

Fieldhand's age argued, estimated 110 or 120

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MELVIN — Government records say otherwise, but family members prepared Tuesday to bury Nicolas Ramirez fully certain the field worker's life spanned 120 years.

Ramirez' survivors, who gathered after the man's death Sunday in a San Angelo hospital, Monday declared Social Security Administration records showing Ramirez' birth date as Sept. 10, 1872, were inaccurate. They said he was born Sept. 10, 1862, in Guanaguato, Mexico.

"All I can say is a mistake must have been made," said a family member who would identify himself only as Ramirez' son-in-law. "We've always been told he was born in 1862. Always."

A Social Security spokesman in Dallas said Ramirez was old enough when he applied for benefits that the

agency was not required to verify his age.

The spokesman said the birth date included in Social Security records came from a document supplied by Ramirez. But he said Ramirez could have used an unreliable document to establish his eligibility.

Family members said they were unconcerned with the discrepancy as they prepared for services for Ramirez, scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Francis Catholic Church of Melvin.

"We feel our children have learned a very valuable lesson in life by helping to take care of our father, grandfather and great-grandfather," said Jesse Cantu, husband of one of Ramirez' great-granddaughters.

Death was caused by a year-long bout with pneumonia, but Cantu said Ramirez remained conscious until his last breath and aware of all his

friends and family who had gathered around him at the end.

Ramirez moved to the United States in 1919, and worked in the fields of McCulloch County until he turned 100. Since then, his work has been confined to gardening the homeplace in Melvin.

During the past few months, Ramirez' conversation drifted to talk of his early days both in the United States and in Mexico, Cantu said.

Cantu said Ramirez kept remembering an avocado field he used to pass through to meet his wife Luisa, who was 36 years his junior when they met.

Ramirez is survived by his wife; his son Bernado Ramirez of Abilene; three daughters, Susana Laing of Brownwood, Petra Ramirez of Melvin and Inez Laing of Midland; 15 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

Threats by Mattox alleged

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AUSTIN — Travis County District Attorney Ronald Earle said Tuesday he had subpoenaed an assistant attorney general to testify about allegations that Attorney General Jim Mattox threatened a Houston law firm's bond business.

Earle said Assistant Attorney General Robert Lewis, chief of Mattox's bond division, and three members of Houston's Fulbright & Jaworski law firm would testify before the grand jury Tuesday afternoon.

Thomas McDade, one of the Fulbright & Jaworski attorneys who met with Earle, has alleged that Mattox threatened the firm's bond business unless it dropped attempts to subpoena Mattox's sister, Janice.

Mattox's office reviews all bonds issued by governmental entities to ensure they comply with state law.

McDade wanted to question Janice Mattox in connection with a \$1.7 billion suit filed by South Texas oilman Clinton Manges against Mobil Oil Corp. Fulbright & Jaworski represents Mobil in the case. The state of Texas also is a party to the suit in opposition to Mobil.

Mattox has denied making any threats against the law firm and said McDade is attempting to try the Mobil case in the press.

In addition to McDade, other Fulbright & Jaworski attorneys subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury were J. Wiley Caldwell, who oversees the firm's bond division, Edward Esquivel and Gibson Gayle. Gayle was excused from testifying Tuesday because he had to attend a trial in Waco.

McDade claimed earlier that he has a tape recording of Mattox's threats, but he declined to

say whether he would present the recording to the grand jury.

Earle also declined comment, saying he would make no remarks about the alleged tapes or "anything else" pertaining to the case.

Lewis apparently was called for questioning because he recently reviewed a bond deal Fulbright & Jaworski handled for the Lower Colorado River Authority. LCRA officials have maintained that Mattox's office threatened to delay a closing on the deal.

However, Mattox said the delay was caused because a typographical error was found in paperwork accompanying the bonds.

Earle said Lewis and the Ful-

bright & Jaworski attorneys would be questioned "about the investigation that has been in progress for some time now."

Earle's public integrity unit also is investigating a loan Mattox made to his own campaign.

The loan investigation was launched after reports that Mattox loaned his campaign \$125,000 less than a week after his brother and sister obtained a loan for the same amount from a Seattle bank.

Financial disclosure forms reveal Mattox's campaign repaid him the loan with interest on Nov. 18, 1982.

Failure to report the true source of a campaign loan is a misdemeanor violation under state law.

Arraignment for suspect claiming 100 deaths delayed

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GEORGETOWN — Henry Lucas, who has claimed to have killed 100 women and has been charged with the deaths of 10 Texas women, will be arraigned on a Williamson County murder charge next month.

Lucas, 46, originally was scheduled to be arraigned Tuesday on charges of murdering an unidentified woman on Hal-

ween night 1979, and dumping her body alongside Interstate 35 in Georgetown.

An assistant district attorney in Williamson County said Monday the arraignment had been delayed.

"It won't be before Aug. 2. It will be sometime in August, but no date has been set," said Assistant District Attorney Ken Anderson.

Lucas remained jailed in

Montague County in North Texas on murder charges in the stabbing death of a Ringgold woman, 80, whose ashes and remains were found in a wood-burning stove in Lucas' shack in nearby Stoneburg.

The former mental patient, who was convicted in 1960 in Michigan of strangling and stabbing his mother to death, told court officials in Montague earlier this summer that he had raped and killed 100 women.

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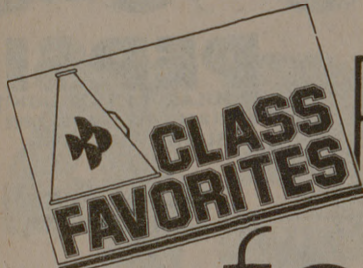
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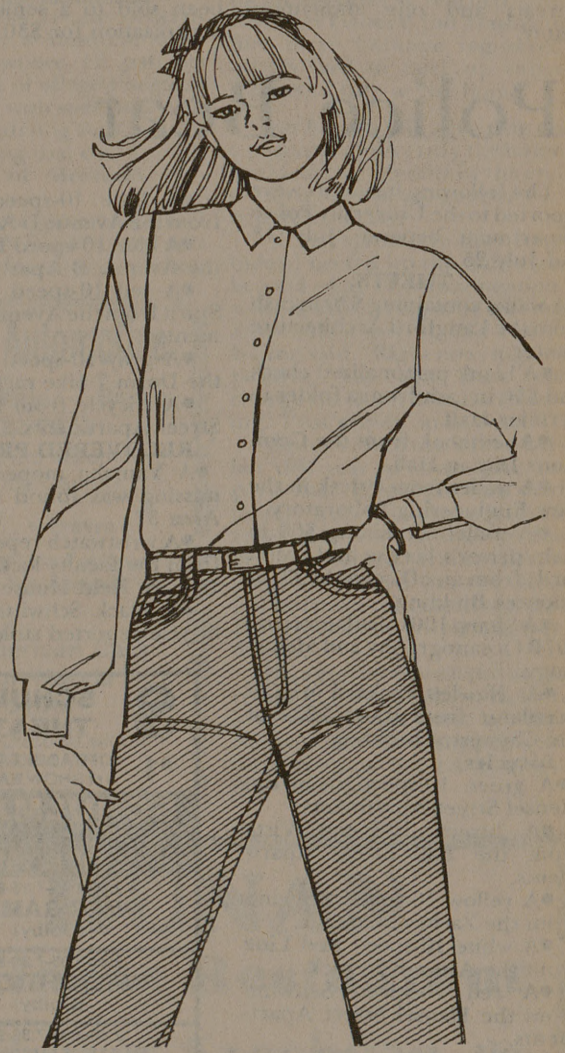
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