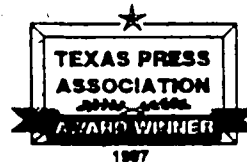


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news notes

Tejano sparks will fly on 4th

MARFA - Get your dancing shoes ready for this Fourth of July... the Marfa Volunteer Fire Department is hosting a spectacular Tejano concert.

It's to raise funds for a much-needed fire truck.

Entertaining will be the winner of the number-one Tejano Show Band award for 1997, Eddie Gonzalez.

The concert also features FAMA y Los Tejanos de San Angelo.

Activities begin at 8 p.m. Saturday, July 4 at Vizcaino Park in Marfa. There will be plenty of food and drink vendors for the hungry and thirsty.

The fire department has raised about \$13,000 toward the \$141,000 cost of the water pump.

Spend the Fourth of July with the music of Eddie Gonzalez, FAMA and Los Tejanos in Marfa. It's a worthy cause.

Fort Davis plans 'coolest' Fourth of July events

FORT DAVIS - Prude Ranch Arena will be the setting for the Fifteenth Annual Coolest July 4th Roping in Texas.

On Saturday, July 4, books will open at 10 a.m. with the roping beginning at 11 a.m. The same times have been set for the Sunday roping.

Produced by G&A Cattle, the "Coolest Roping" will have outstanding prizes for the winners of each roping and the overall winner. Buckles and hats will be given to average winners, saddles to the #4 and under and the #5 and over high point winners, and a two-horse trailer to the high point winner of the weekend.

Spectators are encouraged to enjoy the team roping throughout July 4th weekend. The Lions Club of Fort Davis will provide refreshments for the roping.

Other activities taking place on July 3rd and 4th include a street dance at 8 p.m. on Friday night and a parade, melodrama, bank robbery on Saturday. Several contests will also take place on Saturday. If you are interested in participating in the parade, Ugly Pickup or Ugly Hat Contests or the Apple Pie/Empanada contest, please call the Fort Davis Chamber of Commerce at (915)426-3015 or 800-524-3015.

In Fort Davis, you will be able to dance under the stars to the music of Mark Alan Sammons and Southern Star, enjoy one of the best parades in West Texas, witness an old fashioned bank robbery, see a great melodrama, watch ropers in action,

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Locals named in federal narcotics trafficking indictments

By ARTHUR SPRAGG
FAR WEST TEXAS - The Pecos federal grand jury has returned 67 indictments targeting two narcotics smuggling organizations in Far West Texas and the northern state of Chihuahua,

Mexico.

Among those indicted are a prominent Odessa attorney, his lead investigator from Presidio, a former Presidio County deputy sheriff who was assassinated recently and alleged

narcotics traffickers from El Mulato, and Ciudad Ojinaga, Chih., Mexico, just across the Rio Grande from the south county communities of Redford and Presidio, respectively.

Named in the indictments are

attorney Jose Antonio 'Tony' Chavez of Odessa, his lead investigator Moises 'Boy' Hernandez Jr. of Presidio and former Presidio County sheriff's deputy Rigoberto 'Rigo' Carrillo Loera of Presidio. Lo-

era was found shot to death at Polvo crossing near Redford last month.

Also indicted are Graciela Gardea Carrasco, a Mexican citizen, believed to base his

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DPS takes control of narcotics task force

FAR WEST TEXAS - Gov. George Bush decided Friday to replace the troubled Permian Basin Task Force with a new one run by the narcotics division of the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS).

The decision has received negative reactions from some of the counties where it hopes to work.

The new task force is called the West Texas Narcotics Enforcement Task Force and plans call for it to operate in all 15 counties served by its predecessor, according to a press release issued by the governor's office.

"I appreciate the willingness of DPS to quickly step in and help during this time of transition," Bush said. "This task force will help area law enforcement fight illegal drugs."

"I believe that the cooperative effort involving all aspects of law enforcement-local, state and federal-is the best approach for fighting drugs in our state."

As a result of Bush's decision, DPS assumes control of the new task force and local law enforcement agencies are asked to provide the staffing for it.

Former Permian Drug Task Force staff members, officers and agents must reapply for their jobs, said Linda Evans, deputy communications director with the Governor's Office. Cmdr. Tom Finley and Assistant Cmdr. Jack Brewer were fired in the shakeup.

The new drug task force is funded by the federal government and receives a 75 percent matching grant through the Governor's Criminal Justice Division. Twenty-five percent of the task force's \$1.4 million grant must be matched locally, according to grant stipulations.

In the past Ector County has

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The Cataño sisters, Destiny, 6, and Angel, 8, found the face painter at Friday's 'Fun Day in the Park,' sponsored by the Marfa Public Library. They are the daughters of Edward and Belen Cataño.

MISD trustees adopt school uniforms

By ARTHUR SPRAGG

MARFA - In the end, it took four Marfa school board trustees to finish what a committee of 53 started.

In a little over 90 minutes, a uniform dress code for students in grades K-8 that some members of the board called "too broad," was altered and narrowed to fit into a uniform code Tuesday night during a special meeting at Gregg Auditorium.

"This is basically the dress code we have now with restrictions," board member Laura Brugette said after K-8 Principal David Clark made his presentation to the board on the student dress code committee's recommendations.

Clark was charged with the selection of a uniform dress committee, which was made up

of students, parents and staff both for and against students wearing uniforms. The committee met in a three-hour session two weeks ago and developed the dress code.

"I'm discouraged," Brugette said, and asked Clark what guidelines were used by the committee to determine the suggested dress code.

When informed by Clark that guidelines from other school districts were used, Brugette replied that Marfa's code seemed to be "not just a uniform, it's opinionated about a style. That's not a uniform."

Board member Nancy Polson agreed, saying, "I don't see it as a uniform dress policy. It's too broad. Shirt styles are not uniform when you have this many."

From that point, discussion focused on too many color choices, too many shades of denim and kakhi and then moved to questions over funding, student refusal to wear the uniform and lengthy discourses on student discipline and teacher enforcement of a uniform dress code compared to the current dress code.

"Only one tool to address discipline problem. Overall appearance at school will not address all areas of the problem," Clark reminded the board.

There was an obvious reluctance on the board's part to make a decision on the suggested dress code presented, leading audience member Jim

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Tigua tribe to acquire area ranch

By ARTHUR SPRAGG

VALENTINE - They may be putting nearly \$9 million on the table for the Chilicote Ranch, but the only gamble the Tigua Indians are going to take is whether or not the 68,000-acre property near Valentine can be successful as a dude ranch.

And a dude ranch aimed at Europeans fascinated by cowboy and Indian culture is just one scenario out of several possibilities the El Paso-based tribe is considering when the contract to purchase the ranch is expected to be completed on July 1, according to tribal attorney Tom Diamond of El Paso.

He said that rumors about gambling, Las Vegas-style or otherwise, are just that, groundless rumors. Casino gambling isn't planned for the ranch, which sprawls over remote land in Jeff Davis and Presidio counties.

"Absolutely not," Diamond said. "There's no point in opening a casino there. You want a casino to be near a major metropolitan area."

"There's no potential for it unless you put it dead center in Marfa, and then you might get a play on that," Diamond said, making his point.

Diamond said the tribe believes the land has a lot of potential and wants to be "good stewards of the land."

"The tribe is very enthusiastic about this property," he said.

Initial plans for the ranch, owned by Odessan L.R. 'Bobby' French, are to make a hunting preserve for tribal recreational use. Purchase of the ranch includes a 27-head herd of Big Horn sheep as well as mule deer, javelina and ante-

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Marine Corps clears soldier in shooting death of Esequiel Hernandez Jr.

A serviceman acted within the law when he shot a West Texas teen-ager while on a border drug patrol, Marine Corps investigators concluded in a report released Monday.

The probe concluded Cpl. Clemente Bañuelos was protecting a fellow Marine when he killed Esequiel Hernandez Jr. in Redford, according to a statement released by the Corps.

The statement called Hernandez's death tragic but noted it "was not the result of a criminal

act."

An investigative report recommended against punishment for Bañuelos and the other Marines who were with him.

The Marine investigation represents the fourth time the servicemen were cleared of wrongdoing in Hernandez's death.

A state and federal grand jury each declined to indict Bañuelos in the shooting.

An investigation by Joint Task Force 6, an agency that coordi-

nates anti-drug missions between military and civilian police, also concluded the Marines acted within mission guidelines.

Hernandez, 18, was killed May 20, 1997, after crossing paths with Bañuelos and three other Marines conducting anti-drug surveillance on the Rio Grande at the request of the Marfa Border Patrol Sector.

According to the military,

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Master conjunto accordionist Santiago Jimenez Jr. chats with a caller during radio announcer Vidal 'Vic' Torres' Spanish Hour last week on KVLF-AM 1240 Alpine. The musician wrapped up a week's residency in Marfa on Saturday.

Richard Keyes
Last Republic member stands trial

FORT STOCKTON - The last of the Republic of Texas separatists went on trial this week in Fort Stockton.

Richard Keyes is charged with burglary of a habitation in connection with the standoff last April in Davis Mountains.

Keyes is alleged to have illegally entered the Davis Mountains Resort home of Joe and M.A. Rowe.

The couple were held hostage for a day before being released in exchange for the release of a captured Republic member.

Judge Kenneth DeHart of the 394th State Judicial District Court is presiding. The trial was moved from Fort Davis and Alpine on a change of venue.

Keyes was one of two men who didn't surrender last year. A fellow Republic member was killed in a shootout with officers, but Keyes escaped. He was arrested several months later in the Houston area.

Republic leader Rick McLaren, his wife, Evelyn, and followers Robert 'White Eagle' Otto and Gregg and Karen Paulson all have been found guilty of crimes associated with the staff-off in state or federal courts, or both.

Jury selection began Monday and testimony started Tuesday.

If convicted, Keyes faces up to 99 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Two charged at Presidio port

PRESIDIO - A Presidio man has been charged with a violation of a customs service law, and an Alpine man has been charged in connection with a drug bust at the port of entry.

Jose Jaime Cruz, 42, is charged with theft of merchandise from a bonded warehouse, according to the U.S. Magistrate Court office in Alpine. He is free on a \$10,000 bond.

Aaron Briswalter, 20, of Alpine was charged with illegally

importing from Mexico 90 tablets of the tranquilizers Valium, court records indicated.

While Briswalter was being detained at the Presidio port, officers allegedly found 1/10-of-a-gram of heroin in Briswalter's possession, the court stated.

The Alpine man was free on a \$10,000 personal recognizance bond, but must report to Clover House, a drug-treatment home in Odessa.

Chicagoan found guilty in Pecos court

PECOS - Federal court jurors rejected Blasa Gonzales's claim that she didn't know marijuana was in the car she was driving when stopped by Border Patrol agents at the Marfa Checkpoint March 5.

She was convicted of possession with intent to distribute marijuana but exonerated on the importation charge.

Gonzales, 29, of Chicago, Ill., said she was doing a favor for her brother-in-law when she picked up the 1989 Honda Accord near Presidio after crossing the Rio Grande without

going through the port of entry.

Agents who stopped the vehicle because it and the owner, Jeremy San Legardo, of Chicago, were on a "look-out" list, discovered 74 pounds of marijuana in a hidden compartment underneath the trunk.

Counselors at law Fred Brigman of Alpine prosecuted for the government, and Mike Barclay of Alpine defended Gonzales before visiting Fifth Circuit Judge Emilio Garza of San Antonio.

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Task force

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been responsible for the 25 percent portion of the task force's grant not covered by state funding.

The 10-year-old Permian Basin Drug Task Force was shut down last week after it was denied funding by Bush's office. Later, it was announced by the governor that the Texas Rangers, FBI and the Texas Attorney General's Office were investigating allegations "about the financial integrity of task force funds."

"We will not join (the new task force)," said Presidio County Sheriff Danny Dominguez. "It's my call and I know the county commissioners and the county judge will support my decision."

"I did not like the way members of the task force were treated. Allegations were made and no one has had the opportunity to clear themselves."

Dominguez said he had enough officers to work on drug interdiction efforts in Presidio County, and that he was standing by his decision right now to turn down the invitation to join the new task force.

"We are not going to let DPS run a local task force," said Steve Bailey, Jeff Davis County sheriff. "I guarantee this thing is not through."

"I hope everyone will show Bush our disappointment of this thing in writing. I'm sure going nose-to-nose, if I can get to him."

Ector County has had oversight authority of the Permian Basin Task Force since its beginning, and a six-member

board consisting of sheriffs and police chiefs were charged with running the organization's day to day operations.

