Marfa Lights Festival, Alpine balloon rally is this weekend

Night parade, street dance are Friday

MARFA - The 2000 edition of the Marfa Lights Festival gets under way Friday with a street dance and an evening parade. The festival runs from Thursday through Sunday and featuresNormal sponsors the three-day event.

A fevered trendline of interest and participation in UFO events, the Marfa Lights Festival begins at 6 p.m. Friday and continues through Saturday. It features many of the same activities that have built up the annual Marfa event into an international attraction, as well as many new and exciting features.

Tejano entertainers Eddie Gonzalez, left, and Dee Burleson are on tap for the festival concert on Saturday night.

First launch is Saturday morning

ALPINE - The hot air balloons are on their way back to Alpine with full force on Labor Day Weekend! Put together by the Alpine Chamber of Commerce, the annual Alpine Inflatable Balloon Rally is set for the Sun-

Medical care, social services and recreation are highlights of the annual Alpine Inflatable Balloon Rally.

Valentine highlight the festival con-

A first look at the hot air balloons in Alpine.

The festival concludes with a finale
dance on Sunday evening.

The dance begins by the courthouse,

And in between, there will be fine food and refreshments, a silent and refreshment booths on the Presidio County Courthouse lawn during the day on Saturday.

Planned are a fun run, a Saturday art auction, the Mountain Man Roundup with tent city and refreshments.

For more information contact Dawn Hoy at 915-426-3567. Separate categories will be held for males and females and varying age groups. Another great parade is ex-pected this year, with Larry Riven as grand marshal. The free event will begin at 11 a.m. (Continued on page 19)

Danny Segers, 5, of Marfa and Creel, Chihuahua, Mexico, sampled the fabulous homemade ice cream at the St. Paul's Episcopal Church social on Sunday afternoon.

Rain falls on Marfa plain, but mainly in Alpine

By ROBERT LOUIS HALPERN

Rainfall has erupted on the Marfa plain, but mainly in Alpine.

Robert Louis Halpern is a news writer for the Alpine Avalanche.

As of Sunday, 4.56 inches of rain had fallen in Alpine, and 3.89 inches had fallen in Marfa.

Several inches of rain fell in the Alpine area over the weekend, but high temperatures and strong winds have kept the area from getting much needed rainfall.

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**Texas Sen. Madla named as lights festival parade marshal**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

*Marfa I.S.D. 2000 Bond Election*

Election Day Saturday, September 30, 2000.
The polls will open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
The polling place for Precincts 1, 7 and part of 6 will be located at the Marfa Elementary School. The polling place for Precinct 3 will be located at Redford Elementary School, Hwy. 170 South, in Redford.

**Early Voting**

Early voting will be held in the district's central office located at 401 North Gonzalez-Hill St., Marfa. Early voting will begin on **Wednesday, Sept. 13** and will end on **Tuesday, Sept. 26**. Early voting hours will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday.

**Specifics of the Bond Issue**

- **Bond amount:** $5,000,000
- **Interest Rate:** 5%
- **Term:** 34 years
- **Local Revenue:** $8,170
- **Bond Tax:** $0.2470

**Estimated Impact on the taxpayer**

- **Assessed Value of Property After $15,000 Exemption**
  - **Annual:**
    - $27,000.00: $66.69*
    - $50,000.00: $123.50*
    - $75,000.00: $185.25*
  - **Monthly:**
    - $27,000.00: $5.55*
    - $50,000.00: $10.29*
    - $75,000.00: $15.43*

- **Increase in taxes to pay bond debt**

**Homestead Exemptions**

Every homeowner (under age 65) has a $15,000 homestead exemption. Every homeowner (over age 65) has a $25,000 homestead exemption.*

**NOTE:** The proposed bond will **NOT** affect property taxes on the homestead of anyone over the age of 65. Those taxes are frozen!*

* Must fill out a free homestead exemption form at the Appraisal District office.

**Lights memoria bella on museum display**

**MARFA - A special exhibit of Marfa Lights memorabilia will be on display at the Marfa/Presidio County Museum this weekend during the Marfa Lights Festival.**

It's a good place to visit whether you have lived here and moved away or have just visited Marfa. The museum gives you an idea of the history of the people who have lived here, the past and an idea of culture and events of this area. Located in the historic John Humphries house, museum visiting hours are from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays through Saturdays. This weekend is a good time to come and renew "old" acquaintances.

