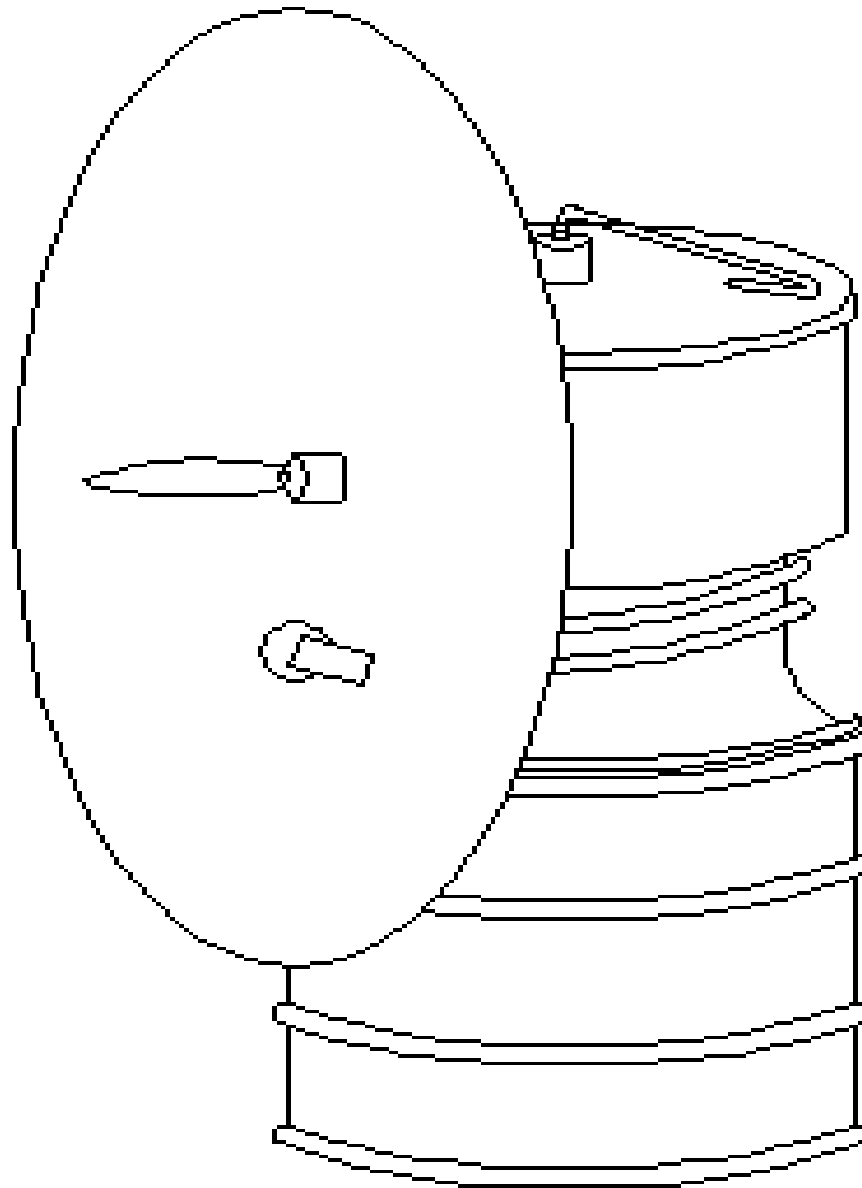
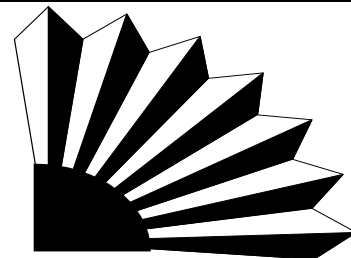
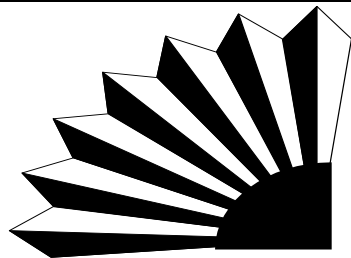


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From the Editor:

Pushing the deadline is what makes editing and publishing a newsletter fun and is why we can't find any takers to replace me in this job. Many thanks to my wife Debbie Bentley and Walter Feaster for their help in typing, columns and mailing. Without their help this issue would not have been out on time. I had a chance to go caving and put out the newsletter late and I chose caving...Maybe there is hope for me yet!

