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Disaster Assistance Center Sets Up To Aid County Storm Victims

By Pat Blair

A Disaster Assistance Center to aid individuals and businesses in the wake of the September 19 flood opened Friday, September 28 in Aransas Pass.

Ten agencies have facilities in the Center to provide assistance to residents of Aransas and San Patricio counties.

The Center, located in the VFW Hall, 620 Wheeler in Aransas Pass, will be open from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays. On Sundays, the Center will be open from 1 p.m. until 7 p.m.

Agencies involved include the Small Business Administration, the Internal Revenue Service, the American Red Cross, Salvation Army and Legal Aid.

Also in the Center will be FEMA, an agency to provide temporary housing; the Department of Human Resources which is responsible for individual and family grants and the food stamp program; and representatives of the Texas Employment Commission who can provide information on unemployment insurance.

Representatives will also

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AND IN HERE . . .

County commissioners took a tour through the juvenile shelter Wednesday morning as part of their county building inspection duties. Pictured here, from left, are J.M. Spriegel, Sheriff Bob Hewes, Erie Eller and Ray Longino. (Pilot Photo by Sarah L. Durdin)



JOHN MITCHELL

Four Local Artists Featured In Book On Texas Gulf Coast

Four artists who live and/or work extensively in the Rockport area are among nine Texas artists whose work is featured in "The Texas Gulf Coast" which is now being sold to help raise funds for the local ambulance service.

First editions of the new book are on sale now at Live Oak State Bank at the regular price of $29.95. The bank will donate $11.98 of each sale to Aransas County Medical Services Inc.

Local artists whose works are featured are Al Barnes, Herb Booth, John P. Cowan and Harold Phenix.

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Mitchell Enjoys What He Does

By Pat Blair

"Enjoying what you do makes a difference," John Mitchell observed during a recent interview in his office at Rockport's First National Bank.

He was explaining how he finds time to be active in all the civic and public affairs he's involved in.

He's president of the Arnasas County Medical Services Inc. He's a member of the Aransas County Independent School District Tax Board of Equalization, a member of the Rockport Board of Adjustment, a director of the Aransas County Water Conservation and Reclamation District.

And those are just some of his current memberships. He's served as a Chamber of Commerce director...as president of the Aransas County United Fund...as past president of the Texas Shrimp Association and National Shrimp Congress...as president of the Rotary Clubs of Rockport and Corpus Christi...

So how does he find time?

"The first thing," he said, "is interest. And the second thing is, every place I've worked has been generous in letting me take time to do these things. And a lot of these things don't get done during working hours," he added.

Mrs. Mitchell helps too, he said. "She's been a great help and never complained about the extra hours it (Mitchell's involvement in civic affairs) took." He and Mrs. Mitchell, he said, have been married 45 years.

A native of Galveston, Mitchell attended four years of college at the University of Texas, including two years of arts and sciences and a year of law before leaving college in 1933.

He then went to work for Southern Alkali Corporation--now Pittsburgh Plate Glass, Chemical Division--in Corpus Christi, as plant statistician and first aid instructor.

This was during the Depression, and Mitchell recalled, "jobs were few and far between in those days."

He stayed with Southern Alkali three years, then in 1936 took a job as manager of the marine division, San Antonio Machine and Supply Company in Corpus Christi. He worked at this job until 1964 when he came to Rockport as general manager and vice president of Rockport Yacht and Supply Company (RYSCO).

Mitchell's career with San Antonio Machine and Supply was interrupted by World War II. He served from 1942 to 1946 in the Army Corps of Engineers. He was commissioned a first lieutenant in 1942 and in 1953 was commissioned a Lieutentant in the Retired Reserves.

He served 20 years with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, including two terms as District Commodore of the 8th U.S. Coast District Auxiliary. He is now permanent member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Mitchell was with RYSCO from 1964 to 1973, involved in steel vessal construction, and during his tenure with the company was a member of the Steel Vessel Builder's trade organization, South Atlantic and Gulf area. He is a past president of that organization.

