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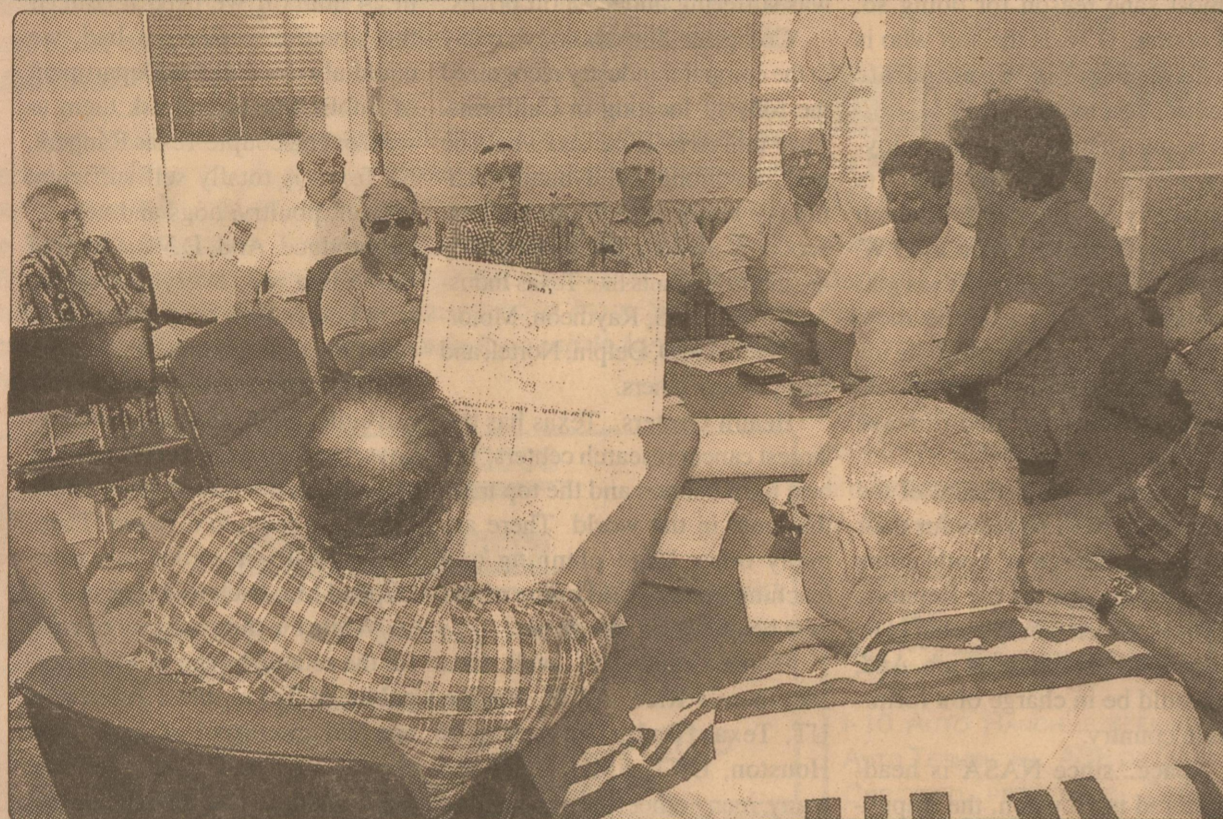


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**Comparing the maps** — The Eldorado City Council and the Schleicher County Commissioners Court held back-to-back public hearings to take receive input from the public on their respective redistricting plans.

## City & County eye redistricting plans

by Pat Ragsdale

The Eldorado City Council held a hearing Monday evening for the purpose of receiving public input on the council's proposed redistricting plan. However, no one from the public showed up to express an opinion regarding the plan. The hearing was held in the Commissioners Courtroom of the Schleicher County Courthouse and, as soon as the city's hearing was complete, the Schleicher County Commissioners held a similar hearing for the same purpose. No one came forward to address the county's plan either.

The two hearings were held one after another and in the same location so that the county and city could share the cost of a court reporter. Once reports of the hearings are compiled, and once the two governmental entities vote to adopt their redistricting plans, a final report will be forwarded to the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. for review and approval.

The City and County's redistricting plans differ only slightly from their current precinct alignments. For the most part, jagged boundary lines were straightened and moved slightly to even out population shifts in the districts. Every ten years new census numbers force governmental entities to determine if shifts in population are sufficient to warrant going through the redistricting process. In the case of the city and the county, it was determined that there is more than a 10 percent variance between the most populated and least populated districts. And, by federal standards, that is all that is required to begin the redistricting process. Similarly, racial and ethnic makeup of the districts is considered.

Schleicher County, like all counties in Texas, consists of four commissioners precincts. One county commissioner is elected from each of the precincts. The City of Eldorado, on the other hand, is comprised of three city

council wards with two city council members being elected from each of the wards. The mayor is elected at-large.

As yet, Schleicher County ISD has not begun the redistricting process. Several of the school trustees are watching the fate of a bill passed by the state legislature that would allow schools to adopt a four single member district system with three trustees being elected at-large. If enacted into law, such a plan might allow the school to establish single member district lines that parallel the county's four commissioner precincts. However, at press time Governor Perry had not signed the legislation.

By law, taxing jurisdictions like counties, cities and school districts must adopt a redistricting plan by Sept. 30, 2001, in order for it to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Justice for clearance before Dec. 31, 2001.

The Eldorado City Council intends to vote on its redistricting plan at its next regular meeting on July 9, 2001. The Schleicher County Commissioners will vote on their redistricting plan on July 23, 2001.

Persons wishing to view the redistricting plans may do so during business hours at the Schleicher County Courthouse or at Eldorado City Hall.

## City reaches deal with rural pipeline customers

by Pat Ragsdale

An accommodation was reached Monday night between the Eldorado City Council and a group of customers who purchase gas from a rural gas pipeline East of the city. One part of the agreement calls for the city to forgive half of the debt for gas lost along the pipeline between Jan 1, 2000 and May 15, 2001. The second part of the agreement provides that the rural customers will pay to upgrade the line.

The line in question once transported natural gas into town from the Page Field. However, in 1986 the city council opted to purchase

gas from a pipeline passing along the eastern edge of town. At that time, most of the rural line was abandoned.

About the same time, a group of rural customers along the line asked that the city continue to provide them with gas. The city council agreed, provided the customers pay for loss along the old line. The flow of gas was then reversed and gas was sent from town back out to the customers East of the city. But, over the years the number of leaks in the line became excessive, and when the recent spike in natural gas prices hit, the line loss could no longer be tolerated.

Now, with the new agreement, it's up to the rural customers to upgrade the line and bring it into compliance with new Railroad Commission standards. The incentive for them to carry the work as soon as possible is the fact that they will bear 100 percent of the cost of the lost gas from this point forward. Meeting with the council about the issue were rural customers Joe Christian, Gene McCalla, John E. Meador, Lynn Meador, Isabella McCutcheon and August Roden. After agreeing to the terms the rural customers left the meeting to decide among themselves the best way to upgrade the line.

The meeting began at 5:30 p.m. in the Schleicher County Courthouse where a brief public hearing was held concerning the city's redistricting plan. (See related story on Page 1). Once the hearing adjourned the meeting moved to City Hall. In attendance were Mayor John Nikolauk, and council members Tommy Minor, Sherry Lux, Dora Bosmans and Toni Suduth. Councilmembers Richard Mendez and Robert Bybee were absent.

Following an invocation led by Rev. Leonard Wideman the meeting began with the council receiving sealed bids for contract paving services. Seidel Construction of San Angelo was the only bidder and was awarded the bid on a per square yard basis. Paving is slated to begin soon.

Utility Superintendent Jack Dean then reported on activity at the landfill. He announced that two tires had been purchased for the scraper, a large piece of earth moving equipment, owned jointly by the city and county. He also reported that the air conditioning unit on the landfill compactor, another large piece of equipment used to mash down garbage, had become inoperable and was in the process of being repaired.

City Administrator Randy Mankin reported that two city employees had left to take jobs in the oilfield and that a third would be leaving at the end of this week to

## Tracy Brenner named 2001 Rodeo Sweetheart

Tracy Brenner was named Sweetheart of the 2001 Eldorado Open Rodeo during last Friday night's performance of the rodeo. Brenner had the highest score of 46.25 out of 50 on the written knowledge test leader in ticket sales. Tracy received a silver bracelet and a new halter for her horse Reno. Tracy is the 9 year old daughter of Mike and Patsy Brenner.

