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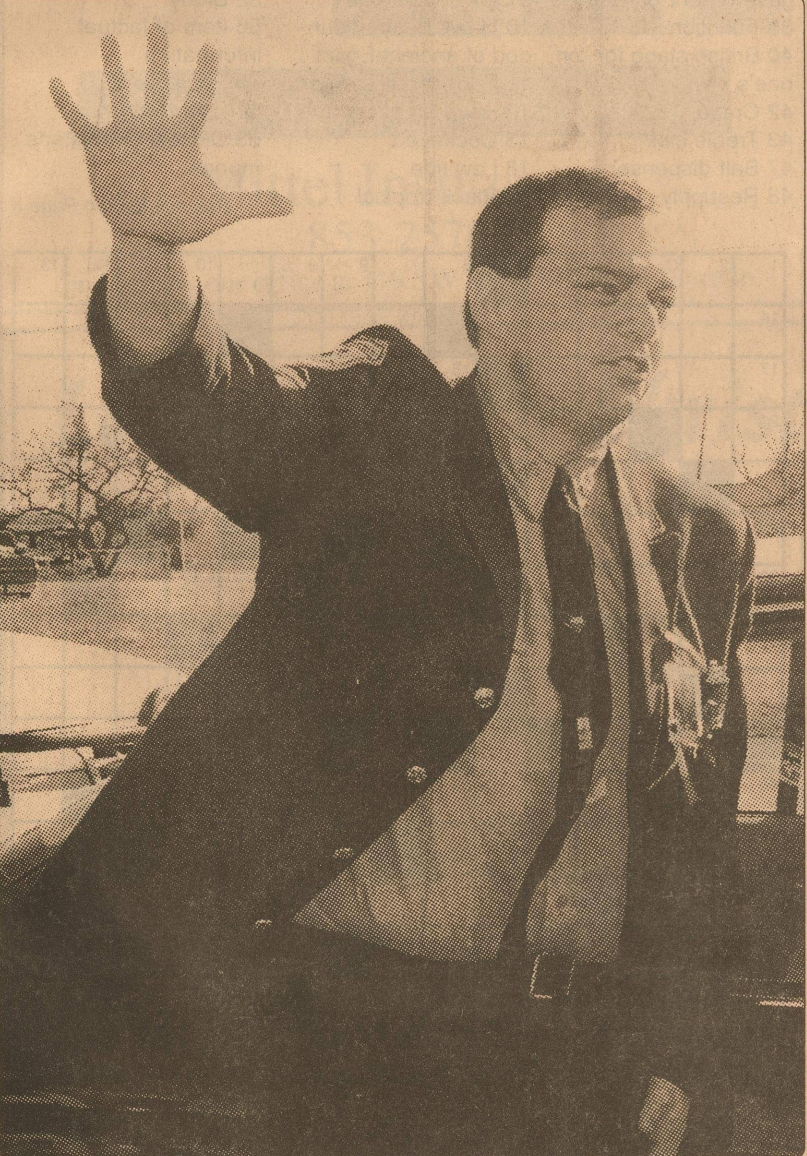
**Hero's welcome** — Flag-waving Eldorado Elementary students lined the route Monday to show their support for New Yorkers in the aftermath of the September 11th tragedy as New York City paramedic Frank Riboni was escorted through town by Fire Department, Ambulance and Sheriff's Department units. Riboni was enroute to Sonora for an appearance. He stopped briefly to exchange mementoes with local emergency service personnel. (see photo below and on Page 8)

## County commisioners hear request for help with TIF grant

Judge Johnny Griffin called the Schleicher County Commissioners Court to order at 9:18 a.m. on Monday, October 10. Commissioners Ross Whitten, Johnny Mayo and Bill Clark were present for the meeting. Commissioner Kirk Griffin was absent. County Clerk Peggy Williams read the minutes of the meeting of November 25, which were approved by order of the court.

Debbie Griffin and Kay Creek, representing Schleicher County ISD, met with the court and requested assistance in obtaining a Telecommunication Infrastructure Fund (TIF) grant in the amount of \$500,000.00. If awarded, the grant might be used to help the local community in obtain a high-speed local computer network. Griffin explained that the grant will require a 10 percent local match, or \$50,000.00, and asked the county to consider contributing \$10,000.00 toward the project. She said the remainder would be solicited from other taxing entities.

Griffin noted that more than 30 communities applied for grants through the TIF Board this year. She said the local effort represents one of twenty-nine still in the running for the funds.



**A big Texas wave** — New York City paramedic Frank Riboni greeted local emergency service personnel Monday as he traveled through Eldorado on the way to a personal appearance in Sonora.

Griffin said the hope is to construct a local computer network and to eventually bring high-speed internet service to Eldorado. On benefit of the project would be better communication between community members. She said that parent-teacher conferences would be greatly enhances and that internet banking might become a reality as well.

In addition to the \$10,000.00, Griffin asked the county to act as a fiscal agent for the administering the TIF grant, if it is received. She explained that TIF grants are funded by an add-on fee to local telephone services amounting to \$1.00 each month.

Since the purpose for Mrs. Griffin and Mrs. Creek's presentation was not officially on the agenda for the meeting, they were asked to appear at the meeting planned for Monday, January 14, 2002.

Next, Butch Garrett and Richard Lesassier, representing Broadwing Communications, appeared before the court to discuss and act on determination of a route for their company's underground cable. These two were to appear before the City Council at their meeting later in the day. Following discussion the court, having been assured that the contractors had adequate insurance, concurred with the proposed routing for the cable. The court was advised that the cable was buried forty-two inches deep and that all paved roads would be bored under to prevent damage to pavement. In addition, the Broadwing representatives told the court that they had equipment available that would allow them to

## Broadwing Communication meets with City Council about fiber-optic cable route

by Lori Stricklan  
Mayor John Nikolauk called the monthly meeting of the Eldorado City Council to order at 5:48 p.m. on Monday, December 10, 2001. Council members present included Richard Mendez, Dora Bosmans, Tommy Minor, Toni Sudduth and Robert Bybee.

The meeting began with representatives of Broadwing Communication, Richard Lesassier and Butch Garrett, asking for permission for their company to lay fiber-optic cable along city street rights-of-way. Lesassier explained that his company is installing a new fiber-optic line from Los Angeles to Houston and that the route requires the company to pass through Eldorado. Lesassier noted that the cable is already in place on U.S. Highway 190 West right up to the Eldorado city limit. He said that work is progressing on installing the line eastward from Eldorado toward Menard and Mason.

along and follow Wheat Avenue to the Orient Heights neighborhood where it would connect with U.S. 190 East.

The council's primary concern with the proposal seemed to be the large number of city water, sewer and natural gas lines that would have to be crossed during the installation. Lesassier explained that the crews used by his company to carry out such work are experienced in dealing with multiple utility lines. He said that the fiber-optic cable would be installed at least 42 inches below ground, which should place it well below most city utility lines.

Lesassier noted that his company is in negotiation with the City of Mason. He said an agreement with Mason is expected soon and expressed his hope that the City of Eldorado would adopt the same agreement approved by Mason. He added that Broadwing would be willing to pay for an inspector to accompany the contractors as they work within the city.

After a lengthy discussion the council decided to table further talks with the company until the

Mason agreement could be reviewed. At that time, the topic will be brought up again. The council then reviewed and approved the minutes of the November 12 meeting. They also examined the city's tax report, financial reports, current bills and a workers compensation insurance audit. A budget amendment to help fund increasing workers compensation premiums was unanimously approved.