The governor's decision to announce the formation of an entirely new task force run by the DPS angered and surprised members of the board who had personally lobbied Bush to appoint an interim director until all the allegations could be proven or dismissed.

Chairman and Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter said he hopes control of the task force reverts back to his board once the investigation reveals no wrong doing.

Painter said he has not made up his mind about joining the new task force if things remain as they are.

"I think it would be a hard battle to put together a task force as good and effective as the Permian Basin Drug Task Force," Painter said. "I have to look at all of it."

"I have to see how this impacts the citizens of the county

as far as manpower and cost."

"We need local control of the task force," Finley said. "It needs to remain in the hands of the sheriffs and chiefs."

"I ran the task force the way the chiefs, sheriffs and board of directors wanted me to. There is a right way and a wrong way, and I have always tried to do things the right way."

"I think all the counties are going to be mad and I can tell you that is my point of view," said Ector County Commissioner Bob Bryant. "Ector County will not be a participant."

Bryant said he does not think anything can be done to save the former task force.

Edwards said local law enforcement agencies will be receiving a formal invitation to join the new task force within the next few days. She stated counties will have 30 days to respond and organizational meetings are scheduled shortly afterward.

The governor's office spokes-

person said there is no set date when the new drug task force will go into the field.

Culberson and Reeves Counties have announced they will join Presidio and Jeff Davis in declining the new drug task force's invitation.

Smaller counties like Crane and Ward are in a quandary because of manpower considerations, but officials from Andrews and Howard Counties said they remain open to the new ideas proposed by the governor on Friday.

Our deadline continues to be 5 p.m. Tuesday

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Tigua

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lope, Diamond said.

The south Texas-based King Ranch once owned the property which has a 10,000-square-foot, dormitory-style ranch house with bunks, cabins and a large swimming pool, according to Diamond.

The tribe also is in negotiations with "a major energy company" to conduct tests on the possibility of developing wind-generated energy on the Sierra Vieja escarpment, which rises 2,000 feet above the desert floor.

A dude ranch targeted for European travelers also is being considered since they are enthralled with the idea of cowboys, Indians and the West, Diamond said.

"Europeans go crazy over cowboys and Indians, and they would be able to stay at a ranch owned by Indians," Diamond explained. "We want to make this a wilderness-type of experience."

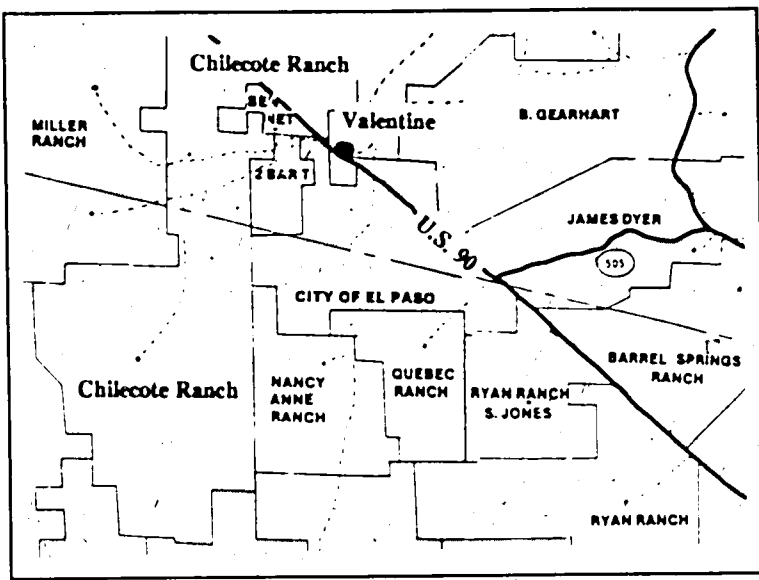
The ranch is also located atop a future water source for a fast growing, thirsty city of El Paso, which expects to completely deplete the Hueco Aquifer by the year 2025 unless other sources of water are found.

El Paso has purchased the Antelope Valley Ranch, which sits on top of the Ryan Aquifer, and is adjacent to the Chilicote Ranch, which will soon be in Tigua hands.

The Ryan aquifer is projected to contain enough water to supply El Paso's needs for the next 150 years.

The Tiguas' acquisition of the Chilicote has made some El Paso officials nervous, according to an article in a recent 'El Paso Times,' which states that the Tiguas are positioning for control of the Rio Grande, which supplies more than 40 percent of the city's drinking water.

Fears are that the tribe wants



to control access and use of El Paso's water resources.

"So what can happen if they acquire access to the same water source that the Public Service Board was counting on to be El Paso's backup supply?" asked Mayor Carlos Ramirez.

"Wouldn't El Paso feel better about the Tiguas owning this ranch than some guy in Odessa or Houston?" Diamond countered. "We live in El Paso. We don't want to hurt the city of El Paso," he said.

Diamond noted that the highway running through the ranch would offer excellent access for El Paso's water pipeline when it was time to construct it.

The Tiguas have no interest in applying for trust status to make the land part of the tribe's reservation, effectively removing it from local and state tax rolls, according to Diamond.

"We have no interest to apply for trust status at this time; it is not our intent," Diamond said. "We would rather pay our way and be good neighbors."

Diamond said the application for trust status is a "lengthy, complicated process that takes a very, very long time."

The ranch also holds historical and religious significance for

the Tiguas because it is near the Clay Miller Ranch, Diamond said.

One of the last Indian battles in these parts occurred on Miller country in 1882 between the U.S. cavalry and the Apache Indians. Diamond said the Tiguas were scouts for the cavalry.

The commander of the cavalry insisted on camping overnight in a canyon area boxed-in by mountains in spite of Tigua chief Simon Holguin's concern that the site was the perfect place for an ambush, Diamond explained.

The Apaches ambushed the cavalry, which fled, leaving the Tiguas who were on foot to do battle. The cavalry came back later that day and fought, but the Tigua chief was killed, Diamond said.

Clay Miller allowed the Tiguas to conduct a religious ceremony dedicating the site on his ranch, for which they are thankful, he said.

"We want to be a good influence on the area," Diamond said, reiterating the idea that "the ranch could be another major attraction for the area. It will be good for everybody in West Texas."

Uniforms

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Maris to strongly urge the board to "take initiative to correct this problem and do your job. Our teachers need to be teaching."

"If this gets washed or ignored there will be a loss of interest in what's going on in the school district and a loss of respect for the board," Maris said. "I don't feel good about that."

After an hour and 15 minutes of discussion, Superintendent Judy Ledbetter advised the board on their options to deal with the dress code issue, and newly elected board member Yvonne Lujan lead the members to consider the proposed policy line by line, saying, "I'm in favor (of the dress code) but it is too broad. Wipe out a couple of colors, change the shades of pants and we can resolve this."

The board passed a JC Penney catalogue around as the audience waited, specifically narrowing the single page policy, line by line.

In the end, applause from the audience and an emphatic "thank you" from one bystander greeted the 4-1 vote of approval for the new uniform code which will be in effect during the 1998-1999 school year. Loretto Vasquez cast the lone, opposing vote.

Though the code has been approved, the dress policy will be enforceable on the 91st day after the date of adoption by the Board, according to the Texas Education Code. This means that students will have until September 22 to gather all uniform components before the district can enforce the policy.

A suggested dress code for teachers was dropped by the board.

In other board action: • Board members voted 5-0 to borrow \$100,000 on a three-year note from the Texas Association of School Boards

Capital Acquisition Program to purchase a new motor coach, pick-up truck and a mini-van at a cost estimated to be between \$90,000 and \$100,000.

• After lengthy discussion, voted 4-1 with Vasquez dissenting, to table for further study and consideration bids from Ron Loveday of Marfa, Oilfield Telephone Co. of Pecos and Gateway 2000 of Sioux City, South Dakota which were considered and evaluated by the

district technology committee for 40 classroom computers and presentation systems and software to be purchased for both school campuses.

• Accepted the resignations of instructor/coach Tony Mathison and music instructor Chuck Wilson with unanimous vote.

• With a unanimous vote, offered Amy Rice a one-year probationary contract to teach math at the high school level.

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Opinions

Letters to the editor

Editor:

The Marfa Volunteer Fire Department is continuing fundraising events to purchase a new city pumper truck.

Since the volunteers have started the fundraising, about \$11,000 has been deposited in the Truck Fund.

A new city pumper truck is needed in Marfa to keep our fire insurance rates from increasing due to the certification of the fire department.

The cost of a new pumper truck is \$150,000 and is a vehicle up to standards as required by the state of Texas.

The Volunteer Fire Department thanks the citizens of Marfa for supporting the enchilada dinners, dances and donations to our fund.

The citizens of Marfa have shown that they are understanding and caring of the need.

The volunteers will continue to have many functions in the future to raise funds for this important city pumper truck.

The volunteer Fire Department members of Marfa would appreciate the continued generous support of all citizens of Marfa.

We look forward to seeing you at our functions and would be available to discuss the need and requirement for this city pumper truck.

Thank you,
Larry Fornio, Firefighter
Marfa Volunteer Fire Department

Editor:

Homosexuals are demanding their rights. There are those who think they should be in a dark closet and there are others who think they should be out of the closet.

First of all, I'm a Protestant and a member of the Baptist denomination. If Protestants and Catholics profess that they are Christians they should tolerate homosexuals. They may do things that we don't like, but it's their life. We should not take Jehovah's position. We should accept homosexuals as how they are.

If a homosexual wants to change his/her lifestyle he/she can accomplish it. They can truly be new persons in Jesus Christ. When Jehovah sent fire and burned the homosexuals of Sodom and Gomorrah of the Old Testament, that act does not give anybody the right to try and put laws forbidding homosexuals to live openly. (This includes being teachers, presidents, generals, counselors, etc.)

On TV, I see religious people with banners that say, 'God hates faggots.' God doesn't hate homosexuals, he loves them as he loves all the rest of humanity. God hates sin and if we are liars, fornicators, adulterers, effeminate, thieves, drunkards, revilers, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, fierce, traitors and false accusers, we shall not inherit the Kingdom of God. That's if we don't repent. In the book of Romans 3:23 in the Bible it says: "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." So it's not only the homosexuals that have sinned, it's everybody. We are justified by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, if we want God's favor.

Those religious fanatics who think that homosexuals should be in a dark closet should read Romans chapter 12 and 13 of their Bible so they can see how a Christian should be.

In Unity,
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Editor:

I hope this guy that keeps insulting us-Presidians and Polveños among others by calling us all kinds of names, is not related to the Morales clan of El Polvo because they are good people. But if he is, I hope he was disowned a long time ago and that is why he is living in El Paso now.

He calls the taking away of young Esequiel's life an "unfortunate accident." I want him to know that accidents don't just happen like day turning into night. They are caused by someone which in this case, the "cause" was a Marine.

I want you all to know that I have nothing against the Marines as a whole. I am an ex-Marine and served with honor in the Vietnam conflict.

This guy sounds as if there were no drugs coming into the U.S. through the El Paso area. Maybe that's where the Marines and their ordinance are needed most.

If he is so conscientious, why does he want us to pray for peace in Jerusalem only? Why not pray for peace 'round the whole round world?

Yes, may there be peace in the world, yesterday.

Rufino Hernandez
de Presidio, Tejas c/s

Editor:

This "guy" from El Paso, who is not related to the Morales clan in El Polvo, read the column by a guy de Presidio, Tejas c/s.

This "guy" was born in El Paso, Texas. This writer suggested that the "other" guy apply for remedial reading and comprehension or use a dictionary and seek the difference between "accident" and "incident." I have not insulted the good citizens of Presidio, Polveños. This writer has been to Presidio many times and enjoyed talking with and being with the good people. "Other" guy, if you feel insulted, comprehend what you read and how you word your comments, you are not the spokesperson for the city of Presidio, TX c/s or El Polvo.