The museum has also received some beautiful posters showing the Marfa Lights, which will be on display this weekend.

Look for the museum float in the Marfa Lights Festival parade.

**Now you can leave home without leaving home.**

**OPEN HOUSE**

noon - 4 p.m.
Monday, September 4
**CIBOLO CREEK RANCH**

This Labor Day Weekend enjoy refreshments and spend time exploring a restored 19th Century Adobe Fort.

Located 33.3 miles South of Marfa on Highway 67. Enter through West Gate.
Introducing a new name for an old-friend.

On September 18, we will unveil our new name - West Texas National Bank - as a part of a strong, positive banking force sweeping across West Texas.

Combining strengths of partner banks in Seminole, Alpine, Pecos, Crane, Denver City, Kermit and Terlingua, we offer you a network of powerful new bank services as well as $250 million in financial strength. Together, we will give you the best of what any bank in America has to offer.
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Of angels and education

Some of us have graduated in small towns. Some, in big cities. Some, in South Texas. But there is one commonality across the board - a sense of loss when the class you have worked so hard for is over, when the big day arrives when you have to go to the next level of school. Many of you have already graduated, and I am sure there are others who are preparing to do so. People swear from the courts, sometimes by choice, sometimes by bad. But there are always those in the community who are willing to help. I am here to express my heartfelt gratitude to all the CASI board members, our volunteers, our community partners and all those who have contributed to the CASI mission.

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Wool Gathering

Lights festival, book signing reunites

The Marfa Lights Festival always brings families home together. It is a special time of year when we come together to enjoy the beauty of the Big Bend and the Marfa Lights. The festival is also a great opportunity to reconnect with friends and family.

This year, we were thrilled to have Nancy and Smitty Baker come with their son Ricky and their daughter Angus. They're out there you know. Nancy and I grew up together, attended the University of Texas together, roomed together at the Alpha Phi house and landed in the same two-bedroom apartment in Marfa a few years and Sherri was in some of my history classes. Nancy is also in one of my history classes. She lives at Rio Concho Manor when not in hospital. Robert's mom, Catherine Posey, is in the hospital recovering from a broken hip. She lives in Rio Concho Manor when not in hospital. Robert is working on a dog at the moment and I'm sure he's happy to have so many friends around him.

One of the best moments of the festival was when Craig Harral came by and we had a good visit. We talked about the future of the festival and how we can make it even better. Nancy and Smitty Baker came with their son Ricky and their daughter Angus. They're out there you know. Nancy and I grew up together, attended the University of Texas together, roomed together at the Alpha Phi house and landed in the same two-bedroom apartment in Marfa a few years and Sherri was in some of my history classes. Nancy is also in one of my history classes. She lives at Rio Concho Manor when not in hospital. Robert's mom, Catherine Posey, is in the hospital recovering from a broken hip. She lives in Rio Concho Manor when not in hospital. Robert is working on a dog at the moment and I'm sure he's happy to have so many friends around him.

Special thanks to President Perot's office, U.S. Border Patrol, and the United States Customs and Border Protection. Members of the Marfa City Council, the Marfa Police Department, Mayor Danny Watt, Joe Torres, Robert Lopez, the Marfa Chamber of Commerce, Marfa Main Street, and the Downtown Improvement District. The footlocker was open one day when Bill walked by. Craig gestured at the footlocker, as if asking him to take a look. I must say I have enjoyed the festival and the book signing. I have been looking forward to it for a long time. Nancy and Smitty Baker came with their son Ricky and their daughter Angus. They're out there you know. Nancy and I grew up together, attended the University of Texas together, roomed together at the Alpha Phi house and landed in the same two-bedroom apartment in Marfa a few years and Sherri was in some of my history classes. Nancy is also in one of my history classes. She lives at Rio Concho Manor when not in hospital. Robert's mom, Catherine Posey, is in the hospital recovering from a broken hip. She lives in Rio Concho Manor when not in hospital. Robert is working on a dog at the moment and I'm sure he's happy to have so many friends around him.

