pridemore, Noah Sorrells; Back (L-R) Christian Martinez, Michael Rios, Travis Carter and Justin Ochoa.

## DPS warns spring break drivers

The Texas Department of Public Safety said more patrols would be watching drivers in South Texas and the Rio Grande Valley as students on spring break flock to the beaches.

## Ft. Mckavett Star party set for Monday, March 17th

You are invited to join the talented and knowledgeable astronomers from the Johnson Space Center Astronomical Society, who gather at Ft. McKavett State Historic Site twice a year and share their passion for West Texas dark skies with the public. Come early on Monday, March 17, 2008 to see the sophisticated equipment and learn about the skies you will view beginning at dusk.

Event Fees: Free for Texas State Parks Pass members, \$3 non-members, \$2 senior citizens, free for children 12 and under.

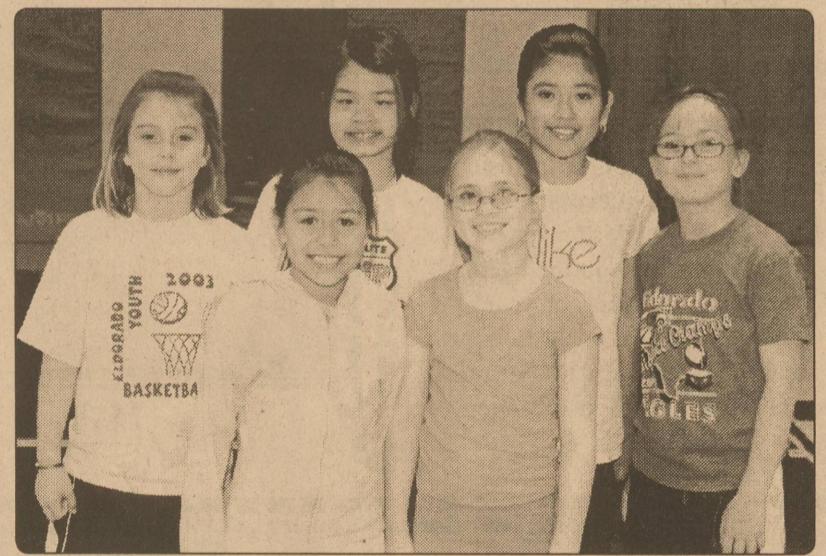


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Coach Michael Mertz 3&4 Dribblers: Front (L-R)- Katya Gonzalez, Mikah Boone, Chase Mertz; Back (L-R)-Riley Umphress, Kaitlyn Lindsey and Sydney Covarrubiaz.

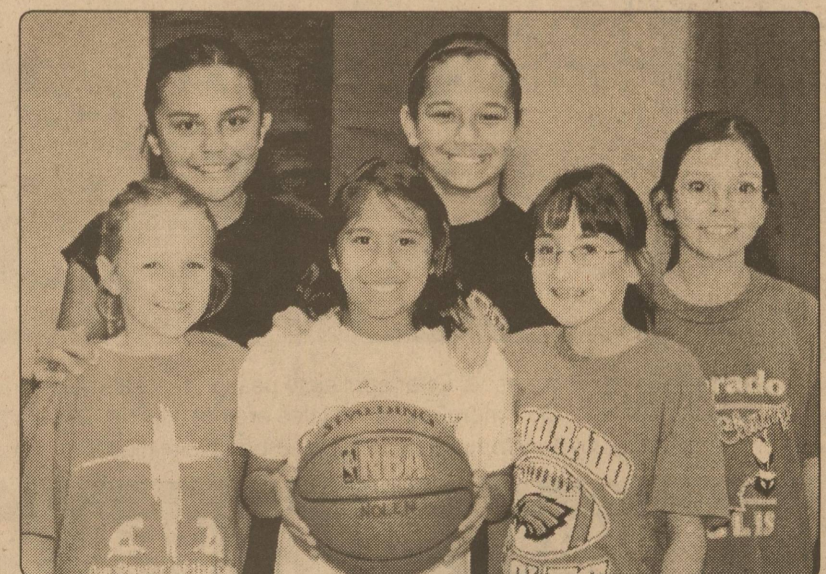


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Coach Craig Nolen 3&4 Grade Little Dribblers: Front (L-R)- Audry Nolen, Branda G. Arispe, Branda Minor; Back (L-R)- Marinda Villanueva, Sutaira Martinez, and Maritzza Villanuev. Not pictured Luisa Muniz.

