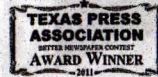


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News Notes

Fall festival Sunday at MISD

MARFA - The Marfa ISD Fall Festival will be from 4:30-6:30pm Sunday on the high school parking lot.

Funds raised from this event will go to help Project Graduation, the Booster Club, and class organizations.

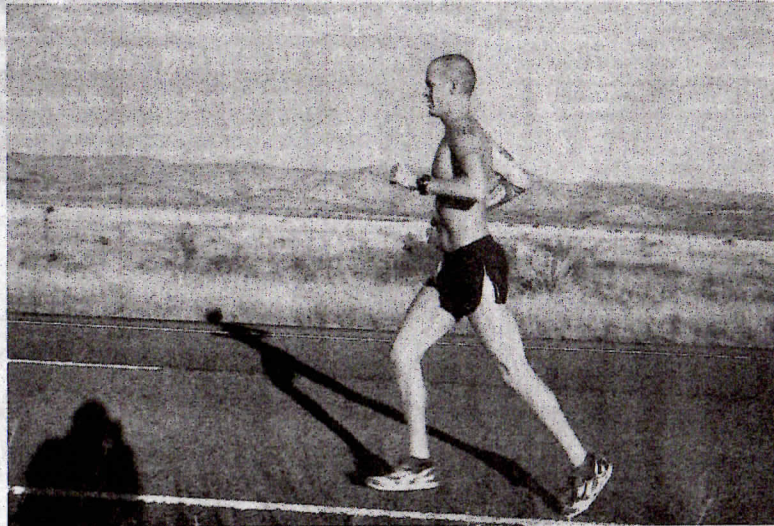
Non-school organizations may participate, too, by contacting Cynthia Wimberly for more information at 729-4252.

Tickets will be available at the gate and start at 25 cents per activity. There will be a haunted house, fishing pond, face painting, cake-walk, and more. Food will be available. Activities are designed for children age 2 and older.

This two-hour event is designed to provide families a safe place for children of all ages to have fun. The public is invited.

Marfa library Halloween event Wednesday

MARFA - The Friends of the Marfa Library are in the midst of preparing a SPOOKtacular good time for the library's annual Halloween Party and Costume Contest.



(photo by and courtesy of JAMES EVANS)

Collin Bond of Kyle placed second in the ninth annual Marathon 2 Marathon 26.2-mile race on Saturday with a time of three hours and 17 minutes, just two minutes off the pace of winner Fred Fletcher of Austin. Please see page 12 for local results and photo.

Valentine post office will stay open with fewer hours

By JEFF MATHEIS

VALENTINE - After vigorous opposition to the planned closing of 3,700 postal offices, the United States Postal Service will instead spread cost cuts among 13,000 offices, keeping as many locations open as possible. The Valentine office will be among those spared.

Starting in January, the Valentine Post Office will operate six hours a day instead of eight. Hours of operation will be limited to 7:30am - 2:30pm, with a break

between 12:30pm and 1:30pm. Reaction among postal customers to limited hours has been much less contentious.

A total 104 surveys were sent out to Valentine postal boxes listing four alternatives to closing. Survey respondents voted overwhelmingly to keep their post office open. Alternate options included receiving mail in neighboring towns, receiving mail at retail locations, and receiving limited delivery service.

A community meeting was held last Thursday in Valentine.

Help sought finding donors Individual absconds with soccer league funds

ALPINE- The Big Bend Youth Soccer Association seeks the area's support in locating about 100 individuals who took part in a fundraiser in which money was taken by an individual, said league official James Miller.

The soccer association (BBYSA) has conducted its annual Red Wheel Cookie Dough fundraiser for several years without a problem. This year, however, a person selling cookie dough on behalf of BBYSA absconded with a majority of the funds without turning it into the association.

"We are fortunate to have obtained the order forms in order to make good on the orders of our paying customers," Miller said.

He said a criminal complaint has been filed with the Alpine Police Department. About \$1,000 is believed to have been taken.

"The problem we are faced with is the order forms only have the name of the customers, but no contact information (no phone number or physical address)," Miller said.

The cookie dough arrives on Saturday. "We want to make sure the ordered product is delivered to our paying customers so the association is not burdened with additional costs of storing the cookie dough or having to pay reimbursement costs should the product spoil," he said.

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Clinton in San Antonio today with Gallego

SAN ANTONIO - Former President Bill Clinton will campaign in San Antonio for Democratic candidates today, which could be a boost for state Rep. Pete Gallego in his close race against incumbent Republican Rep. Francisco "Quico" Canseco.

"President Clinton's visit will play a huge role in energizing and mobilizing Democrats," Gallego told Gary Martin of the San Antonio Express-News.

"President Clinton is revered around here for his exceptional public service on behalf of middle-class families. It will be an honor to share the stage with President Clinton, particularly at this time when there are so many critical issues at stake for middle-class families in this election," Gallego added.

Education, sports

Marathon to Marathon runners raise \$2,000 for library

By JEFF MATHEIS

MARATHON - A record-breaking 349 runners competed in the 9th annual Marathon to Marathon events on Saturday.

The Marathon race is a sanctioned Boston qualifier and has a 400-foot net drop. The course was adjusted last year to account for traffic and is still one of the most altitudinous competitions in the country.

Fred Fletcher of Austin won the full marathon with a time of three hours, 15 minutes, and 18 seconds.

