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The 20 City Livability Awards are presented in two population categories — ten awards to cities of less than 100,000 people, ten for cities of 100,000 or more.

Every municipality in the United States is eligible to nominate one or more city government programs in any policy area, regardless of whether the municipality has applied for or received a City Livability Award in previous years. All programs initiated by the city government are eligible, including those developed and implemented in cooperation with private sector and/or community group participation.

Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley, last year's recipient of the First-Place City Livability Award for cities over 100,000, said, "I'm extremely proud to receive this award on behalf of the entire city of Chicago and all of our bicycling enthusiasts. In Chicago we recognize that bicycling is good for our health, our pocketbooks and good for the environment. This is the third time Chicago has received this

award and it's gratifying to know that we are one of the most bicycle-friendly cities in the nation. We have over 50 miles of bike paths, 100 miles of designated bike lanes on our city streets and some 10,000 bike racks, more than any city in the United States. We released our 'Bike 2015 Plan' in last summer which is designed to make cycling an even more important part of Chicago life than it is today. In Chicago, bicycling reduces traffic congestion, conserves limited energy resources, incorporates healthy physical activity into everyday life and reduces transportation costs. Our bicycling initiatives and facilities will continue to rival those of any large city in world. We thank The U.S. Conference of Mayors and Waste Management

for recognizing our efforts."

Eules (TX) Mayor Mary Lib Saleh, who received the First-Place Award in 2006 for cities under 100,000 stated, "In our effort to reduce, reuse and recycle items in Eules and reduce the amount of waste going in to the landfill, an alternative method of dealing with waste was created. Compost-ology, The Science and Fun of Backyard Composting taught residents beneficial alternatives to landfilling yard waste and ways to improve their soil through natural waste reduction. Eules is most appreciative of The U.S. Conference of Mayors and Waste Management for the recognition of our composting educational program. The recognition that comes with the City Livability Award sparked so much more interest in the program that we will continue to educate our citizens and schools."

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Saints and paints

By TERRY LEE GOODRICH | STAR-TELEGRAM STAFF WRITER

EULESS — In the massive painting behind the altar at St. Abanoub Coptic Orthodox Church, Christ is seated on a throne and holds a globe.

The symbolism of Jesus as ruler of the world is obvious. But a closer look reveals the United States, and Texas, and, yes, a shaded area that indicates Dallas-Fort Worth.

"Before I paint, I read. I pray and ask God for his ideas," said George Nashed, 46, an Egyptian artist who began painting icons and murals in the Eules church on South Main Street in October.

The Coptic Orthodox Church is the native Christian church of Egypt and Ethiopia.

The Eules church celebrates its third anniversary March 17, and Nashed, now a church member and Eules resident, expects to complete the art in August.

Nashed, a native of Menya, Egypt, has painted icons at large churches and monasteries in Egypt, France, Italy and Australia. At the Eules church, he has created many images of apostles and saints in the front and back of the church, among them the church's patron saint, St. Abanoub. That saint, depicted as a boy, distributed his

wealth among the poor and was killed for his stand against a Roman governor who persecuted Christians in the early fourth century, church officials said.



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George Nashed's depiction of Christ sitting on a throne with a globe in his hand is behind the altar.

"Before I paint, I read. I pray and ask God for his ideas."

George Nashed,
46, an Egyptian artist

"We love saints," said the Rev. Ghobrial Samaan, the church's pastor. "We believe those who live in righteousness are still alive and watching in heaven, and we like to keep their biographies and remember their lives and works."

Artist was recommended

Nashed was hired after he was recommended by church members who formerly lived in Egypt.

Some of the larger images stretch to the ceiling and require Nashed to work on a scaffold. His hours sometimes are long; he paints when inspiration strikes.

"Sometimes I work from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.," he said.

He has a notebook filled with pencil sketches for inspiration. His wife, Iman, helps him prime and paint the backgrounds gold. Nashed draws the outline of the icons with pencil and uses oil paint to finish them. He uses art supplies from Egypt, along with some from area craft-supply stores, he said.

Such art has been nurtured by the Coptic church over centuries, said Annemarie Carr, an art history professor at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. Greek Orthodox churches also traditionally have icons, she said, but "those are more softly modeled and classical. The Copts have an artistic style of their own.

"Their images are deeply traditional and have very set composition and scheme — but that doesn't limit the creativity of the artist to play," she said.

Whereas much of the world's art uses backgrounds to give the main subject a sense of dimension, Coptic art generally does not.

