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# 1,000 pounds of pot seized in traffic stop

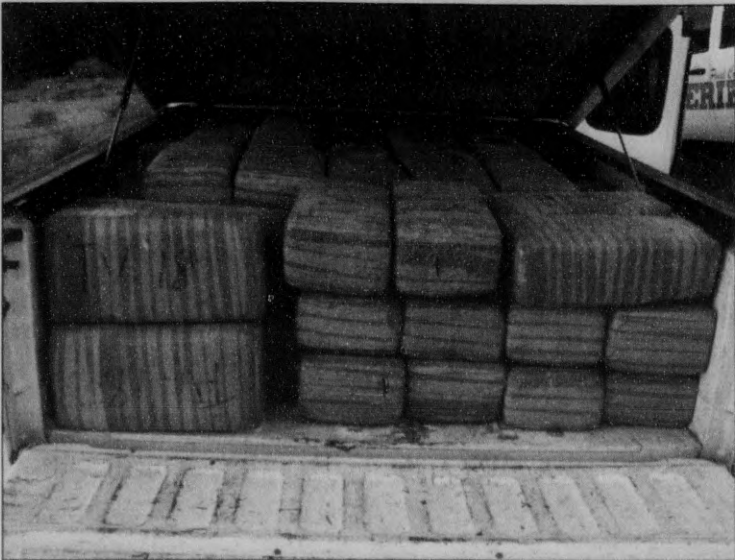
### Staff Reports

MARICOPA — More than 1,000 pounds of marijuana was found Friday afternoon when a truck was stopped for traffic violations south of Maricopa.

A Pinal County sheriff's deputy tried to stop a Ford F-150 at 5:43 p.m. Friday near Arizona 347 and Casa Blanca Road for failing to stop at a red traffic

signal. The driver of the truck sped off, making two unsafe lane changes and driving across a median, running head-on into oncoming traffic before coming to a stop along a barbed wire fence.

The driver and passenger left the truck, climbed over the barbed wire fence and ran into thick brush. The passenger was



Submitted photos

located a short time later, but the driver wasn't found. The passenger claimed that he did not know the driver and only ran because he was afraid. When asked why he was afraid, he claimed because he was in the country illegally. He was turned over to the U.S. Border Patrol.

The 2001 Ford F-150 was found to contain 1,036 pounds

of marijuana, valued at more than \$621,600. The marijuana was impounded and the vehicle was towed from the scene. The PCSO will request the vehicle be forfeited since it was used for the transportation of illegal drugs.

This case brings the total amount of marijuana seized by PCSO for 2010 to more than 25,000 pounds.

## fortherecord

### Casa Grande Police Log

The following information was taken from public records on file at the Casa Grande Police Department.

**Arrests/citations/summonses:** Susan Verdugo, 25, of Coolidge was cited and released Sunday in the 300 block of North Florence Street for driving under the influence to the slightest degree and DUI greater than 0.08 percent. Police say Verdugo registered 0.138 percent and 0.131 percent blood alcohol content.

• Arturo Gonzales, 36, of the 1700 block of East San Xavier Drive was cited and released Sunday near Arizola Road and Florence Boulevard for possession of narcotics, driving under the influence of alcohol to the slightest degree, DUI greater than 0.08 percent and extreme DUI greater than 0.15 percent. Police say Gonzales registered 0.169 percent and 0.163 percent blood alcohol content.

• A 15-year-old girl was referred to juvenile authorities Saturday in the 700 block of North Pinal Avenue for disorderly conduct under the domestic violence law. Police say she caused a scene after refusing to go home, arguing with her mother and threatening to run away. She was booked into juvenile detention.

• Susana F. Martinez, 18, of Coolidge was arrested Sunday at Walmart, 1741 E. Florence Blvd., for organized retail theft. Police say she was caught stealing merchandise, total value \$144.44. Martinez was booked into the Pinal County jail in Florence.

• Rose E. Andrews, 72, of Sells was cited and released Sunday at Fry's, 1385 E. Florence Blvd., for shoplifting merchandise, total value \$22.99.

• Wayne R. Johnson, 26, of the 100 block of North Morrison Avenue was arrested Sunday at Food City, 1162 E. Florence Blvd., for forgery. Police say Johnson tried to cash a counterfeit check for \$484.14. Johnson was found to have an outstanding warrant for failure to appear and booked into the Pinal County jail in Florence.

• Henry D. Dunmore, 38, of the 1800 block of North Alex Court was arrested Sunday in the 1700 block of East McMurray Boulevard for violating an order of protection. Dunmore also was arrested Sept. 30 at home for criminal damage and disorderly conduct under the domestic violence law after he took a cell phone, valued at \$100, away from his wife when she tried to call 911. Police say Dunmore threw the phone breaking it. Dunmore was booked into the Pinal County jail in Florence in both instances.