The Poet's Prime

Rosa P. Molina

Marfa Rural Health

Open Monday - Friday

8:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Kate Wanstrom, FNP

Tuesday & Wednesday August 29 & 30

Office will close at 11:30 AM

Clinic hours of operation will vary throughout the summer. Hours of operation will be posted on the clinic door daily. The clinic will be open Monday - Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Our clinic is closed on Saturday and Sunday. If you have any questions or concerns, if the clinic is closed, please wait for the answering machine with hours of operation. We apologize for any inconvenience it may cause.

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Marfa political activist Gary Oliver will take part in a Citizens for Alternatives to Nuclear Power and Nuclear Dumping (CAND) "Walk for Saner Solutions in Nuclear Weapons Production, Nuclear Power & Nuclear Dumping" from Roswell to Carlsbad, New Mexico, this Labor Day weekend.

CAND is focusing on the Southwest during this last week, which would like to make connections in all the nuclear waste storage facilities nationwide. "I want to make contact by Texas and New Mexico activists." Oliver said. "This is a regional issue. The part of Texas that is being targeted (for a nuclear waste storage facilities) is in a right radius around the Department of Defense WIPP site in Carlsbad, home of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, the nation's first permanent nuclear waste dump. Once there, the group will have a chance at the ridge line, park, or any common property to participate. CAND will provide breakfast before the first morning and supervisor, and vehicles for gas, and rent, car-ports, first aid assistance and water will be available. Also, transportation will be provided from Albuquerque to Roswell. The group will be walking in the morning and supervision, and support vehicles for gas and rent, car-ports, first aid assistance and water will be available. 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Register for CCD at St. Mary’s

MARFA - St. Mary’s Catholic Church will begin registering for CCD Confirmation Programs after Masses on September 9 and 10, in the CCD office. If you are unable to register on those dates you may do so on the week of September 11 at the parish office.

Marfa Independent School District voted TO INCREASE YOUR 2000 SCHOOL TAXES Monday night from $1.30 to $1.35 per $100 of property value.

This tax increase is OVER AND ABOVE the estimated $4.1 tax increase that will occur if the MISD Board of Trustees’ $5.0 million bond issue is approved. Consider for 24 years and $5.0 million will INCREASE YOUR TAX RATE to $1.76 per $100 of property value.

The MISD Board of Trustees is GAMBLING on receiving monies from the State of Texas to help pay for the $11.7 million in bond interest and payments, but they can’t tell you that. Why?...because THERE IS NO GUARANTEE whatever that the State of Texas will help pay for any of the indebtedness.

With no help from The State of Texas, the anticipated AAA bond rating could be degraded resulting in an EVEN HIGHER INTEREST RATE that must be paid on the bond interest.

The MISD Board of Trustees is HOPING that the State of Texas will help; they are HOPING for a AAA rating; and they are HOPING for 6% interest rate.

If this bond issue is based on hopes only, and not accurate financial information, we will be ROLLING THE DICE on our children’s future and our family’s welfare. For every dollar invested in Texas, the interest rate was to be 6% to 8%. If the interest rate increases to 12%, the bond and interest payments would cost us an ADDITIONAL $36.0 million. This would bring our tax rate to almost $1.89 per $100 of property value, an INCREASE OF OVER 49% in taxes where we were before Monday night’s tax increase.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT is DOWN 25 students from 1997. Yet, the Board is recommending that 20 ADDITIONAL CLASSROOMS be built. We recognize that school facilities need to be improved to meet our educational needs. But we are LEERY of spending $5 million on school facilities when the issues are not clear. In fact, they are CONFUSING.

Our children deserve the best facilities THAT WE CAN AFFORD. As responsible people, WE ALL MUST BUDGET, live within our means and make tough and balanced decisions based on facts and reality.

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"He said, he didn’t know how to run a campaign. The more I’m out there, the more determined I am to get people mad. It might not happen this time, but it could happen at some point," he joked. "We’re working on it."
AEP-WTU requests rate hike; cite increased costs

ABILENE -- Skyrocketing natural gas prices have forced American Electric Power's West Texas Utilities (AEP-WTU) to file a request with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) to recover through a surcharge approximately $19.6 million in uncollected fuel costs and interest from retail customers. At the same time, AEP-WTU requested permission to increase fuel costs used to calculate the fuel charge portion of customer bills in order to recover a projected increase of $42.6 million in fuel costs that will be incurred to provide electric service in the future.

