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#### For Your Information

#### **Mistletoe Trivia**

Christmas has long been a great occasion of decoration in the most church. But, of all the foliage available, mistletoe alone seems to be excluded from churches. Perhaps that was because it was the sacred plant of the druids. In more recent times the frivolity and kissing customs may have something to do with the continuation of mistletoe's exclusion from church decora-

#### On This Date

On this date in 1620 construction began on the Pilgrim's settlement at Plymouth, one week after the Mayflower arrived from England. In 1777 General George Washington learned details of a plot to remove him from his post as commander-in-chief of the Continental Army. Thomas Conway, the chief plotter was forced to resign from the army. In 1944 blue skies greeted allied defenders as the seventh day of the Battle of the Bulge began. Good weather allowed air support to turn the tide of the battle and the German counter-offensive was thwarted.

Birthdays of note include: 1885 restauranteur Vincent Sardi; 1911 actor James Gregory; 1929 bowler Dick Weber; 1933 Japanese Emperor Akihito; 1935 football player Paul Hornung; 1940 singer-composer Tim Hardin; 1948 football player Jack Ham

#### Your 2¢ Worth

Texas cities, counties and other Icoal taxing entities collected \$3.5 billion in slaes taxes in 1999 — a new one-year record for local sales tax revenue, and an increase of 7.1 percent compared to 1998. In additional to the state sales tax of 6.25 cents on the dollar, communities may impose local sales taxes of up to an additional two cents on the dollar to fund items and services like roads, hospitals, fire and police protection, economic development, libraries, parks, property tax relief, and other purposes.

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**Texas Wines Toast Millenium** In 1998, the Texas wine industry provided 1,200 jobs for Texans and had an economic impact of \$98.8 million. Texas' 34 vintners produced more than 1.3 million gallons of wine in 1998 that's about half a bottle for every adult Texan of drinking age.



Sing it grandma — Melissa Murr, (at right with hoofprints on her forehead) sings "Grandma Got Run Over By A Reindeer" as Terry Green, Joella Parker and the EHS Varsity Chorus join in. The group entertained in the lobby of First National Bank last Friday at the bank's Christmas Open House.

#### County livestock show slated January 7 & 8

urday, January 7 & 8, at the Ex- on Saturday Morning. hibit Building. Creative Arts En-

The cold weather is a sure sign Classes. The show will start at FFA members exhibit their that Stock Show Season has hit 9:00 a.m. on Saturday Morning projects. Livestock projects teach Schleicher County and the annual with the Lamb Show. The Dog responsibility as well as subject Junior Livestock, Food and Project Show will be held at 11 a.m. and matter knowledge! It is a great Show will be held Friday and Sat- the Food Show will also be held family project and we hope to see

The Dog Show is open to all tries will be accepted at the Show youth in the community. There Barn on Thursday, January 6, from will be 2 classes - groomed dogs 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Mrs. Barbara and dressed dogs. You can show Earwood from Sonora will once your dog in the dressed category again be serving as the Art Show and then undress them and show judge. She us always so complithem in the groomed category. mentary of the quality of work ex- Dogs must be on a leash and have hibited. All Livestock Exhibits not eaten a sheep in the past must be in place and weighed in month. Food Show entries need to by 6 p.m. on Thursday, January be in place by 9 a.m. for judging 6, and the show will actually start at 10:00 a.m. The annual Barbeat 8:30 a.m. Friday with the Meat cue Lunch will be served at 11:30 Goat Show followed by Swine. A a.m. on Saturday and the presenbreak will be taken from 1 to 1:30 tation of awards and sale will start and the show will resume with at 12:30 p.m. Everyone is invited Steers followed by the Heifer to come out and see the 4-H and

photo by Randy Mankin

Welcome to town — State Representative Bob Turner (2nd from

right) was welcomed to Eldorado last Thursday by (L-R) Trooper

Robert Bybee, County Commissioner Bill Clark and Mark Marshall.

IS IT TIME TO RENEW YOUR

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The Success prints renewal dates on the top line of all

mailing labels. Our readers can help us hold the cost of

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Turner was in town to kick off his reelection campaign.

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appropriate month. Thank you!

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**BOX 12345** 

lots of families at the Show!

#### Holiday hours at city landfill

The City if Eldorado Landfill will be closed Friday and Saturday, December 24 and 25, in observance of the Christmas Holiday. Regular hours will be resumed Monday, December 27 through Friday, December 31 The Landfill will be closed on Saturday, January 1, 2000.

### Drive safe and sober, DPS urges

The Texas Department of Public Safety estimates that as many as 30 people could die in Texas are important for anyone seeking pital was constructed traffic crashes during the 54-hour the position of County Commis-Christmas holiday that runs from 6 p.m. Dec. 24 through midnight Sunday, December 26.

in traffic crashes during the New Year's holiday, which runs from 6 p.m. Dec. 31 through midnight Jan. 2, DPS estimates.

"Texans need to buckle up, slow down and designate a driver," director of the ASCS said Col. Dudley M. Thomas, director of the Department of Public ture Workers Mutual Insurance retired from the Schleicher County Safety.

"We repeat the same words every year, and every year, people neaccount and pay a terrible price."

As in previous years, alcoholimpaired driving and failure to use ers Life Insurance Board seatbelts contributed most to the the 1998 holidays:

during the Christmas holiday pe-tion riod involved alcohol.

## Y2K, a nightmare or a non-event?

As individuals and businesses ments have been made by govern- and ready to roll, just in case. ment officials in Washington, D.C. and Austin.

ing for the worst. Sales of bottled water towers and ground storage water and portable generators are tank will be filled by a well near one discount store manager in San gas engine. The city's gas system

County residents appear to be curtailed by a power failure. somewhat insulated from many of geared up to meet any threat.

Auxiliary generators at the around the world prepare for the Schleicher County Sheriff's Denew millennium, governmental au- partment and the Medical Center thorities world-wide are issuing are set to kick-in if there is a power assurances to calm jittery nerves. failure. That way, emergency com-"It will be the biggest non-event munications and medical services of all time," a spokesman for the should not be interrupted. The El-Canadian Defense Ministry an- dorado Volunteer Fire Department nounced last week. Similar state- will have its trucks full of water

The City of Eldorado has made provisions f x Y2K, too. In case Meanwhile, others are prepar- of a power failure, the town's two "through the roof," according to the airport which is operated by a has also been checked out to make Closer to home, Schleicher sure the supply of gas won't be

An interruption of electric the problems predicted when the power seems to be the biggest conlast two digits of the year click over cern locally. CSW Corporation, the to double zero. Emergency service parent company of West Texas agencies like fire, police and am- Utilities, which provides electric bulance have all prepared for service to city residents, advises "Y2K" as the millennium bug has that precautions have been taken been called. And, Schleicher to insure a continuous supply of County Medical Center has also electricity. However, the company CONTINUED ON PAGE 6

#### Mittel seeks job as County Commissioner in Precinct 3

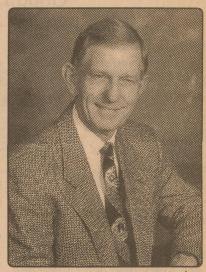
I, Ronnie Mittel, would like to announce my candidacy for Schleicher County Commissioner, Precinct 3, in the March 14, 2000 Republican Primary.

Schleicher County has been my home most of my life. I am a graduate of Eldorado High School and hold a degree in Animal Science from Texas Tech University.