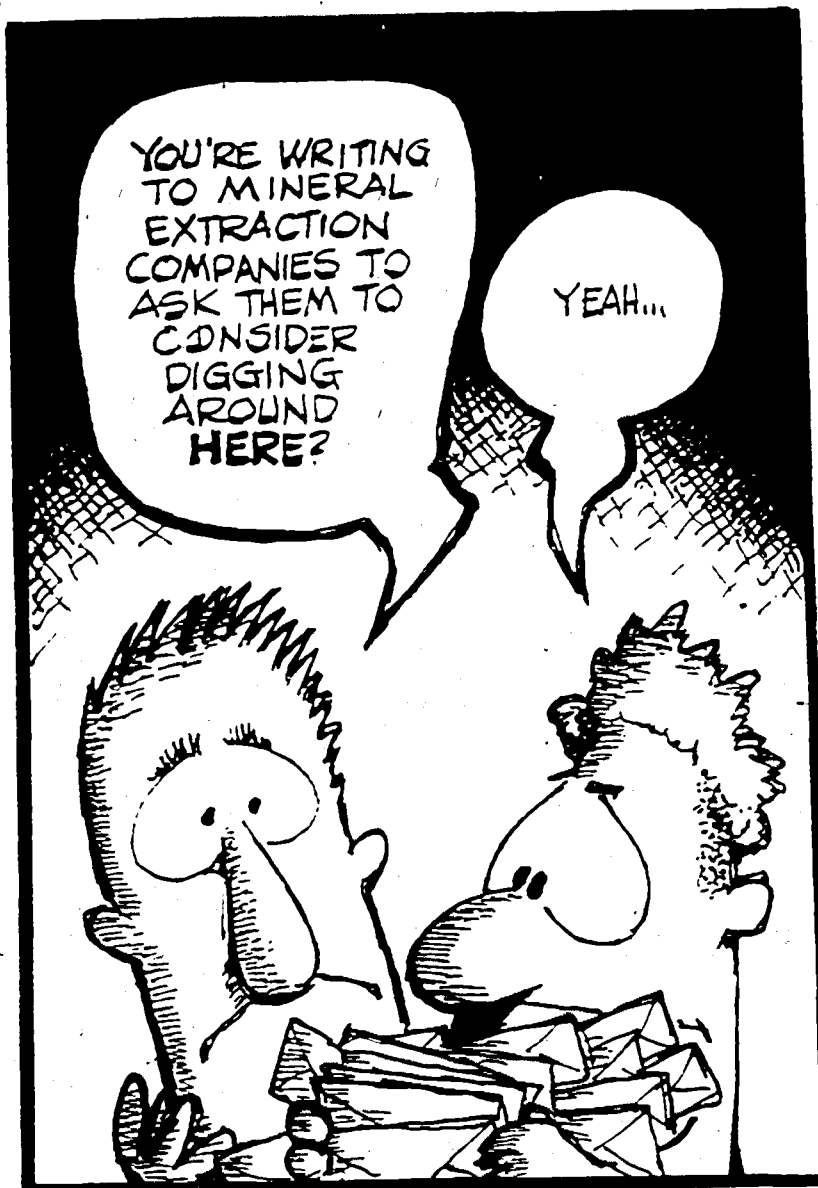
There has been and continues to be many drug busts in El Paso, including drug-related deaths. There are five ports of entry in the metropolis of El Paso and one of the areas for drug smuggling is on the 'Border Highway.' Please read previous columns that appeared in The International, and I suggest that you read the El Paso Times, or watch the news reports from the El Paso TV channels.

The JTF-6 is at Biggs Field, Fort Bliss, in El Paso.

"Other" guy, "Pray For The Peace of Jerusalem," means just that, not "in" or "only" in Jerusalem. I suggest that you read the Bible, Gen: 12:3 or seek guidance, my teacher is a Rabbi.

There has yet to be peace on earth, the current peace is an "enforced peace," not the peace that will come on "The Second Coming." Why and was it necessary to include "C/S?" Using it is rare for adults. "Pray For The Peace of Jerusalem."

Ramon Morales
El Paso



Editor:

To: State Rep. Pete Gallego

Dear Rep. Gallego:

After our telephone conversation regarding the air pollution of the idling Union Pacific Train (UP 6265) on the South Orient track (Del Rio and North 10th streets) you asked for a history of the problem and the Texas law.

March 28, 1983, I began correspondence with the Texas Air Control Board after four Santa Fe train engines idled four nights in a row. Citizens, including school teachers, complained of headaches and nausea.

A friend said he had seen a sign in Marfa prohibiting diesel pollution. A Sul Ross librarian helped me locate Vernon's Texas Statutes Article 4477-5 Sect. 4.01 A 345.12 T 355 Revised Civil Statutes. On page 457, Subchapter D. Prohibition against air Pollution; Enforcement:

"... no person may cause, suffer, allow or permit the emission of any air contaminant or the performance of any activity which causes or contributes to, or which will cause or contribute to, a condition of air pollution ..."

On page 458, sec. 4.04 b, there is a discussion of local government enforcement.

For 15 years, the Santa Fe and the South Orient railroads have cooperated with idling complaints. In recent months the complaints are with the Union Pacific using the South Orient track. Tonight I talked to an answering machine at 800-742-8905, and the local South Orient at 837-2422 where I was told the trains sometimes idle for 12 hours. I was told to call 406-636-1624 for the Union Pacific dispatcher, but the line was always busy. I also called Sheriff Whitley and after one hour and 40 minutes, the train moved.

I am asking you as our representative, the city, the sheriff and concerned citizens to ask the Union Pacific not to idle their engines due to a respiratory health hazard. Can a city ordinance be passed to prevent diesel idling? How can you help? Thank you for your support.

Ruth Mock

Alpine

cc: Sheriff Whitley, Doug Lively, The Alpine Avalanche and The Big Bend Sentinel

Editor:

I just came home from a reasonably busy day, ready to relax, "read the paper" and digest things accomplished and things left undone. However, as I read, and read, article after article, I realized my day had really just begun.

I have written on past occasions on our changing world, our need to be prepared to adjust many of our thinking and accepted beliefs and principles. Oh, how I realized this as I read:

Item: The cod fishing business is almost dead. The English have been advised that the cod part isn't their traditional fish and chips can soon be forgotten. There just isn't any more cod to be had, (this is of course a mild exaggeration, but not by much). The only cod area left now is the Barents Sea off the northern shores of western Russia. All the other great and traditional "fishing banks" are fished out and the Barents Sea won't last long. How long before fish is no longer on the menu or in the grocery stores???

Item: There is every good chance that the traditional college campus will soon be a thing of the past. Students reaching that great moment when college looms, it is now predicted, will be able to get their course work and learning experience right off the internet. No more dorms, no more classroom buildings, no more clubs or fraternities and, I guess...and this was never mentioned...no more famous college football teams. You can't hire a coach when there's no one to sign up for football and, anyway, there's not football field or field house anymore. What's that going to do to our American way of life?

Item: We think we have problems with our nuclear industry and how to dispose of its waste materials and even the cost of closing down nuclear plants that have lost their zip? Well, just read about England's problems. Her neighboring countries of Norway and Sweden are demanding she close down one specific nuclear plant in Scotland which they claim is pouring wastes into the North Sea which lies between them and is threatening their shore lines.

Meantime Ireland is demanding she closes another one on the other side of that country because it is polluting the Irish Sea and



their shorelines. It is estimated that it may cost up to a billion and a half dollars (pounds?) to close them down and may take up to 100 years to do it. And we think we've got problems???

Item: Now that India and Pakistan have joined the "nuclear club", we better forget our old ideas of preventing "nuclear proliferation" or trying to enforce policies and mandates about nuclear "discipline" The fat is now in the fire and the only remaining realistic policy will have to be a world-wide total prohibition of all nuclear weapons and usage. And just how are we going to be able to get the necessary approval and cooperation around the globe for policies such as that???

It's getting tough all over.

Malcolm Tweedy
Fort Davis

WOOLGATHERING

Mary Katherine Metcalfe Earney

Texas Ranger tales

Marian Chambers Bridge, formerly of Alpine, called several months ago, and we renewed acquaintance. She and her husband, Joe Bridge Jr., let me read a historically invaluable book Joe wrote about the life of his father, Joe Bridge Sr., who was a Texas Ranger.

Not only is the text interesting, but the pictures of Ranger camps and people are important. One picture is of a group of Texas Rangers with Joel McRae, the actor. McRae was starring in the movie, 'South of Saint Louis,' which was being filmed at Rio Grande City. The six Rangers were serving as consultants for the movie.

In the picture, the Rangers are sitting relaxed with that typical easy-rider look, relaxed but ready for any bad-guy action, and they are all laughing, except McRae, who is sitting all scrunched up and ill-at-ease. Makes you wonder what joke had just been told.

One story in the book tells of when Capt. Alfred Allee was helping keep the peace during a union strike at Kingsville. The Yankee union representative walked up behind Allee and put his hand on Allee's shoulder saying, "You can't ----." By that time, he was spread out on his back on the ground with Allee towering over him saying, "I can and I will and don't ever touch me like that again."

Joe Sr. was a ranch manager for the Hogg and Dixon Ranch in northern Mexico for 15 years. He was so trusted that he acted as both the delivering and receiving agent for two ranchers. During the years in Mexico he gained invaluable knowledge of Mexico and made many solid friendships, both serving him well when he became a Texas Ranger.

There are some wonderful sayings in the book. For instance, Bridge Sr. is liked to use a revolver he called a "thumb buster." His day's work began "with can and ended with can't." "He could track a spider over an acre of ice."

At the end of the book are letters and documents attesting to Bridge Sr.'s abilities and intelligence in serving the Rangers and in giving testimony in courts, thereby helping make cases against various criminals. Once when he thought justice had gone awry, he asked for and got a release of one of the prisoners.

Letters of praise came from former state District Judge Earl Smith of San Angelo and one from Travers Crumpton, former district attorney for the 83rd Judicial District.

The description of all the Bridge family sitting on the ranch house front porch in the late afternoon, practicing shooting at various tin cans and fence posts and bottles is a classic in frontier living. When someone missed a shot, Joe Sr. would say, "That's knockin' 'em down."

A wonderful self-published book with invaluable insights into Texas, Texans and Texas Rangers. Thank you, Marian and Joe Jr. for sharing.



(staff photo by ARTHUR SPRAGG)
Marfans Greg Garcia, left, and Laura Suehs at the site of their new restaurant that is scheduled to open in mid-August on the eastside of town.

Tumbleweed Grill plans August opening

By DICK SHEFFIELD

MARFA — A renovation project designed and spearheaded by two Marfa residents is transforming an old abandoned building on the town's east edge by Highway 90 into a place that intends to serve both fun and good food. Its name, the Tumbleweed Grill.

Laura Ann Suehs and Greg Garcia are partners in the venture. They are also engaged to be married.

"Our goal is to provide good food at reasonable prices," Suehs said. "It is something we have always wanted to do and we both enjoy doing it."

The pair brings experience in interior design, landscaping, painting and sculpture to the project and hopes to blend work as artists into the new business.

"We hope to make the customer happy and have lots of fun doing it," she said.

The century-old building under transformation has been vacant the past several years. The 3,000-square-foot space sits on three acres.

Suehs, an interior designer, said the structure is large enough to hold 120 people, including two open-air, covered porches. Inside, the restaurant will have a western, rustic motif.

"There will be no dress code," said Suehs. "We are planning to have an environment that is fun, but one the customer can feel comfortable in either jeans, shorts or a jacket and tie."

Suehs said the new grill has two distinct dining areas, a

main room and one that is smaller and more private.

The main dining room will have menus on the walls to let the customer see what is being served that day. Patrons can watch their steaks or other foods being prepared on the open grill.

The private dining space, which can be reserved for special occasions, holds seven tables. Diners in this area have their own menu and table service, Suehs said.

The fare will be steaks, barbecue, five kinds of hamburgers, five kinds of chicken, salads and specials such as grilled seafood.

Freshly prepared desserts and fresh-ground coffee also are on the menu.

"Everything will be home-made," Suehs said.

The first-time restaurateur said she has done extensive research on the menu, including finding an out-of-print "Old Marfa Cookbook," and deciding upon recipes handed to her while picking up her mail at the post office.

The grill will offer beer and wine.

Garcia will serve as chef and has cooked for many years. Suehs plans to handle the out-front work. An initial staff of six is envisioned.

The Tumbleweed Grill will be open for lunch and dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and dinner from 5-10 p.m. Tuesday-Friday.

On Saturday and Sunday the hours change to 11 a.m. to

closing. There will also be grilled specials on weekends.

If plans go as scheduled, Suehs said the long-term design calls for a courtyard and an open dance hall with music.

When asked why Marfa was chosen as the place to begin a restaurant, Suehs said her family owned a ranch off Casa Piedra Road (Penitas Ranch) and that although she had resided in New York recently, she "always knew I wanted to return."

Suehs lived in Alpine for 17 years and attended Alpine High School for two years before transferring to St. Mary's Hall in San Antonio. She graduated in 1996 from the Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Georgia.

