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Field of blue

Some of the first bluebonnets of the year are growing at the intersection of FM 2818 and University Drive. The Texas Highway Department plants the seeds every year to make Texas roads more beautiful.

Lack of evidence leads to acquittal of captain accused of stowaways murder

□ The three men who were given life jackets and told to swim to shore have not been seen for two years.

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — No one disputed what the tugboat captain did: Pointing a flare gun and making racial slurs, he forced three black stowaways to put on life jackets and jump into the sea off Jamaica.

Capt. Patrick Kiffe said he told the men: "God bless you, I hope y'all make it to shore."

The stowaways haven't been seen since. Kiffe, who is white, wasn't charged with racism or being a modern-day Captain Bligh. Prosecutors accused him of second-degree murder.

On March 17, Kiffe was acquitted and walked out of a federal courthouse a free man.

U.S. Attorney Eddie Jordan says the all-white jury turned a

cold shoulder to the victims. But jury foreman John Hammons says the government failed to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

Because the prosecutor's office insisted on trying Kiffe without direct evidence the men were dead, the charge

ton Scipio, all of Guyana — were discovered hiding aboard a 300-foot barge being towed by Kiffe's tug on May 5, 1993.

Kiffe said he gave the men life jackets and bottles of water and forced them overboard. He said he wasn't worried about them making it to safety: seven fishing boats were within a mile of the tug and could have picked them up. The shoreline, depending on various windinesses, was four to five miles away.

According to other witnesses, Kiffe called the stowaways "niggers" and "monkeys."

Although a body and cause of death are not required for a murder conviction, it is harder for the prosecution without them. In cases where a missing victim is believed dead, prosecutors often opt for another serious charge that can be proved without a body, such as kidnapping or attempted murder.

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boiled down to the question of "Are the stowaways dead or alive?" the foreman said.

Kiffe, who was fired by the tugboat company based near New Orleans, was first indicted on a lesser, but more easily provable, charge of attempted murder, then re-indicted on the more serious charge.

The three men — Aubrey Bowen, Prince Horne and Tren-

Monday, March 27, 1995

- ★ Rec Facility Hotline 845-0737
- ★ Read Court Reservations 845-2624
- ★ Intramural Rain Out Info 845-2625
- ★ Penberthy Golf Range 845-9655
- ★ Outdoor Equipment Rental .. 845-4511
- ★ Rec Sports Office 845-7826

EXERCISE CLASSES ★ INFORMAL RECREATION ★ INSTRUCTIONAL CLINICS ★ INTRAMURALS ★ SPORT CLUBS ★ TAMU OUTDOORS

This Week's Game Plan

- Mon., March 27**
- ★ Entries Open:
 - ★ Archery Doubles
 - ★ Pickleball
- Tues., March 28**
- ★ Entries Close:
 - ★ Golf Singles
 - ★ Swim Meet
 - ★ Kyle Field Ramp Romp V (Early Registration)
- Thurs., March 30**
- ★ Kyle Field Ramp Romp V Packets available
- Fri., March 31**
- ★ Kyle Field Ramp Romp V Packets available
- Sat., April 1**
- ★ Kyle Field Ramp Romp V - Late registration 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Race starts at 9 a.m.
 - ★ Women's Rugby vs. Houston/Dallas - Zachry Rugby Field
 - ★ Ultimate Frisbee Savage
 - ★ Seven's - Polo Field
 - ★ Fencing Tournament - 10 a.m. - 10 p.m., 351 GRW
- Sun., April 2**
- ★ Fencing Tournament - 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., 351 GRW and 267 Read
- Mon., April 3**
- ★ Entries Open:
 - ★ Putt-Putt Golf Doubles
 - ★ Intermediate Rock Climbing
 - ★ Canoe Day Trip
 - ★ Kayak Roll Clinic
 - ★ Kayak Workshop

TAMU Outdoors ... Coming Soon!

