

### 'Pattersons Dead, I Believe,' Says Closest Friend

Garage Owner Visited Their Home Afternoon Before They Vanished

### EXCLUSIVE!

This is the last of two articles probing the depths of the mystery surrounding the disappearance of a wealthy El Paso couple. From officials and friends, Herald-Post reporters have collected every known fact.

The disappearance—six months and one day after—remains a mystery. But these two articles give the most complete background on the puzzle gathered thus far. —The Editor.

By BRICE ARMSTRONG

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Probably the last person to see William Durrell (Pat) Patterson and his wife Margaret was Cecil Ward, "Pat's" closest friend in El Paso. At least, he's the last one who will talk about it. The time was March 5, about 2 p. m., at the Ward Motor Clinic, 2600 Wyoming street. "They drove by here in the Cadillac and asked me to go see an air cooler at their house," Ward said later. "I went with them and got back to the garage about 4:30 p. m. Everything was normal and nobody said anything about leaving town."

#### Talked His Way to a Loan

"Pat" talked a local businessman into lending him some money without security. He parlayed it into the money-making Patterson Photo Supply Co., which did more than \$350,000 worth of business last year. His credit was good. He was a top-notch photographer, and Margaret Patterson handled the business end. Herbert Roth became his accountant, D. G. Kirkland of Lubbock became his friend, and Dave Smith became his attorney.

#### 'Didn't Think Anything About It'

Ward said Kirkland told him he (Kirkland) had been to the Pattersons' home the night before. Ward remarked that he should have been there too, to help work on the boat, but hadn't felt good and didn't make it. "I naturally didn't think anything about it at the time," Ward said later. "Now, after six months, I believe they're dead—either or both of them."

#### Can't Trace Sender of Telegram

Sheriff Decker in Dallas said his investigators later found out the telegram had been sent from a pay station near Love Field and, therefore, no original existed in the sender's handwriting. In other words, anyone could have sent it. Yet, Attorney Dave Smith says the telegram is no fake, that it is from Patterson. Smith says the telegram contains things which only he and "Pat" knew about.

#### Frizzell Assigned to Find Them

Sheriff Hicks assigned tight-lipped Deputy Sheriff John B. Frizzell to find the Pattersons. The tall, hulking deputy frankly admits their disappearance is one of the most baffling cases he has had in his 17 years as an officer. For one thing, Roth and Kirkland are reluctant to talk to either Frizzell or the press. Roth, when questioned, usually replies sharply: "No comment."

### Faubus Orders State Police To Face FBI

Arkansas Governor Says Officers Will 'Discuss Evidence'

By JAMES E. FLINCHUM

Little Rock, Sept. 6

Defiant Governor Orval E. Faubus announced today that he has ordered Arkansas state police to discuss with Federal authorities "certain evidence" upon which he based his decision to use state troops to prevent integration in Little Rock. The governor said he has replied to a telegram from President Eisenhower with a promise that "I shall co-operate in upholding the constitution of Arkansas and the nation."

#### Plan to Expand Spanish Teaching

A new and broader program of teaching oral Spanish in the El Paso Public Schools will be started Sept. 16, Superintendent Charles said today. Classes in conversational Spanish will be offered all grade school pupils on a voluntary overtime basis. Both regular teachers and persons who are not certified but who are fluent in Spanish and English will be instructors.

#### Folks Aren't Angry

### Little Rock Could Never Be Ft. Sumter of 1957

By DICKSON J. PRESTON

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Sept. 6.—Little Rock's residents, regardless of how they feel about integration, are appalled by the light in which their town has been cast by this week's ruckus over letting Negroes into Central High School.

# Government Loses GI Home Loan Suit

### Sergeant Gets Prison Term In Shooting

Found Guilty Of Assault; Cleared In Bigamy Case

Army Sgt. Aria Brewington today was found guilty by a General Court-Martial Board of assault in the shooting of Mrs. Carol Ann Williams and was sentenced to six months at hard labor in the Ft. Bliss stockade.

#### Arms Scarred

Judge Windberg said he would withhold his inquest verdict until statements can be taken from Serrano and Anaya. Gonzales, known as "Chuy El Viejo," his arms scarred by old knife wounds and decorated with tattoos, said he stabbed all three of the wounded in a fight which started when he tried to protect 17-year-old Jose Magallanes from a vice assault by Serrano.

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Gonzales said Serrano kept making advances to Garcia and beat him when Garcia refused. He said he stopped Serrano and went to his cell and went to sleep. It was about 12:30 a. m., said Gonzales, when he was awakened again by Serrano beating Garcia and trying to force him into a cell.

#### A Good Soldier

The verdict found Brewington guilty of assault by deliberate negligence. Even so, this was a much less serious offense than the aggravated assault charge originally filed. The sentence could have been five years on the original charge.