1st Runner-up and high point division winner in horsemanship

with 35.5 of 50 total points was Holly Ford. Holly, age 12, is the daughter of Tracy Sauer and Tex Ford. Holly's horse Ranger also received a new halter.

2nd Runner-up was Justina Chance Rodriguez who scored the highest in the interview portion of the judging. She correctly answered 41 of 50 questions. She, too, received a new halter for her pony. Justina age 12, is the daughter of Leo and Sylvia Rodriguez.

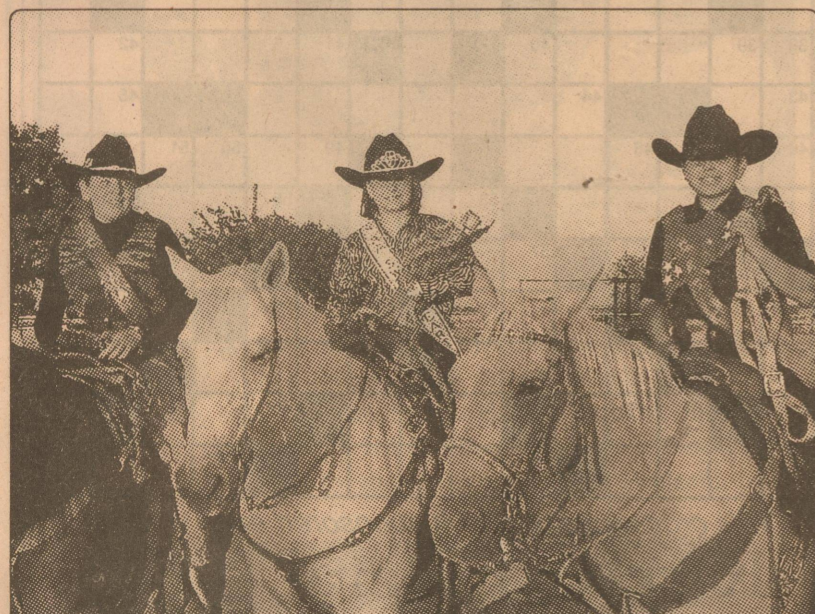


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**All smiles** — 2001 Eldorado Open Rodeo Sweetheart Tracy Brenner (center) is flanked by Sweetheart candidates Holly Ford (L) and Justina Chance Rodriguez (R) following the crowning ceremony during last Friday night's performance of the rodeo.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

**Pioneer Families Award** — Jo Ed Hill and Lora May Lloyd received the Pioneer Families Award from the Schleicher County Historical Society during the Schleicher County Days celebration on Saturday, June 9th.

## Three local restaurants burglarized on same night

Two cash registers and an undisclosed amount of cash was taken in a series of three burglaries on Wednesday night, June 6, 2001.

At Christina's Place drive-in restaurant, a burglar gained access to the building, sometime in the early morning hours, through a side window and stole the business' cash register. According to Chief Deputy George Arispe the register was emptied at the end of the day and contained only a small amount of coins when it was taken.

That same night, across the street at Casa Arispe Restaurant, a burglar entered through a back

door then broke into a soft drink machine, taking an undisclosed amount of money.

Down the street at Cactus Cafe, a burglar crawled through a bathroom window and took the cafe's cash register, that was also empty at the time of the burglary.

Chief Deputy George Arispe reasons that only a person with a slight build could have fit through the window at Cactus Cafe. He believes the burglaries were carried out by one or more youths and asks that anyone with information about the three burglaries contact the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department at 853-2737.

## Arispe charged with burglary of Resource Center

Johnny Lee Arispe, 18, of Eldorado, was arrested Tuesday in connection with a burglary that occurred at the Schleicher County Community Resource Center on May 3, 2001. Arispe was booked into the Schleicher County Jail and charged with burglary of a building. He was later released on \$2,000.00 bond.

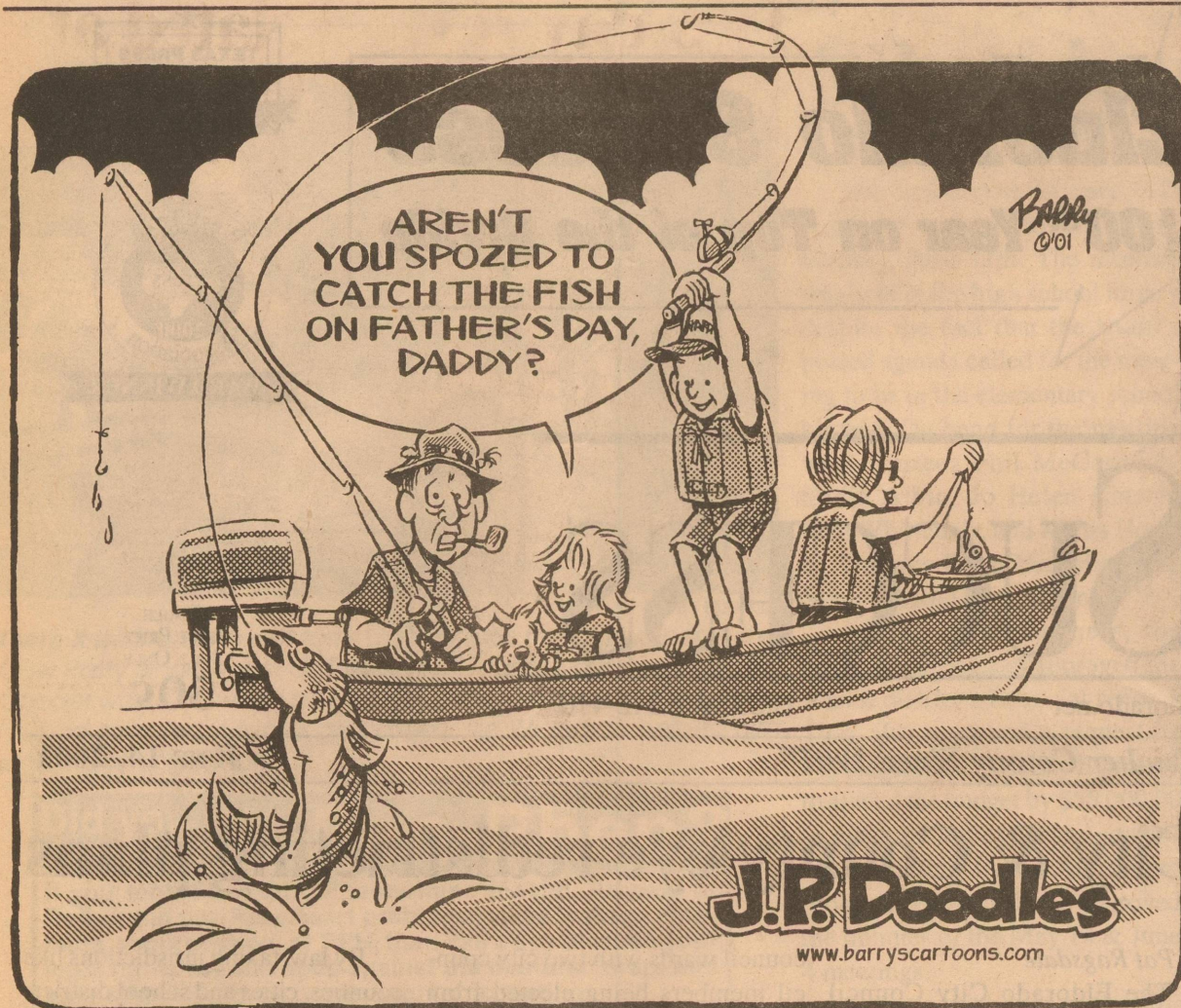
Arispe reportedly told investigators that he had used his school cafeteria meal card to open the back door of the building. After taking a box of condoms Arispe reportedly attempted to find drivers license test answers before leaving the building. Arispe denied taking candy, money and other items that were reported taken in the burglary. He also denied breaking into several cabinets in the building, officers said.

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# Maybe the Republic of Texas wasn't such a bad idea after all

Texas has been getting a lot of bad press lately. While some members of the media are still whining about the outcome of the presidential election, others are bashing everything Texan...some are even going so far as to blame the Lone Star State for California's energy crisis. The way I figure it, they're all just jealous.

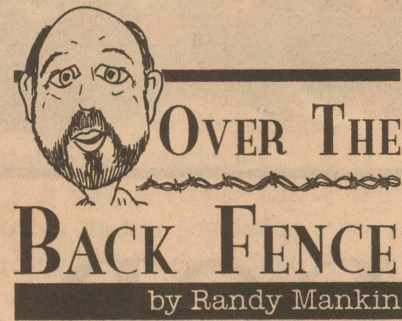
Some folks around here are beginning to take offense to all the abuse. Take my friend D.W. for example. He thinks we should secede from the Union and can offer an almost sane reason for doing so. Of course, D.W. is the sort who is still saving his Confederate money...just in case.