"The price of natural gas used to generate electricity at AEP-WTU's power plants has increased nearly 100 percent from January through August," said David Carpenter, AEP director of Texas regulatory services. "Since 60 percent of the electricity produced by AEP-WTU is generated using natural gas boiler fuels, these price increases have a tremendous impact on our cost of producing electricity. "Fuel costs are an expense that American Electric Power is not in a position to absorb. "Fuel cost increases are passed on to customers who are paying in their monthly bills, and the surcharge equaling $8.69 and the fuel charge portion of customers' bills. Without the increase in fixed fuel costs, AEP-WTU projects that it would under recover fuel and purchased power costs by approximately $23.6 million for the period from October 2000 through September 2001. Consequently, AEP-WTU is requesting permission to adjust the fuel factors used to calculate the fuel charge portion of customer bills. Since fuel under-recoveries and interest already have totalled approximately $19 million for the period from August 1999 through June 2000, AEP-WTU also has requested permission to implement a new fuel surcharge in November. The three new Cellular One wireless telecommunications towers that recently have been erected in this region. And good cellular service, par- ticularly when refurbished equipment is involved, as was the case in Shafter. Miller said repeaters don't provide good cellular service, particularly when refurbished equipment is involved, as was the case in Shafter. Miller said repeaters don't provide good cellular service, particularly when refurbished equipment is involved, as was the case in Shafter.
Gallego among State Reps honored for outstanding contributions to rural electric cooperatives

SAN ANGELO - On August 21, Texas Rural Electric Coalition (TREC) held an appreciation luncheon in San Angelo to honor five state representatives who serve the 16-members of TREC, and represent more than 131,650 meters in over 102 counties across Texas.

Among those representatives recognized for their outstanding contribution to the rural electric cooperatives was state Representative Pete Gallego, District 74, of Alpine.

General Manager/CEO Dan Laws of Rio Grande ECI said, "I am proud to present Representative Gallego with this award, and want to express my sincere appreciation for his genuinity and commitment not just for the rural folks along the Rio Grande. Laws further stated that "our objective in trying to secure an equal access hand is to ensure that all consumers have access to lower electric costs, and just those living in urban centers."

Gallego was among a delegation of rural representatives who worked hard in the House for the Rural Electrification Act in 1936.

ALPINE - Big Bend People and Goats will host its third annual goat racing event on September 9 in Alpine.

Youngsters racing goats are all lined up to get sponsors for their animals. Donations will be spent for entertainment - & music concert featuring Wayne West and Grupo Indomable.

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Anyone who wants to compete in the event have been secured from Kinney, Maverick, Pecos, Culberson, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Presidio, Terrell, and Val Verde counties.

Register now for Midland arts and craft fair

MIDLAND - Southwestern Bell Artscapes are accepting reservations for booth space for their 2nd Annual Arts and Crafts Show at the Midland County Exhibit Building, 5445 E 3-20 Business Loop Service Road, in Midland. The show will be Saturday, Oct. 20 through Sunday, Oct. 21.

Booths are 8x10 feet and will rent for $50 for the weekend.

Profits from the event will be used for community projects such as birthday parties at the nursing homes, and Ribbon Campaign expenses, food baskets for the needy at Thanksgiving and Christmas, Hug-a-Bears for children, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Toys for Tots, Like Me Books, Adult Cancer Survivor Camp Bushido, and Room Mothers for an Adopted class at a low-income elementary school.

For more information call, 915-699-0800.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Flint

Longman, Flint marry July 16 in Fort Worth

Bob Flint and Jean Longman, both of Alpine, were joined in holy matrimony on July 16 at a small family ceremony in Fort Worth.

Michele and Rusty Ross of Alpine served as attendants, and two of Longman’s daughters, their husbands and seven grandchildren who reside in the Dallas area were present.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Michael Waschkevich.

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Border Patrol announces the appointment of Loraine Hollenbeck to his position effective immediately.

Chief Patrol Agent Simon Peña said that he was very pleased with the selection of Loraine Hollenbeck to the Border Patrol Agent position effective immediately.

The trend toward smuggling aliens in tractor-trailers rigs by Border Patrol officials in the Marfa Sector concerned given that temperatures inside confined spaces using vehicular transportations are high as 140 degrees.

The harsh and rugged terrain toward this region.

The border and rugged terrain that characterizes the Sanderson area of the Marfa sector serves as a natural deterrent for those who cross illegally, but increased apprehensions in the Sanderson and Sierra Blanca areas indicate that alien smugglers are looking toward this region.