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"These images activate the space between them and you," Carr said. "The eyes are focused forward, or the figures that are engaged with each other are in three-quarters view. The face is very accessible to the viewer, and colors tend to be vibrant and intense. They engage and refresh the eye."

Newest Coptic church in the Metroplex

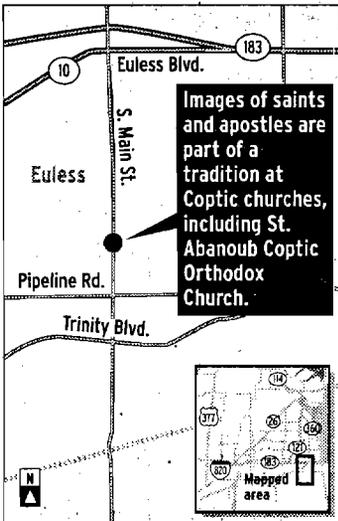
The Eules church, usually attended by about 150 people, is the newest of three Coptic churches in the Metroplex, Samaan said. The others are St. Mary Coptic Orthodox Church in Colleyville, whose members started the Eules church, and St. Philopateer Coptic Orthodox Church in Richardson. An estimated 500 families worship at those churches.

The building in Eules, built about 30 years ago, was purchased from an Assembly of God that met there for several



Much as Michelangelo did in the 16th century, George Nashed uses a scaffold to reach the church walls.

Icon painter



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years, Samaan said.

The icons help make worship meaningful, he said.

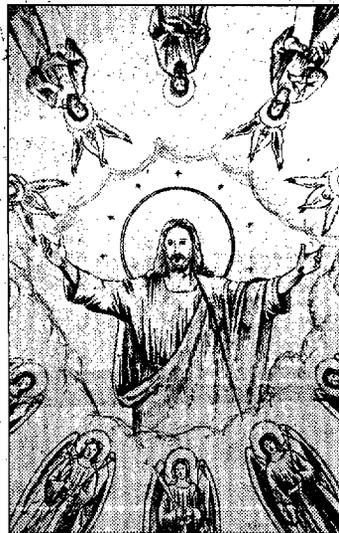


SAMAAN

"I pray on the altar and look into the face of Christ, and it's inspiring," Samaan said. "We don't worship it, but it helps you feel the presence. It's like at home, when you have photos of your wedding, your children, your grandparents. It gives you warmth in the setting."

Some church members occasionally come by and watch Nashed work, he said.

"He's a modern Michelangelo," Samaan said.



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This ink sketch by George Nashed shows Jesus surrounded by archangels and depicts St. Paul's vision of heaven.

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The Rev. Ghobrial Samaan and George Nashed's wife, Iman, move a scaffold so Nashed can reach a new part of the painting at St. Abanoub Coptic Orthodox Church. STAR-TELEGRAM/R. JEENA JACOB

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EULESS

City will collect hazardous trash

The **Crud Cruiser** will take residents' hazardous materials from 9 to 11 a.m. March 24 at the **Eules Municipal Complex**, 201 N. Ector Drive.

Residents can dispose of items such as aerosol cans, batteries, fertilizers, household chemicals, motor oil, paint, pesticides and transmission fluid.

Residents can also take small electrical appliances, such as computers, VCRs and clocks, for recycling.



Jessica DeLeón

The cruiser can take items from only 125 households. Materials can also be dropped off at the **Environmental Collection Center**, 6400 Bridge St. in Fort Worth from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Individuals must show proof of residency, such as a current utility bill.

For information, call 817-685-1410 or log onto www.eules.org/hazmat.

Department awards

The **Eules Fire Department** handed out its annual awards at its banquet last month.

The winners were:
Distinguished Unit Award

— **Robert Hopkins, Jon Evans, Lance Judd, Jerad Gomez, Ken Kelly**

Rookie Firefighter of the Year — **Aaron Schmidt**

Driver/Engineer of the Year — **Tommy Rush**

EMS Provider of the Year — **Ryan Hayes**

Fire Rescue Specialist of the Year — **Jason Moon**

Supervisor of the Year — **Kipper Smith**

Employee of the Year — **Vernon Gilmore**

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INSIDE THE POLICE SCANNER

Now she has a blemish on her record

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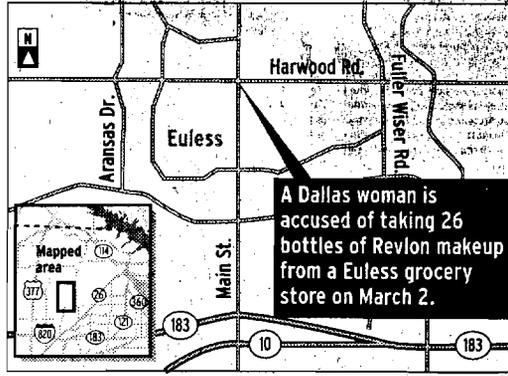
EULESS — There's a good chance that the foundation on a Dallas woman's face is a little thin these days.