Being a native Texan and a loyal American at the same time, I'm not nearly as eager to talk about seceding from the Union as D.W. might be. But, the more Texas gets clobbered in the press, the more often the topic is going to come up. So, I asked myself, what would happen if Texas decided to leave the Union?

First of all, the remnant of the USA could have Al Gore for their President. George W. could come back as President of the Republic of Texas, which would probably be a step up from his current job. And, he would be in charge of a formidable country.

Space...since NASA is headquartered in Houston, the Republic of Texas would automatically control space. No more satellite TV or long distance communications for our neighbors north of the Red River.

Oil & Natural Gas...we have plenty. In fact, more than enough to be a prominent member of OPEC. As for our former country-



men, while they sat shivering in their darkened homes they could enjoy their fond memories of the days when California's Silicon Valley was booming and Texas was suffering under \$8 oil prices.

Computer Technology...many in the computer industry recognized the folly of locating in California. They moved to Texas and would be part of a strong and dynamic technology sector in a Texas national economy. Among these companies are industry giants like Texas Industries, Dell, EDS, Raytheon, Motorola, Intel, AMD, Delphi, Nortel, and many, many others.

Health Centers...Texas has the largest cancer research centers, the best burn centers and the top trauma units in the world. There are many other large planning and teaching centers plus some of the best hospitals on the planet.

Higher Education...well, let's see, there's Rice, A&M, Baylor, UT, Texas Tech, University of Houston, UNT, SMU, TCU and many, many other fine universities.

Labour Force...Texas has a ready

supply of workers and, if the economy called for more, there are plenty waiting to get in.

Texas would control the paper industry, plastics, insurance, etc., etc., etc.

In case of a foreign invasion, we have the Texas National Guard and the Texas Air National Guard. We don't currently have an army but some of the largest military bases in the world are located here. On top of that, everyone here has at least six rifles and a pile of ammo, so we could raise an army in 24 hours if we need it. But, if the situation really got bad, we could always call the Department of Public Safety and ask them to send over a couple Texas Rangers.

Texas is totally self sufficient in beef, poultry, hogs and vegetable produce. And, D.W. is fond of reminding me, everybody down here knows how to cook them so that they taste good.

Our sports teams aren't half-bad either. Well, there are the Cowboys, but they would get better just as soon as we forced Jerry Jones to sell the team to a Texan. Then, we could all wave good-bye as we shipped him back to Arkansas.

While the time may not be right for the establishment of a new Republic of Texas, those folks who are bad mouthing us right now should stop and think. Yes, the USA could survive without us...but who would want to live there?

## Capitol dome collapses (politically)

AUSTIN - Hardly had the Legislature left town before the dome of the capitol collapsed—politically speaking.

As lawmakers returned to Hometown, Texas to bask in the glory of what they had done or take heat for what they had not done, no one expected any big political news sooner than July.

That big news, no real secret, would be the announcement by Laredo Democrat Tony Sanchez that he had definitely decided to seek his party's nomination for the run for governor against incumbent Republican Rick Perry.

Of course, former University of Texas football star Marty Akins also will be seeking that spot on the ballot opposite Perry.

The probable shape of the governor's race, however, is old news.

## State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox



The figurative dome collapse came on June 5, with the surprise announcement by acting Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff that he would not run for a full term as presiding officer of the Senate, arguably the most powerful elected office in the state.

Ratliff said, in so many words, that he just did not want to go through what it takes to run a political campaign these days. Two of those things are being able to raise a lot of money and having an affinity for TV sound bites.

The dust raised by Ratliff's dome tumbling announcement, coming only 10 days after he said

he would run for a full term, has not settled yet.

In short order, Republican Sen. David Sibley of Waco said he would run for the job. So did Texas Supreme Court Justice Greg Abbott, also a Republican.

Sibley, 53, just barely lost to Ratliff last December when the Senate elected its acting presiding officer after Perry moved to the Governor's Mansion.

Abbott, 43, has been on the state's highest court since being appointed by Gov. George W. Bush in 1995.

Land Commissioner David Dewhurst, though he has not officially said so, also is expected to wade into the Republican primary battle.

Then, whoever comes out on top in the spring 2002 election likely will face Democrat John Sharp in the November general election.

So what does it all mean? For one thing, it shows the power of the office. Power abhors a vacuum. In addition to being the person who runs the 31-member Senate, the lieutenant governor oversees the Legislative Budget Board.

Another thing all this scrambling means is that Texans are in for one of the spiciest political seasons they have seen for a long time.

No matter who wins the primary, it'll be the hottest governor's contest since the man who is now our President defeated incumbent Democrat Ann Richards. It'll be the wildest lieutenant governor's race in memory.

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## Discovering Harlingen and Places Nearby

During a three day visit to Harlingen, I interviewed 27 people and learned a lot about the city. It's young, as cities go. It was first called Rattlesnake Junction by railroad workers. By 1904 a post office was established. Because of the many irrigation canals similar to Holland's waterways, the place came to be called Harlingen, named for a city in the Netherlands. The city became an important military center and a trade and transportation hub.

Harlingen is home to the original Iwo Jima Memorial, the working model from which the bronze statue in Arlington, Virginia was cast. It was donated to the city by the sculptor.

Harlingen has about three flocks of parrots, green with red heads, that fly over the city. Birds of all types have become a huge tourist attraction. Harlingen has a birding festival in the fall that attracts visitors from all over the world. The city has two walking trails and a state of the art airport that serves the entire Rio Grande Valley.

Harlingen is filled with people who have a strong sense of community and a wonderful sense of humor. Bill DeBrooke made some money renting videos and started buying downtown buildings. He now owns a dozen or so. One of them houses his collections of

trains, Tonka toys, batteries, fountain pens, cameras, toasters, signs and millions of other items.

G. Milton Jones, a pioneer in air conditioning huge farm equipment, has an outstanding collection of Studebakers. Enrique Ornelas owns the La Especial Bakery in nearby San Benito. His brick oven, with an arched ceiling, cooks cow heads and breads. It is a popular place with a long line of customers every morning.

John Houston of Rio Hondo has the Texas Air Museum, which features aircraft and vehicles from all wars. Billy Snyder builds serenity gardens and takes people on trips to see butterflies and dragon flies.

Normah Knight is an artist who has painted several murals in Harlingen. The city is planning to expand its murals and develop a mural park. Gordon Hill is a water engineer who has two famous grandfathers: Lon C. Hill, the man who founded the town and Tom Mix, the star of radio and movie westerns.

Within forty-five minutes of Harlingen is South Padre Island, a small city which has become a booming resort area in the last 25 years. George and Scarlet Colley will take you out to see some dolphins. Fishing and hunting are big around Harlingen, a city of fifty-nine thousand people. I'll go back there.

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<b>ACROSS</b>	62 Liveliness and energy	32 Cause to be without a spouse
1 Rounded projection or protuberance	63 Curve or bow	34 Largest artery
4 Spiritual leader	65 Lout or lummock	36 Till
8 Clothed	67 Thallium, periodically	37 Vesicles
11 Parasitic insect egg	68 A young horse	39 Expression of assent
13 Glide on water	69 Wood heaped for burning a dead body as a funeral rite	40 Miniature like a poolside
14 Gremlin or imp	71 Objective form of "I"	41 Egyptian god of the Earth, father of Osiris and Isis
15 Brand of cola	72 An evil spell	42 Constrictor snake
17 Diagonal cut	73 Copycat or mimic	47 The face of a time-piece
19 Indian stairway	75 Cereal grass	48 Irritate or vex
21 Jr's dad	77 Adjective indicating for or composed of men or boys	50 Precious stone
22 Baseball implement	78 Aromatic resin used in perfume and incense	51 Aloha in Naples
24 Our country (abbr.)	79 Path or route	53 Incidental activity performed by an actor for dramatic effect
25 Bundle	<b>DOWN</b>	54 Baby's apparel
26 Gangster's pistol (slang)	1 Gutter edge	56 Lubricate or anoint
27 Rigid piece of metal	2 Operational	57 Pastureland
29 Quality sound systems	3 Napkin tied under the chin a child while eating	58 Weep
31 Stale	5 Attack	60 Crash through with great force
33 US spy agency	6 Radioactive transuranic element (abbr.)	61 Particle
35 Ancient Celtic god of the sun	7 Top banana	62 Contagious disease characterized by purulent skin eruptions
36 Roswell's visitor	8 Camp bed	64 Cathode-ray oscilloscope (abbr.)
38 Bottle of ink	9 16 ounces (abbr.)	66 Food for domestic livestock
41 Having knobs	10 Dash	68 Fixed charge for professional services
43 Re Mi's predecessor	12 Anglo-Saxon god of war	70 Auricle
44 Small root or division of a root	14 Experienced	72 Hectoliter (abbr.)
45 Bill Gates created one (abbr.)	16 Hack	74 Public relations (abbr.)
46 Curiosity	18 Burn residue	76 In the direction of
49 Large feline	20 Features	
52 Individual retirement account for short...or Irish Republican Army	21 Lamentable	
53 Plot of ground for growing plants	23 Turn a boat across the wind	
55 Wreath or garland	26 Clump	
56 Durable hardwood	28 Crosscurrent (like a tide)	
57 Text of a song	30 Additional	
59 Spoil	31 Siouan language	
61 Be unwell		

