

500 people become U.S. citizens

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EL PASO — While most Texans wonder whether to vote during this presidential election year, others take the obligations of U.S. citizenship more seriously.

Like converts to a religion, naturalized citizens speak with zeal about their oath of allegiance and proudly proclaim the advantages of life in the United States.

Mahmoud Fadel, formerly of

Jordan, and Mahmoud Abdel Fattah, who came from Egypt, joined 500 other people from 25 countries this week in taking the oath as new Americans.

So large was the "class" of new citizens, federal officials said, the ceremony had to take place at the El Paso Civic Center.

Fadel, 31, has been in the United States for six years. He came to Fort Bliss as a training officer in the Jordanian military.

"I liked the United States once I got here and I decided to stay," he said.

His story is generously sprinkled with glowing terms about his new country.

"It is a great honor to be a citizen of the greatest country in the world," he said unashamedly. "I like freedom."

Fadel said he has dreamed of coming to the United States since he was 15.

"The United States is really the land of opportunity," he said. "One can do whatever he wants. Americans can make something from nothing. It's not that way in other countries."

Fadel said the new citizens bring with them a knowledge of what the United States stands for, "which is something many native-born citizens may take for granted."

He pointed out some of the differences between his new home and his old home.

"For one thing, I don't like politics," he said. "But here, we have freedom of speech — something they don't have in Jordan. There is some freedom over there, but there's more here."

Fadel, a foreman at Ameri-

craft Moccasins Inc., attends El Paso Community College and plans to attend the University of Texas at El Paso.

First phase of his plans for the future, he said, was the "real important thing — becoming a U.S. citizen."

Fadel met his wife, Veronica, in the United States. They have three children, Corina, 4, Salin, 3, and Abraham, 1. They were all present for the ceremony.

"This is a great privilege for me to be an American," he said. "God bless America."

Fattah, 41, has been in the United States since 1974. He too, "fell in love with the country and wanted to stay."

"I first came over to visit my brother in California, who has been a citizen for years," he said. Another brother lives next door to Fattah in El Paso and became a citizen last Fourth of July.

Fattah, a former school teacher in his native Egypt, now works for the Sun City Area Transit as a bus driver.

"This is a real great country," he said. "It's an honor to become an American."

"I like America because when the country needs help, we

must all help. It's like one unit working together."

Fattah said he likes El Paso and West Texas because it reminds him of his native Egypt. "The land is the same as Egypt and the people are like Egyptians," he said.

Fattah, who also has lived in Germany and other European countries, said the United States "has more freedom than any other country" he knows.

"In many countries, one can't work two jobs," he said. "There are good advantages here, because you can work as much as you can."

Mrs. Fattah plans soon to become an American citizen.

In addition to the new citizens from Jordan and Egypt, U.S. district Judge Harry Lee Hudspeth administered the oath of office to 465 new citizens from Mexico.

Other countries of origin in Tuesday's ceremony included Argentina, Belgium, Canada, China, Cuba, El Salvador, France, Greece, Hong Kong, India, Jordan, Korea, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Panama, Philippines, Taiwan, Turkey, Vietnam, West Indies, West Germany and Yugoslavia.

Ben Taub, Baylor sued for alleged malpractice

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HOUSTON — Ben Taub Hospital and Baylor College of Medicine have been sued for alleged malpractice by relatives of a woman who reportedly died

because of a problem relating to the administration of anesthesia during surgery.

It is the third such suit filed recently against Baylor, Ben Taub, the Harris County Hospital District, and Dr. Jan Harland, who worked as an anesthesiologist at Ben Taub during the woman's death.

The parents and three sons of Patricia Lou Glass, 38, filed the lawsuit in state district court Wednesday seeking damages against the defendants.

The president of Baylor College of Medicine recently acknowledged in a letter to the hospital district chief that one

patient had died and two others suffered brain damage because of problems with the administration of anesthesia.

An investigator for the Harris County Medical Examiner's office said a Baylor physician told her Glass's medical records showed the woman's death was

caused by chest injuries suffered in a June 25 auto wreck. As a result, police prepared criminal negligent homicide charges against the driver who caused the crash. However, the case was not pursued by the district attorney's office.

After reading the medical records, the medical examiner's office reopened the case and

determined the death was caused by "therapeutic misadventure" — an error in treatment.

