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NEWSLETTER

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The membership in 1994 was 345. In 1995 it is 240 to this ជជជជជជជជជជជជជជជជជជជជ point, and more are coming in . If you have not done so, send ជងជងជងជងជងជងជងជ your dues of \$15 to Director, CBBS, Box C-71, SRSU, Alpine, TX 79832.

More than 100 persons attended the first annual meeting of the Center Associates on November 18-19, 1994, and heard 13 excellent presentations on a variety of topics under the general theme: "Episodes in the History of the Texas-Mexico Borderlands."

The second annual meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 17-18, 1995, on the campus of Sul Ross State University. Details will be circulated when the program is finalized. Papers will be presented on topics relating to the culture and/or history of the Trans-Pecos, Big Bend border region and will be considered for publication in The Journal of Big Bend Studies. Persons interested in presenting papers should contact the Director, CBBS, Box C-71, SRSU, Alpine, TX 79832, telephone 915-837-8179, FAX 915-837-8046.

NEW DIRECTOR

Earl H. Elam, who has been the director of the center since its formal establishment in 1987 is retiring in August.

A search for his successor has been completed, and Robert J. Mallouf, who has been the state archeologist with the Texas Historical Commission for the past 18 years will become the new director effective September 1. His professional research has concentrated on the Big Bend region, and his article on recent investigations in the area is published in volume 7 of The Journal of Big Bend Studies. Bob will

welcome your comments and participation as the center continues its mission to serve the University and the public by promoting research, publications, and programming relating to the culture and history of the borderland region of Texas and Mexico.

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Volume 7 (1995) of the journal is in the final stages of publication and will be circulated soon. With thirteen articles and more than 220 pages, it is the largest edition yet published. Contents:

"Arroyo de las Burras: Preliminary Findings from the 1992 SRSU Archeological Field School," by Robert J. Mallouf

"La Escuela de Don Clemente: History of the Madero Ward Elementary School in Alpine, Texas, 1910-1936," by Abelardo Baeza

"Charles Drury Wood: Big Bend Pioneer," by Bill Wright

- by W. R. Bowers
- "Life in the Big Bend CCC Camp--Summer 1937," by Rollin H. Baker
- "Fort Clark, Texas: A Brief History," by Ben E. Pingenot
- "Notes on General Luís Alberto Guajardo," by Frank W. Daugherty
- "The Texas Fort and the Major General D. A. Russell," by J. Tillapaugh
- "The Watch Along the Rio Grande," by B. T. Davenport
- "Seventeen Days in November: The Lynching of Antonio Rodriguez and American-Mexican Relations, November 3-19, 1910," by Gerald G. Raun
- "Population Patterns in Presidio County in 1880: Evidence from the Census," by Paul Wright
- "Corridos: Reflections of Acculturation Along the Border," by Marianne Bachman Kerr
- "Curanderismo: Mexican Folk Healing," by Grover H. (Dean) Smith

Manuscripts to be considered for Volume 8 (1996) should be submitted before September 15. They should be preceded by a letter with a brief summary. A style sheet will be sent. Write. Editor, JBBS, Box C-71, SRSU, Alpine, TX 79832

"The main physical circumstances of the Rio Grande are timeless. They assume meaning only in terms of people who came to the river."

Paul Horgan, Great River: The Rio Grande in North American History (1954)

"The CCC, the Big Bend, and Me." ជជជជជជជជជជជជជជជជជ BOOKS

Book Review by Franklin W. Daugherty, Alpine, Texas: El Ojo Parado: El Sagueo del Valle de Santa Rosa. By Jesús Santos Landois. Privately printed, 1993, 298 pp. \$14.00 (U.S.), postage paid. Available from the author at Apartado Postal 91. Múzquiz, Coahuila, México. The reviewer is a retired professor of geology, West Texas A&M University and a member of the advisory council of the CBBS. His geological and business interests have taken him many times to the region covered by this book, and he has a keen interest in its history.

El Ojo Parado, the principal title of this book, can be literally interpreted as "The Fixed Eye," a sobriquet commonly applied in Mexico to a person who has a glass eye. The subtitle, "El Saqueo del Valle de Santa Rosa," is a more fitting title, however, for the story is told in detail of the devastation and ruin of the Santa Rosa Valley and its peoples during the Revolutionary period which extended from the last days of the Díaz regime in 1910 until the triumph of the forces of Venustiano Carranza in 1914.