Bill Bentley



Next Meeting: PBSS

The next official meeting of the Permian Basin Speleological Society will be on March 14, 1995 at 7:00 PM in the meeting room at Murry's Delicatessen which is located at 3211 West Wadley in Midland, Texas. If you need directions or more information then call Walter Feaster @ 915-699-7049. The meeting start at 7:00 PM or there about and eating and caver style socializing usually begins at 6:30 PM and is optional. Also remember to try to bring a friend and lets get some new members. Topic of discussion will be the upcoming Montgomery Cave video trip. There will be a need for plenty of above ground support as well as cavers to help string lights and haul equipment. So don't be a weasel and miss this exciting trip. Come to the meeting and find out how you can help out J.D. and get your ugly face in the video-documentary that is destined to be headed for the Oscar awards.



Food for Thought...or surfing the internet! by Chuck Anderle

alt.caving CAVES IN GEORGIA ? 71250.2777@CompuServe.COM

Can you see your own hand in the darkness of a cave?

You can see your own hands because your brain, knowing where your hands are, tells you you see them. You can't see someone else's hands because your brain doesn't know where they are. If you try hard, you can see the rock walls of the cave. Again, this is your brain reconstructing an image from memory. Normally, it isn't very good, and if you turn a light on, the walls aren't where you saw them. NO, you don't see infrared. ----> gds



Future Cave Trips: Also other events from PBSS and other grottos.

March 10th-12th, 1995 Whiteface cave, San Saba, Co. Tx. contact: Pat Copeland @ 915-643-2952.

March 14th, 1995 PBSS MEETING Murry's Midland, contact: Walter Feaster @ 915-699-7049 for info.

March 18th-19th, 1995 Montgomery's Gypsum cave Filming Trip! contact: J.D. Fincher @ 915-558-7248*

March, 25th-26th, 1995 PBSS CCCP Trip contact: Chuck Anderle @ 915-685-3119.

March 28th, 1995 Endless Cave Resurvey (need surveyor types) contact: Noble Stidham @ 806-736-8606.

April 8th-9th, 1995 Southwestern Regional Parks Ranch, NM contact: Carol Belski @ 505-885-6168.

April 11th, 1995 PBSS Meeting Murry's Midland, contact: Walter Feaster @ 915-699-7049 for info.

April 22nd-23rd, 1995 PBSS CCCP Trip contact: Chuck Anderle @ 915-685-3119.

May 20th-21st, 1995 PBSS CCCP trip contact: Chuck Anderle @ 915-685-3119.

May 27th-29th, 1995 CACA CRF Expedition contact: Bryan Holcomb @ 505-842-5156.

July 17th-21st, 1995 NSS Convention, Blacksburg, Virginia, contact: Carol Tideman @ 410-727-2497.

IF YOU HAVE ANY CAVING TRIPS PLANNED, PLEASE LET THE EDITOR KNOW AND HE WILL PUBLISH THEM HERE IN THIS SPACE!.....

