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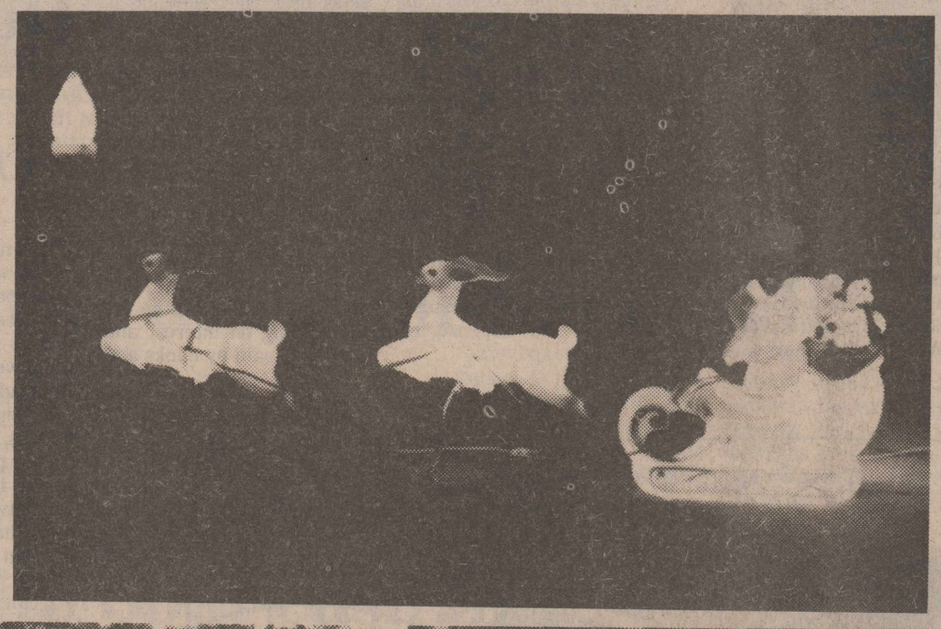
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DRIVING AROUND the Rockport-Fulton area, one can't help but notice the many decorations in yards, windows, on balconies, houses and doors, which all add to the holiday spirit.

(Photos by Pat Blair)

At ACND meeting

Beach sale proposal meets with protest

By PAT BLAIR
Managing editor

A proposal by former Aransas County Navigation District Commissioner Ken Faulkner, that the ACND consider "actively pursuing" the sale of Rockport Beach to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department met with protests from members of the audience at Tuesday night's navigation district meeting.

Faulkner's proposal came during a meeting that began at 7:30 p.m. with a public hearing on the ACND commissioners' plans to issue $565,000 in industrial development revenue bonds to fund improvements to area harbors. No unfavorable comments were made during the hearing; the commissioners will vote on the bond issue in a later meeting.

Faulkner approached the Fulton town council at that body's Nov. 22 meeting seeking Fulton's support of his request that the ACND actively pursue sale of the property along Rockport Beach to the parks & wildlife department for development as a state park.

At Tuesday's ACND meeting, Faulkner told current navigation commissioners the idea first came up about three years ago when he, himself, was a member of the board. At that time, he said, "I went to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department with the idea."

State officials, Faulkner said, were interested, "but I couldn't get support from the board. I think now the climate may have changed."

Faulkner emphasized that his request Tuesday night was not that the commissioners consider selling Rockport Beach but that they consider "actively pursuing" such a sale.

Referring to Rockport Beach, Faulkner warned commissioners, "That bear's going to eat you up. It's costing you more and more money."

He also reminded the commissioners, "You're not supposed to be in the recreation business."

Reading from a document dated Sept. 14, 1954, Faulkner observed the navigation district orignally levied a tax of 10 cents per $100 valuation "for the purpose of maintaining and improving existing harbor facilities in Aransas County. Period," Faulkner said. "It doesn't say anything about recreation. Has this money been used illegally all these years?"

The former navigation district commissioner said he had talked to representatives of organizations that use the beach, such as the Chamber of Commerce, SeaFair and the Art Association, "and I only found one person not in favor of this.

"It would be to the benefit of the community," he said. "You'll have a great state park." Estimating that the district could get $1 million or more from sale of the property to the state, Faulkner said, "What I want you to think about is what you could do with all this money."

A member of the audience, Johnny McLester, spoke against the proposal, telling the commissioners, "I will campaign against each and every one of you if you do anything to that beach down there."

Also speaking against the proposal was J. C. Harlan who said the beach area "needs to be held in abeyance, because (in the next eight to 10 years) you're going to need it for boat slips. The fact is, in the future, you're going to have to have that land for navigational purposes."

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The year in review

1983 begins with growth

JANUARY

The new year was ushered in by an announcement of plans for a 10.95-acre retirement community to be constructed in Rockport.

Located just east of Enterprise Clinic, the community would include fourplexes and a central apartment complex plus recreational facilities and other amenities for residents.

Aransas County's future water supply needs — brought into sharp focus by a near water shortage the previous summer — were the topic of a meeting of the San Patricio Water District on Jan. 11. Officials of Rockport and the Aransas County Conservation and Reclamation District were reassured that the San Patricio district was taking measures to ensure a continued adequate water supply for Aransas County

Allied Live Oak Bank officials, in a letter to Rockport at the city council's Jan. 17 meeting, offered to sell the bank's properties on Hwy. 35 to the city for use as a new city hall. Council members accepted the offer, providing agreeable terms could be worked out, but on Jan. 24, the bank withdrew the offer. In the meantime, however, First Baptist Church offered its facilities at 902 Main Street for the city's use.

January brought more good news to Rockport officials with the announcement, late in the month, that the city's application for the federal grant to expand its wastewater treatment plant had been approved.

The city would receive $1.8 million in federal funds for the project. City officials had already served notice, on Jan. 17, that they planned to issue $600,000 in certificates of obligation to meet Rockport's share of the project costs.

More good news came with receipt of the city's first sales tax check for the year from the office of State Comptroller Bob Bullock. Going against a general statewide trend, Rockport's sales tax return for January 1983 was 23.9 percent higher than the check sent to the city in January of '82.

On Jan. 24, the final draft of Rockport's proposed city charter was presented to the council which called for a charter election on April 2.

Rockport's board of parks and recreation, meeting on Jan. 19, agreed to set goals for 1983, starting with a survey of land available in the city for parks.

County officials drew protests because of a hangar lease granted early in the month to Dr. Curtis Kovacs and Bill Walston at the Aransas County Airport.

The commissioners set Feb. 23 as the date for opening bids on a new 4,500-square-foot addition to the county courthouse and on Jan. 26 voted to set up a county industrial development corporation for the issue of tax free bonds. This decision was in response to a request from John Brooks, an attorney for de-

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To Charlotte Plummer's

Fulton grants lease

FULTON — The town council, with a unanimous vote, granted a 5-year lease to Charlotte Plummer's Seafare Restaurant, which is partly on city property, during a meeting Tuesday evening, Dec. 20.

The lease, which has three 5-year renewal options, comes as a result of a survey by Aransas County Surveyor T.E. Griffith, which shows that Charlotte Plummer's runs over onto city property by as much as 11 feet in spots. In addition, part of the restaurant may also sit on Aransas County Navigation District property.

Fulton attorney Gene Garcia, having spoken with representatives of Charlotte Plummer's, said that the restaurant's owners, the limited partnership of Terry's Interstate Inc., have future plans for reconstruction of the restaurant.

Alderwoman Pat Loflin suggested that the council "make it easy on them (Charlotte Plummer's), noting that it is in Fulton's best interest to keep the restaurant going strong. She made a motion that the council grant the lease request "for as long as they have the old building. Any change of the structure would deem the lease null and void.

In other action, council members evaluated the city and its services as per the requirements for receiving revenue sharing funds. Items included in the evaluation included such city services as fire protection, police protection, sewage, drainage, street maintenance, water and garbage. Also included were housing conditions, any building codes or ordinances and an evaluation of recreation areas.

Voluntary fingerprint program to begin

A Rockport Boy Scout will begin fingerprinting children on a voluntary basis early next week as part of a community service project to attain the rank of Eagle Scout.

Dustin Wright, a member of Boy Scout Troop 49, will begin fingerprinting children who have parental consent on Tuesday, Dec. 27, and will continue through Saturday, Dec. 31. The set of prints will then be turned over to parents for safekeeping. If the child should ever turn up missing, parents will then have a record of the child's prints which may then be entered in a national computer to help locate the child.

Aransas County Sheriff Robert O. Hewes, who believes strongly in the program, has announced that the sheriff's department will continue fingerprinting children on a voluntary basis after Wright has finished. Hewes also urges parents to keep current photographs of their children in addition to the set of prints.

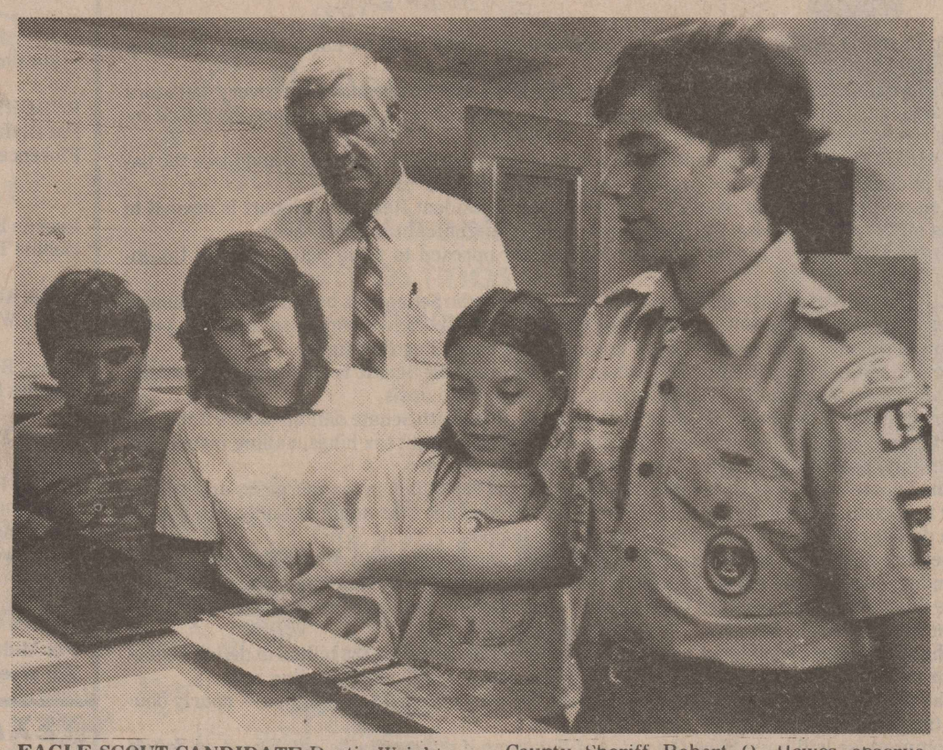
Wright and Hewes have also issued a list of safety tips for parents to minimize the chance of a child disappearing. Parents are advised to provide adult supervision for children, especially those of preschool age; teach children their first and last names, address and phone number; teach children to use the buddy system, and to always walk and play with a friend; discuss safe and well-traveled routes with children and know where they are at all times and when they are expected home.

Parents should also teach children, through role playing, the correct responses when answering the phone or door, and when approached or seized by a stranger. Wright and Hewes also advise parents to always accompany children to public restrooms, never to leave them alone in a car, and not to depend on others to watch them.

Permission slips for the fingerprinting were sent home with preschool and elementary school children last week. Children must bring the permission slips with them to participate in the program.

Wright will fingerprint children at H.E.B. in Rockport from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 27 and 28; at Wal-Mart in Rockport from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Dec. 29 and 30; and at Roaten's Drug Store in Rockport from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31. He hopes to fingerprint between 700 and 800 children during this time.

Hewes said that the sheriff's department will continue the program from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. each day after Jan. 1.



EAGLE SCOUT CANDIDATE Dustin Wright (right) practices the fingerprinting technique on his sister, Heather Wright, as Ronny Hewes (left), Robbie Hewes and Aransas County Sheriff Robert O. Hewes observe. Dustin will be fingerprinting area children on a voluntary basis Dec. 27-31 at various locations. (Photo by Leslie Abrams)

Local offices, organizations set holiday closing schedules

The arrival of the Christmas holidays mean that several area government offices, facilities, schools and grocery stores will be closed for one or more days. The following list has been compiled of area closings.

Rockport city hall will be closed Monday, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2. There will be no garbage pickup for city residents on those dates. Instead, Monday garbage pickups will be on Tuesday for those two weeks, and Tuesday pickups will be on Wednesday.

Fulton town hall will remain open on Monday, Dec. 26, and also on Monday, Jan. 2.

The Rockport Area Chamber of Commerce will be closed Saturday, Dec. 24 through Monday, Dec. 26 and Saturday, Dec. 31 through Monday, Jan. 2.

All offices in the Aransas County Courthouse, with the exception of the sheriff's office, will be closed Monday, Dec. 26 and Monday, Jan. 2. Rockport police will be operating out of the sheriff's department over the holidays, as the Rockport police department office will be closed Saturday, Dec. 24 through Monday, Dec. 26.

Aransas County schools were dismissed at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20, for the holidays. Schools will resume Tuesday morning, Jan. 3.

The Rockport-Fulton Tourist Association will be closed from Dec. 24 through Jan. 2.

H.E.B. Food Store will close at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24, and will reopen at 6 a.m. Monday, Dec. 26. Super D Foods will close at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24, and will reopen the morning of Dec. 26.

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Weather

Partly cloudy to cloudy skies are expected Saturday through Monday, with little or no precipitation. High temperatures will be in the mid-40s to high 50s with lows in the mid 20s to low 30s.

Editorials & opinions

Holiday greetings from the president

CHRISTMAS 1983

It is a very special pleasure for Nancy and me to extend warmest greetings and best wishes to all of you during this most joyous of holiday seasons.

This festive occasion is celebrated in many different ways. We exchange gifts, attend church services, decorate our homes and Christmas trees, and enjoy a family dinner. But perhaps the tradition that most warms the heart is the sound of Christmas music.

Of all the songs ever sung at Christmastime, the most wonderful of all was the song of exaltation heard by the shepherds while tending their flocks on the night of Christ's birth. An angel of the Lord appeared to them and said: "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of voices praising the Heavenly Father and singing: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Sometimes, in the hustle and bustle of holiday preparations we forget that the true meaning of Christmas was given to us by the angelic host that holy night long ago. Christmas is the commemoration of the birth of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ, whose message would truly be one of good tidings and great joy, peace and good will. During this glorious festival let us renew our determination to follow His example.

Won't all of you join with Nancy and me in a prayer for peace and good will. May a feeling of love and cheer fill the hearts of everyone throughout this holiday season and in the coming year.

We hope this Christmas will be especially wonderful and that it will usher in a new year of peace and prosperity.

s/Ronald Reagan

Domestic decisions defended

Bill Patman reports

Among the major domestic issues that required swift Congressional action early in 1983 was one of great importance to farmers.

The most important development for American agriculture this year, of course, was the payment-in-kind program (PIK). The program gave farmers surplus commodities in return for idling crop land, and it was a financial lifesaver for many farmers.

The program was set up in December 1982 by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, but Congress was quick to see the first of several serious flaws in early 1983.

That flaw was an IRS ruling that farmers would have to pay income tax on their PIK surplus commodities as if they were 1983 income, regardless of when they might sell those commodities.

Congress acted swiftly to provide that farmers would have the option of reporting income from such sales for the year in which the sales actually were made.

One of the areas of closest bipartisan cooperation in Congress was that of appropriations. We made tremendous progress in sending essential appropriations bills for 1984 to President Reagan. All of them stayed within spending targets set by the budget proposed earlier in the year.

I voted against the $8.4 billion appropriation for the International Monetary Fund, known as IMF. That bill was a very bad mistake. Many of us fought very hard against it because it was primarily a bailout for the giant Eastern banks at the expense of American taxpayers.

Some members wanted to pass a tax bill. I voted against bringing it up.

With more than 8 million Americans still unemployed, we are told we are pulling out of the recession. If that proves correct, I do not think we should be increasing any taxes until the recession is over unless the action is deemed of critical importance by the president and other leaders.

In such case, a tax plan should be presented as part of a comprehensive program for deficit reduction.

Congress repealed a bad tax law that was enacted in 1982. That was the law which would have required automatic 10 percent income tax withholding on interest and dividends paid by banks and other financial institutions.

I had voted against that law in 1982, when it was first passed. I helped lead the successful fight for its repeal before it could take effect in July of this year.

At the administration's request, Congress raised the federal debt limit from $1.3 trillion to $1.45 trillion. I voted against increasing that limit. If an increase is needed, it should be granted on a month-to-month basis so that Congress focuses on the issue frequently, rather than once each six months or year.

As a supporter of proposals to require a balanced federal budget, I think it's dangerously foolish to keep on spending more money than we're taking in.

Our readers write

A sad Christmas

To whom it may concern:

Two weeks ago on Dec. 7, someone drove by our house and took my son's dog. Champ was six weeks old when we brought him home. He would play ball with my son, Gene, and my daughter, Andrea. If one had ever seen them play together one would have seen lone between two children and their dog. Champ never hurt anyone but he did protect the kids.

I can't imagine why anyone would want to take something that didn't belong to them. A kind and loving person would never take someone else's property, especially a dog that was well taken care of and belonged to kids.

Champ is now two years old and is black with tan. He weighs about 100 pounds and is wearing a collar. He will jump and lick you but won't bite. He has big ears and he has big paws that are lighter in color.

His disappearance has really made our Christmas gloomy, for Champ was no only our dog but our friend.

Last week, two little boys called about possibly having found Champ. You both told us, "We wanted you to have a Merry Christmas." The dog wasn't ours but I thank you for caring.

If anyone has seen our dog please call. A reward will be paid for Champ's return.

s/Connie Garcia
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Setting priorities

Dear editor:

If it were true that you could only be as good as your equipment, Rockport would have been in sad shape as far as the sports program is concerned.

Before Coach Schulz arrived at Rockport the weight room contained one bench, one squat rack, one incline and two sets of weights. Since then (one year) the program has added three benches, three inclines, two squat racks, one lat pull, one leg press, five curl bars, two sit-up boards and 14 Olympic sets of weights. Where did all this money come from?

The Allied Live Oak Bank donated over $3,400 worth of weights. The Athletic Boosters Club donated much-needed equipment. This year, an All-Sports Booster Club was formed to help support and contribute to all Rockport-Fulton sports activities. They are selling hats, license plates and memberships to help boost all the facilities. Many community members have donated their time and money to help the athletic program.

Rating our auditorium on a scale from 1-10, it would have to be given a 10. To follow suit, our sports facilities would have to be given a less respectable 5, and it would be as low as a 2 if it were not for some of the new equipment in the weight room and a pipe blowing up — giving us an excuse to get a new gym floor. I in no way want to make little of the new band hall and auditorium; but if you compare the facilities, it's obvious where the emphasis lies.

Rockport is one of only two teams not to have an all-weather track. It has one of the worst baseball fields in district and certainly the only one without dugouts. It faces over-population of tennis players for the available courts. Despite the improvement in the facilities in the field house, it doesn't start to compare with Calallen, Flour Bluff, Beeville or Sinton's weight room which is estimated to be five times as large as ours.