### Liquor Party and Vice Bared At Hearing in Jail Murder

Witness Tells About Prison Fight

A sordid tale of smuggled liquor parties and prisoners armed with sharp knives in the City jail unfolded today at an inquest hearing in the fatal stabbing of Carlos Leyva and wounding of two companions early yesterday.

Peace Justice Charles Windberg ordered police to "hold for investigation" Jesus J. Gonzales, 30, and Florentino Flores, 20, jail inmates. They took the witness chair to describe the killing of Leyva and wounding of Maximo Anaya and Pedro Serrano, both 17. They are in serious condition at El Paso General Hospital.

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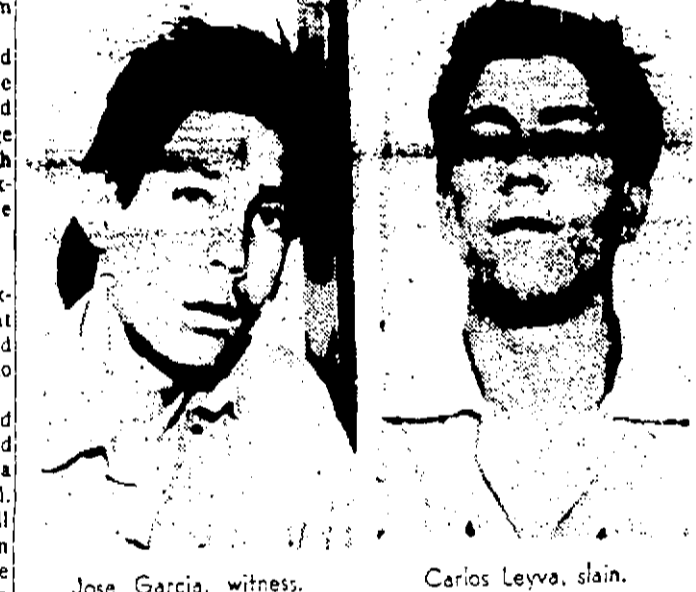
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IN SLAYING — Jose Garcia, left, and Florentino Flores, held in city jail killing.



Jose Garcia, witness. Carlos Leyva, slain.

Assistant District Attorney Larry Welch appeared neater than the other prisoners. He is serving out a \$15 fine imposed Sept. 4 for being drunk last Sunday. Gonzales is serving out the balance of a \$200 fine for drunkenness imposed last July 1. He has escaped several times and has been in jail for a total of 10 months.

#### Five-Day Weather

Temperatures 2-4 degrees above normal. Normal minimum 55-60 north and 66-74 south. Normal maximum 82-91. Little daily change. Precipitation locally moderate and scattered thundershowers; otherwise, light or none.

### Singer Tops Talent In 'Miss America' Contest

By United Press ATLANTIC CITY, Sept. 6.—A church choir singer who is all mixed up geographically won last night's talent round at the Miss America pageant with a hilarious, off-key rendition of "My Hero" from "The Chocolate Soldier."



Gloria Ruth Rupperecht

Miss Rupperecht now attends Valparaiso University in Indiana, her stepping-off point to the state contest which she won. She conceivably was the first contestant in history of the pageant to win a talent competition by singing off key. Her three-minute act which earned her a \$1000 scholarship was that of a scared young soprano making her theatrical debut singing "My Hero."

### U. S. Judge Rules No Fraud Shown

El Paso Agency Wins Contest Over Veteran Cases

The Government today lost its \$104,754 suit against DeWitt and Rearick real estate agency, 24 of its salesmen, and the Mortgage Investment Co.

Federal Judge R. E. Thomason, ruling in favor of the defendants, found no evidence of fraud in their sale and financing of houses through GI loans, as charged by the Department of Justice. The U. S. had sought recovery of penalties of \$2000 on each of 49 house transactions involving loan guaranties, and \$6754 from the Mortgage Investment Co. "illegally" received as loan gratuities from the Veterans Administration.

#### Government Charges

"The veterans (in 49 cases) did not intend and never did occupy the houses," the Government petition charged. The allegedly false certificates caused the VA to grant loan guaranties and to pay a gratuity of \$100 each on some of the loans to the Mortgage Investment Co., the suit charged.

#### Rules on Record

Judge Thomason noted that the law was passed to encourage home ownership by veterans and to unduly benefit real estate agents and money lenders. "This case involves a violation of the spirit but not the letter of the law," he held.

Judge Thomason ruled the record shows that all the veterans acted in good faith when they certified they expected to occupy the houses, "and the defendants had a right to rely upon the representations made."

The judge continued: "There is no evidence that at that time there was any fraud, collusion, financial payments or promises, or prearranged agreements covering the resale of the houses before occupation."

### Fabens Cotton Festival Pictures

Fabens Cotton Festival style show pictures are on Page 16 today.

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