Most all of this material was stolen from various and sometimes reliable caving newsletters in the Southwestern Region and surrounding area, including the Sandia Grotto Newsletter "*The Third Source*"

***** Denotes a PBSS club Trip...

TSA Convention Report by Bill Bentley NSS # 21977

PBSS came out in full force for the Texas Speleological Association Winter convention that was held at the Nueces Lake campground near Campwood, Texas. Among those who attended were myself along with Tony Abernathy, Noel Pando, Felder Hogan, and Rich Abner. I arrived about 8:30 PM and after registering and paying my dues for the Texas Caver I found Tony's camp and made myself welcome. It is nice when someone has arrived earlier and picked up a good spot for you. We visited and then I went to bed I remember that Noel and the ASS arrived sometime late in the night.... that time when it is best for sleeping! Since Ken, Gralin, and Steve didn't make it they have all

became applicants for the 95 Weasel award. Next morning we had a quick breakfast and were off to the Devil's Sinkhole at a 9:00 AM departure.

After a 30 mile or so drive we entered a gate and made our way to the cave entrance. There looked to be about 30 or so cavers and new being taught to do vertical cavers that were in attendance.

There were 4 or 5 ropes rigged and I was second to enter the cave in a not so graceful move I trapped my finger under the rope and caused severe pain until I pulled it out leaving my glove. The glove then came trailing to the ground and landed about 2 feet from where the rope rested on the bottom. After only moving about 20 feet I realized that I had too much friction on the rack and released one bar so that I could go smoothly to the bottom of this 140 foot drop. I met several nice people from Lubbock and we went to the bottom and poked around to the water level. There was lots and lots of Bat Poop down there and one would sink

several inches in the spongy gooey material.

There was a real strong odor in the very bottom of the cave and all the more reason to be the second one to climb out too! I took one of the ropes that was finished from the hordes of cavers rappelling in and started my ascent. I didn't have too much trouble getting started and did the entire climb with a couple of rests along the way. Tony was on the side opposite of the ropes and was taking pictures that should show the pain and agony of me being too tired to make it over the lip and out. But I did make it out with the help of a few firemen from San Angelo. Thanks Guys! I was beat and had unknowing at the time pulled a muscle in my ankle that would haunt me for the next week.

After helping pull out some garbage from this poop filled pit me and Tony made our way back to the campsite.

Hazardous Materials Information For Cavers

By Barbara Bilbo, Hondo Grotto

Over the years many cavers have seen sinkholes and cave entrances filled with trash in various parts of the U. S., as well as in eastern New Mexico.

The material in these sites include fresh household garbage, scrap metal, plastics, rolls of wire, burned wire, and other materials, sheep dip cans, pesticides, and herbicide cans, and bottles, medicinal containers and bottles, oil and paint cans, car bodies, car batteries, refrigerators, and other items.

While these dumps are illegal and pose a long term threat to cave and groundwater resources, a more serious immediate aspect is that they could contain substances hazardous to your health and the environment. When you encounter trash caves and sinks, you should consider the possibility that hazardous materials could be present. Even a small sink with a few items could harbor toxic materials.

Seemingly harmless materials like household trash or wet garbage could also contain toxic biological or chemical substances. These sites can eventually be sampled for hazardous materials, cleaned up or posted

for their contents - and against further illegal dumping. Although in most parts of the country household and commercial trash must be taken to an established landfill, some rural and some urban people will take their trash and dump it in the nearest hole in the ground. There are several reasons for this behavior. Certainly convenience is one, while others include avoidance of paying fees and avoidance of long expensive trips to authorized hazardous waste disposal sites.

Other kinds of hazardous materials, related to oil or gas industries, can be found in karst areas in the U.S. These usually in the form of chemicals or oils leaking from the tanks, damaged or leaking valves and related situations. These sites need to be reported so that they can be repaired and spills cleaned up.

There are a number of federal hazardous materials and water quality laws that apply to trash dumps in sinks and caves. Action can be taken once these sites are brought to the attention of appropriate agencies.

When you find these sites there are steps that should be taken to document the site and notify the agencies concerned. First and foremost is personal safety.