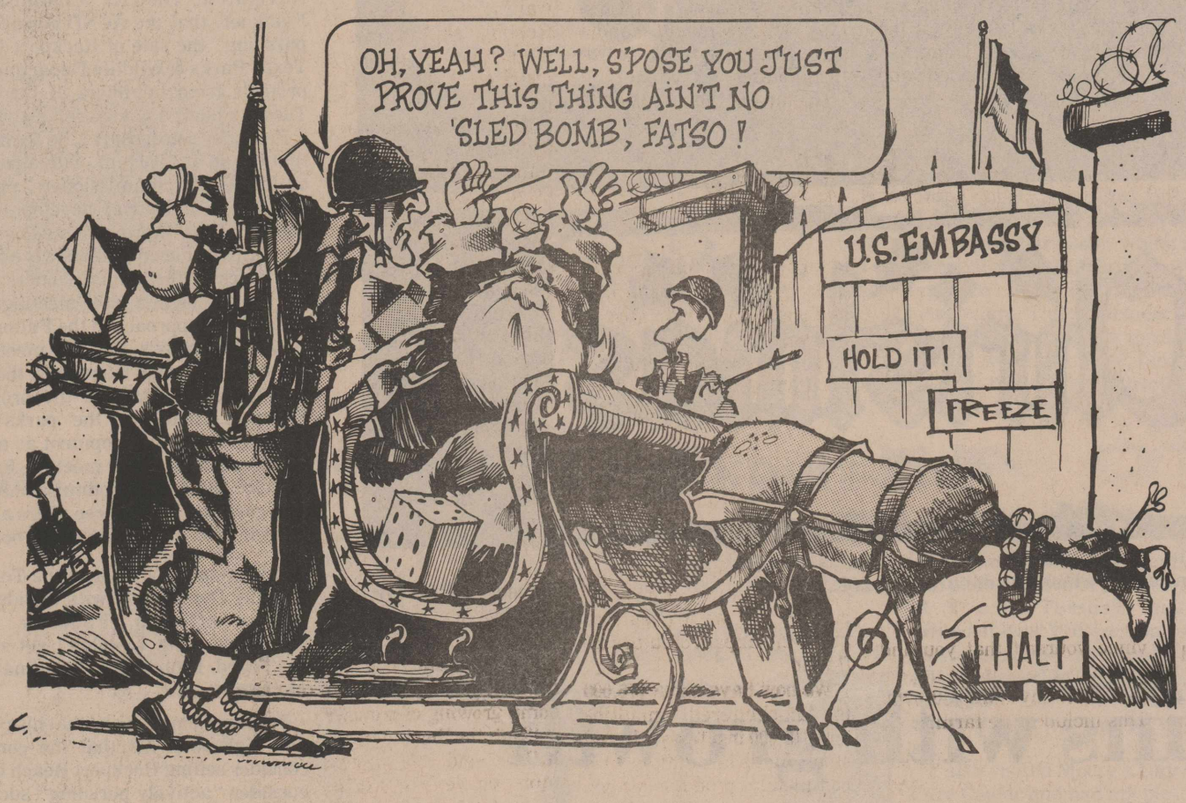
Using wood lockers in the field house seems a bit primitive. Comparing Gregory-Portland in our district would be like comparing Larry Holmes to Marvis Frazier.

Band is an extracurricular activity and so is choir and athletics. Who is to say which is more important? But wouldn't it be nice if the amenities were distributed a little more equally. Our athletic facilities should also be a 10.

s/Bobby Dingenary
Sports Editor,
"The Pirate Log"

Austin at Wharf

What would Jefferson think?



AFTER U.S. WARPLANES struck Syrian positions in Lebanon, Sen. Barry Goldwater observed: "I think the president ought to bring everybody that's in an American uniform back home and do it now." Sorry Senator, the only thing wrong with your comment is that we have been at war since Dec. 4 when those last eight Marines were killed on that wide open air strip.

About a week before Goldwater expressed his view the president said the Marines will be brought home "once internal stability is established (in Lebanon) and withdrawal of all foreign forces is assured." Come on, Mr. President, aren't you telling us our Marines will be there forever?

Dec. 14 the president spoke again, saying troops will be withdrawn in the event of a "collapse of order," intending to suggest that if reconciliation doesn't work in Lebanon, "there is no way we can solve President Gemayal's problems."

Does this mean President Reagan is beginning to back down? No one likes to be accused of "backing down," but there are times when it can be an act of courage. At the moment and for sometime past we have been doing exactly what we did in Vietnam and — in my book — with far less justification.

More, I'm tired of making enemies of the Arab nations, especially when they have so much more to offer us than the Israelis. The history of our relations with Israel is one of giving them whatever they want whenever they want it, the while they make Uncle Sam eat small crow whenever he offers the slightest objection to anything they do.

LET ME ADD IMPACT to that last statement, jarring your memory by reciting the record that shows that Israel is the root of the passing (?) recession.

The Arab states, long embittered by our support of Israel decided in 1973 to crack down, and crack down they did. Oil was then selling for $3.41 a barrel. It went to $11.11 in 1974 and then up and up to between $32 and $41 by the end of 1980. Gasoline which had been as low as 37 cents at the pump in 1970 went to as much as $1.60 in 1980 and is now still better than $1.

Now I have known Arabs and Jews in my lifetime and have had friends amongst them both, yet for all of this, thanks mainly to a powerful Jewish lobby in Washington, the Arabs have, in my book for years taken a bum rap from the American people who have learned to regard them as dirty, lazy, decadent, on ad infinitum. Rarely does one hear a good word about them.

Not fair. There are good people amongst all people, all races. I don't like the president's recent agreement with Israel. It has already angered the Arabs anew and it will cost us dearly in time. Trouble is that the Israeli lobby in Washington is so powerful that presidents tremble at the thought of crossing it. Think — an American president trembling at the thought of speaking up to a country of three million people!

PRESENTLY I AM DEEP IN Theodore H. White's "America in Search of Itself, The Making of the President 1956-1980." In many ways it is one of the most significant books I have read in a long while; it is a refresher course on our history covering two and a half decades.

Although I do not always agree with White's analysis, he is an intelligent, thoughtful, analytical writer, one who can often be frightening. Especially disturbing is his chapter "The Reign of Television," which he declares to be "as revolutionary as the development of printing in the time of Gutenberg."

American television and politics are now so completely locked together that it is impossible to tell the story of one without the other. Today and for the future, president, statesmen, politicians are made or broken by that electronic media. Reflect only upon televised debates, unintentional faux pas made by candidates, Muskie in New Hampshire. People make up their minds about candidates not because of what they are, how they think, but by how they look. Include also clever advertising on the tube, truthful and untruthful.

Discussing the Democratic Party, White quotes the party founder, Thomas Jefferson, who wrote of the French monarchy: "Never was there a country where the practice of governing too much had taken deeper root and done more mischief." In its long history the Democratic Party has done exactly that.

White notes that as the party approached the 1980 election it was the common belief that the purpose of government is — govern! The party has come to believe that through government it is obliged to press its weight and influence upon every facet of peoples' personal lives, and of course their communities and states.

One cringes, and must be thankful that Jefferson did not live to see the distortion, even the destruction, of his dreams and ideals.

—ahab

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Committees to deal with change

Letters from the lieutenant governor

Dear Fellow Texans,

Texas is in the midst of its most challenging times. We are having to deal with issues that have been magnified by federal cutbacks and the drop in sales tax revenues.

In an effort to handle these issues effectively, House Speaker Gib Lewis and I have made appointments to 10 interim committees. These appointees include senators, representatives, social workers and teachers, literally people "from all walks of life," some of whom have been appointed by Governor White. The committees address a variety of issues ranging from hazardous wastes to education.

At this time, I would like to address the committees organized to research the diverse areas of Texas' human resources.

The Select Committee on Public Education is responsible for a study on issues and continuing concerns relating to public education in Texas, particularly school finance and each of its components. The individual subcommittees will study the possible sources of funding and the structure of the educational system.

The Joint Interim Committee on Dedicated Funds for Higher Education is charged to develop proposed legislation for equitable implementation of dedicated funds for all state supported schools. Also, the committee is studying salary supplements to university faculty and administrators, education endowments, funding and income sources of the State's health science centers.

While the previous committees have been organized to address educational issues, the Senate and the House have likewise organized committees to research and update the state's health and safety policies.

We remember the tragedy of the MGM hotel fire in Nevada and, more recently, the fire that damaged part of Galveston's historical district. In order to prevent future destruction because of fire, we have organized the Joint Interim Committee on Texas Fire Protection Standards. This committee has successfully implemented legislation that is responsible for the installation of smoke alarms in every room of hotels and motels. Presently the committee is involved in formulating proposed fire standards applicable to municipalities and rural areas.

Every year we receive alarming reports on the number of farmworker accidents — accidents that result in serious personal injuries and high medical costs. Unfortunately many of these mishaps lack proper insurance coverage. The Joint Committee on Farmworker Insurance is charged to study and develop a program for providing insurance to farmworkers injured on the job. Additionally, this committee is interested in ways of improving rural safety programs.

The largest committee appointed is the Task Force on Indigent Health Care. The main objective of the task force is to address the delivery of health care to indigents and propose a demonstration project to test plans to improve the availability and delivery of health care services. This study includes defining the eligibility criteria of individuals to receive services, the type of services to be provided, the administrative structure to implement the program and the method of financing the program.

Though the description of these committees has been very brief, I hope that it provides a basic idea of what is being done about important state issues.

I want to encourage you to contact your legislator and voice your opinion. The well-being of the State of Texas and its people depends upon your participation.

Reducing federal deficits

To its credit, the Senate apparently has realized action must be taken to trim mounting federal deficits.

Laboring under fears that large budget deficits could abort economic recovery, senators are trying to come up with a package of spending cuts and tax hikes to reduce the deficit by $150 billion over the next three years.

There is also fear among senators that continuing multibillion deficits could force the nation back into recession and produce record high inflation.

Congressional leaders point out, however, that President Reagan's support is needed to pass any deficit-reducing legislation that included significant tax increases.

In the past, the president has been adamantly opposed to tying deficit cuts to tax increases.

After months of debate on legislation to cut deficits, the Senate has begun to show renewed interest in meeting its self-imposed goal of enacting $85 billion of budget savings this year. Some more optimistic members are talking about exceeding that figure.

Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker, R-Tenn., said the Senate is exploring the possibility of working out a deficit reducing plan on a bipartisan basis.

President Reagan might be more inclined to go along with Senate deficit cutters if they do not tie their plan to a tax increase. He has consistently fought tax hikes, calling instead for across-the-board cuts in federal spending to reduce deficits.

The Senate's initial plan reportedly calls for about $75 billion in tax increases and $45 billion in spending cuts over the next three years — a package that would be added to a $28 billion deficit-reduction bill already in the Senate hopper.

Beating the Senate to the punch, the House has already passed a $10.3 billion package of spending cuts and tax hikes. This bill is less likely to find presidential favor than a comparable Senate measure because the Senate is controlled by Republicans, aligned most of the time with President Reagan.

The 1984 budget resolution Congress adopted in June called for $85 billion in deficit reductions over three years — $73 billion in tax hikes and $12 billion in spending cuts.

The deficit for fiscal 1983, which ended Sept. 30, was a record $195.4 billion — nearly double the previous year's.

Compromise will have to be the name of the game if any workable agreement on deficit cutting is reached in Congress. Both sides will have to give ground. It is urgent this be done in the national interest.

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Business & finance



PICTURED ABOVE are the 1984 Rockport Area Board of Realtors officers, who were installed Dec. 17. From left are 1983 President Meceal Casterline; Ana Wishert, secretary; Ted Greenfield, 1984 president; Freddie Lingner, vice president; Larry Barnebey, president-elect; and Juanita Wagley, treasurer. At right is Lingner, who was named Realtor of the Year for 1983.

(Photos by Leslie Abrams)



Allied announces new mini-bank staff

The staff has been announced for Allied Live Oak Bank's new mini-bank facility to be located in Live Oak Plaza, according to Allied Live Oak President Tim Gilles.

Manager of the new facility will be Ann Robbins, assistant vice president and an employee of Allied Live Oak for nearly seven years. A native of Rockport, Robbins attended Rockport-Fulton High School and Del Mar College in Corpus Christi before furthering her education in retail banking at the University of Oklahoma.

Robbins is married and has a daughter, 14.

Tellers at the new facility will be Hazel Parke and Tammy Stephens, and Tommie Wilkerson will handle new accounts and secretarial duties.

Opening of the new bank is set for the end of this month or early January. "All we're waiting for is the vault," Robbins said. "As soon as it's shipped in and we get it installed, we'll be ready to go."

Robbins said the new facility will offer just about anything available to customers at any full-size bank, including opening new accounts, deposits and withdrawals, taking loan applications and check orders.

"We're really excited," Gilles said of the new location on Hwy. 35 North. "The location is extremely convenient to residents of Fulton, Copano Bay and, of course, Rockport Country Club.

talking here lately about growth," he added, "and the loans we've made here in this county have certainly helped fuel that growth. But it's always nice to be able to practice what you preach, and new banking regulations made it possible for us to do some growing of our own.

"But the best part about it," he said, "is how much more convenient it's going to be for a lot of our customers."

Dealing with poor cash flow

Scott Burns

Q: I am 64, healthy, and recently widowed. My three children live elsewhere, from coast to coast. My husband and I owned 700 acres of Midwest farmland which we farmed prior to moving to Arizona about 15 years ago because of my husband's health. I worked those 15 years, quitting at age 61 to care for my husband.

Due to the vagaries of farm income, my salary was used to educate our children and provide family living expenses. Now I find myself in the same "poor cash flow" condition as in the years before I started working, when we lived on the farm. With the death of my husband, the loss of the second Social Security check, and the near-disaster farm crop situation for 1983, I have become painfully aware that I must chart a different course. How can I improve my situation?

My husband had strong feelings about the farmland and I am not ready to sell at this time. The farm real estate market is slow and one son may want to farm.

My retirement and Social Security income is $650; my home is free and clear. I have a $260 monthly car payment, a small farm mortgage ($1,850 a year), and taxes on the farm of $2,600. Farm income for 1982 was $21,000 before loan and tax expenses; this year it will be less than half of that.

Other assets include about $23,000 in growth mutual funds and about $6,000 in savings or money market accounts, from which all income has been reinvested. What would you do? — V.S., Tucson, Ariz.

A: Not many people own farms, but you'd be surprised at the number of people who confront major problems in changing the assets they have to meet their needs. The first step, whatever the problem, is to convince yourself that you and your needs are more important than anything you own. This includes the farm.

Your problem, as I understand it, is that your spendable income from the farm has declined about $10,000. You can compensate for about half the decline with two simple steps:

(1) Sell your growth fund shares and reinvest in a bond fund;

(2) pay off the car loan.

The rest has got to come from reducing your expenses. If you can't do that, the only choice is to spend some of your capital each year, which means that someday you will be forced to sell the farm. That could be a disaster.

Unless your son wants to farm and will commit to a date he will take it over, I suggest you put the farm on the market. Now. If an offer comes before you are psychologically ready to sell, you can turn it down.

If there is a commitment for keeping the farm in the family, then you must plan for how that will occur. The plan can include spending some of your other assets, or further borrowing to maintain your standard of living until your son buys the farm. This requires a certain kind of fortitude and tolerance for uncertainty, something older people shouldn't have to live with.

Q: We are thinking of repositioning some of our assets as we approach retirement from teaching (in five years at age 60). The amount we will receive from the teachers' retirement system looks to be adequate for when we will retire, but the public retirement system provides limited pension increases and we are worried about the impact of future inflation.

We now have about $75,000 in tax-sheltered annuities and $15,000 in a tax-sheltered stock fund, in addition to a completely paid-for second home that we will use in retirement. Our present home, worth $50,000, will be sold. What percentage of our funds would you recommend putting into some kind of investment which would offer growth possibilities? — Mrs. L.G., Davis, Calif.

A: At least half.

Here's why: At 60, your joint life expectancy will be 26 years. At a 4 percent inflation rate, every dollar of income you received at retirement would have only 34 cents of purchasing power in the last year of your retirement.

I suggest that you roll the bulk of the tax-deferred annuities into a common stock fund under the same annuity wrapper. It should be a conservative, income-oriented fund rather than an all-out growth fund. The longer the holding period before withdrawal on any risk investment, the greater the chance that you will enjoy the higher-than-average compound return possible with equity investments.

The proceeds from your house sale should be invested in high-income common stocks.

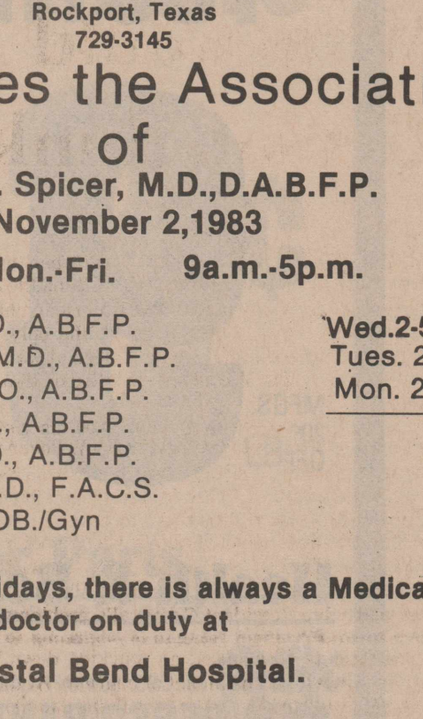
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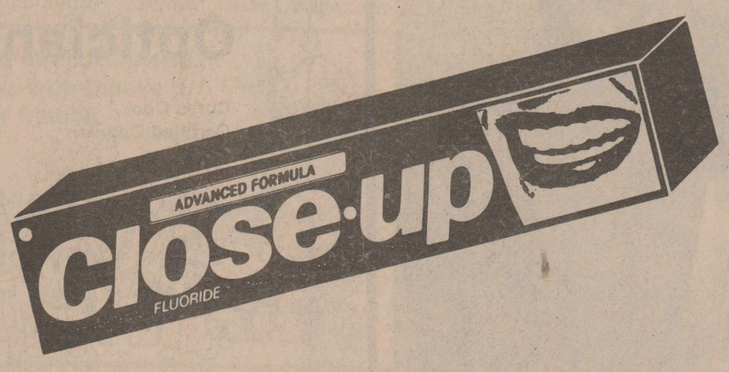
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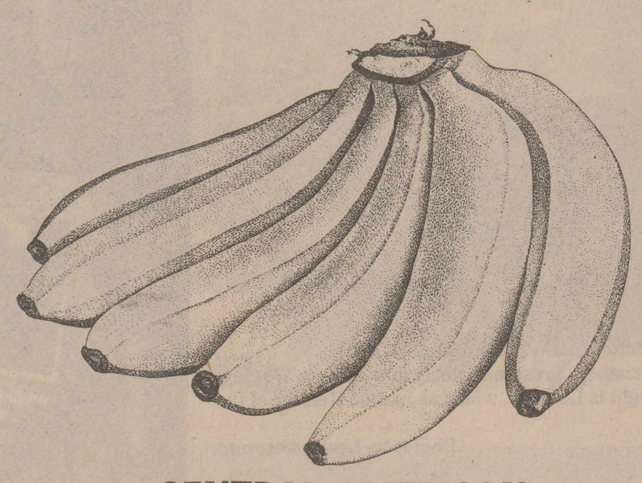
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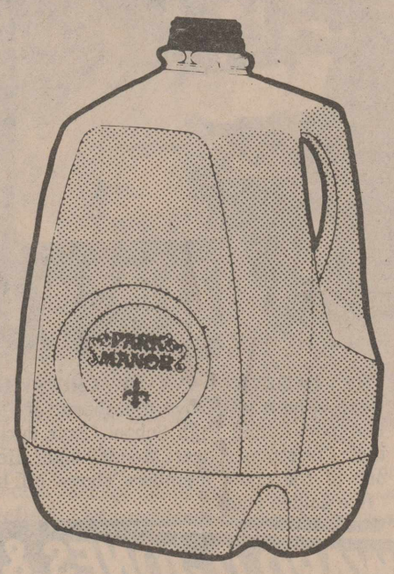
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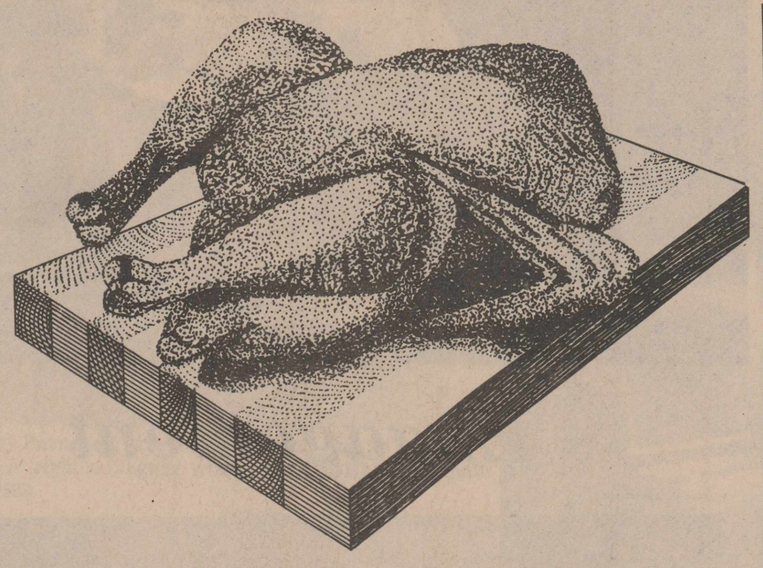


