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**Drugs**  
Previous offender indicted on five conspiracy charges

**United Press International**

EL PASO - Bar owner Salvador Meraz, facing racketeering charges in Houston, will surrender in three days, his lawyer said Wednesday.

Joseph "Sib" Abraham, Meraz's lawyer, said Meraz was scheduled to be surrendered in El Paso Wednesday but "after speaking with U.S. attorneys we decided it would be easier to just travel to Houston to surrender."

Abraham said he would request that the government-recommended bond of \$200,000 be reduced. "He simply can't afford that bond," Abraham said.

U.S. marshals in El Paso received a warrant for Meraz's arrest late Tuesday and were awaiting his surrender Wednesday.

An indictment unsealed Monday in Houston charges Meraz with five acts committed to further a criminal conspiracy.

Kenneth Magidson, assistant U.S. attorney in Houston, said the indictment charged Meraz with:

- Causing Michael Sahs to travel from El Paso to Santa Fe, N.M. to deliver 4½ pounds of marijuana to Meraz in January, 1978.
- Delivering about 1,000 pounds of marijuana to Sahs in January, 1979.
- Selling three kilograms of cocaine to Sahs for \$180,000 in May 1979.
- Selling 180 pounds of marijuana to Sahs in Marble Falls near Austin, in March 1980.
- Selling about four pounds of cocaine in his El Paso bar in October, 1980.

Abraham said "one of the acts Meraz is charged with, he already has pleaded guilty to—in 1982."

This latest indictment is only the latest in a series of attempts to put Meraz in prison, Abraham said.

In 1980, Meraz pleaded guilty to a drug indictment in state court, for which he served a prison term. When he was released he was placed on probation. While on probation, he was charged with the same crimes by a federal grand jury in 1982, Abraham said.

The grand jury indicted Meraz and five others for conspiracy, possession of drugs with intent to distribute, and income tax evasion.

He pleaded guilty, because it was the same charge he pleaded guilty to in state court, Abraham said.

During an appeal of the case, Meraz ran into another legal problem. In 1983, Steve Dooley, a Department of Public Safety narcotics officer, accused Meraz of selling cocaine.

**Around town**

**Bonfire centerpole goes up at 4:03 today**  
The centerpole for bonfire '84 will go up at 4:03 this afternoon. All students are invited to come out to Duncan Field.

**Big Event participation deadline is 5 p.m.**  
Job requests are now being accepted from the Bryan-College Station community for projects for the **Big Event**. Student organizations wishing to volunteer for this 4-hour service project are encouraged to pledge. Deadline for organization pledges is today at 5 p.m. Job requests will still be accepted after through the semester. Contact Mark Maniha at 696-5930, or Maritza Pena at 764-0770.

**Weekend driver safety courses offered**  
The TAMU After Hours Program will sponsor a Driver Safety Course on Saturday. This course may be used to have certain traffic violations dismissed and to receive a 10 percent discount on automobile insurance. Registration is held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday in room 216 MSC. For more information, call 845-9352.  
Better Drivers will sponsor a defensive driving course Friday from 6 to 10 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon at 1806 Welsh St. This course can be used to receive a 10 percent insurance discount and to dismiss a traffic fine. Pre-registration daily from 2 to 6 p.m. Call 693-0086 for information. The fee is \$20.

**Fantasy art on display through the 20th**  
Original fantasy art pieces by 21 famous artists such as Tim Hildebrandt and Michael Whelan are on display in the **MSC Browsing Library** until Nov. 20. Come see sculptures and paintings of starships, dragons and more. The exhibit is sponsored by MSC Cepheid Variable and the Arts Council of Brazos Valley and organized by the Cultural Arts Council of Plano. Call 845-1515 for more information.

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