## Weekly Crossword Puzzle

**ACROSS**

- Ming artifacts
- No-goodniks
- \_\_\_ of Life (rescue device)
- Disney's Darby
- Border on
- Send out
- John McCain's immigration bill co-sponsor
- "Dumb \_\_\_" (old comic)
- Blowup: Abbr.
- Texas hold'em starter
- Photo holder, maybe
- Casey, "The Old Professor"
- Perfume holder
- Suffix with chariot
- In error
- Smooths down
- Rating a blue ribbon
- \_\_\_ out (allot)
- Quatrain rhyme scheme
- Campus rushers, for short
- Seckel or Anjou
- PC pop-up
- Turner of film
- "Anybody home?"
- Really shine

**45.** "Survivor" abode

**46.** Crier's employer

**47.** Mystic chants

**51.** "Brokeback Mountain" director

**54.** Polly, to Tom

**55.** Lawyers' org.

**56.** Famous Amos

**57.** Freddie the Freelader's portrayer

**60.** "\_\_\_ unrelated

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**61.** Composer Satie

**62.** Chaucer pilgrim

**63.** Prevailing style

**64.** Say no to

**65.** More irritated

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- Lodge member
- Heavy hammers
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- Total flop
- Salon workers
- "Beverly Hillbillies" patriarch
- Bad way to run
- Horse race finish line
- "Hurry!" in the OR
- \_\_\_-do-well
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- Far-reaching view
- Had in mind
- Bow-to-stern structure
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- Wolfe of whodunits
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- Wernher von \_\_\_
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- Buck's partner
- Unit of yarn
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# Ready, Set, Quilt...Call for quilters to spotlight Texas wines

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) announces its 2008 quilt block competition, open to everyone across the state. This year's theme, "Toast a Rising Star," highlights Texas' thriving and popular wine industry. As the nation's fifth-largest wine producing state with more than 220 family-owned vineyards covering 3,700 acres, the Texas wine industry contributes more than \$1 billion annually to the state's economy.

This year, TDA is honored and delighted to have Janet Staples, wife of Commissioner Todd Staples, assisting the agency with the competition.

"This competition provides a great opportunity to work with fabulous, quality Texas materials while incorporating our great Texas creativity and spirit," said Mrs. Staples, an experienced quilter. "I'm very proud to be

part of the process and am looking forward to the competition."

Each contest participant will use Texas natural fibers - cotton, mohair and leather - to create a quilt block design that will be submitted to TDA. A panel of judges will select the winning entries, which will be pieced together into a quilt and unveiled in TDA's Food and Fiber Pavilion at the 2008 State Fair of Texas in September. The quilt will become part of TDA's quilt collection and traveling natural fiber exhibition.

As the country's leading producer of wool and mohair, Texas has earned a global reputation for superior quality and durability among international textile buyers. Texas also leads the nation in cotton production and is a major producer of hides for leather and suede.

This year's contest sponsors include Hobbs Bonded Fibers of Waco, Joy's Fabrics

& Quilts in Godley, P & B Textiles of Dallas, Tandy Leather Factory of Fort Worth and the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association. This year's final quilt will once again be designed and constructed by Terri Vogds of Denton and will be quilted by Johanna Iala of Denton.

To help defray the cost of the material packets, postage and the statewide travel and display of the quilt, a \$12 donation for each participant packet is requested. The packets contain the natural fiber fabrics to be used in the design along with tips and techniques for developing the block and more information about the contest theme. To participate in the 2008 quilt block competition, call (877) 99GO-TEX or download a participant form by visiting our Tips and More page at [www.gotexan.org](http://www.gotexan.org). The deadline for submissions is June 5, 2008.

# Commissioner Staples says No to Canada until Mexico accepts U.S. breeding cattle

AUSTIN — Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples has issued an order to stop specific Canadian cattle from passing through the state's export facilities into Mexico.

"I am deeply disappointed that Canada has signed a live cattle trading protocol with Mexico that is inconsistent with international standards," Commissioner Staples said. "The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) standards are paramount in ensuring trade decisions are based on sound science and not political science."

Initial reports stated the U.S. had signed off on this agreement between Canada and Mexico,

allowing the trade of certain dairy and beef cattle less than 30 months of age - including breed-

ing stock. However, Commissioner Staples confirmed through high-level conversations with U.S. Department of Agriculture officials that the U.S. has in fact not approved the pact. Rather, USDA officials have expressed disappointment with their counterparts in Canada for yielding confirmed science to political maneuvering.

"If USDA allows these cattle to cross the Canadian border into the U.S., they will not move through the Texas Department of Agriculture's export facilities along the Mexican border," Commissioner Staples said. "I have instructed TDA employees overseeing the agency's livestock export facilities along the Mexican border to not facilitate the trade of any Canadian cattle that would be inconsistent

with the protocol for exporting U.S. cattle to Mexico."

