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Alex Gonzalez

## 83rd State Judicial District judge retires

FAR WEST TEXAS - State District Judge Alex R. Gonzalez of Fort Stockton has announced his retirement from the bench.

"On February 1, 1999, I marked my 15th year as district judge of the 83rd Judicial District, State of Texas," Gonzalez wrote to Gov. George Bush on February 10. "This letter is to advise you as to my decision to retire from this office on April 30, 1999."

A spokesperson in his office Tuesday said Gonzalez was out of town and unavailable for comment.

Gonzalez had just started his fourth four-year elected term in office in January of this year. Gov. Mark White appointed him to the bench on February 1, 1984, upon the retirement of the late State District Judge William H. Earney of Marfa.

Gonzalez presided over state district courts in Brewster, Jeff Davis and Presidio counties until 1995, when the Texas Legislature changed the court's boundaries and created a new judicial district.

The 83rd now is composed of Pecos, Reagan and Upton counties, and the new 394th State Judicial District includes Brewster, Jeff Davis, Presidio, Culberson and Hudspeth counties. Judge Kenneth DeHart of Alpine is judge of that district.

Pecos, Reagan and Upton coun-

ties also are served by the 112th district.

"I've enjoyed working with him," 83rd District Attorney Albert Valadez said Wednesday of Gonzalez. "He's been fair to the state, but he made us work for everything we accomplished in the courtroom. He kept me on my toes."

"Personally, I've enjoyed visiting with him in and out of the courtroom," Valadez said. "I learned a lot from him in the seven years we worked together, and I've grown a lot in the legal profession. I'm going to miss him."

Valadez said he hopes to continue to see Gonzalez as an appointed visiting judge should he pursue that option.

Bush spokesman Scott McClellan said Tuesday from Austin that the process to replace the judge is just beginning.

By law, the governor makes an appointment to a state district judge vacancy. An election then is held at the next general election, in this case, in 2000.

McClellan said the governor will "look to appoint someone with a conservative judicial philosophy who will interpret the law and not make it (law) from the bench."

The district's presiding administrative judge, from Kermit, may assign a visiting judge to the

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(staff photo by ARTHUR SPRAGG)

Willie Watts is one of many Marfa contractors busy on numerous building projects in town these days. Additions, renovations, restorations and new construction is under way at homes and businesses.

## Bonilla proposes border business measure

WASHINGTON - In his latest effort to help small businesses along the U.S. - Mexico border, Far West Texas U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla has introduced the Border Business Protection Act.

The bipartisan measure, cosponsored by Congressmen Solomon Ortiz and Silvestre Reyes, calls for intensive negotiations with Mexico and Canada

to resolve the issue of duty disparity between the United States and its NAFTA partners.

Currently, U.S. residents are allowed to purchase up to \$400 worth of duty-free goods from Mexico or Canada.

Mexican residents living along the border, however, are limited to only \$50 of duty-free goods from the U.S.

"This imbalance is really hurting our border residents and businesses," said Bonilla, who represents almost 800 miles of Texas-Mexico border.

"Our bill simply attempts to correct this disparity and level the playing field for everyone. NAFTA opened the doors of free trade, but the \$50

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## Marfa PTA will host school board candidates

MARFA - The Marfa PTA will host the School Board candidates at their next meeting, scheduled for 6 p.m., April 6 at the Methodist Church. This will probably be the only opportunity to hear the candidates speak publicly on their views prior to the election.

In the race for school board trustee seats, incumbent Ernesto Carrillo and Natalia Williams vie for Place 1, while incumbent Yvonne Zubiate Lujan faces challenger Lydia Natividad for Place 2. The election is set for May 1. Child-care will be provided for free to accommodate people with children who wish to attend.

The agenda at this meeting will also include the announcement of the Students of the Month and a discussion of the slate of officers for next year. Whether you are a member of the PTA or not, this is a significant meeting to attend, so please mark your calendars.

The Little Caesar's Pizza fundraiser will commence on April 6 as well. This project will help supplement the money that has been gathered through the efforts of the Elementary students for the new Playground. Your support is greatly appreciated by both the PTA and the many students that will benefit from this project for years to come.

Remember, 6 p.m. at the Methodist Church next Tuesday is the day and time to get informed.

## New Alpine resident uses digital photography to see

By ARTHUR SPRAGG

ALPINE - George Covington is a modern Renaissance man and an astute observer of West Texas culture.

He's an amateur anthropologist and archaeologist, professional journalist, novelist, playwright, art curator, lawyer, disabilities activist, teacher, lover of people, and foremost, a photographer who takes his camera everywhere he goes, shooting portraits of everyone he meets.

He became what he calls an "Alpinic" last year after moving back to his native Texas from teaching photography in the New York borough of Manhattan. Before that, he spent nearly 20 years in Washington, D.C., "working on both sides of the bureaucracy," he said, as a media and communications consultant and serving as a special aide to House Speaker Jim Wright and later to Vice President Dan Quayle.

Under Quayle, Covington was the first person to serve full time in the White House as an aide on disability issues.

Covington happens to be legally blind, and was born with less than 10 percent vision. Now in his early 50s, most of what's left of his vision (5 percent) is in his right eye.

Quayle, who's in the hunt for the 2000 Republican presidential nomination, holds Covington in

high esteem to this day, and said, "George is a terrific guy and a great friend. He enlivened my vice presidential staff with his good advice and good cheer."

This isn't a story about some "blind guy," as some might crudely refer to Covington. He's simply a new arrival to the area and who happens to be highly intelligent, articulate, talented, hard working and who shoots pictures so that he can see and experience the world around him.

Traveling with a friend, Covington came to Texas for family business, then flew from Houston to Alpine because she was looking for a home. After staying overnight, his friend found a home and Covington knew he was ready to make a change of address from the Big Apple to Far West Texas. He's staying at his friend's house until she moves to town.

"Things came together in a matter of minutes," he said. "I knew it was an environment I could function in with little eyesight."

"I was looking for space to write, photograph and walk from one end of town to the other in minutes," Covington explained. "I was also looking for a town with a small college, and found that Sul Ross had everything that I needed."

He bought a western hat the first day he moved to Alpine. "I



(staff photo by ARTHUR SPRAGG)

It's not Washington, D.C., and it's a long way from New York City, but in Alpine, George Covington has found a place to hang his hat.

love my cowboy hats and I never leave the house without a cowboy hat and my camera," Covington said.

Covington is easy to spot as he walks along the streets and sidewalks of the city each day in his hat and boots. That isn't a pool cue he's using to guide himself with, it's a white cane.

He makes his rounds across Al-

pine daily, walking from his friend's south side home where he lives.

He might stop for lunch at the Little Mexico Café or any of several other eateries, then cross the railroad track and head downtown.

From the post office, Covington walks to the Ocotillo bookstore to visit Judith Brueske-Plimmer

and Lauris Hawkins. There he will rest, read the day's mail and of course, converse. Covington likes to converse.

"George is a refreshing addition to the local community," said Brueske-Plimmer. "He's funny, entertaining and keeps abreast of current events. He's a good fellow and another good conversationalist."

Covington's next venue on this recent day is to City Drug to share the latest jokes from his New York City Internet connections with pharmacists Jimmy Smith and Jack Bow, and exchange banter with store employees.

"We look forward to seeing him," Smith said, "because he's a lot of fun. He's a very humorous" (Continued on pages 8, 9)

## Two Marfa men charged in separate drug incidents

By ARTHUR SPRAGG

Two Marfa men were arrested recently by U.S. Customs Service authorities in separate drug-related incidents at the Presidio port of entry.

Robert Silva Jr., 22, is charged with cocaine possession after being searched and detained by Customs officers at the Presidio port a week ago last Sunday, authorities said.

Jesus Alfredo Rodriguez Jr., 28, was indicted last Thursday by a Pecos federal grand jury following his arrest on February 23 on narcotics importation charges.

According to a West Texas Drug Task Force report, Silva was the passenger in a 1983 Jeep Cherokee when he and the driver, Felix Garcia, were detained and searched by Customs agents as they returned from Ojinaga, Mexico.

Based on evidence in the case Justice of the Peace Dan Bodine charged Silva with possession of cocaine under one gram and set

bond at \$500.

Silva was transported to Presidio County jail in Marfa where he was released after posting bond.

In the course of the search, inspectors allegedly found about one gram of cocaine concealed inside a Zippo-type cigarette lighter allegedly in Silva's possession.

Garcia, the driver of the Jeep, was released and wasn't charged in the incident.

Rodriguez currently is being held without bond in the Reeves County Jail in Pecos and is awaiting a trial date.

He is alleged to have smuggled 56 pounds of marijuana and just under one ounce of cocaine into Texas from Mexico, said Customs Public Information Officer Roger Maier of El Paso.

The contraband allegedly was hidden in the gas tank of the vehicle Rodriguez was driving, Maier said.



(photo by ARTHUR SPRAGG) Wes Mastick of Alpine took time out to chat on his CB on a recent Saturday afternoon.

## "Understand artist to understand art," ex-FBI profiler tells audience

ALPINE - To catch criminals, former FBI agent John Douglas assumed their psychological identities. His pioneering methods - including an understanding of the offender's thought processes - has opened a new frontier in crime solving.

Or, as Douglas said during the 11th Mary Thomas Marshall Lecture last Wednesday (March 24) at Sul Ross State University: "if you understand the artist you will understand the artwork." His lecture, "Mind Hunter: The Real Life Silence of the Lambs" discussed his use of psychological profiling to solve serial crimes by creating composites of the perpetrators, even describing their habits and predicting their next moves.

As chief of the FBI's Investigative Support Unit - the team that tackles the most baffling and senseless of unsolved violent crimes - Douglas ushered in a new age in behavioral science and criminal profiling. During his career, he hunted some of the most notorious and sadistic criminals of the late 20th century, including the Trailside killer in San Francisco, the Atlanta child murderer, the Tylenol poisoner, the man who hunted prostitutes for sport in the woods of Alaska, and Seattle's Green River killer.

Douglas' profiling has resulted in a high-profile career. The retired FBI special agent has interviewed numerous serial killers and investigated their crimes, as a federal agent and later as a private consultant. Through his own observations, as well as the use of graphic slides of murder scenes and a taped phone conversation between a murderer and the victim's mother, Douglas described how the criminal mind, particularly the mind of a serial criminal, can work.

He said that the modus operandi (methods of operation) of the serial criminal are developed through trial and error, and once a successful system is developed, the pattern will continue until the offender is caught.

"In many cases, you are dealing with an ex-convict who doesn't want to make the same

mistakes again," Douglas cautioned. "Their crimes of rape and homicide are driven by fantasy and fueled by pornography. Sometimes they begin with minor offenses and accelerate."

Douglas, through his research in seeking to understand the criminal mind, used a formula for crime solving of "Why + How = Who." Serial killers, including Richard Speck, John Wayne Gacy, David Berkowitz, the Atlanta child murderer, the Trailside killer of San Francisco and others, leave their signatures or calling cards. Douglas' methods sought to link the common threads to assemble a personality profile.

"I don't provide the name and address [of the offender]," Douglas said. "I provide the type of person, the conditions and the motivation."

Douglas, who holds a master's degree in educational psychology and a doctorate of education, revealed that his lengthy interviews with numerous serial criminals produced not only confessions, but some chilling observations.

"As one offender told me, 'we are who we are and you're not going to change us,'" Douglas said.

Many offenders show no remorse or despondency about their crimes. "The tears they shed are for themselves - at being caught - not for their victims," he said. He added that when some serial offenders were interviewed, they became increasingly euphoric about their crimes.

"They love it; it's like one of us playing our favorite CD over and over. There is no remorse about it; they live for the notoriety...they are nobodies becoming somebody."

Most recently, he worked on the Jon Benet Ramsey murder case. His assessment? Don't believe the tabloids; in his opinion, the parents were not involved.

He was also a consultant in the murders of Ron Goldman and Nicole Brown Simpson, the former wife of O.J. Simpson. The Goldman-Simpson crime scene was described by attorney Daniel Petrocelli as "overkill and sustained aggression, perpetrated by someone who knows the victim." O. J. Simpson was acquitted during a lengthy murder trial.

"An innocent person falsely accused of a crime gets angry as hell," Douglas said. "To this day, he [Simpson] has never gotten angry. He said in an interview in Vanity Fair, that 'if I did kill her, it was because I loved her.'"

The annual Sul Ross State University Lecture Series was renamed in 1985 to honor Mary Thomas Marshall, a long-time friend of the university.

### REWARD

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### REWARD

## Sul Ross student selected for Congressional internship

ALPINE - Sul Ross State University student Rolando Charles of Eagle Pass will serve a summer internship in Washington, D.C. through the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, Inc. (CHCI).

Charles, the son of Rolando and Alicia Charles, is a junior pre-law and political science major at Sul Ross. He will have a two-month work and learning experience in the Nation's Capitol, from June 12-Aug. 7. He was one of 30 undergraduate students selected nationally for the internship program, which includes all expenses paid and a stipend.

"We are very pleased that Rolando has won this great opportunity," said Dr. Dale Christophersen, Sul Ross political science professor and Charles' adviser. "He is a very capable and self-disciplined young man with a wide-open future ahead of him. This experience will help him gain new perspectives on law and politics which I am sure he will share with other students on his return."

As a CHCI intern, Charles will work full-time in an assigned congressional office following a week-long orientation. He will assist with constituent inquiries, monitor hearings, conduct research, assist with general office operations and draft correspondence.

"I am looking forward to this opportunity to work in Congress," said Charles, who has a 3.8 grade point average. "Since my interests are political science and law, this experience will give me insight on the governmental process."

Interns will also participate in weekly leadership development meetings, partake in workshops and meet with national Latino leaders. CHCI interns will also perform a cooperative community service program.

Headquartered in Washington, D.C., the CHCI summer internship program is designed to heighten Hispanic students' awareness of the U.S. political system and to enhance their leadership skills. Eligible applicants are currently-enrolled undergraduate students with a minimum 3.0 grade point average, excellent written communication skills, evidence of leadership potential and active interests in community affairs.

## Mexican soldiers confiscate over 70 kilos of marijuana

OJINAGA, CHIH. - Mexican soldiers confiscated over 70 kilos of marijuana near San Anonio del Bravo, which authorities believe was intended to be moved across the border at Candelaria, Texas.

Arrested Monday night as they transferred marijuana from one vehicle to another were Fernando Gabaldon Ortega, Ramon Omar

Rios Hernandez and Luis Ernesto Vleriano Valles, Humberto Urias, of Midland, and Arthur Bradley, of Odessa.

The five are being held in Ojinaga, and their three vehicles were seized: a 1992 Toyota, a 1986 Mercury and a 1993 Blazer, all of which have United States plates.

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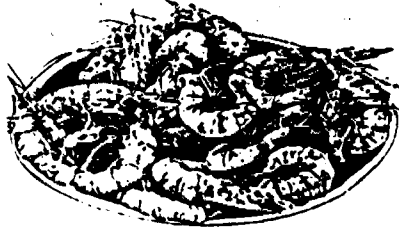
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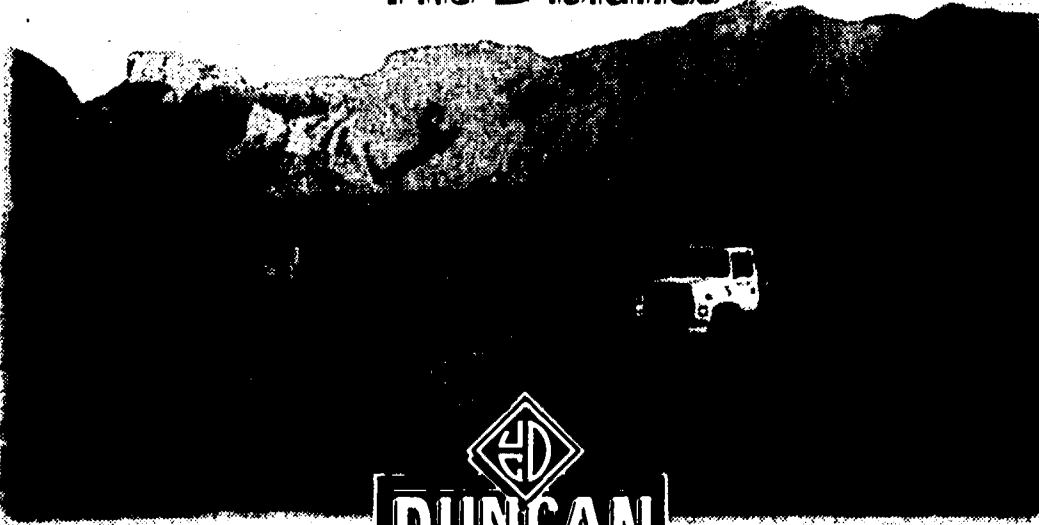
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## Bonilla

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limit slams those doors shut." "Our U.S. businesses along the border continue to be frustrated by the \$50 limit," said Reyes. "Reciprocity between our two countries is a fundamental principle of free trade and Mexico's efforts to this point have not been sufficient. This legislation sends a strong message to the Mexican Government that parity must be fully and finally achieved."

Bonilla and Ortiz, co-chairmen of the Congressional Border Caucus, introduced a similar piece of legislation in the 105th Congress. They have continued to work closely together to ensure free trade along the Texas border and protect border residents and communities.

"Border merchants have long been bothered by the unequal treatment of merchandise moving across the border," Ortiz said. "Cross-border trade is one of the foundations upon which the economies in South Texas are based. I am hopeful that the progress made by Mexico and through negotiations mandated by past legislation will compel our trading partners to see this issue in a new light."

Mexican officials last April as-

ured Congress that a provision would be in place by the end of 1998 allowing Mexican residents a \$400 per month exemption on specific goods.

To date that program is still not running and Mexican border residents are still bound by the \$50 limit.

"Too many obstacles still stand in the way of border residents trying to take advantage of the \$400 exemption," Bonilla said. "Anything less than removing those barriers only hurts Mexican consumers and U.S. small businesses."



(photo by ARTHUR SPRAGG)  
Sixteen year old Sam Dunlap, left, soloed on January 14, 1999 - his birthday - in a Cessna 172 at the Marfa Municipal Airport. Joe Moore, right, was his flight instructor. Dunlap has been flying since age 10 and is already certified to fly gliders. He plans a career in the Air Force. Moore said it is time for the gliders to return to the skies around Marfa beginning this weekend. Over 40 planes are expected by next week.

## Presidio gains wastewater treatment grant

PRESIDIO - Presidio Mayor Locho Nichols has announced the award of a \$242,000 grant from the Border Environment Cooperation Committee (BECC) under its Technical Assistance program for the preparation of preliminary design for the proposed wastewater treatment plant. The grant is for 100 percent of the estimated cost of conceptual design, site selection, preliminary design and the conducting of environmental review of the proposed project.