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PBSS TEN YEARS AGO



In March 1985 the PBSS held their meeting at the home of Terry Hill and the newsletter, called then the “SPYLUNK” had a cover drawing of Bill Bentley entering Raven Cave which was hand drawn by Bill Greenlee. This cover won an award for honorable mention at the 1986 NSS convention in Tularosa, New Mexico. Looking back through the archives I found that they had just completed a trip to Cave of the Madonna and were planning a trip to Lake, Spider and the Pink Ridge Caves all locted in New Mexico. The first editions of the now famous “Last Patch” with the club logo were made and being sold for an amazingly low price of \$3.00 each.

The PBSS also placed a display at the Midland County Library depicting the fun and luring challenges of caving in an attempt to spark new interest. The newsletter also had a trip report of the Madonna cave by Tony Grieco....Don’t you wish you had been there?

“ANDYS POTATO LAMP”

alt.caving Alternative power sources ear4a2p@leeds.ac.uk
I have found that lugging lead acid or Ni-Cd cells around on my belt is a real pain in the arse. This problem has become so large that I have devoted much time to the solution of lightweight cave lighting problems. This project is the culmination of many hours of ranting in caff, and hopefully will achieve universal recognition for the great invention that it undoubtably is....

I hereby unveil: *** Andy's Potato Lamp ***

Now as many of you who did O level physics will be aware, if you stuff two dissimilar metal electrodes into a potato, you get a small potential difference across them. Conect a filament lamp mounted in a petzl or similar headset and, lo and behold, a superb high quality, low cost caving lamp. And then..... the real advantage... If you are involved in a flooded sit-in. You can nibble bits off the potato while waiting for the CRO. This saves money on Mars Bars. Opinions please, do you think it will catch on ?

Andy

Andy Palmer EAR4A2P@UK.AC.LEEDS.NOVELL.LUCS-03
If you can't rhyme, you can't climb.

Thanks To Chuck Anderle NSS # 31477, the internet and

Hazard Continued from page 3...**STAY SAFE AT ALL TIMES.****THINGS NOT TO DO!**

1. Don't drive or walk into the suspected site. If you've been caving and find yourself in a dump location, leave the way you came - hopefully not through the dump materials. Try not to get any materials or cave dust on you. If you do, don't dust off near others or in your vehicle. Try not to allow materials to get on your skin.
2. If you find a dump sink with burned materials, don't enter. Avoid burned rolls of plastic- or rubber-coated wire. Among other serious toxins that are associated with burned plastics is dioxin (known in another form as Agent Orange).
3. Don't kick, touch, or open containers.
4. Don't touch, smell, or taste the contents of containers or spilled materials.
5. Don't move or take samples from containers.

THINGS TO DO

1. Report the site or incident as soon as possible. Don't assume someone else has already done it. Even if the site looks old, it could be dangerous and unreported. Numerous sites are known but have not been formally reported, including some right along roads. It would be better for a site to be reported twenty times than not at all!
2. Stay upwind of the site at a safe distance and KEEP KIDS AND PETS AWAY. If kids or pets are present, the best policy is to mark the location on a map and leave.
3. Observe the site, from a safe distance, with a pair of binoculars.
4. Locate the site on a map and get its legal description (Township, Range, Section number and quarter sections, or other locating description). Land managers can get the legal description if you have a good pinpoint - even on a road map. Describe how to get to the site. A road log from the site to a major highway is very helpful.
5. If containers are on the site, use binoculars, if necessary, to read labels and/or stenciling on the containers (manufacturer, warnings, numbers, symbols). Note the color, shape, condition of container(s) and the material containers are constructed of, such as plastic, steel, glass, cardboard, etc. Estimate container size, i.e., 5 gallons, 55-gallon drum, etc.
6. Using binoculars, if needed, note if containers are

See Hazard continued on Page 5...

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Two hours later Noel and crew arrived and said that somebody had

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locked the gate on them. After a joke telling and drinking session around some campfire, we all went to bed, when I don't remember! Who cares, it was a good time.