Her parents, Bill and Ann Suehs reside in Castroville and she is the granddaughter of Jean and the late Ira Blanton of Alpine.

Partner Greg Garcia was born in Venezuela and educated in both Venezuela and Peru before graduating from the University of North Texas School of Art and Design.

Garcia is the son of Rudy and Mona Garcia. The Garcias own and operate the Arcon Inn, a bed and breakfast in Marfa.

Suehs praised her contractor Joe Garay of Presidio.

He and his staff do everything - the electric, plumbing, gas and concrete work, she said.

When asked how the name for the restaurant was selected, Suehs stated, "It seemed appropriate as we watched them roll across the property."

The Tumbleweed Grill is set to open in mid-August.

Kelley performs Motown hits at SRSU today

Singer and keyboardist Rick Kelley will perform a medley of Motown favorites and rhythm and blues today at Sul Ross State University.

Kelley's 7 p.m. concert, "A Little Night Music," will be held in the stage area of the University Center. Admission is \$2 to the general public and free with current faculty/staff/dependent activity card, student ID or orientation nametag.

The Marfa Public Library board of directors, friends and staff would like to thank the wonderful people of Marfa for helping make our Fun Day in the Park a huge success.

The proceeds from this year's event go toward our (Ester and Natalia) trip to the Texas Library Association conference in Dallas next year.

When it comes to helping out, we sure do have very supportive people in our community.

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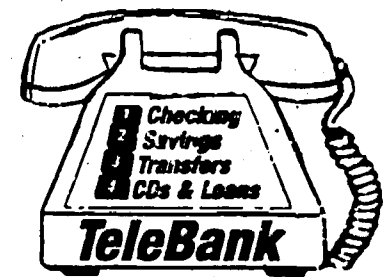
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- **Family Night**
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Rep. Pete Patterson and Doris Patterson

Patterson seeks top agriculture post

By DICK SHEFFIELD

MARFA - Democratic candidate for the office of Texas Agriculture Commissioner, Rep. L.P. "Pete" Patterson, brought his campaign into the backyard of his Republican opponent this week, seeking both votes and an audience for his message - concern for farmers and ranchers and food safety.

The 11-term Democrat from Paris is running against Marathon native and Republican nominee Susan Combs for the state's top agriculture post.

Patterson said one of the principle themes in the campaign is his interest in keeping alive family and moderate farming operations and the ranching industry in the state.

The 22-year veteran legislator and chairman of the House Agriculture and Livestock Committee said the average age of a farmer in Texas is 60 years and that everything possible must be done to encourage and support young people going into farming and ranching. In those efforts, Patterson has helped to establish the young farmer loan guarantee and the farm and ranch finance programs.

The candidate, political leader and businessman is also a life-long farmer and rancher. He raises soybeans, cattle and experiments with the alternative crop Kenaf.

Patterson said Kenaf is as versatile as soybeans and may be used to make fine paper products and building materials such as compressed lumber.

The candidate stated that he wants to promote through legislation and other means a way to support small to moderate farmers and ranchers that care more about the types of products they produce than the giant agribusiness operations that look to the bottomline first and foremost.

Patterson believes a significant difference exists between him and his Republican opponent.

He has spent his entire life on a farm and has bought his property because he has farmed the

land and made a living doing so. My opponent, said Patterson, inherited her land and the question is does she understand the daily needs and desires of people who have staked their livelihoods upon it?

The other part of the candidate's message focuses upon food safety. According to Rep. Patterson, the safety breakdown is in the increased reliance upon imports, and the fact that the current system of food monitoring is not up to task.

Our producers, both traditional and organic, have to compete with imports that do not adhere to the same standards as one who works in the United States, said Patterson. That threatens to run them out of business and it is a direct result of our producers playing on an unlevelled field in international competition.

The candidate's safe food policy includes:

- * The reopening of food safety labs for producers;

- * The creation of emergency response teams within the department to rapidly address emergencies;

- * Increased inspections; and,

- * Creating more pressure on the federal government to insure food safety, especially those of importing nations.

Patterson promotes and encourages producers and markets of organic foods. The fact is organic foods are a growing consumer market at good prices for producers because people are concerned about the quality of food they put on the table, he said.

The state representative said all his campaign money has been raised from small contributors and within the borders of Texas. He stated the party's national committee has not helped him with any financial support.

The candidate said he has traveled extensively in the state over the last year and that his strategy hinges on personal visits, newspapers advertising and

Bush snubs Mexican officials

AUSTIN - A delegation of 12 Federal Mexican Congress members and two State Congress members representing all of Mexico's major parties will travel to Austin on Wednesday, June 17, to meet with the governor, state legislators, and the public about the Mexican Congress's unanimous opposition to the proposed national nuclear waste dump in Sierra Blanca. Although the officials have been trying to set a meeting with Bush for almost a month, as of this morning, Bush refuses to meet with them. The officials

will meet with Secretary of State Gonzales from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, and then hold a press conference at the Capitol in the Speakers' Committee Room (2nd floor, Senate side) at 11:30 a.m.

At the end of April 1998, both houses of the Mexican Congress passed resolutions calling for a "multi-party delegation to be formed with the purpose of meeting with (Bush), with the purpose

of telling him that the Mexican (Congress) believes that the Sierra Blanca project violates the spirit of commitments made with the signing of the La Paz

Agreement and that are linked to the state which he govern and which don't contribute to the strengthening of good relations...that must prevail between both countries." The officials are concerned not only about the violation of the La Paz Agreement, but also about the potential for contamination of the Rio Grande/Rio Bravo. The proposed dump site lies directly over a buried fault in an active earthquake zone 16 miles from the river.

Closing arguments in the legal hearing on the dump's operating license, to which Ciudad Juárez was one of the several opposition parties, are over. Bush-appointed Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission Commissioners are expected to make a final ruling on the license late this summer. The U.S. Congress is on the verge of passing the Texas-Maine-Vermont compact bill - the Senate is expected to send the bill to conference committee today. Passage of the bill would trigger \$50 million in construction funding from Maine and Vermont, although all money spent on the dump must be appropriated through the Texas Legislature.

Animal group seeks members

MARFA - The Marfa Animal Society (MAS) is looking for members to join the organization.

Organization members have many new ideas and plans they want to implement. Volunteers are needed to help with programs that will teach children how to take care of their pets.

"The programs will teach kids to recognize that they need to take responsibility for their pets," said MAS President Rena Kelly.

MAS members help the City

doing some radio and television. His biggest concern is that the metropolitan areas such as Harris (Houston) and Dallas Counties will have more say in electing the next agriculture commissioner than those who live in the rural areas of the state do.

Patterson believes the Democrats will retain control of the Texas House and have the opportunity to regain majority status in the Senate if things break right.

He said the Democrats have an opportunity to capture several of the statewide races at stake this election cycle and specifically cited the contests for lieutenant governor, attorney general, state comptroller and of course the agriculture

animal control officer place animals in good homes and help with other projects at the city animal shelter.

The organization also plans to sponsor rabies and parvo pet clinics.

Anyone interested in becoming a member or a volunteer is urged to attend the MAS meeting which will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 29 at the Marfa Library.

For more information, please call Rena Kelly at 729-4432 or 729-4479.

First shipment to New Mexico nuclear waste dump delayed

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. - A \$1.8 billion nuclear waste repository that has been waiting a decade for its first shipment will have to wait some more.

The reason? The contaminated waste may be contaminated with other waste.

The federal government's Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, carved out of the salt beds beneath the New Mexico desert, had been preparing to receive its first shipment of radioactive material from Los Alamos National Laboratory on June 19.

But the state Environment Department said Thursday that the waste cannot move because the operators of the repository failed to prove the material is free of other contaminants like solvents and lead.

Last month, the environmental Protection Agency licensed the repository to bury plutonium-contaminated clothing, tools, equipment and sludge generated as byproducts of decades of nuclear work.

But a state permit is required for "mixed" waste, and the permit cannot be issued until a public comment period expires in August.

DOE officials have contended that until they get the state permit they could ship radioactive waste that was not contaminated by the other hazardous materials.

But in a letter to WIPP officials Thursday, the state Environment Department said DOE had failed to prove that the radioactive waste planned for shipment from LANL was not

tainted. The letter also threatened court action if DOE attempted to open WIPP before the problem was addressed.

"They shipped us boxes of information that says this proves it. We disagree," said state Environment Department spokesman Nathan Wade. "The effect of this is that Los Alamos is going to do further testing on those barrels before they do ship."

Gov. Gary Johnson supported the department's action. "I would simply agree with the premise that we have to follow the rules."

He said he was "on the side of it better not be mixed" because that's all the EPA license was good for.

"It might be something that's very minor that we can fix fairly quickly," said Mike McFadden of Carlsbad, acting manager for the WIPP program.

Wade said one option for DOE would be to blend some of the waste and conduct testing on it to determine whether hazardous chemicals were included.

WIPP first was proposed in 1974 and excavation began in 1982. Located 26 miles east of Carlsbad, it would permanently dispose of trash, tools, clothing, laboratory equipment and other material contaminated with plutonium and other radioactive elements in the nation's nuclear weapons complex.

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(The Associated Press)

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(Staff photo by ARTHUR SPRAGG)
Georgia DeKoatz stands in front of a 1937 Chambers stove, one of the many items that will be on display at the Frank and Sargie Jones estate sale in Marfa next week.

Jones estate sale set for June 26-28 in Marfa

MARFA - A part of a pioneer ranch family's history will be front and center when the Frank and Sargie Jones estate sale is conducted next week.

Sale site is the white Spanish-style home on Marfa's north side just off the Fort Davis highway.

Georgia and Carl DeKoatz of Georgia's Antiques etc. of El Paso are estate liquidators, and Carl said this week there will

be items for everybody.

Georgie Lee Kahl of Marfa said her mother and father built the 5,600-square-foot adobe home in 1937. The contractor was Lou Ray of Marfa.

At one time, the Jones Ranch, which was put together in the late 1800s, stretched from the Davis Mountains to the Marfa Highlands.

The sale will feature furniture, kitchenware, glassware, dishes,

linens, paintings and prints, hats and shoes. There's an interesting collection of old Coca-Cola bottles as well.

The sale is set for 7 a.m. Friday, 8 a.m. Saturday, and 9 a.m. Sunday, June 26, 27 and 28.

Viewing numbers will be available after 4 p.m. Thursday, June 25 at the garage entrance.

Johnson to study opera in Florence this summer

Marfa resident Cliff Johnson recently was notified of his acceptance at the prestigious Bel Canto Italian School of Opera in Florence, Italy, this summer.

Johnson completed the 1997-1998 season with the Amarillo Opera Company with performances in the September production of 'Carmen' and the March production of 'Tosca' combined with solo programs in Amarillo and Alpine plus appearances in the Music Forum of El Paso Spring Concert.

He indicated that he was pleasantly surprised when notified that his application and audition had been accepted in light of the fact that people from all over the world apply

for the limited number of openings and the competition is keen.

He further indicated that the studies and vocal work in addition to intense effort with expanding his knowledge of the Italian language will be very challenging, but he looks forward to the experience.

Later this summer, his wife, Linda, will be joining him for travel to Salzburg, Austria, where they will be attending operas and other events of the annual Salzburg Festival, including a symposium where they will meet Placido Domingo, one of the famous Three Tenors and world renowned opera star.



Cliff Johnson

Austin group holds advocacy training seminar

Texas mental health Consumers from Austin will be presenting Advocacy Training for individuals in the Big Bend who have mental illness. This training will provide an opportunity to learn about advocacy, assertiveness, communication, the legislative process and working with groups. The training will

be on June 30 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on July 1 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the district Courtroom of the Marfa Courthouse.

Classes will be conducted in English and Spanish. Contact Cinda Muench at (915) 837-1415 for additional information.

AG Morales in Alpine on Tuesday

ALPINE - Texas Attorney General Dan Morales will attend a ceremony of the Tri-County Triad signing Tuesday afternoon at the Sunshine House in Alpine.

TRIAD is a partnership among three groups concerned with protecting senior citizens from crime. The groups are made up of chiefs of police, sheriffs and senior leaders from Brewster, Jeff Davis and Presidio counties.

Local groups sponsor a variety of projects including crime prevention and education initiatives, volunteer and victim-witness assistance programs. Some TRIADS have sponsored special training for law enforcement personnel to help them better understand the unique needs of senior citizens.

The Attorney General joined

the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and local law enforcement officials to bring TRIAD to Texas communities. Texas has the largest number of TRIADS in the nation with 87 signed TRIAD agreements.