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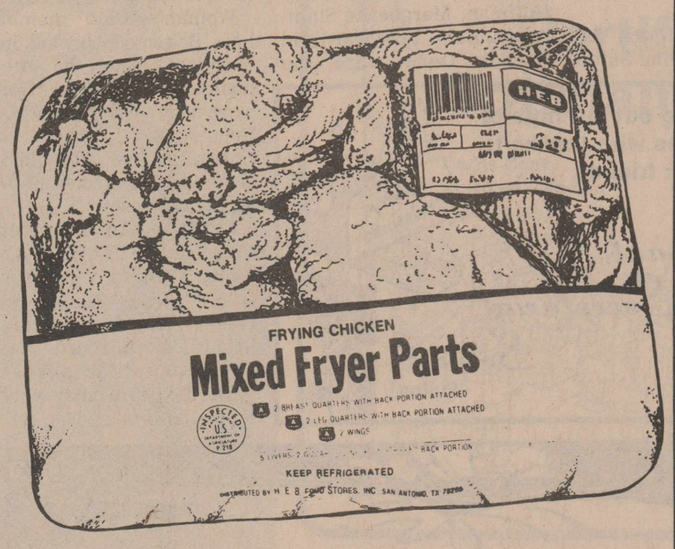
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Woman's Club holds drawing for tablecloth

A drawing for a tablecloth and a doll highlighted the Monday, Dec. 19, card party at the Aransas County Woman's Club.

Dorothy Glassel won the tablecloth and Gwinn Smith was the winner of a Raggedy Ann doll.

Myrt Blocker, Dovy Bradford, Hazel Glenn, Mary Huffman, Marguerite Stambaugh, Betty Jean Ward and Glenda Dean were the hostesses for seven tables of canasta and six tables of bridge. Bradford served the tea and Ward served coffee.

Woman's Club member Lois Brisco celebrated her birthday during the afternoon. Table decorations were done by Glenn and Ina Bennett took care of the Christmas tree decorations. Dean furnished corsages for all the hostesses.

Bridge winners were Macklyn Franklin and Ward. Canasta winners included Glenny Edward and Hazel Hubbard. Helen Schornick, Barbara Hays and Dean won the tally.

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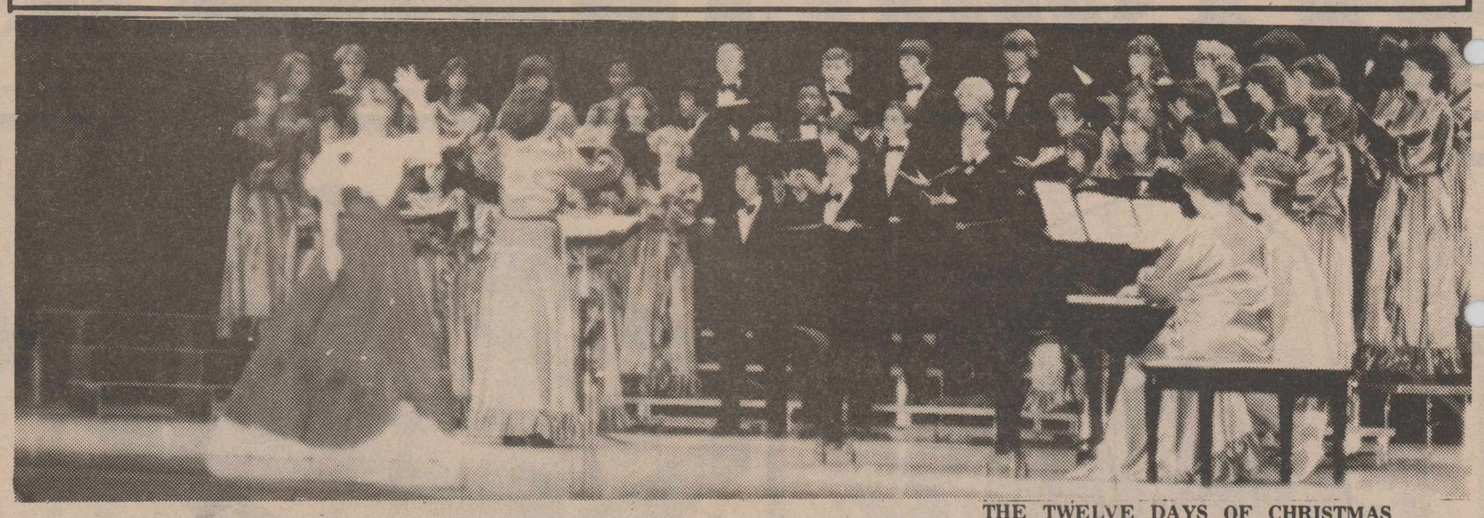
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Mary Sanchez and Christopher Olson to exchange vows

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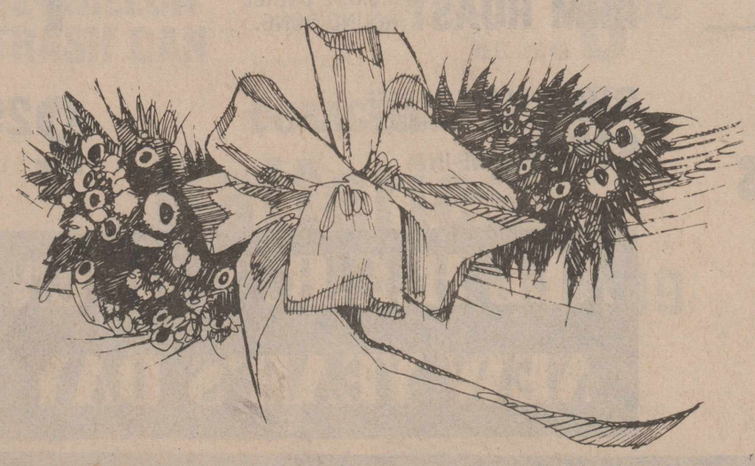
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½ teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons water
¼ teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon cloves
¼ teaspoon allspice
2½ cups pecan halves

Add water to egg white. Mix sugar, salt and spices together and add to egg white mixture. Beat until sugar dissolves. Put pecan halves into mixture and stir until thoroughly coated. Place them flat side down on wire rack or on greased cookie sheet. Bake in preheated oven at 250 degrees F. for 1 hour.

ROASTED PECANS

1 tablespoon butter or margarine melted
1 cup pecan halves

Spread pecans in a single layer on a jellyroll pan. Pour melted butter over pecans. Bake at 400 degrees F. for 10 minutes, stirring twice. Salt if desired.

PECAN SPINACH DIP

10 ounces chopped spinach, cooked and well drained
8 ounce package cream cheese (room temperature)
1 cup sour cream
1 2½-ounce jar dried beef, shredded
3 tablespoons green onions, finely chopped
2 tablespoons sherry
2 tablespoons milk
2 teaspoons dill weed
¾ cup roasted pecans

After spinach is cooked and well drained, place in towel and squeeze dry. Set spinach aside.

In medium size mixing bowl soften cream cheese. When creamy stir in sour cream. Add dried beef which has been rinsed in warm water and drained. When well blended add remaining ingredients. This dip may be served hot or cold.

This dip may be prepared in the microwave, cooking spinach beforehand.



PECAN BROCCOLI

2 pounds broccoli
Salt
Freshly ground black pepper
Fresh lemon juice
⅓ cup pecans
4 tablespoons unsalted butter
1 finely chopped garlic clove

Remove and discard large leaves and tough portions of stem from broccoli. Wash broccoli, drain and tie securely into bunches with cotton string. Cook, tightly covered, in small amount of water 15-20 minutes or until tender. Drain; remove string.

Arrange broccoli on warm platter. Season with salt, pepper and sprinkle with lemon juice.

Saute pecans in butter until lightly brown. Add garlic. Sprinkle garlic butter and pecans over broccoli. Serve at once. Serves 6.

THE PECAN SPINACH DIP pictured at bottom may be served hot or cold and may be prepared in the microwave. Also pictured are Roasted Pecans and easy Spiced Pecans.

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It is the stuffing that causes the problem. This is true whether it is made of bread, meat or some other mixture. If you want to be super safe you should cook your turkey and stuffing separately. If you want to thaw the unstuffed bird first, do it in the refrigerator or in a plastic bag under cold water.

Cook the bird thoroughly to an internal temperature of 165 degrees F. to destroy any bacteria that might have had time to multiply.

Most people have leftovers after cooking a large bird. These also need to be handled with care. Remove leftover stuffing and place it separately in the refrigerator or freezer. Don't let it sit out longer than necessary after the meal; in any case, never more than 2 hours total at room temperature.

Generally, stuffing will be loose when re-served. You should reheat it to 140 degrees F. before re-serving for safety 's sake. The turkey also should be heated to that temperature.

If you are confident you haven't let bacteria get started, you can slice and eat the turkey cold.

Whether it's goose or duck, quail or partridge, pheasant or turkey, have happy holidays and good, safe eating!

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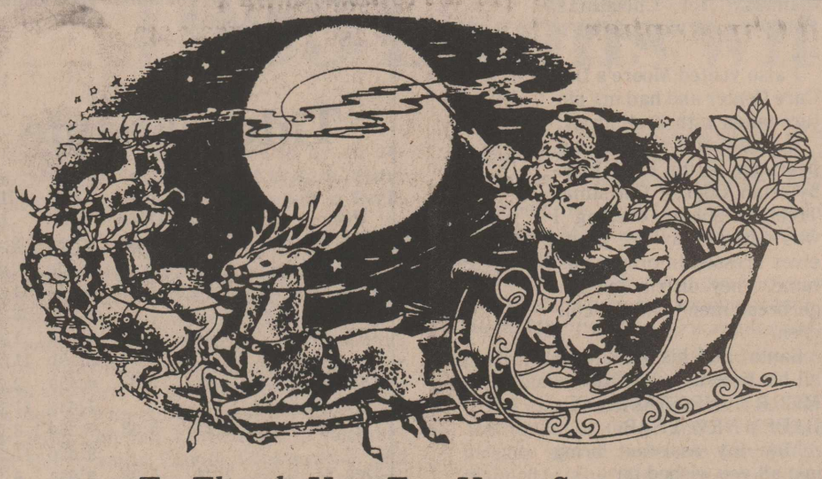
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ACND Commissioner Hillis Dominguez observed, "All the people I've asked don't want this (Rockport Beach) taken over by the state" and Commissioner Hal McKnight later added, "The conclusion I've come to is that the people of Aransas County don't in any shape, form or fashion want to give their mile-long beach to anybody."

The navigation district for the past few months has been struggling with a solution to deficits in its recreation funds. The question of how to generate more revenues from the ACND's recreational facilities — including Rockport Beach — is expected to be brought up at the district's Jan. 3 meeting.

The district's proposal to issue $565,000 in industrial revenue (tax free) bonds to pay for the rewiring of Rockport Harbor and additional boat slips in both Rockport and Fulton harbors brought praise from Harlan during the public hearing on the matter.

"I think it's a very wise move on the part of the navigation district," Harlan said of the proposal. "I think the new slips will be needed very badly in the near future."

McLester asked if local people would get the contracts on the proposed work and was told by Dominguez that, although the work must go out for bidding, "at this point, we have been trying to get as much work done as possible by local people."

Two items scheduled for later consideration by the commissioners, after being brought up at Tuesday's session, are an evaluation of the district's group insurance plan for its employees and a request for a lease of land on which a portion of Charlotte Plummer's (now Terry's) Seafare Restaurant is located.

The question of insurance came up after commissioners were told Tuesday that, effective Jan. 15, the insurance plan presently held by the district will increase by 37 percent. Insurance Agent Don Bauer presented the commissioners with alternative plans and Dominguez named Commissioner Roy Hicks to investigate the matter further.

Attorney Rick Albers told the commissioners that during the course of preparing for the sale of Charlotte Plummer's restaurant, it was discovered the restaurant encroaches on the east (water) side approximately 6 feet onto navigation district property.

Commissioners agreed to consider a lease of the property in question — approximately 6 by 60 feet — at the ACND's Jan. 3 meeting. Commissioner David Maguglin proposed that at that time the district consider granting — at the lessee's request — a five-year lease with three five-year options to renew.



DAWN VASQUEZ receives $1,300 in gift certificates from Winn's Store Director Brad Bruning. Vasquez was the grand prize winner of Winn's Lucky 13 Sweepstakes.
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velopers hoping to construct a new commercial service marina south of Cove Harbor.

The Aransas County Independent School District board of trustees, in their first meeting of 1983, voted a one-year extension on the contract of ACISD Superintendent Joe Randow — through June 30, 1986.

Fulton city officials were considering a proposed new zoning ordinance and in Lamar, the financially-pressed Aransas County Municipal Utility District implemented a plan to pay off the district's $1.6 million bond debt.

FEBRUARY

As the month began, a bill introduced by State Sen. John Sharp to exempt commercial fishing boats from ad valorem taxation was pending before the Senate finance committee.

Numbers of area shrimpers were supporting the measure, on the basis that they were "sea farmers" and therefore should be taxed on the same basis as agricultural farmers. Late in the month, shrimpers went before Rockport's city council asking the city's support of the pending legislation. The council gave that support in the form of a resolution which passed 4-0.

Elections were in the air as filing began in the races for Rockport and Fulton councils. Rockport Alderman W.B. Allen and Fulton Alderman Pat Loflin became the first candidates as they both filed for re-election to their respective posts.

Before the end of the month Katherine McLester had filed for re-election and Gary LaBerge had filed as her opponent in Fulton. Isabel Gutierrez also filed for re-election in Fulton and Richard Beck sought re-election to Rockport's council.

Rockport officials began the necessary paperwork for completion of the city's $1.8 million grant process, and on Feb. 8, the Fulton Town Council issued the preliminary prospectus for examination by Town Attorney Allen Lee prior to going out for bids for an operator for the town's recently-completed bait/concession stand.

In other action during the month, the Fulton council named town resident Jean Jenkins to chair a committee that would head a drive by the town to annex No Man's Land.

The Aransas County Navigation District awarded the bid to Bracht Lumber Co. for purchase of materials for construction of 32 new boat slips in Rockport Harbor. Garrett Construction of Ingleside was awarded the labor contract on the job.

Controversy rose over the question of where 1983 high school commencement exercises would be held as a group of parents sought to have the site moved from Pirate Stadium, where exercises had been held in the past, to the new high school auditorium.

The school board of trustees on Feb. 14 named Aubrey Schulz the new Rockport-Fulton High School head football coach, filling a vacancy created by the resignation of Brian Connolly. Schulz arrived in Rockport on Feb. 12.

The Aransas County Municipal Utility District in Lamar gave conditional approval to a water supply agreement under which the district would provide water to the Lamar Water Supply Corp. (LW) which LWS would then resell to its customers. The agreement was approved in a formal contract in a special meeting on Feb. 13, which provided funds to initiate repair of the utility district's water plant.

Notable notes & organizations

Candlelight worship

The First Presbyterian Church, located at Live Oak and Laurel Streets, will hold a Christmas Eve candlelight worship presentation at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24. There will be no 8:30 a.m. worship service on Christmas Day, only Church School at 9:45 a.m. and a worship service at 11 a.m. The public is invited to attend all services.

City Hall to close

Rockport's City Hall will be closed Monday, Dec. 26, for Christmas and Monday, Jan. 2, for the New Year's holiday. Regular Monday garbage pickups will be on Tuesdays both weeks and the Tuesday garbage pickups will be on Wednesday.

Cookbook on sale

The new cookbook of the Women's Committee of Aransas County Medical Services Inc. is now available in many local stores and sells for $6.95. Mail orders may be obtained for $7.95, to cover postage and handling, by writing Box 821, Rockport, Texas 78382. All proceeds go to the Aransas County Emergency Medical Services.

Fireworks sold

The Rockport-Fulton Soccer Association will open a fireworks stand Dec. 20 - Jan. 1, to be located in the parking lot of Pearson's Nursery. All proceeds from the sale of fireworks will go to the Rockport-Fulton Soccer Association.

Meetings cancelled

Due to activities of the holiday season, the Gem & Mineral Society's December meeting has been cancelled.

'Travellers' Aid'

A Travellers' Aid Society is being organized for those interested in Traveler, Star Trek and Star Frontiers. For information, call Joseph R. Asselin Jr., 729-8913.

RFTA bus trip

The Rockport-Fulton Tourist Association is sponsoring a bus trip to Fredricksburg on Friday, Jan. 13. Reservations can be made at the RFTA office in the Paws and Taws Building. The RFTA office will be closed from Monday, Dec. 26, until Friday, Dec. 30.

AARP holiday schedule

AARP Chapter 1536 will not hold a dance on Thursday evening, Dec. 29. The next scheduled dance will be from 7-10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, at the Paws and Taws Building. Bridge will resume at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 29. The public is welcome at these AARP events.

Santa Claus busy making rounds of Rockport kids

By UNCLE JOHN LESLIE

Santa Claus knocked on the door of ABC Learning Center at 409 N. Magnolia at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 20, with his bells ringing and a bag of peppermint sticks for all.

Seventy-five youngsters from 3 to 4 years of age assembled in four rooms with leaders and mothers. Santa was well received by all the tots with smiles on their faces and many questions. The prime one was — "Where are your reindeer?" It took a little quick thinking to come up with a solid answer. "It was too cold in Rockport for them."

Along with their bright faces, were a lot of "thank yous" as they received their sticks of candy.

Some were timid and had to be coaxed a bit but Santa left them all in smiles and hands waving.

To those who do not have children participating in the program at ABC Learning Center, I want to say that Rockport is fortunate to have a building, a corps of seven efficient leaders and lots of equipment. They conduct a most modern learning school for prekindergarten children.

It is entirely supported by local funds. I recommend your investigation.

I (Santa Claus) also went to Fulton Elementary School at 2 p.m. Tuesday and visited at least 10 classrooms as students and their teachers celebrated prior to their dismissal for Christmas. Candy canes were given to all.

I also visited Moore's Day Care Center and had my picture taken with 40 children.