After a 30 year career as County Executive Director of of the ASCS, where I was responsible for administering farm programs, I retired and opened an investment and insurance business in Eldo-

sioner is the ability to be a good County ISD board of trustees listener. It is important to patiently listen to the concerns and problems Church As many as 32 people could die of all the people and then come to public service:

- 30 years as county executive
- · Past director of the Agricul-Company
- Advisory Board of the Agriculture children. glect to take their own safety into Science Department at Texas Tech University.
- Current member of the Eldonumber of fatality crashes during rado Lions Club, the Schleicher residents of Precinct 3 in the County Chamber of Commerce months ahead. Your consideration • 57 percent of the fatal crashes and the Eldorado Game Associa- and support in the upcoming elec-
  - · Served on the Schleicher CONTINUED ON PAGE 6 County Hospital District board of



Ronnie Mittel

Among the qualifications that directors before and after the hos-

- · Served on the Schleicher
- · Deacon at First Baptist

I am a landowner and have been a rational and fair solution. I hope a rancher most of my life and my experience in the following curently have a business in Eldoareas has taught me to listen in rado. I am keenly aware of the declining tax base of Schleicher County and the need to conserve tax payer dollars.

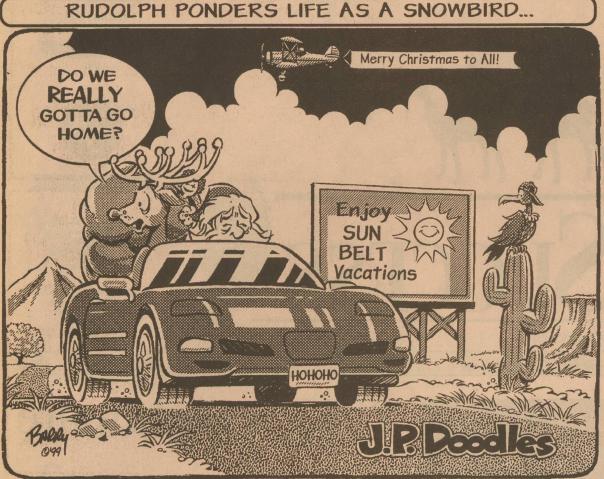
My wife, Sharon, has recently ISD after 36 years of service. We · Past member of the Dean's have two children and four grand-

If elected, I will do my very best to serve the needs of the people in • Current director of Ag Work- Precinct 3, and all the citizens of Schleicher County.

I look forward to meeting all the tion is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ronnie Mittel



#### Don't worry, Santa won't need a runway

Eldorado Approach to Reindeer flight seven zero niner--you're cleared for final on runway two seven seven. Come right three four degrees to two two five and decrease altitude to one five zero zero feet ... Over.

Roger that Eldorado Approach this is Reindeer seven and the courthouse...Over. zero niner requesting landing assistance... I'm not sure I'm en seven...Over.

Copy that Reindeer seven feet...Over. zero niner. Runway one eight zero is out of service at this time, you will be landing on auxiliary street which passes by the school

familiar with runway two sev- Reindeer seven zero niner, turn- their lights on for you Reindeer altitude is one five zero zero in sight -- one very bright red

You're looking good Reindeer seven zero niner, this is El- gear is down and locked. Please runway two seven seven, the dorado Approach handing you have fuel standing by...Over. off to Eldorado Tower...Over.

> seven zero niner, you're clear to like in particular...Over? land on runway two seven seven. Wind is one four knots at your back. Request fuel status and cookies and some hay for and souls on board...Over.

Roger that Eldorado Tower, clear to land on runway two two niner. You're clear to taxi to any seven. Wind is one four knots at rooftoop you desire...Over. my back. Show us with ten souls During the 1999 Texas Legis- on board and fuel is almost

zero niner, I could have sworn goodnight... Over and Out.

you said zero fuel...Over?

Roger that Eldorado Tower, Reindeer seven zero niner I am bingo fuel. Altitude is five zero zero feet, I'm below the clouds and have you in sight. What are all those lights down there...Over?

Everyone in town heard you Roger, Eldorado Approach, were coming and they've turned ing to two two five degrees. My seven zero niner. We have you light...Over.

Roger that, Eldorado Tower,

Affirmative, Reindeer seven Eldorado Tower to Reindeer zero niner, anything you would

> Negative, just the usual, milk my reindeer...Over.

I show you down at zero hun-Reindeer seven zero niner is dred hours Reindeer seven zero

Roger that Eldorado Tower. This is Reindeer seven zero niner signing off by saying Merry Say again, Reindeer seven Christmas to all and to all a

#### Court rules prison system's meat substitute contract invalid

AUSTIN — The Texas Supreme Court unanimously ruled invalid the state prison system's contract to buy. VitaPro, a soybeanbased meat substitute sold by a Montreal firm.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice agreed to buy nearly \$34 million worth of VitaPro through a an investigation. contract approved in 1994 by James A. "Andy" Collins, who then was ing shipments of VitaPro in 1996. executive director of the prison sys-

sulting job with VitaPro.

Justice and Collins' successor, ported last week. Wayne Scott, later learned that the cess and did not receive approval from the board. They then ordered not exempt from bidding laws.

I ran across one of those health 90.

The test revealed that I would cally active.

exams in a magazine. It had ques-

live to be 86.6 years old. Actually,

health situation. I've already cut ously.

down on coffee, started flossing

mistic. The authors also suggested

causes of death, are common for

overweight.

in my health regimen.

multi vitamin daily.

lion or more.



Texas prisons stopped accept-

VitaPro's addition to the prison diet "demoralized the staff and in-Collins resigned in December mates and led to adverse health 1995 and took a \$1,000-a-day con- effects, including rampant flatulence" according to the ruling, the The Texas Board of Criminal Austin American-Statesman re-

contract bypassed the bidding pro- a processed food and not an agri- est migrant education program in cultural commodity and therefore the country behind California.

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

There are those who don't pay

secure, well educated and physi-

Ways to avoid Alzheimer's include

Dr. Kenneth Cooper of Dallas,

Back to the longevity quiz: To

says inadequate sleep, pessimism,

People who live long lives

ROLLING ALONG

Good Health

tions like do you smoke, exercise, any attention to health rules and

drink in moderation, cook meat live long lives. A lady in France

until it is charred, take vitamins lived to be 122 and smoked until

and are you more than 20 pounds she was 117. She was financially

I thought I did pretty well. How- don't have to be senile, says one

ever, there were some weak points doctor who treats aging patients.

teeth every day, don't live close hormones, ginkgo and vitamin E.

enough to my kids and don't take He also says ten minutes of medi-

vitamins on a regular basis. Well, tation twice a day is good. Above

I'm working on improving my all, don't take yourself too seri-

my teeth every day and now take a a proponent of physical fitness,

ticles on how to be healthy. Every "youth drains" that deplete energy

one of them stated how important and endanger health. He promotes

it was to avoid stress, to laugh, to reflection, laughter, Bible reading

keeping your mind active by work- live a long and healthy life, you

ing crossword puzzles, learning a need to avoid butter, cream, past-

new language or figuring out a ries and fried foods, eat less meat

software program. The articles and more fruit and vegetables,

talked about how many people in don't live in air polluted areas, stay

the US are 100 years of age or out of the sun, have healthy par-

older. Right now the number is ents who lived to be at least 75 and

70,000. Within the next fifty years drink lots of water. Limit your al-

the number could grow to a mil- cohol intake to two drinks a day,

bunch, generally. Heart disease and Spend more time with your kids

Centenarians are a healthy take vitamin E and selenium daily.

look on the bright side, to be optiand other spiritual disciplines.

The magazine had several ar- depression, and financial worry are

According to the test, I drink exercise, a low fat diet, antioxitoo much coffee, don't floss my dants, anti-inflammatory drugs,

'We have felt strongly all along that the contract was invalid.

"That is why the board initiated an investigation of the VitaPro medical treatment or participating situation when it first came to our in the criminal justice process; and attention."