In 1976, he accepted his present position as marketing director of First National Bank, where he is "principally assisting in development of new business for the bank," he said.

One of the things he enjoys about his association with First National, he said, is that the bank "has always been active in community affairs. That's something I've been involved in all my life."

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Meek Joins First National Bank As PR Representative

Don Meek, retired Air Force pilot who later served 11 years as a pilot with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Rockport, has been appointed a public relations representative for First National Bank, James H. Sorenson Jr., bank president, announced Monday.

At the bank he will be associated with John P. Mitchell Jr., and Gerry Kleypas, with special emphasis on customer relations, Sorenson added.

Meek, who moved to Rockport in 1965 following his retirement from the Air Force as a major after 22 years service, was born in Greencastle, Indiana.

He attended Indiana Business College in Indianapolis until he joined the Air Force in 1942 as an enlisted man. He was commissioned after attending an officers' training course and graduated from the Air University with a degree in International Relations.

During his career as an Air Force pilot he served a combat tour of duty in Korea in 1951 and 1952. Also, while assigned to the Strategic Air Command he served a number of brief tours of duty abroad.

Medals awarded Meek

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Pilot Sightings

ROBERT YARDELL returning from a trip to Colorado and a World War I balloon reunion in Salt Lake City, Utah. . . **SUE BOWLES** fixing some quick lunchtime sandwiches. . . **JEANNE RUTLEDGE and MELANIE STEPHENS** getting pretty crabby, and right in the bank's lobby at that. . .

MIKE ROTHROCK answering county commissioners' questions moments before being approved as county agent. . . **JACK RAST** talking about Seafair activities and plans for next weekend. . . **GENE YARBROUGH** bringing by a list of tricks the water skiers at Seafair will be performing. . .

JOEY GARCIA lining up his eighth grade football players for a photo shooting session, no one was seriously injured. . . **BOBBIE MOCK, TAMMY WENDLAND, MICHELLE LE BLANC, LEE ANNA CASSEL, MONA COWEN and VICKI JAMES** dashing off to the football game. . .

BLANCHE HARRIS getting all her belongings packed up for her move to Sherman, Texas. . . County commissioners **RAY LONGINO, ERIE ELLER and J.M. SPRIEGEL** taking a look-see around the juvenile shelter, the tour being led by Sheriff **BOB HEWES**. . .

Charter Election Called

The following letter will be mailed with copies of the proposed city charter to all qualified voters living in Rockport in October. The complete text of the charter is on page

September 24, 1979

Honorable Walter Falk
Mayor of the City of Rockport
City Hall
Rockport, Texas 78382
Re: Home Rule Charter, City of Rockport, Texas
Dear Mayor Falk:

The Charter Commission of the City of Rockport, duly elected by the qualified voters of the City on January 20, 1979, is pleased to submit the original copy of the Home Rule Charter for the City of Rockport as drafted by the Commission.

The articles contained in the proposed Charter were thoroughly investigated and discussed by the members of the Commission over the past eight months. During that time, we sought and received advice and suggestions from professionals in city management, persons experienced in developing city charters, the City Council of the City of Rockport, the Texas Municipal League, and from various citizens in our and other communities.

In accordance with the statutes of the State of Texas, we request that you designate Saturday, November 6, 1979, as the date on which this Home Rule Charter is to be submitted to the qualified voters for adoption or rejection, and further request that you direct the City Secretary to mail a copy of the Charter to each qualified voter of the City of Rockport not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date designated for submission of the Charter to the voters.

We unanimously commend this Charter to the citizens of Rockport and recommend its adoption on November 6, 1979. It is our belief that adoption of this Charter will be in best interest of all the citizens of Rockport and will permit our city government to operate in a more efficient and effective manner.