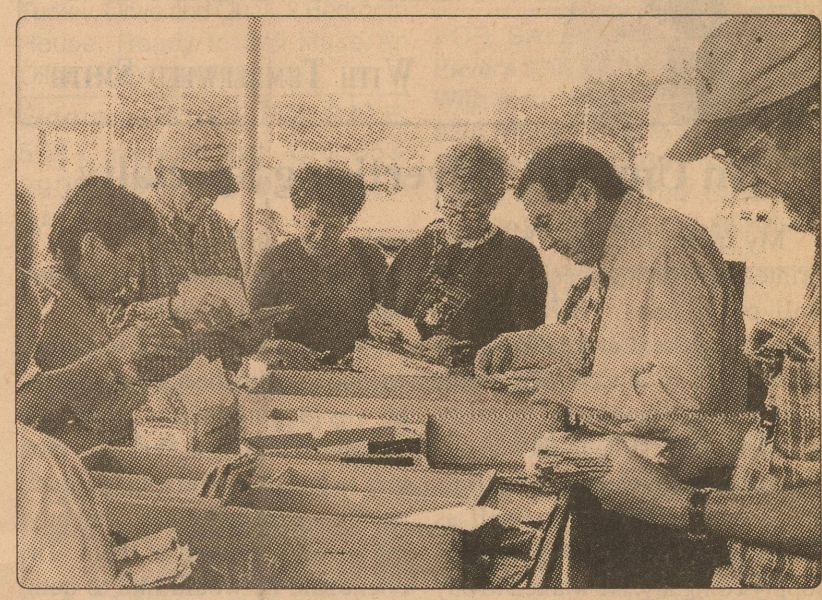
Next, the council moved to receive sealed bids for the purchase of a new pickup for the utility department. Only one bid was received, that of Jim Bass Ford for a 2002 model half-ton Ranger pickup. The council voted unanimously to accept the bid of \$11,404.50. It was noted that sticker priced on the pickup is \$14,895.00.

Utility Superintendent Jack Dean then updated the council on a recent inspection of the city's water towers and ground storage tank. He explained that divers actually went into the tanks and photographed the tank interiors under

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## It was a successful day at the Success

A steady stream of well-wishers came by the Success office last week as the newspaper celebrated its 100th Anniversary. The crowd enjoyed a wide variety of snacks and punch as well as two large 100th birthday cakes. Most signed up for a cash drawing, held at the end of the day. Four people, Brenda Mayfield, Butch Santellano, Joseph Hill and Erika Estrada claimed \$25 prizes. In all, more than 200 people signed up for the drawing.



**Picture that** — Old photos from the Success archives were a big hit at the newspaper's 100th Anniversary Open House last Thursday. Thousands of old pictures were offered to the public, free for the taking, and hundreds of Success readers took advantage of the opportunity.

By far the most popular attraction were the old photos, hundreds and hundreds of old photos from the Success archives. They were placed on large tables so everyone who stopped by could browse through and pick out the ones they wanted to take home. Early in the day, the crowd around the table became so large that it was moved outside and, although the Open House was supposed to end at 4:00 p.m., there were still people going through the old pictures well after 7:00 p.m.

Success publisher Randy Mankin stated he was pleased with the day-long event. "It's remarkable, when you think about it," Mankin said, "that this community has supported a newspaper for 100 years."

"I'd say that today is as much a tribute to Eldorado and Schleicher County as it is to newspaper men and women who served here for the past century."

The Success was founded on Dec. 6, 1901 by R.L. Carothers who on that date he printed the first edition of "The Eldorado Paper." The newspaper was purchased by A.T. Wright in 1906 and the name was changed to "The Eldorado Success." During the

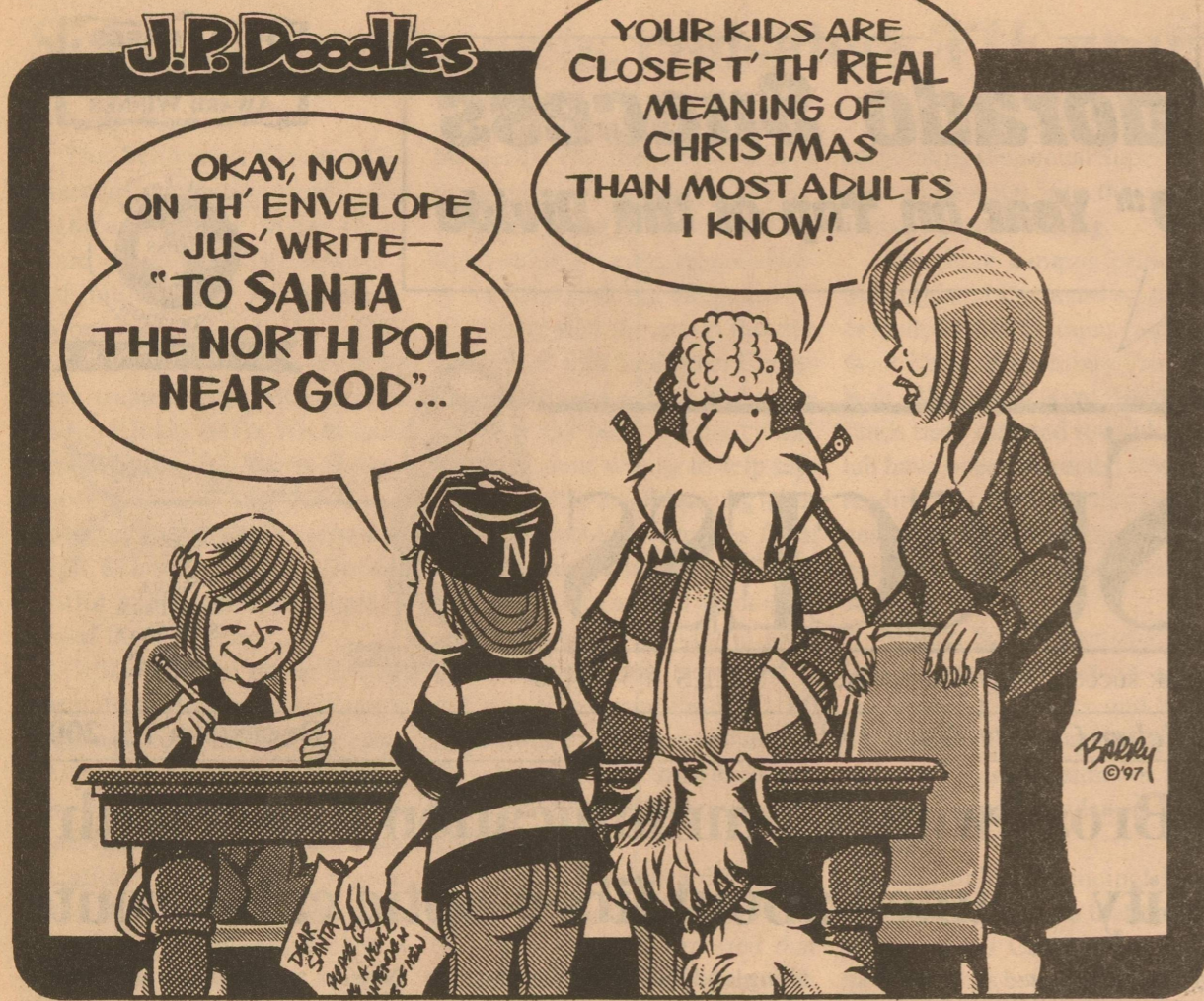
1970s and 1980s the newspaper operated under the name "Eldorado Express-News" and "The Schleicher County Leader." The name was changed back to The Eldorado Success in 1989 when the paper was purchased by Gary and Cathy Smith. Randy and Kathy Mankin bought the newspaper in 1994. It remains today as Eldorado's oldest continuously operated business.



**Cash winners** — Brenda Mayfield, Butch Santellano, Joseph Hill and Erika Estrada each won \$25 at the 100th Anniversary Open House hosted by the Eldorado Success last week. Sarah Mankin drew the names from more than 200 who signed up for the drawing.

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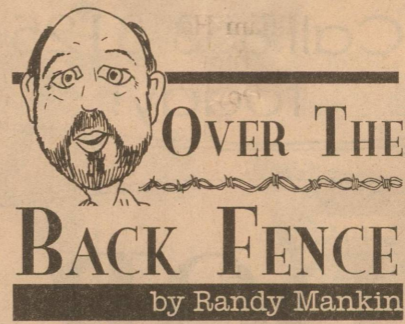


## A little girl, a scrap of paper and a department store Santa Claus

A little girl paused for a moment in front of a department store Santa Claus. She was so tiny that for several seconds the jolly old elf didn't notice her standing there. But, a slight tug on the sleeve of his massive red coat caught his attention and he turned his gaze downward, looking squarely into the girl's tear-streaked face.

She said nothing to the Santa, even when he greeted her with a bellowing Ho, Ho, Ho. Instead, she looked deep into his eyes then thrust a folded scrap of paper into his whit-gloved hand. As he knelt to take it, the girl turned and walked away. She soon vanished into the crowd of shoppers that filled the store aisles.