In addition, I made an appearance at the First Presbyterian Church Christmas Tree last Sunday evening. I was assisted by six pretty elves dressed in proper costume. They distributed gingerbread men to all the children.

Santa, and his wife, wish all his friends in Rockport a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

May my assistant bring you all you wished for.

Signed,
Santa Claus



Tide schedule

Date	Dawn	Dusk	Low tide	High tide
Dec. 26	7:20	5:34	4:25a	8:59a
			3:30p	10:33p
Dec. 27	7:20	5:35	5:14a	11:12a
			4:46p	10:55p
Dec. 28	7:21	5:36	6:00a	1:07p
			6:10p	11:20p
Dec. 29	7:22	5:37	6:45a	2:33p
			7:41p	11:36p
Dec. 30	7:23	5:38	7:25a	3:35p
			9:05p	11:55p
Dec. 31	7:24	5:38	8:08a	4:31p
			10:09p	
Jan. 1	7:25	5:39		

Permit requests

The following applications for permits have been filed with the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers. Comments must be submitted to the District Engineer, P.O. Box 1229, Galveston, Texas 77553, on or before the date shown.

COPANO BAY

Corpus Christi Oil and Gas Company has applied for permission to place a 10-inch pipeline from their facilities on St. Joseph Island to a point on shore in Lamar in Copano Bay, State Tracts 37 and 38 and Aransas Bay, State Tracts 81, 82, 93, 119, 125, 126, 142, 143, 144, 154, 163, 179, 183, 204, 208, 234, 235 and 236 in Aransas County.

Comments must be submitted on or before Jan. 19.

PORT BAY WETLANDS

Aransas Land Company, P.O. Box 8355, Corpus Christi, has applied for permission to place fill, culverts and to excavate an area in the Port Bay Wetlands, 3 miles west of Rockport, in Aransas County.

The purpose of the project is to improve an existing roadway providing vehicular access to the applicant's property.

Approximately 32,000 cubic yards of fill will be placed on and adjacent to the existing roadway to raise the elevation to approximately 5 feet above mean sea level and to increase the road base width from approximately 30 feet to 46 feet. A hard travel surface will be placed on the fill. A 24-inch culvert will be placed at six locations along the proposed road and two 24-inch culverts will be placed at one location.

Approximately 1.2 acres of a non-wetland area will be excavated to create a wetland habitat to replace approximately .6 acres of wetlands impacted by construction. The excavated material will be hauled to a suitable upland site. Distichlis spicata will be planted in the wetland habitat.

Comments must be submitted on or before Jan. 19.







Merry Christmas!

Please drive safely



The Rockport Pilot

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3A. Flea Market
4. Auctions
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7. Lost and Found
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39. Business Opportunity
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PETS -- LOST OR FOUND

LOST — 8 WEEK OLD FEmale Calico kitten. Black w/white patch under mouth & white spots on paws. Stomach gold covered. Lost in vicinity of Lemon Tree & Sandwich Shop. Answers to "Precious." 729-5366 from 6 to 2 — after 2 729-5697.

FOUND — SANDY BUTTERscotch kitten, approximately 4 months old. 729-5976.

LOST — FROM COPANO Ridge — Handicapped lady's companions. 2 Persian cats. Beezel — Black smoke — Male. Snowshoes, Black with white feet — female. $100 reward for information leading to their return. 729-3879.

LOST: GERMAN SHEPherd. Black, tan and silver male. 2 years old. Children's pet. Answers to "Champ". Wearing collar. 729-5177 or 729-6047

LOST - FULL BLOOD fawn and white Pit Bull, answers to "Bullet." Lost in the vicinity of the Cracker Barrell, West Terrace. Please call 729-1374 or 729-3424.

LOST - MALE DOBERman, blue collar, name "Maui" - from Oak Terrace area. Reward. 729-9617

Lost pet?
We will run your ad free

LOST



or



FOUND.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

1. Special Notices

LOST OR FOUND PET? Then call 729-9900, The Rockport Pilot, and we will try to unite the owners & pets at no charge. The reunion will be our payment.

HYPNOSIS — LEARN HOW you can stop smoking, lose weight and solve personal problems. Small groups at special fees now available by appointment. Jean Glowka, C. Ht. 729-3424.

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CRISIS CENTER 1-851-8811
COASTAL BEND
HOSPITAL 1-758-5387

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Check your ad on the first insertion for errors. The Pilot will assume responsibility for only one incorrect insertion of your classified want ad.

3. Garage Sale

THINKING WINTER COATS sweaters, p.j.'s. We have lots of warm clothes sizes 0 thru 14. Good selection of boys' suits. Also boys' & girls' jeans. Affordable prices.
MOM & TOT'S RESALE BOUTIQUE
209 S. Austin
Rockport

8. Instruction

TUTORING ELEMENTARY students. Master's degree. 729-5075.

10. Help Wanted

GOVERNMENT JOBS — Thousands of vacancies must be filled immediately. $17,634 to $50,112. Call 716-842-6000 Ext. 31709.

QUALIFIED, FULLservice bookkeeper wanted. 40 hr. week, salary negotiable. Send resume to: Bookkeeper, P.O. Box 608, Rockport, Texas 78382.

NEVER HAD A JOB?
Develop skills while earning $$$. Sell Avon. 729-8272.

HOUSEKEEPING AND BABYsitting M-F in my home. References & transportation needed. 729-0717.

HELP WANTED: NEED carpet and vinyl installer. Apply in person. Bring references. Islander Interiors, 1007 North St.

HELP WANTED — PARTtime — must be 17 yrs. or older, able to work nights & weekends. Apply in person, Rick's Quick Mart, 210 Bronte.

MOTHER OF 2 NEEDS Live-in babysitter. Call 729-9957.

10. Help Wanted

PART-TIME SINGLE girl needed for Mobile Home maintenance, repair & cleaning. 729-3138 after 5 p.m.

JOBS OVERSEAS
Big money fast — $20,000 to $50,000 plus per year. Call 1-216-453-3000, Ext. 24332.

BARTENDRESS WANTED for Get-A-Way Club - Ingleside. Must be experienced. Call between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. ONLY. 776-3238 for interview.

16. Apartments

EFFICIENCY UNITS
$75 weekly; $255 month. No children. No pets. All bills paid. Yacht Basin Motel. 729-2515.

VILLAS OF HARBOR OAKS Rockport's most prestigious apartment location. 2 bedrooms, 2 full baths. with ceiling fan, microwave, fireplace, walk-in closets, covered decks & more. All bills paid except electric. $480 plus deposit. Ron Hoover, Agent. 729-3691, evenings 729-9696.

NOW LEASING — TWO BEDroom apartments. Rockport Apartments. 729-0302.

2 ROOM APARTMENT. Furnished. Mature person or couple only. No pets. $290 plus dep. Utilities paid. 729-9155 or 729-3945.

1 MONTH'S RENT FREE luxury 2 & 3 Bedroom apartments
Fireplace, ceiling fans, lovely complex.
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FURNISHED APARTMENT
1 bedroom-downtown area-Discount to Senior Citizens. 729-5060 days or 729-0010 eve.

ROCKPORT OAK GARDEN Apartments
Rockport's newest apartment complex — 1 & 2 bedroom. Family & Adults. Ample storage, carpeted, drapes, dishwasher, disposal, laundry, cable connection, swimming pool. Beginning at $295. plus deposit. 511 Hackberry. 729-8993.

NOW LEASING - 2 BEDroom, unfurnished, drapes, stove, garbage disp. & dishwasher. No pets. Apply at Villa Del Palmas, 1806 Raht, Apt. B-2, Rockport.

2 ROOM APARTMENT FOR rent, $60/per week. 729-7192.

2 ROOM APT. — $100 deposit — $175 mo. Pay own electricity bill, no pets. 729-9618.

16. Apartments

FOR RENT:
Efficiency apartment. $280 month. ANCHOR MOTEL. Call 729-6262.

WATERVIEW
Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath, upstairs apt. See to appreciate. $450. mo. plus deposit.
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16A. CONDOS FOR RENT

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LITTLE BAY
REAL ESTATE
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17. Houses for Rent

3 BDRM., 2½ BATHS, C-H/A, month to month rental, unfurnished. $450

New 2 bdrm., 1 bath, C-H/A, month to month rental, unfurnished. $450.

Lamar — lg. 3-2 brick, all built-ins. $525.

Furnished waterfront cottages $300-$350.

Alfred Edge
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FULTON — 3 BEDROOM home, near school — $400 mo., lease required, $400 deposit. Jim Alexander, 729-7671 or 729-2173, Owner/Agent.

UNFURNISHED 1 BEDROOM house. 2-car garage. Plenty of space. $250 mo. 729-4020.

17. Houses for Rent

WHY RENT?
$2,000 down. Just move in. Total price $44,000. 11% interest. 729-5310.

FOR RENT — IN ARANSAS Pass, unfurnished 2 bedroom house, quiet neighborhood. C-H/A, formal dining, living room w/fireplace, laundry room. Adults $325/mo. 758-3852.

(2) 3 BEDROOM HOUSES. Deposit required plus 1st & last. $325 month. Call after 6 PM. 729-0324.

2 BEDROOM, CENTRAL air & heat, waterview, large downstairs storage & garage, built-in stove & dishwasher, 2 years old. $450 month. Call 729-5140.

LARGE 3 BDRM., DUplex. A/C. Appliances. 2-car garage. $550. 729-5451 or 729-5481.

HOUSE FOR LEASE:
3 bedroom, 2 bath, C-H/A, fenced yard, painted inside & out, carpets just cleaned. Copano Heights. $400 mo. + deposit. Credit references required. 729-3564.

1 BEDROOM FURNISHED house with fenced yard. $275/mo. $200 Security deposit. 729-1243 after 5 PM.

KEY ALLEGRO — 4 BDRM., 2½ bath private lighted fishing pier. $900/per mo. Winter rental 729-7771, 643-2319.

WANTED: COUPLE TO lease brand-new, 2 bdrm., 2 bath home with fireplace on Copano Bay. Kitchen appliances, washer & dryer furnished. No pets or children allowed. For more info call Annabelle at 729-2681 or 729-6817.

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Nothing down, take up $308/per mo. payments on 1 bedroom, 36' Park Model Trailer. 1981 Stonehaven with 2 tip-outs. Very economical to heat & cool. Must see to appreciate. Call Gary at 729-8841.

625 S. LIVE OAK. Newly remodeled 2 bedroom house. Adults only. Deposit required. 729-2778.

2 BDRM., 1 BA. HOUSE in pleasant country setting. No children, no pets. 729-7161 or 729-1212.

NEW LUXURY DUPLEX. 2 bdrm., fenced yard, garage, lovely neighborhood.
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17. Houses for Rent

UNFURNISHED
2 bdrm., C-A/H, carpet, appls, yard kept. $300
2 bdrm., 1½ b., with yard. $325
2 bdrm., 2½ b. townhouse, carpet, appls, C-H/A. $400
Club Lake Dr. 2 bdrm., 2 b. mobile, appls. $400
2 bdrm., 2 b., appls, fireplace in Fulton. $400
4 bdrm., 2 b., C-A/H, stove. $450
2 bdrm., 2 b., appls., fireplace, 1-car garage. $450
3 bdrm., 1½ b., C-H, unit air, corner lot, waterview. $475
3 bdrm., 2 b., 2-car garage in Fulton. $550
3 bdrm., 2 b., garage, C-H/A, carpet. Sparkling clean. Walk to elementary. $575

FURNISHED
Eff. in Fulton. Bills pd. except electric. $235
1 bdrm. cottage in Copano Village $275
2 bdrm. mobile in secluded park, large screened porch, yd. kept. $325
1 bdrm. apt. in Fulton. Water pd. $300

WINTER RENTALS
2 bdrm., furnished, extra storage, all bills paid, close to shops. $475
3 bdrm., 3 b. in Key Allegro on canal. Yard, water, trash paid. $800

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729-2256 nites 729-3461

3 BDRM., 1½ BATH, stove, refrigerator, microwave. Lamar addition. $450 month. $250 deposit. 852-5050.

NEW HOUSE — 2 BDRM., 2 bath, ceiling fans, A/C, washer/dryer connections, carport, fenced yard, real privacy, furnished/unfurnished. 729-1956.

WINTER RENTAL
Nice furnished, large 1 bedroom cottage. 2 blocks from St. Charles Bay. Camper space available. 1-512-258-2812.

2 BEDROOM HOUSE near downtown. Just remodeled, stove & refrigerator $350. Call Fisher Owner/Agent. 729-3185 or 729-3189.

FOR RENT:
2 bedrooms, 1 bath on channel — unfurnished. $300.

2 bedrooms, 1 bath — unfurnished. $235.

1 bedroom, 1 bath — furnished. $275.

All of above plus utilities & security deposit.
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18. Trailers for Rent

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Clean, furnished 1 & 2 bedroom mobile homes with air. 729-5290.

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2 bdrm., central heat, appliances, $260 mo., water paid. 729-1627.

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2 BEDROOM MOBILE HOME, adult couple only, no pets. Call 729-1716.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO own your mobile home instead of just renting? After a modest deposit - you can rent/to own your trailer. It will be all yours in only 4 years. Call 729-9777 for details.

FOR LEASE: 14x80, 2 bdrm., 2 full baths, separated living-dining-kitchen & laundry rooms, C/A, many extras. Pearl's Mobile Park, Broadway St., Fulton. 729-3586 or 729-4132.

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MOBILE HOME FOR RENT. Adults only, no pets. Secure park, Jacuzzi, heated pool & sauna. 729-1155.

RENT-TO-OWN — 3-1 bedroom furnished trailers. 1-2 bedroom furnished mobile home. Move in for as little as $200. 729-8298 or 729-2760 after 5 p.m.

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COON HOUND, Female

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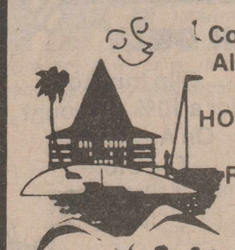
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1809 Bayshore

729-2772

KEY ALLEGRO RENTALS

1800 Bayshore Drive

729-2333 or 729-6588



Condominiums in Key Allegro, Allegro North and Bay House.

HOMES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE.

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Key Allegro
ISLAND ESTATES
ROCKPORT, TEXAS

Wynell McLain
Rental Manager

19. Business Rentals

FOR LEASE — PRIME area near Ladies' Dress Shop — minimum 900 sq. ft. 45¢ per sq. ft.
SECURITY REAL ESTATE
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PORT "A" BUSINESS CENTER
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* Individual office units
* Completely redecorated
* Exterior landscaping
* All utilities furnished
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* Free parking
* Prime business location

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21. Trailer Space

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21A. STORAGE SPACE

KST STORAGE
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BOAT BARN FOR RENT. Tenth & Chaparral in Fulton. 729-3135.

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23. Services Offered

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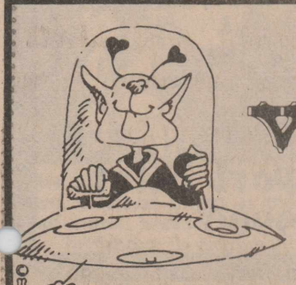
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PREFERRED PROPERTIES

WATERFRONT HOME — Overlooking ski basin, could be business - zoned commercial. Lot size 200' x 100', approx. 40' x 100' waterside.
WATERFRONT — 200' of beachfront - over 2 acres - beautiful trees - landscaped - excellent homesite.
FULTON BEACH RD. — Approx. 300' frontage - also extends 300' dwn. Traylor Ave. Approx. 2 acres - out of city limits - Commercial or Residential.
EXCELLENT COMMERCIAL — Property in Ingleside. Over 1,100' Hwy. 361 frontage - corners 850' down. Tiner Lane. 2,400 sq. ft. steel building (with existing business) 6½ treed acres.
Call 729-5506



MUST SELL OR LEASE

By Owner. Waterfront home — bulkheaded lot 275' deep — boat ramp. 2 Br., brick, separate guest house, sun porch, 4C garage. Many extras — reduced to $95,000. See to appreciate. 462 Copano Ridge Rd. 729-9583.

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RESIDENTIAL

ENCHANTED VILLAGE — A quaint setting in a quiet, private community, well furnished 3 bedroom, 2½ bath home with interest in the beach & pier included in the ownership of this select property. $92,500
ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS — Is this lovely Harbor Oaks home, located on a corner lot, 3 large bedrooms, 2 living areas (each with its own fireplace). Adjacent lot also available. $109,900
SILENT NIGHT — All is calm & bright in this precious 3 bedroom home, overflowing with extras: 2 large lots, fenced & covered with towering oaks, deluxe water system, oversized 2-car garage & extra nice mother-in-law accommodations. $99,900
RUDOLPH, THE RED-NOSED REINDEER — Would love to stay here! There's 4 acres to romp, "deer" stalls, stock tank, pond & a 4 bedroom home to bunk all those tired elves for only $59,500
JOYOUS NOEL! You can't miss with this beautiful 3/2 Harbor Oaks home with something for everyone. Large, well-decorated rooms, family room made for cheerful gatherings, covered patio & more. Put this one on your holiday shopping list. $115,400
TREASURE TROVE — Looking for quality, beauty & relaxing livability? The hunt ends here in the midst of this treasure-filled Harbor Oaks home on the water, island kitchen, 3 large bedrooms, 2½ baths, boat dock, patio & many other delights. $250,000
YULETIDE CAROLS — Sung by the fire, adds to the season's specialness in this cozy 2 bedroom waterfront home. Unusual wall treatment in natural woods, diagonal cedar siding, like new & waiting for you. $68,000
JOLLY OLD ST. NICHOLAS — Lean your ear this way, while I tell you about the most terrific 3 bedroom home with a view of the bay that surpasses all others. The decor & amenities galore make this home a really special treat. $135,000
GLAD TIDINGS — Will be yours in this Fulton Beach Road mansion where the family can unite in numbers for the holidays. Rare workmanship can be seen in this 4 bedroom home, 3 fireplaces, 4½ baths, surrounded by oaks.
I SAW MOMMY KISSING SANTA CLAUS — Under the magnificent arches on the patio of this gorgeous Harbor Oaks waterfront home. Hang mistletoe & boughs of holly for all the years to come in this one. $235,000
ADD SOME SPARKLE — With a few finishing touches & you will have a holiday bargain for sure. This 3 bedroom home available for only $24,900
CRISP AND CLEAN — As the winter wind, this nice 2 bedroom home on 2 lots has large trees & room for a garden too, truly a neat package. $49,900
UP ON THE HOUSETOP — Reindeers pause, while Santa slides down the chimney into one of central Rockport's older homes, situated on 6 lots, well landscaped and ready for you to appreciate. $92,500
HANDYMAN SPECIAL — Hammer, nails & paintbrush are all you'll need to turn this into rental income you'll have all year. Assumable loan & low price makes it easy to own. $10,000
OWNER WILL FINANCE — Easy to own, for starter, retirement or rental. Nice large fenced yard surrounds this little bargain. $15,000
CHRISTMAS IN LITTLE BAY SHORES — Move the family into this lovely, well-cared for 3/2 home with Spanish-style entry, sunroom, new carpets, double garage & large tree-covered lot. $79,900
CHRISTMAS CARD SETTING — Currier & Ives could have created this one. Large oaks hover over this charming 2 bedroom home in Little Bay Shores. Patio with enormous brick fireplace & barbecue. $54,000
'TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY — A lot of laughter will be heard as the family decorates this 3/3 home, large corner lot, screened balcony, shop & utility room in Little Bay Shores. $62,500
NO "BAH HUMBUGS" ALLOWED! — This bright & cheery home brings you the joys of the season all year. Beautiful 3/2 brick home on large, lovely corner lot. Terms available too. $63,500
HO! HO! HO! — Who wouldn't go for this "honey of a home," on 2 large lots, roomy 3/2½ with cabinet-covered kitchen, fireplace & more, reduced to $39,900
CHRISTMAS COOKOUT? — Why not? Have your holiday gathering around the pool & hot tub on this spacious deck, fronting on the bay with your own private beach. New beachfront home with separate guest quarters. $225,000
TIDINGS OF COMFORT & JOY — Can be yours in this exciting 3/2 Harbor Oaks home with a "Julia Child" kitchen, indirect lighting over fabulous fireplace with raised hearth & built-in wood boxes. $95,750
I HEARD THE BELLS ON CHRISTMAS DAY — From across the wide expanse of water with a view to behold from this 3/2 Harbor Oaks home. Courtyard entry lures you inside to survey all the lovely qualities within. See this one now. $197,500
TIE A YELLOW RIBBON — Round the old Oak tree highlighting the corner lot of this neat 2 bedroom home with extra storage space & carport. $49,500
COME ALL YE FAITHFUL — You'll be joyous & triumphant when you own this roomy 3/2 quality-built, energy-efficient home with large yard, 2-car garage & "bonus room" for only $57,500
AWAKE CHRISTMAS MORNING — And have fresh grapefruit, picked in your own back yard. And there's more, clean & shining hardwood floors throughout this charming 3 bedroom home on 2 large lots. $39,500
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL — There's something here for everyone. 1 bedroom condos fully furnished starting at $17,900, 2 bedroom cottages (great for weekends on the coast) from $10,000. Stop by our office for details.
EXCELLENT OWNER FINANCING — Here's a bargain with a good view of the bay. Two bedrooms, storage and terrific terms. $27,000
AVOID THE HOLIDAY RUSH — Own this SOLD & spacious 3/2 on the water. Dad will want a new fishing pole, for fishing off the dock & Mom can bake
ON THE BEST LOT IN COPANO COVE — You'll find this jewel waiting for you. Three bedrooms, 2 baths, with a cozy Franklin fireplace on Austin rock, situated on 3 canals overlooking Salt Lake. $63,500

