

# School teaches people to use their resources

## Peaceable Kingdom specializes in crafts

By Ed Holtgraver  
Reporter

There are no stuffy, closed-in, windowless classrooms at the Peaceable Kingdom School. Nor are there classes crammed with 300 students taught by cranky professors with research on their minds.

Instead, one finds horses, pigs, chickens, dogs, acres of land, herbal gardens and lots of friendly people at this school in Washington County.

Located three miles north of Washington-on-the-Brazos, Peaceable Kingdom is a non-profit, federally chartered school concentrating on arts and crafts. It is located on 152 acres of rolling farmland, and the land is as much a part of the learning experience as the classes.

The wide variety of things found at Peaceable Kingdom, such as the animals and gardens, help serve the main reason Peaceable Kingdom exists, which is to make the maximum use of one's own resources and to encourage this attitude in others.

The founder of Peaceable Kingdom is Elizabeth Winston. The Houston native is a graduate of the International School of Geneva. Besides operating Peaceable Kingdom,

Winston also is a lecturer who speaks on the growth and use of herbs, flowers and vegetables.

Classes are conducted on weekends from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A typical one-day class at Peaceable Kingdom costs \$45, Winston says, and includes an intense training regimen on nature subjects. Lunch also is included in the fee, and often includes samples of plants the students are studying.

If students are really interested in studying a particular subject, there are \$80 weekend-long classes that include an overnight stay, she says, as well as breakfast and lunch the second day.

The school's instructors have a wide variety of educational backgrounds to help students advance their skills. The staff has knowledge in organic gardening, floriculture, animal care, homesteading, art, music and more. All the staff members work together to enhance their skills and increase the total output of the group.

Among the gardening methods used at the school is the practice of organic gardening — growing plants without the use of any chemical fertilizers or pesticides.

Growing plants organically is a little more difficult at first, but after a short while a far better product is produced, Winston says.

"We sell a lot of our herbs to restaurants in Houston," Winston says.

She also says she can tell whether a fruit or vegetable has been grown organically seconds after eating it.

To date, the Peaceable Kingdom staff has documented more than 450 native plants in their herbarium.

Though the school is a non-profit organization, it doesn't get any state funding.

"We don't get any money from the state, but we really don't expect any," Winston says.

Much of its money comes from private donors, she says, people who have spent time here and enjoyed themselves. Most of the structures in Peaceable Kingdom were built by volunteer labor.

It is that kind of volunteer behavior that is promoted here, and makes it possible for the school to function, she says.

Peaceable Kingdom is located on County Road 101. It's open to visitors from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. For more information, call (409) 878-2353.

# Students lose projects as computers stolen

By Sue Krenk  
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Thieves broke into the Langford Architecture Center during spring break, making off with \$14,000 in equipment on loan from a computer company and leaving some students in the lurch with unfinished projects.

Edwin R. Hoag, assistant dean of the College of Architecture, said that although students have designs stored on disks, the information is as good as lost without the stolen computer-aided design equipment.

Hoag said the stolen equipment was on loan from Tandy Corp. in an experiment that put computers in the design labs where students do most of their work. The two systems in the lab were used mainly by third-year design students, he said.

The architecture college has a

rash of petty thefts about this time every year, Hoag said, but both he and A&M University Police director Bob Wiatt said the thieves were careful and precise.

"This was not a student stunt," Hoag said. "Apparently someone had it all laid out. The place was completely wiped clean."

Wiatt said police have no suspects in the burglary. The burglars entered a locked design lab in Building C of the center by removing ceiling tiles, Wiatt said. After disconnecting two microcomputers and related equipment, they took them to a vehicle waiting at the building's loading dock.

Hoag said college officials aren't sure if the computers will be replaced.

"We're waiting to see what Tandy wants to do," he said. "Everyone is still scrambling to see what can be done."

# Up to 1 million Texas aliens may apply for citizenship

SAN BENITO, Texas (AP) — As many as 3.9 million illegal aliens could apply for amnesty under the new immigration reform act, with one-fourth of them seeking citizenship in Texas, a regional commissioner for the Immigration and Naturalization Service said Thursday.

Stephen H. Martin, who was in the Rio Grande Valley to attend a conference sponsored by area mayors on the eve of the act's implementation, said the INS is prepared to begin accepting amnesty applications May 5.

Aliens who have lived continuously in the United States since 1982 are eligible for amnesty beginning May 5 and citizenship later under the act, which President Reagan signed into law Nov. 6.

Martin, in charge of the INS in part of the Caribbean and 13 states from Florida to North Carolina to New Mexico, said as many as 800,000 to 1 million aliens could seek citizenship in Texas alone.

"It's hard to get close because there's quite a shadow community,"

said Martin, who works out of Dallas.

The INS is setting up nine legalization centers across the state and hiring 400 people to process the applications, Martin said.

He warned aliens to shy away from fraudulent documents and unscrupulous people when trying to prove their case for amnesty.

The INS will begin accepting the applications the same day federal agents can begin citing employers who hire illegal aliens.

Employers will be warned first and then will be subject to civil sanctions for subsequent offenses during the first year of the bill being in effect. Beginning May 5, 1988, employers who violate the law will be fined immediately and will not be given warnings.

Civil penalties range from \$250 to \$10,000 for each illegal alien hired.

Martin said the INS and its law enforcement agency, the Border Patrol, would target "notorious employers" for sanctions.

"I have no preconceived notion of who that will be," he said.

# Parolees continue jail gangs

HOUSTON (AP) — A dozen gang leaders were released on parole after serving a small portion of their sentences, and some are continuing their gang operations outside prison walls, officials said.

Four of the 12 inmates who were released from maximum security cells without serving any time at halfway houses have since committed other crimes including murder, aggravated robbery and drug possession, authorities said.

"They are operating outside the prisons, but how strong they are, no one knows," David Weeks, a special state prosecutor familiar with prison gangs, said Wednesday. "When you take an organization as dangerous and vicious as they are, it would be foolish to think they are not operating on the outside."

The 12 inmates were among almost 600 state inmates who were released after being given generous amounts of "good time." The extended periods of "good time" were given out as part of an attempt by the Texas Department of Corrections to alleviate prison overcrowding.

Earlier this week, Harris County deputies broke up a northeast Harris County drug ring operated by members of the prison gang Texas Syndicate.

Sheriff's Lt. D.M. Warren said the investigation has cleared two murders of Texas Syndicate members and two aggravated assaults involving gang members. Deputies also made about 10 drug-related arrests, he said.

Local law enforcement officers said there is no connection between the released gang leaders and the Tuesday drug bust in Harris County, but officers said gangs are involved in out-of-prison drug dealing.

"Several (gang members) have gone and hooked up with dope dealers and started making narcotic transactions," Warren said. "They started utilizing (the drugs) and drawing a tab. We saw a lot of violence in the collection of the money."


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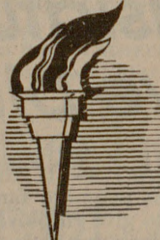
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