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Maid to order

El Paso servants adjust to immigration law

EL PASO (AP) — Maids, generally regarded as employees of the well-to-do, are in abundance here in one of the poorest cities in Texas.

Since the railroad went through in the 1880s, middle-class and even working-class El Pasoans have employed Mexican maids. Though the new immigration reform law calls for fines against employers of undocumented workers, it doesn't seem likely the tradition will end soon.

"It has been here for 100 years," said Oscar J. Martinez, director of Texas-El Paso's Center for Inter-American and Border Studies. "It's very strong institutionally."

Martinez said between 20,000 and 30,000 maids work in El Paso, which has a population of about 500,000. About half are live-in employees, and the overwhelming majority are undocumented workers from Mexico.

"The El Paso economy depends on the system, and it's survived immigration crackdowns before. I don't think it's in danger of dying out," Martinez said.

The institution of hiring maids continues in El Paso although U.S. Department of Commerce figures show that only three Texas metropolitan areas — Brownsville-Harlingen, Laredo and McAllen — had per capita incomes below that of El Paso's \$8,290 in 1983.

Nearly everyone in this border city either has a maid or knows someone who hires one.

"It's very common," said one woman, a language tutor who did not want to be identified. "Being here on the border, we have a lot of people looking for work."

She said her live-in maid, a 21-year-old from the border state of Chihuahua, "is a super worker and helps out and does extra stuff for me and my kids and my husband."

She pays her maid \$70 for a five-day week. The language tutor said most of her friends have maids and that they all plan to keep them, even when the Immigration and Naturalization Service starts enforcing the new immigration reform law by fining employers of undocumented aliens.

"The word is out that the people who employ maids are small pickings," she said. "I think (the practice)

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will continue to be strong. The wages in Mexico are so low. The maids are inexpensive here. I don't think it's going to die out at all."

Although the INS has said it plans to concentrate enforcement on companies that employ large numbers of undocumented workers — such as building contractors — the agency has been making life a little more difficult for maids.

Two weeks ago, the INS' El Paso district began cracking down on people suspected of abusing border crossing cards — permits that allow Mexican residents of border cities to enter the United States for up to three days to shop, take care of personal business and visit friends and family.

The renewed enforcement aimed at maids, gardeners and construction workers, according to officials. Border inspectors reject the three-day permits with regular passes allowing Mexicans in the United States for a few hours. Mexicans could get their permits back upon return.

The new policy met with immediate uproar from El Paso business owners who said sales declined dramatically because Mexicans refused to cross the border for fear their passes would be confiscated. Humanitarian and labor groups in Mexico protested. The Juarez Council of Mexico's ruling political party called for a three-day boycott of Paso businesses.

On the fourth day of the crackdown, INS El Paso district director Al Giugni said the new policy was a one-week experiment that would end the next day.

Giugni insisted at a meeting downtown merchants that he was not ending the one-week crackdown because of pressure. On the last day of the five-day enforcement, an INS spokesman said the program had been designed to gather statistics on the number of people at border crossing passes in the morning. Such people, said INS attorney Stanley Serwatka, likely using the border to get to work.

INS spokeswoman Guadalupe Gonzalez said efforts to pressure maids from crossing into El Paso were humanitarian because the maids exploited.

"I just think there's a problem with the situation of people working hours for below minimum wage," she said.

Mexican critics of the immigration law contend that Mexicans do not want to work in the United States and that Americans are unwilling to employ them and that they are willing to work what Americans consider low wages.

Traditional blue jean tastes fade as pre-washing business booms

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — About 2,000 El Pasoans wash blue jeans for a living.

That makes El Paso the jeans-washing capital of the country, the city's launderers say. El Paso's jeans-washing laundries already employ almost 1 percent of the city's work force. It is estimated that within five years, 95 percent of all jeans will be prewashed.

People don't want the old-fashioned blue jeans — the kind that were put on a store shelf as stiff as a board, the kind that had to be washed repeatedly before becoming soft enough to wear, the kind that might shrink to the right size or might not. Instead, customers want jeans already softened and shrunk to the right size.

That's spelled the end for the traditional blue jeans.

"They're history," said Joudi Joudi, owner of The Man, a retail store in El Paso's Basset Center. Joudi has some stiff jeans in stock. "We're not ordering more," he said. "We can't give them away."

The washing machines are things you probably buy at home. They are large, about the length of a coin Continental.

"These are the kind you put in your garage in front of your car," said Jim King, a Lee plant manager.

The harder the jeans are washed — and the more they're faded — the more customers pay for them. Most El Paso stores, a pair of prewashed jeans cost about \$28. Stone-washed jeans cost upward of \$35.

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