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DPS says: Use commonsense when picking Bluebonnets!

Each Texas springtime brings flowers to fields and roadsides and a question to the minds of nature lovers — is it really illegal to pick bluebonnets?

The answer is no — there is no law against picking our State Flower. However, there are laws against criminal trespass — so make sure you're not on private property when you stop to take your annual kids-in-the-bluebonnets photo.

There are laws against damaging or destroying rights-of-way and government property — so pick a few flowers, but don't dig up clumps of them and don't drive your vehicle into the midst of them.

Remember, Mother Nature and in many cases, your fellow Texans, scattered wildflower seeds along medians and roadways so that everyone could enjoy spring flowers.

For the safety of yourself and others, as well as to limit your ticketability:

There are laws against impeding traffic — so be careful about slowing down to enjoy the view.

Pick areas with light traffic conditions for stopping.

Signal before leaving or entering the roadway.

Park off the roadway (off of improved shoulders), parallel to the road in the direction of traffic, on the same side of the roadway that the flowers are on. Don't walk or run across lanes of traffic to get to the flowers.

Obey signs that prohibit parking on a particular stretch of roadway.

And remember that in addition to a ticket, snakes and fire ants also could put more blue in your day than you bargained for.

Sunrise Service planned for Easter Sunday

The Eldorado Ministerial Alliance will host an Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 8, 2007 in the Schleicher County Memorial Building. Rev. Jean Ann Carm, pastor of The First United Methodist Church of Eldorado encourages everyone to attend the once-a-year event. There is no admission charge and the public is invited to worship the Risen Savior.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Old and New Modes of Transportation

A helicopter load of sightseers (background) returned from a trip around Eldorado as Wes Davis (with ball cap) and Gareth Swinford (seated in buggy) participated in goat races on the Schleicher County Courthouse square Saturday during the 5th annual Elgoatarod festival held here last Saturday and Sunday.

Fun for all at Elgoatarod festival

After a week of thunderstorms, high wind and heavy rainfall, Saturday morning dawned bright and clear for the 5th annual Elgoatarod festival. By mid-morning, crowds of patrons were enjoying shirt-sleeve weather as they browsed through the line of arts and craft booths and lined up to watch the first round of goat races. The beautiful weather, ordered specially for the event by organizer Jim Runge, would last throughout the weekend.

Helicopter rides were the new attraction at this year's Elgoatarod. A seven-seat whirlybird owned by Good Times Helicopter Company of Naples, Florida carried hundreds of people up and over Eldorado and on slightly longer flights to the YFZ Ranch.

As usual, the goat racing, goat pill flipping and goat kissing contests were big hits with spectators and participants.

The otherwise carefree weekend was marred by one controversial setback. Jim Runge reports that all 73 entrants in the Chigger Races tested positive for steroids,

resulting in the disqualification of the entire field.

"We've been working hard to attract the Winter and Summer Olympics to Eldorado," Runge commented after news of the Great Chigger Debacle leaked to the news media. "But this shouldn't be viewed as a bad thing. The International Olympic Committee was impressed with the thoroughness of our drug testing procedures and with the fact that we wouldn't back down and let some chiggers in just to have a race. They are incorporating some of our testing techniques for the Beijing Olympics."

Other entertainment included the New Austin Polka Band, which performed both days, as well as the Lone Star Cloggers from San Angelo and the Eldorado Energizers clogging team.

An assortment of food and drink booths, arts and craft vendors, as well as games for the youngsters rounded out the event and helped make this year's Elgoatarod festival one of the most successful in the event's five-year history.

Jeffs' attorney spars with Feds over evidence

Attorney Richard Wright filed papers last Friday in a Nevada federal court in which his co-counsel, Walter Bugden, asked to postpone a hearing concerning evidence seized when Warren Jeffs was arrested during a traffic stop near Las Vegas on August 28th of last year.

The lawyer petitioned the court to stay any upcoming hearings while a Federal judge in Utah considers new issues related to the evidence.

The motion seeks to prohibit the release of "confidential and privileged religious records" under the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

Wright filed motions in Nevada shortly after Warren Jeffs was arrested asking for the return of evidence seized at the time of his arrest. Jeffs' lawyers are now asking that a federal judge in Utah rule on the new emergency motion. If that happens, the earlier Nevada petition will probably be dismissed.

In part, the motion says, "The government's retention of these sacred materials offends the most basic principles of the FLDS religion and violates Mr. Jeffs' rights under the First Amendment and (Religious Freedom Restoration Act)."

Warren Jeffs, the self-proclaimed prophet of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, faces trial in Utah on charges of Rape as an Accomplice for allegedly arranging and performing underage marriages. He faces similar, if somewhat less serious charges in Arizona. Jeffs is also under federal grand jury indictment on a charge of Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution. He was on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted List at the time of his capture.

Jeffs lost a round of rulings in Utah District Court last week when he sought to have the Rape as an Accomplice charge tossed out for being "unconstitutionally vague." He also failed in his efforts to have his trial moved out of southern Utah. Attorney Walter Bugden had argued that pre-trial publicity makes it impossible to seat an impartial jury.

Federal prosecutors replied Tuesday to the claim that the evidence should be protected because of its religious nature.

U.S. Attorney Jared Bennet filed a motion stating, "Defendant is being prosecuted because he fled to avoid prosecution, not because of the religious organization to which he belongs... the United States is not using this information to determine who belongs to defendant's church, but rather whether defendant violated the law."



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

SWTEC representative Eddie Albin shows Janell Pechacek and Josh Burleson a sheet of \$2 bills he obtained at the Washington Mint during an earlier rural youth trip to the U.S. capital. Pechacek and Burleson will be making such a trip this summer after winning the annual essay contest sponsored by SWTEC.

Pechacek and Burleson win rural electric youth trip to Washington, D.C.

Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative manager Buff Whitten announced names of winners of an essay contest, sponsored each year by the Co-op. Area youths whose winning essay qualified them for an expense-paid Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. are Josh Burleson and Janell Pechacek, both students at Eldorado High School.

Josh is the son of Johnny and Debbie Burleson. He is a senior and is active in sports, UIL Ready Writing, and is a member of the National Honor Society. Josh is active in the First Baptist Church and will graduate early this May after three years of high school.

Janell is the daughter of Sydonia and Dan Pechacek. She is a junior at Eldorado High School. She participates in band, and UIL computer applications and interpretive speaking. Janell will be representing EHS at the state solo and ensemble band competition at the end of May.

The idea for the Government-in-Action Youth Tour sprang from a suggestion by then-Senator and future President Lyndon Johnson that electric cooperatives send young people to the capital to "see what the flag stands for".

Youth Tour participants will enjoy the best of Washington, D.C., touring the Smithsonian Institute, Mount Vernon, the Vietnam Memorial, Arlington Cemetery, Ford's Theater, the FBI building, the White House, the Supreme Court and many other famous sites. They will also be visiting their Congressman's office and the House of Representatives and the Senate.

They will be among 100 young people from all over Texas participating in the tour of the nation's capital city, June 7th-15th, 2007. Almost 1500 young people from cooperatives across the U.S. are expected to participate in this year's tour.

Hispanic-American museum is flawed idea

It passed the House by unanimous voice vote in February, and last month a bipartisan group of senators made sure there was a friendly hearing on legislation to establish in Washington, D.C., what is provisionally called the National Museum of the American Latino Community.

There you have it, a few of my favorite things. You have an absence of partisanship, you have no sign of dogmatic ideologues pushing agendas, you have liberal Los Angeles Mexicans uniting with conservative Miami Cubans. And at the heart of it all, you have the seeds of a museum that will

showcase contributions Hispanics have made to the United States starting two and a half centuries before there even was a United States. The museum has the potential to finally bring Hispanics into the narrative of American culture and U.S. history.

I should think it's a fantastic idea. So why do I feel uneasy about the whole thing?

Because if this becomes a separate Latino museum, organizationally distinct and physically apart from other museums in Washington, it will end up reinforcing the image of Hispanics as outsiders too exotic to ever be part of the national mainstream.

To be sure, my doubts about the project are accompanied by my agreement with its goals: ignorance about the history of Hispanics in the United States (or better yet, in what is now the United States) is profound, and needs to be corrected.

Neither am I opposed, as a general principle, to museums that concentrate on a particular people. I'd love to see the Jewish museums in New York and Miami Beach, the Italian American Museum in New York, the Museo ItaloAmericano in San Francisco, the Irish American Heritage Museum near Albany, N.Y. I have seen, and been impressed by, some of the dozen or so museums dedicated to different aspects of the Hispanic experience, such as El Museo del Barrio in Spanish Harlem, which describes itself as "New York City's only Latino museum dedicated to Puerto Rican, Caribbean and Latin American art."

None of those has the specific mission of telling about the history and arts of Hispanic people in the U.S., and to do it without regard to national origin or geographic location so that it is inclusive of people who came here from Mexico, Spain or Paraguay, and whether they went to Tampa in 1887 or San Antonio in 2007.

That is precisely the mission assigned to the proposed National Museum of the American Latino Community. It's a good and necessary mission. But because this project is official, not private, it can only accomplish its mission if fully within the official institution that has long represented what this country is all about -- the Smithsonian.

The Smithsonian already has a Hispanic division, called the Smithsonian Latino Center, which the sponsors of the Latino museum legislation rightly argue is underfunded. Efforts should go there, not toward creating a separate organization. Showing Hispanics integrating into America's cultural and historical mainstream cannot be done outside the institution world famous for showcasing America's cultural and historical mainstream.