The 21-year-old was stopped March 2 by a grocery store manager after being suspected of taking 26 bottles of makeup.

An employee reported seeing a woman with a bag standing for a long time in the makeup aisle.

The employee told police that the woman stuffed the Revlon bottles into the bag and walked out of the Albertsons in the 1100 block of North Main Street.

Thief suspected of taking makeup



But a manager stopped the woman and took the \$345 worth of makeup.

Since she got caught, per-

haps the Dallas woman no longer needs to buy blusher.

— Domingo Ramirez Jr.

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MAY ELECTION

Candidates have one more day to file

■ So far, 2007 is shaping up to be good for incumbents, particularly school trustees.

By **KATHERINE CROMER BROCK**
 STAR-TELEGRAM STAFF WRITER

With one business day left for candidates to file for an election, it appears as if this may be a good election year for incumbents, particularly for area school district trustees.

As of this weekend, nine Northeast Tarrant County cities and one school district have contested races. Seven other cities and five school districts do not yet have any contested races.

Monday is the last day to file for a place on the ballot. Election day is May 12.

The number of uncontested races can be attributed to a general satisfaction in the community, said North Richland Hills Mayor Oscar Trevino. Four incumbents on the North Richland Hills City Council have not been challenged.

"Things are growing throughout the region, and there are minor issues to life in general," Trevino said. "But it just seems that people are saying that the leadership we have in place right now is doing an OK job."

Trevino said that with "e-government" and the ability to get an almost instant answer to a question, many voters feel included in the decision making — even if it's a decision they disagree with.

Grapevine City Council

In Grapevine, the City Council will have its first new member in nine years with the retirement of Clydene Johnson.

"We've got some good candidates running," said Mayor William D. Tate, who is not up

for re-election. "Obviously, there's some people who probably wanted to run for some time but did not want to run against an incumbent."

Four people have filed for Johnson's empty seat. Additionally, incumbent Darlene Freed has competition from Warren Hummer.

"The longevity is working good," Tate said of the past stability on the council. "A lot of our plans and our objectives have been long-range. By the same token, new ideas and a fresh look at things from time to time is always a beneficial attribute."

Westlake Board of Aldermen

Westlake, population 700, has not had a contested election since 1999. Three members of the Board of Aldermen have stepped down in the past year after serving multiple terms. Seven candidates have filed for office.

Mayor Scott Bradley said the revived interest in politics doesn't indicate a board shake-up.

"We have reached that stage where the next generation is going to step up and lead, but I don't see any major change in course," said Bradley, who is not up for re-election.

"I don't see any dissatisfaction with the board. ... I am not worried about it, other than we will lose expertise that we had."

All five at-large positions

will be on the ballot. The town is holding special elections for two seats with unexpired one-year terms. In the general election, three seats are up for election, all for two-year terms that end in May 2009.

Bedford PAC not active

With the tax freeze and rollback behind them, the Bedford City Council election will have a change from the past three years.

The winning candidates in contested races since 2004 were all endorsed by the political action committee Bedford Citizens for Responsive Government, which pushed for the senior tax freeze in 2004 and the property tax rollback election in 2005.

But the committee doesn't plan to raise money or endorse candidates in this election, said Bob Stewart, one of its leaders. He said the committee has achieved its goals with the tax freeze and rollback.

Another leader, Dorothy McWhorter, said she's finished with her campaign activism.

"I feel that I have devoted 30-plus years to straightening this city out," she said.

"I have accomplished what I wanted to accomplish in this city."

She said that she is comfortable that there are four conservative voices on the council but that she'll continue to attend council meetings and write letters to the editor.

In 2004, the group endorsed

Place 3 Councilwoman Lori Nail because she supported the senior tax freeze and later opposed the property tax increase that led to the rollback.

Retired mechanical engineer Charles A. Doverspike has entered the Place 3 race, saying Nail is "not conservative enough."

Doverspike has donated money to the committee in the past.