Currently, Mexico will only allow the importation of U.S. dairy heifers under the age of 24 months, despite in-depth international negotiations to broaden this to breeding stock. Commissioner Staples is asking states that border Mexico to follow Texas' lead.

"I call upon the owners and managers of all livestock export facilities along the U.S.-Mexico border to join me in this effort," Commissioner Staples said. "Please remember your most important customers - the U.S. livestock producers. Until Mexico recognizes OIE trading standards and begins to accept U.S. breeding cattle consistent with those standards, we will continue this firm prohibition of specific Canadian cattle."

TDA manages five livestock export facilities on the border in Brownsville, Del Rio, Eagle Pass, El Paso and Laredo. Additionally, there are two privately owned livestock export facilities in Texas and three other facilities in New Mexico and Arizona.

In December 2003, a single Canadian-born cow in the state of Washington was confirmed to have Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE). Since then, the U.S. has worked with Mexico as well as trading partners around the world to reestablish beef and live cattle trade consistent with international standards. Several countries have recognized those standards and are accepting U.S. live cattle. In May 2007, the World

Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) formally classified the U.S. as a controlled risk country for BSE. This classification, combined with strong U.S. regulatory safeguards, allows broad trade of beef and live cattle consistent with international standards.

In January, Mexican and U.S. officials signed an agreement to establish a livestock-working group to resolve many outstanding issues. Commissioner Staples will offer any assistance to the group to come up with a solution that benefits both nations.

"Mexico must recognize international standards and allow the importation of U.S. breeding stock immediately," Commissioner Staples said. "I consider both Mexico and Canada to be excellent markets for Texas products, just as Texans consume many Mexican-made products. I look forward to these issues being resolved soon."



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**Coach Fuentes and Coach Edwards 3&4 Little Dribblers:** Front (L-R): Deonn Fuentes, Leroy Torres, Jay Ruiz and Jess Gonzales; Back (L-R)-Coach Donnie Fuentes, Justin Whitten, Jaime Chancellor and Coach Shawn Edwards

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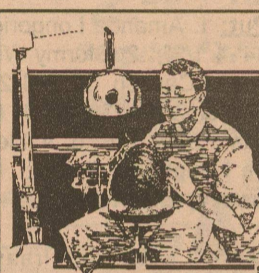
## Schleicher County 4-H Upcoming Spring Events and Dates

### Important Dates:

- March 14th: Consumer Decision Making Contest Registration due
- March 20th: Photography Field Trip to Ft. McKavett (If you wish to participate, please call the Extension office.)
- April 10th: Consumer Decision Making Contest at Coleman
- April 11th: Photography Contest Entries due to D7
- April 12th: Crockett County Wool and Mohair Invitational
- April 19th: Kerr County Wool and Mohair Invitational
- April 22nd: D7 Livestock and Wool Contest in San Angelo
- April 26th: Schleicher County Wool and Mohair Invitational
- April 18th: Senior Fashion Show Registration Due to D7
- April 19th: D7 Shooting Sports Contest
- May 3rd: District 7 Roundup (Call for more information.)
- May 10th: Val Verde Invitational and D6 Contest
- May 17th: Kendall County Wool and Mohair Invitational
- June 10-12: State 4-H Roundup, College Station State 4-H Wool Judging Contest State 4-H Mohair Judging Contest
- June 17-20: Sonora Wool & Mohair Show & Judging Contests Sutton County Invitational National 4-H and FFA Wool Judging Contest

### Practice Dates:

- Tuesday, March 4, 2008 : Shooting Sports 5:30 PM
- Tuesday, March 11, 2008: Lunch @ Middle School: Consumer Decision Making (Bring your lunch!) 4:00 Wool and Mohair Judging Practice at Civic Center! 5:30 Shooting Sports at Civic Center
- Thursday, March 13, 2008: Clothing - Learn how to sew! 4:00 at Extension office.
- Tuesday, March 25, 2008: 4:00 Wool and Mohair Judging Practice at Civic Center 5:30 Shooting Sports at Civic Center
- Wednesday, March 26, 2008: Livestock Judging Practice 4:00



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# 2008 Plateau Relays results listed for boys, girls and JV

