

Peso is a 2-sided coin — with a border in between

By Ray Panzarella and Keith Rosenblum
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NOGALES, Ariz. — If you are an American, the price of life in Mexico took a nose dive yesterday, and if you're Mexican, the price of enjoying American amenities shot up.

That was about the only absolute truth prevailing here and across the line in Nogales, Son., as merchants, banks, and taco vendors followed yesterday's devaluation of the Mexican peso.

How the peso fares is of special importance to this community, which counts on

equivalent of this country's Federal Reserve System, that it would no longer exchange dollars for pesos, the peso was sold here yesterday morning at 38 to the dollar, or about 2.6 cents. It had closed the day before at about 3.7 cents, or 27 to the dollar.

Still, a number of merchants established their own exchange rates — in effect offering discounts or charging premiums — and most banks in Nogales, Son., refused to make exchanges.

Everywhere, merchants and customers took a little longer than usual in consummating transactions, struggling with the new

calculations. Cash registers all over were adorned with hastily drawn-up conversion tables.

The peso is now worth less than one-third of what it was worth against the dollar during this month in 1978. Several businessmen and bankers predicted the peso will continue to slide for perhaps another week.

Rene Niebla, manager of Banca Credi, S.A., in Nogales, Son., said he believes the peso will trade next week as high as 42 or 43 to the dollar before it recovers. Yesterday, his bank sold dollars only to preferred customers — and only with the permission of the bank's Mexico City research division.

In Agua Prieta, dollars were worth as much as 48 pesos for a brief period during the morning, he said.

Banca Credi and several other banks advised customers to hold onto their funds until the market "settles," probably in two weeks or so, Niebla said.

A few banks in Nogales, Son., bought pesos from customers at 37.10 to the dollar and sold them for 38.10. Thus, while the banks took the risk of losing more money — should they be caught with excess pesos and the currency continues to drop — they also

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Victor Wild, left, chief criminal deputy county attorney, and Police Chief Peter Ronstadt confer at the scene.

Police officer, 2nd man slain at bar

By Jay Gonzales
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An undercover police narcotics agent and another man were killed last night when gunfire erupted at a northwest-side topless-dancing bar, police said.

Tucson Police Department Officer Jeffrey Ross, 26, an agent with the Metropolitan Area Narcotics Squad, was taken to University Hospital with a single bullet wound in the chest. Ross was pronounced dead at 10:17 p.m., 17 minutes after he arrived at the hospital.

The identity of the other man who was killed — an employee of the Ranch House Bar, 400 N. Casa Grande Highway — was being withheld pending notification of relatives.

Ross' wife, Denise, is a uniformed officer with the Police Department. The couple reportedly have no children.

Authorities said the Metro Squad was involved in an investigation at the bar, but they would not specify whether it was drug-related. They said an arrest warrant had been issued for the bar employee, but provided no details.

Police spokesman Robert Sinclair said Ross was the first of about nine officers who confronted the suspect in a back room of the Ranch House, a topless bar with the reputation of being a biker hangout.

Police said an undercover agent had signaled for backup officers to move in to the back room, where he had been talking with the man.

Sinclair said that as soon as Ross walked in at 9:30 p.m., the bar employee fired one shot into the officer's chest.

Ross and several other Metro agents were wounded and taken to University Hospital, including identifying them as lawmen, and five uniformed sheriff's deputies also were among the backup force, police said.

After Ross was shot, the other agents returned fire, and the gunman was pronounced dead at the scene, Sinclair said. It was not known immediately how many times he was shot.

Police were questioning at least eight suspects inside the bar after the shooting, but it was not known if any arrests had been made.

Police Chief Peter Ronstadt, Vice Mayor Chuck Ford and Victor Wild, chief deputy county

attorney for criminal affairs, went to the shooting scene.

Ronstadt then went to University Hospital, where a score of Ross' fellow officers, many off duty, had congregated. By midnight, an honor guard of two motorcycle policemen was preparing to accompany a hearse bearing Ross' body to the office of the medical examiner.

Ross is the sixth Tucson Police Department officer to die in the line of duty.

The first was William Elliott, who was stabbed on a downtown street on July 5, 1980, by a man who was heard to shout: "Shoot me if you want to, you can't arrest me!" Elliott shot and fatally wounded the attacker, and they died side-by-side within minutes.

The second was William H. Katzenstein, who was also serving as a assistant fire chief in 1980 when he was murdered on the same street where Elliott had died 10 years earlier. Katzenstein was helping keep looters away from a burning store on South Meyer Street at the time of the shooting.

Robert V. Cummins became the third officer to give his life in the line of duty when he was killed

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Senators open filibuster against gas-tax bill

By John DeWitt
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PHOENIX — Nellie Hammond of Yuma, probably her great surprise, found herself destined for Arizona history books last night.

Her name was the first read off a list of 57,800 signers of a gasoline-tax referendum petition as Sen. Richard Kimball, D-Phoenix, began his promised filibuster against a gas-tax compromise that would end the referendum fight.

With a 2-foot-high stack of petitions in front of him, Kimball started reading names at 6:30 p.m. in an attempt to talk the compromise to death.

He said he might have "new, more pertinent" information around 10 a.m. today — in effect, telling fellow senators and reporters that they could go

home until today and not miss anything except the monotonous drone of his voice reading names.

Republican leaders in the Senate promised no parliamentary moves to close debate on the gas-tax bill, and Kimball appeared ready to go on for hours.

He was joined in opposing the gas-tax compromise bill by Sens. Luis Gonzales, D-Tucson, and Phoenix Democrats Marco Weeks, Lois Altom and Manuel Pena.

