

Mexican witness freed from jail in border patrol beating case

BROWNSVILLE, (AP) -Jose Lopez Hernandez was jailed not for committing a crime, but for witnessing one.

The 18-year-old undocumented immigrant from Mexico is considered a key witness in two U.S. Border Patrol agents' defense against charges of beating up a one-footed Mexican man-But Lopez's attorney says it's wrong to jail a witness simply out of fear that he may not show up to testify at trial - regardless of his immigration status.

"All he wants to do is go home," said John Wescoat Sandlin, a Harlingen immigration attorney who took Lopez's case

The legal controversy involves patrol agents David R. Gonzalez and Manny Figueroa. They are charged in state court in Brownsville with beating an illegal immigrant named David Bergman, throwing away his crutches, and then telling him to swim back across the Rio Grande to Mexico on March 16, 1994.

Figueroa's defense attorney, Ernesto Gamez Jr., said Lopez's testimony can damage the credibility of Bergman's claims.

Gamez, who portrays Bergman as a "border bandit" who robs illegal immigrants as they cross the river, said that Lopez will testify that he was one of Bergman's victims in January 1994.

Bergman denies taking part in robberies.

The Border Patrol picked up Lopez as an illegal immigrant in November and detained him at the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service's detention center near Bayview. Sandlin said the normal procedure for an illegal border crosser from Mexico

would have been a quick deportation, not a prolonged detention.

Last month, Gamez obtained an order from state District Judge Robert Garza that Lopez remain under detention to secure his testimony.

Lopez was transferred to the Cameron County Jail last week to await Figueroa's trial, scheduled for Jan. 30, and Gonzalez's trial, expected next month.

Gamez said the detention was necessary because he has no power to subpoena a witness in Mexico.

But when attorney Sandlin asked for a hearing to explore the issue Monday, Gamez agreed to take a videotaped deposition from the witness. Gamez withdrew his request for detention after the three-hour deposition Tuesday, and Lopez was released from jail.

"This whole thing could have been avoided if they had deposed him in the first place," Sandlin said. "I think it's a regrettable approach, and I think that if they had thought about it, they wouldn't have done it."

In June 1993, Bergman's foot was caught and severed between a train and railroad tracks as he fled immigration authorities, according to news accounts. Gonzalez

Agents Figueroa are charged with injur-ing an invalid. Figueroa faces an additional count of failing to stop Gonzalez from striking Bergman. The agents have pleaded innocent.

Gamez said he wants Lopez's testimony in an attempt to throw out the indictment. He argues that Bergman does not fit the state's legal definition for an invalid because he can support himself by robbing people.

Teen cable show focuses on positives

CORPUS CHRISTI, (AP) -Tired of bad news about teenagers? Then check out a new cable access program focusing on the positive things teenagers do in the Corpus Christi community.

The monthly 30-minute program called "Teen Scene" is aired on a public access station. The first show was broadcast Friday and will be re-broadcast throughout the month in vacant time slots un til a new show is aired Feb. 10.

"In this area, there aren't any television programs that just focus on teen life," said District Judge Jack Hunter, who helped launch the show.
"Young folks don't watch

the local newscasts, and there is nothing for them. I am hoping that real events like current events, sporting events, human interest stories and school events can generate interest.

Hunter, who heads the Youth Crime Prevention Task Force, came up with the show after seeing a similar program in the San Antonio area.

Ruben Ramirez, a senior at Corpus Christi Moody High School and a program organizer, said he's already learned a lot about his peers' impact on the community. I never realized that

teen-agers do so many things," he said. The first health segment

was about the common cold, although Ramirez promises to tackle bigger issues such as teen pregnancy and AIDS.

Spring Workshops

AEROBICS

MWTh 5:30-6:30pm Jan 23 - May 3

M/W 5:30-6:30pm Jan 23 - May 3

T/Th 5:30-6:30pm Jan 24 - May 4

M/W 6:45-7:45pm Jan 23 - May 3

T/Th 6:45-7:45pm Jan 24 - May 4

MWTh 5:30-6:30pm Jan 23 - May 3

MWF 6-7am Jan 23 - May 3

MWF 12:30-1:30pm Jan 23 - May 3 Tamu \$45 Other \$50

MWF 12:30-1:30pm Jan 23 - May 3

MWTh 5:30-6:30pm Jan 23 - May

MWTh 5:30-6:30pm Jan 23 - May 3

MWTh 6:30-7:30pm Jan 23 - May 3

H. Sweatin' and Steppin' A

I. Sweatin' and Steppin' B

Jan 23 - May 3 Other \$50

Other \$50

Beginning Aerobics

B.(1) More Rush Hour

Tamu \$35 Ot B.(2) More Rush Hour

B.(3) After Rush Hour

Tamu \$35 Other Rush Hour

Intermediate Aerobics

D. Bench Before Breakfast

Step Box Aerobics

Early Bird

MWF 6-7am

Tamu \$45

Tamu \$35

C. Day's End

Tamu \$45

Tamu \$45

MWF 7-8am Tamu \$45

Tamu \$45

Tamu \$45

J. Evening Step

E. Early Bench

F. Lunch Box A

G. Lunch Box B

Tamu \$45

DANCE

Beginning Country & Western Dance Mon. Feb 6, 13, 20, 27, March 6 6:30-7:45pm

Mon. March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17 \$30/nonstudent Int. C & W Dance Mon. March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17 7:30-8:45pm