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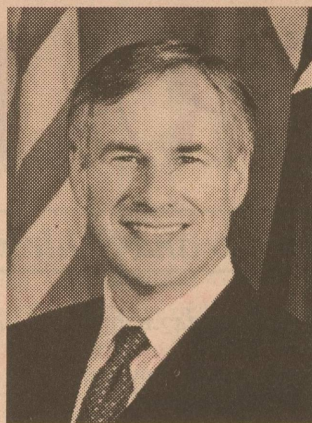
Preparing teens for responsible parenting

Four out of five Texas High School students will become a parent at some point in their lives. Parenting is one of the most rewarding and challenging opportunities these Texans will ever experience. Unfortunately, Texas leads the nation with parents who have children before their 18th birthday. One has to ask, "How prepared for the responsibilities of parenting is the next generation of Texas parents?"

As caring adults, we have an obligation to equip young people with information they need to make informed decisions about the future. It makes common sense to provide information to students about the life changing legal, emotional, and financial realities of becoming a parent -- with emphasis on the added consequences of becoming a parent while still a teen. Beyond the obligation, there is the opportunity to help young Texans -- and the next generation of parents -- understand the responsibilities and rewards of raising a family.

That is why the Attorney General's Office of Family Initiatives developed two programs that promote responsible parenting and teach teenagers skills for building strong, stable families.

p.a.p.a. (Parenting and Paternity Awareness) is an innovative curriculum distributed to educators and community professionals across the state that teaches young



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adults about the rights, responsibilities, and realities of parenting.

The curriculum focuses on the importance of father involvement, the value of paternity establishment, the legal realities of child support, the financial and emotional challenges of single parenting, and the benefits of both parents being involved in a child's life.

p.a.p.a. stresses that young people need to attain a certain level of maturity and independence before they become parents. The curriculum encourages teenagers to evaluate their own readiness for parenthood and plan ahead to make realistic decisions based on a solid understanding of the legal and practical consequences of parenthood.

During the last three years, the Attorney General's Office has trained approximately 1,500 teachers, school counselors, nurses, community youth workers, and parent educators in the use of the p.a.p.a. curriculum. Senator Royce West and Representative Joe Deshotel recently filed legislation, Senate Bill 1381 and House Bill 2176 respectively, that would help make this curriculum available to students on a statewide basis.

The No Kidding: Straight Talk from Teen Parents program trains and equips young parents to deliver educational presentations to students in middle and high school about the realities of being a young parent.

No Kidding educators use their experiences as young parents to deliver a memorable message about paternity establishment, father involvement, the responsibilities and challenges of parenting, the importance of financial independence as a parent, and benefits of a marital relationship.

In Austin and El Paso No Kidding operates in collaboration with local school districts, community based organizations, local foundations, and local workforce development boards. In the spring semester of 2006 alone, more than 2,000 Texas high school students participated in the No Kidding program.

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House passes version of state budget for 2008-2009

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — The Texas House of Representatives on March 30 passed House Bill 1, the state budget for the 2008-2009 biennium.

The budget totals slightly more than \$150 billion, an increase of 5.4 percent from the previous biennium. Note: the figure does not include the \$14.2 billion property tax relief passed a year ago in the Third Called Session of the 79th Legislature.

Speaker Tom Craddick said that compared with the state's population growth and the rate of inflation since that time, the increase embodied in HB 1 is fiscally conservative, leaving a \$4.2 billion surplus to carry forward to the next state budget cycle.

When compared to the present 2006-2007 budget, education received a \$3.6 billion increase, covering the Teachers' Retirement System, financial aid and additional funding for public schools and higher education. An amendment to HB 1 gives teachers an across-the-board \$850 annual pay increase.

More than \$2.5 billion was added to health and human services for increased Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program costs, improved provider rates for physicians and other healthcare professionals, increased trauma funding for hospitals, and a new mental health crisis stabilization program.

Corrections received nearly \$600 million to meet projected inmate population growth and increase border security.

Before debating HB 1 on the House floor, members voted to require that any new spending item added to the budget must be accompanied by removing another item of equal value.

If the House version of the budget does not square with the Senate version, differences will be debated in a conference committee of House and Senate members.

Report shows costs of obesity

A new report commissioned by Comptroller Susan Combs shows obesity-related costs set Texas businesses back an estimated \$3.3 billion in 2005 and could cost employers about \$16 billion annually by 2025.

The dollar amount includes cost of health care, absenteeism, decreased productivity and disability.

Combs commented on the report, "Counting Costs and Calories — Measuring the Cost of Obesity to Texas Employers."

"Nearly two-thirds of our state's adult population is currently overweight or obese, and because of the alarming rise in obesity, we decided to communicate what stake Texas businesses have in stemming the obesity crisis," she said.

"The costs are shocking, and the future could be very grim if we don't take action now to reverse this trend. The trend in obesity is avoidable — not inevitable — but we must take action now."

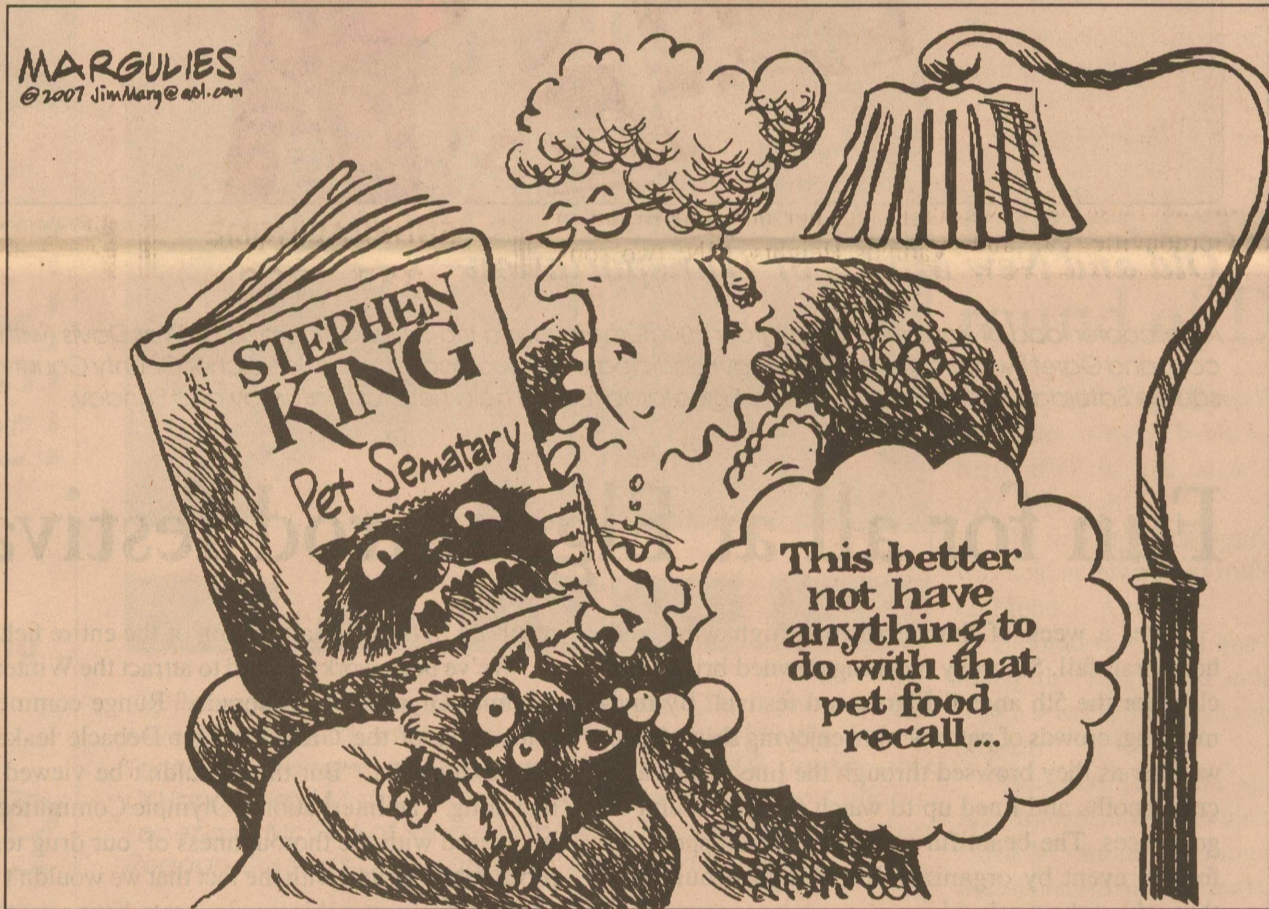
Perry signs 'Castle Doctrine' bill

Gov. Rick Perry on March 27 signed into law Senate Bill 378, extending Texans' rights to use deadly force for self-defense in their home, vehicle or workplace. The law takes effect Sept. 1.

Under SB 378, Perry said, a person's right to stand their ground extends beyond the home to vehicles and workplaces, allowing reasonable use of deadly force when an intruder is:

- Committing or attempting to com-

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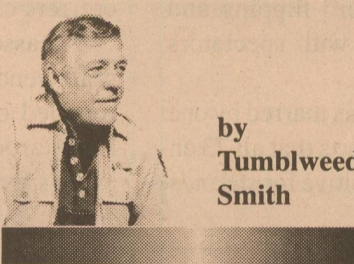


The Fascinating Patricia McCormick

For the past year or so I have been working on a video documentary about Pat McCormick, the famous lady bullfighter in the 50's and 60's. She is 77 years old now and looks like she could get into the bullring today. The video will be shown at the Heritage Museum in Big Spring on April 10 during a tribute to Pat McCormick. Pat will be on hand with some of her artwork and is planning to demonstrate some of her bullfighting moves. Her swords, clothing and personal effects from her bullfighting years will be displayed.

