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Texas Ranger Drew Carter credited with ending nationwide manhunt

Texas Ranger Drew Carter last week was credited with bringing Rafael Resendez-Ramirez to justice, ending a nationwide manhunt that began May 27.

Resendez-Ramirez, whose real name is Angel Maturino, is a suspect in nine murders committed in Harris, Colorado and Fayette Counties, as well as in Lexington, Ky. Maturino surrendered to Sgt. Carter July 13 on the bridge between El Paso and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.

Mike Cox, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Public Safety, said Maturino's sister "specifically



State Capitol Highlights

By Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association

said that he would surrender only to a Texas Ranger."

Manuela Maturino of Albuquerque, the suspect's sister, summoned Carter via cellular phone while he was fishing on a Texas beach. Carter, along with FBI agents and the U.S. Marshal's office, negotiated the sur-

render with Manuela Maturino and her minister.

TDH Join Diabetes Effort

Texas Commissioner of Health William R. Archer, M.D., last week signed an agreement with the Bristol-Myers Squibb Company creating the Texas Diabetes Prevention and Control Initiative, a public-private partnership to prevent, detect and control diabetes in the state.

Bristol-Myers Squibb agreed to provide \$1 million in funds and services to the two-year pilot project. Major components of the initiative

include public screenings to detect diabetes, an education program for health-care providers and activities to alert the public to diabetes signs and symptoms and help those with diabetes manage their disease.

"Today some 1.6 million Texans have diabetes, but half of them don't know they have it," Archer said. "I'm confident this special partnership will reduce both these numbers in future years and lead to longer healthier lives for our citizens."

The initiative will supplement the health department's professional education, elementary school health,

physical activity, prevention, disease management and annual eye examinations programs. The public screening component will be carried out by local agencies in several metropolitan and rural sites to be selected.

Agencies Form Compost Project

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission and the Texas Department of Transportation have teamed up on a project to enrich soils and promote vegetation along some of Texas' 1.3 million acres of highway right-of-way.

The joint effort may expand the market for compost, cut highway maintenance costs and reduce water pollution associated with agricultural and highway pollutant runoff.

A just-completed demonstration project at a highway overpass near Big Spring has resulted in hearty grass cover on steep slopes that repeatedly had frustrated transportation department attempts to establish vegetation. Grass seed mixed with compost and mulch made from cotton gin burs, feedlot manure and city-collected yard trimmings were applied in mid-May at a depth of three-inches on soils at the highway overpass site. By mid-June grass was growing on soils that had laid barren since highway construction in 1968.

A primary goal of the new initia-

tive is to give communities and operators of feedlots expanded local and regional markets for the compost, mulch and manure they generate.

Chancellor Search to Begin

University of Texas regents will begin the search for a new chancellor next month, involving a nationwide sweep for candidates, *The Dallas Morning News* reported last week. The regents will decide at their Aug. 13 meeting how to proceed with the search.

Chancellor William Cunningham has told the board he will stay in his post until Aug. 31, 2000, to give them ample opportunity to find his successor. He announced last month that he will resign to explore private opportunities or perhaps return to teaching.

The new chancellor will oversee the 15-campus UT system, a \$4.88 billion annual budget and more than 76,000 faculty staff members, as well as 140,000 students.

Other Highlights

Gov. George W. Bush said high-ranking campaign aide David Beckwith resigned over "stylistic differences" last week. Beckwith left the Bush camp the day after he made disparaging comments about the value and credibility of the upcoming Aug. 14 Iowa straw poll.

To THE EDITOR & You

Conductor sends thanks

Being the conductor of Amtrak #2, The Sunset Limited, involved in the derailment, July 8, 1999, near Eagle Lake, I would like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation for all the help and support I received from all the EMS employees, law enforcement officers, fire departments, Union Pacific Railroad employees and my entire staff of on-board personnel.

I would like to give a special Thank You to Urel Crane for his heroic efforts in rescuing and caring for Fireman on Amtrak.

All of the staff at the Eagle Lake Hospital, all the concerned citizens from the Eagle Lake area that immediately gave of their time and efforts, I thank you.

The accident was unfortunate, but because of the very fine response and assistance of the Eagle Lake community, my passengers and crew received a minimum of the trauma that could have been imposed upon us.

God bless,

Tommy Stewart, Conductor
The Sunset Limited #2

Two join in response to ICE House letters

To All Those People Concerned About the ICE House:

We are writing in response to the letters written last week by Faith E. Scarbrough and Erik Cameron.

We were completely disgusted by the letter submitted by Mrs. Scarbrough. She acts like she is Erik Cameron's friend and has known him for quite a few years. In reality, she is Mr. Cameron's sister. Her view of his position is highly prejudiced by her relationship with him. Her condemnation of the minister who asked for Mr. Cameron's resignation further reflects her ignorance of the situation.

The parties who experienced problems with Mr. Cameron let him know of their dissatisfaction. As he refused to listen to their complaints, letters were written to the board of directors. Ultimately, the ministerial alliance was consulted. In the book of Matthew 18:15-17, it states that we should try to resolve our differences amicably and between one another. If this fails, we should "tell it unto the church".

Perhaps Mr. Cameron's error lies not in petty complaints, but instead in his refusal to consider the views of the general public that he served in his capacity as director. The position of Director of the ICE House is highly visible to our youth and should reflect a calm, respectful attitude. We want our youth to see that violence solves nothing and that calm discussions and compromise are the Christian way.

Any person who believes that one member of the ministerial alliance or any one member of the board has complete control of the ICE House needs to think again.

We firmly believe that the board and the ministerial alliance have examined Mr. Cameron's performance and background. After contemplating their findings they made a tough deci-

sion. They must have firmly believed in their decision in order to ask Erik Cameron to step down from his position as Director of the ICE House. The minister in question was simply chosen as the mouthpiece for the board and ministerial alliance.

Due to the discretion of the ICE House Board of Directors and the Ministerial Alliance, the public will never know the facts behind the investigation leading to this event.

Instead we must trust that what has taken place is in the best interest of our youth. We can only assume that the issues that Mr. Cameron saw as "petty" were more important to others within this community.

We would like to commend the ministers and the board of the ICE House for listening to all the statements that were set before them. Unlike Mr. Cameron, we agree wholeheartedly with their decision.

This unhappiness of this event is a challenge to all those involved with the ICE House. We urge all of the community to pray for the continuation of this program and to continue to support the ICE House with their gifts.

Support our community leaders by letting them know that you appreciate their efforts to serve and protect our youth. Volunteer to help-even if only for an hour a week.

As was pointed out by Mr. Cameron, a tremendous amount of good has been accomplished by the program. The Christian atmosphere and loving support that have been offered to our youth are the result of many, many good citizens of our community. We hope and pray that they will continue with the good work.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Debbie Lewis
and Mrs. Tammy Speck

Bible Verse of the Week

"As we have opportunity, let us do good to all." — Galatians 6:10

Submitted by Neddy Phillips

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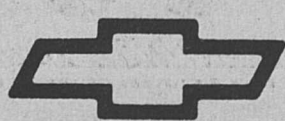
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