LOTS & ACREAGE

2 TO 5 ACRES — Outside city, good terms available. $9,000 & up
FULTON — On 5th Street, utilities available, near t SOLD $8,500
HARBOR OAKS — Unit 7, large wooded homesite. $28,500
6+ ACRES — Over 800 feet on Hwy. 35 South, terms. $43,400
COMMERCIAL POTENTIAL — Vacant lots, 110' on busy highway. $32,000
PENINSULA OAKS — High & dry, trees, truly a bargain, restricted. $3,000
BOATSLIP INCLUDED — Harbor Oaks, large lot, restricted subdivision. $27,500
ROCKPORT COUNTRY CLUB — Club membership included, so choose your fairway or off-fairway lot now. Not many left.
WATERFRONT LOTS — Bulkheaded, near parks & pool, too. Terms. $10,000 & up
FAIRWAY LOT — At Rockport Country Club with membership. $45,000

COMMERCIAL

GREAT LOCATION — For any kind of business, large store, lots of storage, 3 bedroom residence, highway frontage across from Little Bay. $152,500
RENTALS — Large house, 2 apartments now rented, shop & 2 more unfinished apartments. Great location, near bay & downtown. $90,000
GOING BUSINESS — Retail business, inventory & fixtures, property leased, good downtown location. $35,000

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Key Allegro Island Estates

Key Allegro has several homes for sale at this time. Some are listed below. New and previously-owned homes are priced from $67,800 to $1,200,000. Lots are available starting at $23,800. Condominiums are listed from $92,500 to $175,000. We'd be delighted to show you any and all of time. Come by our office for more information on all Key Allegro properties.

HOMESITES

UNIT I — Off water location. $23,800
UNIT IV — Canal lot — Corner with 120' of bulkhead. $105,000
UNIT III — Canal lot — 135' of frontage. $110,000
UNIT V — Two adjoining lots overlooking the ski basin. $250,000
UNIT V — Two adjoining lots — Aransas Bay view. $450,000

HOMES WITH A VIEW

NEW CAPE COD LOOKS PRETTY AS A PICTURE — This brand new two bedroom, one bath cottage sports ceiling fans, excellent appliances, eggshell panelling, and cut sundeck. Includes covered carport and storage; off-water lot, close to Marina and pool. $75,600

CANAL HOMES

WE THINK THIS HOUSE IS PRETTY SPECIAL — Main floor offers a large den with a cathedral ceiling, kitchen, three bedrooms, two baths and a spacious waterside deck. Ground floor with a den, bath, utility room, storage and carport. $150,000
PRIVATE BOAT DOCK AND RAMP ON THE CANAL and in your own back yard, too, overlooked by a covered deck, and framed by beautiful pink blooming oleanders. Three bedrooms and three baths give you plenty of room inside with a large kitchen and dining area looking out over the water; also, a comfortable den and enclosed entry. Downstairs, a large utility room, one-car enclosed garage and covered patio. $162,500
SEPARATE OFFICE WITH AIR-CONDITIONED COMFORT and a complete guest bedroom and bath are downstairs on the waterfront of this lovely home. Upstairs, the den and kitchen areas offer a wide open expanse with 3 bedrooms and 2 baths connected. Complete with full-sized deck, lengthy dock (deep draft), and fully landscaped grounds. $187,000
STRUCTURALLY SOUND AND LIVABLE, TOO — Take note here of heavy beams and posts bolted on iron bases and the practical and pretty living arrangement. The large adjoining den and living room offer excellent entertainment opportunities. A spacious kitchen, powder room, utility room and shop are also located on the ground floor. Complete privacy is offered to the three bedrooms and two baths on the second floor. Some of the many extra features include zoned air conditioning, a two-car garage, flower garden, boat dock, fish-cleaning table, cable TV and intercom system. $225,000
COLONIAL HOME ON TARPON CANAL. Large white columns, great view — fishing — crabbing. Extra strong concrete construction. Downstairs has ceramic tiled foyer and decorator stairway, panelled play room 12'6" x 25'6", wet bar & kitchen, bath with marble shower and double tackle shop, fully finished, rear porch on canal 10' x 57'. Upstairs — master bedroom 12'8" x 18'5", master bathroom — marble around tub with double marble lavatories, 2 guest bedrooms & full bath, family room, dining room, kitchen & pantry. All rooms beautifully panelled. Sun decks front & rear. Extra large with many extras. A real buy at $315,000
FISH LITERALLY SWARM TO THIS ISLAND POINT RETREAT. Imagine the catches you'll make with this fully equipped fishing center located on the channel tip of Key Allegro. Beautiful house, too, with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths upstairs; a kitchen with more storage space than you could fill, and Jennaire grill; plus a den and sprawling deck overlooking the ski basin. Downstairs, the guest bedroom and bath; roomy den with wet bar; and office space with built-in deck and shelves — accentuated by track lights. Additional features include an intercom system, an outside bar, 2-car enclosed garage, and dock. $450,000
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KEY ALLEGRO CONDOMINIUMS
TENNIS — SWIMMING POOL — BOAT DOCKS

Beautiful two bedroom, two bath unit. Fireplace.
Boat dock. Offered furnished. $92,500
Corner Unit — Two bedroom townhouse recently remodeled, top of the line appliances, etc. Excellent view. Two and a half baths. $135,000

ALLEGRO NORTH CONDOMINIUMS
TENNIS — SWIMMING POOL — BOAT DOCKS

Two bedroom, two bath corner unit. Fireplace, furnished. Excellent view.
Assumable loan. SOLD
Ground floor, two bedroom, two bath. Furnished. SOLD
Two bedroom, two bath townhouse overlooking the harbor.
Boat dock, covered parking, excellent view. Furnished. $110,000
Two bedroom, two bath townhouse. Excellent view. Offered with the furniture. $115,000
Large two bedroom, two bath townhouse. Excellent view.
Parquet floor in entry and family room. Fireplace. $119,500

BAYHOUSE CONDOMINIUMS
TENNIS — SWIMMING POOL — BOAT DOCKS

Two bedroom, 2 bath corner unit with an excellent view of Little Bay. $92,500
Two bedroom, two bath overlooking Canoe Lake. Decorator furniture. $138,500
Three bedroom, two bath corner unit. Decorator furniture in like-new condition. $175,000

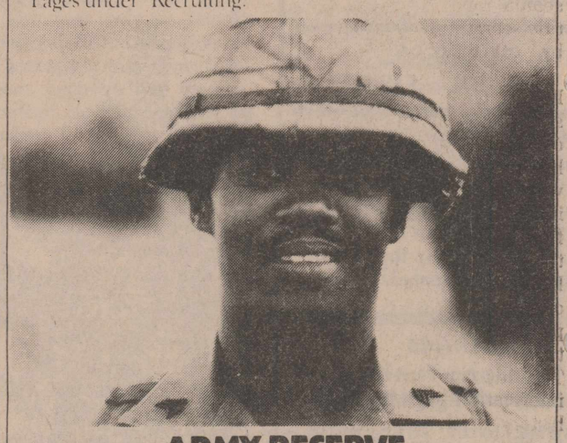
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Fairway lots — Membership included. $34,900; $38,500; $40,000
Off-fairway lot — Membership included. $20,000; $22,000; $25,000

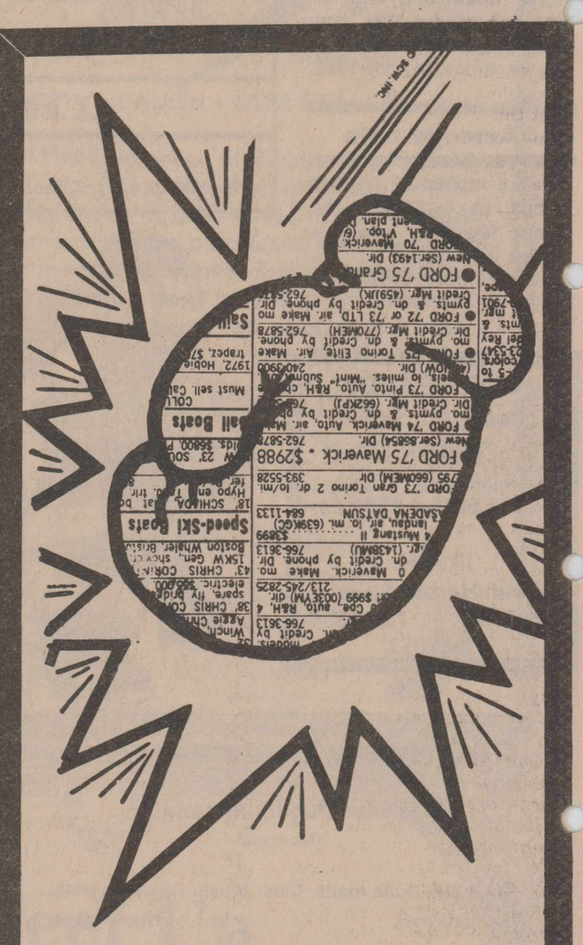
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THE REAL ESTATE CONSUMER

BUILT-IN FURNITURE A SPACE SAVER IN NEW HOMES

COLLEGE STATION — Built-in furniture can save space, save money and add value to a small home.

In the past, standard built-in features went no further than the kitchen, bathroom and a bookshelf or two. Today, however, some builders are offering built-in seating arrangements in living rooms, built-in bed platforms, built-in dining tables, cabinets, bookshelves, desks, special window treatments and tract lighting, in addition to totally built-in kitchens.

Because the size of newer homes limits the amount of space that can be devoted to closets and other storage areas, many built-in units are designed for storage as well as seating. Many units take advantage of corners that are too small for traditional furniture. The buyer of such a house has very little furniture to buy and the cost of the built-in furniture can be included in the mortgage.

DETERMINING THE CHAIN OF TITLE

Before the transaction can take place on that home you have selected, a title search must be made. The title search will be performed by a title insurance company.

The first step is to establish the chain of title. That is simply a history of ownership of the piece of property. This history tells who bought it, who sold it and when. Such information usually comes from public records found in the county clerk's office. Information also may be obtained from documents privately owned and maintained by title companies. The title company seeks out information from which the history of the title may be secured.

Another part of the title search is to determine the present status of general real estate taxes against the property. A tax search reveals if taxes are current or whether any taxes or special assessments are past due and unpaid from previous years.

MINIMUM SAFETY FEATURES ARE TENANTS' RIGHTS

Did you know that if the apartment or house you rent lacks a smoke detector, you have the right to install a battery-operated unit? You also have the right to remove it when you leave.

After September 1984, all apartments must have smoke detectors installed by the owner and be furnished with a lock on every outside door and a latch on every window. If a front or back door has a lockable doorknob, but has no deadbolt lock, such a lock is to be installed if you make a written request and pay for the installation in advance. If the door already has a deadbolt lock, it must be rekeyed by the management, again upon your written request and advance payment.

A feeling of personal safety in your home is important, and the law says you have a right to feel secure in your rented apartment or house.

NEW HOME PRICES CHANGED DRASTICALLY DURING 1970s

Texas and the nation experienced a decade of growth and change during the 1970s and one dramatic change was new home prices.

The nationwide median price of a new home in 1970 was $23,400. Mortgage interest rates were on the move, too — from 8.5 percent to 12.9 percent.

These high costs and high interest rates affected monthly house payments. A typical 1970 new home payment was about $168 per month. By 1980 the monthly payment had jumped to $636 for a median priced home.

For a more detailed look at the changes in housing in Texas during the 1970s write for technical report number 395. Send $1 to the Texas Real Estate Research Center, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843-2115.

BUILDER'S RISK INSURANCE COVERS CONSTRUCTION

Owners having a home or other construction project built should pay close attention to the type of insurance maintained on the project.

Builder's risk insurance is a type of fire and extended coverage insurance that protects a building under construction. The owner and the contractor are covered under this type of policy. Unlike fire policies, which are written for a stated amount, builder's risk insurance increases its coverage automatically as the building goes up. In the builder's risk reporting form, the contractor increases the coverage by periodic reports to the insurer of work in place.

Since builder's risk insurance does not cover damage occurring after completion, regular insurance policies should be obtained by the owner once construction is completed.

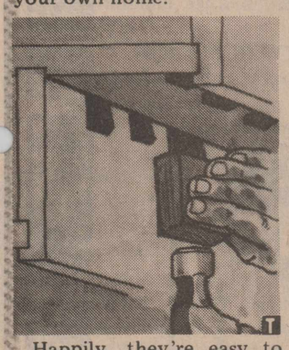
Check with your contractor about builder's risk insurance before construction begins.

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HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Squeaking Stairs— Not A Horror To Fix

Though squeaking stairs may be indispensable in horror films you can do without this disquieting sound in your own home.



Happily, they're easy to locate and silence. You can locate them by eye and ear. Often, you can actually see the moving boards that cause the sound.

If the squeak can be reached from the outside of the stairs, a quick but not permanent solution can be a dry lubricant such as graphite or talcum powder. Try it on a squeak where the treads join the riser. Work the powder into the crack for it to do its work.

If you can get to the stairs from underneath, you can use the wedge technique, say the experts at Stanley, known as the do-it-yourself company. Insert them in several different spots. For a squeak caused by a tread rubbing against the top of a riser, drive nails down through the tread into the riser. All the Stanley tools you may need are available from your local hardware store.

A helpful book called, "Do It Right With Tools And Wood" not only shows your how to fix things, it details a whole range of projects you can build yourself. The book is available by sending $2.95 in check or money order to: The Stanley Works, Dept. NAPS, Box 1800, New Britain, CT 06050.



The full moon is nine, not two, times as bright as the half moon, because the visible half-moon is extremely rough and not as reflective as the rest of the moon's face.

54. Automobiles

'77 FORD V8 STATION wagon. $1,500
'68 Eldorado. Good redo. $900
729-9215

WELL MAINTAINED — one owner — 1980 Chevette. 4-dr., Auto, A/C, 25,000 miles. $3,550. 729-4544.

1976 TOYOTAL CORONA. A/C. Like-new condition. $1,600. 729-5851.

VW SUPER BEETLE, 1971, sun roof, under coated, runs good.
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PONTIAC — 1980 TRANS-Am Turbo. Black with gold, Tee-top, all power, 47,000 miles. Bargain at $5,995. City-By-The-Sea. 758-8445.

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55. Motorcycles

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DID YOU KNOW?



The spaniel family of dogs contains more breeds—ten—than any other. The name comes from the word Spain.



The world's oldest existing Parliament is in Iceland. It was established in 930.

Understanding Yourself

Hope In Despair

By Rev. Wallace Schulz
Lutheran Hour Speaker

Let the dramatic example of the life of St. Paul be an inspiration in your life. Any problems you may have can be overcome by the strength God is offering you. Your worries can be subdued by the Spirit-planted conviction that God works out all things for the benefit of those who love Him.



The heartbeat of hope is faith in God.

Begin today and live each day with confidence trusting in the beautiful promise recorded in the Bible: "...God shall supply all your needs according to His riches." (Philippians 4:19). Even in the midst of turmoil, you can live your entire life with confidence.

St. Paul's faith was not a passing emotion. His strength was not self-generated. He received his hope, his power, and his courage from the living Lord Jesus Christ. And this same hope is available to you today, free, by the grace of God.

For a free reprint of The Lutheran Hour sermon, "Hope in Despair," send your name and address to the International Lutheran Laymen's League, 2185 Hampton Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63139.



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NEW LISTING

NEAT AND CLEAN. The Perfect 2 bedroom. Has large family room - good workshop 12 x 10. Attached garage. Large fenced landscaped yard. In desirable area. Priced low at $55,000
COUNTRY LIVING with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, fireplace, guest house, 1.8 acres with own fishing pond. $130,000

HARBOR OAKS

LARGE WATERFRONT 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Kitchen is chef's delight with more than ample cabinet space, gas grill, dining area has built-ins. Master bath large with sunken Jacuzzi. Glassed sunporch across the back. Big deck. $235,000
ROOM TO ROAM in this spacious home on 2 lots with pool, sauna and many extras. A must to see. $475,000
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110' waterfront lot on Edgewater. $110,000
Off-water lot, Harbor Drive. $30,000
Off-water lot on Harbor Circle. $26,900

CITY-BY-THE-SEA

REDUCED WATERFRONT, OWNER SAYS SELL — Customized throughout, 3 bedroom, 3 baths, much decking, boat slip, many extras. Call today. $234,000
JUST LISTED — 3 bedroom, 2½ bath, 2 story home on channel. Large family or game rm. w/wet bar, many homey features. Dock w/elec. davits. Landscaped w/palm trees plus "Hurricane proof" const. covered patio, lg. upper deck. $189,000

PORT ARANSAS

LIVE ON THE ISLAND in this 2 story family or corporate home. Everything goes, beautifully furnished. A room for any need. 4 bedroom, 3 bath. Formal dining, game room, office workshop plus much more. Owner will finance. $160,000
CALL TODAY ON ISLAND MOORING LOTS

PENINSULA PARK

PERFECT CORNER LOCATION with huge gameroom, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, living room with fireplace, 7 ceiling fans, nicely decorated and priced right. $94,500
FANTASTIC 3 bedrooom, 2 bath brick, large den with beamed ceilings, private master bedroom. Central heat and air, fireplace, covered patio, beautiful fenced yard with many plants and trees., See this like-new home today.