During an operation on a broken thigh bone, the woman's heart stopped and her blood

pressure decreased drastically, a medical examiner's report showed.

An X-ray showed that an oxygen tube had been placed in the woman's esophagus rather than her windpipe. She was placed on a respirator after the operation, but died nine days later.

Around town

Poet visits Bryan-College Station

Poet Allen Ginsberg will be visiting in Bryan-College Station today. He will lecture about "Allen Ginsberg's involvement in the Beat Generation of the 50's and the youth revolt of the 60's" today from noon until 2 p.m. in the Rudder. The lecture will be followed by a book signing. Half Price Books from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Seminar applications available

Applications are being accepted for the Student Speakers' Seminar which will be offered during the fall semester. The seminar is designed to prepare students to speak on behalf of Texas A&M.

Seminar sessions will include topics such as the mechanics of speaking, speech preparation and delivery, dress, asked questions and answers and practical experience. The seminar will be informal and designed to be useful both before and after graduation.

Places are limited to 15 sophomore or junior (or fifth year senior) students with a moderate to heavy involvement in campus activities. More information and applications are available in the Student Activities Office, 208 Pavilion or by calling 845-1133. Deadline for applications today.

Mattox indictment dismissals denied

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AUSTIN — Despite pleas from defense lawyers, a district judge refused Thursday to dismiss the indictment charging Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox with felony commercial bribery.

District Judge Mace B. Thurman Jr. denied six motions to dismiss the indictment against Mattox and left nine other similar requests pending. He said he would rule on the remaining motions next Friday.

After the pretrial hearing Mattox said he was disappointed by the judge's decisions, but also expressed optimism that one of the pending motions would be granted.

Mattox also flatly ruled out the possibility he would negotiate a plea bargain agreement with prosecutors and admit guilt to a misdemeanor crime, such as official misconduct.

Mattox is accused of threatening the lucrative public bond business of Fulbright & Jaworski, a prominent Houston-based law firm.

According to prosecutors, Mattox told Fulbright & Jaworski attorney J. Wiley Caldwell he would not delay approval of a multimillion-dollar package of public bonds being handled by Caldwell's firm if Caldwell ordered a fellow Fulbright & Jaworski's lawyer to drop plans to question Mattox's sister in connection with a civil lawsuit.

At the time, Fulbright & Jaworski attorney Tom McDade

wanted to question Mattox about a billion-dollar deal filed by the state against Oil Corp.

In arguments on the motions yet to be decided, Mattox's attorneys said the indictment fails to allege crime of bribery because the state did not offer Caldwell a "benefit."

Approval of the bond was not a benefit, his attorneys argued because Mattox was obliged to approve the bond. They were drafted in accordance with Texas law. Texas law requires the attorney general to issue the bonds.

"Approval of the bond was something the attorney general was absolutely duty-bound to do," Austin lawyer Roy Decker said. "A benefit is something you get you otherwise not have."

In another motion, Mattox said the statute used to charge him was unconstitutional.

"It is so broad and so that nobody could understand what conduct it prohibits," Minton said, adding that the statute originally was drafted for prosecuting business CRU who accepted construction bids.

Minton said his argument concerning the alleged parsons and the constitutionality of the statute were his strong held points. Both were left until next Friday.

Gavin encourages foreign awareness

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HOUSTON — U.S. Ambassador to Mexico John

Thursdays urged Americans to learn more about foreign countries, calling the lack of knowledge "disgraceful and gerous."

"For too long most Americans have paid little attention to learning about nations. It has been said that Americans will do anything for Latin America — except about it," Gavin said.

"This is not only dangerous, it is dangerous."

Gavin, appointed in 1981 by President Reagan as ambassador, addressed the Houston chapter of the Institute of International Education, a

York-based non-profit organization created to further education and cultural exchange between the United States and nearly 100 foreign countries.

Gavin said the exchange student scholarship program Mexico presently has been increased to increase the number of

can scholars in the States under various programs from 32 in 1980 to 67 in 1983. He said there were 400 applicants for only 150 bright-Benito Juarez scholarships. Under the program, there are 33 professors going to Mexico from the United States.

Gavin said there are more than 7,200 Mexicans studying privately in U.S. colleges and universities.

But he said, he is convinced that the United States also need, above all, to understand each other better than we do.

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Interior Secretary Mark says he understands each other better than we do.

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