The open seat for Place 5 pits retiree Bob Cochrane against regional sales manager Todd Burgart and retired physician Roy W. Turner.

Burgart and Turner ran unsuccessfully for mayor in 2005.

Eules City Council races

Eules has contests for all three of its races.

Three residents are vying for the Place 6 seat vacated by Michael Brown, now the city's police chief.

They are firefighter Perry Bynum, chiropractor Warren Wilson and former Councilwoman Veva Lou Massey.

For the Place 1 seat, incumbent Carl Tyson is facing Tim Stinneford, area manager for Irving and Midway malls.

Last year, Tyson and two other councilmen initially voted against the city budget and employee benefits in an attempt to leverage a lower property tax rate.

After employee and resident outrage, Tyson reversed his vote on the benefits but opposed the budget.

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Incumbent Linda Martin will compete with retiree George Moore for the Place 3 seat.

Haltom City, Haslet, Richland Hills, Roanoke and Trophy Club also have contested races this year.

Keller school board

So far, Keller is the only Northeast Tarrant school district with contested races.

That comes as little surprise given that the school board is sharply divided on the direction of the district and the future of Superintendent James Veitenheimer.

In Place 1, three candidates — Joseph Sandoval, Jason Wylie and Michael Carter — have filed. The incumbent, Linn Jencopale, has not yet filed.

Place 5 is now a two-way race between Gerry Knowles, who was appointed to the board last fall to replace Jarrett Armstrong, and Lara Lee Hogg of far north Fort Worth.

In Place 2, Keller residents Kevin Garrett and Kevin Stevenson will square off.

Incumbent Randy Pugh, a frequent critic of the administration, has not yet filed.

In Place 3, incumbent Cindy Lotton is the only candidate to file.

Staff writers Sarah Bahari, Jessamy Brown and Jessica DeLeon contributed to this report

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CANDIDATE FILINGS

Candidates may file for a place on the May 12 council and school board ballots through 5 p.m. Monday.

Below is a list of filings reported to the Star-Telegram. An incumbent seeking re-election is indicated by (i).

MUNICIPALITIES

Bedford

Municipal judge: Tim Murphy (i)
 Place 3: Lori Nail (i), Charles A. Doverspike
 Place 5: Todd Burgart, Roy W. Turner, Bob Cochrane

Colleyville

Mayor: David Kelly (i)
 Place 1: Carol Wollin
 Place 2: Tony Licata (i)

Eules

Place 1: Tim Stinneford, Carl Tyson (i)
 Place 3: Linda Martin (i), George Moore
 Place 6: Perry Bynum, Warren Wilson, Veva Lou Massey

Flower Mound

Place 1: Joel Lindsey (i)
 Place 3: Tim Trotter (i)

Place 5: Jeff Tasker (i)

Grapevine

Place 3: Mike Lease, Tracy Wilkinson, Mark J. Born, Rob Undersander
 Place 4: Darlene Freed (i), Warren Hummer

Haltom City

Mayor: Bill Lanford (i)
 Place 1: Don Cooper, Jim Sutton (i)

Place 2: Chris Holcomb (i), Bob Watkins
 Place 7: Diane Bransom (i), Sam Souimaniphanh

Haslet

Mayor: Gary Hulsey (i), Larry Allen
 Place 2: Lynnda J. McCoy (i)
 Place 4: Harold Williams (i)

Hurst

Place 1: Charles Swearingen (i)
 Place 2: Larry E. Kitchens (i)
 Place 6: Henry E. Wilson (i)

Keller

Mayor: Julie Tandy (i)
 Place 1: Steven Trine (i)
 Place 5: Mitch Holmes (i)

North Richland Hills

Place 1: John Lewis (i)

Place 3: Suzy Compton (i)
 Place 5: David Whitson (i)
 Place 7: Tim Welch (i)

Richland Hills

Place 1: Jeffrey Ritter (i), Shelly Jaymes
 Place 3: Phil Heinze (i)
 Place 5: Michael Sloan (i)

Roanoke

Mayor: Carl "Scooter" Gierisch Jr. (i)
 Ward 1: Kevin Stillwell (i)
 Ward 2: Kirby Smith (i)
 Ward 3: Frank Temple (i); Victor W. Molaschi

Southlake

Place 3: John Terrell (i)
 Place 4: Gregory Jones (i)
 Place 5: Virginia Muzyka (i)

Trophy Club

Mayor: Nick Sanders (i)
 Two at-large seats: Greg Lamont (i), Jim Moss, Roger Williams (i), Kathleen Wilson