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## Pascual Sanchez Lozano

Eldorado- Pascual was born April 16, 1939 in San Carlos Coah. He was the son of Jose and Trinidad Sanchez Lozano. He married Juanita Estrada Sanchez and from that marriage was born four sons and three daughters.

He is survived by wife Juanita E. Sanchez and four sons. Guillermo and wife Olga Sanchez, Reyes and wife Elizabeth Sanchez, Cruz and wife Lupe Sanchez, Robert and wife Maricela Sanchez, daughters Ma. Trinidad S. Barrientos, and Husband Jesus Barrientos, Lupe S. Herrera and husband Epolo Herrera, Sylvia S. Rios and husband Oscar Rios from Big Lake TX. His father Gil Sanchez Areozola, eight brothers and three sisters, 16 grand children, and one

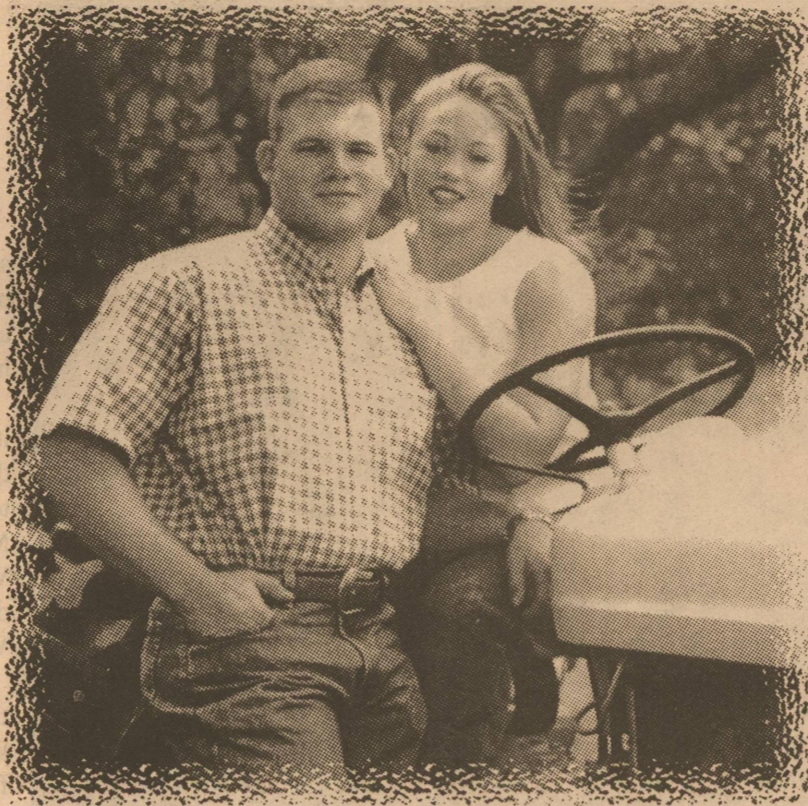
great grand child.

He is preceded in his death by his mother Trinidad, one brother Juan Manuel and one granddaughter Brenda Sanchez.

He was a member and deacon of Templo Getsemani Assembly of God of Eldorado TX. He was faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ. He has gone to be with his maker and will be greatly missed by everyone whose lives he touched.

Services were held at Templo Getsemani Assembly of God by Pastor Peter Thornton.

*John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son that who so ever believed in Him, shall not perish but have everlasting life.*



Ty Williams and Kristie Klaerner

## Klaerner/Williams Engagement

Tom and Gaynell Klaerner of Kerrville and Steve and Ilse Williams of Eldorado are happy to announce the upcoming marriage of their children, Kristie Klaerner and Ty Williams. The wedding is to be held August 18, 2001, at the First Baptist Church in Kerrville. Kristie and Ty are both attending Angelo State University and are scheduled to graduate in May 2002.

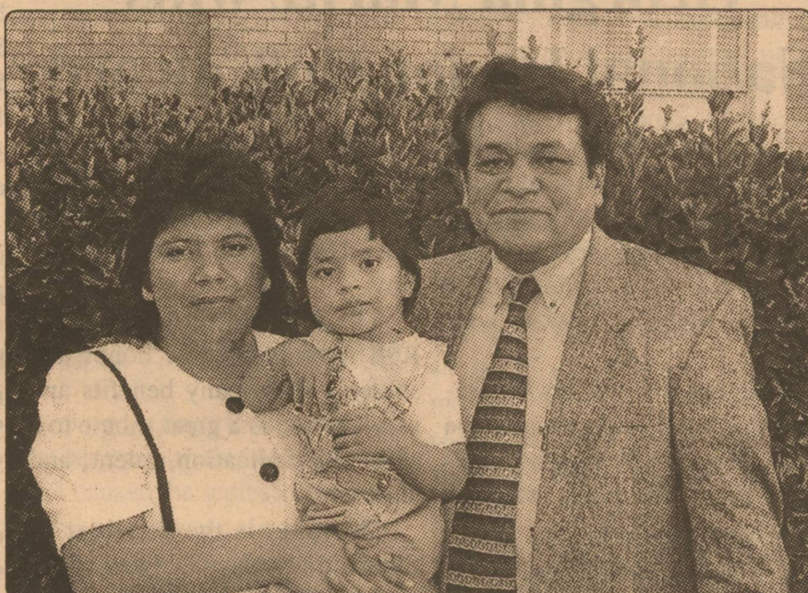


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New pastor — Br. Elias Torres is the new pastor at Primera Iglesia Bautista. Here he is shown with his wife Gloria and their 2 year old daughter Ruby.

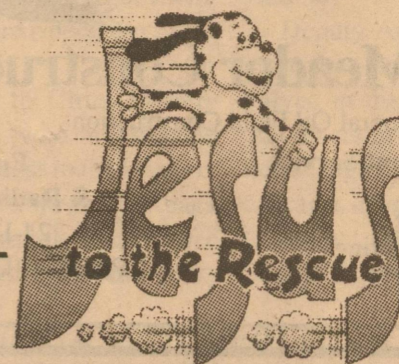
## Torres takes over as new pastor at Primera Iglesia Bautista

Br. Elias and wife Gloria Torres come to us from Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. The couple have a 2 year old daughter Ruby.

Br. Torres has seventeen years experience in the Lord's ministry. He was born in Weslaco, Texas and has lived in Mexico and in the U.S. His main line of work in the ministry has been Missionary work in places such as Argentina, Mexico and Guatemala. He has been pastor in various places in Texas and New Mexico. Br. Torres is a graduate from the Theological Baptist Seminary in San Antonio and Criswell College in Dallas, Texas. He has his diploma in Theology. We are glad to have Br. Torres and Family with us in Eldorado.

## Two-day revival slated at Primera Iglesia Bautista

Primera Iglesia Bautista will host a two day revival. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Jose Rodriguez and special music presented by "Grupo Libertad" with Angela Rodriguez, all of Lubbock, Texas. Services start at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 23, 2001, continuing Sunday morning on June 24 at 10:00 a.m. worship services and ending Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. We invite you to come worship together and enjoy ourselves in the Lord.



## Vacation Bible School

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Who: Kids age 4 yrs thru 6th grade

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COURTESY PHOTO  
Beautiful award — Staff Sergeant Melanie Stricklan received the prestigious John L. Levitow Award during Airman Leadership School.

## Stricklan receives Air Force's John L. Levitow Award

Staff Sergeant Melanie D. Stricklan, an airborne communication systems technician for the 93 Training Squadron at Robins AFB, Georgia, recently attended Airman Leadership School where she received the John L. Levitow Award.

