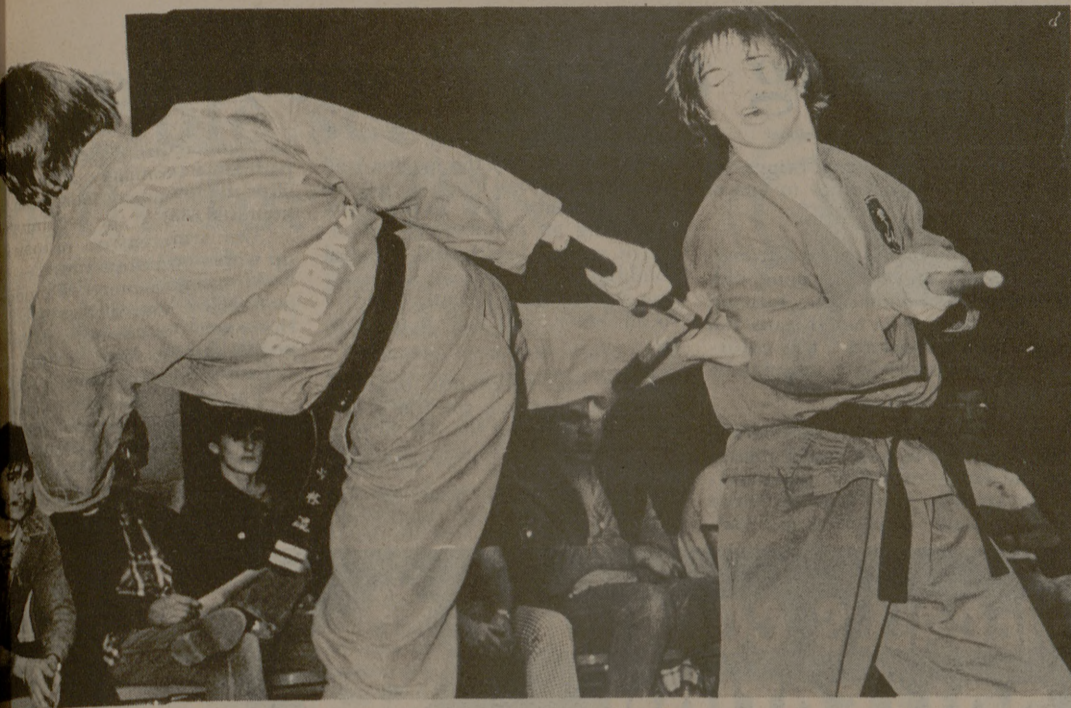


# Mortuary has drive-up window



Chris Estes and Sean Riley demonstrate the use of a classical Okinawan weapon during the karate demonstrations which have been

going on this week. The weapon was originally used for flailing rice.

Battalion photo by Mike Willy

**United Press International**  
NEW ROADS, La. — It is the very last word in a society centered on the automobile.

A seven-by-five-foot window in the side of the gold and white Point Coupee Funeral Home allows mourners to pay their last respects without leaving their cars.

Through the window the motorist views the deceased in an open casket which is backed by a small cross fringed in a thin band of blue neon light.

By leaning slightly from the car window the driver can sign an outside guest register.

Funeral home president and director Alvin Verrette admits the idea takes some getting used to but he says it is a needed service.

"We wanted to come up with something different in the building," said Verrette. The funeral home building with the drive-up window was built two years ago by Verrette and his late father, who started the business 37 years ago. "We wanted something for work-

ing people who didn't have time to dress but wanted to show their condolences and sympathy. It's so nice to know someone cares."

Bodies are displayed from the window on the side of the chapel for two or three hours when the service is requested. Normally the casket is on view in a traditional setting, away from the window.

"I've gotten a good reception," Verrette said. "A lot of people stop me on the street and say, 'You designed that for me. I don't like to get dressed.'"

His mother, Irma Verrette, said the service has been used infrequently because it is new and many people don't know about it.

Verrette wears a white jacket, slacks and tie over a gold shirt, reflecting the color scheme of the funeral home and hearses. He sits in a white swivel chair behind a white, vinyl-covered desk in his gold-carpeted office.

The color scheme is another facet of the innovative funeral home that has a guest room complete with bed and private toilet facilities for out-

of-town visitors or mourners who become ill or tired.

"You don't have to remind them of what they are coming to," Verrette said. "They know what they are coming to when someone in the family dies. Black tends to bring them down more."

Verrette said people like the relaxed decor of the funeral home so well he is often asked if it can be used for social functions. Three times he has consented. Once for a wine and cheese party for the Future Young Women of America.

## Building codes wanted

**United Press International**  
AUSTIN, Tex. — A legislator plans to sponsor a bill to establish standards for hurricane-resistant construction along the Texas Gulf Coast.

Coastal residents will find the standards valuable, because for a minor increase of 2 to 3 percent in building costs, losses can be greatly cut, approximately half," said A. R. Schwartz, D-Galveston last year.

Not only will less valuable property be lost, but windstorm insurance rates can be held down. Schwartz made the comments during presentation of a detailed study of hurricane damage and dangers conducted by the Texas Coastal Marine Council.

The senator said he will sponsor legislation this session to establish standards for hurricane-resistant construction and to require persons purchasing property in coastal zones be warned of the dangers of hurricanes and flooding.

State Insurance Board chairman Joe Christie endorsed the recommendations of the study.

"I believe by imposing these hurricane-resistant building standards, we ultimately would see a reduction in insurance rates," Christie said.

Mrs. Spruell asks \$6,249,000 for medical expenses, pain and suffering and impairment to her earning capacity.

She said she took the vaccine on Oct. 26 and awoke Dec. 15 to find she had lost control and feeling in the majority of her body and both eyes had become paralyzed. She said she was admitted to a Paris, Tex., hospital and still suffers from paralysis in her eyes and body.

MUSKOGEE, Okla. — A woman complaining her eyes and a part of her body have become paralyzed, is seeking nearly \$6.25 million in a federal court suit against producers of the swine flu vaccine.

The suit by Emily A. Spruell, 64, Clayton, Okla., was filed by Sen. Stipe, D-McAlester, who earlier handled a suit seeking \$5.5 million on behalf of Wayne Young, 58, McAlester.



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