The driver is currently at the Sierra Blanca checkpoint of increased responsibility.

Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association Beef Production Program & Town Hall Meeting 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. September 7, 2000 Sul Ross State University Conference Center in Alpine Topics include: • Landowner Rights • Chutiside Management & Vaccination Programs • Beef Check-Off Update • Brush Management Program on Juniper Complimentary Lunch Served For more information on this valuable program and to RSVP please call, 1-800-242-7820 ext. 145.

Texas High School Championship - U.S. Border Patrol photo

Administrative personnel from throughout the agency toured sector heads to take part in a professional growth and development training sponsored by the sector. More than 20 people were in attendance at headquarters. The training consists of workshops and seminars intended to develop a better working relationship within an office setting. Sector Chief Simon G. Garza Jr. said he wants administrative staff to feel informed and apprised of any changes involving sector operations.

Texas High School Championship - U.S. Border Patrol photo

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Health care rates lowered at local rural clinics as of August 25

By MIRIAM HALPERN
FOR WUST TEXAS - Out of concern for patients' ability to af-
ford costs at the time, health officials of Big Bend Regional Medical Center told clinic directors that rates would be lowered at the rural clinics as of August 25. The rural clinics are located in Alpine, Marfa, Presidio, Tornillo, and Marathon.

A three-month study recently under-
taken by Jackline Linsie, FNP-
C and director of the Marfa Rural Health Clinic, proved that the clinics were priced out of the reach of most people, especially those without insurance. A new schedule of charges was then pro-
posed for the clinics.

"I can't tell you how frustrated we were," said Lister of the previous pricing schedule. "We are supposed to be here for the work-
ing poor and the working poor could not afford us."

For her study, Lister gathered pricing information from Pan Perm Family Practice, owned by Dr. James Luecke, Medicare, Community Health Systems, and input from the five rural health clinic directors. Also, in taking certain medical procedures and itemizing the cost and time of the personnel performing them, Lister then added the figures to see what the clinics' costs were compared to what Medicare was paying. After concluding that they were the same as Medicare's base rate, Lister then took that number and added a little for overhead. How-
ever, the new pricing schedule goes with a consequence. If a cost is higher than charge, Medicare will not reimburse the clinic. "Medicare has, basically, told them what they will allow," said Lister. "You have to go with what they give you or you lose your life. When we lower (prices) we hope to get more patients," said Lister. "That's the risk we're taking."

Information from this study was given to BBRMC Administrator David Conejo and Chief Financial Officer Brian Blessing, both of whom approved the new sched-
ule of charges. The proposal was then sent to Community Health Systems in Tennessee where corporate approval was granted within six weeks.

I have to give credit to Conejo and Blessing," said Lister. "The previous CFO and administration wouldn't listen to us at all -- they said people in rural areas had to pay more. They were treating us like a hospital and you can't do that. Our prices were just crazy -- we lost a lot of business."

But, this is the explanation DeHart gave. "I have to give credit to Conejo and Blessing," said Lister. "We feel it's more fair. We had been getting, complaints and had been telling about it for a probably a year. Even though we all had input, Jacken did the bulk of the work -- she's amazing."

FAR WEST TEXAS - Out of a three-month study recently un-
taken, the folks that failed to show for jury service is making a di-
sacrifice that a free man can make. "Hopefully, we'll get the atten-
tion of people," DeHart said. "Hopefully, we'll have a better response."

Class offers help to chronic disease sufferers

ALPINE - If you're tired of being controlled by your illnesses and ready to take action to control your life, then make up plans to attend the Chronic Disease Self-Management Class.

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Schedule of events:

Friday, Sept. 1:

night parade through downtown Marfa; street dance at the Presidio County Courthouse featuring the country sound of Ken Holloway

Saturday, Sept. 2:

11 a.m. parade, food booths, games, beard growing contest, watermelon seed spitting contest, beer gut contest, 5K run, 2-mile walk, live entertainment - courthouse lawn; music concert with Eddie Gonzalez and Dee y Grupo Valentile

Sunday, Sept. 3:

food booths, games, live entertainment, contests - courthouse lawn; finale dance with Wayne Westy Grupo Indomable at the MAC Building