The Levitow Award is the highest presented at the Airman Leadership School and is presented to the student demonstrating out-

standing leadership and scholastic qualities.

The award selection was based on overall performance evaluation, academic ranking, as well as peer and staff ratings. The award is presented in honor of Airman John L. Levitow, the lowest ranking airman to receive the medal of honor for his acts of heroism in the Vietnam war.

Melanie Stricklan is a 1993 graduate of Eldorado High School and is the daughter of Rick and Lori Stricklan of Eldorado.

## ASU Dean's List released

Jon Kade Calcote of Christoval is listed on the Dean's List for the 2001 Spring semester at Angelo State University.

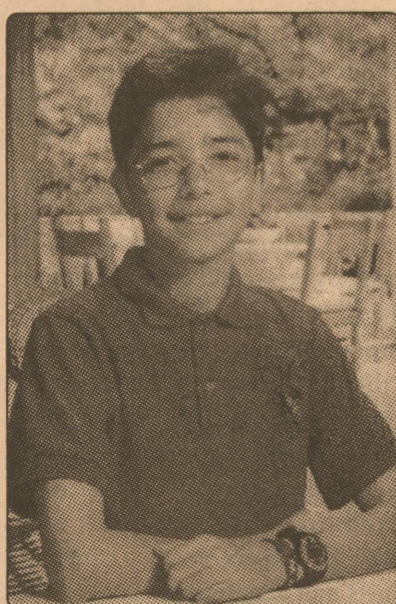
Jon is an Animal Science major. He is 2000 graduate of Eldorado High School.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled as a full time student and have at least a 3.25 grade point average.

## SWT Dean's List released

Southwest Texas State University announced this week that William H. Nixon, of Los Alamos NM, earned "Dean's List" recognition for excellent academic performance for the Spring 2001 semester.

SWT students must complete 12 semester hours and earn a minimum GPA of 3.5 to be recognized for the "Dean's List."



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Top student — Travis Lloyd, grandson of Earl and Lora Mae Lloyd, received "Outstanding Achievement in English" award for 7th grade English. He also made the A/B Honor Roll and had Perfect Attendance for the 2000-2001 school year. Travis attends Curtis Middle School in Allen, Texas.

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## Meals for Friends Menu



**Monday, June 18**  
Swiss Steak w/ Gravy, Peas and Carrots, Cornbread Muffins, Tossed Salad, Orange Sections, Milk

**Tuesday June 19**  
Chicken Nuggets w/Gravy, Zucchini Squash w/ Tomatoes, Potato Wedges, Dinner Roll, Peaches, Milk

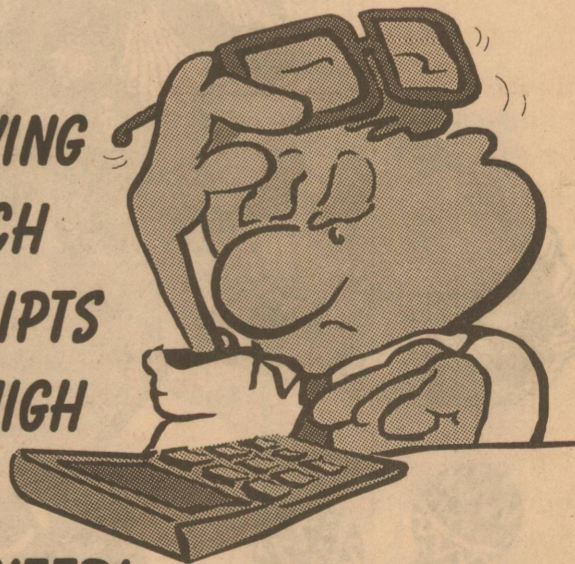
**Wednesday June 20**  
Chopped Steak, Parslied Potatoes, Cooked Carrots, Wheat Bread, Cucumber / Tomato Salad, Tapioca Pudding, Milk

**Thursday June 21**  
Oven Baked Bar-B-Que Chicken Baked Beans, Calif. Mixed Vegetables, Cornbread, Macaroni Salad, Fruited Gelatin, Milk

**Friday June 22**  
Baked Fish, Macaroni & Cheese, Mixed Vegetables, Dinner Rolls, Tossed Salad w/ Tomato, Sugar Cookie, Milk

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Georgina Maritz

## Georgina Maritz wins National Honor Roll Award

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Georgina Maritz of Eldorado has been recognized for academic achievement as a United States National Honor Roll Award winner.

Georgina who attends Eldorado High School, will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for

their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The USAA National Honor Roll Awards provide honor roll students with many benefits and services and is a great tribute to a student's dedication, talent, and ability.

Georgina is the daughter of Sam and Cynthia Caldwell of Eldorado. Her grandparents are George and Mary Hoffman of Sonora.

## Eldorado Open Rodeo held here last weekend

Cowboys and cowgirls from across the area competed for prize money and trophy buckles at the annual Eldorado Open Rodeo held here last weekend.

Fast becoming a crowd favorite, Mutton Bustin' again allowed the little buckaroos and buckarettas to have a go in the ring. This year's Mutton Bustin' was won by Claire Wideman of Eldorado. Claire is the daughter of Leonard and Shannan Wideman.

Yancy Cody of San Angelo won the Bareback Bronc Riding with a score of 79. He claimed a beautiful trophy buckle, presented by First National Bank of Eldorado and a cash prize of \$176.40. Ben Crabb of Edna placed 2nd with a score of 72. He took home \$117.60.

Jim Bob Crow won the Calf Roping event with a time of 9.65 seconds. That won him \$639.45 in prize money and a trophy buckle presented by Moore Ranches and Germania Insurance, Sherry Lux Agent. Other winners were as follows: 2) Clint Singleton 9.85 \$474.07; 3) Marvin Javarez 9.85 \$474.07; 4) Nathan Strickberg 10.04 \$308.70; 5) Ty Billings 10.30 \$198.45; 6) Ronnie Haecker \$110.25

In the Ladies Breakaway Roping Ricci Grimes of San Saba placed 1st with a time of 4.15. She won \$225 a trophy buckle donated by DL Automotive. Other winners included: 2) Melissa Hawkins 4.51 \$135.00; 3) Jessi Goodson 4.97 \$90.00.

Cuatro Hines and Joe Verastegue of Llano won the Team Roping with a time of 5.54 seconds. That was won them \$1444.80 and a pair of trophy buckles donated by Eldorado Animal Clinic, John Rae

Powell, David Powell, J.F. Mayo & Johnny Mayo. Other winners included: 2) Bobby Boyd and Jo Jo Lemond 5.99 \$1135.20; 3) Stormy Pruitt and Shot Brenhan 6.46 \$825.60; 4) Colby Schneemann & Kirby Jones 6.64 \$670.80; 5) Camish Jennings and Trey Johnson 7.38 \$464.40; 6) Doug Schrutka and Cliff Williamson 7.48 \$361.20; 7) B. Bierschwale and Glynn Hutto 7.72 \$258.00.

Brian Anderson of Laredo won the Steer Wrestling with a time of 5.01 seconds. That won him \$337.50 and a trophy buckle donated by Danny Farmer and Car Clinic. Other winners included: 2) Clint Shafer 5.56 \$202.50; 3) Terry Meadows 5.94 \$135.00.

Jamie Waites won the 1st go around in Barrel Racing with a time of 16.836. That won her \$316.80. Other winners in the 1st go around were: 2) Lisa Anderson 17.183 \$237.60; 3) Nancy Green 17.230 \$158.40; 4) Rebecca Hampton 17.328 \$79.20.

Stacy Grimes won the 2nd go around in the Barrels with a time of 16.629. That won her \$231.00. Other winners in the 2nd go around were: 2) Shayna Price 16.801 \$138.60. 3) Nancy Green 16.936 \$92.40.

McCormick Real Estate and Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative donated the trophy buckle in the Barrel Racing.

Jamie Bond won the Bullriding with a score of 80. That won him \$436.80 and a trophy buckle donated by Niblett's Oilfield Services. Other winners in the Bullriding were: 2) Rooster Drake 75 points \$327.60; 3) Dustin Harrison 75 points \$218.40; 4) Diamond Elmore 73 points \$109.20.



