



**Mascot, 'Sparkle' and 20 years**

In the photo at left, Jonathan Contreras, son of Lydia and Greg Contreras, was named the Eagle Lake Fire Department's Mascot for 1998. Serving as the Auxiliary's "Miss Sparkle" during the coming year will be Shaina Bowen, daughter of Wayne and Jonna Bowen.

In the photo at right, First Asst. Chief Buddy Mascheck, at left, attaches David Baird's 20-year pin to his lapel making Baird a life member of the Department.



Headlight Photos by Lynda Appelt

## Dulany

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spective of the pilot coming in at night, it's like landing on a postage stamp.

It's the aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy. Keeping this national asset functioning safely is the responsibility of sailors like Jason Dulany, son of Larry and Lana Dulany of Eagle Lake.

The graduate of Rice High School says he joined the Navy to get more out of life. "I figured it would be cheaper to join the Navy than to fly all over the world," he said.

The mission of Dulany's ship is to conduct sustained combat air operations from the sea.

Aircraft carriers provide a formidable forward presence. They've been called the most flexible tool for diplomacy due to their ability to tailor a response to any crisis, from a full air strike to evacuation of American citizens in a natural disaster to search and rescue operations. They're forward deployed and ready on arrival.

Kennedy serves as a deterrent to would-be aggressors. And, if that fails, it offers the most versatile, powerful weapons systems available.

At the heart is the more than 80 aircraft in Kennedy's air wing with

all-conditions, multi-purpose strike capability. That capability will soon include the F/A-18 Super Hornet, the next generation of night-strike fighter/attack aircraft.

Dulany, a 24-year-old fireman, is a hull maintenance technician (a plumber, welder and pipefitter). "I'm responsible for piping-system fabrication," he said. "I'm also on the fire party and perform welding and brazing so the ship can be 100%. What I like best is the building and planning associated with the job."

But not everything he's learned is plumbing and firefighting. "I've learned to keep an open mind and respect others in all situations; subordinates and superiors," he said.

But, it's not all work and no play. "I've enjoyed seeing different cultures and places I had only read about," he said. "For example, I've seen the Suez Canal and Rock of Gibraltar. The people really got to me; you can't get that from a book."

Dulany says he wants to stay in the Navy as long as he can, hopefully until he's eligible to retire. "I'd like to apply for officer candidacy then learn under-

water welding," he added.

Whenever he decides to leave the Navy, Dulany will know his service was valuable and appreciated by all Americans. For the time being though, he's increasing his education and experience aboard a city at sea.

## Voters

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## Highlights

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headquarters. "They want to play here, but they don't want to pay here," IBAT President Chris Williston said.

U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm last week announced he will chair Carole Keeton Rylander's bid for state comptroller. He said Rylander's is the only race he'll be involved in hands-on.

## Police

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money courier headed toward Eagle Lake from Hwy. 90A-W. A county deputy made contact with the suspect at the roadside park; Ochoa assisted.

Officer Ochoa, the Task Force and the deputy then went to the Eagle Lake Police Department with the suspect to inventory the currency, along with other evidence. The Task Force seized over \$6,000 from the West Texas resident, who was later released.

On Dec. 14 at 3:32 p.m., Sgt. Knox and Reserve Officer Eric Bilbo made a traffic stop on E. Main which resulted in the arrest of Janet K. Schunka of Eagle Lake for driving with a suspended license. After processing at the police department, she was transported to the county jail.

On Dec. 15 at 1:16 p.m., Officer Ochoa received several complaints about school-aged juveniles not in school and involved in rock-throwing incidents. Ochoa contacted several males, some were juveniles. Two of the males gave false identities and two evaded detention by fleeing.

Ochoa later located one subject and detained him after he tried to run out of a house away from Ochoa. The juvenile was filed on for giving a false name to a peace officer as well as truancy. The subject was transported to the police department and turned over to juvenile probation.

Two other male juveniles were later found and detained. They were

filed on for evading detention and were released to their parents.

An adult male will be charged later, pending an arrest warrant.

At 4:18 p.m., Sgt. Knox met a complainant who reported her car had

been burglarized. Two adult males were located and questioned during an investigation which led to the recovery of the stolen property as well as other evidence. Charges are pending results of evidence analysis.

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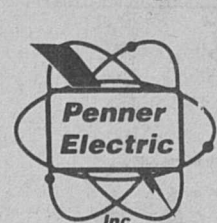
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## Council

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budget review by Holland. He told Council that the City is 66% of the way through its fiscal year with each department on budget.

Holland "bragged" on the new fine procedure being used to collect in the City office by City Secretary Lucille Perry.

"We are at 90% of our projected budget for the year for fines. If they're not paid, a warrant is issued. The procedure is working exceptionally well. Lucille is doing an outstanding job," said Holland.

Unexpectedly, the cost of major maintenance on equipment and vehicles is a concern.

"We've had lots of problems to date in this area," said Holland.

In other business, Council:  
•Adopted Mayor Michael Cooper the city's representative to the Houston-Galveston Area Council General Assembly with René Cooper-Scott as alternative;

•Cancelled the Dec. 23 meeting;

•Reviewed the goals and objectives of each department;

•Approved end of year salary adjustments for City employees; and,

•Learned the job fair for the Juvenile Boot Camp has been moved to next month.

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