TICKETS AND INFORMATION: Marfa Chamber of Commerce, 915-729-4942 or 729-3551
Night parade Route Local, 729-8434
Parade Saturday Larry Rivers, 729-4331
Two new books reflect past Chinati Foundation symposiums

MARFA - The Chinati Foun- dation is pleased to announce publication of two books documenting symposiums sponsored by the museum: Art in the Landscape and Architecture: 1998, and Art in the Landscape: Modern Art, 2000. Each volume begins with distinguished Harvard University art history scholars, Ackerman, who considers early examples of the fusion of art and architecture to show the work that influenced the theme of the symposium. Art in the Landscape: Modern Art begins with a question: "Is it possible for art and architecture to interact, or is architecture so essential that it can comment on that?"

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Financial assistance for the symposium was provided by participating architects and art critics, including Lippard and Stem. Oldenburg and Coosje van Bruggen, and William Stott. The symposiums bring together artists, critics, and architects to address various approaches to working with and within the natural environment. Noted art critic Lippard begins the publication with an overview and chronological his- tory of Land Art projects. Robinson focuses on the work of Robert Smithson, the influential artist known for his site-specific projects as Spiral Jetty, his monumental, societal rock formation that juts into the Great Salt Lake. Turrell discusses his work on Arizona's Roden Crater, an ex- tensive environment that he is forming into a platform for view- ing art. Oldenburg and van Bruggen discuss the installation of the Land Art projects in the United States and abroad.

The exhibition Art in the Landscape and Architecture publicizes the first in a series of sym- posiums that will continue to present approximately every two years. The event is a way for the museum to welcome new and returning publications on the landscape as a Whole.

Art and Architecture: 1998. The exhibition continues on Saturday, October 7 and Sunday October 8 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with an opening celebration beginning at 9 p.m. to midnight.

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Hegy

Raymond 'Ray' Christopher Hegy, 96, long time resident of Marfa, died Saturday night, Aug. 26, 2000, at a Fort Stockton hospital.

Ray was born at 1 p.m. Wednesday following a funeral Mass at 2 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Marfa, with Father Rick Will officiating. Burial followed at Marfa Cemetery, under the direction of Fernandez-Home of Marfa.

Mr. Hegy was born February 12, 1914, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was a veteran and survivor of the Second World War, serving as a pilot in the U.S. Army Air Force.

His grandson now owns the airplane and it is on display in Brazil. In the early 1960s, he moved to Marfa and married Merrie Marie Burson. All of his career was involved in aviation.

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Hegy had many other accomplishments. Some of his outstanding accomplishments were National 4-H Honour before her graduation in 1976. She remained involved until her death. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Hegy of Wisconsin; three sisters, Elizabeth Corder and Cindy Corder, both of Lubbock, and Georgia Rinehart; a brother, Ralph Hegy of Wisconsin; and four great-grandchildren.

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Tovar

Evo V. Tovar, 50, died 24, 2000, at a hospital in Odessa, Texas. She was born March 18, 1950, in Marathon. She was a beautifull and a member of the Catholic Church.

She was survived by her husband, Marcos Tovar of Odessa; five children, Zacaria Acosta, Paz Acosta, both of Odessa; Rosalia Villarreal, Salome Villarreal, and Jose Villarreal, all of Midland. They also attended Odessa College and Rancher High School.

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Activists protest anti-abortion ruling
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Mexican police suspected in Presidio man's recent beating

BY GUILLERMO M. MORALES
Ojinaga, CHIHUAHUA - Two members of the Mexican Judicial Police are accused of illegally detaining and beating Omar Barragan of Presidio. Barragan has filed a complaint with the Ojinaga police.

The Judicial Police have been embroiled in controversy in that many of their officers have been accused of attacks on the citizens of Ojinaga and sister city Presidio.

According to police reports, in the early hours of Sunday, August 20, Omar Barragan and his wife Melissa stopped at an Ojinaga gas station where Barragan proceeded to use the bathroom. Two men, identified as a Judicial police officer and a private guard, accosted him and took his wallet with about $250, his hat and the jewelry he was wearing.

The suspects next reportedly invited him to their police station where he was interrogated.