Watauga

Mayor: Harry Jeffries (i)
 Place 3: Mike Steele (i)
 Place 4: Pete Beierschmitt (i)

Westlake

Five at-large seats: Peter Steger, Larry Corson (i), Don Redding

(i), Bob Timmerman (i), Michael Eaton, Rick Rennhack, April Gallagher

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Birdville

Place 6: Ralph Kunkel (i)
 Place 7: David Pokluda (i)

Carroll

Place 6: John R. Thane
 Place 7: Sherri Williams (i)

Grapevine-Colleyville

Place 3: Nancy M. Coplen (i)
 Place 4: Lisa Hall (i)

Hurst-Eules-Bedford

Place 3: Jim Schooler (i)
 Place 4: Ellen Jones (i)
 Place 5: Faye Beaulieu (i)

Keller

Place 1: Joseph Sandoval, Jason Wylie, Michael Carter
 Place 2: Kevin Garrett, Kevin Stevenson

Place 3: Cindy Lotton (i)
 Place 5: Gerry Knowles, Lara Lee Hogg

Northwest

Place 3: Dr. Daryl Laney (i)
 Place 4: Jeannette Leong (i)

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Bedford lawmaker aims bill at agency

State Rep. Todd Smith, R-Bedford, is the latest lawmaker to file a bill that takes aim at making changes to the **Texas Residential Construction Commission**, a state agency for regulating home builders that has drawn fire from consumer groups.

His bill follows another one also filed in February by state Rep. Ruth McClellan, D-San Antonio, that lowers the burden for homeowners seeking to get their homes fixed and puts more requirements on the builders.

The Legislature created the agency in 2003 as a way to help homeowners get construction problems fixed as well as monitor home builders in the state. Critics of the agency have said the TRCC does not have enough power

to hold builders accountable and that homeowners who file complaints with the agency often do not get satisfaction, even when a builder is at fault for a construction defect. That criticism has come from Tarrant County-area homeowners who have been through the agency's dispute-resolution process, as well as consumer groups.

Proponents of the agency, such as the **Texas Association of Builders**, note that the agency is still in its infancy. The law also gives Texas homeowners a guarantee of workmanship for the first time, they say. The agency's database also gives consumers the ability to research their builder.

Smith's bill offers changes to the original legislation:

- Of the nine commission members, the three who represent the public should have an ongoing interest in consumer protection.

- Neither the commissioner nor the commissioner's spouse can be a home builder, be involved with a business or group that receives money from the commission, or be an officer, employee or consultant to a home-building trade group.

- A builder faces disciplinary action if the builder does not fix the problem a third-party inspector finds to be the builder's fault, or repeatedly does not build to the agency's standards.

- The agency's executive director can ask a district court for an injunction to stop the violation or give other relief to the situation.

- The fee for filing the complaint would be paid by the builder if a defect is found and by the homeowner if the agency's inspector finds no problem.

- Going through the agency's dispute-resolution process before proceeding to court would be optional.

- City building-permit offices would be required to verify registration with the agency before issuing a building permit.

— Andrea Jares

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Mozelle Anders



HURST — Mozelle Anders, 90, passed away peacefully Saturday, March 10, 2007, in Arlington.

Funeral: 1 p.m. Monday at First United Methodist Church of Euless. Burial: Moore Memorial Gardens.

Memorials: First United Methodist Church of Euless, 106 N. Main St., Euless 76040.

Mozelle was a longtime member of First United Methodist Church of Euless and the owner of "Mozelle's Salon of Hair Fashion." She was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by husband, Luther "M.L." Anders; and infant son, Martin Larry Anders.

Survivors: Daughters, Sandra Roberts and husband, Ralph of Arlington and Vicki Garrison and husband, Tom of Fort Worth; grandchildren, Steven Roberts and wife, Mindy, Heather Leslie and husband, Brett, Martin Garrison and wife, Emily, Ritch Roberts and wife, Heather and Amy Yeats and husband, Jordan; great-grandchildren, Nathan Roberts and Luke Leslie; sisters, Thelma Abercrombie and LaNell Bengé; brothers, Joe Dacus and Jim Dacus; sisters-in-law, Madie Puckett, Jack Harris and June Peters; and a host of loving relatives and friends.

Arlington Funeral Home

1221 E. Division St., 817-548-1791

View and sign guestbook at

www.star-telegram.com/obituaries

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LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING

Senior tax cut proposal

AUSTIN - A special election will be held May 12 on a proposal to give local school property tax rate reductions to Texas' elderly and disabled residents for the 2006 and 2007 tax years, Gov. Rick Perry said Monday.