West Texas residents Alexis Ontiveros, Orn Eckley, and Jacob Oskin won the half marathon, 10K, and 5K, respectively. Pat

Martin, 83, walked the 5K as the oldest participant of the day.

All Marathon to Marathon attendees were treated to a day time street festival and an evening awards ceremony. Everyone involved in the event, from the water-stop workers to race director Marci Roberts, is a volunteer.

The event raised \$2,000 for the Marathon Public Library.

Area finishers

Marathon

Humberto Hernandez, Marfa; David Provencher, Van Horn; Ricky Celaya, Fort Stockton; Layton Duer, Fort Davis; Julie Balovich, Alpine; Melissa McDonnell, Marfa;

Erin Albright, Marathon; Brian Sikes, Big Bend.

Half marathon

Kristine Woosley, Alpine; Heather Hall, Big Bend; Sarah Hall, Big Bend; Lauren Selzer, Fort Worth; Asa Selzer, Fort Worth; Maria Lav-

ender, Big Bend; Cathryn Windham, Terlingua; Jack Sullivan, Terlingua; Francisca Marquez, Marfa; Amanda Chisholm, Alpine; Marion Whiting, Alpine;

Ashley Baker, Alpine; Scott Curtis, Alpine;

Chris Marks, Alpine; Mary Alvarado-Cloud, Alpine; Sally Harris, Fort Worth; Lia Waelbroeck, Alpine.

10K

Orn Eckley, Alpine; David Eckley, Alpine; Amber McMullan, Fort Davis; Alyson McDonald, Fort Stockton; Yvette Jones, Alpine; Janie Porter, Fort Stockton; Kurt Mannchen, Alpine; Natalie Craig, Big Bend; Tanner Whitesell, Fort



Race organizer Marci Roberts and Pat Martin, oldest participant.

Davis; Jennifer Whitesell, Fort Davis; Jeannette Duar, Fort Davis.

5K

Jacob Oskin, Alpine; Brandon Trevizo, Fort Davis; Krystal Aguilar, Marathon; Jost Zwiebel, Big Bend; Jessinia Venegas, Fort Stockton; Debra Shackelford, Marathon; Marylou Benavente, Fort Stockton; Santana Villa, Alpine; Michael Margo, Alpine; Jose Guerrero, Alpine; Rod Trevizo, Lajitas; Zane Roberts, Marathon; Jack Taylor, Marathon; Janet Groth, Fort Stockton; Zachariah Gonzales, Marathon; Ryan Skelton, Alpine; Heather Garvin, Fort Stockton; Jaelyn

Blackwell, Alpine; Adel Ramirez, Fort Stockton; Alexis Ramirez, Fort Stockton; Rachel Albright, Alpine; Colton Celaya, Fort Stockton; Gabriella Rodriguez, Alpine; Heather Gully, Sanderson; Teresa Garvin, Fort Stockton; Shaun Barak, Alpine; Phillip Moellering, Marathon; Leandra Ramirez, Marathon; Zoeta Celaya, Fort Stockton; Coy Gonzales, Marathon; Kip Piper, Alpine; Karlin DeVoll, Alpine; Betty Leisure, Sanderson; Marci Roberts, Marathon; Kay Stovell, Alpine; Rosalinda Crase, Marathon; Pat Martin, Marathon; Alma Gonzalez, Fort Stockton.



(photos by JAMES EVANS)
Marathon race buckle

Marfa 4H plans Big Bend National Park outing

MARFA - The Marfa 4H Club held its latest meeting on October 1, and new business included idea sharing for fundraising, and if you are not currently enrolled, enrollments are due, and cost is \$20 until Wednesday, and then the cost rises to \$25.

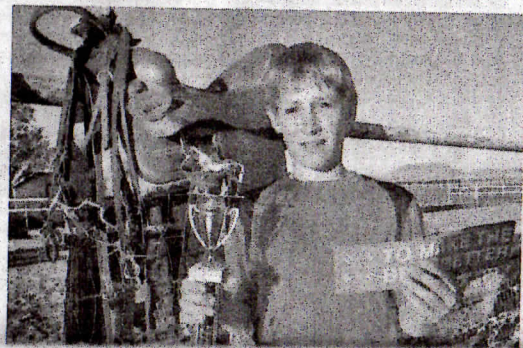
You must have a completed enrollment to participate in meetings, project meetings, etc.

Also, an outdoor education adventure is scheduled for November 10 at Big Bend National Park. RSVP for the field excursion by November 5, and all in attendance must have a signed waiver of liability. Adult leaders and chaperones

at 5:30pm at the Marfa Cowboy Church.

"Linking Inland to the Gulf" was presented by county agent Jesse Lea Schneider, which included finding major Texas rivers leading to the gulf, water conservation, etc.

The next meeting of the Marfa 4H Club will be Monday, November 5 at 5:30pm at the Marfa Cowboy Church. All attending are asked to bring canned goods for the Food Pantry as a community service opportunity. A fundraising project, project leader updates, the Outdoor Education Adventure, and part II of "Linking Inland to the Gulf," and a special program will be on the



Alpine shop

ALPINE - One Stop November 10 at the Alpine. Get a jump start on your shopping to benefit Alpine. There will be gift baskets. Admission is free. Info

Alpine lib

ALPINE - Volunteers and sundry endeavor. Re-Reads Bookstore, searches, and many other. Call the store today: 4. No experience required. Ebay seller: photograph the library and volunteer.

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