We appreciate the cooperation which we have received from you, members of the City Council, and the City staff during our work in drafting this Charter. We further request that a copy of this letter of transmittal be made a part of the proposed Charter when it is mailed to all the qualified voters of the City of Rockport.

Respectfully submitted,
Charter Commission
City of Rockport

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Early Donation Still A Laughing Matter

By Sarah L. Durdin

"I don't know why, I just asked who I should make the check out to, and then wrote it out. Peggy (Bloch) told me later that everyone's mouth just dropped when she told them it was for $1000. She said they all thought it would be a $10 check," Blanche Harris said.

The memory of surprising members of the Aransas County Medical Services, Incorporated Womens Committee still makes her laugh.

"And did you know, just a week later I had a wreck when a drunk ran into my car, and I needed the paramedics," she adds. "So I felt like I had made the donation at just the right time."

One of the early members of the Women's Committee, Mrs. Harris joined in 1974 when Gladys McMillan was president of the group. She said she and Mrs. McMillan realized the need for more social activity within the group, so they started the monthly luncheons. The first luncheons saw about 15 members gathering at the Little Bay Club. Since then membership in the group has grown to over 300, and the luncheons are now held at the Cattlemen's Bayhouse at the Racquet Club.

The workshop and the Flea Market were also the creations of early members, all for the purpose of assisting the Emergency Medical Services paramedics and to start a medical center in Aransas County.

A $250,000 grant from the Sid Richardson Foundation, on the condition that members match the funds, was the original impetus to the group, and since then they have been busy organizing sales and bazaars to raise the money.

Originially from Quero, Texas, Mrs. Harris has been swimming right along with the group, and her Mineral Wells nickname

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BLANCHE HARRIS

Notable Notes

FM 881 Now Open To Traffic

Farm to Market Road 881 is now open to traffic between FM 136 and FM 1069, State Highway Department officials have announced.

The section of highway has been closed since June 1 due to bridge construction across Port Bay.

Presbyterian Rap Sessions

Senior High Youths of the First Presbyterian Church will have a rap session each Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m., under the direction of adult leaders, working with the youth planning team. Leading the rap session will be Forrest and Joan Haskell, Bobby Jackson, Jerry Brundrett, John Brown, Ron Roe, Scott McMillan, Kathy Smith and Tammy Stephens.

Clayton Showing

Alexander Clayton will be sponsoring an exhibition of his works at the Little Bay Club September 30 to October 7, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. Fifteen per cent of Clayton's fee for portraits commissioned or sold during the exhibition will be donated to the Aransas County Medical Services, Inc., and will be tax deductible.

Extension Homemaker Club

Homemakers who want to organize an Extension Homemakers Club in the Rockport-Fulton area are invited to attend a meeting at 10 a.m. Wednesday, October 3, at Travel Trailer Haven on Highway 35 North in Fulton.

Gumbo Entry Deadline

Gumbo cooks who wish to participate in the Rockport Seafair World Championship Cookoff must have their entries in by October 1, in order to get a cooking booth. Entry fee is $12.50, and provides the cook with a 7½x10 foot booth for one day of competition. Two adjoining spaces may be purchased for $25. Call Ed Setterbo, 729-6827, for more details.

Navigation District Meeting

Commissioners for the Aransas County Navigation District will hold their monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. October 2, at the Navigation District office.

Young Life Meeting

Members of Young Life will meet from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. October 1 at the Aransas County Woman's Club Building on Austin Street. All high school students are invited to attend the meeting.

County Commissioners

Aransas County Commissioners will hold their regular meeting at 9 a.m., Wednesday, October 3, at the county courthouse.

School Week Open House

Rockport Elementary School will hold open house for parents and patrons of the school district on Tuesday, October 2, at 7 p.m. Children's work will be on display in all classrooms and parents are encouraged to attend the school and meet their children's teachers.