"I encourage all Texans to join me in voting for this constitutional amendment so that elderly and disabled Texans benefit from record property tax relief the same as other homeowners," Perry said.

Lawmakers enacted a \$15.5 billion property tax cut last year, but some elderly and disabled Texans' rates were already frozen.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

SPECIAL ELECTION MAY 12, 2007

PROPOSITION 1 (SJR 13)

SJR 13 would amend the Constitution to authorize the legislature to adjust the public school ad valorem tax or tax rates for taxpayers who are aged 65 or older, or are disabled, and who are owners of an exempted homestead. The amendment would thereby allow the legislature to provide tax relief to such elderly or disabled taxpayers who did not receive tax relief as a result of the school tax rate reduction passed in the 79th Legislature, 3rd called session.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for public school purposes on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction in the rate of those taxes for the 2006 and 2007 tax years."

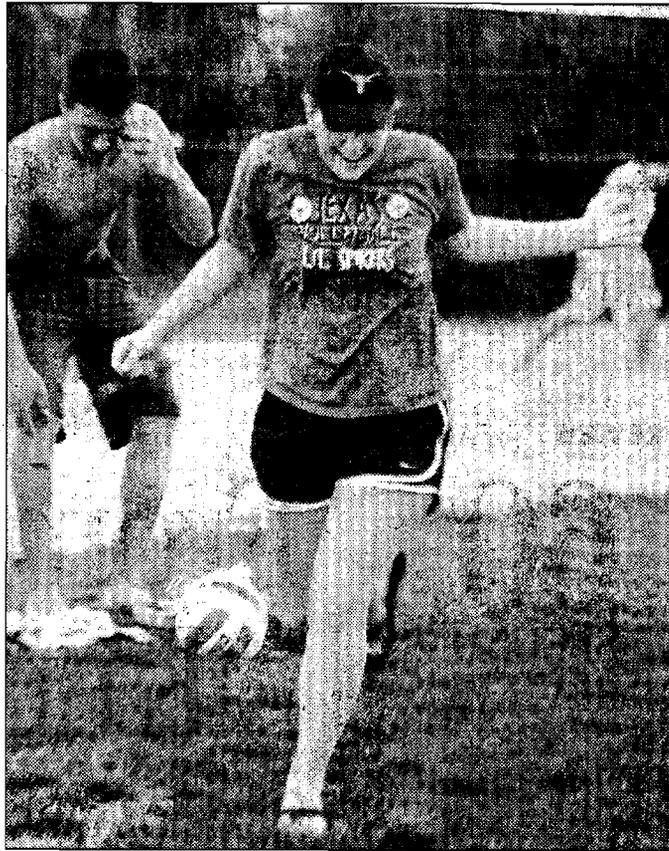
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Rain day

Brittany Finlayson of Colleyville was among a group of college students on spring break who got caught in a downpour while playing sand volleyball at Bob Eden Park in Euless on Tuesday.

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 Place 3: Tim Trotter (i), Jack Stufflebam

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Richland Hills

Place 1: Jeffrey Ritter (i), Shelly Jaymes

Place 3: Phil Heinze (i)

Place 5: Michael Sloan (i), Larry Marrs

Roanoke

Mayor: Carl "Scooter" Gierisch Jr. (i)
 Ward 1: Kevin Stillwell (i)
 Ward 2: Kirby Smith (i)
 Ward 3: Frank Temple (i), Victor W. Molaschi

Southlake

Place 3: John Terrell (i)
 Place 4: Gregory Jones (i)
 Place 5: Virginia Muzyka (i)

Trophy Club

Mayor: Nick Sanders (i)
 Two at-large seats: Greg Lamont (i), Jim Moss, Roger Williams (i), Kathleen Wilson

Watauga

Mayor: Harry Jeffries (i)
 Place 3: Mike Steele (i)
 Place 4: Pete Beierschmitt (i)

Westlake

Five at-large seats: Peter Steger, Larry Corson (i), Don Redding (i), Bob Timmerman (i), Michael

Eaton, Rick Rennhack, April Gallagher, Steve Knight

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Birdville

Place 6: Ralph Kunkel (i)
 Place 7: David Pokluda (i)

Carroll

Place 6: John R. Thane
 Place 7: Sherrri Williams (i)

Grapevine-Colleyville

Place 3: Nancy M. Coplen (i)
 Place 4: Lisa Hall (i)

