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'Aggie Brigade' prepares Bryan prison site 19

Army Reserve engineers use A&M housing, services while clearing terrain

By JAMES BERNSEN

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The "Aggie Brigade" is preparing a site in Bryan for a new 1000-bed drug rehabilitation prison, and is utilizing Texas A&M services, including on-campus housing and meals.

Reservists in the 420th Engineer Brigade, U.S. Army Reserve, started work on the prison site May 17, clearing land and leveling the terrain.

The work was scheduled to be completed by June 25, but has been plagued by bad weather. Chief Warrant Officer Robert Thurman

said the reservists have been working in twoweek rotations of 30 to 40 workers. During the project, the reservists have been

staying on the A&M campus in Corps of Cadets residence halls 2 and 8, and eating at the Commons Dining hall.

"The treatment has been excellent and out- heavy equipment as well as working on aning standing for us," Thurman said.

In addition, A&M shuttle buses transport the reservists to and from the job site.

Ed Ilschner, public works director for the City of Bryan, said the use of A&M services is being paid for by the city and was used as an incentive to bring the prison to Bryan, which would profit economically.

"There will be additional jobs at the prison, as well as expert type services to staff it," he said. "Every dollar the prison spends in Bryan-College Station should turn over seven times in the local economy."

Maj. Will Hagood, task force commander, said the arrangement is mutually beneficial to the city and the 420th Brigade, which is based in Bryan.

We're getting our training operating the

portant project," he said.

Hagood said to his knowledge this is first time U.S. Army reservists have helped Texas Department of Corrections build prison

Army reserve units are required to spen. The two weeks on active duty training in a yez Team a he said. ream's

The reservists are mostly from the 493: Tuesday Engineer Group from Dallas, but addition support units are from across the state. 420th is the parent unit of all the support un

Ilschner said the land is owned by the (of Bryan and will be given, upon complet of the reservists work, to the Texas Dep Bryan terfielde ment of Corrections, who will begin const tion on the prison in about 12 to 15 months team wi runs, 5 triples, 5

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en route SAN ANTONIO - A Cor 2.62 ER man who was a fugitive for season years and spent part of that in 401 as in Mexico has pleaded guilty strikeout federal court to a marijuana spiracy that occurred

decades ago. Richard Arturo Saenz, 45, e tered the plea Monday before U District Judge Ed Prado, who David man wo award b sentencing for Aug. 17. Saenzwa arrested Feb. 2 in Katy by depu U.S. marshals from San Anton clutch pla .304 for and Houston. on only

Saenz was among 11 defe dants named in an indictment turned by a San Antonio fede grand jury accusing them of porting 20 tons of marijuana in Texas from Mexico between Ma 1972 and March 1974. 63-poi known fo was the i

spiracy to possess marijuana w the intent to distribute. As part a plea agreement, Saenz said will accept a maximum five-ye sentence and \$5,000 fine.

Grants for Graduate Students and raduating Seniors

Aggravated Assault

The following incidents were reported to University Police Department between June 3-11.

Between McInnis and Walton Hall- The victim report ed she was grabbed by an unknown male who put one hand over her mouth and the other around her arms and chest. He forced her to the ground and put some glass in her right hand and forced her to cut herself on the inner side of her left arm. He also forced her to pound her right hand on the concrete. He then instructed the victim to leave a note written in blood on the door of a close friend

South Bizzell St. - The victim encountered a cyclist who tried to initiate a conversation with her. When she did not respond, the subject threw her to the ground and struck her in the right eye. A second sub-ject pulled the attacker off of the victim.

Driving While Intoxicated

Ireland St.- A motorist driving the wrong way on a one way street was found to be intoxicated. The subject was arrested and incarcerated.

Criminal Mischief

Systems Loop- Occupants in the bed of a truck threw raw dough and egg at an unattended vehicle.

Dormitory 10- A security officer noticed the glass was broken from a third floor men's room

Burglary of Coin-Operated Machine

Schuhmacher Hall Breezeway- A security officer noted someone had broken the covering over the coin intake mechanism on a Coca-Cola Company drink dispenser.

Parking Area 26- The victim reported someone en-tered his 1979 Pontiac Grand Prix and removed a

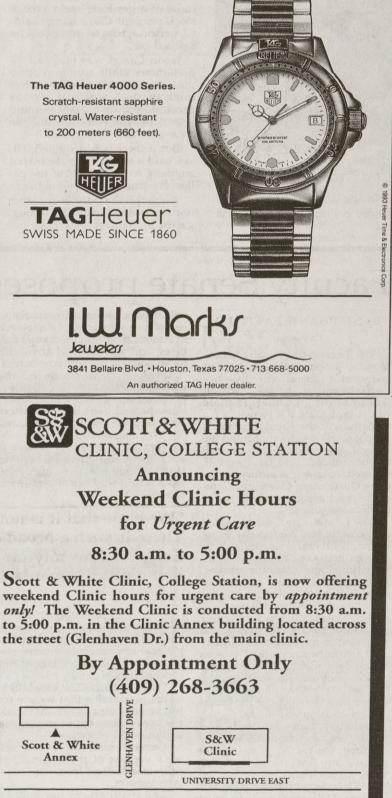
University Owned Apartments- Victim reported she has been receiving annoying phone calls since Dec. 25.

Misdemeanor Theft

North Side of Spence Hall- A black Trek 830 bicycle frame was stolen

Academic Building- The victim reported \$303 in cash was removed from her desk

East Parking Lot Landscape Maintenance- Victim stated that a female friend of her ex-husband had threatened to kill her and her children.





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Assault by Threat

Saenz pleaded guilty to o

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