FARMER'S CIRCLE

MOBILE HOME — on 2 huge treed lots all set up for your enjoyment. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, detached garage plus guest room. See this lovely listing today. $55,000

ARANSAS PASS

BEAUTIFUL ESTATE HOME. 5 bedroom, 3½ baths. Formal living and dining room, study-library. Separate double garage w/ workshop. Beautiful 2 story on 1+ acres, landscaped, sprinkler system and huge trees. REDUCED TO $150,000

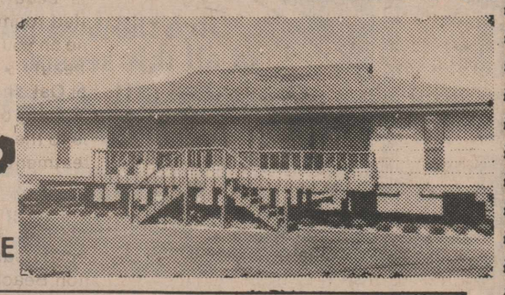
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LOTS

UNRESTRICTED 2 lots with big trees both for $5,500
OWNER FINANCING available with small down payment. 3½ ACRES with corner location. $18,000
HOLIDAY BEACH — On water and off-water. $3,500 to $15,000
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UNIT IV — on Bimini Drive. $135,000
ROCKPORT COUNTRY CLUB —
Doral Lane - off fairway, membership included. SOLD
Champions Drive - off fairway, membership included. $20,000
Peachtree - off fairway, membership included. $18,900
Cherry Hills - off fairway, membership included. $22,000
Traylor - off fairway, membership included. $20,500
Cherry Hills - extra large off fairway lot (.7 acres). Membership included. $29,500
Royal Oaks Dr. on fairway, membership included. $46,000
Royal Oaks Dr. on fairway, membership included. $45,000
Champions Dr. on fairway, membership included. $45,000
Royal Oaks Dr. on fairway, membership included. $43,000
HARBOR OAKS —
UNIT I — 2 lots together for $200,000
UNIT II $95,000
UNIT VI — off-water w/boat slip. $39,900
UNIT VI — Off-water w/boat slip. $45,000
UNIT VII — Edgewater Ct. $125,000
10 LOTS ON ENTERPRISE STREET — 80' x 120' starting at $14,900
HOLIDAY BEACH — Copano bayfront. $26,500

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Sunday services changed

Area churches plan holiday services

With Christmas falling on a Sunday this year, many local churches have rearranged their usual service times this holiday weekend. In addition, several area churches are conducting special Christmas services and programs Saturday and Sunday.

Christmas Eve communion ceremonies will be held at 5:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, while Peace Lutheran will be conducting a Christmas Eve carol and candlelight service at 7 p.m.

Also holding a candlelight service Christmas Eve will be the First Presbyterian Church. The candlelit worship service will be presented at 6:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Choirs will be featured and church youth will assist in the service. Seven families will present special symbols of Christmas in the service, which highlights "peace on earth."

St. Peter's Episcopal Church will have Holy Eucharist services Christmas Eve at 7:30 and 11 p.m. The second Holy Eucharist will be preceded by a presentation of carols, beginning at 10:40 p.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church will be holding masses on Christmas Eve at 6 p.m. and midnight. A special Vietnamese mass will be celebrated at 8:30 p.m.

Many churches are holding only one service on Sunday, Christmas Day. First Baptist of Rockport will hold one 10 a.m. service, while Fulton Community Church will hold their Sunday worship, with communion at 10:45 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Holiday Beach will hold one service Sunday at 10 a.m. with holiday treats for youngsters following the services.

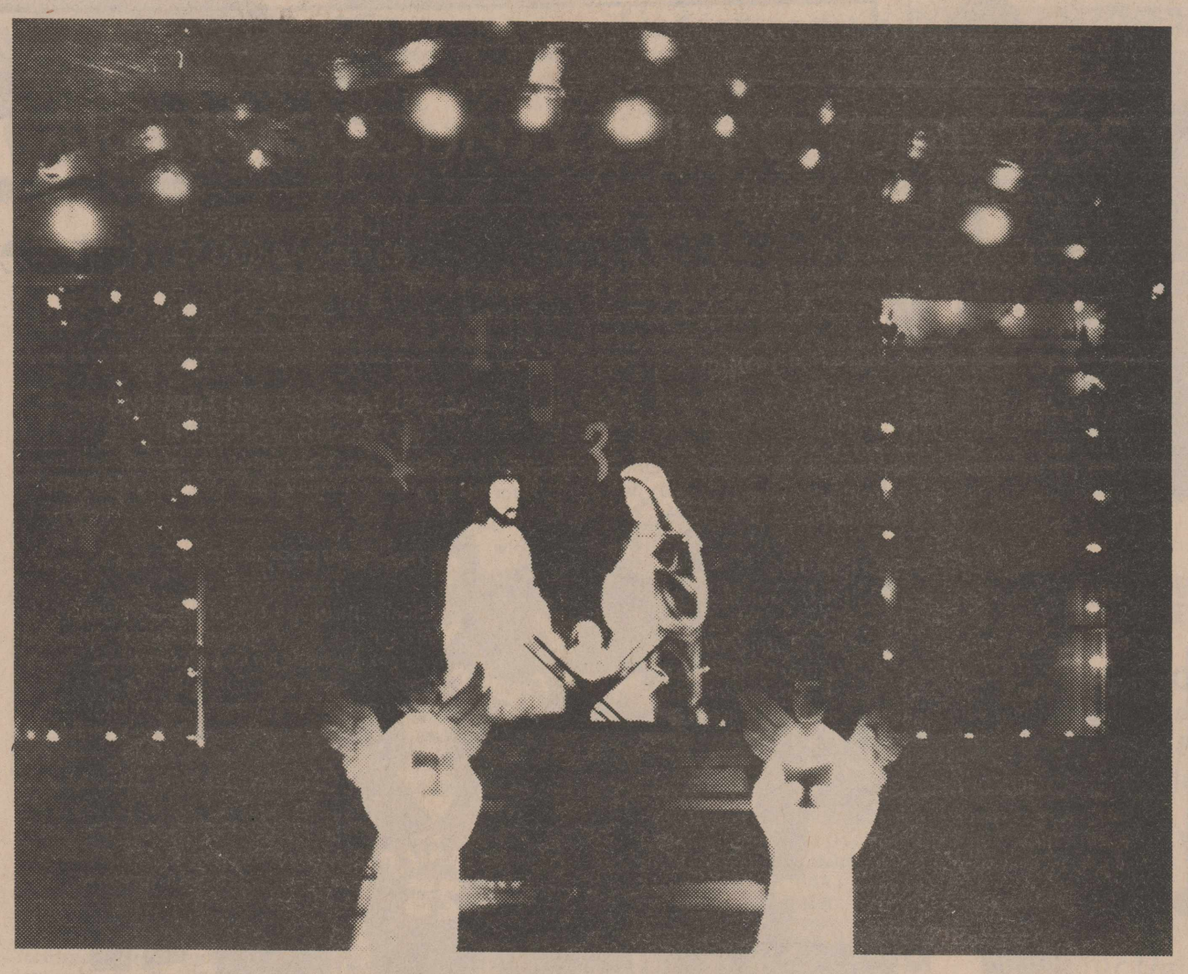
St. Peters will hold a Holy Eucharist service at 10:30 Sunday.

Calvary Baptist will hold Sunday School at 8 a.m. and worship services at 9 a.m. Peace Lutheran will conduct Sunday services at 10:45 a.m. and Holy Communion will be served.

First United Methodist will hold Sunday worship at 10:50 a.m. following the 9:30 a.m. Sunday school. After worship, a special Christmas dinner will be held at the church for everyone wishing to attend.

First Presbyterian Church will hold only a 9:45 a.m. church school and worship at 11 a.m.

Sacred Heart will hold Christmas day masses at 9 and 10:30 a.m. and another at noon.



First Methodist youth group resumes Jan.8

The youth group at First United Methodist Church will resume meeting on Sunday, Jan. 8.

The meeting will be from 6:30-8 p.m. and all youth from sixth grade through senior high school are invited.

The religious community

Aids in mission work

Larry Stewart, Sr. re-elected

Larry Stewart Sr., contractor/builder of Rockport, has been re-elected to serve on the Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas in Dallas.

The Executive Board meets four times a year to conduct business between annual sessions. The board consists of laypersons and pastors from every section of the state.

The BGCT is the mission arm of 4,700 Southern Baptists churches in Texas. The churches support mission causes through the Cooperative Program.

More than 36 percent of the Cooperative Program budget will go for world missions causes including support of more than 6,000 missionaries in the United States and more than 100 foreign nations.

The remainder of the budget will help to support 23 Texas Baptist children's homes, hospitals, universities and many other state missions causes.

Solution to world hunger is near

The most pernicious myth is that people will always starve, that hunger is inevitable, said a religion professor at Texas Christian University.

"This is as certain as the world being flat, slavery being an economic necessity and smallpox or polio being inevitable," said Dr. Andrew Fort. "Actually all we need is the will to end hunger, the commitment to the idea that hunger can and will end in our lifetime.

"We live in two realities: the reality of sufficiency and the reality of starvation. One billion people go hungry daily. Fifteen to 20 million die every year, 40,000 a day and 25 every minute," he said.

While these figures are dismal, Fort says there are many hopeful signs for ending starvation. He lists these:

— The amount of food produced worldwide has doubled in the last 25 years. Food production on every continent except Africa is increasing faster than population growth.

— The two most populous nations on earth, India and China, grow enough food to feed all their citizens.

— Family planning is available to 90 percent of the world's population (vs. 10 percent in 1960). Estimates of the population in the year 2000 have dropped one billion in the last 10 years.

— Mass starvation has ended in the recent trouble spots of Cambodia and Somalia. Disease also has been brought under control.

— While world population is now 4.6 billion, we already produce enough for seven billion people (two loaves of bread a day for everyone).

These facts prove that we can end hunger, said Fort. "But it also leaves the question that if we can end it, why haven't we?

"The answer lies in the belief that hunger is inevitable and that you cannot make a difference. The belief in our helplessness allows people to starve."

As part of TCU's Hunger Week observance, Fort made suggestions on how to end hunger:

— Commit yourself to a world without hunger.

— Educate yourself about the issue through such organizations as Oxfam, Bread for the World or the Hunger Project.

— Organize volunteers for Meals on Wheels, other social service groups in your community.

— Write to your government officials.

Lutherans begin early services

Peace Lutheran Church will add 8 a.m. worship services to the church calendar beginning Sunday, Jan. 8.

The early morning services will continue on Sundays through March 25.

Effective Jan. 1, the church is changing its hours for Sunday School and regular Sunday morning services. Starting on that date, Sunday School will begin at 9:15 a.m. followed by services at 10:30 a.m.

All services are open to the public. Pastor is the Rev. Wayne Pafk.

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Robert Mayes, branch president: Meeting at 200 block of North 8th Street. Aransas Pass. Sacrament, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Priesthood & Relief Society, 11 a.m. Public invited. Phone 729-9489 or 776-2253 for more information.

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SEVENTH GRADE "A" TEAM girls are coached in basketball by Sharon Figart, (bottom left) and are 2-4 for the season. They are (top, l to r) Melissa Parr, Tressa Walls, Michelle Carberry, Julie Solis, Beth Barker, Brandy Friebele, (bottom) Figart, Jennifer Day, Lieur Nguyen, Brenda Garcia and Kristen Knoche.

Texas hatcheries produce more fish in '83

AUSTIN — Hatcheries operated by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department produced more than 13.8 million fingerling-sized game fish for stocking Texas waters in 1983, but officials believe facility improvement projects now underway will boost production even higher next year.

The big news for 1983 was opening of the John Wilson Saltwater Hatchery near Corpus Christi, a facility which has produced more than 7 million redfish fingerlings for restocking Texas bays this year.

It also was a good year for striped bass and striped/bass hybrids, with 2.5 million stripers and 1.5 million hybrids coming from three hatcheries. "We had a good year on striper production because of the availability of brood fish, and the fingerlings were in excellent condition," said Hatchery Chief Bill Rutledge. "We hope to do even better next year with completion of a new spawning building at the Dundee Hatchery near Wichita Falls."

Another area of expected improvement for 1984 is at the department's San Marcos hatchery, where a $4 million renovation project will include indoor raceways for spawning smallmouth bass.

Rutledge explained that the current procedure is to place spawning boxes in outdoor ponds with smallmouth brooders and let nature take its course. "The problem with that is the weather often turns cold during the spring spawning season, and we can lose half or more of the spawn," Rutledge noted. "Indoor raceways will utilize San Marcos River water, and it can be kept at a constant temperature. This will in effect extend the spawning season and allow us to collect two full spawns every year."

Production of Florida-strain largemouth bass also continued apace, Rutledge said, with more than 2.3 million produced at three hatcheries. The department spent $742,000 on production of Florida and smallmouth bass, $360,000 on striped bass and hybrids and $122,000 on red drum.



COACHED BY PATTY NOBLE, the RFHS freshman basketballers are (back, l to r) Sophia Dominguez, Christy Moore, Melissa Moses, Stacey Edwards, Sheri Lowe, Patty Buenano, Frances Ramirez, (front) manager Diane Martinez, manager Cindy Ochoa, Allison Meyer, Rachel Hattenbach and Kathy Von Heuvel.

Area fishing report

Sea Gun — 729-2341 —It was a good week overall for redfish and trout. The unseasonally cold weather has brought the fish into the warmer waters of the basin. Three to 5 pound reds were reported being caught on Wednesday — "The fishermen were lined up just to cast a line!" Frozen shrimp for bait.

Palm Harbor — 729-8540 —The reds were running on Wednesday! Mr. Wallace Hurley from Kansas, Missouri caught his limit in reds, much to his delight. Frozen shrimp proved to do the trick once again. Duck hunting reported excellent with redheads and pintails most plentiful.

Sandollar — 729-8562 —There were a few reds around but as a whole, the fishing was rather poor.

This week, with weather conditions much like that of Anchorage, Alaska, has neither been fit for man . . . nor fish!

New sandhill hunting zone opens Jan 14.

AUSTIN — The first sandhill crane hunting season ever authorized for a wide region of South Texas will be Jan. 14 through Feb. 12, 1984. Shooting hours will be 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset. Daily bag limit is three cranes, with a possession limit of six, according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The new crane hunting zone, called "Zone C," excludes the entire coastal region in order to minimize any contact between sandhill crane hunters and the endangered whooping cranes which winter along the coast.

Sandhill cranes often feed in grain fields and may cause considerable damage to crops. The crane hunting season is expected to provide some relief to area farmers who have experienced crop depredation problems in the past, according to Ron George, sandhill crane program leader.

"As many crane hunters in the Panhandle know, sandhills are extremely wary and difficult to approach on foot," George said. "However, they will respond to gray-colored shell, silhouette or rag decoys."

Shotguns not larger than 10 gauge and permanently plugged to three-shell capacity, longbow and arrow and falconry (by permit) are the only legal means for taking sandhill cranes. Retention of one fully-feathered wing is required on all dressed sandhill cranes until the hunter reaches his residence or a commercial processing facility.

Hunters are reminded that a free federal sandhill crane hunting permit is required in addition to a hunting license. Permits may be obtained by submitting the hunter's name, address and county of residence to Bernie Rittenhouse, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744. A free sandhill crane identification leaflet also is available upon request. State and federal waterfowl stamps are not required for hunting sandhill cranes.

Freak accidents often claim lives

AUSTIN — The thought of a high-revving 100-horsepower outboard motor thrashing wildly about in a boat is enough to terrorize any boater.

This happened twice during 1983 with tragic results, and water safety officials of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department hope the state's boat operators can take steps to prevent similar incidents in 1984.

Three fishermen were in a boat running at full throttle in the Lower Laguna Madre last spring when the motor's lower unit struck a submerged object. The force of the collision ripped the large outboard engine free of the transom, flipping it forward. The still-running motor's propeller inflicted fatal lacerations to one of the men.

In a similar incident on Lake Benbrook near Fort Worth, an 11-year-old boy was fatally injured when the motor was sheared from its mounting and the propeller severed his left arm and cut his head, neck and shoulder. The boy died in a helicopter on the way to a hospital.

Officials said boat operators should try to become informed about potential shallow water hazards where they intend to go boating. Go slowly in unfamiliar areas and watch your depthfinder if your boat is so equipped, they advise.

As always, water safety officials remind boaters that one Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device (life preserver) must be aboard for each occupant, and persons 12 years of age and younger must wear a PFD at all times when a boat is underway.

Poor quail hunting noted

ARTESIA WELLS — Low quail production due to dry weather last spring is causing the poorest quail hunting in years during public hunts held at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Chaparral Wildlife Management Area in Dimmit and LaSalle counties.

Area Manager David Synatzske said during the first two weekend hunts only 25 percent of the hunters got birds.

"This year's quail hunt is the poorest since we began keeping records on the area in 1972," Synatzske said. He said the area received no rainfall during April and very little in May and June, which are critical nesting periods for quail.

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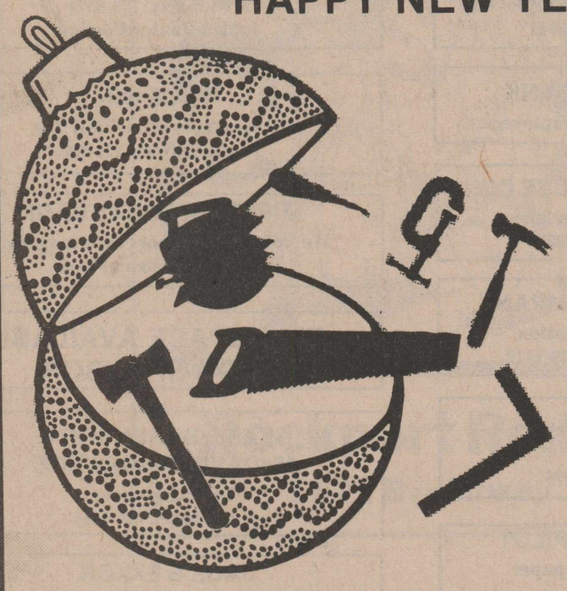
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Wildlife photo exhibit set for Conner Museum

KINGSVILLE — An exhibition called "South of Winter: Scenes from the Aransas Wildlife Refuge," will open at Texas A&I University's John E. Conner Museum Jan. 21.

It is on loan from the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES) for display through Feb. 19.

The refuge is probably best known as the winter home of the whooping crane, America's most famous endangered species. This area of ecological richness — of beaches, bays, estuaries, savannas and marshes — is also home to a vast number of other birds and mammals.

Wildlife photographers Steve Wilson and Karen Hayden have captured scenes of quiet beauty, natural drama and startling humor in the exhibition's 63 full-color photographs. From delicate butterflies to lumbering alligators, they portray the lives of the varied residents of Aransas.

The photographs also convey the constant activity there — prairie chickens mating, spiders hunting, hawks in full dive towards their prey, egrets in an aerial altercation — a picture of the tumult and flurry of nature.

These are contrasted with peaceful pictures of the forest canopy at dusk, birds framed by the setting sun and the crescent moon over a settling flock.

The exhibition was originally organized by the American Museum of Natural History in New York where it was first shown. It is currently being circulated nationally by SITES with support from Conoco Inc.

The exhibit is accompanied by an audiovisual presentation which follows Wilson's trek through Aransas.

Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, 2:30-5 p.m. on Sundays and by appointment only on Saturday. Admission is free.

Inmate escapes from county jail

A man awaiting trial on felony charges of unauthorized delivery of marijuana escaped from the Aransas County Jail Monday evening, Dec. 19.

According to the report by the Aransas County Sheriff's Department, Steven Griffin, 22, walked out of the jail at approximately 8 p.m. Monday. A corrections officer took two trustees upstairs to close several windows. Griffin, also a trustee, said he was ill and stayed in his bunk. When the jailer got back she became suspicious and looked in Griffin's bed, finding old clothes and a basketball stuffed inside.