• Police have asked the court to issue a summons charging Dennis M. Lewis, 35, of a Casa Grande post office box address for pedestrian failure to yield to a vehicle in the roadway after an accident Friday near 10th Street and Pinal Avenue.

• Janelle L. Manuel, 19, of the 800 block of North Park Avenue was arrested Friday near Pinal Avenue and 10th Street for underage driving under the influence, DUI to the slightest degree and DUI greater than 0.08 percent. Police say Manuel registered 0.126 percent and 0.131 percent blood alcohol content. Manuel was also arrested for assault and disorderly conduct. Police say Manuel assaulted a victim and disturbed the peace in the 400 block of West 12th Street while trying to collect money to repair a broken windshield. Manuel was booked into County jail.

• Jeri O. Murrieta, 62, of the 3200 block of East Cornman Road was cited after an auto accident Friday in the 700 block of North Cameron Street for unsafe backing.

• Joyce M. Young, 23, of the 5300 block of North Lake Shore Drive was cited and released Friday at Walmart, 1741 E. Florence Blvd., for organized retail theft. Police say Young was caught stealing merchandise, total value \$50.18.

• David W. Lee Jr., 20, of the 1600 block of North Kadota Avenue was arrested Friday at home for aggravated assault. Police say Lee punched and kneed a victim in the face several times, causing severe facial injuries. The victim was flown to a Valley hospital due to the severity of the injuries. Lee was booked into the Pinal County jail in Florence.

• A 13-year-old girl was referred to juvenile authorities Friday at Villago Middle School, 574 E. Lakeside Parkway, for assault. Police say the girl grabbed another student, threw her to the ground and kicked her in the head and side.

• A 13-year-old boy was referred to juvenile authorities Thursday at Villago Middle School, 574 E. Lakeside Parkway,

for disorderly conduct. Police say the boy ran through the front office yelling abusive and offensive words while 15 to 20 parents were present.

• Kristen H. Jacobs, 38, of Maricopa was cited and released Thursday at Target, 951 N. Promenade Pkwy., for shoplifting merchandise, total value \$363.94.

• Margie Rodriguez, 44, of the 1300 block of West Iris Place was arrested Thursday at home for criminal damage under the domestic violence law. Police say Rodriguez initiated an argument with her husband and kicked a hole in the wall, damage estimated at \$110. Rodriguez was booked into the Pinal County jail in Florence.

• Ruben Snyder, 37, of the 500 block of North Morrison Avenue was cited and released Thursday in the 300 block of North Morrison Avenue for assault. Police say Snyder struck a victim in the face during an argument.

• Jose M. Aguilla, 38, of the 26500 block of West Desert Crest Street was cited and released Thursday at Milo's Liquor Store, 201 E. Second St., for shoplifting merchandise, total value \$2.29.

**Burglaries/thefts/criminal damage:** Three tires, total value more than \$400, were reported slashed Sunday in the 1600 block of North Kadota Avenue.

• A digital camera, valued at \$149, was reported stolen Friday from a vehicle in the 1100 block of East Laurel Street.

• A bicycle, valued at \$200, was reported stolen Friday from a garage in the 1300 block of East Cactus Bloom Way.

• A home window, valued at \$300, was reported Friday in the 1800 block of North Alex Court.

• A purse containing miscellaneous IDs and checks, total value more than \$116, was reported stolen between Thursday and Friday from a vehicle in the 1100 block of East Laurel Street.

• A Coach purse, valued at \$600, and a cell phone, valued at \$100, were reported stolen Thursday from a vehicle in the 100 block of West Auburn Sky Court.

• Ten CDs, total value more than \$150, were reported stolen Thursday from a vehicle in the 100 block of West Flagstone Place.

### Pinal County Sheriff's Log

The following was taken from reports of the Pinal County Sheriff's Office.

**Arrests/citations/summonses:** Horacio Bravo, 31, of Arizona City was arrested Sunday in the 9800 block of West Santa Cruz Boulevard on two warrants for failure to appear.

• Judith L. Chavez, 52, of Eloy was arrested Sunday at the Pinal County jail in Florence on a warrant for failure to appear.

• Mason Gates, 24, of Casa Grande was arrested Sunday in the 500 block of North Cacheris Court for three counts of forgery, three counts of obtaining illegal narcotic drugs and possession/use of a narcotic drug.

• Matthew S. Hayward, 22, of Arizona City was arrested Sunday in the 10600 block of West Arvada Drive for failure to comply with a court order.

• Nicholas T. Nguyen, 19, of Florence was arrested Sunday near Mule Train Trail and Welton Place on a warrant for failure to pay a fine.