\$25/student \$30/nonstudent **Jitterbug** Wed. Feb 8, 15, 22, March 1, 8

Wed. March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 19 6:30-7:45pm \$30/nonstudent \$25/student

Ballroom Dance Wed. Feb 8, 15, 22, March 1, 8 7:30-8:45pm \$30/nonstudent Bellydance Mon. Jan 30 - March 6

\$40/nonstudent \$35/student Mon. March 20 - April 24 \$35/student \$40/nonstudent

PHOTOS

Video Camera Methods and Techniques Thurs. April 6, 13, 20, 27

\$25/nonstudent \$20/student Photography Thurs. Feb 2, 9, 16, 23

6-9pm \$30/student \$35/nonstudent B & W Darkroom 9am-3pm \$18/student

\$23/nonstudent Int. Photography Sat. April 8, 15, 22, 29

\$30/student \$35/nonstudent

BUSINESS

Successful **Retirement Planning**

Tues. April 4, 11 18, 25 6:30-9pm \$60 class fee per couple **Basics of Investing** Tues. March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 18 7:30-9pm \$20/student \$25/nonstudent

Personal, Family & **Home Protection** Thurs. April 6, 13 6-8pm \$10/student

The Law and You Thurs. March 23 - April 27 \$25/student \$30/nonstudent Chinese T/Th, March 21 - April 27 6:30-8pm \$40/student

English (ESL)
M/W, Jan 30 - March 29
6:30-8pm
T/Th, Feb 28 - April 27

6:30-8pm \$50/student French

German M/W, March 20 - April 26

Italian Tues. Jan 31 - April 25 6:30-8pm \$40/student \$45/nd

M/W. Feb 6 - March 22 6:30-8pm \$40/student

\$45/nonstudent Children

Sign Language I T/Th, Jan 31 - March 2

Sign Language II T/Th, March 21 - April 20

T/Th, Jan 31 - March 9 M/W, March 20 - April 26 6:30-8pm \$40/student

Spanish II M/W. March 20 - April 26

Woodworking II Wed. March 29, April 5, 12, 19

\$45/nonstudent \$40/student **Indian Bow Making** Tues. March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 18

T/Th, Jan 31 - March 9 6:30-8pm

6:30-8pm \$40/student \$45/nonstudent

Japanese

\$45/nonstudent Russian

Sign Language for

6-7pm \$25/student \$30/nonstudent

Spanish I

6:30-8pm \$40/student

WOOD WORKING

Woodworking I Mon. Jan 30, Feb 6, 13, 20

Wed. Feb 15, 22, March 1, 8

\$45/nonstudent

LANGUAGES

\$45/nonstudent

\$40/student \$45/nonstudent

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T/Th, Jan 31 - March 9 6:30-8pm \$40/student

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6-8pm \$40/student \$45/nonstudent

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\$45/nonstudent K. Late Step MWTh 7:30-8:30pm Jan 23 - May 3 Tamu \$45 L. Last Step

MWTh 8:30-9:30pm Jan 23 - May 3 Tamu \$45 Other \$50 WEIGHT TRAINING M. Breakfast Can Weight Jan 23 - May 3 MWF 6-7am Other \$50 Tamu \$45

N. Lunch Can Weight MWF 12-1pm Jan 23 - May 3 Tamu \$45 Other \$50 WATER AEROBICS

O. Hydrofit MWTh 5:30-6:30pm Jan 23 - May 3 Tamu \$55 P. Force Fifty Five From FitLife MWTh 5:30-6:30pm Jan 23 - May 3 Tamu \$25

HELP YOURSELF

Self Defense Wed. March 22, 29, Apr 5, 12, 19, 26

Register Now - MSC University PLUS

MSC Basement 845-1631

6-7:30pm \$25/student \$30/nonstudent Yoga I Mon. Feb 6 - May 1 6-7:30pm \$40/student \$45/nonstudent

Yoga II Mon. Feb 6 - May 1 7:30-9pm \$40/student \$45/nonstudent **Resistance Weight**

Training Mon. Jan 30 - March 6 6-7:15pm Mon. March 20 - April 24 6-7:15pm \$25/student \$30/nonstudent

M/W, Feb 20, 22 6-10pm M/W, March 6, 8 6-10pm

M/W, April 17, 19 6-10pm \$20/student \$25/nonstudent First Aid T/Th, Feb 21, 23, 28, March 2

T/Th, April 11, 13, 18, 20 \$20/student \$25/nonstudent

Tae Kwon Do \$40/nonstudent \$35/student

COMPUTERS

Intro to Macintosh Mon. Jan 30

Thurs. Feb 16 7-9pm Sat. Feb 11 9:30-11:30am \$20/student

\$25/nonstudent Microsoft Word for Macintosh

M/Th, March 27, 30, April 3, 6 \$40/student \$45/nonstudent Pagemaker 4.2 \$40/student