A search of the area surrounding the jail met with negative results. Griffin has been charged with felony escape and bulletin authorizing his arrest has been entered on both state and national computers used by law enforcement officials.

Aransas County Sheriff Robert O. Hewes described Griffin as 5'10", 135 pounds, with brown hair, green eyes and a mustache. Anyone knowing his whereabouts is advised to notify the sheriff's department.

Gonzales appointed to Board of Aging

Governor Mark White has announced the appointment of Eustolio Gonzales of Raymondville to the Texas Board on Aging for a term extending to Aug. 30, 1989.

Gonzales, 55, is currently serving as Willacy County Commissioner. He received his bachelor's degree from Pan American University and attended graduate school at Texas A&I University.

He is former mayor of Raymondville, member and past president of the board of directors of Amigos Del Valle Inc., and a member of the Willacy County Child Welfare Board.

Gonzales is replacing Estella L. Trevino of Edinburg, whose term expired.

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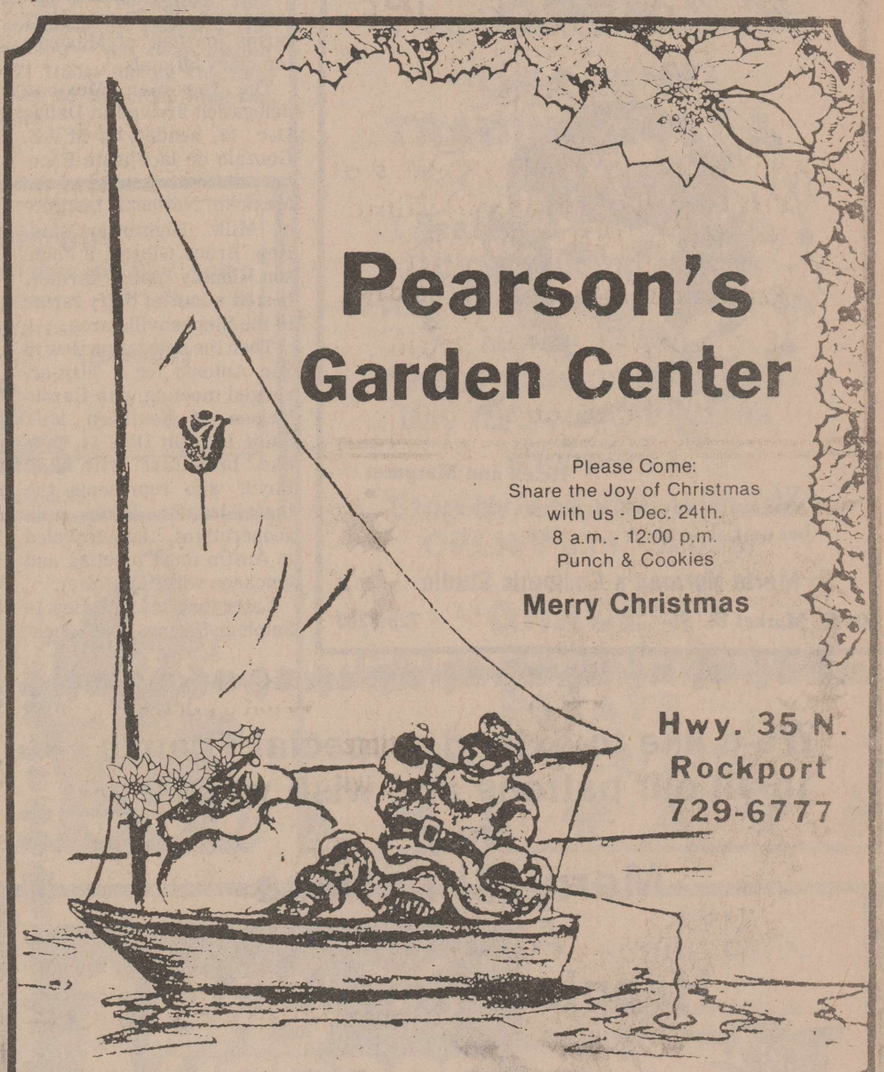
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USDA organizing modern-day cattle drive to Mexico

AUSTIN — Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower has announced that his Department is arranging "a modern-day Texas cattle drive" that has the potential for selling thousands of excess dairy cows to Mexico and other internatioal buyers.

New dairy legislation recently signed by President Reagan encourages milk producers by as much as 30 percent, meaning a large number of the nation's dairy cows will be sold in 1984. Beef cattle producers expect that more than a million of those cows will be sold for slaughter, depressing the domestic beef market.

"But the marketing staff of the Texas Department of Agriculture has come up with another, more profitable way of disposing of our surplus cows," Hightower said.

"Mexico has been interested for some time in buying U.S. cows to build up their dairy industry but it has been unable to pay the going price of about $1,200 a head or more for bred heifers, settling instead for heifer calves.

"TDA representatives pointed out to the Mexican officials that surplus cows to be sold under the new dairy bill will probably bring less than $500 a head on the slaughter market. So, why not purchase some of them for maybe $200 above the slaughter price? That way, you've got three happy faces — U.S. dairy producers get a better price, our cattle raisers don't have all the surplus dumped on the domestic market and Mexico gets good quality milk cows at an affordable price.

"It made sense to us," Hightower said, "and when TDA's international specialists flew to Mexico to propose the idea to their agriculture officials, it made sense to them, too. This week, TDA International Marketing Director Paul Lewis has led an inspection of Texas dairy farms for four of Mexico's top dairy officials."

The four-man Mexican delegation arrived in Dallas Dec. 13, headed by M.V.Z. Gonzalo de la Fuente Escobar, director general of the Mexican National Institute of Milk, Hightower said. Rep. Bruce Gibson, a Johnson County dairy farmer, hosted a tour of dairy farms in the Stephenville area.

Then the delegation flew to San Antonio for a TDA-arranged meeting with Harold Nelsen of Southern Milk Sales Inc. On Dec. 14, they had breakfast with Bob Boyd, who represents the three largest Texas milk cooperatives, then traveled to Austin for a meeting and luncheon with Hightower.

Later that day they flew to Sulphur Springs and spent the remainder of the day and all day Dec. 15 touring Northeast Texas dairies and dairy farms. On Dec. 16, following a morning meeting at the southern regional office of American Milk Producers Inc. (AMPI), they were scheduled to return home to Mexico City.

"They were very impressed by the quality of the cows that would be available to them to buy, and we are extremely optimistic that Texas dairy producers will soon have an opportunity to move some of their herds directly into this international marketing channel," Hightower said. "Mexico has a milk shortage, and their officials say they want to buy up to 30,000 dairy cattle over the next year."

Following Hightower's trip to Mexico City late last summer, Mexican agricultural officials specifically allocated $30 million of a total of one billion dollars in U.S. credit guarantees toward the purchase of dairy stock.

"Texas has a leg up on other states in making these sales," Hightower said. "We are the first to knock on their door with this attractive proposal, we are the first to invite them to come for a personal tour, we hve top quality stock already adapted to their climate and we are their next-door neighbors.

"They have indicated that they will turn to us first with an offer to buy. Essentially, the ball is in our court — Mexico is ready to buy, and all that remains is to see how many Texas cows meeting the Mexican quality specifications will be put on the market as our dairy farmers sign up for the new federal program. Most farmers are waiting for the finalized program regulations to be announced by USDA before they decide whether or not to participate in the milk-reduction program. We should have a good sense of how many Texas cows will be available by early February, and we will be ready to start our cattle drive to Mexico shortly after that."

Museum features Texas artists

CORPUS CHRISTI — The Art Museum of South Texas will feature the exhibit, "Singular Points of View," from Jan. 7-Feb. 19.

The exhibit is an Art Museum of South Texas curated exhibition featuring the work of 10 artists currently living and working in Texas.

Diverse, personal and at times unorthodox, each artist is making unique contributions to the areas of painting, sculpture, drawing and photography.

The artists chosen to participate in "Singular Points of View" are Milton Ausherman, Galveston; Linda Blackburn, Ft. Worth; Karin Broker, Houston; John Hernandez, Dallas; Randy Twaddle, Dallas; Casey Williams, Houston; and Ron Wyffells, San Antonio.

Collectively the recent works by these contemporary artists will allow the museum visitor the opportunity of viewing some of the most interesting work currently being produced in the state.

In both scope and intent, the exhibited works reach beyond regional concerns. Each artist focuses on a personal response to the life of forms and feelings that they experience, making their singular points of view their primary statements.

Supplemental feeding guidelines offered

A systematic approach to supplemental feeding can help cattlemen maintain the condition of their beef herds while keeping a handle on costs.

Supplemental feeding is necessary since cattle can only store protein and minerals in limited amounts, according to a beef cattle specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

However, he suggests implementing only if increased performance will more than offset the cost or if it's necessary for humane treatment of cattle.

He offers the following general guidelines:

Allow cows to graze selectively. The forage they actually consume will be slightly more digestible and contain more protein than the average of all forage in the pasture. Overstocking eliminates the potential for selective grazing and greatly increases the need for, and the expense of, supplementation. On the other hand, many pastures must be supplemented, regardless of the amount of forage, for satisfactory animal performance.

Keep out year-round a good salt plus 8-12 percent phosphorous and calcium mineral mix. An exception might be where phosphorous is supplies by protein and energy supplements.

Begin protein supplementation before cows lose a lot of weight and condition. A killing frost is a definite signal to start in the fall. Protein would also be beneficial during drought periods when grass is dry and tough. It's cheaper to save condition in late summer and fall than it is to feed a poor cow back into shape during late winter.

Adequate protein is essential for normal feed or energy intake and digestion. Adding one-half to one and a half pounds of a 30 to 40 percent protein supplement to low quality forages — those with less than 6 percent crude protein — can increase forage intake as much as 30 to 60 percent and digestion 6 to 12 percent. Such supplementation where forage quality is plentiful can turn a drastic weight loss into an acceptable loss or maintenance situation.

Energy in one to two pounds of a high-energy supplement may slightly stimulate digestibility (1 to 3 percent) and intake (5 to 10 percent) of poor forages. However, levels above 10 to 12 percent of the diet (two to three pounds per 1,000 pounds of live weight) will generally slightly depress forage digestibility and have a substitution rather than a supplementary effect on total energy intake.

The best way to handle energy-deficient situations is to manage to stay away from them. Improve hay quality. Control calving seasons so quality forage is available when cows and calves need it most. Use fertilization and limited supplementation to be sure cows are in good condition starting the winter, thus greatly reducing heavy seasonal supplementation.

If cows are getting too poor, feed higher levels of supplement or get ready to pay the price of a reduced calf crop and lower weaning weights. This same substitution effect exists where hay is used to supplement pasture.

Use one to two pounds of a high-protein, high-energy supplement to help cattle clean up dead grass in the fall before it rots. Then really haul out hay as the total feed. Don't tease them with a third to half feed of hay as it will depress pasture use. Remember that a pasture is used up long before the last bite is gone.

Look ahead and try to stay out of situations calling for high levels of supplementation — it's seldom profitable. On the other hand, a little supplement (even a lot) at the right time can be a profitable management tool.

Broadcast brush methods effective during winter

COLLEGE STATION — Ranchers now have an arsenal of broadcast brush control methods that can be used year-round. So the winter months are often a good time to attack brush.

"Broadcast methods include both chemical and mechanical treatments that can be effective this time of the year," according to Dr. Tommy Welch, range brush and weed control specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

Broadcast chemical treatments involve the use of pelleted herbicides — picloram and tebuthiuron.

Tebuthiuron pellets, says Welch, provide excellent control of post oak, blackjack oak, sand shinnery oak, Mohrs shinoak, Bigelow shinoak, running live oak, winged elm, whitebrush, blackbrush, creosotebush, tarbush, cenizo and whitehorn acadia.

Picloram pellets can be used for both individual plant treatment and broadcast application. They provide good control of pricklypear, huisache (small undisturbed plants), redberry juniper (cedar), Macartney rose, hawthorne, sumac, willow baccharis and whitebush.

"These pelleted herbicides have several advantages over liquid foliarapplied chemicals," Welch says, "Drift is minimal and the pellets may be applied over a longer period of time and a wider range of growth conditions than liquid herbicides. Also, the pellets are ready to apply and do not require mixing."

Broadcast mechanical methods of brush control include root plowing, chaining and roller chopping, and all work well during the winter months, says the specialist.

"Because root plowing is expensive, it's best used on sites with high production potential," advises Welch. "A root plow with this blades will keep turf damage to a minimum. Root plowing is most efficient when there is enough soil moisture to allow the plow to pass through the soil with reduced resistance."

Welch suggests seeding a forage species following root plowing.

Chaining involves a heavy anchor chain pulled by caterpillars. Chaining uproots and breaks off brush plants and is considered a temporary control because of resprouting. However, chaining may enable grasses to make sufficient growth to use prescribed burning as a follow-up treatment, says the specialist

Chaining can also be used effectively as a follow-up to areas treated with herbicides. For example, the most effective control of mesquite may be obtained by chaining an area three years after a herbicide treatment, Welch says. This allows time for roots to die and decay.

Chaining during late fall and winter provides good results, the specialist notes, because the dormant and brittle mesquite plants break up easily. If soil moisture is high, many of the previously sprayed plants wil be uprooted, thus removing the bud zone from the soil to prevent resprouting.

Roller chopping is also a temporary method of brush control because of the resprouting problem, points out Welch. However, it can reduce a brush stand to allow grass to grow. With sufficient grass growth, prescribed burning may be used as a follow-up treatment.

"With these broadcast methods of brush control — either chemical or mechanical — a brush management program may be developed around control measures almost anytime during the year," notes Welch.

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I Love you,
J.W. Blocker II

Dear Santa -
How are you doing? Santa, I want a choo-choo train, a KITT car, an 18-wheel truck, and a little puppy dog. I have been a good boy this year. I love you very much.
I Love You -
Eric David Ponder
P.S. We moved this year but the post office has our new address.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please Santa bring me some boots. Bring Mrs. Merritte a pretty dress. And bring my sister some skates. And bring by brother boy boots. Bring my dad a new t.v. thank you.
I love you,
Miguel Ortiz Jr.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please may you bring me these. Return of the Jedi Jabba-the Hutt and a White Jump suit with not any pockets or patches a Buck Rogers star Fihgter Hellmet. And a At.At. Ewok village. Have a Merry Christmas.
Love
Andy Meek

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me same toys. I like Chrismes because Santa brings me and my brother and my mother and I bot her a teddy bear for a present. Thank you.
Love,
Justin Green

Bear Santa,
I want a bike and a blue suit and a Berbie pool and a game colled. Operation and some Berbies and Atari 500 and some games to go with it and some new clothes and Baby skanes.
I Love you, from
Leslie, Wagner

Dear Santa Clus
Pleas bring me a doll and a bike and a baby Skates and a School clothes and a big Strawberry Shortcake and a pair of Shoes and a Barbie doll.
I love you Santa Clus
Abigal Sanchez

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a 4 by 4. and Luke Sky Walker. and Night rider. and He-men. and a game Donkey kong Jr. and a Buck Rogers.
Thank you.
I love you
Richard Nguyen

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring a barbie doll and a Baby skates and a bike and a pair of skates and a pair of mittens and a Barbie Twirl and a pair of shoes and a dress.
Thank you.
I Love you Santa Claus,
Valenia Thomas.

Dear Sant Claus,
Please
I wish I had some new Clothes and A Baby Skates and A any doll and bring Mrs. Merritt beatiful car. Thank you your frand.
Love
Velma Torres

Dear Santa Claus
I want a train set and a ball and a watch and a dash and crash speed way I Love you
Jack Sowers
7½

Dear Santa
I want a boll and a doll. dishs and bick I had been Good.
Dale Sowers
7 in a haf

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a barbie doll and some clothes to go with it and shoes and some clothes and a bike and a Baby skates strawberry shortcake doll Thank you
I love,
Janet Tran

Dear Santa
I have been a good little boy this yr. I would like a battery motorcycle or bike. toys and clothes.
I like y u you're swell!
Bye
Michael C. Chavez
Age 6

Dear Santa,
My Name is Leonard. I'm 10 yrs. old. I've been good this yr. We'll you please bring me a Bike, Remote Control Car, and some clothes.
Thank you
See you Soon!
Leonard Chavez

Dear Santa Claus,
I haven't been good lately but there are three things that I want. First, I have been asking my mom if I can have a bike but she never says yes so I want to ask you if I can have a bike. Then I would like for you to make this Christmas the happiest one of all. One last thing I wish, that I could find something to do to earn some money to buy my mom and dad, sister, brother, every one else and my teachers too, especially Mrs. Blaylock a present. One last thing, Merry christmas Santa Claus and every one else.
Your friend
Ty Nguyen

Dear Santa,
I want a Tod doll and a Care Bear. Well, that's about all.
I think you are a great Santa.
Love
Samantha Cassell

Dear. Santa Claus,
Please bring me a bike. would you please bring me a barbie ball too. Would you please bring me a Baby skate doll. Would you please bring me a Care Bear dall. Thank you!
I Love you,
Jamie Scott:

Dear Santa Claus,
plea bring me a Barbie Twirl and a Baby skates and some new shoes and strawberry shortcake and some new mittens and a picture of you a bottle of perfume Thanks you
I love you,
Jamie Dalton

Dear Santa Claus,
Please ing me a bike and a Return of the Jedi Jabba the Hutt and a Luke Sky Walker game and Please breg me a mulople game and breg me a a Ewack village
I Love you,
Bibiano Espinoza

Dear Santa claus,
I have been extremely good. I have been wanting sometings and here's what I want. I want a Def Leopard tape, a dimond back bike, camoe suit a remote control car, and a train set, I want more G.I. Joe men, Star War men, a remote control plane, a motorcycle, and a go cart. For my Mom I want a new car, a watch and a ring. I love my mom and I want to give her the best. goodby
Love
Erils Miller

Dear Santa,
I have a baby his name is JJ Please bring him lotes of toyes. Please bring me all the rest of the He mans and Skeleors Trap Jaw and bring my dad a tool kit and bring my mom some dress thank you.
Love,
C.J. Cady the III

Dear Santa
I'm 3 yrs. old I've been a good boy I want Dukes of Hazard car. Have a nice Christmas Santa.
Nathan

Dear Santa
I want a motorcycle, a Christmas tree, candy and nuts. I'm 4 yrs old. I go to school at Mother Goose Nursery. Merry Xmas.
Sundance

Dear Santa
I'm 3 yrs old. Would you bring me some presents. I've been a good girl.
Sara

Dear Santa
I'm 3 yrs old. Would you bring horse and thats all. I'm a good little boy.
Danny



By Tim Horton
Age 9

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good girl, and you are the best. I would like you to get me a gocart for Christmas or skater. I'll never forget you. I know that you love all the kids in the world. I wish Christmas would never go, I wish it could stay. But, we have to have Easter, Valentine, Thank'sgiven Day, and other holidays. I still like you. I like you. I like Christmas because ther are so many things and beautiful decorations that I like. Well, that is all I can say.
Love,
Ofelin

Dear Santa claus.
I have been extremely good and Hien has been extremely good too. I wish to have, a doll a candy and little pretty dresses for my doll. I put my christmas tree up at my house. We are ready. and you have a merry christmas and have a Happy New Years.
Sincerely
Pheung

Dear Santa
I would like a baby doll, a toy hair dryer. I've been a good girl.
Sabrina

Dear Santa Claus,
It's hard to believe that is is Christmas-time again. It seems as though it were yesterday that we were preparing for Christmas 1982.
Although I believe that I have been good this year I write to you not asking for myself. I ask that parents take the time this holiday season to give their children an "extra-special love." Perhaps it could simply be a kind comment or an unexpected hug.
As a parent I know this season is rushed and frantic, but shouldn't we stop and remember what it's really all about? Is not Christmas meant for children? As we look back over the past 2,000 years was not it the birth of a child that brought about this joyous season? The answer simply is yes.
So, I ask you to share the idea of genuine, unselfish love this season. Sometimes it is hard, I know, but it is not impossible!
Oh yes, Merry Christmas to you and yours.
Love,
Mrs. Blaylock

Dear Santa
Would you bring me a truck and a gun and bring my brother something. I been a good boy.
Eric

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been extremely good. I want a bike, another watch and a Barbie house for Christmas. I want a jogging suit, and another pair of Nike's This year I don't want a doll because I'm to big. I hope I can get what I want this year.
Sincerly,
Yvette Segovia

Dear Santa,
My Name is Louis Chavez I'm 10 yrs. old. I have been good this yr. We'll you bring me a bike, boots, toys, clothes.
Thank you,
See you soon!
Louis Chavez
10 yrs.