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Sul Ross State University begins the 2000 volleyball season Sept. 12 at the Coca-Cola Classic tournament in Plainview. Team members include (front row, from left): Melody Gorra, Brownsville; Bridget Blame, Alpine; Claudia Rushing, Granado; Melissa Vaclavik, Granado; Ida Ramirez, Brownsville; Middle Row, Lisa Haley, Traci Mejia and Billie Brauch (Alpine); Outside hitter Melody Garza, setter Leticia Rodriguez (San Antonio). Also returning is outside hitter/defensive specialist Melanie Lujan, 5; Weimers, 3; and Mona Aguilar, 5; Martinez, 3; and Upshaw, 2. Kills were made by Kachoo Valenzuela, Rebecca Jaquez and Joseflina Iniguez.

Sul Ross senior Bustamante and the late Faustino Bustamante were active members of Alpha Phi Sigma honor society. He also made the Dean's list on several occasions while enrolled as a student.

Bustamante is seeking to further his education by obtaining a Masters in Education Counselor. He is presently employed with Permian Basin Community Centers in Alpine.

Bustamante earns graduate education degree from SRSU

Centennial School Scholarship Fund provides scholarships to Spanish majors or minors at Sul Ross. Freshman applicants must have graduated in the upper 50 percent of their high school graduating class. Applications are due Sept. 15 or 6 weeks before the beginning of the fall semester.

Undergraduate applicants who are full-time students must have a 2.5 or higher cumulative grade point average and be full-time students. Graduate applicants must be full-time students with a 3.0 or higher grade point average.

Lobo volleyball season opens Friday in Plainview tourney

Lobo volleyball season opens for 2000 volleyball season Sept. 12 at the Coca-Cola Classic tournament in Plainview. Team members include (front row, from left): Tiedad Garcia, Brownsville; Bridget Blame, Alpine; Claudia Rushing, Granado; Melissa Vaclavik, Granado; Ida Ramirez, Brownsville; Middle Row, Lisa Haley, Traci Mejia and Billie Brauch (Alpine); Outside hitter Melody Garza, setter Leticia Rodriguez (San Antonio). Also returning is outside hitter/defensive specialist Melanie Lujan, 5; Weimers, 3; and Mona Aguilar, 5; Martinez, 3; and Upshaw, 2. Kills were made by Kachoo Valenzuela, Rebecca Jaquez and Joseflina Iniguez made.

Vienna Bulledome - a graduate degree.

In an annual basis, Schol­

healthy and active to start the season.

Garcia said.

Much of last year's lineup re­

returns intact, led by outside hitter Leticia Rodriguez (San Antonio). Also returning is outside hitter/defensive specialist Raquel Hernandez (El Paseo) and setter Leticia Rodriguez (San Antonio). Also returning is outside hitter/defensive specialist Raquel Hernandez (El Paseo) and setter Leticia Rodriguez (San Antonio). Also returning is outside hitter/defensive specialist Raquel Hernandez (El Paseo) and setter Leticia Rodri­

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In Friday's pool play, Marfa de­

fined Grandfalls, 15-10 and 15-9 in their third game against last year's tour­

The Wink Tournament left the

sor committee members during the year.

Endowment at Sul Ross and full-time students. Freshman applicants who are full-time students must have a 2.5 or higher cumulative grade point average and be full-time students. Graduate applicants must be full-time students with a 3.0 or higher grade point average.

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People ask me what I do in the winter when there's no baseball. I'll tell you what I do: I stare out the window and wait for spring.

—Roger Hornaby
New Sul Ross students are integral parts of the Sul Ross State University experience, earning a degree in four years and graduating from the university in a 2000 season football game. "Traditions are and should about students. Make the right choices now to pursue goals of education and sports.

BY SHANNA ELMORE MarFA: Environmental awareness, protection, and understanding are just a few of the goals of the environmental science class offered this year at MarFA High School.

"I hope to increase environmental appreciation," she said, "and to create critical thinkers about issues that affect them.

Funding for the class was received through a vocational grant that Arrl students worked all year to receive. Although there is a slight shortage of books, she received two 45-gallon aquariums and one 75-gallon aquarium among other supplies.

One aquarium will be set up in the new high school career center and counseling office. "I hope to do a lot of hands-on field work," said Arrl who has also taught in San Antonio, Texas and Tuscan, Arizona before coming to MISD last year.