The Valle de Santa Rosa of northcentral Coahuila is part of the Municipio de Múzquiz. The principal town and seat of government is Múzquiz (earlier known as Santa Rosa), which sprang up following establishment in 1739 of the Real Presidio de Santa Rosa María de Sacramento.

The Valle de Santa Rosa includes the drainage basin of the Rio Sabinas which stretches almost to the Río Bravo or Rio Grande. It is a vast land with large cattle ranches in the valleys separating and bordering the Sierra del Carmen and Serranía del Burro ranges. From the earliest days farming was important in the riparian areas which border the Río Sabinas. About the turn of the century large deposits of coal in the Sabinas basin began to be exploited to fuel locomotives of a rapidly expanding rail system.

The account begins with the Madero revolution and Madero's election as President of Mexico. General Victoriano Huerta's treacherous assumption of power was followed by the execution of President Madero and Vice President Pino Suarez on orders of Huerta. Ultimately, Carranza, Francisco "Pancho" Villa, and other revolutionary chiefs forced Huerta into exile. The story ends shortly after Carranza becomes President of Mexico.

For years first one and then another faction controlled political power in the town and the municipio, but the amity which had existed for many years between families and friends evaporated when the bitter struggle for power in Mexico began to be felt in the Valle.

War in earnest came to the Valle in 1913 as the Carranzistas sought to drive out the federal forces of Huerta. The identity or perception of identity often meant the difference between living and dying and the average citizen sought to remain friendly

with the soldiers while fearing alienation of the guerrillas.

Taxes to support the war effort were increased on all manner of commercial activity and levies were made on crops, horses, mules, wagons, and cattle. The *Hacienda de la Babía* which consisted of more than 8,000 acres was despoiled of its horse herd and cattle; about 1,500 horses were requisitioned leaving the vaqueros virtually afoot, and of more than 20,000 cattle only about 200 of the wildest remained.

The principal villain, and there were many, was Ildefonso Castro (El Ojo Parado) who assumed power over the Valle after his appointment as Jefe de Armas by the Carranzistas. Soon Castro began to settle old scores and to do away with those men who were not supporters of Carranza's regime. Although the lives of the women and young children of suspected enemies were in no danger for the most part, the men and teen-age boys had good reason to fear. Some were taken from their families and summarily executed by firing squad; others were hanged from trees which bordered the Río Sabinas.

During this time a severe drought prevailed in the region. The resulting scarcity of food and employment, as well as fear for personal safety, led those who could to flee for refuge in the United States. Others took to the hills and mountains, living in caves and subsisting on food brought them in secrecy by friends and relatives.

Sources of information cited in the book were extensive records of the *Archivo Municipal de Múquiz*, documents and correspondence of various individuals, and interviews of persons with first-hand knowledge of events and their descendants.

This interesting book is recommended for those who have a reading knowledge of Spanish and a desire to know more in detail about the bloody civil war which ravaged northern Mexico during the early years of this century.

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A critique by Carolyn Ohl, Terlingua, Texas: The Jumanos: Hunters and Traders of the South Plains. By Nancy Parrott Hickerson. Austin: University of Texas Press, 1994, \$17.95 paper. (P. O. Box 7819, Austin, TX 78713-7819). Carolyn Ohl is author of "Jumanos and Tarahumaras: A Common Identity." The Journal of Big Bend Studies 5 (January 1993): 51-66. An artist and writer who is studying the rock art of the Big Bend, she believes there was a linguistic as well as a trade relationship between the Jumanos and the Tarahumaras. The following is excerpted from a letter sent to the editor of La Vista:

My avid interest in the subject caused me to be enthusiastic about this book. My enthusiasm was fueled upon learning Hickerson's conviction that "the identity of the Jumanos' language appeared to be crucial." (vii)

Unfortunately, after saying that, she set out to try to prove a Tanoan connection.

What is her proof of a Tanoan connection? If she mentioned that Tanoan and Uto-Aztecan were linked in the glotto-chronological order of things, I overlooked it. She said, the Suma "may have been" linked to the extinct Piro language. To say Suma were linked to Piro is like saying Tanoan is linked to Uto-Actecan. There is no reason to believe that Sumans were Tanoan.

Basically, all her book proves is that she read the same primary and secondary materials that all other researchers read and put her rendition of it into fine readable form.

I found it good reading in spite of some important points totally ignored or over overlooked. In some instances, she indicated that Jumano was not a tribal designation: "... it seems unclear . . . whether Jumano should, at that time, be properly regarded as a tribal designation." While she cannot consistently consider the name a tribal designation, she seems not to entertain the concept that it can consistently be the designation of an elite runner, trader, etc. segment of various Uto-Aztecan groups.