Although the TRIAD program is nationwide, it is organized at the community level. Local law enforcement and senior leaders form an advisory council called the S.A.L.T. (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) Council. Typically the council will also include service providers for the elderly such as representatives from the local Area Agency on Aging and the clergy.

The ceremony will be held at 1:30 Tuesday at the Sunshine House located at 205 E. Sul Ross in Alpine.

Thank you to all family and friends who helped and contributed to Araceli's and Ruben's wedding.

All gifts, cards and money were greatly appreciated.

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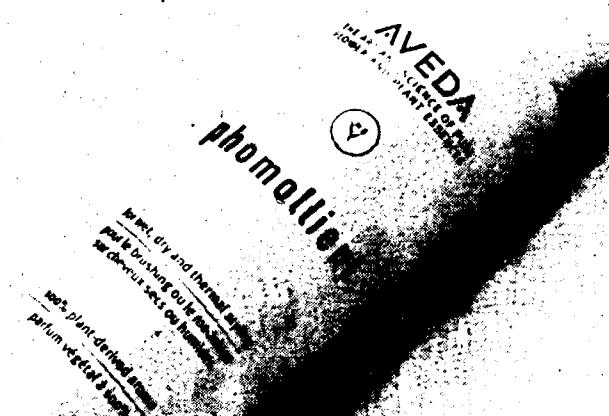
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Border Patrol announces hirings and promotions

The Marfa BORDER PATROL Sector would like to recognize some new personnel appointments and announce the promotions of several Border Patrol agents throughout West Texas.

Some new faces will be seen around sector headquarters. Administration selections were made by Chief Patrol Agent Simon Garza last week that included Melissa Cataño of Marfa, for the position of supply technician, and Ida Martinez, also of Marfa, for the position of office assistant.

Both positions require background security clearances, which are still pending.

Marsha Hays of Alpine was appointed an intelligence analyst assigned to the sector Intelligence Office.

Paul Sanders of Llano, Texas, was appointed as aircraft pilot and will be assigned to the sector Air Operations Branch based at the Marfa airfield.

The following agents from their respective stations were promoted.

Promoted from Senior Patrol Agent to Supervisory Border Patrol Agent was Fred Hollen-

beck Jr., of the Marfa Sector Intelligence Office in Marfa. Hollenbeck will assume his new duties as a supervisor for the Van Horn station upon receipt of his orders.

Promoted from Journeyman Agent to Senior Patrol Agent were the following agents, from the Marfa station: Randy Davis, Guadalupe Treviño Jr., Nickolas Harrison and Rodney Hall; from the Sierra Blanca station: Jorge Dominguez, Rene Tamez, William O'Leary, and John Korchmarcos.

A selection list is composed by an officer corps rating system (OCORS) in Washington, D.C. The list of the most qualified applicants are then forwarded to the Chief Patrol Agent for a final selection.

Chief Garza said these agents are to be commended for displaying a high caliber of professionalism and dedication to the U.S. Border Patrol and their country.

The Chief sends congratulations to the newly appointed and promoted Marfa Border Patrol Sector personnel and their families.



(staff photo by ROBERT ARMENDARIZ)
Marfa Phillies softball team players take time-out for a snack; from left, Lisa Castro, Victoria Ruiz, Danielle Salgado and Adrianna Tarango.

Valadez recognized by U.S. and Military Postal Service

Department of Defense Civilian Federico Valadez received recognition for a suggestion that will improve mail handling and transportation procedures in all Department of Defense postal activities overseas.

Recognition comes from the U.S. Postal Service, as well as the Military Postal Service Agency, which is responsible for all DOD military postal activities worldwide.

His suggestion will save countless man hours, and will provide a more expeditious

method of identifying mail originated at overseas military postal activities for customs inspections at U.S. ports of entry.

Valadez, a postal transportation network manager, is assigned to the 1st Personnel Command in Heidelberg, Germany.

He is the father of Federico Valadez Jr. of 431 Rolling Wood Circle, Fayetteville, N.C., and Juanita Eddy of 116 Leblanc, Fort Bragg, N.C.

Valadez is a 1959 graduate of Alpine High School.

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BP honors employees June 12

MARFA - In an informal awards ceremony last Friday, 19 local employees from the Marfa Station and Sector Headquarters received recognition for their outstanding work performance during the previous year.

Chief Simon Garza spoke of his pride in the caliber of employees and praised the group for their accomplishments and dedication to duty as he presided over the ceremony and presented award certificates to the group.

Employees are rated yearly on their work performance by su-

perisors and those achieving an "outstanding" rating are further recognized by the award of a certificate.

Those receiving outstanding awards from the Marfa area were: Christina Aguilar, Clement Boulter, Celia Evans, James W. Gilly, Alfred Hollenbeck,

Marsha Lavalle, Nestor Mendoza, Sylvia Norman, Johnny Sanchez, Zelina Torres, Mike Turk, Mary Joan Webb, Francisco Yslas, Ernesto Carrillo, Gary DeCocq, Patrick Hernandez, Yvonne Lujan, Lonnie Mendoza and Joe Threadgill.

Nine trainees take oath in Marfa

MARFA - Nine new Border Patrol agent trainees were sworn in Monday at the Marfa Sector Headquarters by Chief Simon Garza.

By taking their oath of office, the new trainees began the process toward a 17 week training course at the Border Patrol Academy in Charleston, SC where they will learn the basics of law enforcement procedure and techniques, immigration law, the Spanish language, driving skills and other course work.

The nine new agents are part of the 379th Session of the U.S. Border Patrol Academy and

will join agent trainees from all over the United States at the academy.

When their training is completed, four of the trainees will be stationed at Marfa, three in Presidio and two in Sanderson. With the addition of these nine agents, total new hires for the year in the Marfa Sector has risen to 23 agents.

The group arrived in Marfa from various places in the U.S. including El Paso, San Antonio and cities in Florida, Alabama, Nebraska, Montana, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and Washington state.

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Jim and Margaret Francois (center) present Sul Ross President Dr. R. Vic Morgan with a gift of stock for the Sul Ross State University Band Endowment. The stock, valued at over \$278,000, is the largest single bequest in the history of the SRSU Endowment Fund. Also acknowledging the presentation are Dr. George Bradley (left), chair of the Department of Fine Arts and Communication and David A. Moore (right), President of the First National Bank in Alpine. (SRSU Photo by Barbara Richerson)

## Alpine residents transfer stock to SRSU; large endowment targeted for band program

Financially speaking, Sul Ross State University's band program has climbed the scales and struck a high note through the generosity of an Alpine couple.

Jim and Margaret Francois have presented a gift of stock, valued at over \$278,000, to the Sul Ross State University Band Endowment. The gift, presented June 12, represents the largest single bequest in the history of the SRSU Endowment Fund.

Valued at \$278,631 at transfer, the First Alpine, Inc. stock (for the First National Bank in Alpine) will be sold at a later date pending regulatory and shareholder approval. The stock's actual value at the time of sale may be considerably higher.

"This is a very special day for Sul Ross State University, the band program, the fine arts program, and all the way around," said Sul Ross President Dr. R. Vic Morgan. "This is the largest gift Sul Ross has ever received at one time."

Band endowment allocations are used for student band scholarships, achievement awards, stu-

dent recruitment, equipment, supplies, travel and activities program development. Established in 1990, the endowment is approaching a value of \$380,000, due to the efforts and contributions of the Francoises.

"Margaret adopted the band in the early years of my presidency, and she and Jim have been major fund-raisers for both the music and band endowments," Morgan said.

For Margaret (Adams) Francois, who played bass clarinet in the Sul Ross band as a high school student from 1936-38, support and love of music spans over 60 years.

"We realize the importance of Sul Ross State University to Alpine, and to us, the band is important to a university for its publicity and spirit," she said. "That's what people can see and tap their feet to."

Dr. George Bradley, chair of the Department of Fine Arts and Communication, noted that the recent gift would provide for additional scholarships, and perhaps make a dream come true for

Margaret and Jim - new uniforms.

"Maybe I can enjoy seeing them while I'm still living," Margaret laughed.

"Beyond the band aspects, a lot of students count on the money from scholarships to pay tuition," Bradley said. "Not all of them [recipients] are music majors, they're just good musicians."

David A. Moore, President of the First National Bank in Alpine, said that a gift of appreciated stock is "one of the last true 100 percent tax-deductible donations."

"The donation of stock that appreciates in value to a non-profit organization - such as a university or a charity - is a good way to make a gift," he said. "The donor can deduct 100 percent of the stock value over an extended period of time and avoid the capital gains tax."

And this gift will keep on giving, both to Sul Ross and to Jim and Margaret Francois, who are avid concert-goers.

"I want the band to be my legacy to Alpine," Margaret said.

## Minerva Uranga scholarship fund established

A scholarship endowment and fund in memory of longtime elementary school teacher Minerva C. Uranga has been established at Sul Ross State University.

Named the Minerva C. Uranga Memorial Scholarship Endowment and Minerva C. Uranga Scholarship Fund, the gifts were established by her daughters,

Yvonne Molinar of San Antonio and Norma Uranga of Rockwall, a Dallas suburb. Minerva Uranga, a Del Rio native, died in January 1998. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Sul Ross.

The endowment will fund scholarships for Alpine High

School graduates enrolling at Sul Ross. Applicants must be unconditionally admitted to the university, and continuing students receiving Uranga Scholarships must maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average and be in good disciplinary standing. Awards will be made by the University Scholarship Committee.

"The endowment established in memory of Minerva Uranga will provide a legacy to her commitment to students," said Leo Dominguez, director of development at Sul Ross. "Her influence as a teacher inspired countless students to achieve high goals, and this scholarship will offer additional opportunities for suc-

cess."

Uranga taught at Centennial School from 1950 until its closure in the early 1970s when the Alpine elementary schools were integrated. A physical education and social studies teacher, she also organized the first basketball and volleyball teams in the

school's history. She gained fame in West Texas as a girls' basketball coach. Many of her players excelled in high school and college athletics, and some became public school coaches.

For more scholarship information, contact the Sul Ross State University Financial Assistance Office, (915) 837-8059.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 1998

- \*Choice of Soup or Salad Bar (one trip only)
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- \*Grilled Sugar-cured Ham Steak with Pineapple Ring
- \*Chicken Fried Steak, Cream Gravy
- \*Deep Fried Chicken Strips, Cream Gravy
- \*Fillet of White Fish, Fried or Grilled
- \*Choice of Two Vegetables and One Dessert
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- \*Fillet of White Fish with Lemon, Tartar Sauce
- \*Roast Round of Beef, Brown Gravy
- \*Grilled Sugar-cured Ham Steak, Cream Gravy
- \*Fried Chicken Strips, Cream Gravy
- \*Charbroiled Chicken Strips, Cream Gravy
- \*Charbroiled Hamburger Steak, Onions, Brown Gravy
- \*Choice of Two Vegetables and One Dessert
- \*Hot Rolls/Butter Coffee or Iced Tea \$5.45

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SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 1998

- \*Old Fashion Beef Vegetable Soup with Noodles or Salad Bar
- \*Turkey/Cornbread Dressing, Giblet Gravy, Cranberry Sauce
- \*Roast Round of Beef, Brown Gravy
- \*Grilled Sugar-cured Ham Steak, Pineapple Ring
- \*Charbroiled Hamburger Steak, Onions, Brown Gravy
- \*Chicken Fried Steak, Cream Gravy
- \*Fried Chicken Strips, Cream Gravy
- \*Fillet of White Fish, Fried or Grilled
- \*Vegetables (choice of two)
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TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 1998

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- \*Grilled Sugar-cured Ham Steak with Pineapple Ring
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- \*Fillet of White Fish, Fried or Grilled
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THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 1998