This grant provides essential financial assistance to the city for the initial phase of this important project, which will include the participation of several state and federal agencies. Mayor Nichols credited the successful application and funding to the support received from Presidio County Judge Jake Brisbin, Jr., the county commissioners and the aggressive procurement of the grant by the city staff, the engineer and the planning consultant team.

Funds awarded to the city are from the Border Environmental Infrastructure Fund of the BECC, through its Technical Assistance program, to support the develop-

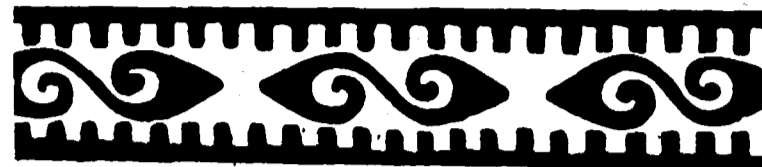
ment of needed environmental quality facilities in the 60-mile border region. Carlos Colina-Vargas, grant consultant to the city, represented Presidio at the XIX public meeting in Tucson, Arizona last week, where the city's proposal was considered for approval. In behalf of the city, Colina-Vargas presented the proposal and acknowledged the important role of the BECC in the improvement of the quality of life on the U.S.-Mexican border.

"Gracias a Dios y al BECC," said Nichols of the grant. "We can proceed with this project to improve our community and our environment."

Also at that meeting, the BECC Board approved Technical Assistance in both the U.S. and Mexico totaling \$3,772,632. The states awarded technical assistance are: Texas \$242,000; New Mexico \$25,000; Chihuahua \$1.2 million; Sonora \$999,000; Baja California \$631,000; Coahuila \$75,000 and California \$109,000.

The BECC is a binational institution created under the side agreements of the North American Free Trade Agreement. Its mission is to identify environmen-

tal infrastructure needs regarding water, wastewater and municipal solid waste 100 kilometers on each side of the border. To date, the BECC has provided about \$8.9 million in Technical Assistance in more than 50 communities and certified 27 environmental infrastructure projects, 15 in the United States and 12 in Mexico. The estimated costs of these projects are \$633 million benefiting approximately 7 million border residents.



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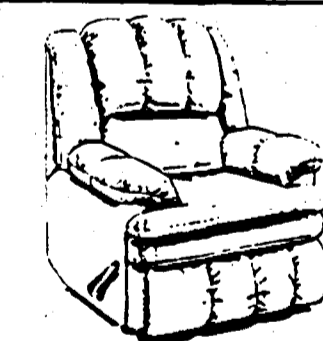
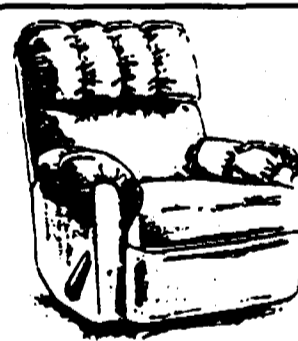
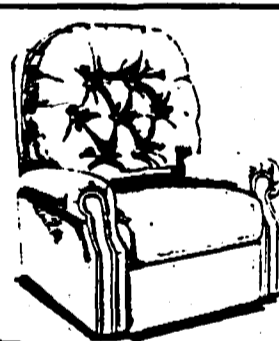
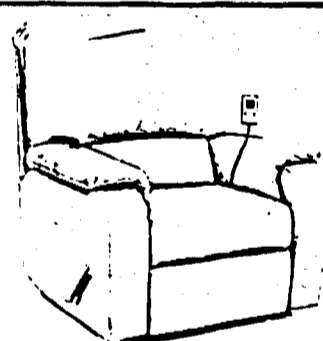
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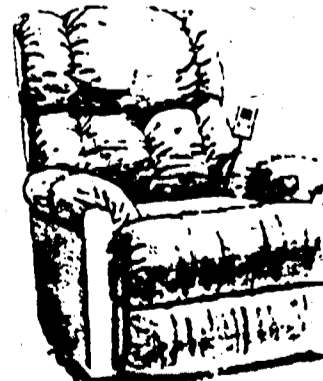
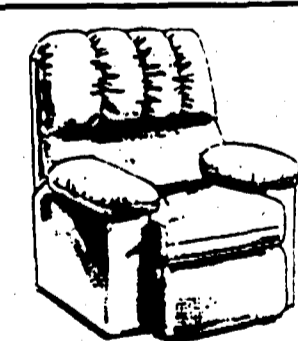
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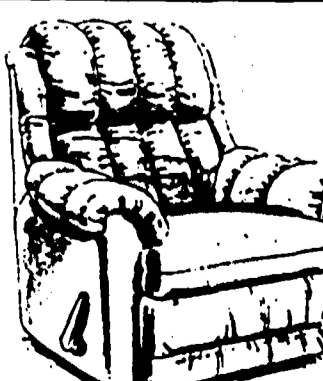
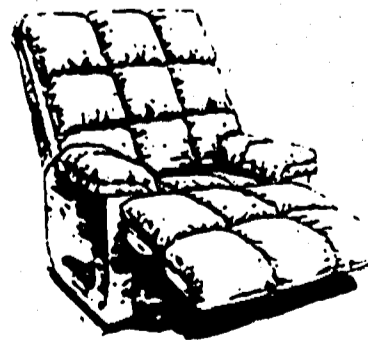
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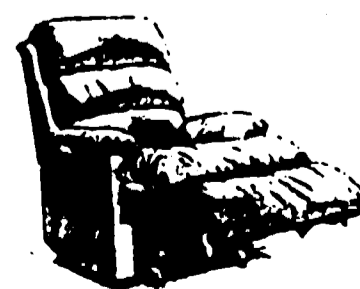
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## Calling all candidates; attention all voters

In our editions of April 15 and April 23, we plan to profile all candidates in the upcoming city and school elections in Marfa. The format will be simple, a photograph of each candidate and the following information:

- Office sought
- Name:
- Age:
- Place of birth and length of local residency:
- Occupation:
- Education:

We'll ask each candidate two questions:

1. What makes you qualified for the office you seek?
2. What are the pressing issues that you will address if elected?

In the next two weeks, we'll be contacting the candidates and seek their participation in this project. Candidates, please feel free to contact us.

This, we believe, is our public responsibility, to inform our readers - and voters - as to who the office-seekers are.

It also is in response to requests by several readers, who rightly point out there are many newcomers in town who may not know all the candidates.

Thank you in advance, candidates, for your participation, and to our readers, we hope we do some good.

The editor

## Letters to the editor

Editor:

Presidio County Sheriff's Office  
Marfa, Texas

Dear sheriff,

Last Saturday, March 13, 1999, our office was called upon to make a trip to Presidio to the U.S. Customs office to meet with individuals bringing two 14-year-old girls back to the Houston area. These juveniles had been coerced into going with three adults on a "mission" to save souls in Mexico. We had flown by private plane to Presidio for the meeting.

When the individuals arrived at U.S. Customs, deputy sheriff Sergeant Marco Antonio Baeza was told that Mr. Bonner and I were coming into the Presidio airport and that we were expected to have been at U.S. Customs. Sergeant Baeza went to the airport and brought the investigators, attorney and pilots back to U.S. Customs. I had spoken to the Sheriff's Office upon approach to see if anyone could meet us since we had just learned there was no one at the Presidio airport. We did not know we were speaking to someone in Marfa and not Presidio.

Your officer, Sergeant Baeza, is saluted for his concern, his intuition and his assistance in coming to the airport to retrieve us, then assisting us with making our way through U.S. Customs, Immigration and other officials' capacities in Presidio. Then he was kind enough to guide us to a very good restaurant and finally see us back to the airport to return the girls to an FBI office in the Houston area for de-briefing.

We all believe Sergeant Baeza is our hero! His kindness in a time of humane need is to be commended and is greatly appreciated by Mr. Bonner, the families of the girls, the two minor females and myself.

Sincerely,

Liz Colwell, President/Manager  
C-Mack Services Inc.  
Houston

Editor:

Child abuse is a problem that affects all of us. Many abused children grow up to be abusive parents themselves. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month - a time when communities who care about their children and families can work to find solutions to tough problems. Our community cares. Get involved in preventing child abuse before it occurs. Report child abuse at 1.800.252.5400.

Thank you.

Carla Elmore  
Member, Presidio County Child Welfare Board  
Marfa

Editor:

Many of us look back on our childhood as a time when we didn't have a worry in the world. Unfortunately, an increasing number of Texas children are not having it so easy because they are the victims of child abuse.

Last year in Texas, more than 29,000 children victims of abuse and neglect. In our own county, Child Protective Services investigated 81 reports of child abuse and neglect.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is a time to reflect on what we are doing as a community to support children and families. Children don't come with instructions and too many parents face raising their children without the knowledge and support they need and deserve. We all have opportunities to reach out to parents in our families, neighborhoods, places of worship and places of employment.

This April, let's make sure all parents know that their hard work is valued. Think of what it will mean for the future of children and the future of our community.

Sincerely,

Frances Rojas  
Presidio County Child Welfare Board

Editor:

In cooperation with the Marfa Public Library, Sterry Butcher inaugurated a Marfa Reading Group, which is a great idea. A few of us met last week to talk about Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby*. In April, we're going to discuss Willa Cather's *Death Comes for the Archbishop*.

We'd like to encourage and invite more people to read the book and join us at the library, at 7 p.m., April 29.

Rob Weiner  
Marfa



Editor:

Recently, someone said to me that in order to refresh one's appreciation of the Big Bend, one should go elsewhere for a bit. Having just done so, I am back newly astonished and ever more grateful for a precious commodity here which I will call "the quiet."

The value of "the quiet" is far beyond human measurement and more precious as each day goes by. In the Big Bend, we are allowed not only to see the wild creatures, but to hear them! This marvel is made impossible in highly populated areas polluted by the invasive noise of planes, motor vehicles, sirens and machinery.

Quiet communion in nature is called for in any discipline for spiritual and creative growth. We merely step out our doors and are there! No wonder creative people are drawn here. We can actually hear our muses!

Please help to protect the quiet.

Marjie Erkkila  
Fort Davis

Editor:

With great pleasure, I announce the creation of the Fudge Foundation. While there exist foundations for the elite in Marfa founded for the preservation of the memory of Donald Judd and his works, there is lacking a comparable foundation in Marfa for the non-elite, the proverbial "man-on-the-street." It is this void that the Fudge Foundation seeks to fill.

For its first artistic endeavor, the Fudge Foundation has made an exact calculation of the volume of Donald Judd's manliness in its fullest expression. With the aid of our computer, the Fudge Foundation has created a three dimensional statue of Donald Judd of an equal volume. From this statue, an injection mold has been fabricated by one of the finest German manufacturers into which fudge will be injected to create the "Fudge Judd."

A limited quantity of Fudge Judds have been ordered. And any unsold Fudge Judds will be eaten by the assembled multitudes at its unveiling.

Other presentations in fudge of Donald Judd and his work are being planned although, regrettably, the presentation in fudge of Donald Judd's ego has been abandoned due the vastness of the undertaking.

The Fudge Foundation believes that fudge, and its eating, are the only true and correct representation of the man, Donald Judd, his life and his works.

Respectfully yours,  
Lineaus Hooper Lorette  
Corresponding Secretary  
Fort Davis and Marfa

Editor:

I'm still in one of those ornery moods when I know I'm right despite being out-voted or out-opinioned on an approximately 100 to one basis. First, following further and very recent research, I must correct my last week's letter regarding the vast Russian contribution in World War II as of against that of the US. She must have deployed up to 500 divisions in that war against Germany as of against our approximate 25 to 30 divisions. I initially stated 175 divisions. She also suffered fatal casualties up to 10 million soldiers (as against the 6 or 7 million I first named). That compares to our 265,000.

Enuf of that. I'll await further protests.

Now to other new-old business: I've about had my fill about storage of nuclear waste. I was in strong opposition to the Sierra Blanca decision, feeling it was largely selfish NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard) psychology that won the day. (Believe me, those leaders with whom I so strongly disagreed know that there is no malice here and that I still continue to consider them my good and highly respected friends.) However, taking up one of their main issues, I have since talked with respected area geologists and they feel the geological reasonings were exaggerated and that anyhow the water flow path beneath the site is north and east, away from the Rio Grande.

Of course my chief point was that we were withholding our vast unoccupied spaces for selfish provincial reasons while great quantities of this lethal waste material was building up in highly populated areas where vast damage to life and property could occur in the event of an "accident". Don't mistake me. I'm perfectly aware of the hazards of transportation of these materials. However, if that is to be our argument, then we are eventually doomed to have

these materials build up into "impossible to store" quantities in their heavily populated areas of production. Is that a better solution?)

Now, of course, we are turning down this storage all over the state. Am I completely wrong about NIMBY? There is also much discussion about privately owned storage operations.

But more on that next week.

Malcolm Tweedy  
Fort Davis

P.S. My new rain gauge showed .24 inches of rain last Saturday, 3/27/99. This was the first recorded measurable amount since last September.

## WOOL GATHERING

Mary Katherine Metcalfe Earney

## The write stuff

Dr. Frances Phillips would not be amused. She taught Graduation Orientation at Sul Ross in the late 1960s, a course required for all those who wished to go on to Master's and Doctoral levels of education.

She taught with preciseness about taking footnotes, doing library research and how to construct bibliographies. Although she was barely five feet tall, she could reduce a six-foot school principal to a quivering mass of jelly with her insistence on excellence.

I shudder over what she would think of the notes I found recently in that famous old filing cabinet.

One was a torn scrap of unlined paper which read, "Dere Dady. Come get me NOW!" It was written by Daughter #1 after she had been at Mitre Peak Girl Scout Ranch for one day. After that summer, we never did get her to return to camping. It was not her thing.

Another scrap of paper written in scrawling pencil letters: "Dere Granma we have gon to Brad's he got stong by bee."

The third note of interest is a sheet of lined yellow paper, legal size. The following had been scrawled on it: "A.A." (My shorthand for the Alpine Avalanche.) Thursday, Jan. 6, 1921. "Murphyville plotted about 1881 when Fort Davis was county seat Presidio Co. Southern Pacific Railroad being contracted. Depot site section 244 owned by Dan Murphy. J.M. Watts bought it and built a building. In 1921 said oldest citizen Brewster Co. arriving at Pena, Colorado Oct. 1879.

"A.A. June 23, 1921

"June 9, June 21, 22, 23 sixth annual convention of Sheep and Goat Raisers Association in Del Rio. Many entertainment features planned for the ladies and children sale of fine stock: Among subjects to be discussed "Improved Methods of Shearing and Packing."

"June 30, 1921."

W.C. Bennett said, "I was prisoner three times during the War of the Rebellion and I escaped each time." He was talking about the Civil War.

I intend to get these organized as soon as there is a spot of extra time somewhere or other. However, the doctor handed me a prescription last week. On it was written, "Take Another Trip." Who wants to stay home and organize notes, Dr. Phillips notwithstanding?



Melissa and K.D. West, left, are being served fish from Hector Sanchez, right, at last Friday's Marfa Volunteer firefighters fish fry fundraiser.

## Saint Mary's Catholic Church Holy Week schedule

MARFA - St. Mary's Catholic Church Holy Week schedule is as follows:

**Holy Thursday** - 7 p.m. tonight Mass of the Last Supper.

**Good Friday** - 3 p.m. Reading of the Passion and communion. At 7 p.m. the Stations of the Cross.

**Holy Saturday** - 7 p.m. Easter Vigil.

**Easter Sunday** - 8 a.m. in Spanish and English Mass at noon.

## St. Paul's offers Easter worship services

MARFA - St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Marfa will offer Easter worship services this weekend.

Maundy Thursday services will be held at 7 p.m. today, and Good Friday worship will begin at noon.

Easter morning services will begin at the regular 9-a.m. starting time.

All persons are welcome to attend these services. St. Paul's is located just north of the Presidio County Courthouse at 101 E. Washington St.

## Stations of the Cross at Davis Mountains State Park Friday

St. Luke's and St. Patrick's wish to invite everyone to the third annual Good Friday Stations of the Cross to be held at Davis Mountains State Park. Time of the service is 7 p.m. on Friday, April 2. We will meet at the Amphitheater near the Trailer and RV parking area in the Park. There is no admission for those entering the Park for this service.

The observance of Stations of the Cross has a long history. Once considered a Roman Catholic/Eastern Orthodox rite, this meaningful worship service on Good Friday has become a much loved part of Holy Week activities among some Anglicans, Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists and many other churches today.

Coming in silence to the place set apart for traveling the Stations with Christ, participants feel a special reverence and deeper understanding of the sorrowful walk. Jesus made carrying his cross up the hill to the place of his execution. Prayers, readings and music remind us of the painful stages of this last journey of Jesus on his way to the final earthly act which redeemed us. At the conclusion of the 14 stations, all leave in silence, pondering anew the meaning of the events that led to the glorious resurrection and celebration of Easter.

We will be most pleased to join you in this special service. It is advisable to bring a flashlight and a wrap. Please feel free to call 426-2262 if you have any questions.

## Three new water sites completed at Black Gap Wildlife Management area

BREWSTER COUNTY - Texas Parks and Wildlife Department personnel and volunteers from the Texas Bighorn Society and Sul Ross State University completed three new water sites on the Black Gap Wildlife Management Area on March 25-27. These sites were built to catch the run-off water from the seasonal rains and store the water for later use by wildlife.

While the water sites were located primarily in habitat for the desert bighorn sheep, deer, javelina, small non-game animals, and songbirds will also benefit from the new waters.

## Under the Dome

By State Rep. PETE P. GALLEGO

### Fine-tuning juvenile court matters

For a juvenile bent on pushing society's limits, his or her first experience with the Texas justice system may be the penetrating stare of a justice of the peace, or the furrowed brow of a municipal court judge. Justice and municipal courts handle many juvenile cases and all Class C misdemeanors. So if your next-door-neighbor's son decides to spray-paint your trash cans or if the young woman down the street repeatedly skips school, they will likely face a justice of the peace or a municipal court judge. These courts are in the best position to steer juveniles away from more serious crimes and more dramatic acts of disobedience.

Because of their position of influence over our youngest offenders, these courts need to have good legal tools. This session, I authored HB 688 which will give judges new authority to help juveniles work through the struggles of adolescence. The bill has already passed the Committee on Juvenile Justice and Family Issues and last week, passed the House. HB 688 gives the justice and municipal courts more flexibility and improves their ability to enforce their orders given to juvenile defendants.

Current law does not give justice and municipal courts enough options to handle juveniles who do not follow court orders. If a juvenile has been ordered to complete a program or community service and has chosen not to do it, the only recourse a judge has today is to send the juvenile to the district courts. District courts handle more serious felonies and misdemeanor cases and are unable to give them the attention they need. HB 688 gives the orders of the justice and municipal courts more meaning by allowing judges to hold a child in contempt for not complying with court orders.