Hurst-Eules-Bedford

Place 3: Jim Schooler (i)
 Place 4: Ellen Jones (i)
 Place 5: Faye Beaulieu (i)

Keller

Place 1: Joseph Sandoval, Jason Wylie, Michael Carter
 Place 2: Randy Pugh (i), Kevin Garrett, Kevin Stevenson, Craig Allen, James M. Harman
 Place 3: Cindy Lotton (i), John W. McNaughton, Linda Bennett
 Place 5: Gerry Knowles, Lara Lee Hogg

Northwest

Place 3: Daryl Laney (i)
 Place 4: Jeannette Leong (i)

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St. Patrick's Day concert

EULESS - The Euless Parks and Recreation Department will mark St. Patrick's Day with a free concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Texas Star Golf Course parking lot, 1400 Texas Star Parkway.

Musician Robert Gotcher will open the program and will be followed at 8:30 p.m. by Beatlegras, a trio that combines music of the Beatles with jazz and bluegrass. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be moved inside. 817-685-1843 or www.euless.org.

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EULESS,

Longtime volunteer to be honored

■ Marie Harrison not only worked behind the scenes, but she played, too.

By JESSICA DeLEÓN
STAR-TELEGRAM STAFF WRITER

EULESS — For decades, Marie Harrison spent her Sundays making phone calls.

She needed to find two umpires to work each of the seven fields for Euleless' softball games five nights a week. She had to find more if a tournament was held that week.

She also made out the schedule and paid the umpires, who gave her a cut.

"Now, for all that work, I got 50 cents a game from each umpire," she said.

But Harrison, 75, will receive a greater reward on Saturday. The city will induct Harrison and her

late husband, Ed, into the "Walk of Champions" area at The Parks at Texas Star. Recipients are honored on a stone monument with a bronze plaque.



HARRISON

The walk honors individuals who have made a significant contribution to Euleless and its parks system. The Harrisons volunteered for the Euleless Girls Softball Association and the Euleless Athletic Association for three decades. Ed Harrison prepared the fields for games as a part-time worker for the city for a dozen years.

"My family kind of lived, ate and breathed softball," daughter Marie Holder, 47, said. "They just loved to be around people, and they expressed that through working in the softball association."

The Harrisons met in Sherman in 1948 and married a year later. They moved to Euleless in 1965. Ed Harrison worked for the Postal Service, while Marie Harrison worked for a hosiery company in Dallas.

Their lives revolved around their four children — Perry, Edward Joe, Lloyd and Marie — and their favorite sport.

From 1966 through 1990, the Harrisons volunteered with the Softball Umpires Association, which recruited umpires.

Ed Harrison also coached softball, and his wife played.

Marie Harrison began playing at age 30 and didn't stop until she was 65. She mostly pitched or played first base.

"My mother was actually a very good first baseman," Holder said. "She could throw the ball so hard, some men didn't want to catch the ball. She was very competitive but kind-hearted."

Ed Harrison retired from the Postal Service in 1980, but

IN THE KNOW

If you go

The ceremony will be at 9 a.m. Saturday at The Parks at Texas Star, 1501 South Pipeline Road, Euleless. The two other inductees are Rick Herold, the former parks director who helped plan the Texas Star Sports Complex, and Doug McGrady of the Bedford Euleless Soccer Association.

he ended up working harder than ever.

"That's when he worked for the city," Marie Harrison said.

He took a part-time job, prepping the city fields for games.

"He could never mark a straight line on the foul line," friend Monty Huffman said, adding that Harrison was usually too busy to make it just right.

Sometimes, kids would come up on bikes and slide on the field after Harrison had cleaned it up after a rain. He would collar the youngsters, tell them to sit down and then explain how hard he had worked. Then he would buy the kids a soft drink and tell them to clean up the field.

Marie Harrison said young men would come up to her and tell her that story.

"The boys said it saved them from being in trouble," she said.

Ed Harrison died of stomach cancer in 1993 at age 68.

Marie Harrison hasn't been out to the softball fields since then.

She enjoys reading thrillers and spending time with her eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Two of her children live just blocks away from her. Her other sons live in Arlington and Cedar Hill.

"I'm quite happy with my life as it is," she said.

Does she miss making all those phone calls?

"No, I don't," she said.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY: The Euless Parks and Community Services Department features a St. Patrick's Day Party with Beatlegras. The bluegrass Beatles tribute band will perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Texas Star Golf Course, 1400 Texas Star Parkway. Admission is free. Call 817-685-1666 or visit www.euless.org.