- \*Choice of Soup or Salad Bar (one trip only)
- \*Old Fashioned Stewed Chicken with Homemade Dumplings
- \*Roast Round of Beef, Brown Gravy
- \*Grilled Sugar-cured Ham Steak, Pineapple Ring
- \*Charbroiled Hamburger Steak, Onions, Brown Gravy
- \*Chicken Fried Steak, Cream Gravy
- \*Fried Chicken Strips, Cream Gravy
- \*Fillet of White Fish, Fried or Grilled
- \*Choice of Two Vegetables and One Dessert
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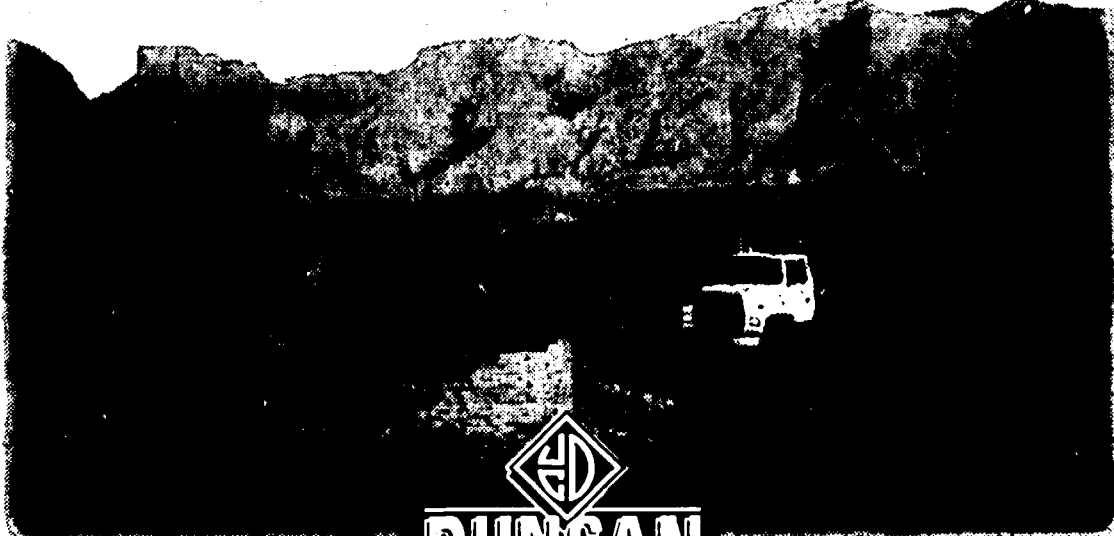
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This event is sponsored by the Youth Ministries of First Baptist Church of Alpine, but the whole area is invited. Bring your family and friends, and invite your neighbors and co-workers, and prepare for an exciting and inspiring presentation of The Continentals 1998 Hope Tour.

Information: André Jennings, (915) 837-2487.



Steve Lang

## Lang named director of news and publications at SRSU

Sul Ross State University announced the appointment of Steve Lang as director of news and publications, effective June 1.

Lang, who most recently served as an information specialist at the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, replaces Lee Sleeper, who resigned in November. The Erdahl, Minn. native spent six and one-half years with the USD Office of University Relations, and has also worked in news and sports information capacities at the University of Minnesota, Morris, and South Dakota State University, Brook-

ings.

A graduate of the University of Minnesota, Morris, Lang also has more than 30 years' experience in community journalism, as a general manager, news and sports editor, photographer, and columnist for publications in Minnesota and South Dakota. He has won several state and national awards for writing and photography.

His son, Zebulon, 17, and daughter, Alexis, 14, live in Vermillion, SD. Lang's mother, Edith, is an Ashby, Minn. resident.

## Production lists announced for 'Hamlet' and 'Oklahoma', first performance begins July 3

Production lists have been announced for the Theatre of the Big Bend's summer performances of *Hamlet* and *Oklahoma*.

Performances of *Hamlet*, directed by Charles C. Pulliam, Jr., assistant professor of theatre at Sul Ross State University, will begin July 3 in the Kokernot Amphitheatre. *Oklahoma!*, directed by Greg Schwab, chair of the Sul Ross department of fine arts and communication, opens July 10 in the Kokernot Outdoor Theatre.

Kendall Craig will play the title role in Shakespeare's renowned tragedy. Other cast members of *Hamlet* include (actors in parentheses): Claudius/Ghost (Tom Walker); Gertrude (Tonya Tiday); Horatio (Kyle Sechrest); Ophelia (Aimee Rodriguez); Polonius (Stanton K. Standly); Laertes (Eric Brown); Bernardo/Rosencrantz (Jeszycka

Tuxhorn); Guildenstern (Matt Futrell); First Player/Fortinbras/Gravedigger/Lord (John Wilson); Marcellus/Player Lucianus (Geoffrey Zukowski); Francisco/Third Player/Player King/Lord (Mitchell J. London); Player Queen/Second Player/Lady (Lucy Oates); Voltemand/Attendant (Danyele Young); Captain/Sailor/Osric (Adrian Rodriguez); Prologue/Fourth Player/Messenger/Lady/English Ambassador (Mary Sides); Priest/Attendant (Allison Mohsin). Supporters of Laertes, Soldiers of Fortinbras, and Mourners will be portrayed by cast members.

Jay Rowdy Bolen, as Curly, and Anne McQuerry, as Laurey Williams, play the lead roles in *Oklahoma!* Other cast members include: Aunt Eller Murphy (Penny Hardaway); Ike Skid-

more (Philip McCraw); Slim (Jesse S. Atkinson); Will Parker (Gregory A. Perritt); Fred (Brian D. Colunga); Andrew Carnes (William Dwight Haley); Cord Elam (Bill Brooks); Joe (Buster Winn); Tom (Mark E. Cole); Johnny (Zack Austin); Zeke (Justin Waters); Jud Fry (Carey Headrick); Ado Annie Carnes (Amelia V. Chavez); Ali Hakim (Thomas McBryde); Gertie Cummings (Cristy Bryant); Ellen (Tina Garcia); Kate (Leah Nicole Wiemers); Sylvie (Alisa Keller); Armina (Crystal Herpeche); Aggie (Kayme McCraw); Vivian (Jami Lewis); Mrs. Carnes (Diana Taylor); Mrs. Skidmore (Madelyn C. Farmer); Mrs. Cummings (Charlie Standly); Mrs. Elam (Amy Reece).

Complete production and orchestra lists will be published at a later date.



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# Education

## White wins state 4-H award

COLLEGE STATION, MARFA - Sara P. White of Marfa has received the Texas 4-H Salute to Excellence Award for her dedication to 4-H and youth development.

White organized the Task Force on 4-H Achievement and Recognition for the Presidio County-Marfa 4-H club.

White first became involved in 4-H as a parent volunteer when her twin sons began showing lambs. Thirteen years later, Sara has helped the Presidio County 4-H become a program for more than just livestock shows.

White, a school teacher, recognized the need for youth member recognition. She organized the recognition task force, which coordinates efforts for the annual 4-H Awards Banquet. As a professional educa-



Sara P. White

tor, White also teaches various 4-H curriculum enrichment projects and encourages her students to expand their 4-H projects in science fair exhibits.

Friends and Presidio County 4-H members say that Sara was the reason their club was able to carry on and progress during the seven months when the county had no extension agent.

## Lopez selected as district MVP

KIRMIT - Kristen Lopez earned respect throughout the district as evidenced by being voted and chosen to the all district 4-3A first team pitcher.

Lopez, the daughter of Bonnie and Benny Lopez of Kermit and is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Rubio of Marfa.

Lopez, believed to have broken the knockout record against her elite teams and elsewhere in the playoffs, was named the Most Valuable Player in the district 4-3A, excelling as the top pitcher, and is the first Kermit player so honored since 1995 when the girls softball program started in Kermit High School. She was also named the MVP for the Kermit High School team selected by the coaches.

Kermit won the district title in 1995 and has succeeded again this year. However this year they have advanced as a consistent team to the playoffs. They defeated Alpine in the bi-district, drew a bye for the area playoffs, and continued on to the regional game in Brownwood falling to the West team 7-3. Coaches this year for Kermit were Scotty Carmen, Eddie Rivera, a former Marfan, and Mitch Roberson.



Kristen Lopez

Lopez has been offered an opportunity to attend sporting events this summer with the Midland traveling team who compete far from home against College level teams.

Lopez was selected to attend this program based on her athletic ability. She expressed excitement about getting this chance, and that this would have made her a better player, but she has decided to accept the challenge this year, but will pick it up on her junior and senior years. She will play in the Winkler County summer softball league.

## Van Horn hosts Youth Spectacular

VAN HORN - The West Texas Youth Ministry Office, Diocese of El Paso, sponsored the annual Youth Spectacular in collaboration with Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Van Horn.

Youth from Van Horn, Valentine, Sierra Blanca, Dell City, Marfa, Alpine, Marathon, Presidio, Pecos, Balmorhea, Barstow, Monahans, El Paso, Odessa and San Angelo participated in the Spectacular weekend. The event was held at Van Horn's Convention Center.

Over 400 youth gathered in bonding and building fellowship among the different parish communities as Our Lady of Fatima Parishioners welcomed everyone. The event inaugurated Friday with an enormous Bonfire symbolizing the sacred presence of God, who spoke from the burning bush. This was followed by a Christian concert which motivated the youth in song and praise. The concert was followed by an outdoor picnic. An edifying spirit of hospitality and welcome created the appropriate environment for a Spectacular weekend. Grupo Alabanza provided the music which guided everyone in praise and meditation through a Candle Light Prayer to conclude the evening.

Saturday morning began with a cordial and heartfelt welcome from both Van Horn's Mayor Okey Lucas and Fr. Ralph Solis, pastor of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church. Morning praise set the tone for the day. The annual conference theme was "Seeking the Holy Spirit" by Fr. Ben Flores from the Diocesan Office of Vocations. The Christian Perspective of Sexuality, by Sister Margie Silguero, from West Texas Ministry. Project Beta (Alviane) representatives in Van Horn: Edward Espinoza, Esther Villalobos, Cynthia Hood presented the topics on Prevention of Substance Abuse and Self Esteem. Peer Pressure and Suicide was presented by Cindy Erives from El Paso.

Youth Groups from Santa Teresa in Presidio, Mother Cabrini in El Paso, Santa Rosa de Lima in Pecos, and St Mary's Mission in Marathon coordinated all liturgical dances, skits and games. They performed an exceptional role!

Bishop Armando X. Ochoa was the main celebrant for the Sunday Eucharistic Celebration. He presented Banner Competition Trophies. First Place was awarded to Mother Cabrini Parish in El Paso, second place to St Pauls Parish in El Paso, and third place to St. Mary's Mission in Marathon. Grupo Alabanza from Our Lady of Fatima parish in Van Horn were given special recognition and received a plaque for their two years of



From left, Roland Peña, WTU Far West Texas; unidentified student; Holly Moore, Fort Davis; Jeffrey Ryan Clark, Balmorhea; Randy White, Marfa; Jacob Randall, Alpine; Beau Tyler, Valentine; Katrina Martinez, Marathon; and Jamie Rainey, WTU San Angelo.

## Area students attend leadership seminar at UTEP

FAR WEST TEXAS - West Texas Utilities (WTU) sponsored six area sophomore students who attended this year's Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Leadership Far West Texas

Leadership Seminar which was held on the University of Texas at El Paso Campus.

The six students sponsored by WTU were Randy White of Marfa, Holly Ann Moore of

Fort Davis, Jacob Randall of Alpine, Beau Tyler of Valentine, Katrina Martinez of Marathon, and Jeffrey Ryan Clark of Balmorhea.

During the seminar, the students met with leaders in business, industry, government, education, and other professions to learn about the free enterprise system, and the democratic process.

The local competition was open to all High School sophomores. Criteria for selection as an HOBY ambassador included evidence of emerging leadership ability, cooperation, sensitivity to the needs of others, ability to relate to new pursuits, acquaintances, and the desire to learn and share knowledge. The selection of the students was determined by the Principal of their respective schools.



Marfa residents at the Catholic youth rally, from left, sponsor Erica Nuñez, Elizabeth Salgado, Bishop Armando X. Ochoa, Grady Vasquez III and April Zubiate. Not pictured is Lawrence Rivera.

## Little League awards picnic Saturday

ALPINE - The eighth annual awards picnic for the Big Bend Little League will be this Saturday, June 20, at Kokernot Park.

Each team will provide its own picnic lunch. Presentations will begin at 12:30 p.m.

In addition to the 1998 season awards, the bat-a-thon awards and prizes will be pre-

sented, and the All-Star teams for Little League Softball, Senior League and Senior Softball will be introduced.

In the event of uncooperative weather, the awards will be presented at 1 p.m. at Kokernot Field, but there won't be a picnic.

## Cody White in Who's Who

STEPHENVILLE - Cody White, a Tarleton State University student from Marfa, has been selected for Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.

White, a senior Agri-Business major at the University, was one of the 33 Tarleton students included in the 1998 edition.