She spent much of her time after bullfighting in California working as a secretary for an art school and doing some drawings of horses, bulls and bullfighters. She seldom mentioned her bullfighting days. Her neighbors didn't even know about her fame.

Pat grew up in Big Spring and attended Texas Western College in El Paso (now the University of Texas at El Paso). While studying art, she crossed the border and in Juarez started training to become a bullfighter. Her first fight was in September of 1951. That led to a contract for nine fights and



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her career was launched. She fought professionally from 1952 to 1962, receiving top billing at all her fights. She is the first female American bullfighter and the only woman ever admitted to the bullfighters union.

During her career, articles about her appeared in Newsweek, Time, Life, Sports Illustrated and other magazines and newspapers all over North and South America and Spain. She was a guest on the TV Show, WHAT'S MY LINE. Ernest Hemingway wrote about Pat. She became friends with movie stars. Her artwork appeared in galleries and museums as far away as Taiwan.

She quit the ring when bullfighting went into decline. Bulls were getting smaller and she didn't want to fight small bulls. All over Mexico, bullrings were being torn down to make way for

parking lots and Wal-Mart stores. Pat settled down to a quiet life in Pebble Beach, California. After living there 13 years she moved to Midland. She would probably have remained in seclusion had it not been for a longtime fan of hers, Gary Humphries of Del Rio. While he was at a bar in Ciudad Acuna, he saw a picture of Pat on the wall. He remembered her coming to his house while she was recuperating from a severe goring. His mother was a friend of Pat's nurse and the nurse brought Pat over for a visit.

Gary started a search for her and after months of phone calls all over the US and Mexico he found her in Midland. He convinced her to move to Del Rio, where she has become the toast of the town. People see her on the street and recognize her. At a restaurant, people ask her for an autograph. She makes speeches and has been guest of honor at Acuna's annual Running of the Cows, held in April every year.

Pat is extremely unassuming and can't imagine all this sudden attention, but says it is wonderful to be remembered.

OBITUARIES



James Bradley Dockal

SAN ANGELO — James Bradley Dockal, 63, went to be with his Heavenly Father on Thursday, March 29, 2007, surrounded by his family.

Funeral service was Sunday, April 1, at the First Baptist Church of Mason.

Pallbearers were Don Jones, Calvin Schovajsa, Bob Bracher, Kenneth Dye, Gary Gibson and Kary Gibson. Burial followed in Bethel Cemetery in Katemcy, Texas. Services were under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

James was born June 14, 1943, in Mason, Texas, to Jesse Beard and Elsie Gamel Dockal. He was employed for over 20 years with Aermotor Windmills and was the foremost authority on Aermotor Windmills. He was recognized throughout the water well industry as the expert on Aermotor Windmills.

He was a very devoted and loving father and grandfather. James was loved by many friends and will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his daughter, Staci Leigh Jones; a son-in-law, Keith C. Jones; three granddaughters, Kelci Jones, Jessica Jones and Amber Jones, all of San Angelo; and four sisters, Beverly Jeffrey of Houston, Cecilia Prendergast of San Antonio, Paula O'Dell of Huntsville and Sherry Gibson of Eldorado.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society.

Gary Dan Griffin

ELDORADO — Gary Dan Griffin of Eldorado passed from this earth on Wednesday, March 28, 2007.

Dan was born July 5, 1941, to Jack and Virginia Griffin in San Angelo, Texas. He worked for 43 years in his own business, growing his full-service gas station into a wholesale fuel business, Griffin Fuels.

The last few years of his life were clouded by illness, but he continued to pursue his dreams. He truly enjoyed seeing a new shiny truck running down the highway with his name and family crest on the side.

Dan was preceded in death by his parents; and his older brother, Derl Griffin.

He is survived by his sons, Curtis and wife Debby, Craig and wife Cynthia, and Kelly Griffin. He is also survived by his longtime companion, Hazel Medders; and ex-wife Judy Robinson. He also leaves behind his pride and joy, his grandchildren, Lindsey and husband Jon Parker, Will Griffin, Katie Griffin, Meg Griffin, Alexis Griffin, Tera Griffin, Hailey Griffin, Clayton Griffin and Kolby Griffin; and, very special to him, great-grandsons Seth and Cade Parker.

Surviving siblings are brothers Lynn and wife Sylvia, and Johnny and wife Julie; sisters Joan and husband Paul Sanders and Karen and husband Sam Henderson Jr. Uncle Dan, the Candy Man, is also survived by many nephews and nieces and their families.

Pallbearers were his grandsons, Will Griffin and Jon Parker; nephews Kirk, John R., Clint and Cy Griffin, and Houston Henderson.

Honorary pallbearers were

grandsons Clayton and Kolby Griffin, Jimmy Gilstrap, Jim Womack, Jim Burns, Bill Clark and Tony Torres.

Service were held Saturday, March 31, at First Baptist Church of Eldorado. Graveside service followed.

We will miss and always love our Daddy, Grandpa, friend, brother and boss. Rest in peace, your struggles are done

Alyssa Nicole Collins

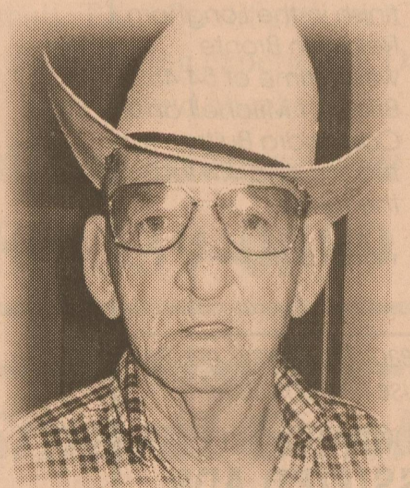
SONORA — Alyssa Nicole Collins, 5, of Sonora passed at her family's home on Tuesday, March 27, 2007. She was born to Evan and Lindsey Collins on Jan. 22, 2002, in Lancaster, Pa.

Alyssa was preceded in death by her great-grandfather, Darrel Alley; and great-grandparents Lee Roy and Nell Whitworth.

She will be missed by her parents, Lindsey and Evan Collins; stepparents Kristi Collins and Jody Boggs; siblings Nathaniel Childress and Shay Boggs of Sonora; paternal grandparents Becky and Mac McAngus of Sonora, and Bill and Patricia Collins of Gordonville, Pa.; and maternal grandparents Suzanne and Steven Whitworth of Sonora; honorary grandparents Brad Hull of Sonora and Linda Boggs of Abilene; great-grandparents Doris and Rayford Hull of Sonora, Roy Lynn and Sue Taylor of Kerrville, and Caryol and Doug Collins of Stewart, Fla.; aunts and uncles Jessica Collins of San Angelo, Steve and Amity Ponsetti of Austin, Jackie Crawford of Eldorado and Alex Tirado of Gordonville, Pa.; and many great-aunts and uncles, Carla and Rusty Garner, Scott Alley of Houston, Beth and Randy Settle of Granbury, Brenda and Tommy Valiant of Sonora, Bruce and Kitty Bartz of Humble, Texas, Bobby and Janis Bartz of San Angelo, and Albert and Kay Bartz of Midland.

Alyssa had many family members who will miss her and remember her in their hearts forever.

Funeral service was Saturday, March 31, at St. John's Episcopal Church in Sonora, Texas. Burial followed in Sonora Cemetery.



Ruben "Sonny" Hoser Jr.

ELDORADO — Ruben "Sonny" Hoser Jr., 77, passed away Monday March 26, 2007 at the Schleicher Co. Medical Center in Eldorado, TX.

Sonny was born on March 3, 1930 in Cuero, TX to Ruben Sr. and Lucille Schostag Hoser.

He lived most of his life in Cuero. Occasionally, he would move to be closer to family for help and support but always went back to the place he called home, "Cuero".

Sonny was a hard and versatile worker. He enjoyed working with his brother David in the Dallas area building homes. He also did road construction work and truck

driving. His last job was spent at Griffin's Auto Sales where he worked with his good friends Mr. Griffin and Bruce Brown.

In 1962, Sonny and Earline were forced to give up their five children. This was a very difficult and sad time in his life. Sonny always kept a bundle of old family pictures in hopes that one day he and all his children would be reunited.

January 11, 1993 two of his daughters Lori and Lisa visited Cuero to meet Sonny for the first time since they had been separated over 30 years prior. On April 2, 1993 Sonny traveled to Eldorado where he was reunited with all 5 children and their families. This must have been the happiest day of his life. From there Sonny took his 5 children and their families to Cuero to see their birthplace. Sonny then reunited them with his mother, their grandmother, Lucille in Alice.

Sonny lived a long and full life and had a family who loved him very much. We'll always remember his favorite sayings "mighty fine" and keep it as one of our own sayings.

In the last year of his life, Sonny chose to move to Eldorado to be with his oldest daughter and her husband. He knew he needed their special love and care.

His parents Ruben Sr. and Lucille Hoser and two brothers Charles and Wesley Hoser preceded him in death.