\$45/nonstudent Excel M/Th, April 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27 7-9pm \$40/student \$45/nonstudent

ARTS & **CRAFTS**

Painting Mon. Jan 30 - March 6 Mon. March 20 - April 24

\$40/student \$45/nonstudent Drawing Tues. Jan 31 - March 7 Tues. March 21 - April 25

6-8pm \$40/student \$45/nonstudent **Portrait Drawing** Thurs. Mar 23, 30, Apr 6, 13, 20, 27

\$45/nonstudent \$40/student Watercolor Wed. Feb 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1, 8 \$40/student \$45/nonstudent **Drawing for Kids**

Thurs. Feb 2, 9, 16, 23, March 2 \$35/student \$40/nonstudent **Matting & Framing**

Wed. Feb 1, 8, 15 Thurs. March 23, 30, April 6 6:30-8:30pm \$35/student \$40/nonstudent **Jewelry Casting** Sat. & Sun. To be announced

10am-1pm & 2pm-5pm each day \$45/student \$50/nonstudent **Cake Decorating** Sat. Feb 4, 11, 18, 25 \$30/nonstudent \$25/student **Photo Memories** Tues. Feb 7, 14, 21, 28

7-9pm \$15/student \$20/nonstudent Stained Glass Thurs. Feb 2, 9, 16, 23, March 2 Wed. March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 19 \$35/student \$40/nonstudent **Etched Glass**

Tues. March 7 \$15/student \$20/nonstudent **Leaded Glass** Mon. March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 24

\$35/student \$40/nonstudent Calligraphy II Tues. Mar 21, 28, April 4, 11, 18, 25 \$35/student \$40/nonstudent



POTTERY

Beginning Pottery

M/W, Jan 30, Feb 1, 6, 8, 13, 15 5:30-7:30pm M/W, Jan 30, Feb 1, 6, 8, 13, 15 7:45-9:45pm T/Th, Feb 21, 23, 28, March 2, 7, 9

T/Th, Feb 21, 23, 28, March 2, 7, 9 T/Th, Mar 21, 23, 28, 30, April 4, 6 T/Th, Mar 21, 23, 28, 30, April 4, 6 7:45-9:45pm

M/W, Mar 20, 22, 27, 29, April 3, 5 5:30-7:30pm \$35/student \$40/nonstudent Pottery II

Wheel Throwing
M/W, April 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19
7:45-9:45pm \$40/nonstudent \$35/student Pottery Mold Building T/Th, Jan 31, Feb 2, 7, 9

5:30-7:30pm \$20/student \$25/nonstudent **Hand Built Pottery** M/W, Feb 20, 22, 27, March 1 6:30-9:30pm \$40/nonstudent \$35/student

Potpourri 6-8pm \$15/student \$20/nonstudent Flower Arranging

> MUSIC & MORE

\$25/nonstudent

Beginning Guitar Tues. Feb 7 - April 4

\$20/student

7-8:30pm Wed. March 1 - April 26 \$50/nonstudent \$45/student Intermediate Guitar

\$45/student Pop Piano Workshop Thurs. Feb 16

6-9pm \$15/student \$20/nonstudent **Voice Training** 6-8:30pm



SPECIAL INTEREST

Wines of America International Wines

Tues. April 4, 11, 18, 25 7-8:30pm \$30/student \$35/no Beers of the World Tues. March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 18 6:30-8pm

\$30/student \$35/nons **Home Brewing** \$25/student

Bike Maintenance Tues. Feb 7, 14, 21, 28 7:30-9:30pm Tues. April 4, 11, 18, 25 7:30-9:30pm \$25/student Billiards

Sat. Feb 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4 \$30/student \$35/nonstudent Flyfishing Thurs. Feb 2, 9, 16, 23, March 2

6:30-9pm \$35/student \$40/nonstudent Fly Tying Thurs. March 30, April 6, 13, 20 6:30-9pm \$30/student Intro To Falconry
Thurs. March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 20

\$25/student \$30/nonstudent Pilot Ground School T/Th, March 21 - April 27 T/Th, March 7-9:30pm \$50/student

Landscaping Wed. Feb 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1 6:30-8:30pm \$25/student \$30/nonstudent **Creative Writing**

Tues. March 21 - April 25 6:30-9pm \$35/student Smocking Mon. Feb 6, 13, 20, 27

6-9pm \$25/student \$30/nonstudent Quilting

Tues. Feb 7, 21, 28, March 7, 21, 28 \$35/student \$40/nonstuden **Beginning Sewing**

Wed. March 22 - April 26 6-9pm \$40/student \$45/nonstudent **Diamond Buying** Wed. Feb 8, 15, 22

\$15/student Astronomy Thurs. Feb 2, 9, 16, 23

Thurs. April 6, 13, 20, 27 \$20/student

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