Live Oak Open House

Live Oak Elementary School will hold its annual open house at 7 p.m. Monday, October 1. A PTO meeting will precede the open house, and PTO officers will be introduced and plans for the coming year discussed. The faculty of Live Oak will be introduced and parents will have an opportunity to visit their children's rooms.

Seafair Needs Cars

Seafair is putting out a call for open cars to use in the Saturday, October 6, parade. Cars will be used to transport dignitaries in the parade. Drivers will be furnished if desired. Anyone who has an open car he or she is willing to lend for the parade is asked to call Land Parade Chairman Bob Bernardy at 729-1886, or the Seafair office at 729-3312.

Shriners Dinner

The Aransas Pass Shrine Club will have its monthly meeting October 10, at the Sea Gun Restaurant. Past presidents of the club will be honored and all members are urged to attend. Social hour begins at 6:30 p.m. with dinner following at 7:30 p.m. For reservations call Dave Gruber, Rockport, 729-6688, or H.H. Taylor, Aransas Pass, 758-2218. Reservations must be made as early as possible, but not later than October 9.

Blair's Corner

By Pat Blair

One of the more fascinating benefits of working for a newspaper is the mail you get.

For example, do you know when the first speeding ticket was issued? According to the Texas Office of Traffic Safety, it was in 1902 to T.H. Shevlin of Minnesota, who was fined $10 for going over 10 miles per hour.

And while we're on the subject of driving, also according to the TOTS, people traveled more than 102 billion vehicle miles in Texas in 1978.

For real trivia buffs, there's the news that the longest bicycle in the world is the "Vestergaard multipede" built in Denmark in 1976. It is 72 feet long, weighs 2,600 pounds and seats 35 riders.

Of course, the Texas Office of Traffic Safety isn't our only supplier of this type of information.

According to a recent release from the National Wildlife Federation, the glass "snake" isn't a snake at all-it's a legless lizard. One way to tell the difference, says the NWF, is to watch the eyes. Lizards have eyelids; snakes don't.

If it winks at you, it's a lizard.

Also according to the NWF, the world's smallest fox is the fennec, a desert dweller that grows only 12 to 18 inches long. But its ears grow to a length of four inches or more.

And then there are these tidbits gleaned from various sources in the mail:

Birds don't sing to entertain us. Most early spring songs are actually an announcement of a claim on nesting areas. And birds also have the highest body temperatures of all creatures--between 104 and 110 degrees Fahrenheit.

Polar bears don't hibernate. They stay awake during the long Arctic winter and hunt.

A hippopotamus has a stomach 10 feet long which holds 400 to 500 pounds of food.

I used to get a lot of "junk" mail at my house that would, occasionally, provide these kinds of tidbits.

The junk mail didn't follow my last move, however, so now I'm not receiving those mysterious envelopes with the writing across the front that proclaims, "This is your last chance! If you don't open this envelope, you'll regret it!" (I never bothered opening those anyway.)

The ones I always did--and do--hasten to open are the ones that announce, "You may have already won one million dollars!" Of course, when you do get to the contents, they turn out to be a magazine offer. I used to subscribe to the magazines just for the chance at the sweepstakes prizes. I don't do that anymore.

Now I take seriously the part about "no purchase necessary to win" and send in my hopefully-winning tickets--without the subscription request.

But occasionally, something comes along that I simply can't refuse.

For example, a couple of years ago, I got this envelope in the mail that asked me, "What has eight eyes and eats its mate after mating?"

Figuring it was some type of spider, I opened the envelope to see what was inside. The answer was--the praying mantis!

Well, after that I was hooked. I immediately sent in my check for a year's membership in the American Museum of Natural History, which is who the envelope was from. I mean, who can refuse a year's subscription to a magazine that promises to tell you all about the lifestyle of a praying mantis?

Just think how this kind of knowledge can liven up the next party you attend.