Other children quickly crowd-



### OVER THE BACK FENCE

by Randy Mankin

ed around the Santa and all thought of the little girl and her tightly folded scrap of paper evaporated.

That night, after a gruelling 10-hour shift, the Santa made his way home. As had become his custom, he removed bits of candy and broken cookies that children routinely gave him during the day from the pockets of his bright red coat. That's when he found the forgotten scrap of paper. The man sat on the side of his bed as he unfolded it and began to read.

#### Dear Santa Claus

I kno yur not the reel Santa. My dad tolme that yur 1 of Santas helpers. Plees giv this to him the nex time yu see him.

My name is Crystal. I try to be a good girl this yer.

All I want for Crismas is to see my Mom but I kno I cant becas she dide at the wurl trade centr.

Santa plees help the fire men look for her. Thay have a big job.

I love yuo  
Crystal

Tears welled in the man's eyes as he tried to remember what the girl looked like. More tears followed as he thought about her simple Christmas wish. A wish that even the girl knew could not be granted.

The department store Santa didn't sleep very well that night. His dreams were haunted by thoughts of the little girl and the note she had entrusted him with.

The next morning the man arose and reported to his real job. No, he doesn't really play Santa Claus for a living. It's a weekend job for him. By trade he is a New York City fire fighter.

For weeks he and others like him have struggled with the grim task of recovering the remains of victims from the mountain of twisted wreckage that was once the World Trade Center. This day he would report to work as usual, but with a sense of urgency that he had not felt since the first days following the tragedy.

But first, the fireman turned department store Santa Claus had to deliver the girl's note. He did so by mailing it to the New York Times and by posting it on several Santa Claus websites. He also shared it with his fellow fire fighters who carried it with them as they went to work that day. The letter was read on the radio and broadcast over TV. Soon it was the subject of e-mails that blanketed the internet. It even found its way into the Eldorado Success.

Did Santa ever receive the little girl's letter? I can't help but believe that he did.

## Republicans take majority in Texas Senate

AUSTIN — It won't make any real difference unless Gov. Rick Perry calls a special session between now and January 2003, but the Republican Party once again controls the Texas Senate.

The split had been 15 Democrats and 15 GOP members with one vacancy until Dec. 4, when Republican Craig Estes won a special election runoff in Wichita Falls to fill the unexpired term of the late Sen. Tom Haywood. Haywood, a two-term member of the Senate, died of a heart attack last July.

Estes got 63 percent of the vote. His Democratic opponent was Greg L. Underwood.

### State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox



The general election next November will determine the makeup of the Senate by the time the Legislature convenes in 2003.

The 48-year-old senator-elect is CEO of Estes Inc., a wholesaler of chemicals and fertilizer.

Estes' district covers 33 counties in north and west Texas, from Amarillo to Sherman-Denison.

But assuming a special session is not called, Estes will never cast a vote unless it's in a committee meeting. He will, however, be able to run for a full term as an incumbent.

### Race filings begin

Political hopefuls began filing for a place on the Democratic and Republican ballots on Dec. 3, with the filing period continuing through Jan. 2.

So far there have been no real surprises, though one filing demonstrates the power of optimism — 75-year-old Democrat Gene Kelly, who has lost seven previous statewide races, filed for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Republican Phil Gramm. Of Kelly's seven unsuccessful races, three have been for the U.S. Senate.

Primaries for both parties are set for March 12.

### Political bow outs

Since most of those who will be running for office next year have long since put up their trial balloons, the announcements from incumbents choosing not to run are almost more interesting.

So far, four heavy-hitter Democrats have announced they will not be running for re-election: House Appropriations Committee Chairman Rob Junell of San Angelo, Public Education Committee Chairman Paul Sadler of Henderson; House Public Health Committee Chairwoman Patricia Gray of Galveston and Transportation Committee Chairman Clyde Alexander of Athens.

Given the recently approved House redistricting map, which probably will result in a GOP takeover of the House, there probably

will be more announcements.

### Camp Mabry attacked

Well, sort of.

Ever since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the headquarters of the Texas National Guard has been locked down to military personnel only.

The camp's once highly popular jogging-walking track has been shut down as well.

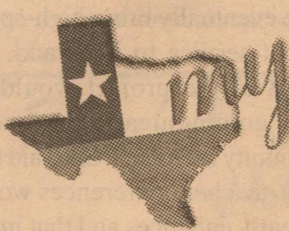
Now a group of West Austin residents have organized a group called Friends of Mabry Historical Park. They would like to see the state move the military elsewhere and transform the camp's 400-plus acres into a state park.

Many of those who live near the camp also have been upset by newly installed barbed wire-topped fencing and increased lighting at the 109-year-old installation.

"It's democracy in action," said the Guard's legislative liaison Lt. Col. John Stanford.

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My friend Jim sells those imprinted advertising specialties like ball point pens, coffee mugs, bumper stickers and jackets. He takes pride in always being able to fulfill his customers' requests, no matter how strange they are.

Once a man walked into Jim's office and introduced himself as the sales manager for a hospital supply company. He wanted to buy some sort of inflatable mannequin to put into his salesmen's kits to demonstrate a new product, a substance for bathing people who are bedridden. The sales manager wanted these things in large quantities. Finding this particular item created a problem for Jim. He contacted several mannequin manufacturers and distributors, a few department stores, checked in all his catalogs, even the ones he thought would have CPR dummies. He still couldn't come up with an inflatable mannequin. Then he solved the problem. He went to the adult book and cinema store.

The city where Jim lives is not very large and the adult book and cinema store is on the outskirts of town. It's called Randy's. Now Jim hasn't been in a porno house before, so he sat in his car for awhile. When traffic slowed to a trickle, he went in. He didn't recognize any of his friends or neighbors and was glad.

He told the manager he wanted to look at some inflatable dummies. "Male or female?" the manager inquired.

Jim replied, "I don't think it

makes any difference."

The manager told Jim he didn't have any asexual dolls.

When Jim went back to his client and told him he had found what he was looking for, the client said he wanted to see the item. Jim took him to Randy's, and told the manager he might be interested in buying several hundred of them. The client said he would like to demonstrate the product on one. The manager inflated a doll. It was life-size. Bigger than life in some areas. It was anatomically correct. It had all the parts. In ample proportions. Very noticeable proportions.

"Does this place have a back room?" the client asked.

The manager said "No, just let me turn it over to see how it'll work with your product."

He turned the dummy face down while the client rummaged through his sample case and came up with a bottle of his product. He applied it and sure enough, the product would not make the plastic material lose any of its color. He wiped off the dummy and was turning it over when the thing that makes it male sprang up. The store manager had taped it to the inside leg of the dummy to get it out of the way. It bounced right in the client's face. He grabbed his sample case and walked out.

"What'd you think?" asked Jim.

"I think I'll wait," came the reply.

Although Jim didn't make a sale, he's still batting a thousand in finding things his customers want.

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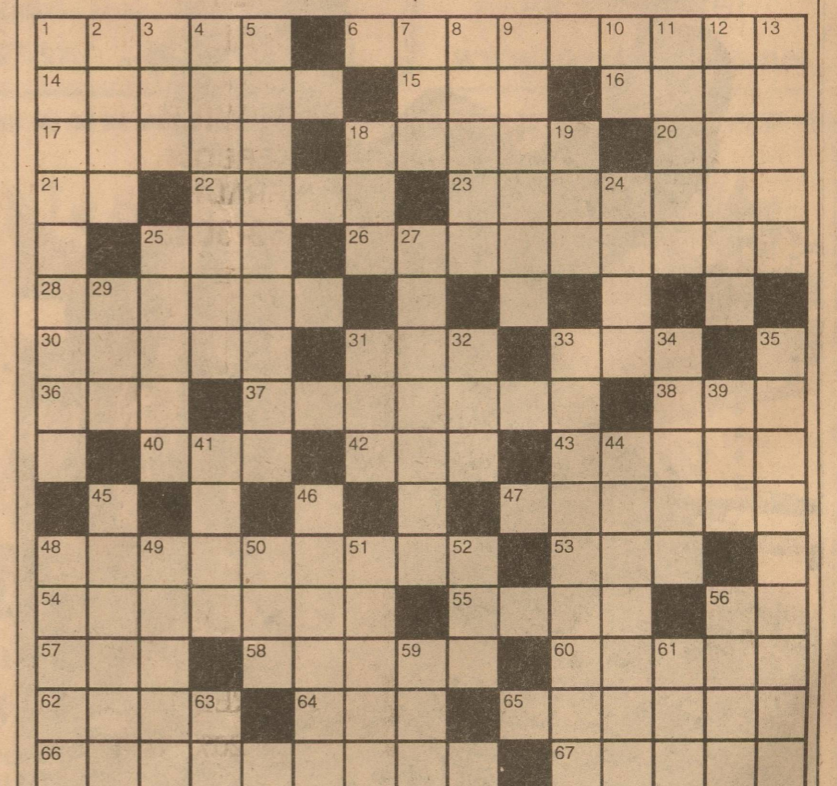
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# OBITUARIES

## William Henry "Pat" Joiner

ELDORADO — William Henry "Pat" Joiner, 91, died Saturday, Dec. 8, 2001, in Schleicher County Medical Center. Service was Monday, Dec. 10, at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Andy Anderson officiating. Burial with military rites followed in Eldorado Cemetery.