• Darrell L. Funk, 43, of Maricopa was arrested Saturday near Power and Germann roads on a warrant for interfering with judicial proceedings.

• Todd M. Kibler, 41, of Maricopa was arrested Saturday in the 51400 block of West Dune Shadow Road for assault, disorderly conduct-fighting and criminal damage by defacing.

• Ricardo Delmora, 39, of Casa Grande was arrested Saturday near Trekell and Pueblo roads on a warrant for failure to comply and failure to appear.

• Jesus E. Rios, 42, of Casa Grande was arrested Saturday near Trekell and Pueblo roads on a warrant for failure to appear.

• Robert C. Thayer, 25, of Florence was arrested Saturday in the 6500 block of East Quiet Retreat for assault.

• Jennifer A. Lopez, 28, of Casa Grande was arrested Friday at the county jail on a warrant for failure to appear.

• Jose L. Murillo, 50, of Casa Grande was arrested near McCartney and Trekell roads on a warrant for failure to appear and for driving under the influence of alcohol greater than 0.08 percent and DUI/passenger possessing liquor.

**Burglaries/thefts/criminal damage:** A vehicle window was reported broken by a rock Sunday in the 4500

block of North Topaz Trail near Casa Grande.

• A home burglary was reported Sunday in the 18000 block of West Lisa Avenue near Casa Grande.

• A pressure washer and ladder were reported Sunday in the 100 block of North Vitrina Drive near Maricopa.

• Undisclosed items were reported stolen Sunday in the 21000 block of East Legend Drive in Red Rock.

• A prescription pad was reported stolen Saturday from a home in the 8000 block of West Bartlett Road near Casa Grande.

• A home burglary was reported Saturday in the 1000 block of West Calle Tuberia near Casa Grande.

• A trash can was reported stolen Saturday in the 28000 block of North Roses Way near Florence.

• Undisclosed items were reported stolen Saturday from a home in the 23000 block of North Sunrise Circle near Florence.

• A home burglary was reported Saturday in the 20000 block of East Reunion Road in Red Rock.

• A home burglary was reported Friday in the 15000 block of South Avalon Road in Arizona City.

• River rock was reported stolen Friday at a development near West McCartney Road near Casa Grande.

**Accidents/incidents:** A dog attack was reported Sunday near Moon Valley Road and Maya Drive in Arizona City.

• A dog attack was reported Sunday in the 15000 block of West Impala Drive near Casa Grande.

• An illegal burning was reported Sunday on North Tuzigoot Drive near Casa Grande.

• A traffic accident with injuries was reported Sunday near Sunshine Boulevard and Greene Reservoir Road near Eloy.

• A brush fire was reported Sunday near Bartlett Road and Arizona 79.

• Gunshots were reported Sunday in the 7100 block of East Nutt Road in Picacho.

• Gunshots were reported Saturday in the 9000 block of West Santa Cruz Boulevard in Arizona City.

• Gunshots were reported Saturday in the 10000 block of West Monaco Boulevard in Arizona City.

• A brush fire was reported Saturday in the 8000 block of North Wild Thistle Place near Casa Grande.

• A medical emergency was reported Saturday on North Primrose Lane south of Maricopa.

• A brush fire was reported Friday in the 10000 block of West San Lazaro Drive in Arizona City.

• An attempted suicide was reported Friday in the 8500 block of West Monaco Boulevard in Arizona City.

• A trash fire was reported Friday in the 9800 block of West Century Drive in Arizona City.

• Gunshots were reported Friday in the 15000 block of South La Jolla Road in Arizona City.

• A structure fire was reported Friday in the 2900 block of East Saguaro Drive near Casa Grande.

• A traffic accident with injuries was reported Friday near Phillips and Overfield roads near Eloy.

• A traffic accident with injuries was reported Friday near Cactus Forest Road and Arizona 79 near Florence.

• A snake was reported in a house Friday in the 11000 block of North Diffin Road near Florence.

• A medical emergency was reported Friday in the 44000 block of West Papago Road near Maricopa.

### Casa Grande Fire Log

The Casa Grande Fire Department has responded to 37 calls in the period ending Monday morning, including two false alarms.

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## areaobituaries

### Lisa Roles

Lisa Marie Roles, 44, of Casa Grande died on Oct. 2, 2010, at St. Joseph's Hospital & Medical Center in Phoenix.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at J. Warren Funeral Services, Cole & Maud The Gardens Chapel, with rosary recited at 7. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church. Burial will be in Eloy Memorial Park.

Mrs. Roles was born on July 28, 1966, in Phoenix. She was a homemaker. She enjoyed crafts, sewing, camping, music, shopping and spending time with family and friends. She was a care giver to all family members in need and a member of St. Anthony's Church.

