



Oops, just missed

Battalion photo by Mark Benson

At a Baptist Student Union Howdy Party Friday Night blindfolded BSU director Ron Welles gets fed a banana from assistant director Gail Pugh. Gail peeled and fed bananas to Welles, but neither could use their hands in the escapade.

Vietnamese celebrate 33rd independence anniversary

United Press International
BANGKOK, Thailand — Vietnam celebrated the 33rd anniversary of its independence Saturday with mass meetings and parades throughout the country and a warning that the struggle was not over.

The celebrations mark the date in 1945 shortly after Japan's surrender to the allies when President Ho Chi Minh founded the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and declared independence from France.

Vietnam, with the word Socialist replacing Democratic in its reunited name, celebrated the anniversary in a socialist style.

In Hanoi, 100,000 people gathered to hear speeches and there were mass meetings and military and civilian parades in 10 other major cities throughout the country, the radio said.

The official army newspaper, Quan Doi Nhan Dan, reminded the Vietnamese that independence had come only with struggle and that the struggle was not yet over.

In an editorial, it accused China of carrying out "a most brazen and vicious anti-Vietnam policy."

First, it said, China used Cambodian shock troops to commit atrocities and wage war against the Vietnamese people on the southwestern border and then stirred up trouble with the ethnic Chinese living in Vietnam.

China's object, it claimed, was to create economic difficulties, undermine political security and social order and hinder our people's peaceful national reconstruction.

The independence day editorial

The Independence Day editorial said, however, "Never have our country, our history, our regime and our people been formed into such a strong iron fortress ready for battle. Anyone who rams into that fortress will certainly be crushed to pieces."

Mexican-Americans work for political clout

By SCOTT PENDLETON
Battalion Staff

"We'll be the big, quiet type and show our force when necessary," Daniel Hernandez said.

A former Bryan city councilman, Hernandez is the chairman of the recently formed Mexican-American Democrats (MAD) of Brazos County.

MAD formally installed its officers last week. State Democratic Party chairman Calvin Guest, Bryan Mayor Richard Smith, and Mrs. Phil Gramm were among seventy other members and guests who attended.

MAD will work within the Democratic Party to strengthen it, Hernandez said, adding that it will voice the concerns and needs of the Mexican-American community.

"We have a good cross-section of the Mexican-American community in our group," Hernandez said, and he explained that unlike some ethnic political groups, MAD is very representative.

Voter registration is the first con-

cern of MAD. More than 3,000 Mexican-Americans in Brazos County are not registered to vote.

Political leverage isn't the only goal of MAD, Hernandez said. It will also educate Mexican-Americans about the political system and process.

"Mexican-Americans for many years have been alienated from the political system," he said, and MAD will attempt to bring them into it.

"We want to be a positive force locally and statewide," Hernandez said, although he admitted that currently Mexican-Americans in Brazos County are not as active as those in San Antonio or the valley.

Hernandez said there could be more candidates in Brazos County who are either Mexican-Americans or are sensitive to their problems.

Presently, only one Mexican-American in Brazos County serves as an elected official.

Hernandez said MAD will begin meeting every fourth Thursday of the month in different locations in the Mexican-American community.

Symbol of wasteful spending

Legislators give 'bird award'

United Press International
AUSTIN — Two state legislators Friday presented their "Bird Award" — symbolic of waste in state government — to the executive branch for lavish redecorating of the Governor's Mansion.

Reps. Ron Bird, D-San Antonio, and Ben Grant, D-Marshall, initiated the award last month to point out what they consider was wasteful spending.

They said storage space at the mansion is filled with acquisitions of previous governors, but tax money is being spent on additional furnishings such as a \$7,000 set of antique bedroom furniture, a pair of \$2,500 antique lamps, rattan furniture valued at \$2,000, drapes costing

\$24,000 and \$150 for salt and pepper shakers.

"Texas taxpayers are having to tighten their belts in order to meet rising costs," Bird said. "We would hope that all branches of government would exercise extreme caution in spending. Many of those who are paying taxes to support the Governor's Mansion are doing without necessities in an effort to make ends meet."

Grant said while Texans want the Mansion to be a showplace, they also want the governor to hold down expenses.

Bird and Grant also presented their "Bird" awards to the University of Texas at Austin for its inability

to account for a number of valuable items purchased at state expense and to the Department of Human Resources for the expenditure of \$36,000 for 2,600 pictures to decorate walls of welfare offices.

"It seems to me that \$36,000 worth of photographs should cover every wall in every building occupied by the Department of Human Resources, but if there is additional need for something to hang on their walls, Rep. Bird and I would be happy to furnish

additional copies of the Bird Award to decorate as many walls as the department sees fit," Grant said.

The two lawmakers also presented their "We Take It for Granted Award" to the Texas Vendor Drug Program of the Department of Human Resources. That award, given for good work being done to serve citizens, was presented to the vendor drug program because it is a leader among states in cost control, drug use management and limitation of fraud.

Fantasy park to be built soon

BEZIERS, France — A "Jules Verne Land," similar to Disneyland, is planned to be built shortly at nearby Cap d'Agde on the Mediterranean coast.

The project, studied by French and American financiers, would

allow visitors to follow in the steps of the French visionary writer's land, sea and space adventures.

Electronic devices would allow them to go to the moon, hundreds of miles below the sea and descend into the heart of the Earth.

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