Sunday found us packing and sleeping late so, we missed

Earn a T-shirt by submitting a trip report or article to the Texas Caver. It is easy, so send trip reports and material to:

***The Texas Caver* c/o Noble Stidham**

P.O. Box 1094,

Lubbock, Texas 79408

Safety by Walter Feaster

When someone mentions cave safety, most people think of having good lights, proper vertical equipment, and watching where you are going. One area of any cave most often overlooked or forgotten is the cave entrance. The entrance can be the most dangerous part of any cave, horizontal or vertical.

Entering a cave from bright sun light can present a few problems. One being your eyes have not adjusted to the dark, and you could trip over or fall in something. Finding out a horizontal cave suddenly becomes vertical near the entrance is not at all fun. Coming out of a cave into bright sun light can be just as bad. When entering or exiting a cave take your time and let your eyes become adjusted to the change in lighting. This could save you from serious injury. Another reason to be careful at the entrance, this is where the critters reside. Most animals will not go beyond the so called "twilight zone" and stay near the entrance to escape the noon day heat. Critters can vary from mammals to insects to reptiles. My personal favorite reptile family being Crotalidae, genera, Crotalus, or the rattle snake. They are described by four letter words that I cannot print here. These "buzz tails" have inhibited my urge to go caving more than once. In summery, go slow, be careful, and don't let the cave bugs bite.

Live to cave, and cave to live.

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horizontal or vertical and if leaking. Describe any leaking material by color, fluid, solid, vapor.

7. Make a sketch of the site showing the location of items, especially suspected hazardous materials, drainage's, roads, etc. Include the approximate size of the affected area, connections to other sinks or caves, site location (hill, gully, arroyo, along road, etc.), distance to nearest surface water source, including intermittent streams. If you have a camera, take photographs of the site.

8. Record the environmental conditions of the site (dead or dying animals or vegetation, time of day or night, unusual odors and weather condition). If you smell unusual odors, leave the area immediately to a safe distance upwind from the site.

9. If the site you find is on public land, send your report to, or contact: Cave Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Roswell Resource Area, P.O. Drawer 1857, Roswell, New Mexico 88201. Phone: (505) 624-1790. Depending on who manages the land, other agencies that can be contacted include: The New Mexico State Environment Department, the Soil Conservation Service, water conservation officials, U.S. Forest Service, and the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish.

ILLEGAL DUMPING

If you see anyone dumping trash on federal, state or county lands or roads, including tank trucks dumping fluids on roads, in sink holes or in arroyos, follow the guidelines:

1. Don't contact the people dumping trash or waste. If you suddenly come upon anyone dumping trash or liquids, just drive on by with a friendly, nonchalant wave.
2. Make notes and try to get as good a description as possible, such as clothes, approximate height, weight, hair color, and any distinguishing features of the person(s); materials or smell of material (i.e., rotten egg smell) being dumped; number of bags or containers, color of containers, etc.; vehicle make, model, color, license number and state (some waste and trash may be brought from a nearby state).
3. Contact the appropriate agency. If in eastern New Mexico, contact the Bureau of Land Management, Roswell Resource Area (505-624-1790), Roswell District (627-0272), BLM law enforcement agencies, as soon as possible. Describe the situation, give the location, and state that you



CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HOME UNEARTH'S CAVERN

San Antonio (AP) — A newly discovered cavern full of stalagmites and stalactites at a new home construction site is one of the most spectacular caves in Bexar County, cavers say.

“This one is prettier than any of the others I’ve seen. It’s definitely the most decorated”, said Kurt Menking, a member and former president of the Bexar Grotto caving club.

There are more than 300 known caves in Bexar County, said Menking, who has seen about 50 of them.

This 50-by-75-foot cave was found Jan. 25 in a new neighborhood called Encino Creek under development by U.S. Homes. Word of the cave discovery spread quickly, and people began to come to see it.

The cave since has been bulldozed shut by V.K. Knowlton Paving Contractor Inc. to keep curiosity-seekers away until developers and regulatory officials can determine what should be done.