*Out the gate — Claire Wideman of Eldorado held on tight as her lamb broke from the gate during the Mutton Bustin' event Saturday night at the Eldorado Open Rodeo. Claire didn't let go either, riding all the way across the arena. Far enough to win the event outright and claim the \$20 prize. Claire is the daughter of Leonard and Shannan Wideman of Eldorado.*

### Summer Lunch Program Menu

- Monday, June 18**  
Pizza, French Fries, Pineapple Tidbits Milk
- Tuesday, June 19**  
Tuna Sandwiches, Cheese Sticks, French Fries, Sliced Peaches
- Wednesday, June 20**  
Peanut Butter/Jelly Sandwiches, Cheese Sticks, French Fries, Apple Slices, Milk
- Thursday, June 21**  
Bologna Sandwiches (Cheese), French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Pear Slices, Milk
- Friday, June 22**  
Ham and Cheese Sandwiches, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Chilled Fruit Cocktail, Milk

### BIRTHDAY LIST

- JUNE**
- 14th Ashley Barton, Scott Homer
- 15th Jose Luis Buitron, Juan Ramon Avila
- 16th Linda Chancellor, Anthony Ray Lopez, Michael Mayo, Senaida Martinez, Pedro Garcia
- 17th Bernabe Sanchez, Justin Allen Robinson, Jess Gonzales
- 18th Jason Holley, Lester Paul Nixon, Chad Allen
- 19th Lance Mitchel, Marty Edmiston
- 20th Mandee Wike, Stafan Barajas

### ANNIVERSARY LIST

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## Boys Basketball Camp 2001

The 2001 Eldorado Boys Basketball Camp was held June 5th through June 9th. Camp Director was Boys Head Coach Alan Gillespie. He was assisted by Coach David Lewis, Head Girls Coach Leslie Gooch, and Angelo State Basketball Player Michael Mayo. It was a great camp as the participants participated in various drills, contests, and game situations. There was a special presentation on Friday for adults. Some young men were attending their fourth camp Eldorado camp in a row. All campers received camp T-Shirts and certificates.

Participants included: Group 1- Will Griffin, Patrick Chavez, Ryan Cathey, John Fay, Epolo Herrera, Frank Edmiston, Michael Hill, Adrian Arispe, Ram Buitron, Cole Wilkerson, Caleb Nixon, Michael Ballew, Bryce Leggett, Trey Chavez, Kyle Taylor, Andrew Gonzales, Eric Garcia, Group 2- Chris Chavez, Matthew Hill, Rus-

sell Cathey, Richmond Adame, Josh Taylor, Drew Bosmans, Bryan Sloan, Chris Ogle, Michael Redish, Corey Roberts, Adam Dominguez, Kaleb Murr, Mark Garcia, Briley Legget, Caleb Daniels, Manny Gonzales

Awards: Ball Handling Group 1- John Fay, Group 2- Matthew Hill. Free Throws Group 1- John Fay, Group 2- Adam Dominguez. Hot Shots Group 1- John Fay, Group 2- Briley Legget. 3 Point Contest Group 1- Trey Chavez, Group 2- Briley Leggett. 3 on 3 Group 1- Trey Chavez, Ram Buitron, Caleb Nixon, Eric Garcia, Group 2- Drew Bosmans, Matthew Hill, Caleb Daniels. Hustle Group 1- Kyle Taylor. Leadership Group 1- Cole Wilkerson, Group 2- Russell Cathey. Sportsmanship Group 1- Adrian Arispe, Group 2- Richmond Adame. Most Improved Group 1- Will Griffin, Group 2- Chris Ogle. Best All-Around Group 1- Trey Chavez.

## Co. Commissioners vote again to buy new health insurance

by Pat Ragsdale

The Schleicher County Commissioners Court met Monday, June 11, 2001 and, among other business, voted to reaffirm an earlier vote to change health insurance providers. The meeting was called to order at 9:11 a.m. and after the minutes of the May 22, 2001 meeting were read by Deputy Clerk Mary Ann Gonzalez, they were approved with one correction.

Insurance broker Bobby Zesch then met with the commissioners regarding an appeal from the Texas Association of Counties (TAC), asking that the commissioners reconsider their decision to drop health insurance it currently purchases through TAC and switch to Guardian Insurance Company. Following a review of the issue, the commissioners voted unanimously to reaffirm their earlier decision to purchase employee health insurance from Guardian. Schleicher County will be paying \$302.75 per employee per month for the health insurance coverage. That amount compares to \$348.52 per employee per month the county would have paid for insurance purchased through TAC.

The commissioners opted to continue purchasing employee life insurance through TAC at a cost of \$10 per employee per month.

Present for the meeting were County Judge Johnny Griffin and Commissioners Johnny Mayo, Bill Clark, Kirk Griffin and Ross Whitten.

The men also discussed a map of county roads furnished by the Texas Department of Transportation. The map establishes the total miles in the county and fixes the amount of additional state funds the county gets to maintain the roads. After reviewing the matter the men agreed to accept the state's mileage figures.

Bids were then opened for the purchase of a new "batwing" rotary mower. San Angelo Ford Tractor bid \$43,900.00 for an 83 horsepower unit and Porter Henderson Implement Co. bid \$43,900.00 for an 85 hp. machine. The winning bid of \$39,968.00 was received from Concho Valley Implement Company for an 83 hp. mower.

The new mower will be used to mow areas around the county airport and on undeveloped areas of the county cemetery and in areas adjacent to various county roads. The unit will be assigned to the road department.

At 11:50 the court was recessed to reconvene at 5:30 P.M. for the purpose of a Public Hearing concerning redistricting (see related story on Page 1).



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

**Homecoming** — Bodie Gilstrap enjoyed took in the sights at Schleicher County Day on Saturday. He was accompanied by his parents Jimmy and Carolyn Gilstrap. Bodie returned home after graduating from Texas A&M University on May 11th.

## Bodie Gilstrap graduates from Texas A&M University

by Maria Hernandez

Bodie Gilstrap graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in Animal Science on Friday, May 11, 2001. His graduation was the result of nine years of hard work and determination.

Bodie's lifelong dream had always been to attend Texas A&M but the dream seemed impossible after a life altering accident on July

29, 1989. While driving to work 16 year-old Bodie fell asleep at the wheel, lost control of his pickup truck which overturned, throwing him from the vehicle. He sustained a broken neck and remains paralyzed from the neck down.

However, with the support of Eldorado's teachers, students and his family, Bodie graduated from Eldorado High School in 1991. At the urging of Maureen Hodges, Bodie enrolled in correspondence courses so that he could meet Texas A&M's enrollment requirements. Soon after, he was accepted A&M's and began attending school during the summer session of 1992.

While studying at A&M Bodie was assisted by eleven attendants (also students) who were coordinated to provide around-the-clock assistance. This service, known as Support Services, enabled Bodie to participate in all aspects of college from note taking to ball games.

Bodie, the son of Jimmy and Carolyn Gilstrap, is now back in Eldorado living with his parents. The Gilstrap's express their appreciation for the love and support of the community of Eldorado. "Without it we would not have made it," Carolyn Gilstrap said.

## City council holds regular monthly meeting

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Mankin explained that due to deadlines related to construction of the recycling center and continuing work in the city's water, gas and sanitation departments, some normal tasks like chipping tree limbs and patching potholes would be curtailed until the city's work force could be brought back to full strength.

Agenda items labeled as old business where then addressed as the council approved the minutes of the meetings on May 8th & 21st. The council also approved amending the city's budget and authorized the payment of \$12,000.00 in legal fees for redistricting to be paid for from the city's fund balance.

Randy Mankin explained that the city's sewer plant continues to operate outside the limits set by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission. He noted that algae continues to grow unchecked in the wastewater plant and that the algae growth is causing the plant's compliance problems. Mankin further explained that Tilapia perch have been introduced into the plant again this year in hopes of controlling the algae growth.

Mankin then informed the

council that construction on the city's new recycling center is underway. He noted that the concrete slab has been poured and that work on the building's frame had commenced.

Mankin then updated the council on an incident that occurred at the landfill earlier in the day. He said that a pickup truck was denied entry to the landfill because its load was not covered with a tarpaulin. Mankin said that the pickup's driver was angered by this and spun his tires and accelerated off the

scales as he departed the landfill. The severe vibration of the scale's deck caused the scales' computer in the gate house to malfunction. The council ordered Mankin to have the scale computer repaired if necessary and to send the bill to the driver of the pickup.

Before adjourning, the council reviewed the landfill records and discussed the possibility of purchasing a bulldozer for use at the landfill.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

## Comptroller delivers sales tax rebates to City, County

The State Comptroller's office has sent \$213.3 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,108 Texas cities and 119 counties, a 7.1 percent increase over the \$199.3 million allocated to cities and counties in June 2000. Year-to-date sales tax rebates are up 5.4 percent, compared to 2000.