HB 688 would also get parents more involved in the lives of their disruptive children. Presently, a judge can only involve the parents if the juvenile is a repeat offender. This bill would allow court to require the involvement of parents in activities such as attending their children's school and extra curricular activities or parenting classes.

One of the most difficult issues for adolescents is the temptation of alcohol. Currently, if a child is caught purchasing, consuming or in possession of alcohol, state law requires the court to order the offender into community service related to the prevention or misuse of alcohol. Many areas, like the rural counties in my district do not have community programs related to the prevention or misuse of alcohol. HB 688 would allow the courts greater flexibility in this case, as long as the community service was rehabilitative.

Finally, the bill would allow a court to order a juvenile to take the GED exam who is younger than the age of seventeen. Thus, juveniles who show no interest in school can take the exam without having to wait for their seventeenth birthday. This waiting period can be very disruptive to schools, homes and the juvenile's progression toward adulthood.

Adolescence is a difficult age to navigate. Many juveniles need to have the rules reinforced. With the right tools, justice and municipal courts can help juveniles understand the consequences of their actions before they decide to graduate to more serious crime and more severe punishment.

### Marfa Public Library news

by ESTER SANCHEZ, librarian



The Marfa Public Library will be having a book sale beginning April 12 to kick off National Library Week, April 11-17. The Friends of the Library will be having an Open House and their annual membership drive is set from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. April 16. Everyone is invited to join in celebration of National Library Week.

Plans are underway to do some remodeling and rearranging here in the library. We sincerely hope our patrons will be patient with us during this transition. These changes are made possible through a grant we just received. We are most appreciative of John Murray for writing the grant that will make it possible to remodel the Library. Special thanks go to the Dumraese Trust Fund and Ronald Sommers for all their support and interest in our library.

A new book return has been purchased with the grant money and it will be ready for use beginning Monday. Our sincere thanks to David Williams for setting up the book return. We really appreciate him and everyone that takes the time to improve the library.

The Marfa Public Library will be closed on Friday, April 2, in observance of Good Friday. We wish everyone a safe and happy Easter. All videos checked out on Thursday, April 2, will be due on Monday, April 5. Please do not put them in the book return.

Till next time, see you at the library.

Ester F. Sanchez, librarian



### Births/ Nacimientos

Arturo Alferez III, boy, born March 24, 1999, to Arturo and Judith Alferez of Alpine; 7 lb. 13-oz. 20 1/2 in.

Marco Antonio Nuñez, boy, born March 26, 1999, to John and Eva Nuñez of Alpine; 6 lb. 9 oz. 20 1/2 in.

## Ceiling rents set for Marfa Housing Authority residents

MARFA - Members of the Marfa Housing Authority Board of Commissioners unanimously passed a resolution at its March meeting to set ceiling rents for Public Housing residents. Ceiling rents reflect reasonable market value of housing units and provide a cap on the amount of rent a

family pays. Implementing this measure helps avoid unreasonable high rents, assists residents in transition from welfare to work, helps working families get better jobs and blends higher and lower income families in a housing community. Ceiling rents are based on the

current Fair Market Rent Guidelines published in the Federal Register, Vol. 63, No. 190, October 1, 1998, for Presidio County. Rents are effective immediately for new applicants and April 1, 1999 for existing residents.

The following are the ceiling rents set at the March meeting: Zero/Studio - \$275; One - \$318; Two - \$383; Three - \$518; Four - \$587.

Families from one to eight persons making an income up to \$35,800 may qualify. For more information, contact Executive Director Cookie Brisbin at the Marfa Housing Authority at 915.729.4811.

### REALISTIC BOMBER TRAINING INITIATIVE

The United States Air Force, in cooperation with the Federal Aviation Administration, requests your participation in the public comment process for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Realistic Bomber Training Initiative proposal. We encourage your attendance at our public comment meetings. Each meeting will begin with an Air Force open house with display's lasting 45 minutes, followed by an Air Force presentation on the proposal and alternatives, as well as a public comment session.

City/Town	Date	Time	Location
Abilene	Tuesday, April 6	5:00pm to 9:00pm	Abilene High School, West Cafeteria, 2800 N. Sixth Street
Snyder	Wednesday, April 7	5:00pm to 9:00pm	Snyder High School, Auditorium, 3801 Austin Avenue
Big Lake	Thursday, April 8	5:00pm to 9:00pm	Reagan County High School, Auditorium, 1111 12 <sup>th</sup> Street
Pecos	Friday, April 9	5:00pm to 9:00pm	Pecos High School, Cafeteria, 1201 S. Park Street
Alpine	Saturday, April 10	10:00am to 12:00noon, 1:00pm to 5:00pm	Alpine Recreation Center (Old Junior H.S. Gym) 800 Sul Ross Drive

Comments will be accepted through June 16, 1999. Please send your comments to:  
Major Brent Adams, RBTFIS Project Manager  
HQ ACCEVPP  
129 Andrews Street, Suite 102  
Langley AFB, VA, 23665-2769.

Here are some places where you can review a copy of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Realistic Bomber Training Initiative.

#### In Texas

Abilene - Abilene Public Library  
Dyers AFB - Public Affairs Office  
Alpine - Alpine Public Library  
Amarillo - Amarillo Public Library  
Tahoka - City-County Library  
Presidio - City of Presidio Library  
Crane - Crane County Library  
Dalhart - Dallam County Library  
Lamesa - Dawson County Public Library  
Odessa - Fctor County Library  
Ft. Stockton - Ft. Stockton Public Library  
Big Spring - Howard County Library  
Amarillo - Irion County Library  
Ft. Davis - Jeff Davis County Library  
Jayton - Kent County Library  
Lubbock - Lubbock Library  
Marfa - Marfa City Municipal Library  
Post - Post Public Library  
Rankin - Rankin Public Library  
Big Lake - Reagan County Library  
Pecos - Reeves County Library  
Rotan - Rotan Public Library  
Snyder - Severy County Public Library  
Sterling City - Sterling County Public Library  
Aspermont - Stoneall County Library  
San Angelo - Tom Green County System Public Library  
Van Horn - Van Horn Library  
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Kermit - Winkler County Library

#### In New Mexico

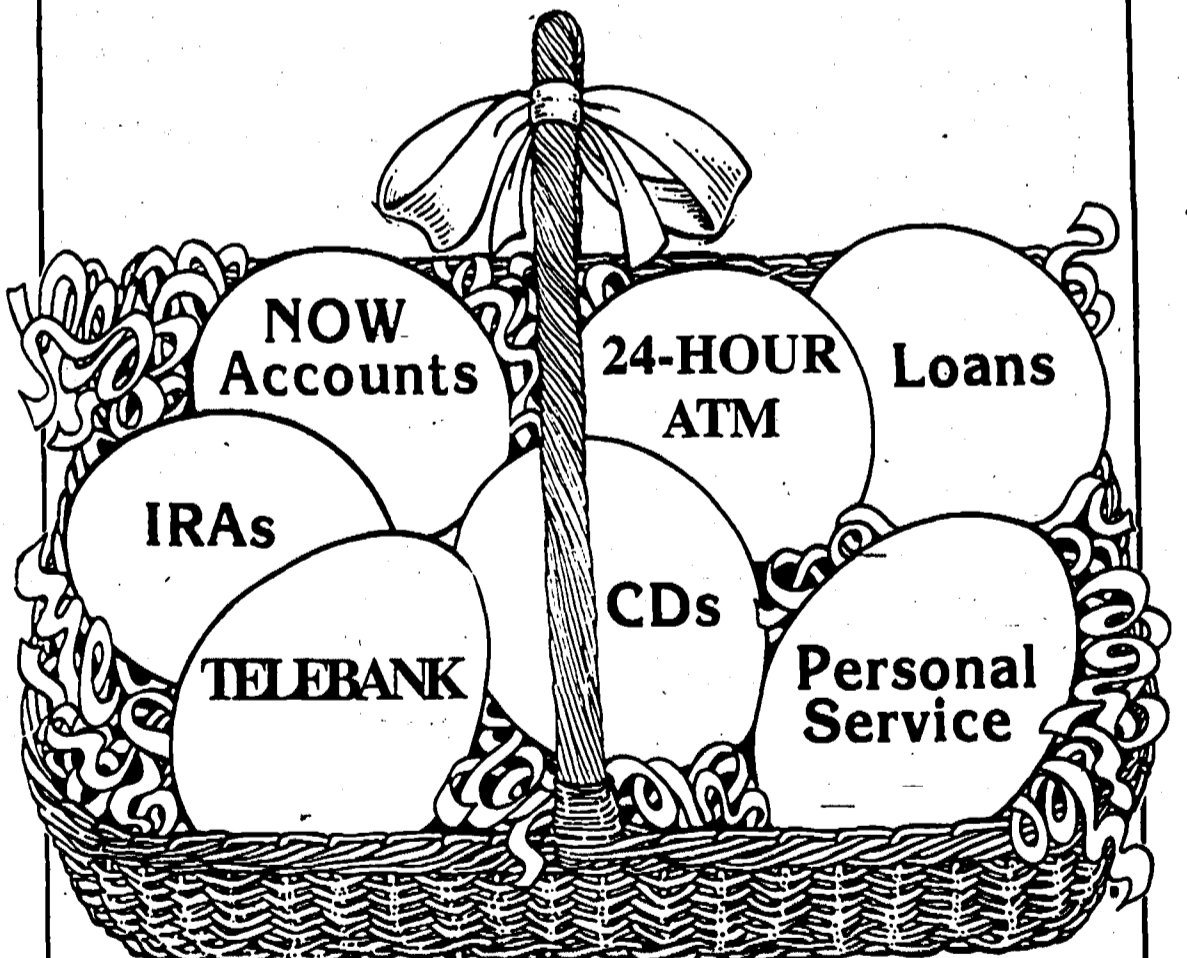
Angel Fire - Angel Fire Library  
Canon AFB - Public Affairs Office  
Carlsbad - Carlsbad Municipal Library  
Clayton - Clayton Public Library  
Clovis - Clovis-Carver Public Library  
Mora - David Cargo Public Library  
Chama - Eleanor Daggett Library  
El Sumner - Fort Sumner Public Library  
Dulce - Jicarilla Apache Reservation Library  
Las Vegas - Las Vegas Carnegie Library  
Cimarron - New Mexico State Library  
Fountain - New Mexico State Library  
Poncha - Potosi Public Library  
Raton - Raton City Library  
Santa Fe - Santa Fe Public Library  
Springer - Springer Library  
Taos - Taos Public Library  
Albuquerque - University of New Mexico General Library  
Sierra Blanca - Sierra Blanca Public Library

#### In Arkansas, Colorado, and Louisiana

Harrison, AR - North Arkansas Regional Library  
La Junta, CO - Woodruff Memorial Library  
Buckshole, LA - Public Affairs Office

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(Photo by LUC NOVOVITCH)  
Lynn Carter's Fire Station by Luc Novovitch from the first exhibition at Sotol Gallery in Marathon.

### Oil patch programs to complement art exhibit

EL PASO - The following are public programs related to "OIL PATCH DREAMS: IMAGES OF THE PETROLEUM INDUSTRY."

All programs take place at the El Paso Museum of Art. ADMISSION IS FREE.

**Lecture** "Oil Patch Dreams: Images of the Petroleum Industry" Francine Carraro, exhibition curator and associate professor of art history at Southwest Texas State will discuss the exhibition.

Thursday, April 8, 7 p.m.

**Family Day** in conjunction with Oil Patch Dreams - music by Hoot & Annie, refreshments, and gallery games.

Sunday, April 18, 2-4 p.m.

**ZIPtour** "Oil Patch Dreams: Images of the Petroleum Industry" Betsy Julian, senior lecturer of Geology, UTEP, will give an industry perspective on the exhibition.

Wednesday, April 21, 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.

**Film "Giant"** First released in 1956, the epic saga of two generations of Texans, starring Elizabeth Taylor, Rock Hudson, James Dean, and Dennis Hopper. Directed by George Stevens.

Sunday, May 2, 2 p.m.

**Film "Louisiana Story"** 1948 documentary about a Cajun boy who watches in wonder as an oil-rig crew enters his bayou sanctuary. Director Robert J. Flaherty's last film and considered one of the top ten films of all time. Virgil Thomson's Pulitzer Prize-winning musical score.

Sunday, May 16, 2 p.m.

### New gallery opens in Marathon

MARATHON - Luc Novovitch, a French photographer who earlier lived and worked in Paris, New York and Washington, last year visited Texas' Big Bend area for the first time and was seduced by its desolate grandeur and beauty.

This month he and his wife, an experienced journalist, opened a fine arts photography gallery - the Sotol Gallery - in tiny Marathon, Texas, where they will specialize in black and white landscape photography from the Big Bend and the Chihuahuan Desert.

The gallery's premier exhibition - largely silver prints, as well as a few platinum and palladium images - is composed of pictures Novovitch shot over a period of almost a year in the Big Bend National Park and surrounding area. It includes several dramatic vistas of undulating mountains that calm the eye and inspire the deep, lung-filling breaths of "big sky" country - majestic views of the Chisos Mountains or a gathering storm over Del Norte in which the dynamic counterpoint of clouds and hills bring to mind the strong brushstrokes of Japanese or Chi-

nese scroll paintings.

There are unusual touches of humor - a fireplug at the Spring Creek Ranch between Marathon and the national park, macro photos of the thorn apple plant that resemble an alien worthy of battle with Sigourney Weaver, and a rock formation in the Bofecillos Mountains that presents the visage of a one-toothed monster.

The gallery itself - an old service station on Marathon's main street - has been repainted white with bands of blue at the building's base, returning the structure to its original facade. The interior bays, where formerly mechanics repaired cars, now offer simple, white display space for two separate simultaneous exhibitions.

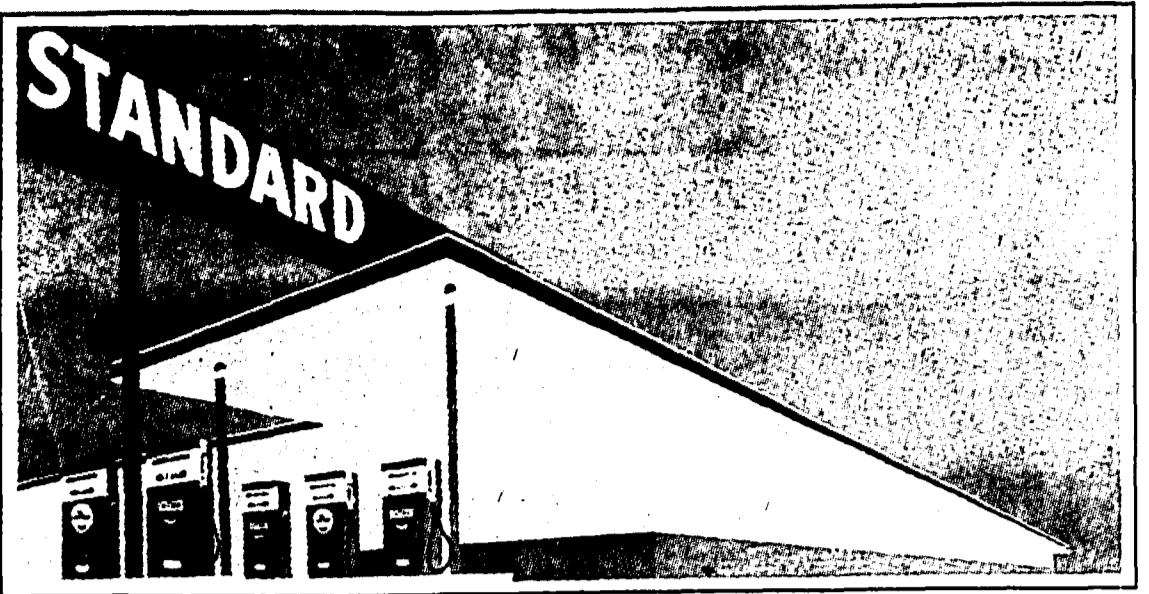
Sotol Gallery plans to exhibit other photographers from both sides of the border with a body of work on the Big Bend and the Chihuahuan Desert. Open Wed.-Sat. 9 a.m.-12:30, 3-7:30 p.m., Sundays 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

For further information, contact Luc or Barbara Novovitch, Sotol Gallery, vox 915-386-9011, fax 915-386-9022

### Movie night tonight at the Alpine library

ALPINE - Tonight at 7:30 p.m. in room 309 of Lawrence Hall (the museum building on the Sul Ross campus) as part of the Alpine Public Library's Video series, a set of five films by French director Jean Renoir will start with "A Day in the Country" (1936), a simple and lyrical film in which the director attempts to evoke the essence of the impressionist paintings of his father, Auguste Renoir.

NEXT WEEK'S FILM: "Boudou Saved From Drowning" (1932).



Edward Ruscha's 1966 painting "Standard Station" is part of the El Paso Museum of Art's April exhibition of petroleum-themed art.

### Museum show targets the visual history of oil

EL PASO - Oil Patch Dreams: Images of the Petroleum Industry, opens at the El Paso Museum of Art on April 8.

The exhibition explores through visual art the impact of oil on Texas and Texans - from the discovery of oil at Spindletop in 1901 to today's industry.

No TV camera crews were present in 1901 to record the dis-

covery of Texas oil.

A few blurred black and white photos would be the only visual images of this birth of an industry, were it not for the painters and sculptors who have created a visual record of the industry.

Oil Patch Dreams explores subjects that range from boomtown to pipeline, from the present back to the century's beginning.

Original works from such artists as Andy Warhol, Thomas Hart Benton, and Norman Rockwell join the works of well-known Texas artists in this exhibition.

Oil Patch Dreams: Images of the Petroleum Industry, was organized by the Art Museum of Southeast Texas, Beaumont, Texas, and will continue at the El Paso Museum of Art through May 30, 1999.

### Reading group to next discuss Willa Cather

Have you ever finished reading a book and immediately wished you could talk about it with someone? The Marfa Reading Group might be able to fulfill that wish. On the fourth or fifth Thursday of each month, the group meets at 7 p.m. in the Gervasi Room of the library to have an informal, lively discussion of a specific book the group has chosen to read.

The group thrives on different opinions and perceptions of the work we all read. Did you really hate a certain character? Why did those two characters end up the way they did? Why does that particular image show up over and over again? These are the kinds of questions the group brings to each month's discussion, where the goal is to enjoy reading and come away from the meeting with a broader understanding of the work at hand.

The group will next meet at 7 p.m., April 29 to discuss *Death Comes to the Archbishop* by Willa Cather.

The only preparation you'll need to join the group is to have read the book and be willing to share your reactions and thoughts to it. See you there!

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# Letter from Marfa, Texas

(The poet Peter Reading is the first author to be a writer-in-residence at the Lannan Foundation Marfa Residency. A Brit, Reading received the Lannan Literary Award for Poetry in 1990 and is author of 19 volumes of poetry.

He has been praised as the "unofficial laureate of the British down and out" and the "elegist of a dead-ending century." He is said to be one of the most challenging and inventive poets writing in the English language today.

