

Battalion Classifieds

Old schoolhouse takes residents of Deer Park back to days gone by

DEER PARK (AP) — There's one first-grade classroom in the Deer Park school district that holds memories, not students.

Housed in a 60-year-old school building, a museum designed to be a walk-in scrapbook reminds the Deer Park community of the district's history. Longtime residents can be seen leading their grandchildren to show-cases displaying faded black and white pictures, band uniforms, and other memorabilia reflecting past graduating classes.

"It's a lot of nostalgia," said Mary E. Stephenson, 70, a museum committee member. "It's a big thrill for people to show their children what they looked like in first grade."

"It's just a one-room museum, but it is interesting."

Before the rededication of the building as an administration annex, officials planned to demolish the facility. An unprecedented community upheaval turned that decision around, Stephenson said. The school building had served as Deer Park's town church, community hall and social center, she said.

Stephenson, who has lived in the Deer Park community for 42 years, is a charter member of the Deer Park School District Historical Museum. In 1982, the museum was created in what was then the San Jacinto School, she said. Her children learned their ABCs in that school, and she worked in the annex as a receptionist for 35 years.

The building was later renamed the Leon Walters Administration Building to honor Deer Park's superintendent from 1978-1986. The museum became Walters' dream, said Bob Vaughn, school administrator and museum committee member.

"It is a historical storage place for the district's history," he said.

Although the museum features 50-year-old photographs, trophies, original desks and even a what-was-then modern cooking stove, interest in the museum has waned over the past two years, Vaughn said. Next year, Vaughn said he will attempt to regenerate interest in the museum that so many residents have visited.

In the past, committee members met once per month to learn how to display items and how to lure more visitors. The committee has not met in two years.

"This was a dream of Leon Walters," Vaughn said. "The love of this district and what it meant to him is part of the reason it is maintained."

Walters and several other superintendents were honored by museum displays in the one-room treasure house. Clyde Abshier was superintendent in Deer Park from 1941 to 1969, and he also has some personal possessions encased in glass in the museum. Abshier died three years ago, and his wife Lo said he earned the museum's tribute.

Lo Abshier, 78, moved to the district in 1931 and taught in the former San Jacinto School. She said the museum helps preserve important memories.

"As long as Clyde lived, there was a lot of interest in it," she said. "Too many have moved away, and there's not as much interest now."

In the past, the museum attracted small crowds on Sundays and larger ones during organized open houses. Boy Scout troops, elementary school classes and other school groups still visit the museum. Recently, at a 50-year high school reunion, the Class of 1939 visited the museum for a glimpse of their younger years.

Although interest may fade as the district population gets younger, donations continue to support a substantial bank account for the museum, Abshier said.

The school artifacts also are donated, and some are borrowed from residents.

"There are still people here who take a great deal of pride in it," she said.

WHAT'S UP

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Coast Guard rescues man from bay after he jumped from burning motorboat

GALVESTON (AP) — A man rescued by a Coast Guard helicopter after having to leap into the water from his burning motorboat says he'll take more precautions next time.

Sam Adams said the Tuesday night experience won't keep him from fishing, but it will change his boating habits.

"I'll bet you I'll be the safest boater on Galveston Bay," Adams said Wednesday. "I'll have an industrial strength life jacket and flares in every pocket."

Adams, a former Longview firefighter, said he had set out for an hour-long fishing trip on his 28-foot boat, the General Lee, about sunset Tuesday when the port engine

caught fire, apparently due to a problem with the carburetor, he said.

"I didn't have time to get off. May Day signal or anything," he said. "I was afraid the boat was going to blow up. So all I could do was jump."

He grabbed a small life vest, rated for a 90-pound person, and decided to try to swim for a chum marker. The 37-year-old man weighs 240 pounds.

Adams had been in the water more than an hour when the Hill Dolphin helicopter's computer locked in on Adams about 1.5 miles southeast of Kemah. He was hoisted aboard on a basket, uninjured.

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Houston police arrest boy, 11, for carrying crack

HOUSTON (AP) — An 11-year-old boy allegedly earning spending money by delivering crack cocaine was arrested after handing some of the drug to an undercover police officer, authorities said.

Undercover officer Fabian Arista said he arranged to buy \$40 worth of crack — two rock-like crystals — from a 33-year-old woman at about 11 a.m. Wednesday. The woman told him to wait while she made a phone call to arrange for the delivery.

"A few minutes later, she said, 'Here he comes now,' Arista said. 'I saw this kid coming and I said, 'Where?' I was looking for someone else. She told me it was the boy. He opened his hand and had the cocaine."