He is survived by: three daughters, Lori Stricklan and her husband Rick of Eldorado, Lisa (Brassfield) Gilmore and her husband Ernest of Bryan and Connie (Hurberty) Ogle and her husband Bryan of Vadnais Heights, MN; two sons, David Lee Davis of Victoria and Christopher Treptow of Bryan; one brother, David Hoser and his wife Sue of Garland, 12 grandchildren, Melanie and Traci Stricklan, Johnny Brassfield, Tod Pherstad and his wife Mandi, Jessica, Jennifer and Adam Hurberty; 1 great granddaughter Brandi Pherstad. He also had 4 nieces, 1 nephew and many other relatives and friends.

Visitation was held on March 27, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Freund Funeral Home in Cuero, TX. Rev. Bill Gleason officiated the graveside services were held at 11am March 28, at Hillside Cemetery in Cuero, TX.

Life is God's gift to you. The way you live it is your gift to God.

Birdie Pearl Lee Fogle Fischer

HASKELL — Birdie Pearl Lee Fogle Fischer passed away Friday, March 23, 2007, in Hendrick Hospital Hospice Care Unit. Service was at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 25, at East Side Baptist Church with James Bigham officiating, under the direction of Holden McCauley Funeral Home, Haskell.

Birdie was born June 1, 1918, in the Ivanhoe Community in Fannin County, Texas. Her parents were John E. and Nora Jones Fogle. Birdie became a Christian when she was 11 years old. She moved to Haskell on Feb. 14, 1934, to live with an older sister who was ill. They had a welcome party that night where she met Walter Fischer. They were married Nov. 3, 1934. She and Walter had a farm and cattle operation until they retired. After they retired, they moved to Haskell, where Birdie was an active member of East Side Baptist Church.

While in Plainview, she was an active member of the Plainview Baptist Church. Birdie and Walter were fortunate to be weekend hosts, sharing their home and love for

many young pastors through the years at Plainview Baptist Church. Birdie loved to cook, and her homemade donuts were a hit no matter where she took them. She was an excellent seamstress and worked for a time at Lane-Felkers in their alteration department.

She taught herself to crochet at an early age. Over her lifetime she crocheted and gave away many doilies, clothes, tablecloths, dishcloths, etc. She also won numerous blue ribbons for her crochet.

Birdie is survived by a son, Walter E. Fischer, and wife Jo of Paint Creek; two daughters, Sue Morris and husband Doug of San Angelo, and Sharon Lusk and husband Bobby Joe of Haskell. There are 10 grandchildren, Gena and John Trice of Alvord, Linda and Steve Roussel of Rowlett, Kay and David Creek of Eldorado, Terry and Tina Morris of Fairview, Jeff and Sharie Morris of San Angelo, Denise and David Alexander of Georgetown, Amy and Chris Helm of Round Rock, Shannon and Rob Kitley of Rule, and Stephen and Michel Lusk of Lubbock. There are 20 great-grandchildren. She had one sister, Bernice Kinkeade of Sherman; and two sisters-in-law, Henritta Fischer of Seguin, and Frances Fischer of Haskell. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, three sisters and four brothers.

Birdie leaves a long legacy of family and friends who will miss her, but will be reunited with her in heaven.

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Weekly Sudoku Puzzle
 by Linda Thistle

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Ivany Sanchez took the handoff from Johnny Mejia as the Eldorado Eagles 400 Meter Relay team set a blistering pace at the Longhorn Relays last Saturday in Bronte. The team of Mejia, Sanchez, Ryan Castillo and Wes Brown placed 1st with a time of 46:40.

Eagles tracksters place 2nd in Longhorn Relays

The Eldorado Varsity boys were runner up at the Longhorn Relays in Bronte on Saturday, March 31st. The boys scored 89 points and finished 2nd to Winters who scored 117. All field events were cancelled Saturday morning due to the heavy rainfall.

Eldorado's 400m relay team finished first with a time of 46.40. Members of the team included; Johnny Mejia, Ivany Sanchez, Ryan Castillo, and Wes Brown.

The 1600m Relay team also finished first with a time of 3:42.84., and includes Dustin Ramirez, Castillo, Mejia, and Sanchez.

Ryan Castillo won the 200m dash in a time of 24.22. Wes Brown was second in the 100m at 11.43, and third in the 200m running a 24.50. Ivany Sanchez was 5th in the 100m with an 11.90.

Dustin Ramirez finished 2nd in the 400m run, with 54.43, and Johnny Mejia placed 6th. Josh Hash had a pair of 3rd place finishes in

the 3200m and the 1600m.

With only six girls running, the Eldorado girls placed 6th overall; with 30 points. Chelsey Hill, Hayley Higgins, Bridgett Mitchell, and Cassandra Buitron placed 3rd in the 400m relay with a time of 54.45. They also placed 5th in the 800m relay with a time of 1:56.36. Mitchell also placed 4th in the 100m with a 13.62. Rhapsody Swyter had a pair of 4th place finishes in the 100m hurdles and the 300m hurdles. Claudia Pasillas was 5th in the 3200m run with a time of 15:39.

The track teams will be traveling to Roscoe Thursday April 5th for their district meet. Teams competing in district 11-A include, Christoval, Eldorado, Forsan, Hamlin, Irion County, Menard, Miles, Roscoe, and Rotan. The top four places in each event will advance to the area meet on Thursday, April 12th at McMurry University in Abilene.



Errors cost Lady Eagles first loss of district season

Team bounces back for 12-2 win over Menard

The Eldorado Lady Eagles softball team dropped its first game in the District 2-1A season on Tuesday, March 27th when a string of five errors in the sixth inning combined to give the Miles Lady Bulldogs four runs. That would be enough to defeat Eldorado by a 4-3 margin.

"I hate to harp on errors," Coach Brian Daniels said after the contest, "but even one error can cost you a close game and we gave up five in one inning."

The team wouldn't dwell on the loss, however, as they came back the following Friday to defeat the Menard Lady Yellowjackets 12-2.

Bridgett Mitchell turned in a solid performance on the mound. She faced a total of 17 batters, giving up no hits and walking four in

the five inning affair.

Again, the error monster showed itself as the Lady Eagles allowed two runs to cross in the third inning on a series of three errors. But the Eldorado girls weren't about to allow a repeat of Miles performance. They dug down, played solid defense and Bridgett Mitchell slammed the door on any comeback hopes the Menard team might have had.

Mitchell is 9-3 this year and 5-1 in district.

The Lady Eagles overall record is 11-3 and 6-1 in district.

The team was slated to travel to Forsan on Tuesday, April 3 and the next home game will be April 12 against Eden. The results of those games will be featured in next week's Success.

Eagles baseball team downs Forsan 16-11

The Eldorado Eagles baseball team managed a 16-11 win over the Forsan Buffaloes on Wednesday, March 28 in Forsan despite some sloppy defensive play.

The Eagles fell behind 3-0 in the first inning after going scoreless in the top of the first and then giving up three runs in the bottom. But the Warbirds came roaring back and tallied seven runs of their own in the top of the second inning.

The offensive rally seemed to have an effect on the Eagles defense. Louie Buitron and Sammy Estrada both made diving catches in the outfield to stymie the Buffaloes.

Eldorado would scratch out a few more runs in the middle innings, but gave up a couple of runs as well. The score was 16-7 as the game entered the bottom of the seventh. With Forsan facing a do or

die situation, the Buffaloes rallied to make a game of it. Couple that with a couple of misplayed balls on the part of the Warbirds and Forsan pulled to within five. But 16-11 would be as close as the Warbirds drew a line in the sand then refused to let the Buffaloes cross it.

Following the game, Coach Geoff Pilcher praised the work his pitcher Rance Cathey.

"Rance threw all seven innings and did a great job on the mound," Pilcher stated.

"All in all, we didn't play as well as I know we can," Pilcher added. "but a win is a win and we'll take it any way we can get it."

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Schleicher County 4Hers received a 4th place ribbon in the District 7 Consumer Decision Making Contest held recently in Coleman. They are L-R: Austin Stapp, Ethan Hulsey, Nickie Herrera and Lane Griffin.

Local youths vie for honors at District 7 4H contest

Eight members of the Schleicher County 4H Club traveled to Coleman to compete in the Dist. 7 Consumer Decision Making Contest. In this contest, the kids compare different products, and basically decide which product is a better purchase. Our kids did very well placing 4th and 5th in the Intermediate division.

4Hers competing were: Austin Stapp, Ethan Hulsey, Nickie Herrera, Lane Griffin, Ryan Espinosa, Miranda Arispe, Avery Nolen, and Brian Parsley.



County Agent's Update

by Cory Stevens

I would also like to send out a big THANK YOU to Holly Griffin for coaching this team. Holly has spent a great deal of her time, energy and money with the 4H club this year, and we really appreciate her.



Schleicher County 4Hers received a 5th place ribbon in the District 7 Consumer Decision Making Contest held recently in Coleman. They are L-R: Ryan Espinosa, Miranda Arispe, Avery Nolen and Brian Parsley.



Beta Sigma Phi Report

by Barbara Jackson

Nine member were present to honor members during candle light ceremonies on Tuesday, March 27, 2007. President, Glenda Harris read the moving ceremony as Linda Delvelchia was presented her pledge pin welcoming her into Kappa Delta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

Following the pledge ceremony Mary Leigh Dunagan and Barbara Jackson received their beautiful Master pins crested with a single ruby stone and pearls. Ms. Harris read the ceremony which honored them for years of service to Beta Sigma Phi.

During the business meeting the group voted to donate to the Cancer Drive Relay for Life,

Dorothy Dacy reported that the walk was an interesting event and that any member could take part even though the chapter as a whole didn't think that they had enough members to participate as a group. There are two cancer survivors in the chapter membership and each are thankful for research that has helped them survive.