He employs traditional and innovative verse as well as colloquial and formal language, and his work deals with issues of urban violence, environmental catastrophe, terminal illness and homelessness.

Reading was born in Liverpool, England, in 1947, and studied painting at the Liverpool College of Art. He was a working class bloke before taking up the pen. He and his wife, Deborah, arrived in Marfa in June 1998, for the yearlong residency.

That's the stuff from the Lannan Foundation. Here's what I know of the Readings. Peter and Deborah are nice folks. They are fun to talk to and are engaging to visit with. They don't drive, so perhaps you've seen them on foot enroute to or coming from the grocery, a restaurant or a Chinati Foundation art exhibit opening. Peter's a bird watcher and has made several side trips in the area to . . . watch birds, in the Davis Mountains, for sure. He's worldly beyond Marfa, of course, and while he appears to try to suppress an air of elitism in which he likes to enshroud himself - for the sake of us locals, I suppose - it creeps out, nevertheless, as does his sharp cynicism.

His love of the language and how he commands it is totally apparent when one talks with him, and he enjoys the verbal spar. Last year he wrote a one sentence letter to the editor about language precision, that is, the choice of a word and its spelling in a political advertisement.

Deborah, it appears, is trying to like her stay here. Endure, perhaps, is a better word. To me, she's a city gal, out of her element.

Peter politely declined to be interviewed by the Sentinel, saying he prefers not to talk on the record with parochial newspapers.

What follows is his "Letter from Marfa, Texas," which appeared in the November 6, 1998, issue of the Times Literary Supplement. It is reprinted with permission of the author and the Times Literary Supplement. the editor)

## By PETER READING

Marfa Texas, is known, if it is known by anyone, for the Marfa Mystery Lights, for the Marfa Lights Festival, for the movie *Giant* (which was filmed here and featured Liz Taylor, James Dean and Rock Hudson - autographed snaps adorn the lobby walls of El Paisano Hotel) and for the fact that the acclaimed American artist Donald Judd, whose career lasted from the 1960s until 1994, made his home here. He established the Chinati Foundation and, courtesy of a vast award from a charitable institution, indulged in a hedonistic spending spree which included the purchase of many buildings in the town and an ex-Army camp on its outskirts, where his works and those of some of his contemporaries are on display. These include Judd's famous installation of 100 milled aluminum boxes and exhibits by Carl Andre, Ilya Kabakov and Claes Oldenburg. The Lannan Foundation has recently inaugurated a Literary Residency in Marfa, and it is the Lannan Foundation's beneficence that has catapulted me here.

I am required to do nothing. This suits me. I am writing a little book to be entitled *Marfa*. This is a hick town (pop. 2,424, at the last count) set in an arid basin, which was formed during the Permian, c 250,000,000 years ago, where sediments accrued and where we, now, perpetuate the depositional trait. A bit later, about 35,000,000 years ago, there was some seismic activity around here, so that if you drive to, say Alpine on Highway 90, going east, you pass through a quondam volcano - just breccia caldera, pale rhyolite and you.

In 1886, they built the Presidio County Courthouse here in Marfa. Native stone and bricks made locally, it's a three-story job surmounted by a dome with a sham-classical figure of Justice atop (the scales were shot out of her hands, so legend goes, when a drunken cowpoke who'd just been released from the calaboose across the street observed "Thar ain't no justice in this goddam county!", and let go the Winchester).

The dress and souvenir shop in the corner was formerly Kerr's Filling Station - back in 1920, Arthur, Orr and Klyde Kerr purveyed Fords, served gas and were mechanics for the few cars in Marfa, and they supplied kerosene for folks' lamps. The brothers Kerr sold W. H. Cleveland, a local rancher, a Model T. They showed him how to start it, which process Cleveland grasped, but they neglected to demonstrate how he should stop the thing. He scorched off to his ranch, yelled the day's orders to his cowhands, U-turned and headed back to town. Circling round and round in front of Kerrs, he hollered, "Whoa thar, hoss!" repeatedly, until one of the brothers leapt on the running-board, roped in the critter, and skidded it adroitly to submission.

One evening, back in 1883, Robert Reed Ellison was with his wife, herding a bunch of cattle across the basin from Alpine towards Marfa, heading west, and sundown coming on, stopped for the night. As he made preparations for the campfire, he glanced up and was mystified to notice lights flickering to and fro across a valley along the Chinati Mountains. Assuming it was Apaches on the move, he stayed up all night cat-napping with his Winchester cocked. At dawn, the weird incandescence fizzled out. A short time after that, a young surveyor, a man by the name of Williams, was out mapping in the same area and saw the same strange lights. His journal records how "Indians of this region believe the luminosity to be the restless spirit of the dead Apache chief Alsate". Nearly a century later, the *Houston Chronicle* dispatched Stan Redding - "Check out this Marfa story: let's just see whether there's anything in it". As he drove along a dirt road near Paisano Pass, Redding remarked the Marfa Mystery Lights:

*They darted about the ground, red white and blue, orbs baseball-sized. They blended into one, then separated. One of them would zoom high in the air, then plummet into the brush, then rise an instant later and spin away crazily. Unsupported and unattached, each one lit up the black-brush clump it hovered over.*

The "Mystery Lights" remain the town's chief tourist attraction. They have been demystified by diverse eminent persons as: electrostatic discharge; swamp gas; moonlight shining on veins of mica; the ghosts of Spanish Conquistadors who sought gold in the area long ago; drunks cavorting with the flashlights... There's an annual



Peter Reading

Marfa Lights Festival, held each Labor Day weekend: \$10 in advance! - This year we featured the great Dana Lee and Mariachi de la Paz of Alpine; the one and only Shelly Lares - enjoy!; "Randy" Bob Pulido ("Texas Cowboy"); and, all the way from Fort Davis, Injun Dancers; Los City Boyz; and, don't forget, at nine, the 3-on-3 Hoop-D-Doo Street Basket ball Tournament. Way wish a Texas "Howdy!" tew y'all!

An old-timer in Ray's Bar told me how, during the Great Depression of '33, he had "rid the parallel truss-bars underneath a boxcar of the Southern Pacific freight: I put another Lone Star on the tab and he expatiated.

*Them was the days when one in five was jobless an headin West. Ya'd grip the iron truss-rods used to strenthen the railroad cars - ya'd only be ten inches off'n the rails. The trick was gettin a board an layin it across the horizontal rods, so's ya'd hev a kinda shelf to lay on face down, eyes closed against the flyin dirt as blowed up off'n the track. A frenna mine once nodded off, rolled off, and skrithered away under the wheels like butcher meat. Well, we slipped the freights, we ditched the bulls, we decked the rattlers and we rid the rods; - they called us bums an bos an yeggs, an now it seems a long ways back...*

In January 1881, work on the Galveston/San Antonio Southern Pacific railroads reached this site, a water stop and freight headquarters which, then, had no name. Southern Pacific's Engineer was married to a woman who aspired to higher things (was reading Dostoevsky, *The Brothers Karamazov*, 1880); she dubbed the tank town Marfa, after the loyal retainer of the Karamazov household, omniscient old Marfa Ignatyevna who did not see the fall but heard the scream-the strange, foam-stiffled, long familiar scream of an epileptic falling in a fit.

A union Pacific freight train hurtles through the night town. At each street intersection (bells, red-lights, semaphore of barber-pole barriers), the engineer hits the hooter - a raucous howl, audible for five miles across the silent, arid scrubland basin where, in the blackness, some unfortunate is woken by the cacaphonic trumpet.

Outside the Mexican Cemetery, a sign to visitors is cracking and buckled from solar blistering over generations and winds sand-blasted off the Chihuahuan Desert: \$200 FINE FOR LOITERING OR LITTERING HERE. In this place idlers throng; and plastic roses faded to pinkish grey litter the quiet death-sustaining slope. Spiked on a Yucca sprouting from the dirt of Maria Bartolo Villanueva is a straw-stuffed rag doll, smiling, rosy-cheeked, sporting a hat of bean-sack hessian - the tribute of some pious hijo. Coveys of Scaled Quail loiter, litter among the ash, scutter a dusty plot where Moniga Quinteros de Salgado is reposing, churr a low, nasal *Descanse en Paz*.

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# a few *Moments* with George

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ous and intelligent person. He uses his disability to his advantage.

"He's so energetic; he does more than the average person and he's able to have a lot of fun," Smith said.

Working with Covington is no different.

"Working with him is always stimulating and always different. I love that," said Nicola Mulholland, his reader, editor and assistant for "a little over a year." She's assisted him on workshops, photo shoots and articles he's written to name a few of the projects.

"Everything we do is fascinating," she said. "He's spontaneous, but extremely methodical. Everything is done within the framework of an incredibly organized infrastructure."

Since handwriting any large sort of information is nearly impossible for Covington to do, the "infrastructure" Mulholland is referring to has been built over many years in his mind.

"He has an incredible level of follow through."

Getting around town is no trouble for Covington. "I like that I can walk a short distance to pay my gas bill or my electric bill," he said.

Should meet him on the street be forewarned: His camera is a great icebreaker and gives him the opportunity to start up a conversation with anyone he meets. "Photography makes it easier to meet people."

But why does a blind fellow carry a camera? "Most people see to photograph. I photograph to see," Covington said.

And as a role model and spokesman for persons who are challenged, he said, "People have got to understand that we, as disabled people, are just like everybody else. We can lie, cheat and steal, be fools, fakes and frauds. We can be saints or sinners just like able-bodied people."

Back at the house after an outing, Covington downloads photos from his trip immediately into a computer and goes to work turning them into sketches through its software.

He is an admitted and unabashed connoisseur of "pretty women" and has many photos on the studio wall to prove it, as are the portraits he's shot in town and throughout the area.

"Some people turn into sketches better than others," Covington said. "The sketches are a high contrast representation of the face that allows me to see faces."

He gives each subject a black and white portrait that he's turned into a sketch using a computer-imaging program known as PhotoShop.

"It's an inexpensive way of thanking them," he said.

He's working toward new ways to present his portrait sketches, but the experimentation process is "extremely slow."

Most people prefer sepia toned pictures because they offer a "kinder" representation of the person's likeness, and Covington is trying to find a way to turn his black and white digital sketches into sepia toned sketches, but isn't quite there yet.

He's turned to using a digital camera after years with a small 35mm camera that could be focused and adjusted manually without the user having perfect vision. Now he uses a Yashica digital camera and also carries a Canon 35mm autofocus camera as well.

"Digital photography has given me a much wider range of control than I had in conventional photography and the chemical darkroom," Covington said. "Combined with new and relatively inexpensive hardware and software, digital photography allows people with visual impairments to create images calculated

to help overcome their particular visual problems."

He prefers black and white for his portraits of the people he meets because a black and white print takes the billions of colors, shades and tones of reality to a few shades of gray between black and white.

"With his limited vision, I'm amazed he takes some of the photos that he does," Mulholland said. "He shoots an amazing number of good shots without using a large amount of exposures like many 'professional' photographers do."

His photography method is simple and very straightforward as he describes it. "I prefer to set the camera controls and then shoot like a bandit, six quick shots. Says a friend, 'You're just wasting your film on me,' and that's just the moment in which I usually get the picture I want."

"One long-time acquaintance invariably asks, 'What the hell are you doing?' and then I get my effect. Though I can't see them, I feel decisive moments. I want to seize a gesture, a motion or look of castigation."

"I want to consider what I felt and am constantly amazed how often it is there on the contact sheet or the computer screen, the gift of photography."

"Because I use my camera as my eyes and my presence as a catalyst, I try to catch people being themselves," Covington said as he described his shooting philosophy. "A person's personality can only exist in the presence of another being, therefore I never attempt to catch a person unaware of my presence."

"Because the image is the deciding element in my work, a good picture is not by necessity a perfect print or a perfect print nec-

essarily a good picture," he said.

Covington entered into a pivotal time in his life after his graduation from journalism school at the University of Texas that led to a surprising revelation and pushed him toward his discovery of photography as channel to enhance his ability to see.

While lugging a girlfriend's large view camera around on a landscape shoot in the hills of Central Texas, Covington, who had spent hours looking at the countryside while she photographed it, saw the four pictures she took later that day and "didn't recognize a single scene that she'd photographed."

"What I 'saw' was strictly in my mind," Covington said.

"The day I held those four photographs in my hand, I discovered that photography allowed me to keep open this priceless channel (sight) of perceptive communication," he wrote in an article for Technos.

"I began to have to use a magnifier to read, but didn't realize what I had stopped seeing around me."

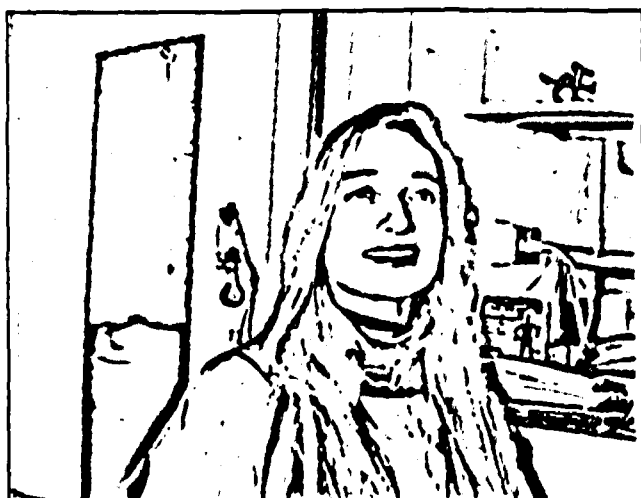
At the age of 27, Covington began to experiment almost daily with a camera while in the middle of his studies at the UT law school.

"If I had not discovered photography as a tool for seeing, I would have spent the rest of my life in a world of blurs," Covington wrote. "Photography allows me to see what I otherwise could not see."

"Photography literally extends my eyesight," he said. "Like a pair of glasses, I can see with a certain clarity."

Over the next 25 years, Covington used the camera and

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Assistant Nicola Mulholland

City Drug's Jimmy Smith and Jack Bow

A few moments out of George Covington's day... (From top to bottom pages 8 and 9) Covington prepares to check his mail at the Alpine Post Office. "Don't take my picture!" Little Mexico Restaurant manager Sandra Valenzuela before she relents and allows Covington another portrait. George reads his mail at the Ocotillo Bookstore. Ironically, he's reading the label on an audio book. Page 9: Covington in his studio, discussing the evolution of his photo sketches. Both pages: a sample of Covington's sketches





Betty and Pam Gaddis



Copenicus, a friend's dog



Jazz Smith



SRSU professor Linda Roman

**A few moments with George** (Continued from page 8)

photography to make friends and to champion disability civil rights as well as teach other visually impaired persons how to see through the use of photography. Teaching people who can't see to take pictures might seem incongruent and a waste of time. However, Covington was skeptical himself until he was ultimately convinced by a couple of blind women friends who urged him to "teach us photography so we can take picture of the guys who are asking us out and get our sighted girlfriends to tell us what they look like." That's all it took to convince Covington who got the women cameras that focused down to three feet and told them, "Aim for the voice." Covington has taught the blind

about digital photography at the Harlem Independent Living Center, the Smithsonian Institution and Seoul, South Korea. There's also a photography manual for the visually impaired he's written. "Let Your Camera Do the Seeing." "Over the years I've worked with hundreds of people with impaired vision, with many different eye problems. I've discovered that photography is the great equalizer," Covington said. "Digital images allow the visually impaired to capture their culture be it Harlem or Houston, and manipulate it into visual images that they can see, understand and explain as part of their classroom work," he wrote. "It can afford a visually impaired individual to see the faces of their parents and

peers that would otherwise be a blur." "It affords an avenue of social interaction that might not otherwise exist for the student." Currently, Covington works as media editor for WE Magazine (for people with disabilities) and writes regular columns and stories not only for the magazine but for many other publications as well. His media list is in excess of three pages long and he professes to have stopped adding to it months ago. He's been the subject of a segment from a PBS documentary entitled "People in Motion," and was visited last week by reporter John Pronk from Dallas TV station WFAA-Channel 8 for a future story about his photography. Covington has also just sent

some of his many photos to the Los Angeles Times for a story planned for later this month. He says that Alpine is his home now and that he has no plans to leave. "While I continue to shoot portraits almost daily, I have included the beauty and grandeur of the surrounding country in my photographs. The blurs of mountains and mesas become visible in my prints when I observe them through a 15x magnifying lens and a great deal of light." "Without photography, this magnificent landscape would look like a Monet painting. I prefer the sharp clarity that is a little closer to reality." "As long as I can see to photograph, I'll never be blind."

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### Local tree planting effort part of National Hometown Trees program

MARFA - Welsh's IGA Supermarket wants to make Marfa a greener place to live. The group will plant tree seedlings as part of the National Hometown Trees program, one of the largest privately funded tree-planting efforts in U.S. history.

Hometown Trees is sponsored by IGA, Inc., Bestfoods, Coca-Cola USA, and Louisiana-Pacific Corp. The project helps beautify communities IGA retailers serve and improve the environment. Through the program, nearly 1,000 IGA retailers nationwide work with local experts to choose optimum environmental sites for the seedlings. Each spring thousands of community volunteers then help retailers plant and care for the trees. More than 300,000 Hometown Trees will be planted nationwide throughout the 1999 planting season, placing the project's tally at 5.2 million since its inception in 1992.

"Hometown Trees is a very important program and we're honored to be a part of it," said Marfa's Welsh's store manager. "Everyone knows that it's important to take care of our environment and this national tree planting effort is one way we can make a difference. Trees help make our air cleaner, prevent erosion, provide habitat for wildlife and beautify our communities. Marfa's Welsh's store is proud to be planting some of the more than 300,000 seedlings that will be planted through Hometown Trees in 1999.

Welsh's IGA of Marfa is proud in participating in this national environmental effort. Volunteer local groups interested in taking part in this year's Hometown Trees program may contact Welsh store of Marfa for more information.

Chicago-based IGA, Inc. administers the Hometown Trees program, while Louisiana-Pacific nurseries cultivate, harvest and package all of the trees. Trees were transported in refrigerated produce trucks to keep the seedlings in top planting condition. Bestfoods and Coca-Cola USA

provide support for the program's promotional materials.

IGA, Inc. is the world's largest voluntary supermarket network, with aggregate sales of more than \$19 billion annually. IGA has 3,400 supermarkets in 47 states and 22 other countries, commonwealths and territories.

Bestfoods is among the largest U.S. food companies, with operations in more than 60 countries and products sold in approximately 110 countries. In the U.S., the company continuously looks for ways to make its packaging more environmentally friendly. Most recently, Bestfoods redesigned the outer case used to ship Hellmann's and Best Foods pourable salad dressings to retailers, reducing corrugated cardboard by 44%. A redesign of the Mazola oil bottle resulted in 25% reduction in PET utilization. Bestfoods' consumer products include Skippy peanut butter, Hellmann's and Best Foods mayonnaise and dressings, Mazola oils, Knorr soups and sauces, Entenmann's baked goods, and Thomas' English muffins.