"Love the hors d'ouevres, Sarah. You must give me the recipe. By the way, did you know the female praying mantis eats the male after mating? She just turns her head and. . . Sarah? Where are you going? Don't you want to hear about how you can tell the difference between lizards and. . . Sarah. . .

Check Antifreeze Registration

AUSTIN--Don't be caught out in the cold this winter with an antifreeze product unsuited to your needs, advises Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown.

By law, all antifreeze offered for sale in Texas must meet rigid performance standards and be registered by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). Brown noted that consumers may check to see if a particular brand of antifreeze is registered by calling the nearest TDA district office or the Weights and Measures Section in Austin at (512) 475-6577. He pointed out, however, that the Department will not give specific details about a product and will not endorse any brand.

Permit Requests

Application has been made to the Army Corps of Engineers by Houston Oil and Minerals Corporation, Houston for an extension on time to erect and maintain oil and gas drilling structures. Work is being done in Aransas Bay approximately two miles northeast of Rockport. Comments must be submitted to the District Engineer, P.O. Box 1229, Galveston, Texas 77553, on or before October 12.

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Application has been made to the Army Corps of Engineers by Anadarko Production Company of Houston for an extension on time to install a pipeline in Corpus Christi Bay approximately eight miles southwest of Ingleside. Comments must be submitted to the District Engineer, P.O. Box 1229, Galveston, Texas 77553, on or before October 17.

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Application has been made to the Army Corps of Engineers by the City of Port Aransas for an extension on time to complete realignment of a 500-foot bulkhead in Corpus Christi Ship Channel in the Port Aransas Municipal Boat Basin, Turtle Cove. Comments must be submitted to the District Engineer, P.O. Box 1229, Galveston, Texas 77553, on or before October 18.



SAILING, SAILING. . .

Water and boats just naturally go together—even if you are inside a drugstore at the time. When Roaten Drug Store was flooded by the September 19 rains, David Roaten, with a little time on his hands and no place to go, broke out a boat and succumbed to temptation. (Pilot Photo by Perry Carter)

Tides Of The Mind

by Sarah L. Durdin

There's really no way to start this column except to tell you that I have two brothers, although I once had three of them.

Steve was three years younger than I, the middle child stuck between a bossy older sister and younger twin brothers.

I was a skinny gawky kid, all arms, legs and awkward posture, but Steve was enormous. One of Daddy's friends used to call him Duke A-Mokey, after one of the wrestlers on late night Houston television. For awhile, Steve looked as round as he was tall. Part of the reason was that the only pants that fit his waist had legs that dragged the ground under his feet.

I can't even remember a time when he didn't have a baseball, football or basketball in his hand. He was slugging away in Little League from the time he was old enough to join, moving up from t-shirt to pony league. And although it's not official, the fat of his 99 and two-thirds yards touchdown is still chewed on in Richardson Sports Incorporated circles.

It was at a baseball game on a July night that he went into a coma.

Mama and I were visiting my grandmother then, to show off our new car. We had finally put the old station wagon out to pasture, and Mama decided that also meant the end of her days with a suburban matron image. So we got a red and silver Cougar that Steve christened "The Foxy Lady."

We were supposed to go back to Richardson the next day, except for the fact that Daddy called and asked to talk to me. He explained that Steve had been playing in a game, and after coming in off the field, had slumped over in the dugout and lost consciousness. An ambulance took him to the hospital, and while Steve seemed to improving, Daddy wanted us to come home that night anyway. Then he talked to Mama.

Even when Daddy talked to me I resisted the notion that anything would be impossible to correct. But when Mama was on the phone she started crying, and the only other time I've seen her cry is when her father died.

It's a four-hour trip between Brenham and Richardson but the way I remember it, the trip that night seemed to take three endless days and nights.

We arrived at the hospital at about three in the morning, and the blank look on the nurse's face when I asked about Steve should have told me something. I kept thinking that everything would be all right, Steve would be okay, and it wasn't too serious, until I saw the assistant pastor. That was the first real indication that this ride had no reverse gear. If God's full-time workers were having to work through the night, this was serious indeed.

