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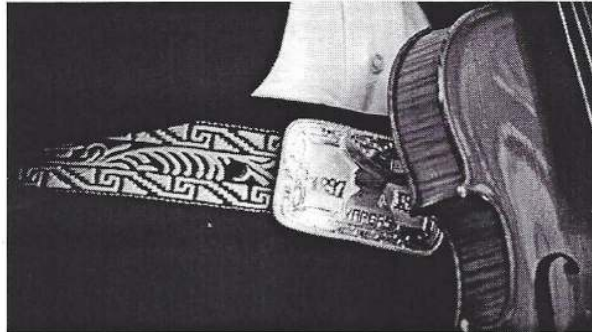
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Mariachi Vargas coming, new books: "Charro," "School Bus Driver"

Coming up:
Daddy Yankee Makes North American Television debut
2007 Latin Grammys: SA Nominees
Hispanic Heritage Society Awards to honor Pedro Infante
More CDS: Sesí, Valadez, Lugo, Astronautas, Angel

Mariachi tradition is still strong throughout the American Southwest. Each year, more and more high school and universities add or expand their mariachi programs.



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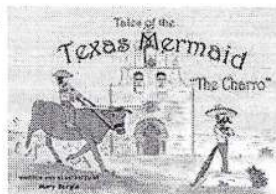
Mariachi Vargas silver buckle with years 1897-2007.

Coming up we have the 2007 **Ford Motor Company Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza** on Dec. 1 More details below. Also coming up is a booking signing for one of two mariachi-related children's books.

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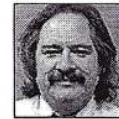
The Charro Celebration

New childrens' book "Tales of the Texas Mermaid: The Charro," written and illustrated by **Mary Borgia**, about a sleeping parrot who awakes and think he is a charro. H-E-B Dia de Los Muertos Family Day including book readings in English and Spaish, noon reception with Mariachi Mexica in the Sculpture Garden, and a talk by **Dr. Raul Goana** of the San Antonio Charro



(Courtesy)
The Charro is a new children's book

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Assosociation. Mariachis are also performing. Borgia will also sign copies of her book. Noon-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4. Museo Alameda, 101 S. Santa Rosa, Market Square. Free. (210) 299-4300. www.thetexasmermaid.com
www.cafepress.com/borgiagallery
 A related book, "Cheech the School Bus Driver," illustrated by **Orlando L. Ramirez** and written by **Cheech Marin**, also deals with a kids' mariachi band competing in a band contest. Ramirez is also participating in the Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza competition.

2007 Ford Motor Company Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza Yes, time again for the music fest. **Mariachi Vargas**, the world's oldest and best, returns to San Antonio for the 2007 Extravaganza. Vargas headlines the concert Saturday, Dec. 1 at the Munciipal Auditorium. Also performing are **Azucena**, **Mariachi Los Galleros** and the winners in the high school and university competition. Other related events including Mariachi Mass, art exhibition, serenata, workshops and more.

MORE details at www.mariachimusic.com Tickets available through Ticketmaster and also (210) 225-3353

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