Students are selected based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. First published in 1934, Who's Who recognizes an elite group of students from over 1400 colleges and universities in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

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Octavio Paz

## Octavio Paz, a remembrance

By ELIZABETH McBRIDE

The recent death of Octavio Paz, Mexican poet and internationally acclaimed diplomat and man of letters, should not go unremarked here. Mr. Paz was born in 1914 in Mexico City and carried both Indian and Spanish blood in his veins. His grandfather was a public official and a novelist with liberal ideas, but it was his father who planted the seeds of the commitment to social reform found in Mr. Paz's writing which has influenced to this day the platform of contemporary thinkers about Mexican-American issues such as Richard Rodriguez, the author of 'Hunger for Memory.'

Mr. Paz published his first collection of poetry while still a teenager. He founded and edited magazines and published a literary monthly called 'Vuelta,' which means return, beginning in 1976. He also served as Mexico's Ambassador to France, Switzerland, Japan and India before resigning from the diplomatic service in 1968 after police fired on young demonstrators protesting Government repression.

The first Mexican national to win the Nobel Prize, Paz was a writer of vivid surrealist verse and penetrating social essays, the most famous of which was, 'The Labyrinth of Solitude,' published in 1950. In his essay he offered a profound and controversial analysis of modern Mexico and the Mexican personality which is and has been both a model and a challenge. He provided also a vision of the Latin American intellectual unsurpassed by any other literary figure anywhere, and a vision of literary success for other Latin American writers. It was said, in fact, that the year Paz won the prize, he was in competition with Carlos Fuentes, Nadine Gordimer, V.S. Naipaul, Milan Kundera, Max Frisch and Mario Vargas Llosa, some of which the committee later considered again.

Mr. Paz was awarded the Nobel Prize, which carries a cash award of about \$700,000 in 1990. In his acceptance speech, Paz said that "languages are vast realities that transcend those political and historical entities we call nations" and pointed out that while "languages are born and grown from the native soil," the special position of our (Western Hemisphere) literatures are that they have been transplanted. As they took root in the new lands and grew within the societies of America, they were transformed. "As a result," Mr. Paz says, "our literatures did not passively accept the changing fortunes of the transplanted languages; they very soon ceased to be mere transatlantic reflections. At times they have been the negation of the literatures of Europe; more often, they have been a reply."

In his Nobel Prize speech, Paz commented also on the plight of the individual, connecting the poet with other persons. "This consciousness of being separate is a constant feature of our spiritual history. Separation is sometimes experienced as a wound that marks an internal division, an anguished awareness that invites self-examination," but it can also be a challenge. "The feeling of separation is universal, and not peculiar to Spanish Americans." Rather, he says, "the unfathomable depth of every man, our ventures and exploits, our acts and dreams, are bridges to overcome the separation and unite us with the world and our fellow-beings."

"For us, as Latin Americans," Paz wrote, "the search for poetic modernity runs historically parallel to the repeated attempts to modernize our countries." If this is true, then poetry is as important as politics, and the great Nobel Laureate Octavio Paz, as much as anyone, has worked to modernize Latin America.

I enclose a very short quotation from a 1976 poem:

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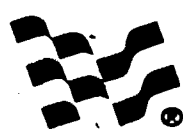
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# County commissioners and city battle over water issue in grant project

By DICK SHEFFIELD

MARFA - Joint grant projects that have fueled tension between elected officials of Presidio County and the city of Marfa since its inception did so again at the commissioners court meeting on June 8 at the county courthouse in Marfa. This time the combativeness centered upon the location of a water meter.

A nearly \$1-million project was funded last year by the state and, once completed, will provide water to the tomato greenhouses operating on leased county land near the Marfa airport north of town on the Fort Davis Highway.

The city and county also are in a similar grant-funded public works project to extend city water and sewer service to the American Plume and Fancy Feather Co. Inc. factory south of town on the Presidio highway.

The tomato farm and feather factory grants are being administered by the county, but the water and the utility infrastruc-

ture belong to the city of Marfa, hence part of the rub.

When the tomato plant project is complete, Presidio County will turn the pipeline infrastructure and all aspects of maintaining it over to the city. It is estimated the city of Marfa's inheritance may amount to as much as \$500,000.

Presidio County Engineer Frank X. Spencer addressed the court and recommended that a water meter on the AgroPower Development project (the tomato plant) be relocated.

Spencer said it would be a "better method of control" for the city of Marfa who will eventually take over the operation of the pipeline that delivers water to the plant, and that doing so would offer more checks and balances on everything from water use to leaks.

Mayor Fritz Kahl and City Works Superintendent Robert Silva represented the city's position and opposed any relocation of the meter.

They argued relocating the meter created both health and

safety concerns and that if an accident or anything else happened to disrupt the water supply the city worried about gaining access to the meter at its new location.

County attorney Teresa Todd argued that the pipeline is a county project being built on county land and that her recommendation "is to do what is right for the project."

She said the city has the authority to move the meter wherever they want after operation of the waterline is turned over to them.

Commissioner Jack Brunson said the city is receiving a "\$500,000 gift" and that the county has leaned over backwards to accommodate the city's concerns on the project.

Spencer said he would do whatever the court wishes him to do in the matter, but if the decision is made not to relocate the meter a letter relinquishing him of any liability in the project must be written.

Kahl agreed to write a letter relieving the county and its en-

gineer of any future liability on the project, and the water meter remains at its current location.

Spencer updated the elected officials on the overall progress of the tomato farm project, telling them much of pipeline that will transport the water to the plant is installed.

He said Jarratt Dirt Work and Paving, the contractor, remains on schedule and doesn't anticipate any problems.

Spencer also updated the court on the grant project that will provide water and sewer service to the fancy feather factory.

The county engineer said the certificate of insurance for the contractor on the project, also Jarratt Dirt Work and Paving of Fort Davis, had been secured and the work can proceed.

The city and county have bickered over engineer plans for that project, which in part has caused a delay in the development of a small subdivision near the facility.

Sally Perales, program director of the Presidio County Diabetes Awareness Program,

requested the court's approval to submit a joint grant application with Brewster and Jeff Davis counties to the Texas Diabetes Council. The grant would fund a diabetes educational program for all three counties.

Perales said Presidio County would continue to administer the grant, but indicated the new funding is based on population and the other two counties are essential to the mix.

The director said the proposal seeks \$100,000 per year for five years (up from \$70,000), but that she must appear before members of the court each year to ask for a continuance of the program.

Perales stated 60 percent of the money is targeted for salaries and benefits while the remaining 40 percent is spent promoting the programs to increase diabetes awareness.

The commissioners approved the request.

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## Canadians train for Arabia expedition at Big Bend Ranch

**BIG BEND RANCH STATE PARK** - Three men from Calgary, Alberta, Canada, will be undergoing a five-day desert survival training course at Big Bend Ranch State Park July 7-11 in preparation for a trek across Arabia's Empty Quarter in November of this year.

The three Canadians are Jamie Clarke, Leigh Clarke, and Bruce Kirkby. All are part of Odyssey Adventure Society, whose members are involved in filming major expeditions.

On May 23, 1997, Jamie Clarke summited Mount Everest in an expedition co-organized by his brother Leigh. Bruce Kirkby was the communications coordinator for the expedition. The result of the successful summit was a documentary titled Above all Else by Odyssey Films.

The next expedition to be carried out by the trio is a transverse of the Empty Quarter, the world's largest sand desert. In preparation for the trek, the group will attend a special desert survival course on Big Bend Ranch State park taught by David Alloway. The desert survival courses on the Park are normally three day basic courses, but when Alloway was approached by Bruce Kirkby for extra training, he readily agreed to expand the program to meet the Canadians' needs. Alloway is the only non-Australian to complete the 200 kilometer Pilbara Trek in Western Australia, which is billed as the toughest survival course in the world open to civilians.

The group will learn about water location and acquisition, shelter construction, primitive fire making and cooking, negotiating desert terrain, navigation by sun and stars, signaling res-

cuers, identifying edible plants, and making tools, traps, and weapons. All of the Canadian group are experienced in Arctic, alpine, and desert environments. In addition to the training at Big Bend Ranch, the group will also spend several days with Doug Baum of Uvalde, Texas for training with camels. Baum works for the Texas Camel Corps, a group that recreates the old Army Camel Corps while working with disadvantaged youths.

The transverse of the Empty Quarter will be no small feat. Traveling with Bedouins and their camel teams, the trio will start at Salala, Oman on the Arabian Sea. The 800 mile trek will take them through the heart of the Empty Quarter to the legendary oasis of Liwa in the southern United Arab Emirates. Along the way they will face the challenges of the Uriq al Shaiba, with dunes towering over 1,000 feet tall. Later they must skirt Umm al Samim, an area containing thousands of square kilometers of quicksand. The heart of the traverse is a waterless four hundred mile stretch between two brackish wells, with no chance at resupply. This will be the first attempt to cross the Empty Quarter in modern times.

Kirkby learned of Big Bend Ranch State Park and its survival course through the Internet. The Desert Survival Workshop, conducted by Park staff, is highly regarded internationally. The last program in May was co-hosted by Park Naturalist David Alloway and Australian survival instructor Bob Cooper. The program also hosted representatives from Big Bend National Park and the Santa Elena Protected Area in the State of Chihuahua. Persons interested in attending the scheduled three day survival courses should call (915) 229-3416 for dates and fees.

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**FAR WEST TEXAS** - June's retail sales tax rebates were up in Presidio, Marfa, and Jeff Davis County but down in Alpine, and Brewster County according to the state Comptroller of Public Accounts

**ALPINE** - June's check, \$47,078.01; June, '97 \$54,377.68; -13.42%. This year-to-date, \$355,615.60; last year-to-date, \$317,703.44; +11.93%. Local tax levy, 1.5%

**MARFA** - June's check \$6,207.32; June, '97, \$5,414.09; +14.65%. This year-to-date, \$43,940.45; last year-to-date, \$42,681.79; +2.94%. Local tax levy, 1%.

**PRESIDIO** - June's check, \$19,115.88; June '97, \$13,759.24; +38.93%. This year-to-date, \$103,728.86; last year-to-date, \$80,627.97; +28.65%. Local tax levy, 2%.

**BREWSTER COUNTY** - June's check, \$20,030.79; June '97, \$22,211.08; -9.81%. This year-to-date, \$146,589.91; last year-to-date, \$129,464.79; +13.22%. Local tax levy, .5%.

**JEFF DAVIS COUNTY** - June's check, \$3,687.54; June '97, \$3,088.08; +19.41%. This year-to-date, \$19,873.83; last year-to-date, \$16,862.29; +17.85%. Local tax levy, .5%.

**JEFF DAVIS COUNTY HEALTH SERVICE** - June's check, \$3,299.24; June '97, \$2,882.15; +14.47%. This year-to-date, \$19,024.20; last year-to-date, \$16,143.96; +17.84%. Local tax levy, .5%.



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**HELP WANTED** - Carpenters needed - JBS Building Division, 101 Douglass Drive, Fort Davis, (915) 426-3827. EOE 5-1fb

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**LAND FOR SALE** - 100 acres open range. Great for hunting, biking, 4-wheeling, hiking, motorcross, camping. South of Van Horn, four miles off pavement near the Rio Grande. \$25,000. Owner will finance or take trade: Vehicles, jewelry, boats, livestock, etc. Call toll-free 1-800-610-0066. 2-1fb

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**Deadline for classifieds is 5 p.m. Tuesdays.**

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF INTENT TO SEIZE ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE

Notice is hereby given that the Presidio County Sheriff's Office has taken the following described vehicles into custody:

|                                          |                                          |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| (1) 1990 VW 4D Vin: WVWFB4312LE249553;   | (2) 1992 CHEV 2D Vin: 2G1WN14T6N9221596; |
| (3) 1986 BUIC 4D VIN: 1G4AH19R3GT438942; | (4) 1993 FORD PK Vin: 1FTEX15N7PKB52562; |
| (5) 1980 PONT 4D Vin: 2R6NAX106852;      | (6) 1986 OLDS 4D Vin: 1G3GR69Y2GR306140; |
| (7) 1985 FORD PK Vin: 1FTEX15H8FKA21794; | (8) 1995 GMC PK Vin: 1GCS1447S8530013;   |

Said vehicles are being held for the Presidio County Sheriff's Office at the Highland Exxon Storage Yard, 702 N. Ave. H, Marfa, TX 79843, (915) 729-8181, or the Presidio County Sheriff's Office, 320 N. Highland, Marfa, TX 79843, (915) 729-4308, or Rio Grande Wrecker Service, 220 O'Reilly St., Presidio, TX 79845, (915) 229-3312.

To the last known registered owner/lien holder of the above described vehicles:

You have the right to reclaim this motor vehicle not later than the 20th day after publication of this notice, on payment of all towing, preservation, and storage charges resulting from placing the vehicle into custody.

