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RepublicBank A&M displays 'red' battle of San Jacinto exhibit

By David Betz
Reporter

The Raven and The Eagle: Sam Houston and Santa Anna, an exhibit featuring the rival generals and the Battle of San Jacinto, is on display in the lobby of RepublicBank in College Station.

The exhibit was created by the Sam Houston Memorial Museum in Houston. It was brought to College Station by the Arts Council of Brazos Valley.

Photographs of paintings, documents and artifacts are displayed on boards in the bank lobby, along with quotes from Houston and Santa Anna and a description of the Battle of San Jacinto.

Samuel Angulo, director of the Sam Houston Memorial Museum, said the museum's former director, Ann Fears Crawford, had the original idea for the sesquicentennial exhibit. He said the project was completed in three months.

"It has been on the road for almost three years," Angulo said. The exhibit has been all over Texas, he said.

Angulo said all the photographed objects can be seen at the museum. Two pictures portray the captured Santa Anna being brought before Houston, who was wounded in battle. Quotes from Santa Anna give an account of the gracious treatment he said he received while a prisoner.

The colors of the Texas and Mexico flags provide the background for reproductions of Texas Revolutionary Army and Mexican Army documents, letters from the two leaders and several portraits.

The Battle of San Jacinto, in which Texas won its independence from Mexico by defeating General Santa Anna's army, is featured in a descriptive text and painting. Santa Anna is called the "Napoleon of the West" in the description of the famous battle.

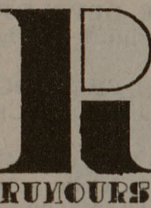
Kass Prince, acting director of the Arts Council of Brazos Valley, said Houston was given the name Raven by Cherokee Indians when he was a boy.

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