In the allocation, the City of Eldorado received \$6,109.87, up 20.18 percent from the June payment last year of \$5,083.81. The city's year-to-date total is \$45,110.58, up 6.87 percent from the same period one year ago when the year-to-date total was \$42,209.11.

Schleicher County's sales tax rebate this month totalled \$6,568.58, up 50.59 percent from June, 2000's total of \$4,361.75. The

year-to-date total for Schleicher County is \$48,077.49. That is up 39.30 percent from the \$34,512.95 received in 2000.

The Schleicher County Health Service tax rebate for June was \$6,177.13, up 39.92 percent from June, 2000's total of \$4,414.54. The year-to-date figure for the Health Service Tax totalled \$44,345.40, up 29.99 percent from the \$34,106.13 delivered in 2000.

This month's sales tax allocations represent sales taxes collected in April and reported to the Comptroller in May.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled to be delivered on Friday, July 13, 2001 and will be reported the following week in the Eldorado Success.

## State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox

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### Exact change only, please

If you'll be visiting any prison units in Texas after Aug. 1 and think you might get thirsty for a vending machine beverage, better have change available.

To guard against inmates getting any prohibited folding money, the Department of Criminal Justice is barring paper currency from prison.

Visitors will only be allowed to enter with coins, and no more than \$20 at that.

The problem, the agency says, is that friends and family members of prisoners have been known to smuggle \$20 bills to inmates.

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## Pickups vandalized, radio stolen from Hanover yard

Thieves attempted to steal two company pickups from the Hanover Compression's Eldorado yard Monday night and lifted a radio and battery from another truck. A side window on one of the trucks was shattered with a large rock and sun visors and other interior items were ripped out of the vehicles.

According to Chief Deputy George Arispe, who investigated the incident, access to the Hanover yard was made through a back gate. The thieves then attempted to break the steering column locks

on a 1997 Ford pickup and a 1999 GMC pickup. The window of the '99 GMC was shattered with a rock.

A radio and a battery were then stolen from a wrecked 1998 GMC pickup that had been parked in the yard.

Deputy Arispe speculated that more than one individual was involved in the crime and believes that others in the community have knowledge of the incident. He encourages anyone with information to contact the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department at 853-2737.

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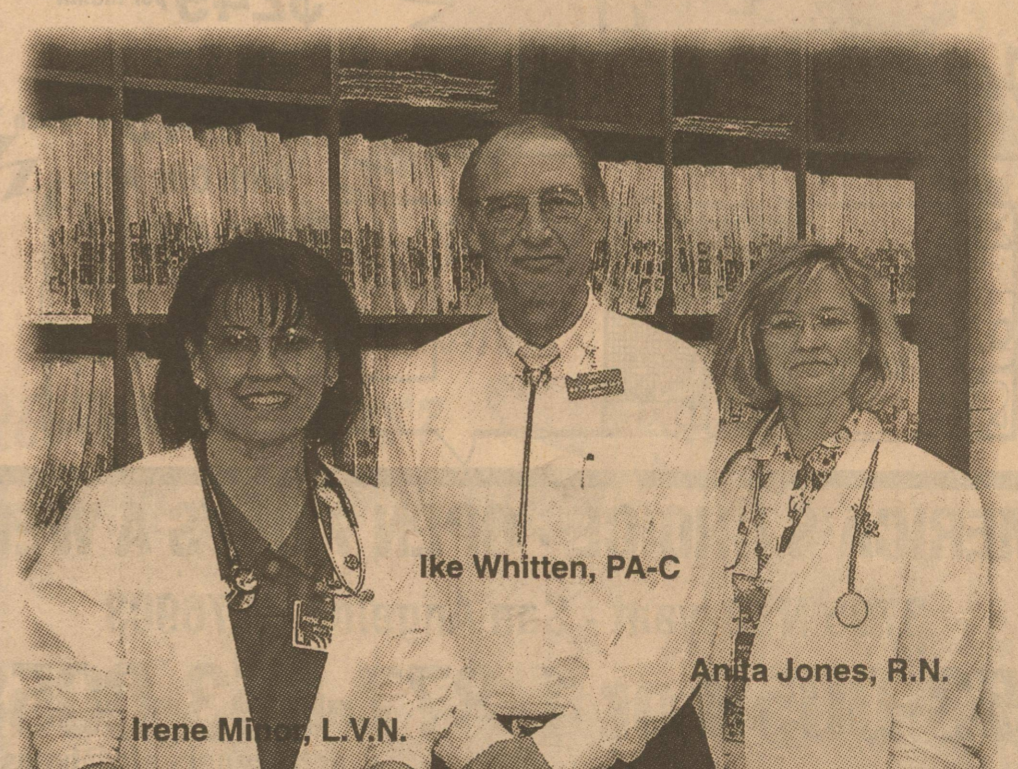
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Vickie Findgold (Vickie Schwiening) and Jamboree Jim (Jim Broome) were two of the regular characters at Son Creek Junction Vacation Bible School held last week by First Baptist Church. Sixty-one youths participated in the week-long school.

## Texas' driver licenses to get an all new look

The DPS Public Safety Commission today unveiled the newly redesigned Texas driver license and identification card, which includes several added security features and a new vertical format for licensees under 21 years of age.

All driver licenses and ID cards now will have a picture of the state capitol in the background and several new security features to deter fraudulent activity.

"Several of the design changes we've made will make it more difficult to counterfeit these documents," said James B. Francis Jr., chairman of the Public Safety Commission. "We believe the use of advanced technology will help us better maintain the integrity of our driver licenses and IDs."

Issuance of the new licenses and IDs will begin this month for walk-in customers, as well as cus-

tomers who renew by Internet, telephone and mail. Current licenses are valid and will be phased out within the next six years.

DPS also will send out information regarding the new licenses and ID cards to help educate law enforcement officials and merchants.

"We're hopeful the new under 21 design will make it much easier for merchants who sell age restrictive products-like alcohol and tobacco-to identify underage consumers," said DPS Director Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr. "Added security features will provide law enforcement with additional tools to more easily identify counterfeit and altered licenses."



COURTESY PHOTO

Having fun in Corpus Christi — Members of the youth group from Primera Iglesia Bautista were in Corpus Christi for a statewide Hispanic Baptist youth rally called Congreso

## Primera's youth group attends Congreso 2001

The Youth from the Primera Iglesia Bautista took their yearly trip to Corpus Christi where Congreso was held this year. What is Congreso you ask, it is a huge statewide Baptist Hispanic Youth Rally. Over 3,000 Youth attend every year and every year it is held in a different city. The theme for this year's Congreso was "The Living Water: Is He in You?"

We have praise and worship services, group (classes) discussions, skits, special Music, guest speakers, Christian concerts and testimonies. It is a three day event and our youth get to meet other youth around Texas. All the Bap-

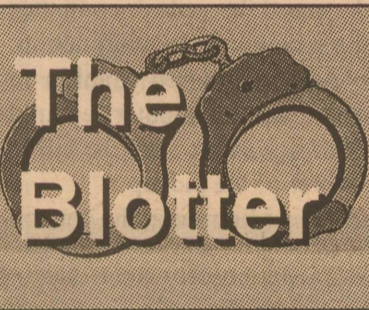
minist Universities, Seminaries and other Baptist organizations set up booths and offer the youth all kinds of financial aide and other aides for college bound students. The youth usually raise their own expenses through various fund raisers, but this year with everything else going on around school and town it was difficult for our Youth to raise all their money.

So we would like to take time to thank each and everyone who in some way helped us. The school faculty, the members of the Churches that bought food plates, the companies around town that donated money.

## Local 4-Hers garner big scholarships

Lindsay Beach, Ben Edmiston, Kayla McCravey and Clay Whitten each received \$10,000.00 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo scholarships at the State 4-H Roundup in College Station on Tuesday. Each of the four are recent graduates of Eldorado High School.

The Success received news of the scholarships late Tuesday night and will have more details in next week's edition.



The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity at 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

**June 6** • Matthews, William Louis, male age 26, serving 20 days.

**June 10** • Lozano, Charles Joe, male age 37, arrested by SC Officer, charge Unlawful Restraint/Criminal Trespass.

• Arispe, Johnny Lee, male age 18, arrested by SC Officer, charge Burglary of Building. Released on \$2,000 Bond.

### REPORTS

**June 7** • 7:27 a.m. Complainant on S. Main called 911 to report the cash register missing from their place of business. Officer responded.