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**1600 M Run:** 1. Margarita Pequeno, McCamey, 6:11.22; 2. L. Shackelford, Wink, 6:19.78; 3. Celesta Turnbo, Wink, 6:23.21; 4. Kyli Bird, Irion County, 6:36.63; 5. **Claudia Pasillas, Eldorado, 6:38.73**; 6. Natasha Flores, Rocksprings, 6:40.43  
3200 M Run: 1. L. Shackelford, Wink, 13:10.19; 2. Taryn Curtis, Wink, 13:29.26; 3. A. Martinez, Iraan, 14:01.78; 4. Kyli Bird, Irion County, 14:05.59; 5. **Claudia Pasillas, Eldorado, 14:20.36**; 6. J. Carson, Iraan, 14:23.95

**4 x 100 (400 M) Relay:** 1. (Courtney Butts, Lori Sparks, Allison Walter, Shyanna Duenas) Irion County, 53.45; 2. (Keelin Wiley, Stacy Bradford, Margarita Pequeno, Megan Mesa) McCamey, 53.71; 3. (Jasmine Clayton, Trinity Walker, Kristen Boggess, Bristen Creech) Wink, 55.08; 4. (**Deisy Aranda, Haley Higgins, Allyson Jarrett, Bridgett Mitchell**) Eldorado, 55.18; 5. (Shurmaine Spurlock, Taylor Kain, Byanka Villereal, Kelsey Wilson) Rocksprings, 56.18; 6. (Harth Young, Summer Fletcher, Leslie Ortega, Bauman) Greenwood JV, 56.67

**4 x 200 (800 M) Relay:** 1. (Keelin Wiley, Megan Mesa, Margarita Pequeno, Stacy Bradford) McCamey, 1:55.25; 2. (A. Homsley, Megan Mason, Katie Homsley, R. Peterson) Iraan, 1:57.12; 3. (**Allyson Jarrett, Bridgett Mitchell, Laura Garcia, Haley Higgins**) Eldorado, 1:57.96; 4. (Kristen Boggess, Keisha Sellers, Celesta Turnbo, Taryn Curtis) Wink, 1:59.04; 5. (Courtney Butts, Kara Montez, Sierra Honea, Shyanna Duenas) Irion County, 1:59.84; 6. (Shiny Templeton, Hailey Avalos, Kodi Anderson, Haile Davis) Rankin,

2:00.95; **4 x 400 (1600 M) Relay:** 1. (Keisha Sellers, L. Shackelford, Kristen Boggess, Taryn Curtis) Wink, 4:26.34; 2. (Allison Walter, Shyanna Duenas, Sierra Honea, Lori Sparks) Irion County, 4:32.22; 3. (Shurmaine Spurlock, Taylor Kain, Byanka Villereal, Kelsey Wilson) Rocksprings, 4:40.20; 4. (Megan Mason, A. Homsley, T. Reid, R. Peterson) Iraan, 4:48.63; 5. (Shiny Templeton, Shianne Stephens, Erin Akin, Hailey Avalos) Rankin, 4:50.76

**100 M Hurdles:** 1. Sylvia Iwoula, Nueces Canyon, 15.81; 2. **Rhapsody Swyter, Eldorado, 17.84**; 3. Jamie Meeks, Irion County, 18.20; 4. Caitlin Gulihur, McCamey, 18.33; 5. Bristen Creech, Wink, 18.89; 6. C. Cagle, Iraan, 19.28

**300 M Hurdles:** 1. Kelsey Wilson, Rocksprings, 50.69; 2. Lori Sparks, Irion County, 50.79; 3. **Rhapsody Swyter, Eldorado, 52.74**; 4. Caitlin Gulihur, McCamey, 53.06; 5. Hailey Avalos, Rankin, 54.25; 6. Bristen Creech, Wink, 56.09

**Long Jump:** 1. Sylvia Iwoula, Nueces Canyon, 16'-2"; 2. Lori Sparks, Irion County, 16'-1"; 3. Stacy Bradford, McCamey, 15'-7 1/4"; 4. **Bridgett Mitchell, Eldorado, 15'-3"**; 5. Haile Davis, Rankin, 15'-1 3/4"; 6. Sierra Honea, Irion County, 15'-0"

**Shot Put:** 1. Amanda Longorio, Forsan, 34'-4 1/2"; 2. Stormy Williams, Nueces Canyon, 33'-3 1/2"; 3. Trinity Walker, Wink, 33'-1"; 4. L. Ybarra, Iraan, 31'-7 1/2"; 5. Ashley Heflin, Irion County, 28'-7 1/2"; 6. **Abbie Ussery, Eldorado, 27'-9 1/2"**

**Discus:** 1. L. Ybarra, Iraan, 106'-9 1/2"; 2. Ashley Heflin, Irion

County, 106'-7"; 3. Stormy Williams, Nueces Canyon, 104'-9 3/4"; 4. Trinity Walker, Wink, 100'-11 3/4"; 5. Clarissa Flores, Irion County, 97'-11 3/4"; 6. Amanda Longorio, Forsan, 95'-1 1/2"