The boy had walked out of a nearby apartment complex. He gave the officer four-tenths of a gram of crack and took his money, Arista said.

Arista said he had never seen as young a person working as a dealer's courier.

The officer said he spoke to the boy when he walked up.

ANALYSIS

WASHINGTON (AP) — There's an ethics and pay quandary waiting for Congress this fall — and a session that began with the prospect of a sharp salary increase could end in what amounts to a freeze.

It wouldn't be the first. House and Senate salaries once were stalled for 33 years after a pay increase bill that stirred a political storm.

James Madison saw it coming when the Founding Fathers were in the process of creating Congress. At the constitutional convention in 1787, he observed that to have members "regulate their own wages was an indecent thing and might in time prove a dangerous one."

To review the current bidding, President Bush has offered to "work with Congress" on a pay raise to substitute for the 51-percent increase rejected last winter. That was six weeks ago, when he also proposed legislation to phase out the speechmaking honoraria members now can accept as outside income.

The game plan in Congress has been to tie restrictions on outside income to an increase in the \$89,500-a-year salary members now are paid, putting a spoonful of sugar with the ethics medicine.

A bipartisan House task force is studying the issues, and probably will suggest next month that Congress tighten its outside income restrictions in tandem with a renewed pay raise measure.

Even that formula leaves Democratic leaders wary that Republicans might seize any raise as an issue against them, even an increase endorsed by Bush. That's what happened on the 51-percent raise, although President Ronald Reagan recommended the measure and Bush agreed.

GOP campaigners trying to shake the Democratic majority in the House figure one way to do it is by working to create a backlash against incumbents, most of whom are Democrats. And there's a long record to demonstrate that there's no backlash like a congressional pay backlash.

Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W. Va., recounted that record in one of his lectures on congressional history, tracing pay hassles to the current one — and noting that it has revived a moribund, 200-year-old constitutional

Congressional pay raise furor began more than 200 years ago

amendment that would delay the effective date of any raise until after the next congressional election. Twenty-eight of the required 38 states have voted to ratify the pay amendment.

For its first 20 years, Congress paid its members a rate of \$6 a day and \$6 for every 20 miles traveled to get there and home again. Byrd said that worked out to \$900 or \$1,000 a year in congressional salaries.

In 1816, Congress voted in an annual salary of \$1,500, spurred by purported reformers who argued that members were dragging out speeches and thus sessions in order to collect higher pay at the day rate. That produced an outcry and an issue that led to wholesale defeat of incumbents, which prompted the survivors to repeal it. They upped daily pay to \$8, and it was frozen there for 38 years.

The first annual salaries, of \$3,000, were voted in 1856. In 1873, Congress voted to raise that to \$7,500 — and to make it retroactive for two years. President Ulysses S. Grant signed it, doubling his own pay in the process.

That backlash was explosive, despite congressional arguments with a familiar ring. Sen. Matthew Carpenter of Wisconsin said his constituents didn't want him to live in a garret on crackers and cheese and dress in goatskins. He said they knew that a bank cashier or insurance company president couldn't be hired for less than \$10,000. "They believe a senator ought to have a much brains as a cashier of a bank or president of an insurance company," he said.

The "salary grab" was the dominant issue in the next election. Carpenter was one of the casualties.

That raise was repealed and it was 33 years before Congress risked voting itself another one.

It put salaries back at \$7,500, where they stayed for the next 18 years. In 1925, the Senate boosted pay to \$10,000 with a late-night amendment, passed with no debate. The House agreed, avoiding a roll call vote.

Congress cut its pay during the Depression, restored it before World War II, but didn't get another raise until 1946. In 1955, amid an economic boom, Congress boosted its pay to \$22,500, an 80-percent raise, with little political fallout.

Maybe the secret is in the timing.

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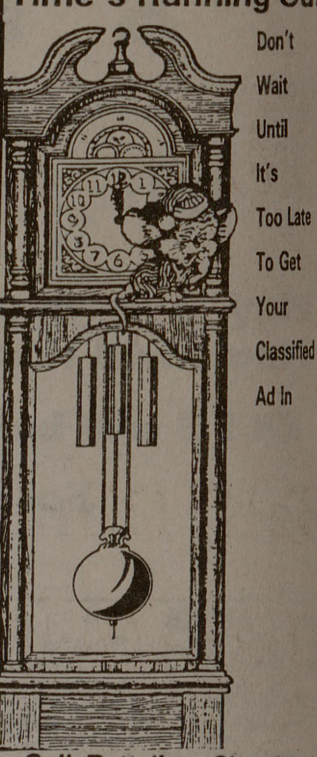
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