Coca-Cola USA is one of the world's leading innovators of environmental programs. Coca-Cola introduced the first plastic soft drink bottle made from recycled plastic soft drink bottles, and thereby launched a new era in plastic packaging. In addition, the company implements a comprehensive office recycling program, develops educational packets to heighten student awareness of environmental issues and publishes a booklet filled with recycling tips, which is distributed to consumers nationwide.

Louisiana-Pacific Corp., based in Portland, OR., is a leader in the forest products industry. The company is committed to preserving and enhancing the resources upon which it relies to manufacture products. Louisiana-Pacific grows millions of seedlings in its nurseries every year and plants, on average, six new trees for each tree harvested.



(Photo by ROBERT ARMENDARIZ) Waynelle Strachan of Clint made a presentation about growing and marketing bluebonnets to the Marfa History Club Tuesday in Marfa.

### Republican Women focus on education at monthly meeting

At their March meeting, West of the Pecos Republican Women turned their attention to the nation's educational concerns, already a subject of debate in local, state, and national elections. Members gave an enthusiastic reception to Dr. Kip Sullivan, Professor of Education at Sul Ross, Ester Martinez, Middle School librarian, and Carla Valdez, coordinator for the WPRW reading program at the Middle School. This trio of educators gave a comprehensive update on the problems facing education as well as some of the solutions which are being attempted.

Dr. Sullivan started his talk by saying that the problems in education were all about "money, power, and control." He noted that there is an excellent chance of passing a bill now in the State legislature that would provide private school vouchers to students, paid for with state funds. If the bill passes, approximately \$2.8 billion dollars would go to private schools rather than the public schools over the next five years. Opponents of the voucher system claim that it is not a "level playing field" since most private schools do not have to operate under the same rules as public schools.

Dr. Sullivan closed his remarks by telling his audience to "treasure every moment." "Yesterday is history; tomorrow is a mystery. Today is the present, and that's

why it is a gift."

Esther Martinez and Carla Valdez described the reading program at the Middle School and the help that the Republican Women are giving to it. By way of background, Ms Valdez explained that upgrading literacy in the nation was a major project of former First Lady Barbara Bush. Because of her efforts and in her honor, the Republican Women nationwide have made the improvement of literacy one of their goals. The various Republican clubs work in a variety of ways: some donate books and other reading materials to public libraries and schools; some work with adults to teach English and/or to improve reading skills; some volunteer their time in the schools to help in whatever ways the local school administrator deems helpful.

The West of the Pecos Republican Women have tried to be of help by sending volunteers to the Alpine Middle School once a week to read with children there, and this program has had an enthusiastic response. Mrs. Martinez described her observations of the children in the program and her efforts to provide appropriate reading materials at all skill levels. Her current statistics show that as children move to the upper grades they seem to lose interest in reading. She praised the work of the volunteers

### A look at child abuse

April is "Child Abuse Prevention Month". Governor George Bush has declared the month of April as a time set aside to recognize those children who suffer and urges recognition of those who put forth a special effort to prevent the violence. Physical, sexual, and emotional abuse as well as neglect, are the four most common types of mistreatment of children.

Hitting, punching, shoving, bruising, or exposing a child to any kind of physical danger are considered forms of physical abuse. Sexual abuse pertains to any sexual advances, both physical and verbal, toward a child.

Emotional abuse, occurs when the child is made to feel inadequate and worthless as a result of another person's hurtful words. This can occur, for example, when a child is told they are "stupid" or "a failure." Emotional abuse is the most common form of child abuse because it is easy to lose your temper and say things you do not mean. It is also the most difficult to identify and prove because the bruises are not visible. They are still there, however, and can remain for a lifetime. Any parent or caregiver can be susceptible to falling prey to emotional abuse. It is so easy to come home from a bad day and yell at your child.

Neglect can cover a large number of areas of abuse. Neglect can include leaving the child alone and unsupervised for long periods of time. There is no "set" age at which a child is old enough to stay alone. You, as a parent, must recognize the level of maturity of your child.

A child who is not provided adequate clothing is also being neglected. For example, a child must have a coat or jacket during the

cold seasons. A child who is ill and not given proper medical attention is most definitely a victim of neglect and abuse. Food and shelter is a must for all children. A child who is deprived of either (or both) suffers from neglect.

An infant can also be abused before birth. A pregnant woman abuses the unborn fetus with the use of cigarettes, alcohol and drugs or by being abused themselves.

Statistics show that child abuse, when not relating to the death of a child, can be harmful throughout the life of the victim. They often carry over the abusive nature into substance abuse, depression, learning disabilities, and/or criminal activity. Children learn what they live and therefore often grow up to abuse their own children and/or spouse, thus creating a continuous cycle of abuse.

According to the National Child Abuse Statistics, there were more than three million reported cases of child abuse in 1998 in the United States. Over one million victims were confirmed, and 1,046 children died as a result of abuse - that is about three deaths a day. Many of those cases were in Texas, according to the Texas

Department of Protective and Regulatory Services. In the state, over 100,000 children were reported abused. Out of the 75,728 investigations of child abuse, over 34,000 were confirmed victims.

Child abuse and neglect occur throughout the year, so people should get involved all year, but April is a good starting point. The State of Texas is working diligently to educate the public and put a stop to the abuse of our children. Remember: Texas children are our future.

### Marfa chamber sets lights festival T-shirt contest

The Marfa Chamber of Commerce announces its annual Marfa Lights T-shirt contest.

Designers are invited to submit a design on paper to the Marfa Chamber by 5 p.m. on Friday, June 10th, 1999.

Designs should mention the Marfa Lights Festival, Marfa, Texas, but without a date or year and can be either black and white or color. The winner of the de-

sign contest will receive two tickets to the Marfa Lights Saturday night concert and two winning design t-shirts.

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Ortiz successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Ortiz and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m. by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Ortiz spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Ortiz and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values - honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Ortiz and fellow recruits ended the training phase with the Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem-solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

Ortiz joins 41,000 men and women who will enter the Marine Corps this year from all over the country.

He is a 1998 graduate of Marathon High School.

Army Pfc. Jose L. Medrano has deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina in support of Operation Joint Forge. The soldier is regularly assigned to Fort Hood, Killeen, Texas, and will serve at one of the various mission support bases and camps in Bosnia-Herzegovina, the Balkans, or other European sites.

Operation Joint Forge, formerly referred to as Operation Joint Guard/Endeavor/Determined Effort, is a NATO-sponsored joint, multinational peacekeeping mis-

sion in Bosnia-Herzegovina, a republic of the former Yugoslavia.

The operation is part of a continuing effort by the United States in support of the United Nations to help maintain peace and stability in the region in compliance with the Balkan Accords.

Medrano, a combat engineer, is the son of Rafaela L. and Ildefonso Medrano of Presidio.

The private is a 1997 Presidio High School graduate.

Marine Pvt. Kevin M. Caughman, son of Robert M. and Sally Caughman of Alpine, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Caughman successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

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## Texas Senators busy passing Bush agenda in legislative session

AUSTIN - As of Monday, the Texas Senate had passed 246 bills and the Texas House had passed only 87, according to the Capital Spotlight newswire.

Bills of importance clearing the Texas Senate include, SB 1 to end social promotion in Texas public schools, SB 7 to deregulate electric utilities and allow for consumer choice and competitive pricing of electricity, SB 37 to provide financial aid for students to attend college, SB 89 to grant areas outside existing city limits more say in annexation, SB 148 to exempt small incorporated businesses from the franchise tax, SB 41 to increase punish-

ment for the sale of illegal drugs that cause death or serious injury, SB 42 to allow drug testing in public schools, SB 30 to require that parents be notified before their minor daughter receives an abortion, SB 86 to prevent "slamming" by long distance companies, SB 114 to lower the blood alcohol concentration to determine DWI offenses, SB 290 to provide tax relief for owners of low production oil and gas wells, and SJR 9 proposing a constitutional amendment to allow the Governor to appoint appellate justices and judges in Texas. Bills of importance that have

cleared the Texas House include HB 2085 to continue the functions of the Texas Department of Health and SB 290 to provide tax relief for owners of low production oil and gas wells.

Many of the bills approved by the Texas Senate reflect a commitment to passage of the governor's agenda.

During his campaign, Governor George Bush pushed to end social promotion in public schools and increase parental rights in the area of abortion. When lower oil prices threaten jobs in the oil patch, he designated SB 290 as emergency legislation.

The Republican majority in the Texas Senate is led by Texas' first Republican Lt. Governor. Lt. Governor Perry and the Senators seem determined to assist Governor Bush pass his agenda.

Many of the Senate bills listed above are now in House committees chaired by Democrats who don't share the same commitment.

The Texas House is under leadership of Speaker Pete Laney, the lone Democrat in state leadership. The Texas House membership includes 78 Democrats and 72 Republicans.

## Summit focuses experts on health issues of rural Texans

Key state leaders, state health regulators, policy experts, and rural health professionals came together in early March to initiate the development of a rural health care agenda for Texas. The Inaugural Texas Rural Health Summit provided a forum for health leaders to begin the process of identifying issues and needs to be addressed in the agenda.

The eighty-five participants collaborated in the establishment of the top five rural health care issues needing immediate attention. The top issues, listed in the order of priority, were: access to primary care, public health infrastructure, legislation affecting rural areas, Rural Community Health System (RCHS), and definitions of Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) and Medically Underserved Areas (MUAs).

## Renowned chemist to speak at SRSU

ALPINE - Dr. Robert Kohn, M.D. Anderson chairman of chemistry at the University of Houston, will present the annual Robert A. Welch lecture Thursday, April 8 at Sul Ross State University.

Kohn will address "Studies on the Mode of Action of the Novel Antibiotic Bicyclomycin" at 2 p.m. in Warnock Science Building, Room 300. The lecture is free and open to the public.

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# Education/Sports



Marfa Kindergarten students learned about roping, riding and branding at last Friday's Cowboy Day. The interdisciplinary, hands-on field trip was the closure of the students' study of the symbols of Texas.

## Kindergarten Cowboy Day learning experience and lots of fun for students

MARFA - The weather held out for last Friday's celebration of Cowboy Day.

Sheri Eppenauer's and Cami Stephens' Kindergarten classes, along with Gifted and Talented teacher, Felicia Martinez, celebrated the closing of their month long study of the symbols of Texas.

The fun filled, hands on learning couldn't have occurred without the help of many folks from the community.

Mem Hall, Penitas Ranch Manager, was the designated "trail boss" for the day. Mem led the students through the branding process, cowboy equipment lecture, team roping exhibition, and stick horse competition.

Cleat Stephens was also on hand to demonstrate team roping and how it evolved from early ranch work into a global sport today.

Rod Brinkman, Vocational Agriculture teacher, brought out his group of Gifted Marfa High School students to team with the Kindergarten class and demonstrate their horsemanship talents.

Randy White, Tooter Robertson, and Aaron Garcia exhibited their talents in team roping.

The students were delighted at Lacy Brinkman's equine stunts with her goat and two dogs. She also ran the barrel race as the students cheered her through the finish line. Liz Brinkman, Mem Hall, and Cleat Stephens performed several other stunts on horseback.

Students were able to see how times have changed from a hundred years ago in cattle transportation, when Andy Allen, Fowlkes Cattle Co., drove out a big truck. Students walked through the trailer and learned how cattle are loaded and transported in present times.

The surprise of the day came when Chelsea Hall lead her reg-

istered Hereford show heifer, Sticker, into the ring for students to pet. Chelsea set the beautiful heifer up in front of the students as if they were the judges.

Cowboy poet and Game Warden, Jim Kitchens added to the taste of cowboy culture with his chuck camp. Early in the morning, the aroma of cowboy coffee, sausage and biscuits filled the fairgrounds and delighted the participants with breakfast. Students were at the tasty cobbler that were offered to them from the cast iron ovens, nestled into the bed of coals.

Mrs. Kitchen's E.S.T.A. class assisted with cooking over the campfire and serving student lunches. These young ladies were Lori Nuñez, Melony Mediano,

Lissette Pallarez, Keli Morales, and Floricita Sainz.

Margaret Knoell photographed each Kindergarten cowboy while sitting on a real saddle. Students will use the photographs in memory books that will be made back in the classroom. The little cowboys will learn how to write letters, as thank you notes will be written and sent to all that helped in the project.

This unit of study was delivered to the students by using interdisciplinary techniques. Each student was involved in active vs. passive learning during the project. This important experience could not have been possible if it had not been for the involvement of individuals from our community, willing to share their talents and time.



Jessica Salgado tries her hand at roping a dummy steer as Chelsea Hall explains the finer points of roping to Joshua Ramos, center, and Junior Catalano, left.

## Marfa's boys golf team continues to improve

FAR WEST TEXAS - The Shorthorn boys' golf team continues to improve with each tournament, moving from last Thursday's fifth place finish at the Iraan Invitational to a third place showing in Van Horn Monday.

Pitted against 14 other teams in Iraan, the Shorthorns' best four scores totaled 348, garnering them fifth place. Chris Baker, who had the longest drive in that tournament, shot an 81, while teammates Ariel Juarez and Ernest Chavez were not far behind with an 84 each. Ernie Villarreal shot a 99 for the day and Gabriel Carrillo ended with a 104.

In Monday's Van Horn tournament, the Shorthorn boys' and girls' each edged out third place finishes against the seven opposing teams. The boys initially tied for second place with the Iraan Braves, but dropped to third after a tie breaking round.

Chris Baker shot a 77 round that qualified him as second medalist for the tournament. Ariel Juarez shot an 84 for the day, while Ernie Villarreal ended with an 88. Ernest Chavez shot a 91 and David Gomez shot 100.

In the girls' action, Mandy Guevara shot a 102 on Monday, while Crystal Cordero took a 112 at the tournament. Bonnie Lujan followed with a 120, Sarah Agan with 125 and Kristine Lujan with a 142.

## Spring forward; Daylight Saving Time returns

FAR WEST TEXAS - With the arrival of the Easter weekend's spiritual re-birth, bunnies, eggs and family festivities, it's also time to spring forward one hour and welcome the return of Daylight Saving Time (DST).

Set your clocks ahead one-hour Saturday night because at 2 a.m. Easter Sunday, DST will spring into effect.

The benefit of DST, according to Geo Systems Global Corp., is that it allows us to have more daylight hours in the evening to pursue outdoor activities.

DST is also believed to save energy use and prevent crime as well.

Benjamin Franklin is attributed with first suggesting the concept of Daylight Saving in a whimsical essay in 1784. DST has been put to use in the U.S. and many European countries since World War I when it was implemented to conserve electricity. Today approximately 70 countries utilize DST in at least a portion of the country.

# Happy Easter!



Marfa Girl Scouts Troop #3 at the Starr Brothers Circus recently with "friendly the boa constrictor." From left, Irish Kilbride, Vanessa Cataño, Caitlin Reece, Andrea Conners, Angela Cordero, Gaellen Kilbride and Megan Ward.

## Carrillo is Tandy scholar

MARFA - Marfa High School senior Gabriel Carrillo, son of Fanny and Ernesto Carrillo, is the recipient of the 1999 RadioShack/Tandy Scholars award in science.

Carrillo was recognized as being in the academic top two percent of graduating seniors who received recognition for their academic achievements out of 17,010 public and private high schools participating nationally in the RadioShack/Tandy Scholars program.

A total of 30,659 meritorious seniors have been recognized as being in the top two percent and will receive a certificate commemorating their achievements. There is no cash award in this category.

Each year, outstanding seniors nominated by their high schools for the RadioShack/Tandy Scholars program are eligible to compete for 100 \$1,000 scholarships that are awarded. States with the greatest numbers of students nominated are California, Illinois, New York, Michigan and Texas.

Celebrating its 10th anniversary, the RadioShack/Tandy Scholars has awarded \$3.5 million and 350,000 certificates of academic excellence. Prize recipients were



Gabriel Carrillo

selected by a panel of distinguished educators and approved by the National Advisory Council.

"Ten years ago, the RadioShack/Tandy Scholars program was created to inspire innovation, quality and competitiveness in math and science," said Leonard Roberts, president and CEO of Tandy Corp/RadioShack. "Today, 83 percent of the secondary schools across the country are enrolled in the program, making RadioShack/Tandy Scholars an extraordinary force in recognizing academic excellence."

## Marfa FFA students compete in career development events

Marfa FFA traveled this past weekend to the Career Development events to compete against teams from all over Texas. Teams from Marfa competed in Dairy Cow judging, Livestock judging and Horse judging.

The dairy cow judging team consists of Ashley Bristow, Loeta Clifford, Jacque Petrosky, Esmeraldo Hinojos and Jessica Rodriguez. Ashley was the only person competing that had experience so we went with a young team. Due to computer problems at the competition, the final placing of the event are unavailable at this time.

The livestock team was started this year and none of the contestants have experience in the event. Joe Muhle made a score of 631, which if multiplied by three (three score are added to achieve the final placing), would have won the contest. He did really well in this very complicated event. Joe plans to major in animal science in college and ranch for a living, so this contest will be very helpful to him.

The other competitors, Chelsea Hall, Maurice Muhle and Ryan Elmore all turned in good scores for their first year, and should do well in the years to come.

The horse judging team, with only one year's experience under their belt, did very well. Of course, having Randy White on the team, last year's horse judging champion of the Texas FFA, didn't hurt our chances. There was a tie for the first high individual at the competition. Randy went on to be the first high individual in elevations. This put the other competitor, Marfa's own Tooter Robertson, in second place, meaning that Marfa claimed first and second high individuals in the contest. The top three scores are used in the contest and their scores plus Lacy Brinkman's placed Marfa in first place in the contest. Aaron Garcia followed along not too far behind to complete a strong Marfa team. Join together in congratulating the teams and wish them well as they travel to Texas Tech in Lubbock on April 10 for the area competitions.

## Easter egg hunt today at Marfa Housing Authority

MARFA - The Marfa Housing Authority will host its third annual Easter Egg Hunt for its toddler residents, ages five and under.

The hunt will begin at 10:30 a.m. today, April 1, in the playground area adjacent to the Community Room at 510 S. Kelly Street. Parents who are participating in the Public Housing and Section 8 programs are encouraged to bring their toddlers for this fun event. Easter treats will be served.

Friday, April 16 will be the Marfa Public Housing Authority's third annual Spring Clean Day for Public Housing residents. Residents with large items that need to be taken to the dump should contact Alma Cabezuela at the Housing office (729-4811) to arrange pick up. The maintenance staff will move these items for residents at no charge from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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**TODAY**  
• MHS boys & girls track & field teams @ the Sandhills Relays, Monahans, 9 a.m.  
• MJHS boys & girls track & field teams @ the Buck Relays, Alpine, 3:45 p.m.