KAYAK ROLL INSTRUCTIONAL CLINICS

Date: April 6, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Registration: NOW - April 3

Date: April 19, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Registration: April 3-17

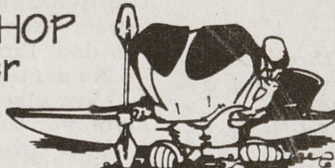
Learn the mechanics of the eskimo roll! Experienced guides will be on hand to instruct and assist you in sessions at the Outdoor Pool. The \$12*/\$15** fee covers instruction, kayak rental and pool time. Limited to 10 participants.



KAYAKING WORKSHOP San Marcos River

Date: Saturday & Sunday, April 22-23
Registration: April 3-17

Take the weekend off and learn the fundamentals of kayaking in a two-day class offered by TAMU Outdoors.



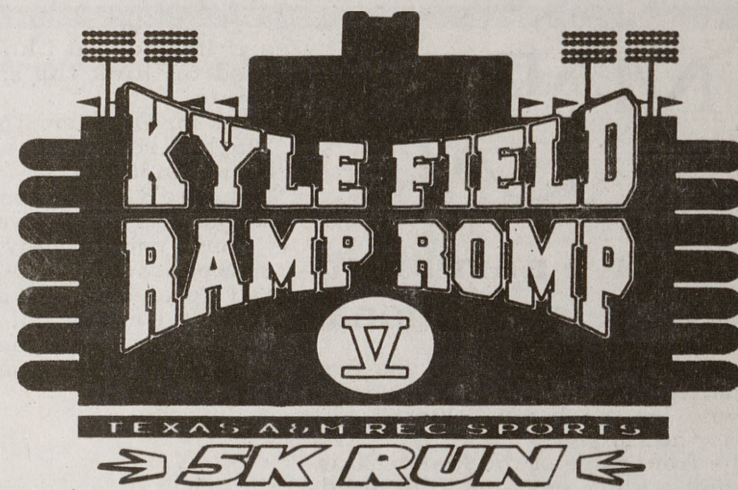
The first day includes an introduction to kayak strokes, rescue and the eskimo roll. The second day will be spent on the San Marcos River learning how to paddle the boat and get a feel for the river. You are encouraged to participate in a kayak roll instructional clinic before the workshop to learn the basics of the eskimo roll. The \$50*/\$55** fee for this workshop includes transportation, camping gear, kayak equipment, camping permits and instruction. Sign up early because class size is limited.

INTRO TO HANG GLIDING

Date: Saturday & Sunday, April 8-9
Registration: Now-April 3

Enjoy the beauty and freedom of this spectacular sport! United States Hang Gliding Association certified instructors will present this weekend course. The course consists of: (1) **Basic Ground School** - stressing aerodynamics, air movement and glider performance, (2) **Ground Handling** - harness functions and good takeoff techniques, (3) **Beginning Flight** - practice take-offs, pitch control and glides. The fee is \$75*/\$82**. Instruction, gliders, harnesses and safety gear are provided. Saturday's session will be held on the Texas A&M campus and Sunday's session will be held at Murchison Elementary School in Austin.

*Students & faculty/staff with a rec membership
**Faculty/staff without a rec membership & members of the Bryan/College Station community



Saturday, April 1, 9 a.m.

Fastest male and female runners will each receive a \$200 Continental Airlines travel voucher.

The 5K course begins at Kyle Field, winds its way through the A&M campus, and culminates at Kyle Field where runners tackle the ramps of the football stadium (not the stairs).

Entry Fees (THRU TOMORROW)	Late registration
Texas A&M Students, faculty/staff with rec membc. ships: \$7	(Up until one-half hour before the race.)
Others: \$10	All Runners \$12

Proceeds to help benefit local Special Olympics. We'd like to thank the sponsors of the event: Continental Airlines, CC Creations, Awards & More, Specialties Photography, ARAMARK, AppleTree, Sports Officials Association, Brazos Valley Fitness Association, and the College Station Parks and Rec Department.