George D’Hemecourt, a spokesman for U.S. Homes’ land planning division in Dallas, said a bulldozer operator uncovered the cave while digging a sewer line trench.

Menking, who visited the cave with two friends Jan. 29, said the new discovery is “as pretty as any commercial cave, but not big enough to be a commercial cave.”

The main part of the cave is about 40 feet across with a 5-to-6 foot ceiling, which tapers off on all sides, Menking said.

The cave’s ceiling, about 10- to 12- feet- below ground, was supported by eight to ten massive rock columns spread about the room. The columns were estimated to be about 3 feet in diameter.

Bob Crowell, another cave club member, said he’s never seen a Bexar County cave with such a variety of formations.

“It had soda straws, cave coral and cave bacon,” he said.



Texas and Mexico
Cave Rescue
Call Collect
210-686-0234

This is Kriedler Funeral Home’s 24 Hour number
 Ask for “Cave Rescue” and “John Kriedler”

In New Mexico
Dial
911

Cave Humor by Tony Grieco



Wow I can't believe how BIG the bats in this cave are ! Can you Bill?

SWR Regional Meeting April 8 - 9 1995

Parks Ranch Cave Area Southwest of Carlsbad New Mexico

TAKE HWY. 62-180 TO MILE MARKER 10, FOLLOW FLAGGING TO FENCED SINKS
TOUR WASHINGTON RANCH, GYP CAVES, HIKING, FUN!

The Spring 1995 Southwestern Regional will be held at Parks' Ranch Cave. The meeting will be Saturday morning, April 8, at the campsite right next to several of the cave entrances. That afternoon you will have the choice of:

1. A Historical Tour of the Washington Ranch (beginning at 1PM) for the nominal donation of \$1.00 per person. Pat Jablonsky has sampled the tour and highly recommends it.
2. Gypsum caving in Parks' Ranch Cave System and the area (some survey projects will be available - bring your suntos and tapes);
3. Hiking in Carlsbad Caverns National Park (if you wish to cave, you MUST get your own Permit from Dale or Jason at 505-785-2232.)

Sunday you can hike, cave, or just relax until it is time to pack up and go home.

Contact: Carol Belski @ 505-885-6168 or write @ 408 Southern Sky, Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220

TRIP REPORTS: and other lies and stories



CCCP by Bill Bentley
March 4th, 1995

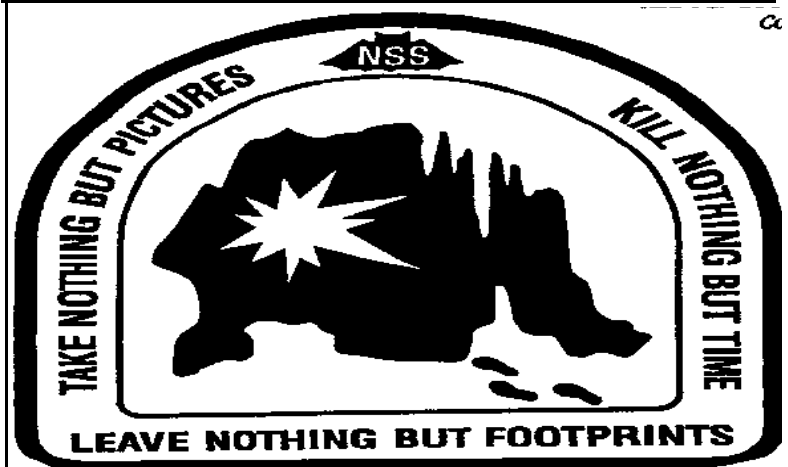
We left Midland about 6:30, that is to say Walter and myself and headed for the cave and Chuck was about 20 miles ahead of us until we stopped for gas and from that point on we made the rest of the trip together. We stopped about an hour before reaching the campsite and had a coffee break at a truck stop where Walter had some kind of roasted dog or goat or something! The late start and all of the stops put us at the campsite around midnight and we built a campfire and watched Chuck assemble his no assembly required tent. I parked strategically where the campfire smoke would filter through my camper shell.