Maggie Lloyd gave the program on Wild Flowers in Texas. She distributed beautiful photos of flowers for members to enjoy.

Ms. Harris served as our hostess serving vegetables, dips drinks and chicken salad sandwiches. Others there to enjoy the festivities were: Flora Hubble, Kim'et Nelson and Mary Nolen. Glenda Harris won the sunshine gift.

EOBOC to sponsor Easter Egg hunt in Hysterical District

The Eldorado Olympic Bid Organizing Committee will conduct a free Easter egg hunt this Sunday at the Hysterical District in the south part of town. The hunt will start at 1 PM on Sunday, April 8, and children will be divided by age groups.

An Easter bonnet contest will also be held with the winner receiving a special prize. Merchants or individuals wishing to donate candy eggs, etc. may drop them off at Rosa's Casita Restaurant anytime this week.

Nursing Home Chit Chat



by Activity Director Annie Arispe

Once a week the residents and I sit around and reminisce about the good old days. Jim Martin, Board Member, said, "maybe they are called 'The good old days' because they are in the past, now."

As we were talking about outhouses, a resident remembered when he was eleven years old, "our family of nine kids and our parents lived in a very small two-bed-room house. Because there were so many of us in such a small house there was no way to be alone if you felt angry, like screaming, pouting, or saying a few swear words, (we knew better than to let Mom or Dad hear any of that!) So, when we felt the urgent need to be alone, we headed for the outhouse. If you were lucky, the outhouse would be available, and you could quickly get inside, slam the big wooden door, reach up high, and get the hook and eye locked the door. Finally, you could be alone and safe where you could sit and think or cry or curse. Sometimes something in that Sears and Roebuck catalogue would catch your eye and help you forget why you came there. Perhaps you might even be fortunate enough to have

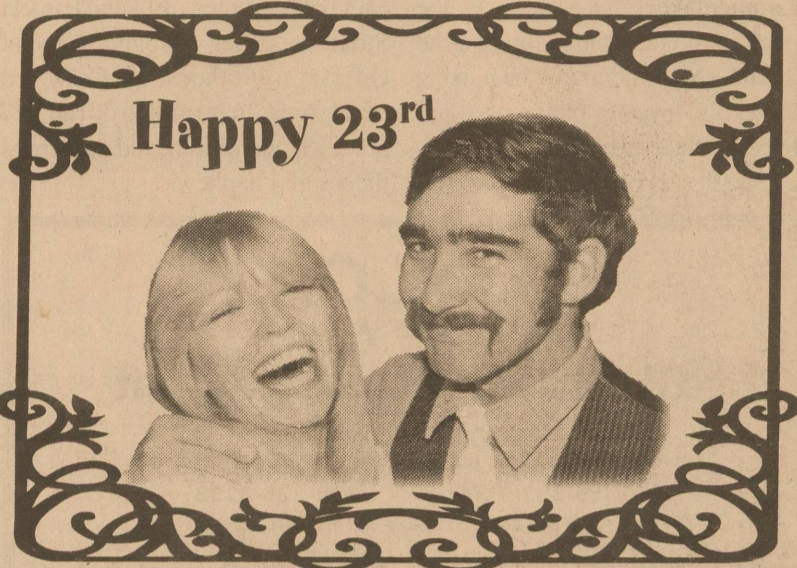
the person you were mad at need the outhouse while you were in it. That's when you could really get even!"

Stay tuned for more, "good old days" stories told by our residents.

The groups are going to enjoy decorating their own paper bird-houses to brighten the windows and walls of their rooms.

Birds are colorful and graceful to watch and a pleasure to hear. We fill birdbaths with water for them, and we place feeders near the residents' windows. Thanks for the volunteers that are coming to help on the patio.

The 6th graders have been enjoying exercise with the residents and helping to plant flowers on the patio area.



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Head Start registration slated for April 12 and 13

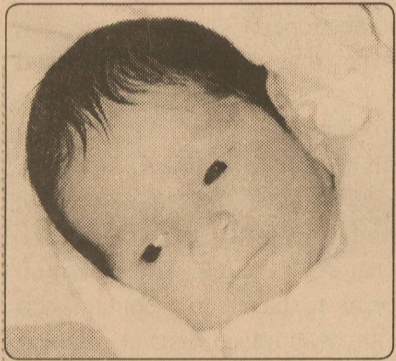
Eldorado Head Start will be holding registration on April 12, 2007 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and on April 13, 2007 from 10 a.m.

to 6 p.m.

The registration will be on 826 N. Divide at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church Annex.

The child must be 3 years old by September 1st. Child may register on 3rd birthday with a Diagnosed Disability. The following documents are required to complete an application: 1. Proof of current income (TANF, SSI, current W-2, 1040, child support or letter from employer (stating hourly wage & hours worked per week) 2. Birth Certificate; 3. Social Security Card; 4. Immunization Record; 5. Food Stamp Case Number (if applicable); 6. Proof of Medicaid, Chips or Private Insurance (if applicable).

For more information contact Susie Rameriz at 325-853-3366.



COURTESY PHOTO Christian Matthew Martinez

It's A Boy!

Joseph and David are proud to announce the arrival of their new baby brother Christian Matthew Martinez.

Christian was born on February 14, 2007 at 12:03 a.m. He weighed 6 pounds and 1 ounce and was 18 1/2 in length.

Welcoming Christian are his proud parents Luiz and Crystal, along with great-grandmother, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Meals for Friends Menu

Monday, April 9

Roasted Chicken, Pinto Beans, Spinach, Corn Bread, Cherry Cobbler and Milk

Tuesday, April 10

Chicken & Rice Casserole, Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Peach Halves, Chocolate Cake

Wednesday, April 11

Roast Beef w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Brussels Sprouts, Wheat Rolls, Brownie w/Nuts, Juice/Milk

Thursday, April 12

Pork Chop w/Gravy, Baked Potato, Yellow Squash, Corn Bread, Pineapple, Waldorf Salad, Milk

Friday, April 13

Hamburger, Oven Baked Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, & Onion, Bun, Carrot Salad, Fresh Apple and Milk

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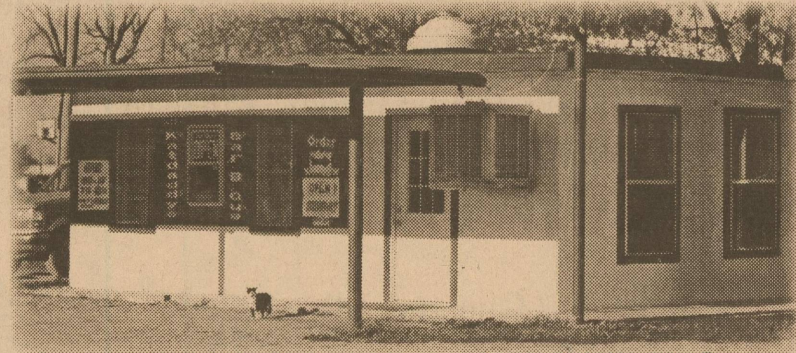
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There's another important reason why kids should be involved: It can help prepare them to make good decisions on their own about the foods they want to eat. That's not to say that your child will suddenly want a salad instead of french fries, but the mealtime habits you help create now can lead to a lifetime of healthier choices.



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OBITUARIES

Dorothy E. Clark

Dorothy E. Clark, 80 of Crane, and formerly of Eldorado, Texas passed away on Monday, April 2, 2007 in Crane Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Private memorial services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Home of Crane.

Mrs. Clark was born on August 12, 1926 in Ranger, Texas. She was a homemaker and a Baptist. She loved to play the piano and the organ for the residents at the nursing home. She loved to play bingo, and loved to make everyone laugh.

She is survived by ten children.

Sons, James Blackman and his wife Rhonda of Sonora, Robert Blackman and his wife Oksana of Midland, Gary Whiddon of El Paso, Mark Whiddon of Eldorado, Donald Whiddon of Andrews, Ronald Whiddon and his wife Carolyn of Andrews, Keith Whiddon and his wife Linda of Crane, and Timothy Whiddon of Andrews; daughters, Beth Adamson and her husband Gene of Claremont, FL, and Pamela Stokes and her husband Tony of Odessa; a brother, Earl Crawford of Crane, 26 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.



Four Eldorado women are taking English as a Second Language classes at the Christian Women's Job Corps in San Angelo. They are pictured here (L-R) Rebecca Duran, Grace Buckbee (ESL teacher), Hanni-Atun Gower, Maria E. Duran, and Olga Cuellar, CWJC Site Coordinator (standing).

Local women attend ESL classes in San Angelo

Four Eldorado women, Hanni-Atun Gower, Rebecca Duran, Maria E. Duran, and Julie Rebuck are currently attending Christian Women's Job Corps (CWJC) in San Angelo. The women are taking advantage of English as a Second Language (ESL) classes taught this semester by Grace Buckbee of San Angelo. The purpose of Christian Women's Job Corps of San Angelo is to provide a Christian context in which women in need are equipped with the skills needed for life and employment. The spring semester started March 20th and will last for eight weeks. The ladies travel to San Angelo three days a week. Various church groups and individuals provide lunch for those enrolled in the program.

Hanni-Atun Gower, originally from Jakarta, Indonesia, is the wife of the late George Gower. She has two children, Catharina Hans of Killeen and Gajah Mada Gower stationed in South Korea. Both are graduates of Eldorado High School. Hanni-Atun also has 3 beautiful grandchildren. Hanni-Atun finished the 9th grade in Indonesia. She later married George and moved to the United States. Hanni-Atun recently said, "I'm very happy and excited to take these classes and learn English so I can get a good job!"