Bill said Steve was "gone," and like a dummy, I thought he mean "gone" as in "gone home to the house on Shadywood Street." Mama caught on right away though.

The worst part of crying in the waiting room at the emergency entrance is that no one looks away. Everyone there has some miserable tale anyway, and after hanging around awhile, they all get basset-faced. And I guess watching someone else cry is a diversion from their own troubles.

Funeral stories are maudlin, so I'll skip mine, except for saying that until two days later, we didn't know WHY Steve had died. Do you have any idea what it's like to have a house full of flowers, an overflowing kitchen, and a trail of soggy tissues, and there's no reason for any of it?

An autopsy later showed that Steve had died from a cardiac arrest, the result of scar tissue on his heart from a virus. The scar tissue had never shown up in any of the physicals he'd had for all his sports, and why it turned up just then seemed terribly unfair.

What I remember most about the rest of the summer was feeling angry that Steve died. Not angry at Steve for dying, but just mad in general that he died at the age of 16. The differences in our ages and sexes had usually pitted us against each other in sibling battles, but by then we were starting to like each other as people rather than relatives. The upshot of it all was that I felt like I had been robbed on my way into a bank.

And even now, more than three years later, I still stop when I see Steve, only it's never him, just someone who looks like him.

Except for that July night, Steve would have been celebrating his 20th birthday Monday, October 1.

Happy Birthday, Babe. I still miss you.

Austin At Wharf

DELAYED BY ADVERSE WEATHER, WE ARE in our fourth day in Galveston. A trifle annoying but we are not unhappy, although the weather, in the 60's, is not altogether to our fancy. Wisely, we should have sailed two days ago but delayed in order to receive expected mail. At noon yesterday our plan was to sail early this morning but within a period of two hours the forecast changed, promising winds up to 25 knots and six to eight foot seas. This cruise is not a mission but for fun. We are not bent upon proving how rugged we might be. The forecast for tomorrow is more promising--but this is Texas and Texas weather.

Mildly, the Skipper has taken me to task for having said that our kind of cruising, under sail, is the only way. He has reminded me that there are those who enjoy it in power boats, but I can only half agree. Such people seldom cruise for any length of time, and then most, usually, in protected water. More, he disagrees that the Intracoastal is as boring as I have implied. He reminded me of the people we meet and a host of other diversions. There are parts of the waterway that are truly beautiful. But he is better educated than I, having sailed it from the Eastern Seaboard home to Texas.

THERE IS ANOTHER KIND OF CRUISING, familiar to a sizeable number of readers, cruise liners. The last issue of the Caller-Times to come our way carried a feature account of a Caribbean cruise ship, the 35,000 ton Festivale. We read it with a measure of amusement. But there is an old seafarer's saying, "different ships, different long splices," or what some may like, others may not. Aboard Karma we have no dinner chimes, no night clubs, no films, and we wait upon ourselves or each other, depending upon the circumstances of the moment. And blessedly, we have no schedule, no obligation to be anywhere at a given time or date. Early in my days in the Merchant Marine I served as a cadet in a passenger liner, the old Santa Lucia of the Grace Line. I could see little difference between my job and that of a flunky in a posh hotel. Not that I was miserable, but I wanted to go to sea. Nor was I envious of the first class passengers who by the end of three weeks were mostly at each other's throats, despite the dedicated efforts of a patient cruise director. At a resort hotel, guests can escape each other. Further, let me say from experience, any pleasure to be enjoyed from being at sea is lost in any vessel that moves through the water at more than ten knots. Half that is doubly pleasant. The liner cruiser will be perplexed. What is there to see at sea but the sea? The question will be asked in all sincerity.

