



Man indicted for shooting at officer

GEORGE WEST — A Three Rivers man was indicted on four counts of aggravated assault by the Live Oak County grand jury on April 30.

District Judge Joel Johnson presided.

Juan Rosales Carrillo, 47, of Three Rivers, was indicted on two counts of aggravated assault, threat against a public servant with a deadly weapon and two counts of aggravated assault, threat with deadly weapon against a family member.

Three Rivers Police Department Officer Ray Medrano said he first got

a call at 10:37 p.m. April 3, 2010, about an intoxicated man beating up his ex-wife and her friend with a firearm.

“I arrived at the scene shortly after,” Medrano said. But Carrillo was not at the address in the 500 block of Thornton.

By then, Medrano said he was joined by Sheriff’s Deputy Joey Rodriguez and a Department of Public Safety trooper.

They went to check out Carrillo’s home just out of the city limits in the 6000 block of U.S. Highway 281 North.

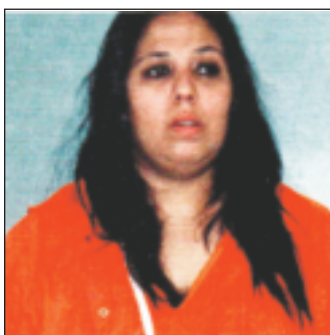
“Law enforcement arrived about 11:20 p.m.



Juan Rosales Carrillo
at the house, and Carrillo was spotted at his front door,” Medrano said.

Carrillo was asked to come out and speak to the officers. Instead, he fired a round, Medrano said.

After that, it was a standoff that lasted all night.



Jennifer Nicole Pena
At 7:50 a.m. April 4, Carrillo was spotted walking out of the house.

“That’s when the deputies made contact with him,” Medrano said.

Other indictments handed down by the grand jury are as follows:

Jennifer Nicole Pena,



Adrian Lee Chapa
29, of Three Rivers, one count of possession of a controlled substance-cocaine and one count of tampering with physical evidence.

Abraham Carvajal, 19, of Pharr, possession of marijuana, 5 to 50 pounds.



Guillermo Garcia
Adrian Lee Chapa, 20, of George West, one count of assault, family violence, strangulation; one count of assault, continuous family violence; and one count of endangering a child.

Guillermo Ybanez
(See Indictments, 3A)

Vet fights battle for medal

By Tim Delaney
Progress Editor

GEORGE WEST — Richard Wechsler Jr. was going about his business as a seaman on the USS Stark, a frigate participating in the Iraq-U.S. war in 1987.

Wechsler, like his captain, was unaware that an Iraqi pilot was flying directly for them in a French-built Dassault Mirage F1 armed with 1,500-pound Exocet missiles. The time was about 8 p.m. May 17, there in the Persian Gulf.

The Iraqi’s deadly intent was detected by an AWACS plane on patrol nearby. The Iraqi was flying 5,000 feet above the water at 550 mph.

The USS Stark was warned when the enemy was about 200 miles out. The jet came within view just before 10 p.m. off the Stark’s port side.

Two radio messages from the Stark were sent requesting identification, but the Iraqi pilot ignored the signals.

Instead, two missiles were fired: one from 22 miles away and a second from 15 miles. Then the Iraqi pilot banked and withdrew.

The crew of the Stark only had seconds warning that they were under fire.

The first missile swiftly came in 10 feet about the sea and struck the



Richard Wechsler Jr. of George West holds the Purple Heart close to his heart at a ceremony where he finally received the medal 25 years after his service on the USS Stark during the Iraq-U.S. war in 1987.

port side hull near the bridge, failed to detonate but ignited, causing a large fire which spread through the ship’s post office, store room and combat operations center.

The second missile struck the port side, as well, and exploded, leaving a 10-by-15-foot hole.

Sadly, 29 men were killed in the fire and explosion, eight sailors died later of wounds and

21 others were wounded, including Wechsler, who had received missile shrapnel in his right hip.

And two of 37 men were lost at sea.

(See Medals, 3A)

Tips spillway traps, drowns kayaker, 44

By Tim Delaney
Progress Editor

THREE RIVERS — A George West man drowned in the Frio River at Tips Park on Saturday, according to a Three Rivers Police Department report.

According to a witness, Maurry Cook, 44, decided the river was high enough to go over the dam in his kayak.

But Cook was caught in the spillway’s whirlpool and drowned after his kayak flipped over, the report stated from three witnesses’ accounts.

The incident occurred about 6:30 p.m.

Cook was pulled out of the river about a quarter-mile downstream at approximately 7:11 p.m. by firefighters, and EMS

stated he was already deceased, according to the report.

Cook officially was pronounced dead at 7:45 p.m. by Justice of the Peace Endercio Chapa.

Also responding to the fatal accident were Department of Public Safety troopers and Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Three Rivers Police officers Howard Bostwick Jr. and Emmanuel Ambros investigated the accident.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Galloway & Sons Funeral Director Inc.

Visitation is Thursday, May 17, from 9 a.m. to noon at First United Methodist Church. Funeral services will follow.

McMullen voters approve \$12M bond

By Tim Delaney
Progress Editor

TILDEN — Voters turned out to approve the McMullen County school district’s \$11.95 million capital improvements bond.

“I’m just excited for our kids,” said Superintendent Dave Underwood.

“I think our commu-

nity committee did a terrific job. Finding out what the school needed was a community effort,” Underwood said.

After an assessment of school needs by Lamar, Womack and Associates, and meetings by the Community Facilities Committee, the school

(See MC Schools, 9A)

TR man arrested for meth, handgun

By Gary Kent
Special to The Progress

BEEVILLE — Two men driving through Beeville Tuesday morning ended up in the Bee County Jail facing a variety of serious felony charges.

Detective Sgt. Art Gamez said officers had the name of a man who had an outstanding arrest warrant from another jurisdiction who

was expected to be passing through the city.

What they did not know was that the men in the vehicle were transporting a large number of packets of methamphetamine crystals and a couple of loaded guns.

Officers also had a description of the vehicle, so when it was spotted heading west through the city on U.S. Highway 59,

three police department vehicles converged on the suspect’s car.

Gamez said officers started falling in behind the suspect’s vehicle as it passed Minnesota Street headed west. Then, when the suspect reached FM 351, Sgt. Chris Vasquez fell in behind the red Ford Taurus and turned on his lights and siren.

The suspect pulled

to the right and slowed down but did not stop. Fearing the driver would try to run, Gamez caught up with the Ford and turned his vehicle in front of it, forcing the driver to brake.

Detective Sgt. Ryan Treviño bailed out of the passenger side of Gamez’s car holding an AR-15 rifle

(See Tip, 9A)

TR school bond passes

By Tim Delaney
Progress Editor

THREE RIVERS — A handful of voters approved the Three Rivers school district \$14.22 million bond election on Saturday.

The bond issue had 104 voters for and 16 against.

“We feel like it’s good for the community, good for the kids,” said

Superintendent Kenneth Rohrbach.

The bond will fund the construction of a new elementary school.

The current elementary school was shown to be deteriorating with structural problems in the buildings and bathrooms.

And the size of

(See Bond, 9A)

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