**Triple Jump:** 1. Shyanna Duenas, Irion County, 32'-11"; 2. Sierra Honea, Irion County, 31'-1"; 3. Stacy Bradford, McCamey, 31'-0"; 4. Keisha Sellers, Wink, 28'-9"; 5. Taylor Kain, Rocksprings, 28'-8 1/2"; 6. Hailey Avalos, Rankin, 28'-5 1/2"

**High Jump:** 1. Stacy Bradford, McCamey, 4'-10"; 2. Haile Davis, Rankin, 4'-10"; 3. Bristen Creech, Wink, 4'-8"; 4. **Haley Higgins, Eldorado, 4'-6"**; 5. R. Galindo, Iraan, 4'-6"; 6. Shyanna Duenas, Irion County, 4'-6"

**Pole Vault:** 1. Kelsey Wilson, Rocksprings, 12'-0"; 2. Toni Stroup, Iraan, 8'-6"; 3. Kyli Bird, Irion County, 8'-0"; 4. Katie Homsley, Iraan, 8'-0"; 5. Shelby Jones, Forsan, 7'-0"

**"JV BOYS" DIVISION**

**Points 1.** Iraan 152.5 2. **Eldorado 123**; 3. Rankin 94.4; 4. Wink, 82.5; 5. Irion County, 70; 6. Rocksprings 41; 7. Forsan 23; 8. Corner Stone, Greenwood

**100 M Dash:** 1. Nathan Henley, Forsan, 12.50; 2. Chaves, Wink, 12.70; 3. Shane Calvert, Iraan, 12.76; 3. Kolten Self, Forsan, 12.76; 5. Tye Smith, Irion County, 12.99; 6. Cody Cagle, Iraan, 13.23

**200 M Dash:** 1. **Eloy Bustos, Eldorado, 25.13**; 2. Miles Mikeska, Eldorado, 25.88; 3. Kolten Self, Forsan, 26.83; 4. Pedraza, Wink, 27.02; 5. **Marcos Medrano, Eldorado, 27.46**; 6. Valentine Gomez, Irion County, 27.49

**400 M Dash:** 1. Mendoza, Wink, 59.68; 2. Larry Galindo, Iraan, 1:01.67; 3. **Juan Escobar, Eldorado, 1:01.91**; 4. Pruet, Rankin, 1:03.69; 5. **Marcos Medrano, Eldorado, 1:04.97**; 6. Kemp, Wink, 1:06.53

**800 M Run:** 1. Harbin, Wink, 2:20.36; 2. K. Fee, Rankin, 2:24.34; 3. Rogers, Wink, 2:24.36; 4. Tellez, Rankin, 2:41.39; 5. **Juan Escobar, Eldorado, 2:45.78**; 6. **Marty Powell, Eldorado, 2:54.44**

**1600 M Run:** 1. K. Fee, Rankin, 5:51.71; 2. Jacob Carson, Iraan, 6:01.81; 3. Clayton Dowell, Iraan, 6:06.72; 4. Lance Lumpkins, Rocksprings, 6:11.84; 5. Rowdy Tackett, Rocksprings, 6:24.34

**3200 M Run:** 1. Jacob Carson, Iraan, 12:55.53; 2. Clayton Dowell, Iraan, 13:02.93; 3. Lance Lumpkins, 2. Rocksprings, 13:33.91; 4. Rowdy Tackett, Rocksprings, 13:41.59

**4 x 100 (400 M) Relay:** 1. (Miles Mikeska, Anthony Mata, Eloy Bus-

tos, Jesus Sanchez) Eldorado, 48.89; 2. (Larry Galindo, Kendrick Vela, Terry Galindo, Chago Rodriguez) Iraan, 49.04; 3. (Gabe Acosta, Walker Hooten, Dylan Walter, Fabian Muniz) Irion County, 49.42; 4. (Mendoza, Chaves, Abila, Kemp, Wink) 51.51; 5. (Pruett, J. Sanchez, Lance, Martinez) Rankin, 51.74;

**4 x 200 (800 M) Relay:** 1. (Miles Mikeska, Anthony Mata, Eloy Bustos, Jesus Sanchez) Eldorado; 1:42.19; 2. (Chago Rodriguez, Kendrick Vela, Dustin Messina, Terry Galindo) Iraan, 44.17; 3. Gabe Acosta, Brenham Blavier, Walker Hooten, Dane White) Irion County, 1:48.14; 4. (Harbin, Chaves, Abila, Pedraza) Wink, 1:48.23; 5. ( J. Sanchez, Lance, J. Fee, Martinez) Rankin, 1:48.55;