**TEA Lauds Migrant Programs** 

Sixty-five Texas school districts have been named to the Texas Education Agency's 1998-99 All State Migrant Education Team.

districts that do an exceptional job for relocation costs, including of educating students who are migrant farm workers.

With more than 116,000 migrant The Court also ruled VitaPro is students, Texas has the second-larg- Caution: Dry Christmas Trees

"Certainly we welcome the million in federal funds during the trees don't become fire hazards. court's decision," said Allan B. 1998-99 school year, enabling Polunsky, chairman of the prison nearly 400 school districts to pro- the trees dangerously dry, said students.

#### **Fund Compensates Victims**

Crime victims received \$37 from a fund managed by the Texas Attorney General's Office.

It was the highest amount ever bounced on the ground. paid out in the 20-year history of the attorney general's Crime Vic- sticky with resin. tims Compensation Division.

Awards to victims also include: Other Highlights

 Medical bills including hosand prescriptions;

· Costs associated with crime scene cleanup;

• Travel costs related to seeking

• Reasonable replacement costs for items taken as evidence or made unusable by the crime.

lature, lawmakers added a new gone... Over. benefit to the list of current awards: a one-time-only assistance pay-The agency singled out school ment of up to \$3,800 to be used housing rental expenses for victims of family violence.

Texans need to take extra precautions this holiday season to Texas received more than \$43 make sure their natural Christmas

Warm, dry weather can make vide programs for migrant-worker State Fire Marshal G. Mike Davis.

When picking a tree to buy, check it for freshness, Davis recommended.

A fresh tree has green needles million in compensation in 1999 that are hard to pull from their branches and do not break when bent or fall off when the trunk is

The trunk bottom should be

• Texas Railroad Commissioner pital stays, physician fees, X-rays Michael L. Williams criticized the United Nation's Dec. 11 vote to re-· Counseling for victims and new its oil-for-food program with certain family and household Iraq. "Putting Saddam in the driver's seat of the oil-price roller coaster is • Funeral and burial expenses; a slap in the face to Texas [oil] pro-• Lost wages and loss of sup- ducers and their families," he said.

#### HOMETOWN CROSSWORD

**ACROSS** 1 One of the original 6 One of the original

12 Wood chopping tool 13 Walk over 15 Adjutant

16 Graduate degree (abbr.) 17 Do wrong

19 Sunshades 21 Bismuth (abbr.) 22 Herald 24 With 52A Reindeer

25 Diesel fuel in London 27 Chicago's railway

28 From 30 Actress Derek 31 Yes, south of here

32 Fish eggs 33 Chemical element with 103 atomic number (abbr.) 34 Flexible tube for

transporting water 35 Linen tape used for trimming 38 Mentioned 39 In the middle (slang)

40 Kinsman 41 Microwaves (slang) 42 Hit TV show 43 Universal time

45 Conjunction introducing a 47 To the same degree 25 Spatially from a higher

48 Minot's state (abbr.) 49 French article 50 Remove as a hat 52 With 24A Reindeer driver

57 Relate a yarn 59 Sodium periodically 60 Apparition 62 Color of 68A's nose 63 Advertisement

64 Nike's "just admonition 65 Medicinal plant 67 Change location 68 No Clue

69 One of the original DOWN

1 One of the orignal eight

2 Lengthwise 3 Medical scanner

4 Epoch

5 Propels with oars 6 Gasp 7 Capital of Latvia

8 Anno Domini 9 Omaha's state 10 Sultans 11 Egyptian sun-god

14 Nucleic molecule shaped like double-helix 66 Printer's 18 Nickel periodically

20 Not out

21 Equal 23 Like a notebook to a lower position 26 One of the original

29 Tributaries 30 One of the original

32 Reserve Officer Training Corps (abbr.) 34 1.5 gallons in ancient Jerusalem

36 Held back 37 Bandleader Brown of

renown 38 One of the original

eight 44 Seller

46 Melted cheese dip 49 Person owed feudal allegiance

51 Fourth syllable of a major scale 52 Break off

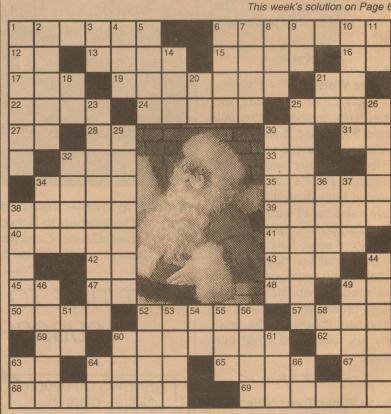
53 Wooden slat or spline 54 Nursing degree 55 Sand lizard

56 Exchanged for money 58 Public relations (abbr.)

60 Politico 61 Cow sounding 63 Ft. Smith's state (abbr.)

64 Osteopathy degree measurement

#### coordinate (abbr.) LOCAL CELEBRITY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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stroke, two of the of the leading and grandkids. Sounds good to me. My New people in their fifties through Year's resolutions are going to be eighties, but the risk is less for all about living a good and healthy people over 90. In fact, the risk of life. I want to grow old without dying slows substantially after age aging.

exercise at least three times a week,

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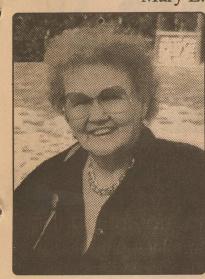
of Christmas lights

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## **OBITUARIES**

#### Mary E. Christian



tian went to be with the Lord on Friday, Dec. 17, 1999. Services were held Wednesday, Dec. 22, at Comwith Dr. R. Byron Orand officiating. Interment followed in the Eldorado vere played by Carol Orand. Ar- husband, Joe Muller in 1997. angements were by Kerbow Fu-

and Molly Estes. She attended Muller.

#### "Chief" Ray Crazywolf

Crazywolf, went home to be with Orand officiating. Arrangements since. were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Nation, having been born on the attended as faithfully as his declin-Rosebud Reservation in South Da- ing health would allow. kota. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and saw action in the who came to know and love him.

versity of Georgia. She met Joe Georgia textile factory and they were married in 1939. Shortly thereafter, they moved back to Eldorado and built and operated West Texas Woolen Mills until it was sold in 1963. Even though she had been away made prior to January 8.

from Georgia since the '30s, you could still hear a trace of her Geor-ticipate - either by mailing an ad-American Airlines have stepped gia accent. She was a talented musician and was organist at the First Baptist Church in Eldorado for many years. Mary was an avid and ELDORADO - Mary E. Chris- competitive duplicate bridge Freitag. player and traveled around the state playing in tournaments.

munity Baptist Church in Eldorado Charles and wife, Judy, of Eldo-

The family wishes to express its gratitude to Shelly Fennern for Mary was born on Oct. 28, her many years of dedicated ser-1913, in La Grange, Ga., to Charles vice as a caregiver to Mary and Joe

#### ELDORADO — "Chief" Ray Pacific theater during World War II.

After working for Dow Chemihis Lord Tuesday, December 21, cal, Chief retired and spent several after a brief illness. A graveside years on the road. He settled in Elservice was held that day in Eldo-dorado in the 1980's and had been rado Cemetery with Dr. Byron a fixture in the community ever

Chief was a member of Com-Chief was a member of the Sioux munity Baptist Church where he

Chief will be missed by all those

#### Joel Keith Tucker

Tucker, 30 was killed in a work re- on his own for the past few years. lated accident on Wednesday, De- He loved the outdoors and working cember 15, 1999, in McKinney. Ser- with people. He worked in industrial vices were held on Saturday, Decem- construction trades in Odessa and in ber 18, at the First United Method- the Fort Worth area. He was a long ist Church with Dr. Ed Williamson, time member of the First United pastor, officiating. Interment fol- Methodist Church in Big Spring. lowed at Trinity Memorial Park.

in school, he was active in Key Club, Monroe Tucker of Gordon. FFA and the National Honor Society. He also earned his Eagle Scout grandparents, E.H. and Wilma Award and while a senior earned Topliffe and Bertha Tucker. several merit scholarships which he used to obtain a Bachelor's Degree to the Boy Scout Troop 5, c/o First from Tarleton State University. Dur- Baptist Church, 705 W. Marcy, Big ing college he became active in the Spring; the Justin Cowboys in Crirodeo club and was an officer. He sis Fund through the Pro Rodeo continued his involvement in rodeos Cowboys Association or the First by working for Harry Vold, a con- United Methodist Church, P.O. Box tractor from Pueblo, Colo. Keith 1229, Big Spring 79721-1229.