Survivors include her husband of 25 years, Darrin; two daughters, Christian Ann Ruiz and Whitney Marie Roles of Casa Grande; two sons, Darrin J. Roles Jr. and AB Mendez of Casa Grande; her father, Henry Ruiz of Casa Grande; three sisters, Sandra Aldrette, Denise Delsi and Kimberly Mendez, all of Casa Grande; three brothers, Clarence, Jason and Bobby Ruiz, all of Casa Grande; and four grandsons. She was preceded in death by her mother, Eva Ruiz; two brothers, Dell and Rick Ruiz; and a sister, Debbie Ruiz.



### Johnnie Traugher II

MARICOPA — Johnnie Allen Traugher II, 61, of Maricopa died on Oct. 1, 2010, at home.

A private service was planned.

Mr. Traugher was born on March 28, 1949, in Dallas and was a son of Lila S. and Johnnie A. Traugher I. He worked for Pratt Farms for 46 years.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby Jo; four sons, Johnnie A. Traugher III of Maricopa, Joshua Traugher of Henry, Ill., Paul F. Stewart of Lubbock, Texas, and Scotty Love of Gainesville, Fla.; two daughters, Laura Traugher of Bronson, Fla., and Teresa Garcia of Casa Grande; two brothers, Robert and Allan W. Traugher of Texas; nine sisters, Frances Hooker, Diane, Louann, Angela and Alice Traugher, all of Texas, Sharon Ulmer of Kansas, Joyce Love of Texas, Rita Katsner of Arizona and Nettie K. Bogle of Texas; and 15 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother, Christopher A. Traugher, and a sister, Frances G. Traugher.

J. Warren Funeral Services, Mountain View Chapel was in charge of arrangements.



## Fire Prevention Week observed with smoke detector installation

### Staff Reports

This week is Fire Prevention Week and the city of Casa Grande Fire Department, along with community partners, will host the fourth annual Smoke Detector Installation Program on Saturday. They hope to install smoke detectors in 680 homes in a high-risk neighborhood in Casa Grande.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, nearly 3,000 people die in home fires each year. From 2003 to 2006, approximately two thirds of the home fire deaths were the result of a nonworking smoke detector or not having smoke detectors in the home. More than half of the reported home fires that had smoke detectors did not have batteries or were disconnected.

Isabel Vasquez, fire prevention officer for the city of Casa Grande, provided the following advice regarding smoke detectors: Smoke detectors do save lives when properly maintained. Smoke detectors should be replaced every 10 years. After 10 years, the detector is only about 60 percent effective. In addition to changing your smoke detector every 10 years, you should test your batteries at least once a month. You can do this by holding the button for a few seconds until you hear the beep. Vacuuming your smoke detector once a month will help to ensure that you have a functioning detector. Batteries should be replaced once a year. If you hear an intermittent chirping sound coming from a detector, this means that the battery is low and needs to be replaced. When replacing bat-

teries, you should replace the batteries in all smoke detectors at the same time.

The city of Casa Grande Fire Department has been recognized by the International Association of Fire Chiefs with a 2010 Service Award for excellence for the Smoke Detector Installation Program. The fire department thanks all the volunteers who help make the program a success.

The tools, equipment, smoke detectors, food to feed the volunteers and money to support this program have all been donated by local businesses and organizations. Sponsors for 2010 include American Family Insurance, The Home Depot, the Pinal Hispanic Council, Daisy Brand, Olive Garden Restaurant, ACO Polymer, Target Stores, Fry's Marketplace, Fry's Food & Drug Store, Safeway Food & Drug, Rico Donuts and Starbucks Coffee Co.

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### Isaias (Shy) Saldana "Gordo"

April 2, 1983 - October 5, 2001



We find ourselves once again united here in remembrance of a great person. One more year has gone by, but the memory and love remains as strong as ever. Not a moment goes by that we don't think of our beloved Isaias Saldana "Gordo." He was my brother; a man of great heart. I miss you bro, and no amount of time, or situation, can ever change that. We must stand strong on this day as we re-unite because we know you'd want it this way. I love you, your lil brother Chito.

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**In Loving Memory of**

**Mary "Lucy" Celestine-Menta**

Sept. 25, 1949 - Oct. 5, 2009

We miss that great "smile," the funny way you laughed, your humor, strength, wisdom and generosity. During your long illness you never once complained and you never lost your faith. We were blessed to share and be a part of your journey in life. Lucy you will always be in our hearts and we will never forget you: beloved wife, daughter, sister, cousin, aunt and friend.

Your loving husband, family, relatives, friends, and your "GONA" brothers and sisters and all the "GONA" clan relatives.

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