Pat was born in Lampasas County April 12, 1910. His family moved to Eldorado in 1924, where they engaged in farming and ranching. He served 36 months in the European Theater during World War II. During the last months of service, he was an instructor in mechanics in the Army Air Corps.

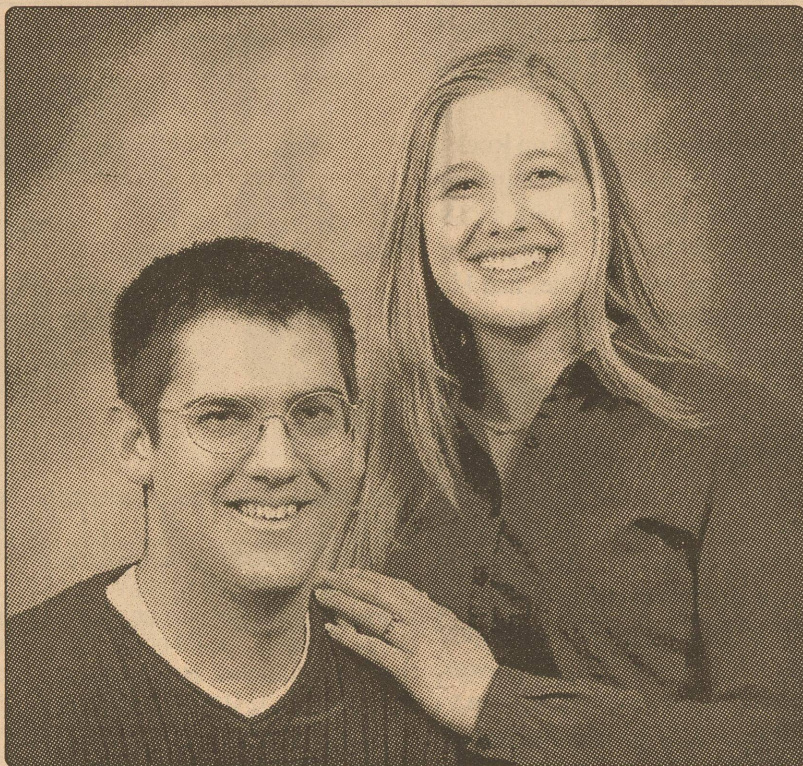
He was preceded in death by his

parents, William Harrison Joiner and Katholine Turner Joiner; a sister, Thersy Doy Mittel; and his twin brother, Wallace D. Joiner.

Survivors include a sister-in-law, Lula Mae Joiner; three nephews and their wives, Gail and Peggy Mittel of Christoval, Wayne and Shirley Joiner and John Paul and Cynthia Joiner, all of Eldorado; a niece and husband, Wally Ann and Clay Leaverton of Lubbock; and 17 great-nieces and nephews.

Pat was fortunate to have special friends who gave him much attention and loved him greatly, Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Contreas and family.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Eldorado.



Ray Don and Mary McIntosh COURTESY PHOTO

## McIntosh new minister at Mertzton H'way Church of Christ

Ray Don McIntosh and his wife Mary recently joined the Mertzton Highway Church of Christ where he serves as minister, replacing Glenn MacDonald who left Eldorado to serve at a church in Kentucky.

Ray Don is a native of Eden. He is the youngest son of a retired Church of Christ preacher. His parents still reside in Eden.

Ray Don is currently a senior at Angelo State University majoring in Kinesiology and minoring in English. He is also a student at

Southwest Bible Institute in San Angelo. He has year remaining at both schools.

Mary, a new bride of six months is a preacher's kid, too. She notes that her parents, Tom and Sissy Craiker of Silverton, moved around a lot while she was growing up.

Mary is a junior at ASU where she is majoring in Music Education, specializing in French Horn and Voice. She explains that she would like to teach music and band after graduating.

## Robert Joseph "Joe" Brown

AUSTIN — Robert Joseph "Joe" Brown was born February 2, 1951 to Robert and Barbara Myers Brown in Longview, Washington. He passed from this life on Friday, December 7, 2001 in Austin after a lengthy illness. A seventeen-year resident of Austin, Joe was formerly of Portland, Oregon.

Funeral services were held December 8, 2001 at the chapel of Johnson's Funeral Home with his brother, Rev. Stephen Brown officiating. Graveside services were held Sunday at the Eldorado Cemetery in Eldorado, Texas.

Survivors include his wife, Lisa Brown of Eldorado; children, Kyle T. Brown and Samantha F. Brown also of Eldorado; mother, Barbara Brown of Longview, Washington; father, Ron Brown of Florence, Arizona; brother and sister-in-law, Steve and Susan Brown of Mesa, Arizona; sisters and brothers-in-law, Jean and Gary Criswell of Portland, Oregon and Ronda and Don Dugas of Gre-



sham, Oregon; mother-in-law, Darlene F. Hardesty of Eldorado; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Danny Hardesty and Exa Garcia, both of Austin. He is also survived by nieces and nephews, Lucas Garcia, Ray Besa, Doug Hardesty, Colin Brown, Joshua Brown, Shaun Criswell, Rolf Criswell, Kristi Garcia, Mikala Brown, Dawn Brown, Jalinna Holmes, Matthew Holmes and Nathaniel Holmes; great nephew, Alex Prikrly and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

## Ruth Nadine Bell

ELDORADO — Ruth Nadine Bell, 65, passed away Thursday, Dec. 6, 2001, in Eldorado. Service was Saturday, Dec. 8, at First United Methodist Church with burial in Eldorado Cemetery.

She was born Feb. 17, 1936, in Loraine. She married Larry Bell in April 1962, and was a longtime resident of Eldorado. She was a waitress and had worked for the Schleicher County Independent School District.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 32 years, Larry; a daughter and son-in-law, Gail and Pete Whitten; a son, Alan Storie; her parents, Charlie and Nona Bennett; two sisters, Hazel Owens and Dorothy Ruff; and two broth-

ers, Theron Adams and Jr. Bennett.

Nadine is survived by a son, Dale Storie and wife, Sharon, of Longview and their sons, Chad and Chase; two daughters, Lori Dykstra and husband, Bill, of Eldorado and their sons, Alan and Kevin, and Pamela Whitten of Austin; four sisters, Thelma Seaton, Liz Hardt, Charlene Durham and Weynona Cullfer; and two brothers, Henry Bennett and Albert Bennett.

Pallbearers will be Bob Lester, Don Rinehart, Mike Brenner, Cole Perkins, John Blanco and Bill Friend.