BIG SPRINGS — Joel Keith worked part time producing rodeos

Survivors include: his parents, Keith was born on April 15, Roger and Martha Tucker of Big 1969, in Weatherford, Oklahoma, Spring; a brother and sister-in-law and to Roger and Martha Tucker. They nephew, Rex, Amy and Jaxon Tucker, relocated to Big Spring in August of all of Midland; and aunt and uncle, 1970, Keith attended schools in Big Myrt and Curt Overby of Plentywood, Spring and graduated from Big Montana; and uncle, Tom Tucker of Spring High School in 1988. While Honduras and his grandfather, Jessie

He was preceded in death by his

The family suggests memorials

#### Rehab plans annual telethon

til midnight, January 8. The web

"Rehab 2000 is a critical fund-

Pethis also announced that

gifts to the telethon. "We're very

campaign and for challenging the

Eldorado volunteers, led by ages, a hot tub, go-kart, paintings, Mabel Freitag, will be among automotive accessories and many friends of West Texas Rehabilita- more. Items can be seen - and bids tion Center manning telephones on placed - on the Internet beginning January 8 during Rehab's 30th an- December 27 and continuing unschool in La Grange and the Uninual telethon.

To be set up at Southwest Texas site is www.wtrc.com. Muller while he was working at a Electric Coop, Eldorado's phone bank will be open from 6 p.m. to raising event for the Rehab Cenmidnight. Donors may call 853- ter, so I encourage all out friends 2544 to make a pledge or go by to call in a pledge as well as join the Coop to visit with volunteers the bidding in our great auction and made a donation in person. items," said Jim Pethis, president Also, advance donations may be of WTRC.

"We hope everyone will par- West Texas Utilities Co. and vance gift if you're going to be forward with generous advance unable to call the night of the telethon or by calling in your pledge grateful to these two corporate during the show," said Mrs. friends for helping us kick off this

Country singer Ricky Skaggs rest of us to follow their lead in will be the featured entertainer for making Rehab 2000 a great suc-Mary is survived by her son, Joe Rehab 2000. Which will be aired cess," Pethis concluded. on 10 television stations, including KLST - TV in San Angelo from 7 p.m. to midnight. Joining the 5th Dimension and Rehab telethon regulars Peter Marshall, Bill Pat Ragsdale. Musical selections She was preceded in death by her and Susan Hayes, Brad Maule,

> the telethon includes an auction of about 200 items ranging from agriculture products to travel pack-

## BIRTHDAY LIST

· DECEMBER 23rd Marci Minor, Manuel Pina, Jacey Sellers, Josh Jones · 24th Joyce Whitten, Anna Loomis, Sammy Prater, Doug Garvin, Travis Lloyd, Jennifer

\* 25th April Robinson, Sonny Dean, Heliodoro Sanchez, Makenzie McCravey, Justina

26th Ashley N. Ramos, Victor Pina, Irene Reynolds 27th Veronica Ussery, Ashby Ragsdale, Jim Chancellor, Garrett Lux, Juan Sanchez · 28th Ruby Nell Farris, Dee Jay \* Garvin, Tracy Sellers, Abigail

Ussery, Juan Sanchez 29th Cynthia Caldwell, Laura Hill, \* Howard Ledbetter, Allison

#### ANNIVERSARY LIST

23rd Jose & Vivian Sanchez 24th Robert & Pansie Jay 25th Claude & Jessie Jenkins · 26th John & Rita Meador, Bob & Stacy Page 28th Danny & Janet Curtis, Joe & Sonja Key, Mr. & Mrs. Marvin

Roubison, Shari & Harvey Wink 29th Sam & Cynthia Caldwell



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#### rado; grandchildren, Anne Michelle Christian of Denver, Joseph Cemetery, Pallbearers were Norman Michael Christian and wife, Skaggs will be Florence LaRue of Smith, Rick Stricklan, Allen Lem- Heather, of Norman, Okla.; and her ons, Ronnie Mittel, Jeff Fennern and constant companion, "Miss Dollie."



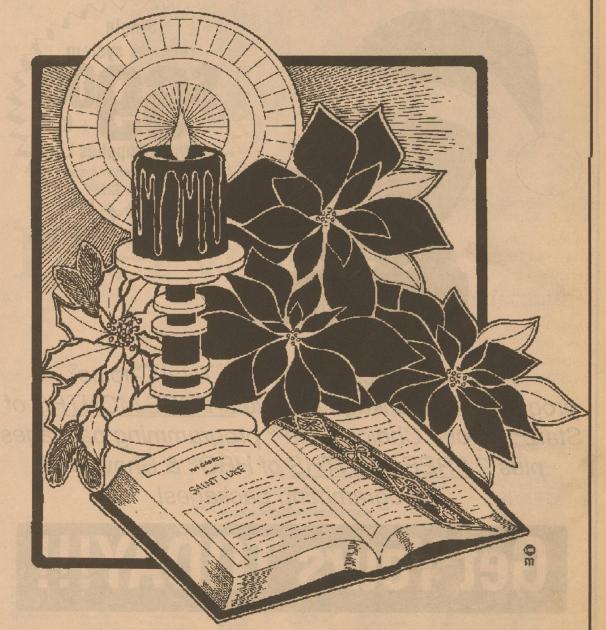
Seasons Greetings and wishes of great joy! From all of us, to all of you!

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Hometown athletes — Former Eldorado Eagles, (L-R) Reagan Bownds and Ty Williams, were recognized last Friday night during a brief ceremony in Eagle Gym. Bownds won numerous honors while playing defensive back for the Texas Tech Red Raiders. He graduates from Tech this month. Williams won the Division II NCAA National Championship in Shot Put for the Angelo State Rams earlier this year. He has since received a full scholarship to Texas Tech and will be continuing his education in Lubbock.

## JV Girls

Menard, Texas 07-18-18-09=50 Eldorado Menard 06-08-07-11=32 Hannah Robledo 6; Courtney Sauer 3; Mitzi Sessom 12; Toni Martin 2; Samantha Smith 14; Martha Lively 5; Blake Snelson 2; Amanda Wanoreck 5. Hannah Robledo scored 6 points and 7 steals and Mitzi Sessom had 4 steals, 3 assists, 7 rebounds and scored 12

**December 13, 1999** 

Coach Cooper stated "I am very proud of the way the girls played. We had a rough time at the Iraan Tournament, losing all 3 of our games, but we bouced back really well. Our next oppontent will be Robert Lee.

Eagles J.V.