**TUESDAY**  
Shorthorn varsity baseball guys open 1999 district play vs. the Fort Hancock Mustangs, 5 p.m. Marfa time, Fort Hancock.

**COMING UP**  
Thursday, April 8  
The Marfa High School Invitational Golf Tournament.

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The Marfa Tarheels basketball team, front row from left, Coach Terre Ward, Mario Serrano, Michael James Zubiate, Giovanni Carrasco, Robert Lara and Coach Sandi Loomis. Back row from left, John Ward, Grady Vasquez, Josh Guevara, Pat Serrano and Spencer Smith.

### Marfa youth basketball team wins Alpine tourney

By SANDI LOOMIS

ALPINE, MARFA - The Marfa Tarheels, a 5th and 6th grade boys basketball team, won the Mini March Madness Tournament on March 6th.

It was a double elimination tournament held at the Alpine Middle School gym where the Tarheels beat three Alpine teams. These boys played five games that day in order to win the tournament.

The Marfa Tarheels were part of The Little Dribblers League

which was coordinated by Leo Dominguez of Alpine. The tournament was sponsored by Project Alpha, a drug and alcohol awareness group.

The Marfa Tarheels are: Grady Vasquez, Josh Guevara, Michael Zubiate, Mario Serrano, Noel Ornelas, John Ward, Robert Lara, P.J. Serrano, Spencer Smith, Giovanni Carrasco and Paul Cano. The team was coached by Terre Ward and as-

sisted by Sandi Loomis. It was the first time for either women to coach a team. During the regular season, the Tarheels record was 4-2. Each game was played at the new Middle School gym in Alpine.

The Tarheels celebrated their win with a hotdog cookout at the Coffield Park last Sunday afternoon in Marfa. The coaches wish to thank the parents of these boys for their time and efforts in supporting the team.

### Junior Horns look to Alpine after Buena Vista win

IMPERIAL - Look out Alpine! Here come the stampeding Marfa Junior High Shorthorn boys track team fresh from their win at the Buena Vista Relays last Thursday in Imperial.

They're in Alpine this afternoon for the Alpine Middle School Fightin' Buck Relays. Field events get underway at 3:30 at Sul Ross' Jackson Field.

The rampaging junior Horns, who've won their last two meets, zipped along to win all three relays, helping them to a three-point win over the Red Devils Junior High Relays.

Gizmo Ruiz, Ruben Madrid and Wesley Hibbits once again led the team effort, with Ruiz winning first in the long jump, high jump, 100m and 200m dashes. Madrid won the 400m dash and placed 3rd in the long jump, while Hibbits won the 800m run, placed 2nd in the 2,400m run and triple jumped 30'11" for a fourth place finish.

"We ended up only winning the meet by three points," Coach Rueben Trigo said. "Every single point was extremely important."

Weimers, Plasentillo win 800 & 1600 meter runs

### Junior high girls take 3rd in Buena Vista track meet

IMPERIAL - The Marfa Junior High girls track team took third in the Buena Vista Longhorn Invitational Junior High Track Meet last Thursday behind the speed and endurance of Leah Weimers and Mallory Plasentillo, who won the 800 meter and 1600 meter runs.

The junior Shorthorn girls travel to Alpine today for the Alpine Middle School Track Meet which begins this afternoon at 3:30 with field events at Sul Ross' Jackson Field.

Plasentillo finished second to Weimers in the 800 and the two almost traded finishes in the 1600 with Plasentillo running to first and Weimers finishing third. The 1600 relay team of Marcela Machuca, Alicia Hernandez, Chelsea Welch and Sarah Olvera placed second.

Results of the 1999 Longhorn Invitational Junior High Track Meet:

**Team Point Totals:** 1st Marfa Junior High 129; 2nd Rankin 126; 3rd Wink 86; 4th Balmorhea 66; 5th Buena Vista 41; 6th Sanderson 41; 6th Fort Davis 17; 7th Sierra Blanca 14; 8th Marathon 12; 9th Grandfalls 0

**Individual results:**  
**Field Events**  
Shot Put: 7th Johnny Campos 35'2"; dnp Justin Corder 32'3"; dnp Ruben Madrid 31'10"; Discus: dnp Corder 83'9"; dnp Luis Pippen 70'3 1/2"; dnp Javier Castro 70'3"

**Long Jump:** 1st Ruiz 16'11"; 3rd

147 pts.; 2<sup>nd</sup> Crane 8<sup>th</sup> grade 93 pts.; 3<sup>rd</sup> Marfa 79 pts.; 4<sup>th</sup> Crane 7<sup>th</sup> grade 64 pts.; 5<sup>th</sup> Rankin 48 pts.; 6<sup>th</sup> Buena Vista 38 pts.; 7<sup>th</sup> Balmorhea 30 pts.; 8<sup>th</sup> Sanderson 28 pts.; 8<sup>th</sup> Marathon 28 pts.; 9<sup>th</sup> Grandfalls 24 pts.; 10<sup>th</sup> Fort Davis 13 pts.; 11<sup>th</sup> Sierra Blanca 2 pts.

**Individual results:**  
**Field Events:**  
**Triple Jump:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Marcela Machuca 27'9"; 4<sup>th</sup> Alicia Hernandez 27'6 1/2"

**Running Events:**  
**400m Relay:** 4<sup>th</sup> Chelsea Welch, Sarah Olvera, M. Machuca, A. Hernandez 59.17"; **800m Run:** 1<sup>st</sup> Leah Weimers 2:40.75; 2<sup>nd</sup> Mallory Plasentillo 2:50.48; **800m Relay:** 4<sup>th</sup> Welch, Serrano, Machuca, Hernandez 2:04.84; **200m Dash:** 6<sup>th</sup> Kimberly Villanueva 31.34; **1600m Run:** 1<sup>st</sup> Plasentillo 6:17.81; 3<sup>rd</sup> Weimers 6:19.68; **1600m Relay:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Machuca, Welch, Olvera, Hernandez 4:48.39

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**Running Events**  
**Weight Man Relay:** 1st Corder, Pippen, Marco Garcia, J. Campos 59.8; **400m Relay:** 1st Tim Mata, Ruiz, Daniel Campos, Madrid 51.44; **800m Run:** 1st Hibbits 2:29.23; 7th Jaime Juarez 2:43.42; **300m Hurdles:** 5th Adrian Vasquez 55.40; dnp Chris Dominguez 58.1; **100m Hurdles:** 3rd Vasquez 21.47; 6th Mauricio Cabezucla 22.74; dnp Dominguez 23.9; **100m Dash:** 1st Ruiz 12.72; 7th D. Campos 13.7; 6th Mata 13.54; **200m Dash:** 1st Ruiz 26.84; 7th D. Campos 28.42; 8th Wood 28.51; **400m Dash:** 1st Madrid 58.72; 7th Blaylock 64.23; 8th Wood 65.21; **1 Mile Run:** dnp Juarez 6:20; dnp Nathan Garcia 6:28; dnp John Robert Martinez 6:34; **2400m Run:** 2nd Hibbits 9:04.54; 7th John R. Martinez 10:49.36; **1600m Relay:** 1st Mata, Hibbits, Cabezucla, Madrid 4:10.29

### Relay for Life April 16-17 in Alpine; first "banking night" is April 6

The Relay for Life event is fast approaching. The dates are all set for April 16 and 17 at the Sul Ross track field.

The first "Banking Night" will be held on April 6 at 6 p.m. in the community room at First National Bank in Alpine. Team captains need to turn in their team monies, pick up their t-shirts and pick out their tent sites.

Another "Banking Night" will be held on April 15 at the same time and in the same place. We are urging everyone to turn in their monies as early as possible to avoid the rush.

For more information, please call Marvie Burton at 837.2594, Cathy Dart at 837.1184 or Shirley Eoff at 837.5190.

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### Madrid shares memories of playing in 1978 THSCA all-star football game

By ARTHUR SPRAGG

MARFA - Twenty years ago, the Shorthorn football team had a season that coaches, players, parents and fans dream about, one that in many ways resembled Marfa's return to winning ways last season.

Many honors were bestowed on Coach Jim Bartlett's 11-2 Horn herd, which lost by just a few points in a hard-fought bi-district game to the eventual Class A state champion, the Seagraves Eagles.

And just like the 1998 edition of the Shorthorns, 1978's team had a talented pool of players, including Glenn Madrid, who was chosen to play in the Texas High School Coaches Association (THSCA) all-star game at the Houston Astrodome.

"It was like déjà vu watching these kids this year," Madrid said Monday as he reflected upon and compared his team's successes with the 1998 Shorthorns who helped return Marfa to gridiron respectability.

One of the main factors in Marfa's super '98 season was THSCA all-star selection, tight-end/defensive end Jonathan Muhle, who will represent Marfa at TCU Stadium in late July as one of only five Class A members picked to play with some of the best players in Texas.

The game features the state's top players from class 1A through 5A, divided into North and South teams.

Madrid's north squad, which was loaded with several future college stars and NFL professional players, defeated the South 7-6.

Among the many outstanding players Madrid would play with was Wall linebacker Clayton Weishuhn, who would go on to star for Angelo State and later the New England Patriots. Mike Baab, the north center, played for the Cleveland Browns.

Lubbock Monterey's outstand-

ing quarterback Ron Reeves would later lead the offense for Texas Tech. Then there were area standouts like Blake Moody of Ozona, Tate Randle of Fort Stockton and Tommy Sager of Odessa Permian.

"(Jonathan) should enjoy the game, he sure won't forget it," Madrid said. "He's going to play with the best of the best."

"Jonathan has good size and quickness," said Madrid, who was actually picked to play in the game as a defensive lineman, but ended up at his familiar guard position during the game. "He'll make a good defensive lineman or maybe even a linebacker with his speed."

Madrid had some advice to pass along to Muhle who has signed to play for the NCAA Division II Angelo State Rams next fall.

"Get along with your teammates and enjoy yourself," he said. "But remember, they may call practice half-speed, but it wasn't."

"There are too many guys trying to show off what they've got and practice was anything but half-speed," Madrid said. "You're going to be on your own in practice and the game. Your (Marfa) teammates aren't going to be there with you."

"It's a plus if your parents get to go," Madrid said, "and it is an honor to play and represent Marfa."

For Madrid, the game was a series of firsts, eye-opening realizations, coincidences and an altogether too quick ending to his career as a football player.

"It was my first flight on an airplane, from Midland/Odessa to Houston," Madrid said. "We played the game on my 18th birthday."

And if those events weren't enough of an enlightening rush, Madrid also made another discovery.

After playing with a dominating Shorthorn line whose players

weight "was between 250-260 pounds," and averaged 6'2" in height, Madrid found he was playing next to "monsters" who were 6'5" and taller, who tipped the scales with playing weights well over 260 pounds.

"They were all college recruits, blue chip players," Madrid said with a hint of both awe and regret in his voice. He said that although there were chances for him to play at area colleges, none offered a scholarship and he watched as national signing day came and passed him by.

Madrid now has a successful construction business in Marfa, where he lives with his wife, Ellie Mayer, and their son, Zachary. Madrid is the son of Estela Madrid of Marfa.

The THSCA game may have been a last hurrah for Madrid as a high school football star, but what a way to go out.

He said he has fond memories of the all-star game and especially his senior year spent playing alongside some lifelong friends.

The Cobos twins, David and Raymond, were tackles, with Fidel Vasquez and Madrid at guard. Center Wil Cross anchored the line.

The team was legendary locally for its formidable size, strength and ability.

They opened holes for backs Rink Polson, Kerry Barnett and quarterback Manuel Mendoza. Madrid said.

Other Shorthorn teammates he remembers are defensive back Fred Martinez and ends Paul Salgado and Jay Buson.

"Coach (Jay) Foster was good to us because he always told us what was going on and talked to us when none of the other coaches would," Madrid said.

"We had a great team and our season was a lot like the one these kids had this year," Madrid said with pride and resolve.



Marfa's Ronnie Garcia prepares to dive into home plate against the Van Horn Eagles Tuesday. The Horns lost the game 11-7, although Coach John Ward says of his young team, "We hit the ball well and we are improving."

### Shorthorn track teams take fifth in Imperial

IMPERIAL - The Shorthorn's high school boys' and girls' track teams took fifth place each at the Longhorn Invitational track meet in Imperial last Friday. Though the weather was windy and chilly, Coach Hibbits maintained that the weather had little impact on performances throughout the day.

"Jonathan Muhle placed second in the shot with his best throw of the year, 44'1", Hibbits said. "Nobody from Marfa has thrown better in the last 13 years."

In his first ever high jump competition, Kyle Muhle leaped 5'4" for third place and Luis Madrid picked up a silver medal in the 400 meter run.

One gold medal came with the Weight Man Relay, Hibbits continued. "You take your best field event men that do not participate in running events and make up a 4x100 meter relay team," the coach explained. The Marfa team of Michael Spencer, Waylon Hernandez, Gabriel Vasquez and Damian Carrillo outdistanced the competition for the gold. "Those boys were really moving," said Hibbits. "We usually get to run this event only one time a year and this was it."

Results for the boys' teams include:

**Shot put**  
Jonathan Muhle, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 44' 1"; Michael Spencer, 5<sup>th</sup>, 39' 5"

**Long Jump**  
Luis Madrid, 4<sup>th</sup>, 18' 3.75"

**Weight man relay**  
Michael Spencer, Waylon Hernandez, Gabriel Vasquez, Damian Carrillo, 1st

**High Jump**  
Kyle Muhle, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5' 4"

**Triple Jump**  
Coy Jennings, 5<sup>th</sup>, 36' 10.5"; Auden Flores, 6<sup>th</sup>, 36' 10"

**400 meter relay**  
James Mata, Jonathan Muhle, Alex Acosta, Ronnie Garcia, 4<sup>th</sup>, 46.96

**800 meter run**  
Coy Jennings, 4<sup>th</sup>, 2:18.84

**110 meter hurdles**  
Eddie Pallarez, 6<sup>th</sup>, 19.32

**100 meter dash**  
Alex Acosta, 5<sup>th</sup>, 12:39;

Jonathan Muhle, 6<sup>th</sup>, 12:45

**400 meter relay**  
Luis Madrid, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 52:23

**300 meter hurdles**  
Eddie Pallarez, 6<sup>th</sup>, 46:40

**200 meter run**  
Ronnie Garcia, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 25:14

**1600 meter run**

Manuel Hernandez, 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:36.57

**1600 meter relay**  
David Hooser, Coy Jennings, Ronnie Garcia, Avis Madrid, 4<sup>th</sup>, 3:44.06

Other boys who participated in the Imperial meet included Lawrence Rivera, Mark Lujan, Eric Valenzuela and Paul Carrasco.

Results from the girls' events included:

**Triple Jump**  
Adriana Villanueva, 6<sup>th</sup>, 28' 10.75"

**Long Jump**  
Adriana Villanueva, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 13' 11.25"; Lorinda Carrillo, 5<sup>th</sup>, 13' 6.75"

**400 meter relay**  
Stacey Hibbits, Jennifer Sanchez, Adriana Villanueva, Amber Serrano, 6<sup>th</sup>, 57:92

**Shot put**  
Monica Aguilar, 4<sup>th</sup>, 28' 11.5"

**100 meter run**  
Stacey Hibbits, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 14:97

**800 meter relay**  
Adriana Villanueva, Jennifer Sanchez, Lyneta James, Lorinda Carrillo, 5<sup>th</sup>, 2:08.37

**1600 meter relay**  
Stacey Upshaw, Lorinda Carrillo, Lauren Martinez, Stacey Hibbits, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5:18.24

## Native American storyteller to perform at Sul Ross, Monday

ALPINE - Native American storyteller Debra Earling will present "The Stories We Tell Ourselves" at the Kokemot Amphitheater (the old outdoor theater under the cottonwoods) at 7 p.m. Monday, April 5.

Earling, who teaches creative writing and Native American studies at the University of Montana, Missoula, will discuss the art of storytelling and will read from her published work. The performance is sponsored by the Sul Ross State University Access and Equity Committee and Program Council as a kick-off ceremony for the second Celebrating our Heritage Festival, scheduled Thursday, April 8 in the University Center.

A member of the Confederated Salish Kootenai tribe and a published writer, Earling's work has

been anthologized in *The Last Best Place: A Montana Anthology*, *Talking Leaves: An Anthology of Contemporary Native American Short Stories*, *Circle of Women: Anthology of Western Women Writers*, *Wild Women: Anthology of Women Writers*, *Re-Inventing the Enemy's Language: An Anthology of Native Women Writers*, and *Song of the Turtle II: Native American Writing 1974-1994*. Her work has also appeared in *Ploughshares*, *North-east Indian Quarterly*, and *North-ern Lights*.

She was a recent writer in residence at the College of Santa Fe and a member of the faculty at the 1998 Yellow Bay Writer's Workshop at Flathead Lake, Montana. Earling received a master's of fine arts from Cornell University in 1992.



(photo by ROBERT ARMENDARIZ) Riata Motel owners J.L. Stewart, right middle, Virginia Stewart, left middle, son Benet Stewart, left and manager Joyce Leek, right, celebrated the new motel's grand opening last Sunday.

## Big Bend Park seeks youth for summer job program

Big Bend National Park is recruiting for four Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) employees, ages 15 through 18, for an eight-week program. The program begins June 7 and ends July 30, 1999, and will focus on maintenance and recycling projects throughout the park.

Individuals selected for the summer program will earn wages and benefits of \$5.15 per hour and will work 40 hours per week, Monday through Friday. Participants will spend approximately one day per week involved in environmental education activities.

Applicants should be in good physical health. Housing is not available, so participants must be able to provide their own transportation daily to and from the park, or make personal arrangements for lodging within or nearby the park. Meals are also the re-

sponsibility of the participants. "The students will perform outdoor work alongside adult crew members during the hottest time of the year," Superintendent Jose A. Cisneros said. "It is a great opportunity for young people to gain some exposure to the National Park Service. However, applicants should be prepared to work hard."

The Youth Conservation Corps is a federal summer employment program administered by the Department of the Interior. It is designed for young men and women, working together to help maintain and conserve natural and cultural resources.

For information or an application form, contact the Personal Office at (915) 447-1117 or the division of facility Management at (915) 477-1111. Applications must be postmarked by May 1, 1999. The National Park Service is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

## Judge

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bench of the 83rd until a gubernatorial appointment is made.

Bush gets to make two judicial appointments in West Texas as 119th Judge John Sutton of San Angelo announced his retirement this summer.

Said Chief Justice Richard Barajas of the Eighth District Court of Appeals in El Paso: "Judge Alex Gonzalez has been a fixture in the Trans-Pecos legal community for many years, and his absence due to his retirement will be a loss for the various counties."

"I will always be indebted to him for the many opportunities he afforded me as a young attorney in Fort Stockton. During the period that I served as District Attorney for the 83rd Judicial District, he personally treated me with the utmost respect, understanding that my role as the elected prosecutor we to simply do justice."