Rebecca Duran and her family moved to Eldorado just over a year ago from Acuna, Coah, Mexico. Patterson Drilling Co. employs Rebecca's husband Salvador. They have 3 children: Marisna age 10,

Bernabel age 15, and Salvador age 16. They are currently attending school in Eldorado and have learned English very quickly. Rebecca attended 1-11th grade and later graduated from secretarial training in Mexico. Rebecca said she is very thankful to God for the opportunity to improve herself, and she's thankful for the women who volunteer their time and interest in people who don't speak English.

Maria E. Duran and her family also came to Eldorado from Acuna, Coah, Mexico. They have lived here for the past 7 years. Maria's husband Simon is employed by Albert Torres. They have 2 sons, Jose W. and Simon who both graduated from EHS and a daughter Karina. The Duran's also have one grandson, Efrain, age 7 who attends Eldorado Elementary School.

Julie Rebuck, who is also taking the ESL class, lives in Eldorado with her husband Paul who is employed by SWTE Co-op. She has 3 children who attend school in Eldorado.

CWJC is designed to minister to the whole person. It is a "hand up" and not a "hand out" program. CWJC's goal is to help women go from dependency to self-sufficiency. This program is available to participants at no cost. The staff consists of volunteers who give of their time to help these women.

The fall semester will begin in September of 2007.

Sign Up For 1st annual Relay For Life

It is not too late to get a team together for the 1st annual Relay for Life to benefit the American Cancer Society.

The event will start May 18 at 7:00 PM at the Eldorado football stadium with the survivors and caregivers starting the relay.

Our goal is 10 team this year and we have 6.

Next scheduled team meetings are as follows:

April 10th 6:30-7:30 Initial team registration due (\$25.00)

April 17th 6:30-7:30 T-shirt sizes and outstanding fees

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May 17th 5:30-7:30 Bank Night (teams turn in all collected funds and donations)

If you are interested in sponsorship or underwriting please contact Evelyn Gordon at ggordon06@verizon.net or 853-4010.

If you would like to participate as a survivor or caregiver please contact Jim Wyatt at jim.wyatt@scisd.net

If you would like to purchase luminaries in memory or honor please contact Susie Richters at susie.richters@scisd.net

Notice: April 16 tax rendition deadline rapidly approaching

AUSTIN —Texas Comptroller Susan Combs reminded Texas businesses this week to render their property with county appraisal districts by April 16. "To render" is to list the taxable inventory, furniture and fixtures, machinery and equipment and other property a business owned or managed as of Jan. 1, 2007. Appraisal districts may use the information to set property values.

"Rendition helps county appraisal districts appraise business property fairly and accurately," Combs said. "If some businesses are not paying their fair share of property tax, it places a greater tax burden on other business owners and homeowners."

Rendering allows property owners to record their opinion of their property's value and ensures that the appraisal district sends them a notice before changing a value on their property. Owners do not have to render exempt property, such as church property or a farmer's equipment used for farming.

If more than one appraisal district appraises a property, the property owner should render in each appraisal district office.

Property owners who need more time to file their renditions

may file a written request with the chief appraiser on or before April 16 to receive an automatic extension to May 15. The chief appraiser may also grant an additional 15 days after the May 15 deadline if necessary.

The Comptroller's office also reminds owners whose property was damaged by a storm, flood or fire last year that they may file a special decreased value report that could lower their final tax bills. Property owners have until April 16 to file the decreased value report, which indicates their property's condition on Jan. 1, 2007.

Rendition forms and decreased value report forms are available from the appraisal district or the Comptroller's office. The rendition forms ask for the property owner's name and address, general description of property by type or category and the property's location. For property with an aggregate total of more than \$20,000, the property owner also must provide a general estimate of quantity of inventory and the owner's good faith estimate of the property's market value. The owner may provide the historical cost when new and the year the property was acquired rather than the good faith estimate.

For more information about rendering property, deadline extensions, penalties and rendition forms, taxpayers may contact their county appraisal district office, e-mail the Comptroller's property tax division at ptd.cpa@cpa.state.tx.us or call the property tax hotline at 800-252-9121. In Austin, call (512) 305-9999. The Comptroller's forms are available on the Web at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxforms/02-forms.html.

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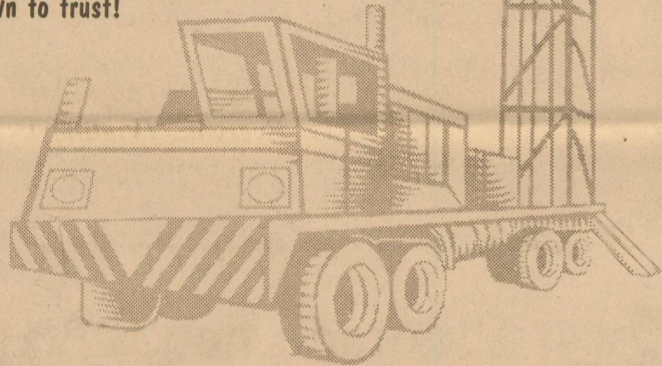
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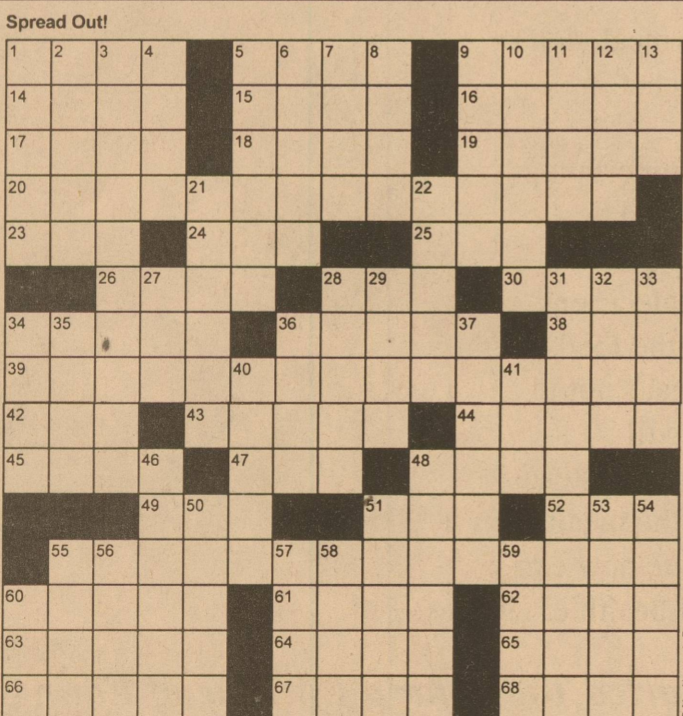
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- "Who's Who" group
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- "Shoot"
- Claiborne of fashion

- ___ a Rebel" (1962 hit)
- Yogi Bear's hangout
- Mediterranean nation
- Spinach is rich in it
- "Rule, Britannia" writer Thomas
- Still for rent
- Durante's

- prominence
 - "___ it my way" (Sinatra lyric)
 - Victor at Gettysburg
 - Took a gander at
 - Salon applications
- DOWN**
- Crockett's last stand
 - Ring-tailed primate

- McCartney's main instrument, in the Beatles
- Primer pooch
- Enticement on a stick
- Commentators' pages
- Quickly, in memos
- Act the couch potato
- Not relaxed
- Pleased as punch
- Communion or baptism
- Marquee name
- Slithery swimmer
- Roomy dresses
- Wing it on stage
- End of Ripley's slogan
- Better equipped
- F.A.O. Schwarz goods
- Bowler-wearing comic of old
- Bird on Canada's dollar
- Mall aid
- "In memoriam" item
- Like a churl
- Michael Jackson hairdo, once
- Birthing training
- ___-dink (two-bit)
- Restroom, informally
- Fountain treat
- Like many defeated wrestlers
- Roofing material
- On the run
- Banks in Cooperstown
- Depot postings, for short
- Eyre of literature
- Jazzy Fitzgerald
- Trig function
- "Iliad" city
- Receipt word
- Close-lipped



See solution on Page 8

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- Shot Records
- Social Security Card
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Capital Highlights...

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mit a violent crime, such as murder or sexual assault;

- Unlawfully trying to enter a protected place; or
- Unlawfully trying to remove a person from a protected place.

The law also provides civil immunity for a person who lawfully uses deadly force.

Senate confirms Kimbrough

The Senate Committee of the Whole on March 28 confirmed Jay Kimbrough as conservator of the Texas Youth Commission.

Kimbrough had been serving as special master of the ailing state agency since early March, when he was appointed to the post by Gov. Perry.

Allegations of sex abuse of inmates and official wrongdoing at the agency are under investigation.

As conservator, Kimbrough has legal authority over the agency. He will act as chief executive, overseeing day-to-day operations while directing the investigation. Already, some high-level officials have left, employee firings are possible and sentences of youths are being reviewed for fairness.

The only senator voting against the confirmation of Kimbrough was Eliot Shapleigh, D-El Paso, who wanted a conservator without close ties to Gov. Perry. Kimbrough is a former staff member of Perry's and a former staff member of Attorney General Greg Abbott.



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Marleny Chavez participated last Thursday in a Free Throw Contest sponsored by First National Bank of Eldorado. The contest, held in the bank's parking lot, offered participants the opportunity to shoot for a chance to win a big screen TV.