• 7:42 a.m. Complainant on Main Street reported a burglary at their place of business. Officer responded.

• 1:20 p.m. Complainant on Main Street reported a burglary

• 4:52 p.m. Complainant requested an officer come and pick up a purse that someone had left. Officer responded.

• 9:48 p.m. Complainant reported that an officer had come by their house earlier and left a message. He said that they had someone that was willing to interpret for them. Officer responded.

• 11:25 p.m. Complainant reported people being very loud at the apartments. Officer responded.

• 11:45 p.m. Complainant on S. Cottonwood reported loud music.

**June 8** • 12:42 a.m. Complainant on Lee Street reported someone had tied a dog to their gate. Officer responded.

• 11:43 a.m. Male subject reported his 3 year old daughter last seen riding her tricycle. Two officers responded and father called back and advised the young girl found.

• 4:16 p.m. Convenience store on South Divide reported a gas drive off in the amount of \$16.00. Officer responded.

• 5:07 P.M. Complainant reported a semi truck had knocked down the stop light on Hwy. 277. Two officers and TxDOT responded.

• 5:18 p.m. Complainant reported a possible drunk driver in a red and white work truck 10 miles North of Eldorado.

• 5:19 p.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for a male subject who had passed out. Male sub-

ject was unresponsive. Officer and EMS 2 responded.

• 6:01 p.m. Complainant requested that dispatcher contact hospital to let them know that a 82 year old male was being brought by personal vehicle to the emergency room for a cut to the hand. Hospital notified.

• 10:29 p.m. Complainant at rodeo requested an ambulance for a female subject who had a horse fall on her. Two officers and EMS 2 responded.

**June 9** • 9:11 a.m. Complainant reported several bulls and calves loose on County Road 350.

• 4:30 p.m. Complainant requested an officer with a camera, involving a minor child. Officer responded.

**June 10** • 3:15 p.m. Report of loud music on Kinney Street. Officer responded.

**June 11** • 1:00 p.m. Complainant reported that a male subject had come to the landfill without the load covered. When told he could not dump items since it was not covered, subject left dump station recklessly, and damaged scales. Landfill employee identified subject and reported to City Hall.

• 8:00 p.m. Sonora Officer requested dispatch to contact the local motel and check to see if there is a male subject registered. Motel contacted, no one was registered by that name. Dispatch contacted officer with the information. Officer stated that subject has not been seen since Saturday, when he went to a party in San Angelo.


• 6:20 p.m. 18 Wheeler requested to park on Court House Square on the west side. Stated that they would get the parts in the morning.

• 9:33 p.m. Officer reported that an front-end loader at City Hall had its hazard lights on. Officer turned off so battery does not run down.

**June 12** • Complainant reported Criminal Mischief to two vehicles on East Street. Officer responded to call.

• 8:20 p.m. Complainant reported a burglary alarm sounding. Officer responded.

• 9:00 p.m. Complainant reported a male subject driving a green truck recklessly. Officer responded.



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# School board holds regular monthly meeting

by Kathy Mankin

The Schleicher County ISD board of trustees met Monday evening, June 11th. The meeting was held in the high school library despite the fact that the board's posted agenda called for the meeting to be in the elementary school kitchen. On hand for the meeting were trustees Phil McCormick, Eddie Albin, Jo Helen Kotsch, Sam Whitten, Jr. and Kurtis Homer. Trustees Berta Nicholson and Steve Sessom were absent.

Among other business, the board reviewed and approved the school district's financial reports. They also approved a request by Finance Director Loretta Edmiston to amend the budget by \$55,000.00 to account for expenses and income relating to the Annenberg program. The board then approved the minutes of the May 14 & June 4 meetings.

At that point board trustee Eddie Albin asked for clarification concerning the board's vote for a resolution to trade the school's Ag Building to Schleicher County in return for the baseball field currently used by the high school baseball team. Albin noted he wasn't present for the meeting and questioned whether two governmental entities could trade property of unequal value.

## Parade winners announced

The Mom's Day Out Preschool float won 1st Place in the Schleicher County Day Parade on Saturday, June 9, 2001. Judges selected the Girl Scout float as the 2nd Place winner and awarded 3rd Place honors to the stilt-walking Kyndal Broome.

First place receives \$100, second place gets \$50 and third place earns \$25 from the Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce.

Board President Phil McCormick answered by saying that new rules are in place that cover property transfers and that the school had two options in the matter. The first option is to sell the property at market value based on an appraisal. The second option is to convey the property to another "taxing type entity" in exchange for "like kind property." McCormick continued by saying that the resolution was made by the board in a spirit of good will to help the county address the issue of having a larger meeting building.

Albin restated his concern and said he would like to see that the school's priority to use the Ag barn is put into writing for future referral. There was no further discussion of the matter and no action was taken on the subject.

Albin then raised the question of a bilingual education program in the elementary school. He offered his opinion that a bilingual program would be beneficial to elementary students. Albin stated that in the next 20 years Texas will increase in population by 235 percent with 87 percent of the growth projected to be in the Hispanic community. He said his hope was that the school could put a bilingual program in place in the elementary in the near future.

The board discussed the issue at length. It was noted that at the present time hiring a certified teacher and beginning such a program would place a financial bur-

den on the district's already stressed budget.

Superintendent George Blanch explained that the district has already decided not fill two vacant teaching positions in order to make ends meet. Starting a new program would cut into the savings from that move, Blanch said.

It was noted the school district's student population is currently 72% Hispanic. Supt. Blanch was asked to continue looking for ways to implement a bilingual education program in the elementary school. However, no formal action was taken on the matter.

Financial Director Loretta Edmiston then asked the board adopt the Internal Revenue Service Circular E guidelines for accountable plans. An accountable plan requires that an employee's expenditures be presented in the form of an itemized receipt. It was noted that meal expenses will be reimbursed by the school at a rate of \$24.00 per day when a school employee is traveling on behalf of the school.

The question of school housing was also addressed. Presently six teachers are living in school housing. Edmiston explained that the Internal Revenue Service regards the amount between the reduced rent paid by the teachers and the top market value of the property as a taxable benefit.

To address this problem, the school board decided to follow IRS guidelines. That will increase the amount of tax the teachers owe.

However, it was noted the additional income shown on their tax statements will benefit them by indicating a higher salary for retirement purposes.

The board then took up the discussion of how to pay for students' meals on district trips. Currently cash is distributed to the students and they are allowed to buy their meals with that money. Board President Phil McCormick strongly disagreed with that practice. After discussing the matter at great length, it was decided to seek options from TASB (Texas Association of School Boards) and to address the matter at a future meeting.

After reviewing nine bids for student accident insurance, the board tabled discussion of the matter until a later date. The trustees also voted to accept TASB's localized district policy updates.

At 7:49 p.m. the board entered into an executive session for the discussion of personnel. They returned to open session at 8:29 p.m. and accepted the resignation of Coach Ronnie Molina. They also approved the hiring of Vickie Williams of San Angelo as a Middle School teacher and coach. The Success has also learned that Beverly Massingill of San Angelo has been hired to serve as the district's Food Service Director. She is slated to begin work on July 10, 2001.

Supt. Blanch expressed his hope that Governor Perry will sign legislation allowing for the creation of a 4-3 redistricting plan. It was noted that the State Legislature passed a bill that would allow certain school districts like SCISD to adopt 4-3 systems. Under such a system, there would be 4 single-member districts, and 3 at-large districts. The purpose is to allow the school to use the precinct lines adopted by counties as their single-member district boundaries. The trustees instructed Blanch to contact the district's lawyer, Sarah Leon, concerning the issue and to get her opinion if the 4-3 system would work here.

Blanch then advised the board that the district can expect an 18-20 percent increase in the cost of health insurance. Currently, the board buys its employee health insurance from Blue Cross and Blue Shield. Blanch said the increase will cost the district approx. \$50,000.

The board expressed its concern that Blue Cross and Blue Shield is refusing to release employee experience histories so other insurance companies can be contacted for bids. The board instructed Supt. Blanch to contact to TASB's legal counsel about charging Blue Cross and Blue Shield with restraint of trade.

It was noted that the property evaluation for the 2001-2002 tax year should increase by about \$18 million for the upcoming budget year. Trustee Eddie Albin said that while this may look promising at first glance, the trustees need to consider how the increased tax base will lower the district's effective tax rate. Albin cautioned that the district might not be able to raise enough money without being at risk of exceeding the roll back tax rate. That's the rate at which voters may choose to lower the school's tax rate.

Before adjourning it was noted that the school's enrollment at the end of the 2000-2001 school year was 637.

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