**4 x 400 (1600 M) Relay:** 1. (Lance, J. Sanchez, Martinez, K. Fee) Rankin, 4:02.29; 2. (Larry Galindo, Brandon Shipman, Terry Galindo, Kendrick Vela) Iraan, 4:02.60; 3. (Mendoza, Rogers, Abila, Pedraza) Wink, 4:04.78; 4. (Fabian Muniz, Valentine Gomez, Dylan Walter, Brenham Blavier) Irion County, 4:08.41

**110 M Hurdles:** 1. J. Fee, Rankin, 19.97; 2. Brandon Shipman, Iraan, 20.98; 3. Terrence Pullin, Rocksprings, 24.61;

**300 M Hurdles:** 1. Terrence Pullin, Rocksprings, 50.52; 2. **Jesus Sanchez, Eldorado, 52.34**; 3. J. Fee, Rankin, 52.55;

**Long Jump:** 1. Chago Rodriguez, Iraan, 17'-10 3/4"; 2. **Anthony Mata, Eldorado, 17'-0 1/4"**; 3. Adam Zuniga, Iraan, 15'-9 1/2"; 4. Martinez, Rankin, 15'-9"; 5. Lance, Rankin, 15'-7 3/4"; 6. Terry Galindo, Iraan, 14'-9 3/4"

**Shot Put:** 1. **Anthony Mata, Eldorado, 37'-9 1/2"**; 2. **Briley Ledbetter, Eldorado, 34'-10"**; 3. Tye Smith, Irion County, 34'-4 1/2"; 4. **Ben Wipff, Eldorado, 33'-1"**; 5. Miquel Chavez, Iraan, 31'-3"; 6. Dylan Tate, Irion County, 31'-2";

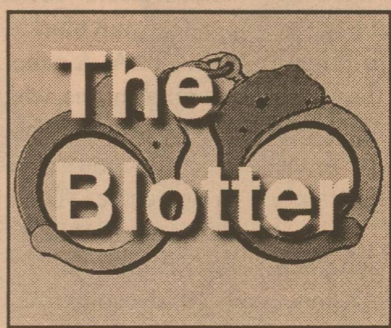
**Discus:** 1. **Anthony Mata, Eldorado, 95'-5"**; 2. Boggess, Wink, 94'-0"; 3. Pruet, Rankin, 92'-11"; 4. Hugo Rios, Eldorado, 84'-0"

**Triple Jump:** 1. Chago Rodriguez, Iraan, 36'-3 1/4"; 2. Brenham Blavier, Irion County, 35'-8"; 3. Larry Galindo, Iraan, 33'-11"; 4. K. Fee, Rankin, 31'-8 1/2"; 5. Tristan Clay, Forsan, 29'-0 1/2"; 6. Rowdy Tackett, Rocksprings, 26'-10 1/4"

**High Jump:** 1. Dylan Walter, Irion County, 5'-4"; 2. K. Fee,

Rankin, 5'-2"; 3. Chaves, Wink, 5'-0"; 4. Clayton Dowell, Iraan, 4'-8"; 5. Dustin Messina, Iraan, 4'-6"; 5. Harbin, Wink, 4'-6"

**Pole Vault:** 1. Fabian Muniz, Irion County, 10'-0"; 2. Trey Meeks, Rocksprings, 9'-6"; 3. Dylan Foster, Iraan, 9'-0"; 4. Terry Galindo, Iraan, 9'-0"



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. Accidents 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**

**March 8** • Barrietos, Uriel, male age 17, offense Graffiti.

**March 11** • Harris, Bennett D., male age 43, offense Public Intoxication.

**INCIDENTS**

**March 4** • 9:14 p.m. Caller reported a reckless driver on North Hwy. 277.

**March 5** • 12:15 a.m. Officer reported a water leak under the sidewalk at the Middle School. Attempts to contact the school maintenance personnel were unsuccessful. Contact was made with a coach.

**March 7** • 10:28 p.m. Caller requested an officer escort to the bank. Officer responded.

• 10:19 p.m. Caller reported three harassing phone calls to their residence. Subject requested to speak with an officer.

• 11:21 p.m. Caller reported someone had sprayed painted the walls at the car wash. Officer responded.

**March 09** • 6:57 p.m. Caller re-

ported a gray Mazda 626 passing on the right hand side of road. SC Sheriff Office contacted Tom Green County and informed them of the vehicle.