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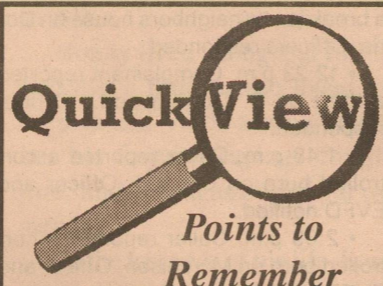
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School Lunch Menu



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BREAKFAST MENU

- Monday, April 9
School's Out
- Tuesday, April 10
Biscuits/Sausage, Jelly, Choice of Juice, Milk
- Wednesday, April 11
Cinnamon Toast, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk
- Thursday, April 12
French Toast/Syrup, Pineapple Tidbits, Choice of Juice, Milk
- Friday, April 13
Buttered Toast/Jelly, Choice of Cereals, Choice of Juice, Milk

BASKET LINE

- Monday, April 9
School's Out
- Tuesday, April 10
Pep. Pizza, Fresh Broccoli/Dip, Sliced Peaches
- Wednesday, April 11
Chef Salad/Dressing, Diced Ham/ Cheese Cup, Crackers (8) Pear Halves
- Thursday, April 12
Chicken Strips/Half Baked Potato, Applesauce, Tossed Salad, Brownies
- Friday, April 13
Cheese Burger's/Chips, Burger Salad, Pickles, Apples

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- Monday, April 9
School's Out
- Tuesday, April 10
Chicken Spaghetti/Hot Rolls, Tossed Green Salad, Early June Peas Sliced Peaches
- Wednesday, April 11
Cowboy Beans/Cornbread, Carrot Stixs/Dip, Potato Salad, Pear Halves
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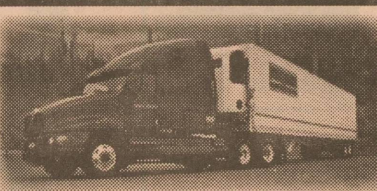
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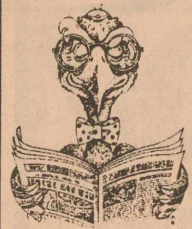
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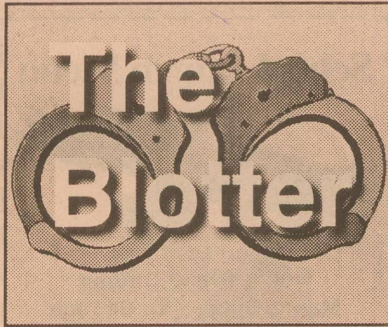


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ARRESTS

March 27 • Hernandez, Benjamin, male age 25, offense Driving While License Invalid. Released on \$1,000 Surety.

March 28 • Constancio, Jason, male age 25, offense Driving While License Invalid. Released on \$2,000 Surety Bond.

March 29 • Estrada, Pedro A., male age 18, offense Possession of Marijuana. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

March 30 • Cantero, Magdaleno C., male age 40. Hold for Irion County. Failure To Appear-Fail To Stop at Stop Sign. Released on \$1,500 Surety Bond.

March 31 • Munoz, Cassandra, female age 25, arrested by Game Warden, offense Deadly Conduct Discharge Firearm. Released on \$5,000 Surety Bond.

Mata, Jorge Arturo, male age 17, arrested by Game Warden, offense Deadly Conduct Discharge Firearm.

Solution to puzzle on Page 6

A	L	B	S	C	O	A	L	T	E	R	S	E			
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Released on \$5,000 Surety Bond.

Mata, Victor Manuel, male age 26, arrested by Game Warden, offense Deadly Conduct Discharge Firearm. Released on \$5,000 Surety Bond.

April 1 • Rodriguez, Jr., Mike McDaniel, male age 21, offense Public Intoxication. Released on Citation.

INCIDENTS

Mar. 27 • 7:59 a.m. Complainant reported a black Chevy pickup traveling at 50-60 mph on Hall Street.

Mar. 28 • Complainant reported a possible power line down on East Street. WTU contacted. Line was not a power line.

2:46 p.m. Complainant reported goats loose in their yard on McKnight Street. City contacted.

March 29 • 9:39 a.m. Caller reported a controlled burn on Hwy. 277 North. Officers and Fire Department notified.

12:49 p.m. Caller reported bees in a bush on Liveoak Street.

1:32 p.m. Caller reported a controlled burn on F.M. 2084.

March 30 • 1:02 a.m. Livestock on highway.

4:20 a.m. Caller reported a minor accident on E. Main.

7:44 a.m. Two cars in bar ditch in 3 inches of hail.

10:27 a.m. Controlled burn on East Hwy. 190. Officer and VFD notified.

4:33 p.m. Complainant reported 3 suspicious juveniles near the post office. Officer responded.

March 31 • 1:03 a.m. Caller reported a domestic dispute near their residence. Officers responded.

5:40 a.m. 911 Call. Caller reported a break in at a neighbors house on Dorris. Officers responded.

12:23 p.m. Complainant reported a theft on S. Cottonwood. Officer responded.

1:48 p.m. Caller reported a controlled burn on CR 108. Officer and EVFD notified.

2:09 p.m. Caller reported a controlled burn on Murchison. Officer and EVFD notified.

3:00 p.m. Complainant reported shots fired near residence on Hwy. 190 West. Subject also reported a gunshot to vehicle. Game Warden responded.

April 1 • 4:16 p.m. Store manager requested an officer. Several bags of fertilizer were taken. Deputy investigated. The matter was resolved.

9:11 Call. Caller asked for help regarding someone being badly beaten near their residence. Officer responded.

April 2 • 9:11 Call. Grass fire 5 miles out on Hwy. 190 West. Officer unable to locate.

7:23 p.m. Complainant called to report a phone scam aimed at the elderly bank accounts, credit cards and other means.

7th grade girls 2nd at GC Meet

The Eldorado 7th grade Lady Eagles finished second at the Grape Creek Middle School Invitational Track Meet held on March 29, 2007. Eldorado had 151 points.

Shot Put: 5. Dacy Whiddon, 22-11.75;
Long Jump: 1. Briannah Creek, 12-7; Abby Fuentes, 11-5; Brianda Torres, 11
Discus: 5. Dacy Whiddon, 55-10; 6. Clarrisa Gomez, 48-7
2400 Meter Run: 3. Sierra Arispe, 11:38.39; Amanda Garcia, 11:38.60; Poli Guerrero, 12:02.15

Triple Jump: 4. Abby Fuentes, 23-400 Meter Relay: 1. Eldorado-58:57
800 Meter Run: JC Rodriguez, 3:08.44
100 Meter Hurdles: 1. Melissa Gonzales, 20:29; 4. Marissa Gonzales, 21:12
100 Dash: 3. Briannah Creek, 14:35
800 Meter Relay: 2. Eldorado, 2:10.05
400 Meter Dash: 3. Ashby Ragsdale, 1:16.34
300 Hurdles: 2. Abby Fuentes, 1:02:66; Kaylee Wilha, 1:06:73
1600 Meter Run: 3. Sierra Arispe, 7:06.39; Amanda Garcia; J.C. Rodriguez, 7:48.66

8th grade girls 4th at GC Meet

The Eldorado 8th grade Lady Eagles finished 4th at the Grape Creek Middle School Invitational Track Meet held on March 29, 2007. Eldorado had 67 points.

Triple Jump: 2. Allyson Jarrett, 30-6
Discus: 3. Brittaney Gauna, 75-8
Long Jump: 2. Allyson Jarrett, 13-8.75
2400 M. Run: 5. Kaitlyn Bluford,

11:44.84
100 Meter Dash: 6. Deisy Aranda, 19:94
400 Meter Relay: 4. Eldorado, 57:55
100 M. Hurdles: Deisy Aranda, 19:94
300 M. Hurdles: 4. Ashley Paulson, 1:00.54
1600 Meter Run: 2. Allyson Jarrett, 29.54 and Amanda Garcia, 30.18
1600 M. Run: 6. Marci Mionor, 7:26.44
1600 M. Relay: 5. Eldorado, 4:56.05

EMS girls team places 3rd at IC Hornet Relays

The Eldorado 7th and 8th grade Lady Eagles track teams each placed third at the Irion County Track and Field Meet held in Mertzon on March 22, 2007.

Eldorado had 133 points. Other team totals: 1. Grape Creek "A" 191.5, 2. Irion County "A" 157.