## BIRTHDAY LIST

**DECEMBER**  
 13th Karen Holley, Elizabeth Niblett Lloyd, Maggie Middleton  
 14th Eric McGinnes, Bobby Newton, Matt Lloyd, Becky Lux  
 16th Stephen Grelle, Kevin Freeman, Virgilio Escobar Jr., Stephen Whitten, Jason Clark  
 17th Dylan Ramos, Micaela Gonzalez, Anita Robles  
 18th Felipe Montalvo, Brenda Greer  
 19th Jay Ray Holley, Mario Avila, LaTasha Newton, Jill Preston, Mary Lozano

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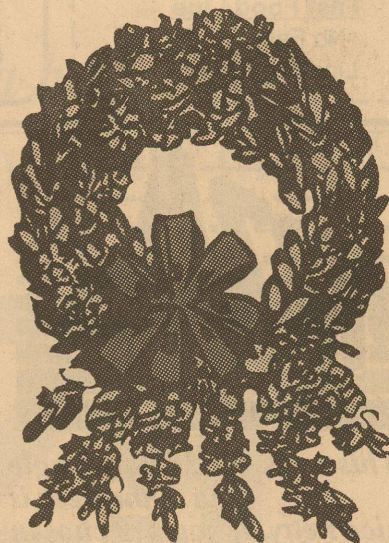
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 7th and 8th Grade Band  
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**Monday, December 24**  
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# Eagles boys become Road Warriors

by David E. Hill

It seems like the last time Eldorado played a home basketball game was over a month ago. It hasn't been that long, but Alan Gillespie's Eagle Basketball team has spent a lot of time on the road this season. The Eagles find themselves at 6 and 6 after last week's action. EHS traveled to Big Lake last Tuesday and then participated in the Ozona Tourney on Thurs-

day, Friday, and Saturday. Eldorado went 2 and 3 last week.

The Eagles traveled to Big Lake to take on the Owls at home last Tuesday. The Eagles dropped the game 66 to 54. Eldorado was down by 14 at one point in the contest but fought back and closed within 5 late in the game before being forced to foul as time ran down. Wesley Jones paced the Eagles with 15 points, followed by Ramon Barajas with 14 and Tony Fay had 10. The difference in the ball game was the third quarter. The Owls outscored the Eagles 18 to 10 and that was just too much for the Eagles to overcome.

EHS opened the Ozona Tourney with a win over Iraan. The Eagles came away with a 3-point win, 68 to 65. Eldorado outscored the Braves 17 to 12 and 20 to 14 in the second and third quarters and that was the difference in the game. Tony Fay led the Eagles with 19 followed by Benji Gonzalez with 18 and Thomas Ballew with 14.

Eldorado then faced 3A Brownfield and eventual Tournament Champion in the second round. The Eagles got off to a slow start and found themselves down by 6 at the half 25 to 19. EHS fought back in the third and fourth to within one. The game came down to the buzzer. Fay had 25 while Bobby Phillips and Ballew had 9 each.

The Eagles then took on Rock-springs for the second time in two weeks and came away with an 18 point win, 63 to 45. Fay poured in 14, Jones had 13, Gonzalez had 12, and Phillip Martinez had 10 for the Eagles. EHS took control early in the game and never let the Angoras in the contest.

On Saturday, Eldorado faced Ozona in the Consolation Final with 3 players not on the roster due to ACT testing. The Eagles dropped the game 61 to 31.

Wesley Jones paced the Eagles with 10 points. Tony Fay was named to the All-Tourney team.

Coach Gillespie commented on the week, "We really had some bright spots in our play this past week. The addition of Johnny Herrera coming off a football injury really has given us a lift. We need to continue to focus and work hard through the holidays to prepare for district play."

Eldorado faced Ballinger Tuesday night and will take on Robert Lee at home tomorrow night.



## 8th GRADE GIRLS

November 19, 2001  
 Eldorado 00-05-04-02=11  
 Mason 08-10-03-08=29  
 Scoring for Lady Eagles: Allison Reynolds 2, Maxie Holley, Amber Valdez 2, Micaela Gonzalez 2.

November 26, 2001  
 Eldorado 09-11-11-05=36  
 Junction 00-02-04-05=11  
 Scoring for Lady Eagles: Josie Diaz, 8, Maxie Holley 8, Allison Reynolds 4, Amber Valedez, 3, Charlotte Adame 3, Rachel Joner 3, Karina Sanchez 3, Taylor Baker 2, Chandra Wanoreck 2. Good defensive efforts by Lauren Brown and Micaela Gonzalez

December 03, 2001  
 Eldorado 04-00-02-06=12  
 Wall 14-08-07-08=37  
 Scoring for Lady Eagles: Lauren Brown 2, Allison Reynolds 2, Josie Diaz 2, Micaela Gonzalez 2, Amber Valdez 2.

December 10, 2001  
 Eldorado 04-10-06-08=28  
 Grape Creek 04-10-06-08=34  
 Scoring for Lady Eagles: Allison Reynolds 6, Maxie Holley 6, Chandra Wanoreck 6, Amber Valdez 4, Rachel Joiner 4, Charlotte Adame 2.

## 8th GRADE BOYS

December 03, 2001  
 Eldorado 13-03-09-06=31  
 Wall 07-12-11-03=33  
 Scoring for Eagles: Michael Ballew 5, Frank Edmiston 7, Andy Mejia 3, Jeremy Ussery 7, Kyle Taylor 4, Michael Hill 1, Frank Wipff 4. 3 Point Goals: Michael Ballew (1) and Jeremy Ussery (1)

December 10, 2001  
 Eldorado 03-07-10-13=33  
 Grape Creek 07-06-06-06=25  
 Scoring for Eagles: Michael Ballew 4, Frank Edmiston 7, Andy Mejia 5, Patrick Chavez 9, Jeremy Ussery 6, John Wipff 3.

## 7th GRADE BOYS

December 10, 2001  
 Eldorado 02-06-00-03=11  
 Grape Creek 00-00-00-00=55  
 Scoring for Eagles: Neal Higginna 2, Ryan Cathey 1, David Hernandez 2, Logan Jones, Sammy Estrada 2.

## 7th GRADE GIRLS

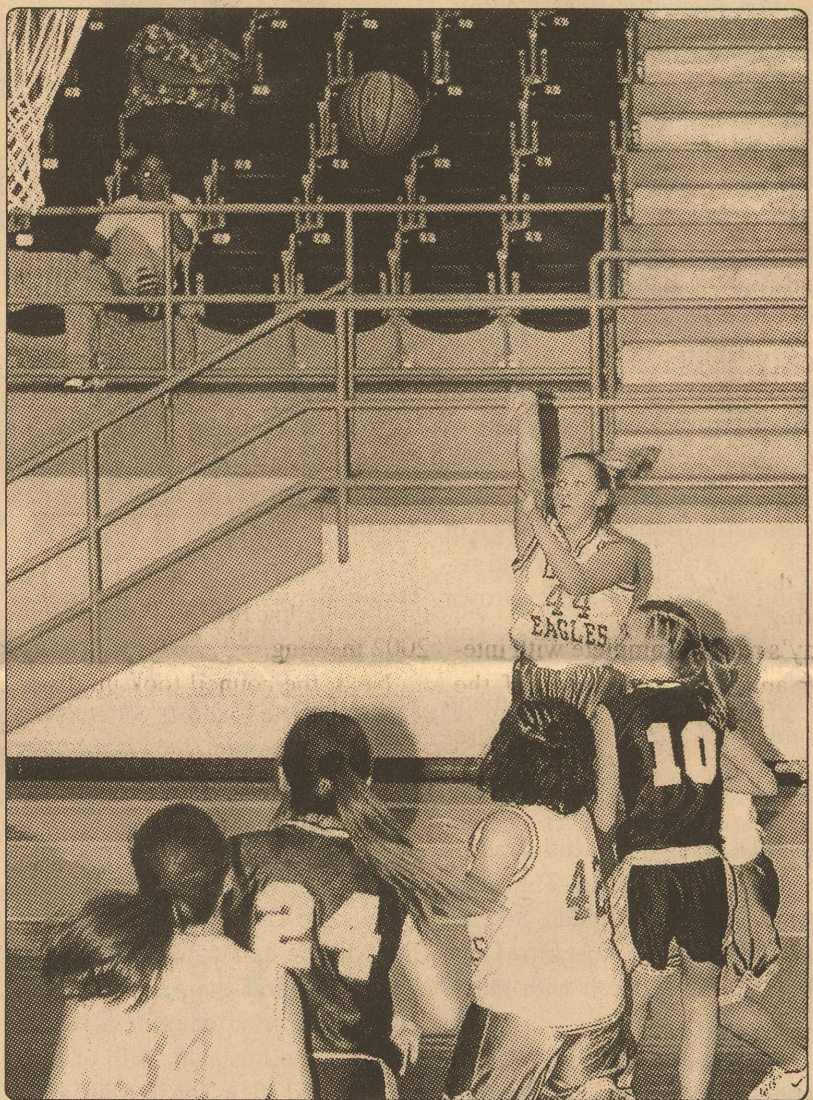
November 19, 2001  
 Eldorado 00-00-02-00=02  
 Mason 17-00-11-13=41  
 Scoring for Lady Eagles: Kimberly Saminego 2.