November 22, 1999

Eldorado, Texas

Ramon Barajas, 12; Johnny Arispe, 7;

Manuel Hernandez (2) 3 point goals, 8;

Wesley Jones, 10; Quisto Gonzalez, 4;

Thomas Ballew, 2; Daniel Mata, 5;

Jimmy Rodriquez (1) 3 point goal, 7;

Benji Gonzalez, 4. Also playing Leonel

**November 23, 1999** 

Eldorado, Texas

Ramon Barajas (1) 3 point goal, 15;

Johnny Arispe, 4; Manuel Hernandez,

4; Wesley Jones (2) 3 point goals, 8;

Quisto Gonzalez (1) 3 point goal, 3;

Daniel Mata, 4; Jirnmy Rodriguez, 1;

Benji Gonzalez, 14. Also playing Tho-

November 30, 1999

**Rocksprings, Texas** 

Ramon Barajas, 14; Johnny Arispe, 2;

Wesley Jones, 5; Thomas Ballew (1) 3

point goal, 20; Daniel Mata, 14; Leonel

Medrano, 6; Jimmy Rodriquez, 2; Benji

Gonzalez, 4. Also playing Manuel

16-22-25-9=72

08-03-05-04=22

mas Ballew and Leonel Medrano.

Water Valley 04-09-00-05=18

10-17-11-15=53

Ballinger

Eldorado

Rocksprings

19-09-15-16=59

10-03-12-21=46

#### Eagles J.V.

**December 2, 1999 Grapecreek Tournament** Eldorado 24-10-16-20=70 Lee Junior High 09-07-00-14=30 Ramon Barajas, 8; Johnny Arispe (1) 3 point goal, 7; Manuel Hernandez, 6; Wesley Jones (1) 3 point goal, 8; Quisto Gonzalez, 6; Thomas Ballew, 12; Daniel Mata, 11; Leonel Medrano, 4; Jimmy Rodriquez, 2; Benji Gonzlez, 8.

**December 3, 1999 Grapecreek Tournament** 13-09-31-07=60 Glen Fisher JH 10-16-05-11=41 Ramon Barajas (1) 3 point goal, 10; Johnny Arispe, 5; Manuel Hernandez (1) 3 point goal, 9; Wesley Jones (1) 3 point goal, 7; Thomas Ballew, 8; Daniel Mata, 5; Leonel Medrano, 2; Jimmy Rodriguez, 2; Benji Gonzalez, 12. Also playing Quisto Gonzalez and Hector



Runner down under - Eldorado's Sammy Cabrera is well known at cross country track meets across Texas. He will be traveling to Australia next summer to run in the "Down Under International Games." He has already raised part of the \$2,600.00 necessary to take the trip and will be seeking dona-

#### 7th Grade Girls

December 6, 1999 Eldorado, Texas 04-06-17-09=26 Eldorado 08-09-06-07=30 Betsy Green 12; Serina Arispe 2; Amanda Figueroa 2; Lindsey Schwiening 2; Brittney Sellers 2; Katey Lively 4; Jessica Robertson 2. Also playing were Ashton Murr, Sheryl Alexander, and Emily Newman.

December 13, 1999 02-02-02-02=08 Eldorado 09-07-13-08=37 Ozona Serina Arispe 2; Sheryl Alexander,2; Lindsey Schwiening 2; Brittney Sellers 2; Jessica Robertson 4. Also playing were Ashton Murr, Amanda Figueroa, Katey Blair.

#### JV Girls

November 30, 1999 Blackwell, Texas 10-17-08-12=47 Eldorado 04-03-03-00=10 Marina Lozano 4, Courtney Brown 2, Hannah Robledo 9, Courtney Sauer 2, Mayci Schwiening 4, Samantha Smith 16, Martha Lively 2, Amanda Wanoreck 4.

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#### JV Girls

**December 3, 1999 Grapecreek Tournament** Eldorado **Central Sophmores** Hannah Robledo 8; Courtney Sauer 2; Mitzi Sessom 6; Samantha Smith 6; Martha Lively 5; Amanda Wanoreck 3.

**December 3, 1999 Grapecreek Tournament** Eldorado 09-08-10-01=27 08-03-04-07=22 Robert Lee Hannah Robledo 2; Mitzi Sessom 4; Samantha Smith 10; Martha Lively 7; Blake Snelson 1; Amanda Wanoreck 4.

December 4, 1999 **Grapecreek Tournament** Eldorado 03-06-13-11=33 Grapecreek 11-05-13-07=36 Marina Lozano 3; Martha Lively 3; Amanda Wanoreck 6; Mitzi Sessom 5; Samantha Smith 9.

**December 7, 1999** Mertzon, Texas 24-13-06-15=58 Eldorado 08-06-06-26 Mertzon Marina Lozano 2; Hannah Robledo 5; Courtney Sauer 1; Mayci Schweining 4; Mitzi Sessom 14; Toni Martin 2; Martha Lively 2; Blake Snelson 4; Samantha Smith 16

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tions to help pay the remainder.

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Tuesday, December 28th Chicken Strips w/Gravy, Pinto Beans, Mustard Greens, Cornbread, Cherry Cobbler, Juice,

Wednesday, December 29th Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Wheat Rolls, Sugar Cookies, Milk

Thursday, December 30th Roast Beef w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Black-Eyed Peas, Carrots, Wheat Rolls, Applesauce,

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#### Eldorado's "Mr. Santa" spread joy throughout West Texas

Editor's note: Christmas spirit has long been a part of Eldorado. For years, one Eldorado man, Edwin Jackson, saw to it that others shared the joy he felt at Christmas time. The following story about Jackson first appeared in the Dec. 15, 1988 edition of The Eldorado Success. It is reprinted here for your enjoyment.

by Rene Calcote

Christmas brings to memory, a kind hearted, generous person of yesteryear, known as "Mr. Santa Claus" to many residents of the West Texas area. "Mr. Santa" spent two weeks every Christmas spreading the spirit of love and sharing in many West Texas towns.

He began his journey with the American Legion Christmas party in Eldorado. He appeared impressively authentic, wearing his red suit ordered from New York.

His transportation was a bright red station wagon equipped with dolls, trains on tracks, and carousels. The cold Texas air was filled with beautiful Christmas music. that flowed from "Mr. Santa's" homemade P.A. system. It was a looked like they needed a kind sight to behold!

but Mr. Santa did not reveal his had ever had. true identity. "Word was Mr. tiful tie from President Johnson exhausted and happy from the White House.

watched in awe when "Mr. Santa" memory lives on in the hearts of drove his little red "Sleigh" into many. town enchanting them with gifts and candy.

"Mr. Santa" usually entertained large groups of children and adults, but a lot of times he would go to see shut-ins, special friends,

#### Methodists plan Christmas Eve candlelight service

The congregation of the First United Methodist Church invites everyone to join us for a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Friday, December 24, 1999, at 6:00 p.m. in the FUMC Sanctuary.

Please bring your family and friends and join us for this special service as we celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.