• 7:49 p.m. Caller needed information for the San Angelo Police Department.

• 8:00 p.m. 911 Caller requested an ambulance for a medical emergency. EMS and Officer responded.

• 8:28 p.m. Emergency management system reported an elderly woman had fallen and requested an ambulance. Officer and EMS responded. Officer had to force front door open as the injured woman was in no condition to open it.

• 8:55 p.m. Caller reported 10 head of cattle out on CR 119. Officer responded.

**March 10** • 1:52 p.m. Caller reported a grass fire on CR 339 Rudd Road. Fire started by welder.

• 4:08 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for ALCS transfer to San Angelo hospital.

• 4:54 p.m. Complainant reported harassment by daughter's ex-husband. Subject driving by home shouting obscenities. Officer responded.

• 9:32 p.m. Complainant reported an annoying customer that would not leave store. Officer notified.

**March 11** • 4:57 p.m. Caller reported a man walking down the highway. Driver almost hit walker. Officers responded.

**BIRTHDAY LIST**  
**MARCH**

- 13th Martha B. Henderson, Jamie Hardy, Tim Seymore, Kayla Kotsch
- 14th Lori Neubert, Mary Pina, Pat Gentry, Carrie Covarrubiaz
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- 16th Bobby Phillips, Sydney Dean, Jed Edmiston, Alan Dykstra, Jessie Guadarrama, Vickie J. Williams
- 17th Juan Arispe Sr., Mary Spears
- 18th Jo Helen Kotsch, Anna Buitron, Heather Hughes, Ken Thomas, Christy Brown, Nancy Hernandez, Victoria Eliza Pina, Anna Aguilar
- 19th Jodi Ritter, Jamey Belk, Gary Ben Stephens
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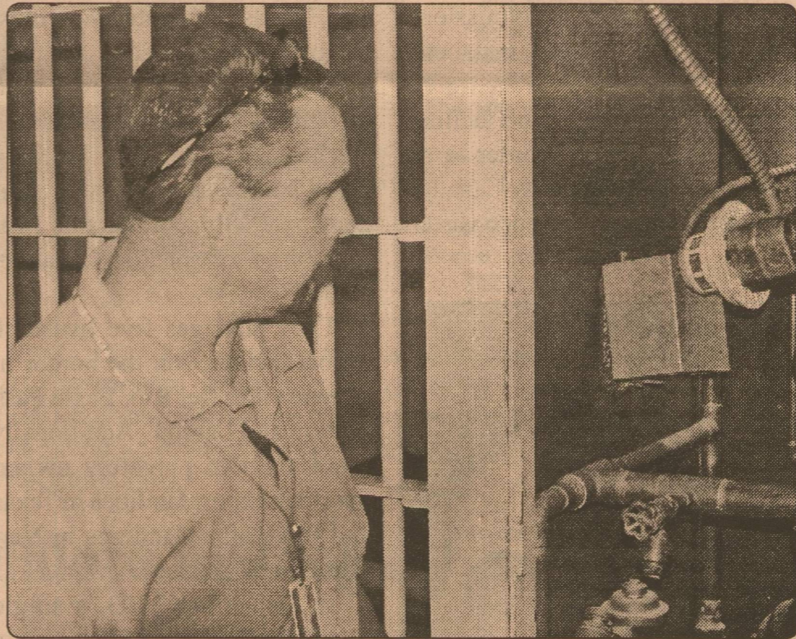
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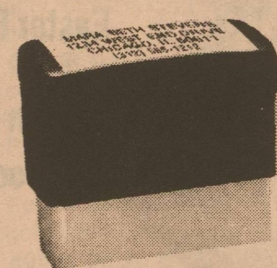
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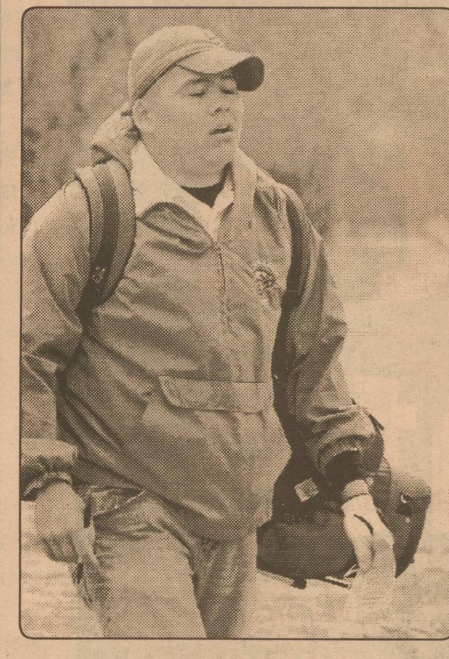
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Most holidays are fixed to a specific date, like Independence Day on July 4 and Christmas on December 25. But two widely celebrated holidays vary from year to year—Thanksgiving and Easter.