November 26, 2001  
 Eldorado 04-02-01-00-07  
 Junction 08-00-05-07=18  
 Scoring for Lady Eagles: Kimberly Samaniego 5 and Sandra Garza 2.

December 03, 2001  
 Eldorado 02-00-00-00=02  
 Wall 10-10-08-10=38  
 Scoring for Lady Eagles: Tiffany Hernandez 2.

December 10 2001  
 Eldorado 00-00-01-02=03  
 Grape Creek 06-10-06-08=30  
 Scoring for Lady Eagles: Boamber Gentry 3 and Kimberly Samaniego 1.

Editor's note: The Success tries very hard to bring you information about all local athletes. However, since it is impossible for us to attend every game, we must rely on coaches and team managers to provide us with scores and statistics. If we don't have the information, then we can't share it with you.



Up and in — Taylor Baker lofted this shot for the 8th grade Lady Eagles as the hometown girls defeated Junction 36-11 in Eagle Gym on November 26.

### School Menu

**Milk & Bread Offered**  
**Menus Subject To Change**  
**Cafeteria Line**

**Monday, December 17**  
 Chicken Nuggets/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, English Peas, Dinner Roll, Strawberry Jello/Topping

**Tuesday, December 18**  
 Sloppy Joes, French Fries, Tossed Salad, Orange Wedge

**Wednesday, December 19**  
 Meat & Macaroni Casserole, Glazed Carrots, Green Beans, Cornbread, Iced Cupcakes

**Thursday, December 20**  
 Pizza Whole kernel Corn, Pineapple Tidbits

**Friday, December 21**  
 No School - Christmas Break

**Breakfast**  
 ½ pt. Milk & 4oz Juice Offered with each breakfast

**Monday, December 17**  
 Choice of Cereal, Toast/Jelly, Diced Pears

**Tuesday, December 18**  
 Scrambled Eggs, Toast/Jelly, Mixed Fruit

**Wednesday, December 19**  
 Oatmeal, Muffin

**Thursday, December 20**  
 Breakfast Pizza, Juice

**Friday, December 21**  
 No School - Christmas Break

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Please complete the English or Spanish version of the survey inserted in this newspaper and take it to a drop box location. This survey assessment enables us to clearly define the technological

needs of our community. Drop boxes are located at Duckwall's Amigo Dream, First National Bank, 1st Community Federal Credit Union, Super S, and the Annenberg Building across from Kids Kampus.

If you own a business or if you are an organizational leader and have not received a business/organization survey, please call Kay Creek, the CN2 Local Coordinator, at 853-3028 ext. 235.

The success of this potential network depends on the needs of our community as a whole. Your responses to the surveys will be greatly appreciated.

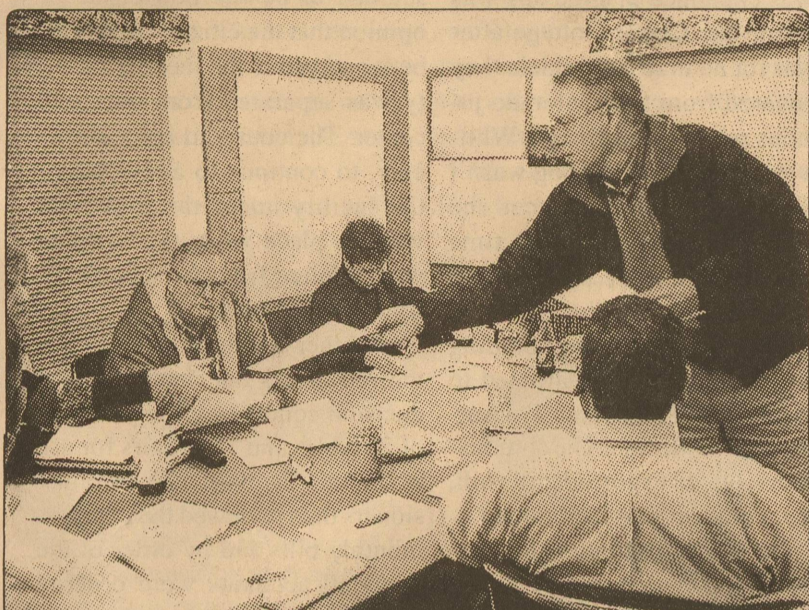


PHOTO BY LORI STRICKLAN

**A look at the map** — Richard Lesassier, representing Broadwing Communications, distributed maps to the Eldorado City Council of a proposed route his company hopes to use while bringing a fiber-optic cable through town. The cable is being laid from Los Angeles to Houston and has already reached the western edge of Eldorado on U.S. 190.

## City Council meeting held

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He said the company, U.S. Underwater Services, is licensed to carry out such inspections and that the city realizes a savings by having it done this way. The company's report, complete with interior and exterior photos of the tanks, was circulated for the council's review. Dean explained that the report revealed that the tanks are all in good condition at this time.

City Administrator Randy Mankin then updated the council on several employee matters. He noted that two employees have completed their 90-day orientation period and recommended a 75 cent per hour raise for each. The council unanimously approved the request. Mankin then advised the council that there is still one vacancy in the city's work force. He asked if the council wanted to continue with the policy requiring all new city employees to have a high school diploma or a GED certificate. By consensus the group agreed to continue with the policy. The council then approved a holiday schedule for 2002. There will be eleven holidays in 2002, the same number adopted by Schleicher County Commissioners two weeks ago.

Mankin then brought up an an-

imal control draft ordinance the group had discussed at the November 12. He asked for guidance in proceeding with the item and was directed by the council to place it on the agenda for the January 7, 2002 meeting.

Next, the council took up discussion of "longevity pay." Since it is unlawful for the City to award Christmas bonuses, in recent years the council has chosen to offer longevity pay. That amounts to \$50 for each year of service, up to ten years. It is roughly equivalent to the salary adjustment given by Schleicher County to its employees. After a long discussion about the appropriateness of the system, the council voted to continue the practice for one more year. Council members Tommy Minor, Richard Mendez, Toni Sudduth and Dora Bosmans voted in favor of the measure while Robert Bybee voted against.

A brief discussion followed regarding the ongoing controversy between Shannon Hospital and Blue Cross/Blue Shield, the city's group insurance provider. Before adjourning the council also reviewed information concerning a bankruptcy filing by Classic Communications, Inc., the company that holds the cable TV franchise in the city.

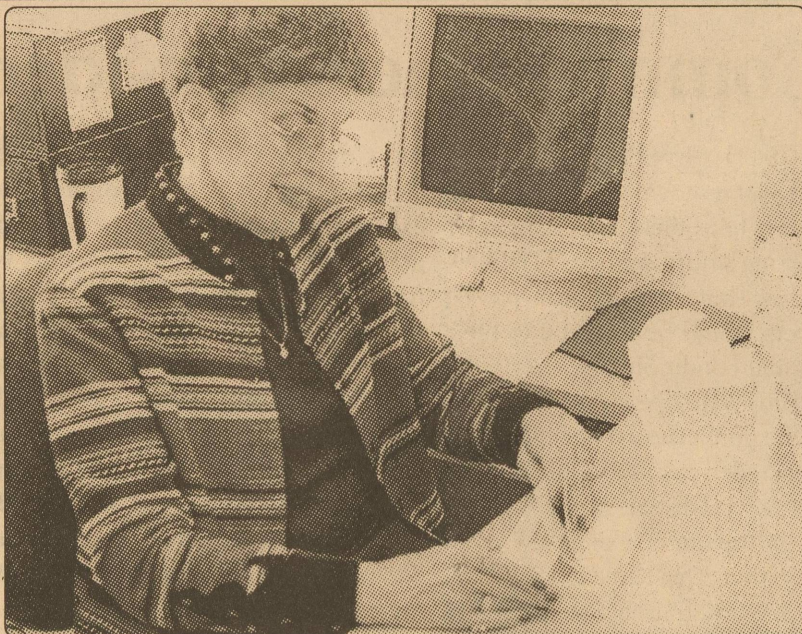


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**New certificates** — Lou Ann Turner, the Schleicher County Tax Assessor-Collector as well as the County Voter Registrar looked through stacks of voter registration certificates Monday as her office prepared to mail the cards out this week.

