

Longhorns, Sweet Qualify For Regional Track Meet

Coach Adam Zepeda reports on the area track meet, held Friday. Several Longhorns qualified for the regional meet, to be held on the South Plains College campus in Levelland next week.

Senior shot-putter Adolfo Avila was second, and Mark Galvan was second in the long jump. Galvan was first in the 400m dash and third in the 100m dash.

Jacob Gonzalez was fourth in the 110m hurdles and in the 300m hurdles.

The 800m relay team came in fourth; team members are Julian Rojas, Gonzalez, Abram Carlos and Justin Garcia. The mile-relay team was also fourth; members are Jaime Rivera, Carlos, Garcia and Galvan.

The boys' team overall came in third. The only Ladyhorn to advance to area was Caitlyn Sweet, who placed fourth in the 1600m run.

Diseases Spread Between You and Your Pet

As animal lovers, we enjoy spending as much time around our pets as possible. It is important to remember, however, that there are a number of infectious diseases transmittable between pets and their owners. Here are some zoonotic diseases relevant to our community, how they are transmitted, and what you should do to prevent them from spreading.

One of the more familiar diseases, rabies, is a viral infection transmitted through an animal bite and attacks the brain. "This is by far one of the most serious infectious diseases that a person

Lilly Ramirez, Junior High Mile Relay Team Win District

Lilly Ramirez was the district champ in the 800m run in the junior high district track meet held last Thursday, April 10, in Anton. She was also a member of the mile-relay team which captured first place. Other relay team members are Jazmine Carrasco, Candyce Neudorf and Laura Vega.

Neudorf was third in the long jump and Carrasco came in third in the 200m dash. Neudorf also captured second place in the 400m dash.

The sprint relay team was second; team members are Eden Trevizo, Michelle Salinas, Neudorf and Ramirez. Salinas was fourth in the 100m dash. And, the seventh-grade 4X2 relay team came in third; members are Khloe Lee, Carrasco, Trevizo and Vega.

Salomon Capture First Place

In the junior high boys' division of the district meet, John Salomon of Hart was first in the 400m dash and in the 1600m run.

The sprint relay team (Ricky Godino, Jr., Max Espinoza, Salomon and Ulises Vega) came in fourth. Vega was second in the 200m dash.

The 4X2 relay team (Alejandro Guevara, Espinoza,

may get from a pet, because it is usually fatal," said Dr. Renata Ivanek-Miojevic, assistant professor in epidemiology at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences. "Luckily, widespread vaccination against rabies in the Western world has reduced occurrence of this infection in dogs and cats and has thus protected human health." However, the seriousness of the infection should be a reminder to keep our pets vaccinated and avoid contact with stray animals or animals of unknown vaccination status. "More than 55,000



District Champs in the mile relay competition for junior high girls are these ladies from Hart. From the left, Laura Vega, Lilly Ramirez, Candyce Neudorf and Jazmine Carrasco.

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Lilly Ramirez is the 800m run champion.

Godino and Isaac Barron) came in fourth. The mile relay team of Espinoza, Godino, Barron and Vega came in fourth. Manuel Lujan was fourth in the discus.

Coach Adam Zepeda said both teams came home with "lots of hardware" during the season.

people die of rabies every year mostly in Asia and Africa. Dogs are the source of the vast majority of human rabies deaths," said Ivanek-Miojevic.

Another, fairly common, disease, salmonellosis, is a bacterial infection of many animal species. Of particular concern is that pet reptiles and amphibians are often infected. Our dogs and cats can acquire salmonellosis as well through eating raw meat and contaminated commercial dry pet food. "People can get infected by touching animals and surfaces contaminated with

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will be waste in research and development, just as private corporations sometimes veer onto the wrong track. All you need do is think back to 2012 and the scandal surrounding Solyndra, the Silicon Valley-based solar panel manufacturer that collapsed, leaving taxpayers on the hook for \$535 million in federal loan guarantees.

Opponents of public spending often seize on cases like this to make their point — conveniently forgetting that Apple, too, benefited not just from the government research that created many of the technologies it uses, but from early support from the Small Business Investment Company program.

The point is not that government investment in research and development is better or worse than private-sector investment, but that collaboration between government and industry puts us in a stronger position competitively than either sector acting alone. Both are needed to solve big problems.

Which is why the cuts we're seeing in federal R&D spending are so alarming. We're already down to a level of funding last seen over a decade ago, and a study last year by the American Association for the Advancement of Science sees some \$53 billion in federal R&D investment at risk if the sequester remains in place for another three years. It is impossible to know how many new products and even new industries won't get developed as a result, but it's certainly safe to say that the U.S. economy — and we as Americans — will bear the cost of these unspent dollars well into the future.

We live in an era of pervasive anti-government sentiment. There is no question, as I have argued many times before, that both Congress and the executive branch need to improve their game and learn how to become more effective and less wasteful of both time and money. But the importance of federal spending on research and development is undeniable. At a time when we as a nation face mounting economic challenges and a raft of eager business competitors, cutting investment in R&D, rather than expanding it, is foolhardy.

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