Dear Santa
I'm 5 years old. I want a toy teddy bear, a go car, toy tiger, and some little car and truck. I've been a good boy. Merry Christmas Santa.
Jesse

Dear Santa,
I wrote this letter to tell you what I would like for Christmas.
I would like a strawberry shortcake house, barbie, Strawberry Shortcake phone, smurf basket, blow up pool. But I wouldn't wan't to work your elf's to death good by
Your best friend,
Rachel Stroman

Dear Santa,
I wrote this letter to tell you what I would like for Christmas.
I hardly ever get to see you, anyway here is what I would like, he-man, (1) record, shirt, pants, 4x4, donkey kong video game, But I wouldn't like to work your elf's to death.
By the way how is roudolf, dancer, prancer, vicson, dasher, and yourself. Well I Hope you all are doing fine and having fun keep your noses warm and write soon.
Love,
John Benoit

Dear Santa,
I want a toy electric bike, and a key chain, and crayolas, and a dot to dot Coloring book. and a new 4 by 4 record.
Thank you, Santa.
Matthew

Dear Santa
If you think I have been good. Bring me Atari, He-man, castle, shirttals, chipmmonk's van, retern of the Jetie, Room, and magic corn. Sents I barely have any toys I want a lot of presents - spider man because you spent, oh most all of your money I just wish you would give me a snack.
Love
Jesse

Dear Sant Clous
Plese
1 I wish for a bike
2 and Quiet Riot album
3 Def Leperd aldum and
4 Return of the Jedi bigthang
5 of crayons markers and Luck skywalker
6 school shoes pack rat shoe
Thank you from Gary
I Love you,
Sant Clous

Dear Santa,
This year my brothers, sister and I don't want much. With all the needy children around let them have a very, very mery christmas.
We just want some stuffed animals for each of us (one each). May be some clothes, also.
We also want peace on earth and happiness for us all. God Bless you. Merry Christmas
All our Love
Tanya, Tommy, Esther-Marie & Johnny Longoria

Dear Santa
My name is Karri. I'm 4 years old. I want a Barbee doll and house bring my a little dolly. We've been good. Merry Christmas Santa.
Karri

Dear Santa,
I want a Donkey Kong tape, and three 4 by 4s. Please get a Frogger tape, and a new key for mine and my brother's toy box. And a new record.
Love,
Darrell Waller

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been very good.
I left you a good snack to eat.
I'll let it be a surprise.
I left a big sack of hay for your deer.
For rodolph tell him he can turn off his nose. My sister wants a pair of skates. I want a new atari 5200.
My brother wants a big stereo cassette set. Our tree is very nice. My little sister has been eating all the candy canes off the tree. Well, have a nice trip!
love
Mary Ann Lewis

Dear Santa,
I have been good all year long. I am only 3 yrs. old and I stay home with my mom all day. So this is what I want. A doll in the Walker, baby skates, baby that way, and some clothes. A purse, and some colors with coloring book.
Thank you,
Heather Renee Garza

Santa
I Love You. Please bring Me. Walkie talkies, batteres, Romote car
Jamey Wood

Dear Santa:
There are only three things I want for Christmas
(1) My daddy back
(2) 3 wheeler with a motor
(3) Bulldozer
Santa you have a very Merry Christmas and happy New Year
Love
Raymond James Appel

Dear Santa,
I want a Doll
I want a fishI pole
I waht a Stroller
Brandi Rouquette

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been extremely good. So, will you bring toys for me. If you will just bring a few, like Barbie's and other kinds of dolls. Can you send some pictures of you to me. I wish I could come to see you some day. I wish I had a big desk to do my homework. But I don't think I need candies for Christmas. But what I want most of all is snow flakes because I have never seen snow. I want to get some other toys for my little brothers and sisters. Another favorite thing of mine is books. I read a lot but I don't have any books at home. My work at school is not that hard. I am in fourth grade and I wish I could pass. I love Santa Claus. Merry Christmas Santa claus.
Yours truly,
Hien Pham

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a 6 by 6, a shirttales, Castal gray skull, a Mucheche, Atari, a 3-wheeler, a CareBear, a bike, a race track, a He-man, an smurf.
Love
Randy Nguyen.

Dear Santa
I'm 4 years old. I want some candy canes and some presents. I love you Santa.
Tom

Dear Santa claus
I want a diamond back bike and a casset player withe ear phones and a casset it's journey fronters and a soccer ball and a return of the jedi luke and r.2 D.2 and a space ship of luke.
From
Robert Solis

Dear Santa
Santa would you bring me a toy donald duck, Mickey Mouse and bring Mommie and daddy something.
Jon

Dear Santa,
All I want for christmas is Master Charge and Diamonds.
I think if I have those two things I can get anything else I want.
I will settle for a strawberry shortcake bicycle and some dolls.
I would like to have a strawberry shortcake Berry nice house also.
I would love to have a cabbage patch doll, but I would never forgive myself if you got hurt getting one for me.
Love
Heaven Denise Wells
P.S. My Monny typed this or else you would not be able to read it.
P.S.S. The cookies and milk will be under the tree.

Dear Santa,
I have been good all year long and I have made good grades in school I also do my share of the work at home so, please santa, cold you send me this toys, an atari, Barbie car with a remote control, bake oven, a watch, a baking book, and some barbie doll - with clothes, and some clothes for me.
Thank you,
Jennifer Garza
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
I want the castle gray skull and I want a 4 by 4 and a go-cart and an Atari and a trunck. I wish my sister's leg hills up.
Love,
Timothy John Kennedy

Dear Santa,
I can't wait until you come to see me on Christmas Eve. I've been especially good this year So I think I'll see you on Christmas eve. I want a lot of things so I hope you can fit it into your sled. Please don't forget my brother. O.K.! So here's what I want — Dollhouse, T.V. set, radio, Smurf, Doll, care bear, and a record player.
Love,
Kellie Nowotny

Dear Santa
I would like these things for Christmas a pair of roller skates size 5½ and a peice of wood carved into a dog painted black and white.
I would like a remte control car and boat. I would like to get my guitar out of layaway at WAL-MART in Aransas Pass and a AM FM radio earphones.
Sincerely
From Tim Horton

Dear Santa claus
I want a bike
I want a heman and a Return of the Jedi.
from
Ronald Solis

Dear Santa Claus
I have been a good boy. I an 4 years old. I want a diesal truck, & a Lego building set & Hot Wheels cars & some boats & some jeeps & race car & race track & a wrecker & 2 motorcycles & motorcycle trailer & an Atari video game with a Pacman game & horsey & horsey trailer & a horsey diesal truck. Also some pictures to hang on the wall for mama. and a football game & a little basketball game.
Love
West
I Love Santa Claus & he loves me too.

Dear Santa,
I want a 2600 Atari, a 4 by 4, a candy cane, a chipmonk, and a sled, and a ShirtTile.
Love,
Darrell Waller

Dear Santa,
I wish I had A race Track. do not Forget my mom and my Dad. and do not Forget my bruthers and do not Forget my sister. and I hag you cam These things
love
Aaron

Dear Santa,
Please, Santa, bring me a ga-cat't, bring me a 4 dy 4, and 3 wellre and a pfrel dicke a modsickl and a he man.
Loue,
Hector

Dear Santa,
I be good. You can bring sume toys to me. Dear Santa, can you bring some toys to me. I like you. I love you, Mom, to bring some presents to me.
I love Santa.
Rutilio Fuentes

Dear Santa,
I wish I had A race Track. do not Forget my mom and my Dad. and do not Forget my bruthers and do not Forget my sister. and I hag you cam These things
love
Aaron

Dear Santa,
I want a Care Bare, bicycle, Poochie stamp, and a 3-wheeler. I have been good enough to get a go cart becaues I have been a good girl. My mother, my Father, sisters, and brother have been good too.
Love
Bonnie

Dear, Santa Claus
Well my brother and me have been good and not so good but it has been a good year. I have an older sister named Tina Michell Elmore. She is real nice. She is 11 years old. She my brother and me have all been good and not so good. But Christmas is very fun. But realy I want you to at least leave a note in my Christmas stocking. Please! I have a colorin book called Christmas Toys. It has you bears trees, singers, rabbits, kittens, just to name a few but it's cute, neat, and very pretty. (I love you very much.) I would like you to give at least 10 pieces of candy to each one of us Tina, my brother steve, and me.
I LOVE YOU
from Tammy

Dear Santa,
Hi! Santa, I'll bet you you're having fun!! Rihit! Well, I want to tell you something. Thank you for everythig you gave me.
Love,
Mick

Dear Santa Claus,
Please Dr. Kit Return of the Jedi Cartridges for Coleco Vision and a At-At. Thank you.
I Love you
Marc Brock

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a little BMX bike, an atari game - with cartridges - and a collection of HE-MAN. I tried to be a very good boy, but it's hard to, when you have 2 big brothers like mine. Merry Christmas Santa.
Love From,
J.J. Avila
P.S. Please bring my Mom a round-trip ticket to Dallas. She's been very good to me.

Dear Santa,
Will you bring us toys and presents and a Poochie of him? I have been good yet for a care Bear. I will buy my sister for her Baby a rattle, and my other sister. I will buy her a Smurf and my other sister, I will buy her a Smurf and I Will buy mom and Dad care Bear.
Mary Nguyen Love
I Love you Santa,

Dear Santa Claus,
boy horse and Baby Skates school clothes and big Strawberry Shortcake a bog of stickers school box and crayons get my mom some perfume dresses boots and shirt
I Love you Santa
Christine Grupe

Dear Santa,
I wish I will have a toy in my stocking. One Christmas I wish I would get a 3-wheeler when I get 12. One Christmas will you get me a race trac?
Love,
Neal Wiley

Dear Santa,
I want a Poochie doll, and one more present, that is the best gift. It is a doll house. Send me a card on Christmas day, and this is what it will say, Marry Christmas and a happy new year
Love
Nina

Dear Santa,
I am waiting for some toys. I want a bike and shirt-Tales. Bring my sister my little pony house, pink pony, gray pony. Bring my mom a coat and shoes, and shirt. Bring my Dad a coat.
Love,
Marlene

Dear Santa,
I wish I could see you and I Wand a Care Bear. I shood see you and I Love you, Santa. Oh, and I'll be good! Oh, my mom and Dad are fine, too, and my brothers are fine, too and so are my friends.
Love
Jamie Gonzales

Cold means more medicine

The consumer alert

By JIM MATTOX
Attorney General

AUSTIN — With the cold and flu season upon us, it's probably a good time to talk about the use of prescription and over-the-counter drugs.

If your doctor prescribes some medicine, be sure to mention what other drugs you are taking. For example, you may be taking some kind of medication for allergies, heart trouble, diabetes or high blood pressure. If the doctor prescribing the new medicine does not know about your other drug use, you could get some medicine that would produce harmful side effects when mixed with your old medicine.

Of course, you should always inform your physician about any known drug allergies before medicine is prescribed.

Always ask your doctor or pharmacist for specific instructions on taking the medicine. Should you take it with or without food? Are there fods you should avoid when taking this medicine? Some drugs interact badly with milk prodcuts. Others do not mix well with antacids. There are some drugs you should not take with orange juice.

If the prescription says "take four times per day," does not mean exactly every six hours, or only when you are awake? If the instructions are complex, ask the doctor or pharmacist to write them down. This is especially important if you are taking several different medicines.

You should never take medicine that has been prescribed for someone else. Likewise, you should not give your own prescription medicine to another person. You may not have the same illness and you may not react similarly to the drugs.

Doctors usually advise their patients to take all of the prescription to insure the problem has been totally corrected. You should not keep leftover medicines for long. After a certain length of time, most drugs lose their potency.

If you have children in the house, you probably will want to have child-proof caps on your medicine. If you have no children, you can request the pharmacist to put regular caps on your prescriptions.

Brand name drugs are frequently more expensive than their generic equivalents. Unless your physician directs otherwise, your pharmacist may substitute a less expensive equivalent drug for a brand name medicine, whenever such an equivalent exists. Your pharmacist is required by law to inform you if a generic drug has been substituted and you have a right to refuse such substitution.

If you take a physician's prescribed medicine for several days and have no relief from your symptoms, check with the doctor again. Perhaps he or she will want to prescribe a new medicine.

On non-prescription drugs, you should read the label before buying to make sure this is the proper medication for your symptoms. Always note such warnings as: "Caution, this drug may cause drowsiness." You may want to avoid operating your car or other machinery until you are sure that a particular drug does not make you a sleepy, dangerous operator.

If you have any questions about a particular medicine, call your pharmacist or your physician. Remember, you are a consumer of these products and you have a right to know.

If you have questions or need more information about any consumer protection matter, call your nearest Attorney General's office (in Austin, Dallas, El Paso, Houston, Lubbock, McAllen or San Antonio). The Attorney General's office is here to help you.



TAKING IT OVER. Bubba Casterline, left, representing Casterline Fish Co. in Fulton, receives the thanks of '83 United Fund Campaign Co-chairman Bob Ledbetter and UF President Joel Zapata for the $500 donation that put the '83 campaign over its $30,000 goal. The goal was exceeded by more than $350 as of last week, and UF Secretary Lois Gurley says a few donations are still outstanding.

Patman announces

Corps of Engineers hires firm for jetties

Congressman Bill Patman, D-Tx, has announced the Corps of Engineers signed a $13,246,744 contract with Misener Marine Construction of Tampa, Fla., for construction of two jetties at the mouth of the Colorado, at Matagorda.

The Corps announcement marks the first go-ahead on the long-disputed mouth of the Colorado River Project, which calls for construction of a navigation channel from the Gulf of Mexico to the Intracoastal Waterway and a diversion channel to put fresh water into Matagorda Bay.

A decision by the Corps in the 1970s not to build a Matagorda diversion channel set off a years-long deadlock with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and environmental groups. They argued that the river water is badly needed to enhance marine life and seafood production in the bay.

The two-phase project got underway in 1981, but later the Army engineers said they did not "consider it prudent to move ahead with the diversion channel component of the project at this time" because of budgetary restrictions.

Whether award of the $13.2 million project has resolved the diversion channel problem was not indicated, Patman said.

A&I sets spring registration

KINGSVILLE — The spring semester at Texas A&I University will officially begin with registration at Jan. 17 from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. in the Student Union Building.

Registration packets are available in the Registrar's Office, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Students may take a residual ACT examination on Jan. 12 at 8 a.m. The ACT is required for admission. Registration for the examination closes on Jan. 10. Students should contact the Counseling Center at 595-3301 for details and fee schedules.

Obituaries

Joseph Vance Barcot

ARANSAS PASS — Funeral services for Joseph Vance Barcot of Aransas Pass were conducted at 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, at the Episcopal Church of Our Savior in Aransas Pass with Rev. Robert DeWolfe officiating. Burial followed in the San Patricio Memorial Gardens.

Barcot, 9, died Tuesday, Dec. 20, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was a fourth grader at Kieberger School in Aransas Pass and was a member of the Episcopal Church of Our Savior.

Survivors include his mother, Priscilla Bruton Barcot of Aransas Pass; his father, Victor Barcot of Aransas Pass; his maternal grandparents, Dorothy Long of Victoria and Robert Bruton of Aransas Pass; and his paternal grandfather, Ante Barcot of Yugoslavia.

Marshall Funeral Home in Aransas Pass was in charge of arrangements.

William Henry Marshall

ARANSAS PASS — Funeral services for Rev. William Henry Marshall of Aransas Pass were conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, at the First United Methodist Church in Aransas Pass with Rev. Don Delaplain officiating. Burial followed in Aransas Memorial Park, the cemetery that was built and dedicated in honor of Marshall and his wife, Rosa.

Rev. Marshall, 88, died Tuesday morning, Dec. 20, in a Corpus Christi hospital after a short illness. He had been a resident of Aransas Pass since 1975 and was a retired Methodist minister. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and was a 32nd degree Mason. He served Methodist churches in San Benito, Raymondville, Bishop, Sonora, La Grange, Devine, George West and Eldorado.

Survivors include his wife, Rosa C. Marshall of Aransas Pass; one son, Charlie Marshall of Aransas Pass; two daughters, Alta Mae Eardley of Carrizo Springs and Jeanie Shoup of Carlsbad, N.M.; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Marshall Funeral Home in Aransas Pass was in charge of arrangements.

Refugia Olivares Martinez

Funeral Mass for Refugia Olivares Martinez of Rockport was celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 23, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Rockport with Rev. Gregory Deane officiating. Burial followed in the Rockport Cemetery.

Mrs. Martinez, 75, died Tuesday, Dec. 20, in a Corpus Christi hospital. She had been a resident of Rockport for 23 years and was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Survivors include two sons, Deacon Ceprian Martinez and Severo Martinez Jr., both of Rockport; six daughters, Cicilia Zamudio, Refugia Lopez, Guadalupe Martinez and Marty Thomas, all of Rockport, Elena Fuentes of Skidmore and Margarita Salas of La Mesa; six brothers, Thomas Olivares of Sandia, Beanacio Olivares, Toribio Olivares, Claro Olivares, Cicilio Olivares and Librado Olivares, all of Mathis; five sisters, Benina Gutierrez, Ylaria Martinez, Candida Olivares, all of Mathis, Santos Chacon of Natilla and Matalla Martinez of Belton; 35 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Marshall Funeral Home in Rockport was in charge of arrangements.

Debate on schools termed "healthy sign"

KINGSVILLE — The current debate about the condition of education in this country is "a most healthy sign" Texas A&I University President Billy J. Franklin told graduates, parents and friends at the institution's winter commencement exercises Friday, Dec. 16.

"The mere fact that politicians, business leaders, parents and educators are engaging in debate and analysis helps to re-establish education as a priority at all levels," he said.

"While many of the criticisms of our schools and colleges are well founded, others reflect little understanding of what formal education is, can be, or should be."

"It is clearly inexcusable," Franklin declared, "for a high school, college, or university to confer a diploma or degree upon an individual who can't read or reads only at the most elementary level; an individual incapable of basic mathematical computations; an individual whose ability to communicate verbally and in writing renders them virtually incapable of functioning as a productive member of society. Even one such occurence is too many," he emphasized.

The debate, he said, "reflects a broad reawakening to the values of education." The basic integrity of the educational enterprise must not be undermined, Franklin added.

Higher education he said, makes a difference at both the individual and societal levels. "It provides economic advantage for the individual. More importantly, however, it makes a difference in the quality of life which we all are able to enjoy and it plays a critical role in a nation's strategic advantage in the international marketplace."

Assertions that "we are over-educating our population," he added, "reflect a glaring ignorance of the future we face, where the most precious capital in the structure of the economy will be human capital — mind power."

He congratulated the 282 graduates and pledged that Texas A&I would "strive diligently to uphold standards of performance of which they would be proud."

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