Weeks, followed by Gonzales and Altom, kicked off the anti-gas-tax filibuster with brief remarks concisely explaining their opposition to the compromise.

The GOP leadership of the Senate appeared prepared to wait Kimball out, arranging to have

food and drink brought in later in the evening.

There was some levity, too. At one point, Sen. President Leo Carbot took a four-high stack of papers to Kimball's desk to provide a "little light reading." A pole stand with a transistor bag of food was also wheeled through the chamber at one point, just in case.

One television reporter calculated that at his pace of eight or nine names a minute, complete with addresses, Kimball could continue for four and a half days before running out of signatories.

The previous record for a filibuster in the Senate — although the records are very imprecise — was approximately four hours in a 192 strike

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Weather

Clouds strike again. Today will be partly cloudy and breezy, with a slight chance of evening showers. A high in the mid-40s and a low in the mid-30s are predicted. Yesterday's high and low were 36 and 45.

Thunderstorms were reported yesterday over the southern Rockies.

Yesterday's national temperature extremes were 18 below zero at Houston, Maine, and 94 at Fort Myers and Miami, Fla. Details on Page 4A.

Reeling in the East. Ice glazes pavement from Indiana to Virginia as a new storm hurls into Maryland and Pennsylvania with up to 4 inches of snow. Page 4A.

News

No free rides. Local Teamsters union leaders say a raise of 6.25 percent for Sun Tran bus drivers is the lowest possible figure acceptable. They say their goal is to get the pay to offer more. Page 1C.

Reagan, Tucson, El Salvador. President Reagan says there are no plans to send U.S. combat soldiers to help contain Salvadoran insurgents, and insists his figures concerning a local food program are correct. Page 2A.

New Federalism criticized. Gov. Bruce Rabbitt says the New Federalism will put programs that should be administered by the states into the hands of the federal government. Page 12A.

Racing ruler. Two leading Republicans in the Legislature want to eliminate the Arizona Racing Commission and appoint a racing "czar." Page 1C.

Round-up of priests. A West German newspaper says Poland's Communist government is planning a nationwide roundup of priests as authorities step up their attack on the Roman Catholic clergy. Page 3A.

Dame Ngalo Marsh dies. One of the world's finest mystery writers, Dame Ngalo Marsh, dies in New Zealand at age 82. Page 8E.

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Hot legs. Tucson may not be having a cold winter, but leg warmers are a hot-selling item here. Page 1B.

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"Border" off-base. "The Border" looks and feels right, but it's all wrong in its treatment of the subject, says Star movie critic Jack Tuhy. Page 1C.

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Fullerton beats UA. Tim Thompson pitches a five-hitter to help Cal State-Fullerton defeat the University of Arizona baseball team, 3-1. Page 1E.

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Regents pick Koffler for UA president

By Bob Svejcar
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The Arizona Board of Regents today will officially name Henry Koffler, 58, chancellor of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, as president of the University of Arizona.

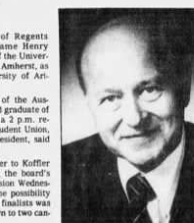
Unanimous approval of the Austrian-born Koffler, a 1943 graduate of the U.A., is expected at a 2 p.m. regents' meeting in the Student Union. Eather Capin, board president, said yesterday.

A source said the offer to Koffler was worked out during the board's four-hour executive session Wednesday night, in light of the possibility that an initial list of six finalists was about to be whittled down to two candidates.

Also of concern to the board was the possibility that Koffler, considered by many to be the front-runner for the chancellorship of the Oregon university system, might be lobbied to announce their selection next Friday, sources said.

Koffler was interviewed for the Oregon position Wednesday after completing a three-day tour of the state university system campuses. The Arizona Board of Regents had indicated the selection of a UA president might not be made before March 1.

Capin would not say when the board decided on Koffler. She said only that he was asked if he would



Henry Koffler

accept the offer and that he said he would.

Koffler, who is now paid about \$64,000 annually, is expected to receive the same salary UA President John P. Schaefer would have been paid for the fiscal year beginning July 1. Schaefer is leaving the UA in June to become president of a New York-based research foundation. He now receives \$62,500 a year, not counting fringe benefits.

Koffler told officials while in Oregon that he was looking to make a change and would have to do so soon only that he was asked if he would

Hartsoc murder weapon may have been located

By John S. Long
The Arizona Daily Star

Department of Public Safety investigators have obtained a bloodstained letter opener believed to be the weapon allegedly used by Walter or Karl LaGrand in the Jan. 7 killing of Marana bank manager Kenneth Hartsoc.

A boy playing near Thornydale and West line roads northwest of Tucson found a briefcase in some bushes late Wednesday afternoon, sources said.

The boy was walking down a road with the briefcase when a married couple saw him and asked what he was carrying.

The boy dropped the briefcase and kept walking, but when the woman asked what he was doing with it, the boy said he had just found it in the bushes, sources said.

The couple gave the briefcase to Pima County Sheriff's Department officials, who turned it over to DPS investigators.

Deputy County Attorney Michael Alfrod confirmed yesterday that a briefcase containing the letter opener, a bloodstained jacket, a toy gun and electrical tape was in the possession of law enforcement authorities.

Sources said the briefcase also contained a key chain bearing the capital letter D, believed to belong to Dawn Lopez, a 26-year-old bank teller who was repeatedly stabbed in the attempted bank robbery of the Marana branch of the Valley National Bank.

Hartsoc, 65, was stabbed numerous times all over his torso, and the letter opener from his desk was missing. He died shortly after medical personnel arrived at the bank, about 35 minutes after he was attacked.

Lopez told officials that the at-

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