Sul Ross football opens gates to students for Air Force Academy Junior Varsity High School football stadium. "I think we did a good job of recruiting; we have a lot more recruits on both sides of the line. "We can keep the defense off the ball," he said well, including center Tomas Wells, Horton, Hidalgo, Uresti and 20 touchdowns a year ago, established another record with 920 receiving yards. "I hope to do a lot of hands-on field work," said Arrl who has also taught in San Antonio, Texas and Tuscan, Arizona before coming to MISD last year.
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Statement of Increase/Decrease

City of Marfa

For the year ending December 31, 2000

In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the city estimated that it will receive $______ in additional sales and use tax revenues. The city has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed in the form of other revenues and transfers.

Schedule A – Uncumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding moral obligation.

Schedule B – 2000 Debt Service

The amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales and use tax revenues, if applicable).

Schedule C – Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

The expected revenue is the amount of money that is estimated to be collected from the additional sales and use tax rate.

Schedule D – State Criminal Justice Mandate (For Counties)

The state mandates a certain amount of money per inmate to be collected from property tax revenues.

Schedule E – Transfer of Department, Function or Activity

The transfer of a department, function, or activity is necessary to comply with state or federal mandates.

The notice concerns:

- Property tax rate

- City of Marfa

The next notice will be published in the Marfa Sentinel. Marfa, Texas, August 31, 2000.
Welcome one and all to the 14th annual Marfa Lights Festival!

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Entries for the Marfa Lights Festival parade this Saturday will be accepted up to time of the parade.

All parade participants need to be in front of the Marfa Elementary School, no later than 10:45 a.m.

Saturday

Participants in the Friday night parade need to be in front of the Marfa High School gymnasium by 9 p.m.

Information:
Larry Rivers, 729-4331 or 729-4796
Paula, 729-4344

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Notice to Creditors

A cause number of (the District Court of)

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in the tax raise. The local in­

come would rise approximately
$43,000 in new funds, while the
state would kick in about $18,000
in addition. There is no assurance
that the state tax-free

out matching program will con­

tinue after the next legislative
session, Garcia said.

Superintendent Gary Hamilton
pointed out the maintenance and
operation tax of other area
districts. Alpine recently in­
creased its rates from $1.30 to $1.35.
Fort Davis is looking into a significant
tax hike from its current rate of $1.27,
while Presidio and Van Horn
have not done it for six

years. There was also mention of the

redistricting of a program that would
bring in two cents from the state for
every penny the district gains

for every penny the district gains.

What you get to do,” he told
the board. “Move away from

these political pressures.”

Teachers, too, were vocal about

the increase, and they attempted to as­
sage some of the concerns they

pressed over the school’s ex­

penses. “We had highest

computers,” he said. “But I’d

be very careful about how we

spend money.”

Elvis Aga stressed that

there are teachers who are eligible for

additional stipends for various cer­

tifications, such as English as a

second language, or for taking

core that extra money from

MISD, he said. “Some of us are

the greatest bargain since

Walmart,” Aga quipped.

The vote to adopt the new $1.35

tax rate was unanimous. Taxes on

properties with a property valued at

$25,000 will see their current taxes

increased by $12.50 per year.

Those with a $40,000 property

will see an extra $30 added onto the
current level per year, while taxpayers with

a $75,000 property should expect to pay an

additional $71.30 per year on their current bill.

In other district news, school board

heard reports from both dis­

trict principals regarding the re­

taining Texas Education Agency

ratings, which named the high

school as recognized and the ele­

mentary and junior high campuses

and Excellence as acceptable. Both

David Clark and Steve Zephyr, the

elementary/senior high and

high school principal respectively,

held the board of specific plans to

act on student comprehension, standardized tests scores and col­

lege placement.

considered compromise for the

parent-teacher Tritico Arentz and David Clark. Board

members were asked to review

information before making a decision to grant or deny Arentz’s request. School board

members chose to deny Clark’s compensation request.

accepted the district’s athletic code with a minor language

agreed to allow a change in policy in that teachers, nurses or

administrators who needed to

drive students in the district’s small vehicle do not have to get a

commercial driver’s license. The district will be able to take the

Texas Education Agency’s driver’s safety course. Parents who
drive buses who require must to maintain a CDL.

decided to get a second opin­

ion regarding repairs needed on

the district’s large MCI bus. The bus recently broke down and

was towed en route to a routine

checkup in El Paso. The repairs re­

ported. Initial cost estimates to

repair the vehicle tally in the

$30,000-$15,000 range, along with

other estimates of up to $4,000.