BOOK SALE: The Friends of the Euless Library will host a three-day book sale March 23 to 25 at the Euless Public Library, 201 N. Ector Drive. Book prices range from 10 cents to \$2. A "sneak peek" admission of \$5 will be charged Friday. Hours are 3 to 6 p.m. March 23, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 24 and 1 to 3 p.m. March 25. Call 817-685-1679. All proceeds benefit the Euless Public Library.

NIGHTTIME EASTER EGG HUNT: The city of Euless will hold a free Easter Egg Hunt with glow-in-the-dark eggs filled with prizes and candy from local businesses from 6 to 9 p.m. March 31 at the Parks at Texas Star, 1501 S. Pipeline Road. The event also includes bounce houses, Easter games and free treats. For information, call 817-685-1666 or visit www.euless.org.

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**Bud
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IN MY OPINION

Donations often end up with marketers

■ When someone wants you to donate by telephone, there are a few questions you should ask.

EULESS — If the phone rings tonight, it might be the Jaycees or another service club wanting

money.

Before you give, here's what you should know:

- The caller is from a telemarketing company.
- Of every \$1, the club gets about 25 cents.
- You are giving money to a

club, not to a charity. Some clubs devote all their energy and money to community projects, but some don't. No law guarantees that your money will help people in need.

In a tiny Euleless phone room,
 More on KENNEDY on 8B

Kennedy: Only 25 cents of every \$1 goes to club

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workers call from phone numbers that show up on Caller ID as "Ft W Jaycees."

The dwindling Fort Worth Jaycees chapter, which is down to 30 members and meets quarterly in a downtown beer hall, has become the latest service club to raise money by selling tickets to send needy children to movies and a "magic show."

A few kids get to see *Curious George*, but the Jaycees and the telemarketer divvy the rest of the money.

Texas Jaycees are among several service clubs and police professional groups that have grown dependent on phone sales companies, even though the clubs get only 25 cents to 30 cents of every \$1 and an even smaller portion goes to charity work.

Of the Fort Worth Jaycees' \$25,000 budget last year, about \$20,000 was raised through the telemarketing campaign, President Tracy May said.

Donors have no way of knowing how the Jaycees spend their money.

May said the chapter

spends some money on holiday fruit baskets for the poor, but she could not provide an annual report or a list of service projects or money spent.

May said she would like to recruit more members and rebuild the 75-year-old local chapter of the Jaycees, a professional development organization for 21- to 39-year-olds organized under the Tulsa, Okla.-based United States Junior Chamber.

"We don't have the membership to raise much money," she said. "This is a way for people to give money and benefit the Jaycees."

Carla Townson of Houston, president of the Texas Jaycees, said the organization's membership is down from 45,000 decades ago to about 1,500 members scattered across 45 chapters. Telemarketing company officials have joined some chapter boards, she said.

"It's a way to have money coming in and not worry about how to raise it," she said. "It's an easy way to have money."

Charlotte Ridge of the Richardson Jaycees is the

organization's regional director.

"It's really hard to get new members if they have to ask people for money," she said. "If they have to go out and ask for money — then that's not happening."

Instead, the Jaycees and some Kiwanis and Lions chapters now hide behind telemarketers. Then they don't tell us much about where our money goes.

When a telemarketer called last week asking for money for the Jaycees, I asked how to contact the chapter. He gave me a working phone number, 817-887-5977.

But when I called, the phone message referred me right back to a supervisor at the Euleless office of Garbarino Viel & Johns, the telemarketing company.

The supervisor didn't return several calls. So this week, I went by the phone room in an office park on North Main Street in Euleless.

A worker there said the supervisor would call.

He hasn't.

So instead, I'll leave you with this advice from Charity

Navigator, one of several organizations that rate charities to help donors make sure they get the most for their money.

Charity Navigator downgrades any charity that spends more than 40 percent of donations on fundraising. The Jaycees' current campaign spends 75 percent.

On the Web site, www.charitynavigator.org, the organization recommends:

1. "Find out who's calling." Ask whether the caller is a paid telemarketing employee.
2. "Ask where your donation goes." Find out how much money goes to the charity or service club.
3. "Get it in writing." Ask for an annual report of service projects.
4. "Do some research." Look up tax returns online or get a Better Business Bureau report.
5. "Eliminate the middleman." If it's a good charity or service club, send the gift directly.

Ask questions. No good answers, no easy money.

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