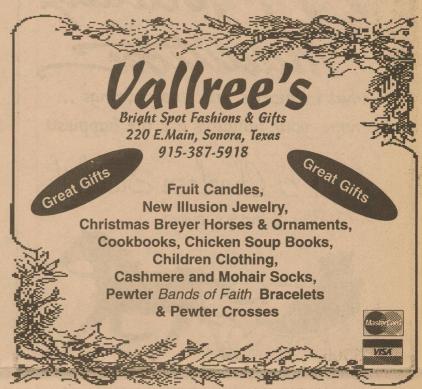
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Chrysler Powered Santa — Eldorado's Edwin Jackson, "Mr. Santa" posed with the 1956 "Power Style" Chrysler station wagon he used to deliver toys to children throughout West Texas.

or maybe just some one that word. Once on his way back home, The station wagon "sleigh" in Eldorado, after his two week was kept in a barn, hidden all year journey he noticed a small farm until the magic time of appearance, house. He stopped and went to the the Christmas season. Fuel for his door. An old man answered the "sleigh" was no problem, as Gulf door, quiet surprised, and said, af-Oil had issued him a credit card ter a pause, "Well Santa I sure am with just the name, "Santa Claus". glad to see you - come on in." He In Austin, on year, Lyndon called Ma to come see who was Johnson followed him all over there. He then introduced Santa to town trying to find out who he 're- his retarded daughter. They agreed ally' was. They had a long chat, this was the best Christmas they

Christmas eve every year Johnson traced his license number brought Mr. Santa Claus, Edwin because he later received a beau- Jackson, back home to his family,

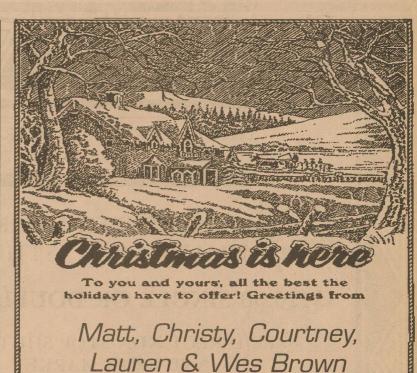
"Mr. Santa Cars" Edwin Jack-Many bright eyed children son died April 5, 1964, but his





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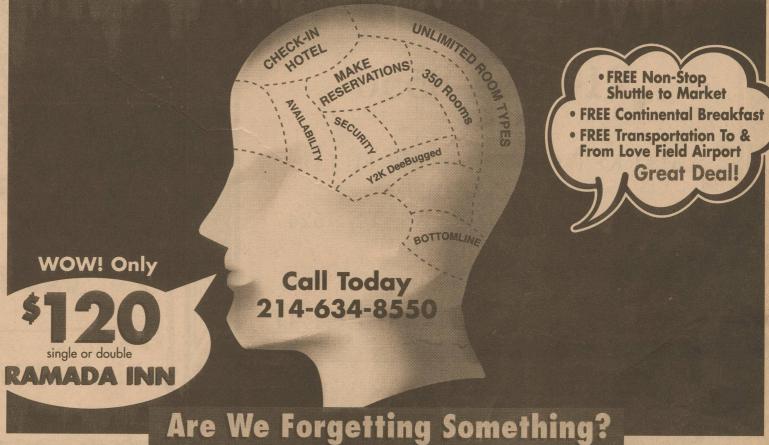


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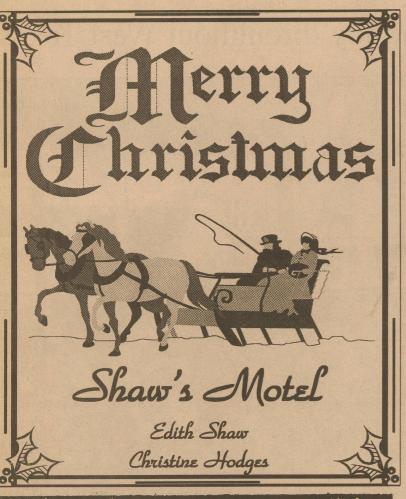
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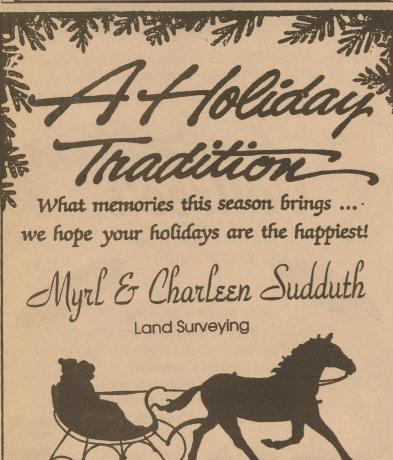




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Congratulations — Bob Wanoreck, Principal of SCISD's Alternative Education Program campus presented John M. Anthony a high school diploma on Wednesday, December 17. Anthony plans to move to Kansas where he will work. He plans to attend college in the near future.

#### Are you Y2K prepared?

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notes on its website that, since its power system is interconnected with utilities across the nation, no guarantees can be made.

The American Red Cross thinks the best advice for those concerned about Y2K is to prepare for it like any unforseen disaster. Maintain some "common sense supplies" that will serve in the cluding pocket change event of storm, flood or other disaster. Among those supplies are:

- a battery operated radio
- · a flashlight
- · a first aid kit
- · a supply of drinking water in plastic containers...three gallons of water per person.
- food for infants
- heart and high blood pressure cautions seem to be the safe bet. medications and insulin
  - denture needs
- contact lenses, supplies and extra eye glasses.
  - · a large, covered trash container

- a duffle bag
- vitamins
- non-prescription drugs
- antiseptic
- a thermometer
- a supply of paper cups, plates and plastic utensils
- a non-electric can opener and a utility knife
- · cash or travelers checks, in-
- a fire extinguisher
- plastic sheeting
- personal hygiene products such as soap, toilet paper and moistened towelettes
  - warm clothing and bedding

Y2K is the hot topic of conversation these days and some are predict-• a three-day supply of non-per- ing gloom and doom. Who knows, two weeks from now we may all be talking about what a dud it was. But, • prescription drugs such as just in case, a few common sense pre-

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were related to alcohol. • 11 percent of the New Year's will have all available troopers on fatalities weren't wearing the roads to look for drunk drivseatbelts. This year's New Year's Eve If you see someone who looks like

on his grandparents ranch.

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Beta Sigma Phi Report

On December 20, 1999 Old in the fireplace to warm those who Man Winter had come to Eldorado were cold from the 30 something

annual Christmas dinner at Casa celebration was a secret sister gift

Red table covers, candles and a Kim-et Nelson, Mary Jenkins, decorated Christmas tree gave the Mary Leigh Dunagan, Dorothy

After dinner the ten members Lindsey and Dorothy Dacy.

Barbara Jackson where hostesses she had drawn a boy and girl name

Rosemary Ridgeway and Nancy from the angel tree at 1st Commu-

McCray served punch and a deli- nity Federal Credit Union and

cious chocolate cake. There was bought and delivered the gifts the

Another nice rack — Lee Morrison of San Angelo, grandson of

Hal and Jeri Whitten shows off a 9-point buck he killed last week

DPS urges caution over holidays

prior week.

The weather outside was cold, opened each revealed who their but inside Casa Arispe spirits were secret sister had been and drew

as members of Xi Xi Chi Chapter temperature outside.

warm as the ladies visited in the names for 2000.

by Barbara Jackson

Arispe resturant.

of Beta Sigma Phi met for their

very beautiful decorated room.

went to the home of Delmer and

also hot spiced tea prepared by

room a festive appearance.

hostess Barbara Jackson and a fire

The highlight of the Christmas

exchange. After the gifts were

Othr members present were:

Clark, Flora Hubble, Linda

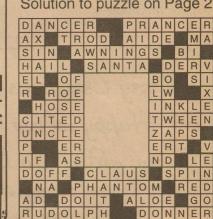
Barbara Jackson reported that

celebrations may bring out even • 61 percent of the Christmas more people than other years, and fatalities weren't wearing drivers should be aware of other drivers around them. • 35 percent of the fatal crashes

"There may be many impaired during the New Year's holiday drivers out on the roads New Year's Eve," Thomas said. "DPS ers. We need the public's help, too. they're driving drunk, call 911 if you have access to a cellular phone and you can safely make the call."