The next morning we awoke to the smell of coffee and then Noel, Noel Jr., and Felder arrived followed by J.D. in a few. They made plans to use the generators and the chipping hammers at the blowhole and try to enlarge it. After chatting with them on their plans and breakfast, Chuck, Walter and myself headed for the nearest place to park to reach the cave. A short drive from the campsite and we were at our destination and only had about a 600 feet of elevation and about 2 miles of cactus covered walking to do so on we went. Walter carried the rope and switched with Chuck about half the way up. We arrived at the entrance to the cave and rested a few minutes. I went on up to the nearest high point to look at the surrounding mountains. What a view! We had a careful discussion as how we were going to map this cave and after several looks to certain points we decided to start and away we went. My job was to set the stations and I tried to pick ones where Walter would have to stand on his head to read the instruments. Chuck was sketching and I lost sight of him until we were above the drop.

This cave is not very large to start with and doesn't allow very many cavers to occupy a passage at one time so 3 to survey was the ideal group. The entrance is approximately a 3' by 6' opening and drops some 30 feet or so with ledges that make it easily climbable. From this level there is a crack that leads into a small dome room connected to another dome room with

ceiling heights about 4'. At the end on one of the dome rooms there was a 2' long belly crawl to a crack that had a ceiling height of about 25' and was 4' wide. The crack was criss-crossed by another joint intersecting at an angle and there was also a couple of spots that connected to the entrance crack and would have been very difficult to try to negotiate. At the end of this crack it became a vertical and snaky and ended in a vertical drop of 43 feet into a large room. This room had no leads and was basically 30' by 40' with a ceiling height of about 40 feet or so.

After we surveyed from top to bottom, we did the entire vertical distance in 12 shots. We did spray shots around this room. On the way out we surveyed a small crack and it dead-ended up under the bottom of the entrance crack. We left the cave at about 6:30 PM and walked back to the vehicles, I carried the rope, and drove back to camp. Noels rock busting party must have finished before we did, as all the equipment was stacked next to Chuck's tent. With only a few minutes of daylight we gathered firewood and had enough to last with bonfires well into the night. Once the wood was gathered we visited the land owner and told him of our progress. He told us of the progress of the rock busting party as he had visited the future entrance earlier to check on them. After a brief visit we went back to camp and cooked canned food over a Coleman stove. Sunday morning Walter left early and Chuck, the landowner and myself walked about 12 miles on the Eastern boundary of his ranch and found no caves. I followed Chuck home via the scenic route and on fumes. We arrived in Midland at 7:00 PM.....A really



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Bats Hound Texas Family

TIVOLI, Texas (AP) -- Holy infestation -- it's the Bat House!

Thousands of bats have roosted inside Sandi and Terry Dowdy's home overlooking the Guadalupe River, about 135 miles southwest of Houston. Now the family is too frightened to go outside at night. "Right after dark, they get active," Dowdy said. "They leave in groups like 15 or 20. In and out. They come out and get food for the babies. Trying to get back in, they hit the windows and walls."

Game Warden Timothy Holland, who inspected the house Thursday, said the Dowdys have a "beehive of bats." Walter Dowell of the county pest control office said the infestation has him stumped. "To be perfectly frank, I don't know how they're going to get rid of them. If they were all in one place, I could get them," Dowell said. "But the way they are everywhere in the house, I don't know what they are going to do." Holland advised the Dowdys to contact a zoo for advice.

Copied from the PRODIGY(R) service 02/02/95 22:12

The Montgomery Cave Video is to start on March 18th through the 19th, 1995 and is to be a video documentary. If you would like to help in the filming of this cave and don't mind a little work then call J.D. Fincher at 915 558-7248. Lots of help will be needed and lots of power cables, generators and video equipment is needed. More information and planning will be at the March meeting of the PBSS. See page 1 for meeting information.