"The Justices of the Texas Court of Appeals in El Paso wish him well in his retirement," Barajas said.

Gonzalez was the first Hispanic appointed and elected as 83rd judge.

He served in the U.S. Navy for four years after his graduation from Fort Stockton High School. During his military service and being bilingual in English and Spanish, he was an interpreter for his officers in Argentina, Peru, Panama and Uruguay, according to the book, "First Find the Courthouse," a history of the 83rd State Judicial District, authored by Mary Katherine Metcalfe Earney of Georgetown and formerly of Marfa.

He later was assistant to U.S. Rep. Richard White in Washington, D.C., and served in the congressman's Austin office. He also was an executive officer with the Peace Corps in Peru for two years.

Gonzalez attended Sul Ross State University in Alpine, the American University in Washington and received his doctorate in

jurisprudence from the University of Texas at Austin School of Law. After that he returned to Fort Stockton and opened a successful private law practice until his appointment to the bench.

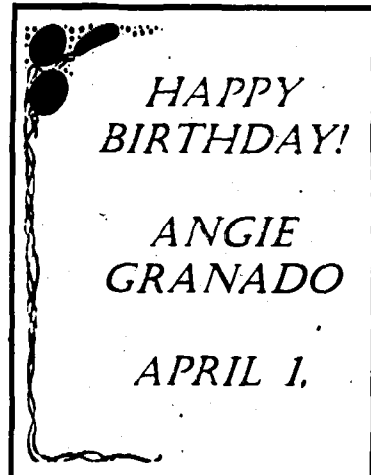
A lifelong member of the Democrat Party of Texas, Gonzalez in later years became disgruntled with the party's platform and its internal politics and switched to the Republican Party several years ago.

The judge never shied from controversy. In a move that angered many area folks and law enforcement officers at the time, Gonzalez removed from office Presidio County Sheriff Rick Thompson in early 1992 after Thompson was indicted on narcotics trafficking charges by a Pecos federal grand jury. The judge then appointed then-Justice of the Peace Abe Gonzalez, no relation, as sheriff.

Thompson's attorney argued that action violated his client's due process, since Thompson had been indicted but not convicted.

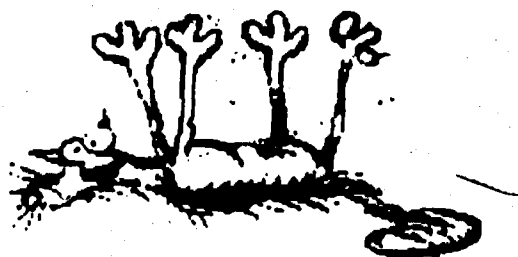
The judge said Thompson had committed official misconduct by getting indicted. He added that it was in the best interest of Presidio County residents and law enforcement to remove the sheriff from office pending the outcome of the situation.

Thompson pled guilty to possessing more than one ton of cocaine and is serving a sentence of life in prison.



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## El Paso museum offers free music

EL PASO - The El Paso Museum of Art, Time Warner Communications, and the Bravo Network announce the April lineup of performers for Second Saturdays at the Museum.

The April 10 performance will feature classical guitar by James Clarkston at 2 p.m., original guitar music by Dan Lambert at 2:30 p.m., and music by the Charlie Russell Trio at 3:30 p.m.

On the second Saturday of each month, performers will provide free entertainment beginning at 2 p.m. in the Arts Festival Plaza surrounding the Museum.

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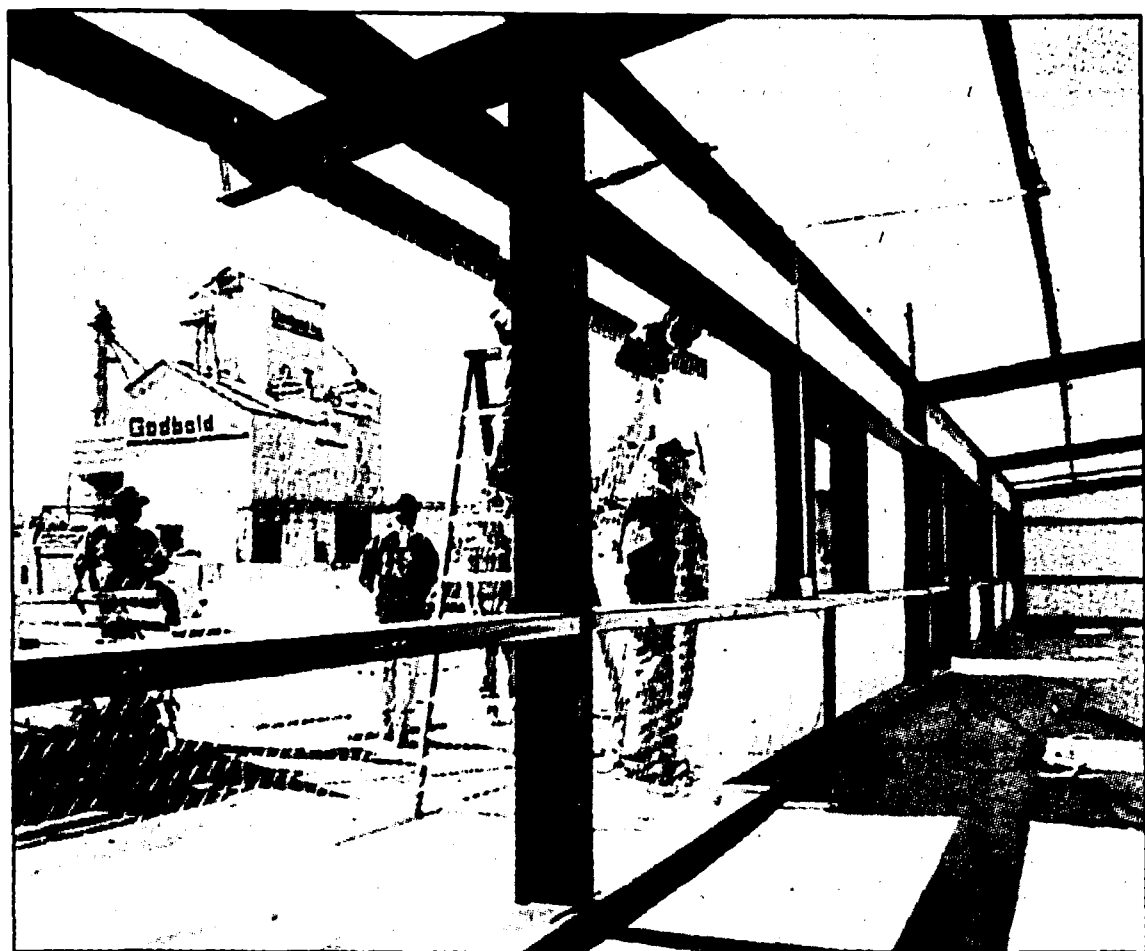
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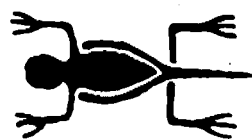


(photo by ROBERT ARMENDARIZ)  
The new Godbold Feeds construction site is a flurry of activity recently with the addition of a new showroom.

**DEATHS**

**Hindman**

Vernon Wayne Hindman, 74, a long time area resident, died Friday, March 26, 1999, in a Midland hospital.  
Military graveside services were at 10 a.m. Monday at Elm Grove Cemetery in Alpine, under the direction of Geeslin Funeral Home. He was born July 27, 1924, in Greensburg, KS. At the age of 11 he moved to Marathon, where he graduated from high school. He moved to Alpine before serving in World War II in the US Army. He worked as a security officer at the Los Alamos, N.M., National Laboratory, retiring in 1978. He and his wife, the former Beatrice Matthews, returned to Alpine in 1979. He was a member of the American Legion.  
Survivors include his wife, Beatrice Hindman of Alpine.



**Hudson**

Vernon M. Hudson, 87, of Presidio died Saturday, March 27, 1999, while traveling in Sierra Vista, Ariz.  
Private family services have been held. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Hatfield Funeral Home Inc., of Sierra Vista.  
He was born August 10, 1911, in Claude, Tex. He worked for many years for the U.S. Government as a weatherman in Albuquerque, N.M., Lubbock and Conifer, Colorado. He moved to Presidio in 1995. He was very creative, and enjoyed working with his hands. He was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy Hudson in 1994 and his only son, Edward Hudson in 1996.  
Survivors include his daughter-in-law, Carolyn Jensen of Iowa; his caretaker, Lorena Quiroz and his good friends, Glen and Cindy Woods of Colorado.  
In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Vernon's name to the American Heart Association.

**Mendoza**

Teofilo O. Mendoza Sr., 60, of Presidio, died Tuesday, March 23, 1999, in a Lubbock hospital.  
Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Mision Apostolica de la Fe en Cristo Jesus in Presidio with the Pastor Efraim Gallegos officiating. Burial followed in Desert Hills Cemetery, under the direction of Memorial Funeral Home of Marfa.  
He was born Jan. 8, 1939, in Estacion La Mula, Chihuahua, Mexico. He had lived in a truck for 25 years and was a truck driver for Valley Farms. He was a member of Mision Apostolica de la Fe en Cristo Jesus.  
Survivors include his wife of 32 years, Martha G. Mendoza of Presidio; three daughters, Isabel Torres, Marina Marroquin and Imelda Mendoza, all of Austin; two sons, Teofilo Mendoza Jr. of Austin and Joe Andrew Mendoza of Presidio; a brother, Rodolfo Mendoza of Presidio; and seven grandchildren.

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Bids for the following work are invited:

Furnish and Install approximately 2400 linear feet of 4 inch polyethylene pipe, 3 each 4 inch PE valves, necessary fittings, locator wire, bores, bore and casing, testing, and clean up.

Bid/Contract Documents, including drawings and technical specifications are on file at the office of Joe K. Wells Jr., P.E., 2206 Greenlee, Austin, Texas 78703 or at the Southwest Texas Municipal Gas Corporation office and may be obtained by paying a \$25 nonrefundable payment for each set of documents obtained.

A bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid issued by an acceptable surety shall be submitted by each bidder. A certified check or bank draft payable to Southwest Texas Municipal Gas Corporation may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond.

Southwest Texas Municipal Gas Corporation reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. Bids may be held by SWTMGC for a period not to exceed 30 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidders qualifications prior to the contract award.

SWTMGC - March 18, 25 & April 1

## Southwest Texas Municipal Gas Corporation is requesting bids for a new 1999 pickup truck as follows:

1. One-ton two wheel drive
2. Cab and chassis (no-truck bed)
3. 350/351 cubic inch motor
4. 5 speed transmission with overdrive
5. Cruise control
6. 4.10 rear axle ratio
7. White color
8. Cloth seats
9. AM/FM stereo with cassette
10. Air conditioner
11. Heavy duty radiator
12. Four-LT 245/75R-16E tires and spare
13. High capacity air cleaner
14. All other standard equipment

All bids shall include tax and license, and considered drive-away bid.

Bids will be accepted through March 29, 1999, and opened as soon as practical thereafter. Southwest Texas Municipal Gas Corporation reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Bids should be mailed to Southwest Texas Municipal Gas Corporation, P.O. Box 659, Alpine, Texas, or delivered in person to 111 North Second Street, Alpine, Texas.

SWTMGC - March 18, 25 & April 1

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Application has been made to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a beer and wine retailer's permit and a food and beverage certificate doing business as Tumbleweed Grill, located at 500 E. San Antonio St., Marfa, Presidio County, Texas. Applicant and owner is Tumbleweed Grill Inc. Officer's of Corporation are Laura Ann Suehs, President, Gregory Daniel Garcia, Secretary-treasurer.

TG - April 1 & 8

## FOR SALE by SEALED BID

Lots 4&5, Block 5, Holmes #2 Addition, Town of Marfa.

These lots, to be sold as one, measure 160 feet by 120 feet, and are located at the corner of North Highland Avenue and Second Street.

Sealed bids will be accepted until noon on Tuesday, April 6, 1999. Bids should be addressed and mailed to:

First United Methodist Church  
c/o Carolyn Renfroe  
P.O. Box 1508  
Marfa, TX 79843  
Minimum bid: \$10,000.

3/18-25 & 4-1/99

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Region 18 Education Service Center is issuing three (3) "Open Catalog" bids on behalf of approximately forty-one (41) Texas school districts. The bid categories are:

1. School and office supplies, instructional materials and furniture
2. Computer hardware, software, supplies and accessories
3. PE and athletic supplies and equipment

Bids will be received until 2 p.m., May 14, 1999, at Region 18 ESC, P.O. Box 60580 or 2811 LaForce Blvd., Midland, TX 79711. Bids will be opened and recorded as they are received. All bids, meeting the bid criteria, will be formally approved by the Region 18 ESC Purchasing Committee at a special meeting to be held after all bids have been received and recorded at the above address.

Bid forms are available from Gary Bond, Region-18 ESC at P.O. Box 60580, Midland, TX 79711. Please call 915-567-3258 should you have any questions. GB - April 1 & 8

## PUBLIC NOTICE

This announcement is made pursuant of Public Law 105-220, 105th Congress, dated August 7, 1998, known as the Workforce Investment Act of 1998. The Upper Rio Grande Workforce Development Board has published and made available for public review and comment, the five-year Strategic, Operational, and Categorical plans for delivery of workforce development services to economically disadvantaged persons and dislocated workers residing in the Upper Rio Grande Workforce Development Area which is comprised of the following Texas Counties: Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, and Presidio. The purpose of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 is to consolidate, coordinate, and improve employment, training, literacy, and vocational rehabilitation programs in the United States. The purpose of the workforce development programs are to assist eligible applicants to increase literacy and educational levels, bilingual academic and vocational skills, attain youth competencies, vocational/occupational skills, job search training and experience, and demonstrated coordination with other community agencies. The delivery of services under this plan will take place during the period July 1, 1999, through June 30, 2000. The purpose of the training is to provide participants with entrance into and upward mobility in the private sector job market. Persons desiring to examine the plan summary or final plan may do so by contacting the Plans Section of the Upper Rio Grande Workforce Development Board (915) 771-8812 extension 222 or 5919 Brook Hollow, El Paso, Texas 79925 or 211 West Holland, Suite 201, Alpine, Texas 79830 (915) 827-2108. TDD number for hearing impaired is (915) 772-3643. Miimi Purnell Consulting Executive Director URGDFC - March 18, 25, April 1 & 8

## PUBLIC NOTICE

National Park Concessions Inc. (NPCI) proposes to build a restroom/office facility (NPCI Restroom/office facility) adjacent to the Chisos Mountain Lodge in the Chisos Basin within Big Bend National Park (BBNP). The project area encompasses approximately 3,000 sq.ft. within the Basin area. NPCI and BBNP are required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 to provide visitor facilities which meet the requirements established by the Act. Currently, no restroom facilities exist within the immediate vicinity of the Lodge that are fully accessible to the disabled. The nearest facility is in excess of 300 feet from the Lodge, located at the Chisos Basin Visitor Contact Station. After completion, this facility will provide fully accessible restrooms at the main Lodge structure. The accessible office area will relocate management activities not related to the lobby's registration/reservation activities (i.e., accounting, supervisory and management functions). The proposed site is within an area which has been completely disturbed by previous construction. This area was excavated to bedrock in the 1960's and has served as a staging area for past construction activities within the Basin. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) directs the National Park Service (NPS) to consider the environmental consequences of projects such as that proposed by NPCI. In doing so, the NPS has determined that an Environmental Assessment (EA) for NPCI's proposed project is required. Horizon Environmental Services, Inc. (Horizon) has been selected to prepare the EA. Preparation of the EA includes Public Scoping to solicit comments on the proposed project. I invite you to participate by mailing your comments on NPCI's proposed project to the following address: Mr. Zane N. Homesley, Horizon Environmental Services Inc., P.O. Box 162017, Austin, TX 78716-2017. Comments must be postmarked or received by Horizon by 29 April 1999. Moreover, comments must also be as specific as possible and contain the following: 1. Name, address and (if possible) telephone number; 2. Title of project you are commenting on ("NPCI Restroom/Office Facility"); and 3. Specific facts of comments along with supporting arguments that you believe should be considered by the NPS before reaching a final decision on the EA and NPCI's proposed project. HESI - April 1 & 8

## Marfa/Presidio County Museum Thrift Shop

### HOURS:

1:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday

## Marfa ISD cafeteria menus

Monday - Friday, April 5 - 9

**BREAKFAST** **LUNCH**  
Monday  
No school • Unused inclement weather day

**Tuesday**  
Potato-chorizo burrito or cereal & toast  
Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, tossed salad, whole kernel corn, gravy, bread

**Wednesday**  
Scrambled eggs & toast or cereal & toast  
Spaghetti w/meat balls, tossed salad, pears, Texas toast

**Thursday**  
Pancakes or cereal & toast  
Baked seasoned chicken, green beans, carrot sticks, bread, hot spiced apples

**Friday**  
Scrambled eggs & chorizo or cereal & toast  
Asado, Spanish rice, refried beans, tossed salad, flour tortilla, fruit Jello

(Milk served with all meals. Juice served with all breakfasts. Menus subject to change.)



Rep. Pete Gallego, center, was recently honored by Big Bend People and Goats. Pictured with him, from left to right, are Lisa Hedrick, John Kuenstler and BJ Edwards.

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915-729-4342 or  
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Marfa, TX 79843



## CUSTOMER NOTICE

Big Bend Telephone Company, Inc. (Big Bend or the Company) has filed a request with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) seeking approval to offer several new optional Custom Calling Services. These optional services will be offered to residential and business customers where technically feasible.