A contradiction appears on p. xxiii when she claims that the Jumanos "seem never to have been extremely numerous," but she goes on to say on p. 17 that Cabeza de Vaca reported the country of the People of the Cows to be incredibly populous, and on p. 62 she describes one Jumano settlement as having more than a thousand houses.

The book becomes more confusing when she equates Amotomancos with Jumanos (Tanoan), and [describes the] Cabris (Abriashes) as Uto-Azetcan, all of whom lived at La Junta. All these people were interrelated according to early chroniclers and known as Patarabueye. She says the word Patarabueye is a derogatory invention of slave raiders.

She ignores the fact that Diego Perez de Luxan used the term *Jumano* only for the hunting Indians. On p. 38 she quoted Hernan Gallegos who had referred to information that had been passed down from "the men who hunted the buffalo." She said, "the meaning of this statement is not immediately clear." For it to be clear, she would have to accept the men who hunted the buffalo as Jumanos.

On. p. 54 Hickerson ties the Jumanos to the Piros through the word Atziqui, a term she says is sometimes applied to Piro pueblos, noting that France V. Scholes took this to be evidence that they spoke the same language. All I can surmise is that she forgets that the pueblos were called Jumano pueblos because it was Jumanos who traded there.

One thing I learned is that the *Tepehuan* who lived below Toyah Creek, apparently near Fort Davis, were probably Jumanos. (p. 67) I find that fascinating and more corroboration for my hypothesis that *Tepehaun* (tepe = mountain; hu'an = Humane) were related to Jumano descendants, the Tarahumara, who today are known to be related.

Hickerson does concede that at least some Jumanos spoke Mexican (Uto-Aztecan Nahuatl). To reconcile this she declares it proof of their contact with Mexico. It is equally arguable that if they spoke Tanoan it was due to contact with Tanoan pueblos. Far ranging traders who traveled through enemy territory with immunity would very likely have been bilingual.

Finally, Hickerson's book leads me to hope that some day a qualified scholar will read my article, see its merit, and do a book about the connection of the Jumanos and the Tarahumaras.

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Pancho Villa Days at Pilares. By Joyce E. Means. Rev. ed. Tucson, AZ, 1994. Photographs, illustrations. 355 pp. \$45.00. Joyce E. Means, 306 West President St., Tucson, AZ 85714.

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Hispanic Texas: A Historical Guide. By Helen Simons and Cathryn A. Hoyt. Austin: University of Texas Press, 1992. 512 pp. \$49.95 cloth, \$19.95 paper. P. O. Box 7819, Austin, TX 78713-7819.

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United States-Mexico Border Environmental Directory. Samuel Schmidt, ed. El Paso: The Center for Inter-American and Border Studies, 1994. 206 pp. Contact the publisher at the University of Texas at El Paso for information about copies.

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The Cibolo Creek Ranch. Houston: Southwestern Holdings, 1994. Photographs, illustrations. 82 pp. Sub-title: "A Brief History of the Big Bend Country of Texas, A Biography of the Founder of the Ranch, Don Meliton Faver, and His Times, and An Account of the Restoration of the Ranch and Its Historical Structures." Contact the publisher for information about copies.

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Personal Civil War Letters of Lawrence Sullivan "Sul" Ross, CSA, to his Wife, with Other Letters. Trans. and Comp. by Perry Wayne Shelton. Shelly Morrison, ed. Austin: W. M. Morrison Books, 1994. 128 pp. \$29.50 plus tax. W. M. Morrison Books, 15801 La Hacienda, Austin, TX 78734.

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Read All About Her! Texas Women's History: A Working Bibliography. Elizabeth Snapp and Harry F. Snapp, comp. & ed. Denton: Texas Woman's University Press, 1995. \$125 plus \$15 for shipping, handling, and tax. Box 424053, TWU Station, Denton, TX 76204.

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Sam McGoo and Texas Too. By Paul Patterson. With illustrations and new Foreword by Elmer Kelton. 2nd ed. Commerce, TX: Cow Hill Press, 1995. 183+pp. \$23.80 cloth, \$14.00 paper. Cow Hill Press, Box 3002, E.T. Station, Commerce, TX 75429.

