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Yong Kim, left, submits two pencil sketchings to Kirk Kuykendall for Artfest, a student competition

Entered by the MSC Arts Committee. Entries for the contest are being taken at the MSC gallery through Friday.

Despite Mexican efforts peso may still devalue

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Border bankers and civic leaders will devalue no peso before its time.

But the currency exchangers on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border have frustrated the Mexican government's massive public relations effort to keep the peso's value at the rate of 149 against the dollar.

Eventually, most border bankers agree, the peso will go down to 200 against the dollar, the victim of inflation, the world oil glut and a drop in Mexico's gross national product.

But the money exchangers in border cities like El Paso, Texas and Juarez, Mexico are rushing matters.

During a 24-hour period this week, one Juarez bank was able to exchange only \$25 in American money while exchange houses in Juarez and El Paso were doing a booming business.

Here's the reason why: Thousands of Mexican nationals work in El Paso and live in Juarez. Thousands more live in Del Rio and commute daily

from Ciudad Acuna, Mexico. The same can be said for the border cities of Presidio-Ojinaga, Eagle Pass-Piedras Negras, Laredo-Nuevo Laredo, McAllen-Reynosa and Brownsville-Matamoros.

Many of the Mexican nationals, sometimes called "commuter aliens," are maids. Others are farmworkers or factory workers earning U.S. minimum wages.

Their American dollars, changed into pesos, provide them with a better salary than most workers in Mexico who earn peso salaries.

The minimum wage in Juarez is about \$2 a day for those lucky enough to have a steady job. Unemployment in Juarez is about 40 percent and underemployment is so rampant officials have stopped counting.

Other border cities have similar problems and complain of a population increasing faster than the economic system's ability to accommodate them.

The Mexican commuter aliens are important to Mexico's economy. They return to Juarez

and other border cities to cash their pay checks, buy groceries and pay the rent. Naturally, they look for the most favorable rate of exchange.

The Juarez banks offer 149 pesos per \$1. The neighborhood money exchanger, however, offers 152 pesos per dollar. Meanwhile, the banks and money exchangers across the border in El Paso offer even more.

The culprits in this crazy border economy are Mexican entrepreneurs anxious to grab dollars before any official devaluation. They deliberately offer more pesos per \$1 than the banks.

The money exchangers want to be holding dollars when the peso is devalued again, sup-

posedly, sometime this year. Eager beneficiaries of the greed are not only the commuter aliens but Americans who shop for bargains in Mexico.

El Paso shoppers who buy groceries in Mexico also find their exchange services. Shopping in Mexican border cities is decreasing, however, because of more stringent checks by Mexican customs officials to keep food supplies home.

Juarez bankers threaten to file complaints with the attorney general's office if those money exchangers continue in both El Paso and Juarez who are offering more than the government's exchange rate.

Headaches: simple ailments, but causes still mysterious

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It's the most common ailment in the country, affecting 90 percent of Americans. It generates billions of dollars for aspirin manufacturers. But the simple headache is not yet understood.

"It's only in the past decade that we've begun to understand the pain mechanisms, and there's still a lot to be learned," says Seymour Solomon, director of the headache unit at Montefiore Medical Center in New York City.

Researchers know that people get headaches for all sorts of reasons. Tension headaches usually result from psycholog-

ical stress. This in turn may cause scalp muscles to contract too hard or too long. Nerve endings in the scalp, stimulated by the

tightened muscles, relay an electrochemical impulse to the brain, which interprets the signal as pain.

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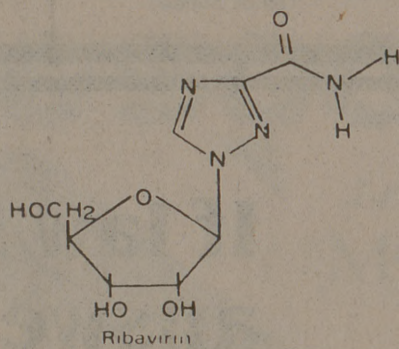
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