The new optional Custom Calling Services are as follows:

- Call Forward Busy-Line** allows the incoming calls to a line in use to be automatically forwarded to another telephone number (within a facility's capabilities).
- Call Forward Don't Answer** allows incoming calls not answered, after a customer designated period, to be automatically forwarded to another telephone number (within a facility's capabilities).
- Call Forward-Remote Access** permits customers who subscribe to Call Forward Universal to activate, deactivate, or change the forward-to number from any telephone with a "\*" and "#" key.
- Call Hold** permits a customer to put a call on hold, then continue the conversation from the same set or another telephone.
- Cancel Call Waiting** permits a customer to cancel the Call Waiting function for the duration of one call. Incoming calls will receive a busy signal.
- Long Distance Alert** permits the customer to identify incoming long distance calls by a distinctive ring or call waiting tone, if applicable.
- Make Set Busy** permits a customer to make their telephone line appear busy to all incoming calls. Outgoing calls can be placed while this feature is activated.
- Speed Calling** permits a customer to place calls to specific telephone numbers by dialing a one or two digit code instead of the complete telephone number. 30 or 50-number capacity is available.
- Subscriber-Activated Call Blocking** permits the customer to block certain types of outgoing calls, such as toll calls that use access codes. This feature can be overridden or deactivated by separate codes.
- Teen Service** permits a single line to be assigned a primary and up to three secondary numbers. Distinctive rings identify incoming calls. Any or all numbers can be listed in the telephone directory. Extra listing charges would apply for multiple listings.
- Teen Service Select Call Forwarding** can activate call forwarding to Teen Service secondary numbers by use of a Personal Identification Number (PIN)
- Enhanced Custom Calling Services:** (Features denoted by \*\*\* cannot function if a call originates from a central office that is not equipped for Enhanced Custom Calling Services.)
  - \*\*\***Call Block (Selective Call Rejection)** permits a customer to block incoming calls from up to 31 designated telephone numbers, including unknown telephone numbers if the feature is activated immediately after the call is terminated.
  - \*\*\***Call Return (Automatic Redial)** permits the customer to automatically redial the telephone number of the last incoming call. If the redialed number is a toll call, a recording will prompt the customer with options to complete the toll call or hang up.
  - \*\*\***Priority Call (Distinctive Ringing)** permits the customer to pre-select up to 31 telephone numbers that can give a distinctive alerting signal, ring or Call Waiting tone.
  - Customer Originated Call Trace** permits the customer to activate a trace of the last completed incoming call immediately after the call is terminated, by dialing a code.
  - Repeat Dialing (Automatic Callback)** permits the customer to automatically redial the last outgoing telephone number.
  - Select Call Acceptance** permits a customer to select up to 31 telephone numbers from which the customer is receiving calls to be the only calls transmitted to the customer.
  - Select Call Forwarding** permits the customer to forward only incoming calls from up to 31 specified telephone numbers. If the selected forward-to number is not a local number, toll fees will apply.
  - Caller ID Services:** (All these services require the customer to have a Caller ID unit.)
    - Anonymous Call Rejection (ACR)** allows the customer to automatically reject all calls that have been marked anonymous by the calling party.
    - Calling Name Delivery (CNAM)** allows the Caller ID subscriber to identify the calling party by a displayed name that appears between the first and second ring before the call is answered.
    - Calling Number Delivery (CND)** allows the transmission of the Calling Party Number (CPN) between the first and second ring.
    - Call Waiting ID** allows for the display of the name and/or number of a new caller when a person is already speaking on the telephone. Customers subscribing to this service must also subscribe to Calling Number or Calling Name Delivery and Call Waiting.
  - Miscellaneous Services:**
    - Line Status Verification** is a service where an operator determines the condition of a line that a customer requests to be checked.
    - Busy Line Interrupt** is a service where an operator interrupts a conversation in progress to determine if a customer is willing to establish a conversation with an alternate party.

In association with the deployment of Caller ID Services, "per-call blocking" and "per-line blocking" will be automatically available, free of charge, to all Big Bend customers. "Blocking" prevents your name and number from appearing on someone's Caller ID unit. You may block your name and number on a per-call basis using per-call blocking, by simply pressing \*67 on a touch tone phone or dial 1167 on a rotary phone before dialing the telephone number. You may automatically block your name and number on every call by requesting per-line blocking from Big Bend Telephone Company. You can unblock your name and number, free of charge, on a single call by dialing \*82 or 1182 on your phone before dialing. Per-line blocking will be automatically reactivated at the end of the single "unblocked" call. It is not necessary to subscribe to Caller ID to have any of these services.

The proposed effective date for the new services is May 1, 1999. The estimated annual revenue increase is \$75,004 for the first year of service. The following monthly rates have been proposed for these new services:

SERVICE	MONTHLY RATE	
	Residence	Business
<b>CUSTOM CALLING SERVICES:</b>		
Call Forward Busy-Line	\$1.00	\$2.00
Call Forward Don't Answer	\$1.00	\$2.00
Call Forward Remote Access	\$2.00	\$3.00
Call Hold	\$1.00	\$1.25
Cancel Call Waiting	\$1.00	\$1.25
Long Distance Alert	\$2.50	\$3.00
Make Set Busy	\$1.00	\$1.25
Speed Calling	\$1.00	\$1.25
Subscriber Activated Call Blocking	\$2.00	\$3.00
Teen Service	\$5.00	\$8.00
Teen Service Select Call Forwarding	\$1.00	\$1.25
<b>Feature Discount</b>		
Applies to the second charged feature and each additional feature subscription	(\$2.25)	(\$5.00)
<b>ENHANCED CUSTOM CALLING SERVICES:</b>		
Call Block (Selective Call Rejection)	\$2.00	\$3.00
Call Return (Automatic Recall)	\$3.00	\$4.00
Customer Originated Call Trace, per successful trace	\$10.00	\$10.00
Priority Call (Distinctive Ringing)	\$2.50	\$3.00
Repeat Dialing (Automatic Callback)	\$2.00	\$4.00
Select Call Acceptance	\$2.00	\$3.00
Select Call Forwarding	\$2.00	\$2.65
<b>Feature Discount</b>		
Applies to the second charged feature and each additional feature subscription	(\$2.25)	(\$5.00)
<b>CALLER ID SERVICES:</b>		
Anonymous Call Rejection	\$1.00	\$1.00
Calling Name Delivery	\$4.95	\$7.00
Calling Number Delivery	\$4.95	\$7.00
Calling Number Delivery AND Calling Name Delivery	\$6.50	\$8.50
Calling Number Delivery OR Calling Name Delivery with Anonymous Call Rejection	\$6.00	\$8.00
Calling Number Delivery and Calling Name Delivery with Anonymous Call Rejection	\$7.00	\$9.00
<b>MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES:</b>		
Line Status Verification, per occurrence	\$1.35	\$1.35
Busy Line Interrupt, per occurrence	\$2.20	\$2.20
Persons with questions or who want additional information regarding these proposed new optional services may contact Big Bend Telephone Company, Inc., at 1-800-592-4781.		
This matter has been assigned <b>Tariff Control No. 20536</b> . Persons who wish to intervene in or comment on these proceedings should notify the PUC not later than April 20, 1999. All requests to intervene should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. For information on intervening, please call the PUC at 1-888-782-8477 or 512-936-7120. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the PUC at 512-936-7136.		

## AVISO

Big Bend Telephone Company, Inc. sometio una solicitud a la Comision de Utilidades Publicas de Texas (PUC) buscando aprobacion para la instalacion de reditos, terminos, y condiciones del servicio nuevo descrito en los siguientes parrafos. Esta solicitud se asigno con el Numero de Control 20536. Estos servicios seran disponible a todos los clientes residenciales y comerciales, donde permita la facilidad tecnica, menos en servicios pagados o telefonos publicos.

**Enhanced Custom Calling Services - Servicios Especializados de Bloqueo de Llamadas y Rechazo de Llamadas Selectiva** permite al cliente bloquear una llamada o llamadas hasta un maximo de 31 numeros especificados. El bloqueo de llamadas funciona como un servicio monitor para el cliente. El cliente puede crear una lista de numeros oprimiendo un codigo de activacion. En adiccion si el cliente recibe una llamada indeseada de un numero desconocido puede bloquear llamadas futuras de este numero marcando "Bloqueo de Llamada" usando el codigo para la activacion del bloqueo inmediatamente despues de que termine la llamada. El equipo de la compania revisara todas las llamadas y bloqueara las llamadas que aparecen en la lista del cliente. Las llamadas bloqueadas son dirigidas a un anuncio gravado que avisa al llamador que el partido llamado no desea recibir la llamada. La llamada se completara si el origen de la llamada es de una oficina central que no esta equipada con las funciones de este servicio especializado (Enhanced custom Calling).

**Call Return (Automatic Recall) Recobro de Llamadas** permite al cliente que automaticamente recupere el numero de esa llamada marcando un codigo que activa el proceso. Si el numero esta ocupado el equipo de la compania vigilara por un maximo de 30 minutos en el atentado de establecer la llamada. Cuando las dos lineas estan libres se notifica al cliente con un sonido distinto al regular y cuando levanta el receptor se completa la llamada. Cuando la llamada recobrada es de portazgo se le avisa al cliente por medio de una grabacion y se dara la opcion de continuar y completar la llamada o de colgar y no incurrir cargos de portazgo. El recobro de llamadas no opera si el origen es de una oficina central que no esta equipada con esta funcion. Adicionalmente esta opcion no trabaja cuando el numero del partido se sometio a Call Forwarded, o sea una llamada con programacion de envio a otro numero.

**Customer Originated Call Trace- Trazo Originado por el Cliente de la Ultima Llamada** permite al cliente el trazo de la ultima llamada completada a su numero. El cliente activa el trazo inmediatamente despues que termina la llamada. Este servicio se cobra unicamente cada vez que se lleva a cabo la identificacion de una llamada y despues se le avisa al cliente por grabacion que se completo este servicio. El equipo de la Compania archivara los detalles de la llamada. Si la llamada se interrumpe por Call Waiting antes de la activacion del trazo, Call Waiting se considera la ultima llamada y sera identificada. Detalles de la llamada no incluye grabacion de conversacion.

**Priority Call (Distinctive Ringing) Llamada de Prioridad con sonido distinguido.** Este servicio permite al cliente seleccionar de ante mano el maximo de 31 numeros que se les pueda dar sonido distinto de alerta, o sonido de Call Waiting. Un cliente puede crear una lista de numeros con solo un tono con codigo de activacion. El equipo de la compania vigilara llamadas y proveera la senal apropiada, sonido o tono con los numeros que aparecen en la lista de cliente. Llamadas de numeros que no aparecen en la lista tendran un sonido normal. Tambien el sonido sera normal si la llamada origino de una oficina central que no esta equipada con este servicio especializado. El cliente puede suscribir a Priority Call y Call Waiting. Un sonido distinto al regular proveera para Priority call y Call Waiting.

**Repeat Dialing (Automatic Call Back) - Repeticon del Ultimo Numero** es el servicio que permite al cliente repetir automaticamente el ultimo numero de la llamada que salio. Si el numero que se volvio a marcar esta ocupado, el cliente puede marcar el codigo de llamada y el equipo de la compania vigilara el numero marcado por un maximo de 30 minutos en un esfuerzo de establecer la llamada. Cuando las dos lineas se desocupan se le notifica al cliente con un sonido distinto y cuando el cliente levanta el receptor la llamada se completa automaticamente.

**Select Call Acceptance-Aceptacion de llamadas seleccionadas** permite al cliente seleccionar el maximo de 31 numeros especificados entre la area local, o area extendida, o de larga distancia (donde permite la tecnologia). El cliente puede crear una lista de estos numeros con solo marcar el codigo de activacion. El equipo de la compania vigilara las llamadas y transmitira las que aparecen en la lista del cliente. Cuando una llamada entra de un numero no especificado en la lista el llamador recibe un anuncio indicando que el partido llamado no desea recibir llamadas en ese momento.

**Select Call Forwarding- Envio de Llamadas Seleccionadas** es la opcion para enviar llamadas a otro numero y permite el envio de el maximo de 31 numeros especificados entre la area local, area extendida, o de larga distancia (donde permita la tecnologia). El cliente puede crear una lista usando el codigo de activacion de los numeros que desea enviar a otro numero. El equipo de la compania vigilara las llamadas entrantes y enviara a numero indicado las que el cliente seleccione. Los numeros que no aparecen en la lista del cliente se terminaran normalmente. El cliente es responsable de cargos asociados con el portazgo de llamadas enviadas a otros intercambios a donde se transferir su llamada.

**Caller ID Services-Servicios de Identidad de Llamador:**  
**Anonymous Call Rejection** es el Servicio de Rechazo de Llamadas Anonimas y permite al cliente automaticamente rechazar todos las llamadas que han sido bloqueadas y marcadas anonimas por el llamador. Cuando Rechazo Llamadas Anonimas esta activo el cliente recibe un sonido de alerta y la llamada se desvia a un anuncio de negacion y se termina la llamada.  
**Calling Name Delivery-Entrega del Nombre** un servicio que permite al cliente saber quien le llama antes de levantar el receptor. El nombre aparece en la pantalla con el numero del que llama. Cuando el aparato de Identidad del Llamador es activado, el nombre del llamador se transmite a su aparato entre el primer y segundo sonido. Suscriptores de este servicio deberan proveer su equipo compatible para el proceso de este servicio.  
**Calling Number Delivery-Servicio del Numero del Llamador** permite al cliente saber el numero de quien llama antes de levantar el receptor. Cuando el servicio de Identidad del Llamador esta activo se transmite el numero del llamador entre el primer y segundo sonido. Suscriptores a este servicio deberan proveer su equipo compatible para el proceso de la trasmision.

Con la asociacion del despliegue de servicios de Identidad del Llamador, el bloqueo por llamada y por linea sera automaticamente disponible a todos los clientes de Big Bend Telephone gratuito. El Bloqueo impide el nombre y numero del llamador que sea identificado por el aparato de Identidad del Llamador. Los clientes que desean bloquear su numero y nombre de transmision a donde llaman y desean hacer esto por llamada simplemente oprima \*67 en su telefono de boton o 1167 en su telefono de marcador rotario. Los clientes que desean bloquear por linea bloquearan todas las llamadas pero si desea levantar el bloqueo en algunas de sus llamadas oprima \*82 o 1182 antes de hacer su llamada. La linea quedara bloqueada de nuevo al termino de esta llamada seleccionada. Este servicio es gratuito. Todas las solicitudes para bloquear la linea seran gratis y no es necesario solicitar servicio de Identidad del Llamador para obtener este servicio. El bloqueo no trabaja en telefonos publicos. La fecha propuesta para estas opciones es el 1 Mayo de 1999 para todos los intercambios de Big Bend Telephone Company. El presupuesto de ingresos de la Compania el primer ano es de 75,004. Esto sale a 1.5% de los ingresos anuales de entre el estado. Los siguientes reditos mensuales son propuestos para los servicios nuevos.

SERVICIOS	REDITO MENSUAL	
	Residencial	Comercial
<b>ENHANCED CUSTOM CALLING SERVICES:</b>		
Call Block (Selective Call Rejection)	2.00	3.00
Call Return (Automatic Recall)	3.00	4.00
Customer Originated Call Trace	10.00	10.00
Priority Call (Distinctive Ringing)	2.50	3.00
Repeat Dialing (Automatic Callback)	2.00	4.00
Select Call Acceptance	2.00	3.00
Select Call Forwarding	2.00	2.65
<b>CALLER ID SERVICES:</b>		
Anonymous Call Rejection	1.00	1.00
Calling Name Delivery	4.95	7.00
Calling Number Delivery	4.95	7.00
Calling Number Delivery and Calling Name Delivery	6.50	8.50
Calling Number Delivery or Calling Name Delivery with Anonymous Call Rejection	6.00	8.00
Calling Number Delivery and Calling Name Delivery with Anonymous Call Rejection	7.00	9.00

Para preguntas acerca de estos servicios opcionales, por favor pongase en contacto con la oficina de negocio llamando al 915-364-1000. Personas que desean intervenir o participar en estos procedimientos deben notificar La Comision de Utilidades Publicas los mas pronto posible, pero a mas tarda el 20 de abril 1999. Una solicitud para intervenir o para mas informacion debe enviarse a Public Utility Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 13356, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Mas informacion tambien se consigue llamando a la Comision de Utilidades Publicas gratuito al 1-888-782-8477 o al 512-936-7120 en Austin. Para los de impedimento de oido y de habla con telefono de texto (TTY) llame al 512-936-7136.

# THE CLASSIFIEDS

## REAL ESTATE

**HOUSE FOR SALE** - 3-bed-room, 2-bath home with guest house on 3.5 acres. 701 S. Highland Avenue (U.S. 67 - Presidio highway). Outside city limit. 915.345.2334. 51-1fb

**ALAMITO REAL ESTATE**  
P.O. Box 1508  
MARFA, TX 79843  
915-729-4424

Carolyn Renfro, broker  
Cleat Stephens, associate

RANCHES - COMMERCIAL - RESIDENTIAL

## Carpenter Real Estate

P.O. Box 25,  
Alpine, TX  
79831;

915-837-3325;  
fax: 837-3326

### NEW LISTINGS:

• 2 BR w/2 BA on 1/4 blk.  
Formal living & dining rooms, den w/skylights, jacuzzi room, all elec.  
Central air/heat, 2-car grg - \$112,000

## Alamito Real Estate

P.O. Box 1508  
Marfa, TX 79843

915-729-4424 Fax: 915-729-3286

### NEW LISTINGS

• 402 S. Dean - 2,300 sq.ft., 1 1/2 story adobe house on large corner lot - \$71,000  
• Paris Street - 2 lots with partially finished home. Buy it and finish it yourself - \$17,500

Ranches from 1,200 acres to 20,000+ acres  
**LISTINGS NEEDED**

CAROLYN RENFROE  
Broker

CLEAT STEPHENS  
Associate Broker

**HOME FOR SALE** - 3BR, 2 bath, large living area with cathedral ceiling - central air, neat landscaped yard. Detached office/guest room (14' x 16') located in rear of house w/air & heating. 103 E. 2nd St., Marfa. Call for appointment 915-729-3168. 2-1fb

**FOR SALE** - Trailer park. Includes two mobile homes. Located within city limits. Current \$1500 monthly income, potential for twice that amount. Asking \$70,000, firm. For information, please call 011-521-6170784. 3-2fb

**HOUSE FOR SALE** - apartment in back. 119 West San Antonio street across from Catholic Church, corner lot, along Highway 90. \$97,500. Call 729-4678. 3-1fb

**FOR RENT**  
**HOUSE FOR RENT** - Two bedrooms, one bathroom, kitchen, nook, dining room, living room, fireplace, study, fenced back yard, shed, carport. \$500, plus utilities. 729.4424. 52-1fb

**FOR RENT** - Studio, one and two bedroom apartments available for immediate rental. Single students, families or elderly persons may qualify. Applications may be obtained at the Marfa Housing Authority office, 510 S. Kelly St., Marfa, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday, or by calling 915-729-4811. Families from one to eight persons with annual incomes up to \$35,000 are eligible for public housing and Section 8 programs. Equal Opportunity Housing. 3/14-1fb

**FOR LEASE:**  
Commercial or office  
3500 sq.ft., building  
Modern-good location  
Available March 1.

Apartments for rent  
Office for lease

**FOR SALE:**  
5-acre tracts in  
Davis Mountains

**INFORMATION:**  
Eddie or David  
915-729-3356 or  
729-4336

## HELP WANTED

**SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY**  
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United Methodist Community Center in Alpine, Texas, seeking Executive Director to plan, direct, and coordinate: development and administration of all programs and services; development and management of personnel, finances, property maintenance, and fund raising. Qualifications: undergraduate degree in social sciences or business management preferred; experience in personnel management; excellent communication skills; experience in fund raising and budget control; commitment to mission and outreach ministries of United Methodist Church. Annual salary \$15,750. Contact Art Graff, Board President, at 915-837-5001 for further information. 3-2fb

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**HELP WANTED** - Laundry room person. Short hours but seven days a week. Apply in person at the Riata Inn, W. U.S. 90, Marfa. 2-1fb

**\* ATTN: MARFA \***  
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