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Man builds replica of Moravian chapel as monument to Slavic people, heritage TAYLOR (AP) — Kaplicka. That in Czechoslovakia, Poland and other crane from Bachmayer Construction

may be a new word for many, but it describes a new building in this Cen-

The Battalion

Pronounced kah-PLEECH-kah, it means "little chapel" in the Slavic language, according to Kevin Han-nan of Dallas. He is building the small concrete block structure on land owned by his parents, John and Bobby Hannan, on Old Thorndale Road west of the SPJST Hall.

The building is an authentic copy of a kaplicka from the Czechoslova-kian region of Moravia, the birth place of Hannan's great-grand-

"I had several reasons for starting this project," said Hannan, who is in the electrical construction business. I'm deeply interested in the folk ar-

chitecture of Eastern Europe.
"In the villages of Czechoslovakia and Poland where some of my ancestors were born, there are several outstanding wooden churches and other examples of folk architecture. I also thought of erecting this as a type of monument to the Slavic peoole and to my own Slavic heritage,'

The onion-shaped bell tower of the tiny chapel was placed atop the building earlier this month, but Hannan says there is still much more to be done.

When the walls are completed they will be covered with white plaster and decorated with Slavic folk motifs, inside and outside," Hannan

"The onion dome was built in Dallas by a craftsman from Czechoslovakia. Atop the dome is a three-bar cross, which signifies the Christian

faith of the Slavic people," he said. It took the Czechoslovakian builder 150 hours to fashion the spire and its onion-shaped dome. The scalloped shingles are handcut, as are similar shingles in the Hannan barn ready to cover the roof over the A niche in the back exterior wall is

ready for further decoration and another niche will be placed in the front exterior wall, above the arched entrance. A lovely iron gateway into the

little chapel was found in an antique

Hannan, who soon starts graduate work in Slavic languages at the University of Texas, says such kaplickas are commonly found along roadsides and before entrances to villages countries in Eastern Europe, where he has often visited.

"Until recent times it was a com-mon practice in Czechoslovakia and Poland for people to privately erect this type of monument," he said. "Of course, in those times it was a much more difficult endeavor; some families worked for years to save the money and acquire the necessary building materials for such a pro-

He says he is in no hurry to complete his plans. He must find the right time, the right artist, the right materials before he takes the next

step in the construction process.

The dome, erected by use of a

Co., belies its seeming delicacy. Hannan estimates its weight at 3,000 pounds. As with the concrete block building, it is heavily braced with The wooden posts holding the

bell tower high above are simply sheathing for steel posts. A carefully constructed steel platform is welded to the steel-braced walls, and the steel in the four posts of the tower is welded to the platform that will eventually be covered with the same type of wooden shingles that cover the onion dome.

He and a Polish friend had carefully shellacked and weatherproofed the singles on the dome be-

I am building this kapli Vol. 88 No. 13: last," Hannan says. "I don't come back and repair it 10 c

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Owner of ranch seen in 'Dallas' serie cashes in on tourists, antique auction

PARKER (AP) — Terry Trippet has done his best to make certain vis-itors to world-famous Southfork Ranch can see everything they believe Texas has to offer. He has installed a 183-foot-tall oil

derrick. He has stocked lush pas-tures with longhorn cattle and championship racehorses And as for a Texas millionaire?

Well, he says he just walks around the grounds as often as he can.

Trippet's ranch, about 25 miles northeast of Dallas, is the model for the famous Ewing spread featured in the television series "Dallas."

The ranch, with its stately white two-story ranchhouse and immense outbuildings, is sometimes incor-rectly placed in neighboring towns of Plano, Murphy or Wylie. But Trippet prefers the town name of Southfork Ranch, and he lets everyone know it's all his.

"I'm the mayor and I'm the city council and I'm the building inspector," he says, wearing a sly grin that is shaded by a \$3,000 cowboy hat. "That's the only way I could have

gotten all these things built around

What was once a fairly nice country ranch is becoming an interna-tional tourist attraction. Trippet says you can stand on any part of the ranch and hear about 10 languages spoken in one hour. It sounds like

an idle boast until the next group of

tourists strolls by A camera-snapping couple is from Germany. A young family, with two children, is from British Columbia. And a woman who rolls into Trippet's path and levels a camera lens at his head appears to have a

"You look just like J.R., coming down there," she says, as she shoots and then ducks away.

He kind of does resemble the fictional J.R. Ewing, the man who raises the ire and interest of millions of TV fans worldwide. On any particular day, the 44-year-old Trippet, who was raised in the Odessa area, could be seen wearing a leather vest western shirt and a pair of sharply pressed jeans. He's already tall, even before he steps into expensive os-

And like J.R., he is fond of that disappearing Texas pastime - making money.

"You want to know the most expensive souvenir around here," he says, then points at himself.
"Me — that's what. And I'm not

Trippet, who bought the ranch in 1984 for an undisclosed "but very big" price, says if Southfork Ranch looks a bit commercial, that's because it's meant to make money.

From the \$1.75 chili dogs to the ranchhouse, which he rents for \$2,500 a night for overnight visitors,

the Texas showplace is meant money-making proposition.
"Besides," he says, "that \$2

nothing. A good penthouse to cost you that much to rent. "But anything you see her

sale. You want to buy those and I'll go dig them up myself His latest enterprise w three-day Southfork Antique More than \$3 million worth

tique furniture, chandeliers, and jewelry, including some offered by celebrities, were of for sale. The auction industrial to Texas from a Second intact to Texas from a Scottis For the occasion, Trip

stripped the ranchhouse of a ture and everything else, all of he put up for sale but none of was used on "Dallas." He sa plans to refill the house and those items at the next auction

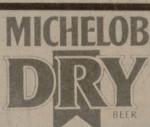
'We think this is going to finest auction house in the real soon," he says.

As Trippet ambles back to Southfork Ranch office to calls before roaring off in a Mercedes, he doesn't miss a when asked about his favorite of the ranch.

"My cash register," he says." those tour buses parked over the love to see those dollar bills wal

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