Failure to exercise your rights to reclaim the vehicle within the time provided constitutes a waiver of all rights, title, and interest in the vehicle and is a consent to the sale for the abandoned motor vehicle at public auction, or use for Sheriff's Office purposes as provided for by the Texas Transportation Code Section 683.016.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Presidio County Sheriff's Department - Jail Division is now accepting sealed bids on the following computer items:

Presidio County Sheriff's Department request for information regarding video imaging and jail management for the Presidio County jail.

Software and hardware specifications must meet or exceed the following:

#### Operating System:

1. All workstations must operate under Microsoft Windows 95 with connectivity to a Windows NT Network.

2. File server must run Windows NT version 4.00 server edition.

3. All workstations must be able to run standard Windows '95 based software.

#### Computer Jail Management System:

1. Must be run under Windows 95 or Windows NT.

2. Must be capable of allowing simultaneous access for multiple users.

3. Must have user-level security system and require a security log-in.

4. Must maintain and tract the following information:

a. complete inmate booking information

b. all inmate events. Must be able to print reports on any or all activities

c. photo imaging information. System must be able to capture and display multiple photos per inmate

d. document imaging information. System must be able to scan assigned documents back into an inmates record. System must be able to reprint a document at any time

e. must have the capabilities of using bar code scanners to input jail and inmate information

f. system must be able to print images, documents, and signatures to any Windows supported printer

g. system must be able to generate UCR age, sex race, classification report

h. system must be able to generate a standard set of jail reports

i. system must allow user modification of all reports by using a simple point and click forms designer

j. system must have the ability to capture and store signatures

k. system must have the ability to capture and store finger prints

l. system must have the ability to internally fax and/or e-mail stored information

1. vender must be able to deliver and install all hardware and software at the facility location.

2. vender must be able to provide on-site training for the computer jail management system.

3. vender must be able to deliver and install all networking cable and connectors.

4. vender must be able to provide support for the computer jail management system.

#### Hardware requirements:

1. 1 ea. 200 MHZ Pentium file server-GB drive capacity, 64MB RAM, 16X speed CD-ROM, MS Mouse, 15" monitor, tape backup device, Ethernet adapter.

2. 5 ea. Pentium 166HZ workstation computers-32 MB RAM, 1 GB hard drive, 15"SVGA monitor, mint-tower case, MS Mouse, Windows NT, Ethernet adapter

Hardware req. contd.  
3. 1 ea. high resolution printer-16 PPM, 600 DPI resolution, network print server card

1 ear HP desk Jet 890CSE

color inkjet printer  
4. 1 ea. 33,600 BAUD FAX/Modem

5. 1 ea. Windows NT Version 4.00 server edition with 10 network licenses

6. 1 ea. auto-focus lens with video capture card

7. 1 ea. fingerprint capture device

8. 1 ea. signature capture device

9. 1 ea. bar code scan device with two (2) bar code scanners

Presidio County is also accepting proposals from inmate telephone company to provide inmate telephone equipment for the purpose of routing collect calls from the Presidio County Detention Center. The local and intralata traffic is to be handled by Southwestern Bell. The company chosen will be required to turn local and intralata traffic over to Southwestern Bell for billing and collection.

The chosen inmate phone company will be responsible for the billing and collection of all intralata and interstate traffic.

Inmate telephone system requirements:

1. must be collect calls only

2. must provide 24 hr/day service

3. must have monitoring/recording of selected calls

4. appx. 15 vandal proof/inmate telephones

5. must be willing to add phones if required

6. must have shut-off switches

7. must provide call detail information upon request

A portion of the commission due to Presidio County is to be applied to the video imaging and jail management system.

Bids should be submitted to:

Hon. Jake Brisbin Jr., County Judge & County Commissioners

P.O. Box 606

Marfa, TX 79843

Bids will be opened at 10 a.m., July 13, 1998.

PCSO-Jail - June 11 & 18

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE

#### 10 DAY NEWSPAPER NOTICE JUNE 18, 1998

You, as the registered owner or a lienholder of record of the below described motor vehicle, are notified that said motor vehicle is being stored at Highland Texaco and is being treated as an abandoned motor vehicle under authority of Transportation Code 683.011 or 683.031. You may reclaim said motor vehicle within ten (10) days after the date of this notice by paying all towing, preservation and storage charges resulting from impoundment. Your failure to exercise such right to reclaim said motor vehicle within said time shall be deemed a waiver of all your right, title and interest in said motor vehicle and shall be deemed your consent to the sale of same at public auction.

#### DESCRIPTION OF VEHICLE, REGISTERED OWNER AND LIENHOLDER:

1982 CHEV VAN,  
VIN/2GAGG35M4C116356,  
Owner/unknown.  
Highland Texaco, 1300 E. Holland, Alpine, TX 79830.  
June 18, 1998

Our deadline continues to be 5 p.m. Tuesday

Thank you

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### RUMMAGE SALE

**GARAGE SALE** - 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. this Saturday, June 20, 211 N. Russell St., Marfa, the David Natividad residence. Miscellaneous items. 14-1tp

**BACKYARD SALE** - Saturday, June 20, from 9 a.m. - 2 at 400 S. Dean in Marfa (near Marfa National Bank). Clothes, furniture and lots of items. 14-1tp

### FOR SALE

**FOR SALE** - 1985 Buick Skylark, fully loaded, AC, very good condition, asking \$1,100 OBO. Leave message at (915) 729-4362. 14-1tp

**FOR SALE** - Steel Buildings in original crate. 40x20 (1 open end) was \$6,380 will sell for \$2,680. Guaranteed complete. Call Chuck at 1-800-320-2340. 14-2tp

### Fort Davis

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and be intrigued by the beauty of the Peruvian Paso. Of course, you will want to shop a super selection of arts, crafts, and many other items that will be available on the Courthouse lawn.

The "Coolest July 4th in Texas" promises to be a great family fun-filled weekend. Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of this superb celebration! For more information, call (915) 426-3015.

**JULY 4TH GARAGE SALE ON THE POST ROAD, IN MARATHON!** Lots of antique furniture and collectibles from an art deco bedroom set to Roseville pottery. Also upright piano, small tables, glassware, clothes, Electrolux vacuum, luggage, everything. The sale will be located behind Evans Gallery in Marathon from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Stop by on your way to the BBQ/dance! 14-3tb

### Marine

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Hernandez, who was herding his goats, fired at the Marines twice and had raised his .22-caliber rifle a third time when Bañuelos shot him once with an M-16.

Hernandez's family disputes the military's story, saying the teen would never have knowingly shot at anyone and only carried his rifle to protect his livestock from wild dogs and occasionally shoot targets.

The shooting prompted a national outcry by civil rights advocates and led to the suspension of armed military patrols on the border. Military officials say such operations may be discontinued altogether.

Looking beyond the Hernandez shooting, the Marine Corps investigation also determined such missions received an unacceptable level of support from higher headquarters.

(The Associated Press)



## Estate Sale of Frank and Sargie Jones

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This is a great sale! Don't miss it!

Viewing numbers will be given after 4 p.m. Thursday, June 25  
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### Indictments

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smuggling operation in El Mulato, and Arnaldo 'Hippy' Ramos Hernandez, believed to base his smuggling enterprise in Ojinaga, according to a press statement from the Alpine U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) office.

In two separate indictments, the 43 people named are alleged to have committed conspiracy, possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute, continuing criminal enterprise, providing storage and distribution location for controlled substances, obstruction of justice and money laundering.

About 15 of those named in the indictments have been arrested, according to Jim Rose, resident agent in charge of the Alpine DEA office.

"Some have obviously been arrested and released on their personal recognizance because they are not a flight risk, some are still being detained and some of those named are already in prison for other crimes," Rose said.

Named in the indictments are: Arnaldo Ramos 'Hippy' Hernandez, Carlos Carrasco Quiroz, Minerva Chavarria Chavez, Donna Glover, Jesus Manuel 'Chuey' Hernandez, Rigoberto Carrillo 'Rigo' Lora, Abelardo Lujan 'Junior' Hernandez, Ildifonso Lujan 'Poncho' Valles, Maria Carmen Lujan, Victor Valles 'Koreano' Lujan, Andres Madrid Saucedo, Raymond Scott Marker, Alejandro Ramos 'Alex' Hernandez, Hector Rodriguez Lopez, Apolonio Ortega 'Polo' Salas, Oscar Montoya 'Coca' Salcido, Maria Villarreal Vasquez and Julio Lnu.

Also Graciela Gardea Carrasco, Homero Alvarado 'Homer' Luna, Juan Manuel

'Buga' Bugarin, Johnny Tony 'Chacal' 'Hollywood' Calderon, Sozthenes Calderon, Raul Roberto Carbajal 'Cototoy' Galindo, Jose Antonio 'Tony' Chavez, Stephanie Ann Cordova, Leticia Jo 'Lettie' Esparza, Felipe Mata Espericueta, Consuelo Gardea 'Pinqui' Luna, Dominga Gardea, Josie Ann Gardea, Jose Gardea Carrasco, Raul Gardea Luna, Moises 'Boy' Hernandez Jr., Delma Leyva 'Bebe' Contreras, Blas Lopez Jurado, Norma Ocon Gardea, Luiza Orozco, Floyd Lynn Pate, and Reynaldo 'Randy Bias' Ruiz.

Rose said Monday that two indictments remain sealed.

"The majority of these are U.S. citizens or have residency in the U.S.," Rose explained. Others, like Graciela Gardea Carrasco and 'Hippy' Hernandez remain in Mexico outside the reach U.S. authorities.

"There are a lot family members and relations, and we find it to be common to have some of them on both sides of the border," Rose said.

According to a report in the Odessa paper, Chavez and investigator Hernandez were charged with combining, conspiring and agreeing to manufacture and distribute controlled substances.

Additionally, they are accused of conspiring to conduct a drug trafficking enterprise, obstructing justice and laundering drug proceeds.

Chavez and Hernandez turned themselves in Thursday, and each was released on a \$10,000 personal recognizance bond, according to attorney Adrian Chavez, Chavez's son.

"Obviously we are going to defend this very vigorously," Chavez said. "It's untrue what they are being accused of."

He said he believes the indictments center around the bogus claims of Roseann Holmberg, the witness authorities also accuse Tony Chavez of tampering with.

Holmberg was once represented by the Chavez law firm and she was convicted, Adrian Chavez said, declining to comment on the nature of the case.

"When they (federal authorities) prosecute her, they don't believe anything she has to say, but when she's convicted and she has a big incentive to lie, they know she's a truthful person," Adrian Chavez said sarcastically.

Holmberg never made allegations against his father until she was convicted, Chavez said.

Five of the other counts Tony Chavez was indicted on concern incidents in which he allegedly "aided, abetted and provided legal counsel" to people involved in unlawful interstate or foreign commerce.

"Imagine that!" Chavez said. "A lawyer who is indicted for providing legal counsel. The last time I looked, that was the definition of a lawyer."

Chavez said his father is a veteran, former police officer and former prosecutor, who vigorously upholds the laws of the United States.

He said sometimes a defendant's counsel is the only barrier between the U.S. government and its citizens," Adrian Chavez said. "We defend the Constitution and that's all we've done and we're being penalized for it."

He said his father plans to continue practicing law as the case proceeds through the court system. "We're not going to let this deter us or scare us off."

The indictments are the result of several years of investigative efforts which targeted two drug smuggling organizations operating out in the Big Bend corridor of West Texas, according to the statement from the Alpine DEA office.

The two criminal organizations are alleged to have smuggled and distributed tons of marijuana into the United States over the past several years, and have been the subject of investigation by the Alpine High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (H.I.D.T.A.) Multi-Agency Task Force since its creation two years ago.

Created with funding from the Office of the National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) in June, 1996, the task force is a coalition of local, state and federal law enforcement agencies operating from Alpine and directed by the DEA. The task force has targeted the "highest echelon" of drug trafficking organizations operating on both sides of the U.S.-Mexican border along the Rio Grande in the Big Bend area of Texas because of its designation as a high intensity drug trafficking area by the ONDCP.

Law enforcement agencies currently participating in the task force are the DEA Alpine office; Texas Department of Public Safety Narcotics Service; U.S. Border Patrol Marfa Sector; U.S. Customs Service, Alpine office; Brewster County Sheriff's office; Federal Bureau of Investigation; and the U.S. Attorney, Western District of Texas.

The statement noted that the recent success of the investigations came as a result of "exemplary multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional cooperation."



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