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The New Handbook of Texas. Austin: Texas State Historical Association, 1996. Maps, illustrations. 3 vols., 6,000 pp. \$395.00 Special pre-publication offer until March 1, 1996: \$295.00 per set plus 8% tax and \$20.00 shipping and handling;

TSHA members, \$250.75 per set plus tax and shipping and handling. TSHA annual membership is \$35.00. Send orders to Texas State Historical Association, 2.306 Sid Richardson Hall, Univ. Station, Austin, TX 78712.

a Community," by Jaclyn Jeffrey, Institute for Oral History, Baylor Univ.

"The Sanderson Flood of 1965," by Russell Scogin, Independent Scholar, Houston

A panel discussion by persons who were in Sanderson on the day of the flood: Fidela and Joe Borrego, Monahans, Texas; Bill Cooksey, Mullin, Texas; Frances Corbett, Sanderson, Texas; and David Flores, Fort Stockton,

Texas.

A community reception will be held in Sanderson on April 22 from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. in the Community Building and a Sunrise Memorial Service will be on the Courthouse grounds on Sunday, April 23, at 7:00 A.M.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

COMMUNITY HISTORY
PROGRAM

THE SANDERSON FLOOD OF 1965

On June 11, 1965, a flood swept through Sanderson, Texas, and destroyed more than 50 homes, and killed 26 persons. The CBBS is co-sponsoring, with the Friends of the Library in Sanderson, a community history program in commemoration of the event. It is funded in part by the Texas Committee for the Humanities.

The program will be presented in Alpine in the Marshall Auditorium at Sul Ross State University on April 21 at 7:00 P.M. and in Sanderson at the high school auditorium on April 22 at 7:00 P.M.

Scheduled topics:

"Crisis in a Rural Community: An Oral History of the Sanderson Flood of 1965," by Earl H. Elam, Director, CBBS

""How--and Why--Communities Rebuild Following Disasters," by Richard Francaviglia, Director, Center for Greater Southwestern Studies, University of Texas at Arlington

"We Will Never be the Same: The Long-Term Effects of Disaster on

PRE-PUBLICATION

The Sanderson Flood of 1965: Crisis in a Rural Texas Community

by Russell Ashton Scogin

This is Scogin's master's thesis on the subject. It is being edited for publication by the CBBS, with the goal of having it available for circulation by June 11, the 30th anniversary of the disaster. Copies will be available for purchase in Sanderson and in Alpine.

WIEETINGS

Topics relating to the Big Bend have been the subject in several meetings outside the region recently.

In a joint session of the Texas Oral History Association and the Texas State Historical Association in San Antonio in March, CBBS director Earl Elam read a paper and showed slides on "The Sanderson Flood of 1965."

At the annual meeting of the West Texas Historical Association in Snyder on April 8, the following papers were presented: "The Lost Communities of San Vicente," by Al Tucker of Sul Ross; "Work Among Anglos and Hispanics in the Big Bend, 1910," by Paul Wright of Sul Ross; and "National Guard Operations in the Big Bend, 1916-1917," by Gerald Raun of Alpine.

Also featured at the WTHA meeting was a video produced by Thomas G. Utley of Duncanville, Texas: "The Legacy of Faith, A Video Documentary of the Reverend David E. Adams, an Itinerant West Texas Preacher." Adams pastored Baptist churches between 1880 and 1951 in Abilene, Barstow, Odessa, Monahans, Grandfalls, Pyote, Balmorhea, Saragosa, and Kermit.

The WTHA banquet speaker was Leon Metz of El Paso who spoke on "Chasing Gunfighters Across the American Southwest." The meeting was hosted at Western Texas College, courtesy of the college president, Dr. Harry Krenek, a former Sul Ross history professor.

The annual "Cynthia Ann Parker Days" festival in Crowell, Texas, ជជជជជជជជជជជជជជជជជជជជ on April 29 will feature talks about Lawrence Sullivan Ross and other topics related to Cynthia Ann Parker.

Ross also will be the subject of the 75th Anniversary celebration at Sul Ross State University in late September. Biographer Judith Ann Brenner will be the featured speaker.

The Center for Greater Southwest Studies and the History of Cartography has announced a special symposium commemorating the 150th anniversary of Texas statehood: "The Challenge of Statehood: A Sesquicentennial Symposium on Texas Annexation," Friday and Saturday, October 21-22, 1995. For information contact the Director of the Center at The University of Texas at Arlington, Box 19497, Arlington, TX 76019; phone 817-273-3997

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MISCELLANEOUS

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An announcement has been received from The Center for Geoarcheological Studies, Cemeteries Research Program at UT Arlington, about its work which includes planning preservation activities, historical document research, identification of lost cemetery sites, delineation of cemetery boundaries, locating unmarked graves, and other activities. Interested parties should contact Prof. Brooks B. Ellwood. UT Arlington, Box 19049, Arlington, TX 76019. Phone 817-273-2339.