Solution to puzzle on Page 2



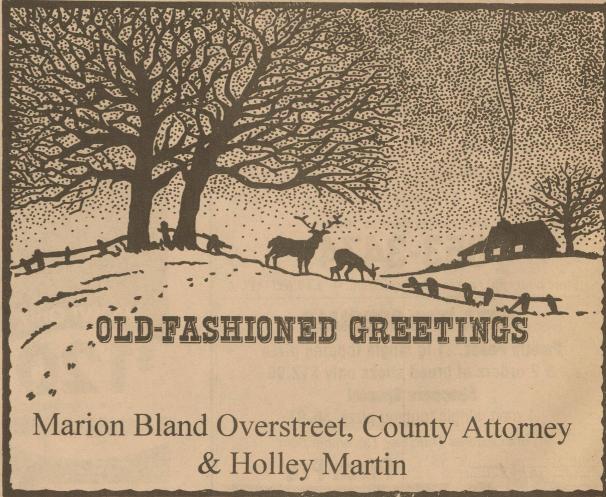






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Cory Lloyd

Dear Santa.

I want for Christmas Dear Santa, is upsy daisies. I love you some hot choco- get my slip. I will get a Love, Holly Goode late and some choc- price adi glab. I want olate chip cookies. I a coin a my price. I Dear Santa, hope I cn see you. rich a coin and a pric.

Nintendo Little Dear Santa,

Dear Santa Claus,

Mario Brothers Game dayscas. I want a hors girl Nikes. Marry I want a snife,. Dear Santa, Boy Nintendo I love for Christmas. I want Christmas. My sister a peak car. YOUR FRIEND KA- Your friend, Crystal SEY GRIFFIN

Dear Santa Claus, game of hot potato bie. Merry Christmas and a star light house Hi ho ho ho hi! and a big pretty Bar- Love Ashley Barton bie car and som

makeup for my mom Dear Santa, and a gun for my I love you And ber. little make up little doll hova craft And it is a and baribie and a boat and I will give you Dear Santa, rockers and some a snack on the table skats to and some and I want a football Id' like some bardy's. around. And I want crings to and a new sut please with shot- like Jem and the halu- some badures for my Dear Santa, dockter boy. er pads and neu pads gram's thank you. Leticia and a helmet with rell Maria Guzman pads please.

Dear Santa. What I want for ton Sykes And I Love car. Mrs. santa I want

a shirt with a picture Dear Santa, of santa and my car. santa bring me a pet a doll called Little Miss puppy for me. I want make up. And Little Dear Santa, is blue. Your freind David

Your friend.

MeRRY CHRISTMAs

I wnat a B.B. pis-

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa, I just want to tell Nicole Althaus

you seven thing I want a bike that's one thing. Dear Santa, And a doll that's two I wan a Barbey. I things. And I want a want a so in shon, I vesayare and a tV want a bike. I want that's four thing. And upsiedaise. I want a bareby doll that's miss make up. I want five thing. And a kit- dress indasol. I want miss dress up. I Love Your friend Dee you santa

Dear Santa,

Love Denisa Will you gev me a gocrold and a toy Dear Santa. casly and a fill live buflo and a rill live tol gun and some huthose and a up ing boots. sterndhcos? Love, Jon Calcote Yuor friend, Chris

Dear Santa.

I want a barbie I hope you will car and a dress. 4 give me a modol air- games and a fuesuris plane. With and a jet to. I want some clay for my pezit. Also I and some Barbie wood like to gie a prizit closs. 5 chine dolls. to my mom and dad Love Kimberly Brooke and my grandmorther Edmiston and grandfather. Your friend, Lance Dear Santa.

I want a Barbie Dear Santa and a dress to wear lwish you would and a play car to play bring me Zeldaz Mike with with a furcoat. tysons punch out and bring me a cat and a castle vonia and jaws dog for my sister ad I a Qariam and have me LOVE Jackie Barrera a happy hoiday.

I wan a scKuter My name is Holly

all, I want a soccer a Dog for my Dad. puter and a few su-controle hubcraft. want much. I wish I Christmas nigth. I like ball. I will leth you a And a rabbit an a bb prices! I am in 2sr Thank you. gun. Santa I wunt a grade. My birthday is Love Steve Valero Jan. 2st. I'v been a Your friend, Joe David pretty good girl Merry Dear Santa, Christmas to you and I have bend a Claus, too. a happy new year. Ho good boy. And I would Your friend, Brandy Dear Santa, I wit to Santa will Ho Ho!

Dear Santa,

Your freind, Judith I rich a pupe q coint I Christmas. I want to like a coin and a cat now if you are doing Dear Santa, Yoer Friend, Wayne a good job. i wonder I wish that I had a if it is snowing at the per of ramy clorsh. north pole. I ahve ben Jesus Sanchez Mrs. Dressup Car For I want peachss- doing good at my My Mother Super poks gools and soop- house. I want some Dear Santa,

want a panny ant a costume. I want a watch nintendo game pleas buy me a and a Cool time Bar- Love Ricky Huihapa

And this is from Clay- Dear Sant,

a musen gun and a Miss dress up. And I I hope you will fifty seven chevy that would like dress up bring some pritty clothes. And I will presnts. I will have fun leave you some choc- witht he stuff you olate chip coockeis. bring. I would like a stufft scott dog. And some new clothes. Love, Hillary Hodges

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa, I want a skate-

like a hubcraf or a 410 N. and erars. And what I want most is a Dear Santa, drums.

I want a bike for Love Joseph Wink

And a new Nintindo

Your friend, Jess

I would like a Dear Santa, I want ot have a leather blue jen jakit colers. On Christmas wont a rabbit. I been a good greil. I like to go looking all Your friend, Kelli

Your friend, Kimberly

Dear Santa, I want a Nintendo For Chrstmas I want Christmas is a real your deer and you. tape called billy biye a puppy, in a cage. Your Friend, Bobbie you. and a pak off and C.O.P.S. with a robot dog with a sirin Gault Please bring me Love Larry Nicholson on it. And a sockerhall and a ballieball Love, Michael Mayo

I wish you would I wourd like a Christmas, And a and a traplen, and a Goode I'dd like little bord or skates. Or a bring me a bike, mid-bike, I wish you wourd good girl, I wand a doll, want to see snow. I skatebord. And that is cat for my mom and Miss dressup a com-boketnif. Or a reymot dle kid. I rilly don't cum too my home on Love Courtney Fields want to see you. I you at the nourth pole nice you olwes come and see the raindeer. too my houwes.

dagle. Aad a gijol min Your friend, Sonia Your friend, Shawn

That I want for a doll. But I really want you. I hope you get and a walkman, and You SANTA CLAUS, a wash. I want a cat. Love Monica Robledo game, A bike, And a Christmas is a bike. a keyboard. And I have all that I got on the list a Super Mario Brothnew gun,. A bow an If you can get it for been a good girl. Have dont get in truble er calender, And a arrow,. A batting me. If you go down you a Merry Christmas. comeing here. I have be good I glove, A Texas A&M the chim you betr Love, Sarah Anchondo Louis Santellano wach out the cheemy mite have a little fire. Dear Santa,

Your friend, William

Santa I want a a Splater Pained Bike snack and a bike, here. I love you sandoll. I want a BaBy car. from my Grandmall. gutar and a tappaer Ken looking Cool bar- Rudoff, I want Lance ta claus. have a happe Decem- And from you I wood with taps and a PJ bie Soda Shop com- Mitchell for a boy Love DeAnn Rodlike a scorer ball. And sparkls and a cowgirl- puter P.J. Sparkels friend. brother and a Miss up please breang me a LOVE Lycynda Halbert a movi. I want a bike cap with one fether Maxie and a few suto. I like christmas on it and a bell and I prizes to. Merry Christmas.