Thanksgiving, a religious holiday in the minds of many, is officially a civil holiday. It was originally a harvest festival in what is now Canada in the late 1500s, and in what became Massachusetts in the early 1600s. In some, but not all, of the earliest years of U.S. history Thanksgiving was celebrated by annual presidential proclamations through 1815.

Then there were none until President Lincoln resumed the holiday as the last Thursday of



# Stargazer

Paul Derrick

## Why is Easter So Early This Year?

November. In 1941, Congress and President Franklin Roosevelt set the date as the fourth, rather than last, Thursday in November, reportedly succumbing to pressures from the business community to extend the time for Christmas shopping.

Easter, however, is a holiday of Christianity. It celebrates the religion's foundational belief that following his execution, Jesus briefly came back to Earthly life

and then ascended into heaven. In that this event was linked to the Jewish Passover, the date for Easter was originally linked to Passover.

The date for Passover is based on the Hebrew lunisolar calendar that regards both the solar (seasonal) year and the phases of the Moon. Lunisolar calendars, which have been used by many cultures, probably predate all modern religions.

So given its roots, it's not surprising that Easter is based on a lunisolar calendar and linked to the spring season. No longer tied to Passover, Easter is now celebrated on the first Sunday following the full Moon which falls on or after March 21, the symbolic first day of spring. (Astronomically, the first day of spring varies from March 19-21.)

Unless the formula is modified, Easter will never fall earlier than March 22 or later than April 25.

Naked-eye Planets. (The Sun, Moon and planets rise in the east and set in the west due to Earth's west-to-east rotation.) Evening: Mars is high overhead with Saturn well up in the east. Morning: Brilliant Venus and Mercury are hovering near the east southeastern horizon at dawn while Jupiter is higher in the southeast and Saturn is setting in the west.

Astro Milestones. Mar. 13 is the 227th anniversary of William Herschel's 1781 discovery of Uranus from Bath, England. Mar. 14 is the 129th birthday of Albert Einstein (1879-1955).

*Stargazer appears regularly in The Success. Paul Derrick is an amateur astronomer who lives in Waco. Contact him at 918 N. 30th, Waco, 76707, (254) 753-6920 or paulderrickwaco@aol.com. See the Stargazer Web site at stargazerpaul.com.*



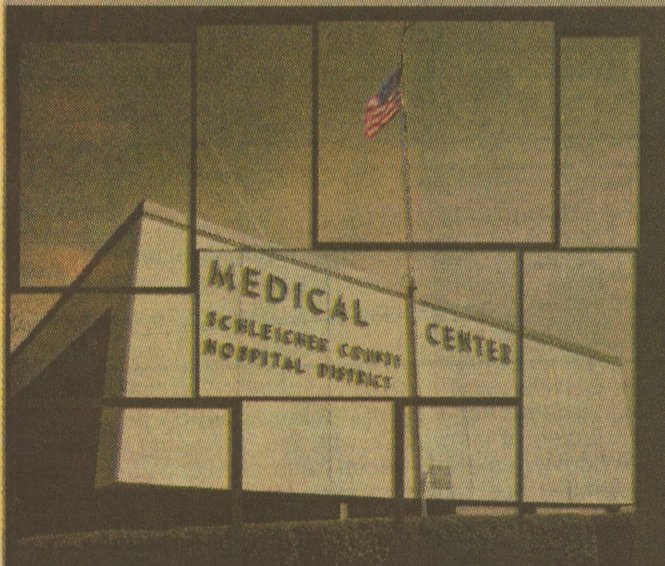
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Answer to Sudoku on Page 3

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6	4	7	8	5	9	2	3	1
8	3	9	2	7	1	6	4	5
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## Complete Sentences...

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because they're easier to match up."

"Yeah... I don't have a huge problem with that." I pulled up my pant leg to show him my purple knee highs with pink and white daisies.

Okay, I bombed. I stuffed popcorn into my mouth before I said or did something even more

stupid and let my husband handle the next inquiry.

"Great seats, huh?" the man said, referring to the fact that we were sitting directly in front of the handicapped section with not a wheelchair in sight.

"My husband answered, "Yeah, unless three crippled basketball players with large hairdos come in."

Crash and burn. I handed him the popcorn. Perhaps a complete sentence was not necessarily needed that time.

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Solution to puzzle on Page 6

Where's Ed?

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