CBBS ENDOWMENT

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The permanent endowment of the CBBS has grown to approximately \$42,000. Recent contributions have been made by these Friends and Patrons:

Mr. & Mrs. Dudley Harrison, Sanderson, Texas

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Gifts to the endowment make a lasting contribution to the projects of the CBBS. The principal of gifts is never spent, and 10% of the interest earned each month is returned to the principal. The rest of the interest income is used to help with projects and operations of the center. The endowment is managed by Sul Ross State University in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Regents, Texas State University System, and applicable state laws.

The degree to which the activities of the CBBS will progress and fulfill its mission is directly commensurate to the resources that are available, and income from the endowment is essential. Gifts of any amount are greatly appreciated. They are categorized as follows:

Benefactors: \$1,000 and up

Patrons: \$100 to \$999

Friends: \$10 to \$99

MERITORIOUS SERVICE

During the past year, the following persons have provided meritorious service to the CBBS. generously sharing their time and resources to help with various projects:

Dr. & Mrs. Frank Daugherty, Alpine

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Mr. Russell Scogin, Cypress

Ms. Ramona Cearley, Austin

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Center Associates are persons who make an annual membership contribution of \$15.00 to the Center for Big Bend Studies, a non-profit educational program of Sul Ross State University, a member of the Texas State University System. The effective dates of membership are from January 1 to December 31.

For 1995, fill in the form on the cover and send it with \$15.00 to CBBS, P. O. Box C-71, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, TX 79832. Telephone inquiries: 915-837-8179. The form also may be used to order back issues of *The Journal of Big Bend Studies* that are available.

Center Associates:

- receive the annual volume of the journal.
- receive issues of La
 Vista de la Frontera.
- receive Occasional Reports (or Papers) that are prepared from time to time under CBBS sponsorship on special projects, investigations, field trips, and research conducted in the Big Bend, Trans-Pecos region.
- are entitled to any discounts that are given for back issues of the journal or special publications.
- are entitled to seek advice concerning research and writing that

may be contemplated on cultural and historical topics relating to the region.

- actively support research, publications, and programming relating to the southwestern borderlands of the United States.
- contribute to the continued development of a program that enhances the mission of Sul Ross State University as the cultural center of the region.

The membership dues of Center Associates support the publication program of the CBBS, including supplies, typographical services, printing, postage, and student assistance. The publication program is a self-supporting project of the CBBS and is dependent on membership dues and sales of publications.

"The foundation of successful self-government is a widely diffused education and a high average of moral culture."

Lawrence Sullivan Ross

First Inaugural Address as Governor of Texas, January 18, 1887

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order to receive Volume 7 of the journal; library and other institutional memberships also are \$15.00.) MEMBERSHIP, CENTER ASSOCIATES, 1995 @ \$15.00 (Includes JBBS, Vol. 7). Back issues of the following volumes are available. For orders, please check the appropriate blanks below and enclose your check for the total. Volume III (January 1991) @ \$10.00 per copy. Volume IV (January 1992) @ \$10.00 per copy. Volume V (January 1993) @ \$10.00 per copy. RETURN ORDER TO: ____ Volume VI (January 1994) @ \$10.00 per copy. JOURNAL OF BIG BEND STUDIES NAME ___ SRSU C-71 ALPINE, TX 79832 ADDRESS STATE _____ZIP THANK YOU! YOUR SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED

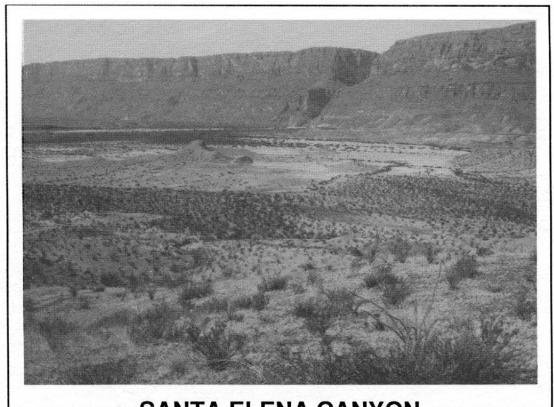
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