## New registration cards being mailed to local voters

New voter registration certificates are being mailed to each registered voter in Schleicher County this week. The certificates will be valid from January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2003.

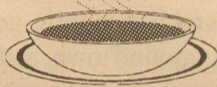
Lou Ann Turner, the county voter registrar, is asking that each person receiving a new certificate, please check the name, physical address, mailing address and birth date. If errors of any kind are detected on the certificate, corrections should be made on the back of the card in the space provided.

Cards with corrections should be returned immediately to the County Tax Office in order that the corrections can be made in time for

the upcoming March 2002 Primaries.

The deadline for making corrections and for new registrations is February 11, 2002.

## Meals for Friends Menu



**Monday, December 17**  
Chicken Strips w/ Cream Gravy, Pinto Beans, Mustard Greens, Cornbread, Cherry Cobbler, Juice, Milk

**Tuesday, December 18**  
Hamburger w/ Mustard, Oven Fried Potatoes, Lettuce, Tomatoes & Onions, Bun, Carrot Salad, Fruit Cocktail, Milk

**Wednesday, December 19**  
Steak Fingers w/ White Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Fresh Orange, Milk

**Thursday, December 20**  
Meatloaf w/ Tomatoes, Blackeyed Peas, Okra, Cornbread, Banana Pudding, Milk

**Friday, December 21**  
Turkey w/ Giblet Gravy & Cranberry Sauce, Cornbread Dressing, Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Cabbage Salad, Pumpkin Pie, Milk

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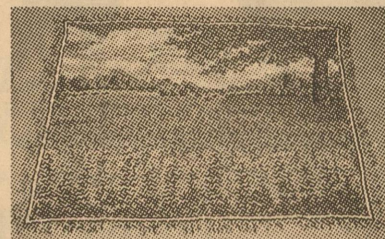
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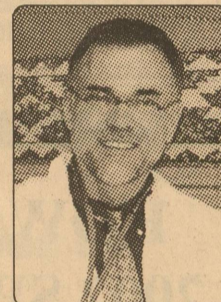
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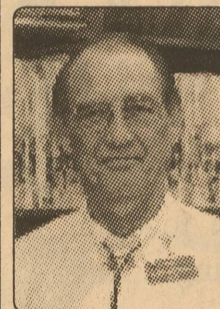
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Government 2301 8 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. Tues. and Thurs.

# Commissioners consider plans for Ag Building

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water-jet removal of earth in those areas where there was danger of severing utility services. They reported that cuts on non-paved streets would be returned to their original condition.

Bids were opened at 10:00 a.m. for the purchase of a transport load of unleaded gasoline. Only one bid was received, that of Griffin Fuels, in the amount of 90.25 cents per gallon. That came to \$8,122.50 for a 9,000 gallon load. The bid was awarded to Griffin Fuel.

Jessica Harper, representing

the Concho Valley Council of Government's H.E.A.T. program, explained the purpose of the program, noting that the initials stand for "Help End Auto Theft." Harper said she is available to address civic organizations, lodges, clubs and groups who might be interested in the program which is free of charge.

In order to participate, vehicle owners must present proof of insurance to Ms. Harper. Their vehicle will then be entered into the computer as a participant and a decal will be attached to the vehi-

cle's window. The decal grants permission to any peace officer in the state to stop the vehicle between 2:00 a.m. and 5 a.m. The idea is to check the vehicle to see if the owner, or someone they have approved, is driving. If not, the vehicle is presumed stolen. A second decal is available that requires the vehicle be stopped to determine ownership before it is allowed to cross the Mexican border.

Next, a discussion regarding another item not on the agenda centered around a dog left at Mondee Whitten's Critter Cottage. It was explained that the dog was taken to the Critter Cottage after it was found in stolen vehicle they recovered from two Colorado juveniles several months ago. Whitten said that when the dog wasn't claimed by the car's owner she boarded the dog for some time before taking it to the Animal Shelter in San Angelo. She asked the county to pay the bill for boarding the animal and was instructed to submit the bill to County Treasurer Karen Henderson. The commissioners agreed to consider the bill, once it was properly submitted.

The commissioners then reviewed and denied a request from former Deputy Sheriff Eddie Rodriguez that the county pay \$100 for his continuing education hours.

Next the commissioners met with County Agent Scott Edmonson and school Ag. teacher Cory Stephens regarding rules changes at the county's newly acquired "Ag Barn" facility. However, the discussion quickly shifted from "rules" to proposed changes in the facility itself.

Edmonson said that the pens at the facility are "a pile of junk." He further stated that there are no security measures and no regulations governing who may use these pens, what animals can be penned, where they are to be penned or how long containment would be

allowed. Several suggestions were offered, most of them involving the relocation of the feed pens away from the "barn" facility. These changes would allow for better security, animal control, would allow for the facility to serve better as a Civic Center, it was explained.

Commissioner Mayo suggested that first priority should be to ensure that adequate electric power service was available at the facility, that the "swamp" cooler air-conditioners be replaced and that leaks in the roof be repaired. Though no action was taken, it seemed to be the consensus of opinion that the citizens would be better served if the feeding facility was separated from the civic center. The court did agree, however, to continue to allow use of the facility under the rules that were in place when the building was acquired from the school district on December 1.

In other business, the court reviewed prices but made no final decision concerning the purchase of 25 tables and 150 chairs for use at the new facility. The commissioners then reviewed the county's monthly bills and by order of the court all accounts were ordered paid.

The commissioners then approved contract with Tom Green County for the detention of Schleicher County Juvenile offenders. Indigent care was awarded to two individuals for assistance in paying utility bills.

An item concerning an application for a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation, Aviation Division for improvements at the newly resurfaced airport was tabled until the county's engineer could offer a plan. The topic is scheduled to appear again on the agenda of the January 14, 2002 meeting. There being no further business the court adjourned at 2:30 p.m.



COURTESY PHOTO

Every dollar counts — Debbie Griffin (R) received a \$500 donation from Dena Zimmerhanel, Telecom Community Development representative for the Lower Colorado River Authority

## Needed: \$50,000 in local funds for half million grant

Schleicher County I.S.D. is in the process of applying for a \$500,000 community network grant funded by TIF, Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund. To name a few, this grant can bring high speed Internet access to El-

dorado, establish public access labs/portals around town, and provide computer training for community members.

In order to apply for the \$500,000 network grant, the community must raise ten percent of this amount in matching funds. We ask community members, organizations, businesses and industries to make monetary donations in any amount to the Schleicher County Community Network. If you need a tax write-off, please consider this worthy cause. The funds will be placed in a Community Network account and used to match the amount of the grant.

The ten percent match is the biggest challenge of the grant, and we need your help. If you have any questions or want to know specific details about what this grant can do for our community, please call Kay Creek, the SCCN Local Coordinator, at 853-3028 ext. 235.



The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the Sheriff's office, nor does it include routine security checks, minor traffic stops or routine patrols. Incidents of major impact will be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

### ARRESTS

December 5 • Garcia, Emergildo, male age 44, arrested by SC Officer, charge Criminal Mischief, Class B Misdemeanor. Released on \$500 PR Bond.

December 7 • Rojas, Mauricio Ivan, male age 20, arrested by SC Officer, charge DPS Warrants, Kenney County. Released, paid fines in the amount of \$675.00.

December 8 • Middleton, Lonnie A., male age 20, arrested by SC Officer, charge Driving Under The Influence. Released on Citation.

December 9 • Rabon, Angellia H., female age 26, arrested by SC Officer, charge Driving While License Suspended/Driving While Intoxicated. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

December 10 • Grilliti, Paula Kay, female age 39, arrested by SC Officer, charge Public Intoxication. Released on Citation.

### REPORTS

December 5 • 12:15 p.m. Subject reported 2 young boys at a vacant house south of the middle school. Officer responded.

December 6 • 7:25 a.m. Complainant reported subject having shortness of breath and anxiety and requested an ambulance. EMS-1 responded.

December 6 • 8:08 a.m. Subject requested an ambulance for a 64 year old female who was having shortness of breath.