Richard, Gloria, Michael and Cayla

Wish You A Very

& A Happy New Year

love you.

see my at the mol lat

could come and visit you Santa. You are Dear Santa, I want to visit Mrs. Your friend, Rachel H. car and a tobrash. want a bike.

want to say the thing I want. Well hear I go. Dear, Santa I wish you would Miss little dress up. cokies. breg me. Two nintidl And vido games. A littape. Aad a bike like tle chokbord. A plane

lee i ben nrvs to see toy gun a toy truck a and a Nintendo and makeup. I wont a you at the mol will you toy Mustang and a toy you Santa.

doll. A poster of you. Walky talky Bad out a jazzy Barby I Love and a gigol bot. And i A pair of black shoes. glasses Bike Skate you Santa

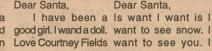
Love, Darren Mark

Hi Santa. All I Love, Patrick Fuentes

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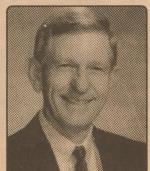
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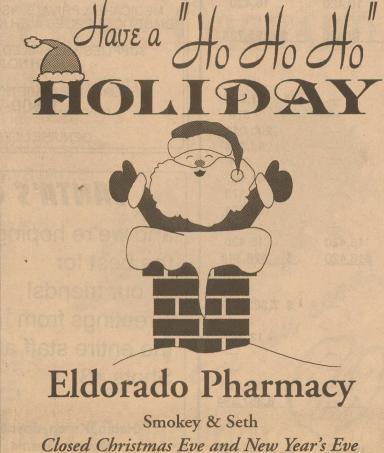
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ARRESTS • Dec. 16 O'Neil, Daniel K., male

age 18, hold for Irion County, charge Burglary of Vehicle

• Dec. 17 Farmer, Daniel K., male age 32, arrested by DPS Officer, charge Possession of Marijuana 3.6 ounces. Released on \$2,000 Surety Bond.

· Dec. 18 Sanchez, Albert Ray, male age 23, arrested by SC Officer, charge Public Intoxication.

> REPORTS December 15

• 11:05 a.m. Hospital requested an ambulance transfer. 11:10 a.m. hospital called to disregard AirMed would be

December 16

• 8:50 p.m. Complainant advised there was an unknown subject knocking at their door and was being rude. Complainant has locked door and called Sheriff's Office. Officer responded and has located subject. Subject was warned to stay away from that residence

December 17

• 2:14 p.m. Request for Fire Chief to respond for a fire report that could possibly be located in Schleicher County. Location of fire was County Road Irion County.

• 5:10 p.m. Complainant recovered some property that may have been stolen. Officer responded.

· 5:20 p.m. Complainant requesting a subject to leave premises. Officer responded.

• 10:00 p.m. DPS trooper needed assistance 13 miles north on Hwy 277. SC Officer responded Code 3. Trooper advised everything OK. Male prisoner in custody and transported to Eldorado Sheriff's Office.

December 18 · 6:30 p.m. Medical Center requested an officer to make a report on a juvenile who suffered a gun shot wound at an area ranch.

• 8:33 p.m. Complainant needed an emergency message delivered. Officer responded and located subjects.

• 12:03 p.m. Complainant reported a doe that was injured by a vehicle. Game warden responded to call and was unable to locate. At 1:04 p.m. SC Officer enroute to field operations, reported over radio that he had located the doe. 1 shot fired.

December 19

• 3:10 p.m. Officer requested assistance from Schleicher County Sheriff Office to attempt to locate a white Mazda with one male driving Officer was unable to locate this vehicle going north bound from Sonora.

December 20

• 7:16 a.m. Complainant advised that there was loose livestock out on Hwy 190 West. Officer responded and owner was contacted.

• 4:42 p.m. Complainant called in a disturbance with their neighbors. Officer

December 21

• 8:20 a.m. Complainant reported a reckless driver on Hwy. 190 East. Of-

• 2:31 p.m. Report of a controlled burn on Hwy. 915 North.

 2:55 p.m. Complainant reported he had lost his wallet at a local grocery



photo by Lori Stricklan

Fireman of the Year — Jerry Jones was named Fireman of the Year by the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department last week. The honor is voted on each year by all the members of the department. Here Jones shows the plaque he received in recognition of the honor.

#### Classic Cable plans rate hike

Classic Cable announced this \$50 million for improvements durweek it would be increasing the rate ing the 2000 calendar year. for basic cable service in Eldorado by 5.44 percent to \$32.95 per month. The increase will take effect in February, 2000. Currently, Eldorado subscribers pay \$31.25 per month for the basic cable package.

The company blamed escalating costs for the increase. Among those costs cited were programming fees, employee costs and equipment costs.

Bill Flowers, Regional Vice President of the company noted Classic Cable spent \$23 million on capital improvements to its cable system during 1999. He said the company has committed another

> Christmas Eve Candlelight

Communion Service

The First Presbyterian Church will hold its annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service on Friday, December 24, at 6:00 p.m. Reverend Lewis Allen, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Sonora will lead the service of music and worship. The public is invited to join us.

Local customers will be notified of the rate increase by letter during January.



Eagles J.V.

**December 3, 1999 Grapecreek Tournament** 

Eldorado 17-13-12-13=55 **Robert Lee** 08-15-11-10=44 Ramon Barajas, 4; Hector Adame, 2; Manuel Hernandez (1) 3 point goal, 3; Wesley Jones, 10; Quisto Gonzalez, 2; Thomas Ballew (1) 3 point goal, 13; Leonel Medrano, 2; Daniel Mata, 7; Jimmy Rodriquez, 8; Benji Gonzalez, 4.

December 4, 1999 **CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND** Eldorado 12-19-09-06=46 15-12-12-16=55 Central Soph. Ramon Barajas, 5; Johnny Arispe,2; Manuel Hernandez (1) 3 point goal, 7; Wesley Jones, 4; Thomas Ballew (2) 3 point goal,16; Daniel Mata, 4; Benji Gonzalez, 8. Also playing were Hector Adame, Quisto Gonzalez, Leonel Medrano, and Jimmy Rodriguez.

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**Fiduciary Fund Types** 

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	General Fund	Revenue	Service Fund	Agency	General Fixed Assets	Debt	August 31, 1998
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Cash and Temporary Investments	\$1,373,312	\$12.124	\$12,442	\$ 43,449	\$	\$	\$1,441,327
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Property Taxes-Delinquent	44,544		8,024				52,568
Allowance for Uncollectible Taxes (Credit	) (14,948)		(2,693)	<u> </u>			(17,641)
Due from Other Governments	15,274	29,975	820		2000		46,069
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Total Assets and Other Debits	\$1,419,674	\$42,099	\$18,593	\$336,791	\$7,362,157	\$ 16	<u>.420</u> <b>\$9,195,734</b>
LIABILITIES:							
Current Liabilities:	Manage Land	A marketing			L. Charles		
Accounts Payable	\$ 21,675	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$ 21,675
Payroll Deduction & Withholdings		FART		376			376
Accrued Wages Payable		10 100		290,043			290,043
Due to Other Funds	279,933	13,409	Ban T	1,492			294,834
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Due to Student Groups				41,507			41,507
Accrued Expenditures/Expenses	106 000	20 420	F 222	3,373			3,373 159,861
Deferred Revenues	126,090		5,332				159,001
Bonds Payable-Long-Term			The Page			16	420 16,420
Other Long-Term Debt Payable Total Liabilities	\$ 427,698		\$_5,332	\$ 336,791	\$	\$ <u>16,</u>	
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Investment in Fixed Assets	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$7,362,157		\$ 7,362,157
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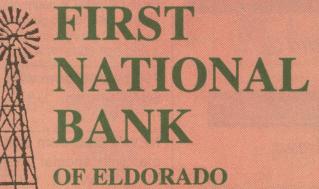
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