

Zapata revolver auctioned in San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A silver .44-caliber Smith & Wesson revolver believed to have belonged to Mexican revolutionary Emiliano Zapata sold for \$20,000 in a weekend auction in Waco from the collection of Bexar County collectors Donald and Louise Yena.

By the auction's close Saturday evening, the collection of about 300 pieces — including rare rifles, pistols, clothing and folk art — sold for more than \$300,000.

Robert O. Isham of Decatur had the high bid for the gun, which bears the inscription "E. Zapata" and is widely believed to have been his sidearm. The item was one of the

most sought-after pieces of Mexican Revolution and Old West-era antiques that made up the sale.

It is hard not to wonder how many people ended up on the wrong end of Zapata's revolver before he was betrayed and killed 81 years ago.

"People have sort of awakened to the fact that Mexican history is closely related to our history," Donald Yena said.

The Revolution, especially, is beginning to draw the interest of collectors, who for the first time are seeing items come into the market that lingered in private collections for years, Yena said.

Such was the rare but massive lithograph of dictator Porfirio Diaz, who was overthrown by Francisco Madero.

Though the piece was torn through Diaz's face, several collectors, including San Antonian Louis Marshall, bid against each other at the A&S Antique Auction to become its owner.

The picture, which finally sold for \$700, did not go to Marshall, but professional collectors like him know that at auctions like this the competition is stiff because the memorabilia is authentic and valuable.

"You know if the Yenas bought it, it's collectible," Marshall said. "If you see what

they're collecting, pretty soon that will be rare."

In the same case as the handgun believed to have been Zapata's was the single-action Army revolver known to have belonged to Judge Roy Bean.

Bean's gun alone sold for \$36,000, bought by Donnie and Elaine Roberts, collectors who called in their bid from Houston.

With that revolver, an entire collection — including photographs and an arrest warrant for the judge — went up for bid.

Altogether, the additional items connected to the man known as "the Law West of the Pecos" drew more than \$5,000.

Two children's bodies found in trunk of car

ABILENE (AP) — Police on Saturday found the bodies of two children inside a closed trunk of a car parked in front of their Abilene house.

Authorities said that 6-year-old Dylan Nagle and 4-year-old Kelly Boisjolie, a brother and sister, died after being in the closed trunk apparently for hours. Officials suspect the pair — and a pet kitten — died in the trunk from a combination of the near-100-degree heat outside and lack of oxygen.

A teenager who was staying at the house discovered the bodies. The children's mother was at home when the bodies were discovered, said Sgt. Mike Perry of the Abilene Police Department.

Perry said there is no evidence so far that anyone placed or locked the children in the trunk.

Police are investigating the circumstances leading to the deaths but have not made any charges.

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