December 6 • 3:27 p.m. Subject reported a minor accident 12 miles out on FM 2596. Officer responded.

December 7 • 10:50 p.m. Subject reported a pickup in front of residence playing loud music. Pickup is grey and red in color. Officer responded.

December 7 • 8:55 a.m. Complainant reported that suspicious activities were happening at a residence. Complainant was worried due to the female subject was elderly. Officer responded.

December 7 • 9:50 a.m. Sonora Sheriff Office reported a 911 call they received in our county. Irion County responded believing it was in their county. At 10:05 a.m. a call was received that it was in our county on County Road 414. Officers responded.

December 7 • 2:45 p.m. Subjects mother had lost a little bag with all her jewelry at a convenience store. If anyone finds the bag she will be able to identify it.

December 8 • 1:10 a.m. Subject reported that the tenants at the apartment upstairs were having a loud party and making a lot of noise. Officer responded.

December 8 • 9:25 a.m. Updating previous complainant. Subject stated that the hunting camp on their property had also been broken into. Subject stated that they would supply the Sheriff Office with a list of items missing.

December 8 • 10:50 a.m. Subject reported one ewe found on Hwy. 190 East. Officer responded.

December 8 • 1:19 p.m. Subject stated that their vehicle a dark blue Chevy S-10 with no tailgate had been taken by 2 male subjects without their permission. Officer responded found subjects and complainant did not want to file charges.

December 9 • 3:00 p.m. Complainant stated that a male subject was shooting rocks from a slingshot at their son. Officer notified.

December 9 • 3:02 p.m. Complainant reported sheep out on Hwy. 190 West. Possible owner contacted.

December 9 • 3:05 p.m. Report of a controlled burn on McIntosh Road.

December 9 • 5:20 p.m. Complainant stated that there was a small fire somewhere near Mulberry Street. They are not sure if it is a controlled burn or a barbecue pit.

December 10 • 1:50 a.m. Complainant reported that their house was flooded. Officer responded. City and apartment manager were contacted.

December 10 • 8:30 a.m. Subject reported losing a Nokia cell phone with a black leather case at the Methodist Church. If found contact Sheriff Office.

December 10 • 10:44 p.m. Sonora Sheriff Office reported a deer with both back legs broken on side of the road just before the county line. Officer responded.

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Thank you to all who helped make our 100th Anniversary a special day. Special thanks go to James and Dora Mankin, Rick and Lori Stricklan, Ebba Nikolauk, Leon and Olean Stricklan, Mabel Freitag, Geneva Wade, Danny and Paula Boyer, Jo and Company, First National Bank of Eldorado, Cathy Kuykendall, Johnny and Cindy Kirby, Ed and Lynn Meador, Nancy Lester, Scott Edmonson, Betty Creel and the City of Eldorado. A special thank you goes to Pat Cummins for buying the very first copy of the first edition in our second century!

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## School board meets, considers TIF grant

by Kathy Mankin

The Schleicher County ISD board of trustees met Monday night and among other items heard about progress toward a half-million dollar Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund (TIF) grant. On hand for the meeting were trustees Phil McCormick, Eddie Albin, Berta Nicholson, Sam Whitten, Jr., Kurtis Homer, Steve Sessom and Jo Helen Kotsch. The group listened as High School librarian Debbie Griffin explained the complexities of the TIF grant.

Griffin told the group that the grant, if it is awarded locally, could help bring high-speed internet connectivity to everyone in Eldorado who is willing to pay for it. She noted that in order for the grant application to go forward, a local entity must act as fiscal agent for the grant. Griffin explained that the only groups locally who qualify to serve as fiscal agents are the school district, the public library and the hospital. She further explained that SCISD Superintendent

George Blanch had expressed his desire that the school district not serve as the fiscal agent. A fiscal agent is the governmental entity that takes on the responsibility for administering the grant.

Griffin told the group that she had visited with Schleicher County Commissioners earlier in the day and that she believed the county would be more willing to help supply some of the local matching funds than they would to serve as fiscal agent for the public library. Griffin added that once a fiscal agent is secured, a total of \$50,000 in local matching funds will be needed in order to help secure the \$500,000 grant. She ended her presentation to the board by asking them to consider donating \$10,000.00 toward the \$50,000 needed.

The board then heard from the district's Financial Director Loretta Edmiston who reported that \$32,953.00 was received through the Anneberg program for the local Woolen Mill. This amount was added to the general fund in the form of a budget amendment.

Next, the trustees discussed incorporating the annual Superintendent evaluation into the regular January board meeting.

The three campus principals then updated the board on changes made to their Campus Improvement Plans. Elementary Principal Bob Wanoreck explained that funds once directed toward a CEI lab have been redirected toward a reading lab. He noted that the biggest change on his campus was the new Spanish classes involving 92 students.

Middle School Principal Julie Griffin explained that six activities related to Science and Social Studies have been added on her campus in preparation for those subjects being included in TAAS testing.

High School Principal Newman told the trustees that the emphasis in his Campus Improvement Plan has been placed on staff development. Also, there will be an increased emphasis placed on reading with the goal of increasing scores on ACT and SAT tests. That will be carried out with the help of English teachers Matt Rutherford and Linda Thomas, Newman stated.

Next, the trustees adopting the plan as required by House Bill 1130 (Educational Aide Exemption Program) which encourages educational aides to return to college in hopes of becoming a teacher.

The board then went behind closed doors for a lengthy executive session concerning personnel matters. They emerged into open session, taking no action on the matter.

At that time, Supt. Blanch reported that the district currently has 615 students enrolled. He also updated the trustees about an ongoing dispute between Shannon Health Systems, and Blue Cross/Blue Shield, the company that serves as insurance provider for the district.

Before the group adjourned, trustee Eddie Albin reported that the Texas Association of School Boards has compiled an administrator salary guide and reminded his fellow trustees about a grass root committee that will meet at the Education Service Center in San Angelo.



**Paramedic handshake** — Local paramedic Tim Vasquez greeted New York City paramedic Frank Riboni Monday when the procession Riboni was riding in stopped for a few minutes in Eldorado. Eldorado Volunteer Firefighters, Sheriff's Department officers, EMS units and DPS troopers escorted Riboni through Eldorado as he traveled to Sonora for a personal appearance. Riboni is one of several New York City firemen, policemen and paramedics who are touring in an effort to raise funds and awareness in the aftermath of the September 11 attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

## County Stock Show slated for Jan. 11-12

by Scott Edmonson,  
County Extension Agent

The 2002 Schleicher County Livestock, Food and Project Show will be on January 11-12, 2002. Following is a schedule of events and we encourage everyone to come out and enjoy the festivities.

**Wednesday, January 9**  
Last Day to turn in Food Show Recipe Forms

**Thursday, January 10**  
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**Friday, January 11**  
Livestock show begins  
2:00 p.m.  
Meat Goats  
7:00 p.m.  
Lambs  
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**Saturday, January 12**  
Livestock show continues  
9:00 a.m.  
Food show entries must be in place  
Steer Show  
9:30 a.m.

Heifer Show  
10:00 a.m.  
Judging of Food Show entries  
10:00 a.m.  
Swine Show  
11:00 a.m.  
Dog Show  
12:noon  
BBQ Luncheon  
12:30 p.m.  
Presentation of awards  
Livestock Show and Food Show Premium Sale

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## Prescribed burn workshop slated for Dec. 20

by Scott Edmonson,  
County Extension Agent

There will be a Prescribed Burning Workshop on Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2001 at the Camp Sol Mayer Boy Scout Camp at Ft. McKavett from 10:00 a.m. til 2:00 p.m. At a recent producer meeting concerning the formation of a prescribed burning association here in Schleicher County, it was agreed to not form an association

here but to join the Edwards Plateau Prescribed Burning Association. With that, it is recommended that members participate in a "Burn School" to learn how to conduct an effective prescribed burn. Therefore, this school has been set up and Dr. Butch Taylor with the Sonora Experiment Station and Dr. Allan McGinty, Extension Range Specialist will be on

hand to conduct the school. Many producers indicated that they planned on joining the EPP-BA and it is not too late for you to join. The annual dues are \$25.00 and applications will be available at the meeting. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact the office. There will be a \$5 registration fee for the burn school to cover the cost of a hamburger lunch.

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