Long Jump: 2. Briannah Creek, 12.5
Discus: 5. Brittaney Gauna, 68.9
Triple Jump: 3. Allyson Jarrett, 28-11.5

Shot Put: 3. Brittaney Gauna, 23-6
2400 M. Run: 2. Kaitlyn Bluford, 11:26.23; 3. Amanda Garcia, 11:36.46; Brittaney Gauna 11:43.49

800 M. Run: 6. JC Rodriguez, 3:16.32
100 M. Dash: 3. Amy Alvizo, 14.74; Briannah Creek, 14.78; Rosa Iglesias, 15.22

100 Meter Hurdles: 6. Ashley Paulson, 21.28
400 Meter Relay: 3. Eldorado, 58.62
800 Meter Relay: 2. Eldorado,

2:04.98
400 Meter Dash: 5. Ashby Ragsdale, 1:17.13
200 Meter Dash: 1. Allyson Jarrett, 30.42; 5. Brianda Torres, 33:60; 6. Ashby Ragsdale, 33:94
1600 Meter Relay: 3. Eldorado, 5:02.39
300 Meter Hurdles: 2. Abby Fuentes, 59.36
1600 Meter Run: 2. Sierra Arispe, 7:19.37; 5. Marci Minor, 7:34.54

Answer to Sudoku on Page 3

1	8	7	6	4	9	3	2	5
3	2	4	7	5	8	1	9	6
6	5	9	3	1	2	8	7	4
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7	9	5	2	3	1	6	4	8
8	1	2	9	6	4	7	5	3
2	7	8	5	9	3	4	6	1
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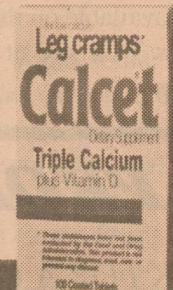
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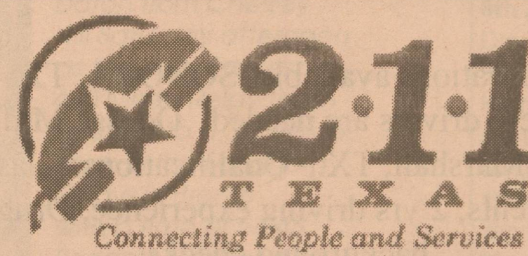
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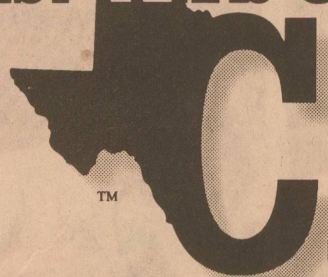
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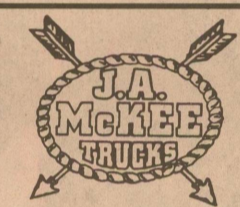
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I want to express sincere appreciation to Sarah Huge, Anita Jones, Annie Arispe, all the wonderful nurses, CNA's and all the staff at the Schleicher Co Nursing Home who so lovingly cared for my father the last year of his life. A special thank you goes to Claude Spencer, my father's roommate and sweet friend.

I am forever grateful to Dr. Gordy Day for his expertise, his great bedside manner and his sincere concern for my father and our family.

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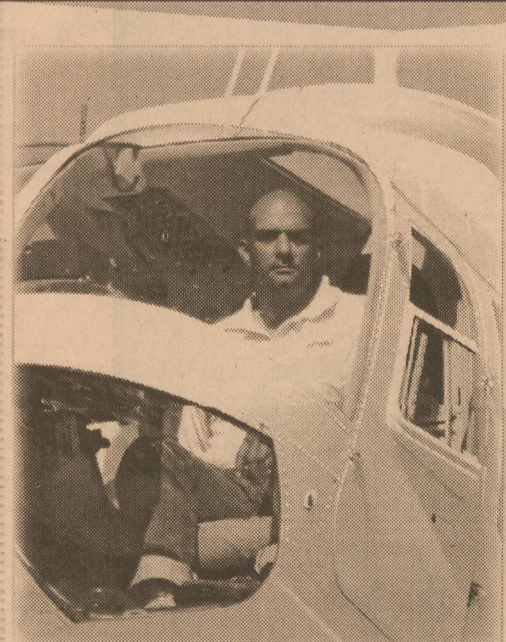
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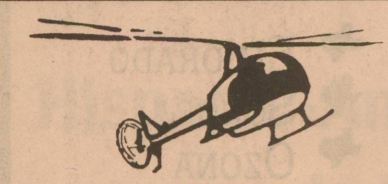
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Baker, Creek, Jarrett & O'Harrow medal at EMS Tennis Tourney

Middle School tennis players Mason Baker, Allyson Jarrett, Jaymie O'Harrow and Brianah Creek all took home gold from Eldorado Middle School Tennis Tournament held Saturday, March 22, 2007.

Allyson Jarrett and Jaymie O'Harrow won the mixed doubles in the 8th grade division against Casey and Schneeman of Reagan County. The duo also defeated Lopez/McGee of Sonora, 8-0 and Matthew/Subia of Wall 8-1.

In 7th grade girls' doubles Amanda Garcia and Sierra Arispé was defeated by Smithwick/Igler of Wall 1-8. The duo then won against teammates Clarissa Gomez/Sanchez 7-3 and then was defeated by Browder/Clark of Reagan County 2-6.

Nelly Hernandez and Clarissa Castro of Eldorado lost to Hernandez and Seaman of Wall 3-6 and then was defeated by Chavarria and Agüero of Sonora.

In 7th grade girls' singles Ashby Ragsdale won the first round against K. Vargas of Reagan County 8-1. Then lost to Scott of Wall 1-8.

In 8th grade girls' singles Carli McAngus beat Casterada of Sonora 9-7 then lost to T. Holesher of Wall 8-9. McAngus then was defeated by Wilde of Wall 5-8.

Brittany Gauna was defeated by Talley of Wall 0-8 and Y. Huerta of Reagan County 1-6.

Ashley Paulson was defeated by T. Holeska of Wall 2-8 and then lost to Garner of Reagan County 0-6.

Brianah Creek won first place in the 7th girls' singles. Creek beat Dorsey of Reagan County 8-1, Constarcio of Wall 8-0 and for the championship H. Jennings 8-4.

In 8th grade boys' doubles Ben Wipff and Jessie Martinez placed third. The duo lost to Weber and Gully of Wall 3-8 and then defeated Delarosa and Deluna of Reagan County 7-6.

In 8th grade boys' singles Mason Baker won first place defeating G. Nichols of Wall 8-4. Baker also defeated J.J. Cestero of Wall 8-4 and M. Wait of Wall 8-4.

Miles Mikeska was defeated by Villapando of Wall 6-8. Mikeska then defeated Patton of Sonora 6-0 and then lost to Cestero of Wall 2-6.

Robert Buchholz defeated J. Munoz of Reagan County 6-8 then lost to M. Wait of Wall 6-8.

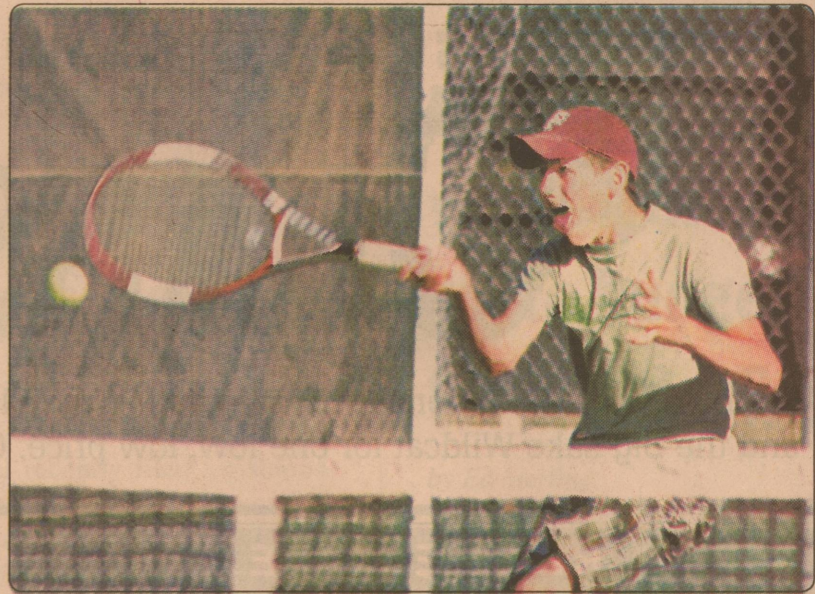


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
Mason Baker took the Gold in 8th Grade Boy's Singles at the Eldorado Middle School Tennis Tournament Saturday, March 31, 2007. Baker won the quarterfinal match against J.J. Cestero of Wall, then defeated M. Wait of Wall in the semifinals before beating Wall's G. Nichols in the final match.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
Brianah Creek won the 7th Grade Singles at the Eldorado Middle School Tennis Tournament Saturday, March 31, 2007. Creek won the Championship Round against H. Jennings of Sonora. She also defeated Dorsey of Reagan County and Constarcio of Wall on the way to the title.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
Eighth graders Allyson Jarrett and Jaymie O'Harrow won the Mixed Doubles Championship at the Eldorado Middle School Tennis Tournament on Saturday, March 31, 2007. Jarrett and O'Harrow beat Matthew and Subia of Wall in the quarterfinals, Lopez and McGee of Sonora in the semifinals, before defeating Reagan County's Casey and Schneeman in the Finals.

Eagles boys 3rd after first round of District 11-A Golf

Eldorado High School boy's golf team currently holds 3rd place berth after the first round at District 11-A Golf.

The first leg of the tournament was held at Riverside Golf Course on Monday, April 2.

Eldorado's Cash Lane is currently the first place individual with a score of 79. He is a member of team 1.

Eldorado Team #1 scored a 372. Individuals scores were: Tyler Doan 97, Adam Dominguez 94, Richmond Adame 102 and Clayton Sauer 103.

Eldorado Team #2 score is 477. Individuals scores were: Clark Meyer 125, Wes Brown 118, Dustin Ramos 107, Garrett Lux 127 and Ryan Castillo 146.

Boy's team standings coming out of round one are: 1. Hamlin 349, 2. Christoval #1 356, Eldorado #1 372; 4. Forsan 375 and Menard 417.

The Lady Eagles hold fifth place position going after the first district round with a score of 512.

Individual scores are: Kirsten Stubbs 108, Maureen Martinez 124, Macy Chatham 139 and Kadie Niblett 141.

Girl's team standings coming out of round one are: 1. Christoval 408, 2. Hamlin 422, 3. Menard 441 and 4. Eldorado 512.

The second round of District 11-A Golf will be held at Riverside on Monday, April 9, 2007.

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