NOT THE LEAST OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A competent cruise director is to attend that his charges do not encounter unpleasantries ashore, and he accordingly does his level best to attend that they do not wander far astray. A passenger with a propensity to see native life in native quarters is, at the least, a headache to him. I bear him no malice. His task is one for the most patient of men. Hiltons and Sheraton hotels are a godsent. Also, and fortunately for him, cruise passengers are seldom of adventurous bent. On the other hand, I am just as certain that they would not enjoy Karma more than Festivale.

Adventure? The cruise passenger would, I am confident, regard our past few days as less than boring. Certainly Galveston offers plenty in the way of sightseeing and the Flagstaff Hotel, I am sure, offers all the amenities of The Festivale, except the casino. However, the "adventurers" in Karma have scarcely been ashore. We have dinghied to a dock a couple of times to accomplish errands and twice dined with my son and his family. Very pleasant and enough.

Perhaps to illustrate, it is now mid-morning. Over coffee we have listened to the weather reports, listened and commented on the news, hoisted the ensign, doused the anchor light, checked gear on deck and discovered that after reaching our new anchorage last evening I forgot to put chafing gear on the anchor rode. And we have read, occasionally interrupting each other with comments, lightly philosophical or boat related. Our luncheon will not entice the cruise liner fan. It doesn't vary very much each day. The skipper has a propensity for peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. I go the peanut butter and sliced onion route. Nippy today, a bowl of hot soup may be in order. Dinner is usually the maitre d's invention of the day, consistent only in being a single course, although followed by fresh fruit, perhaps, and quite naturally preceded by a gentle libation. This we call the good life. But mistake me not. Ours is a love and appreciation for the finer things in life. Fine napery, gleaming silver, and superb food beautifully served, we enjoy to the full. Heaven forbid that such magnificence should ever become so banal to a cruising sailor as the tiresome appeal of peanut butter to the liner folk.-ahab



"Low Down" FROM THE Congressional Record

By JOE CRUMP



(A Column for Readers Who Haven't Time to Review the Congressional Record Daily)

REPRESENTATIVE HENRY B. GONZALEZ (Texas)"...I am very concerned about the problem of auto theft in our country. In the last few months I have heard from a number of law enforcement officials in my district who have become alarmed at the increase in this crime and have urged that Congress take some action to try and help stem this growth and turn this trend around.

"Today I am proposing a bill (H.R.4247) that I hopefully will be a step in the right direction. It is called the Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Act of 1979. It basically calls for three things; to improve the physical security features of the motor vehicle and its parts, to increase the criminal penalties of persons dealing in stolen motor vehicles and parts, and to curtail exportation of these stolen parts.

"In fact, the shocking statistics are that a theft of a motor vehicle takes place once every 33 seconds. The even sadder fact is that most of these vehicles are never recovered.

"The State of California leads the country in States with 25,000 or more cars stolen a year and Texas is not far behind in fifth place... Law enforcement officials in my area have indicated that the increase is due to two new avenues of disposal, the illegal parts racket and the easy access to Mexico...

"My bill calls for an identification numbering system for certain key components of the motor vehicle. This type of identification system would, I believe, deal a real blow to what are known as "chop shops." This is a shop where experts bring stolen vehicles and then cut them up for certain parts. These parts are then sold, many back to the auto repair business.

"If a number was stamped on various parts of the car such as the frame, doors, trunk lid, hood, quarter panels or fenders, this would increase the difficulty of successfully retitling a stolen vehicle, as well as aid law enforcement officials in their attempts to locate stolen vehicles...Another provision would make it a crime to buy or sell parts with the number removed..."

CRUMP'S GRASS ROOTS COMMENT

Anyone who has forgotten where his or her car was parked has had the sinking feeling that it might have been stolen. But it's a disaster, to learn that in fact, it has been stolen, with little chance of recovery.

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TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION MEMBER 1979

Rockport Speaks Out

Question: Do you think the Rockport City Council should have five or seven members?



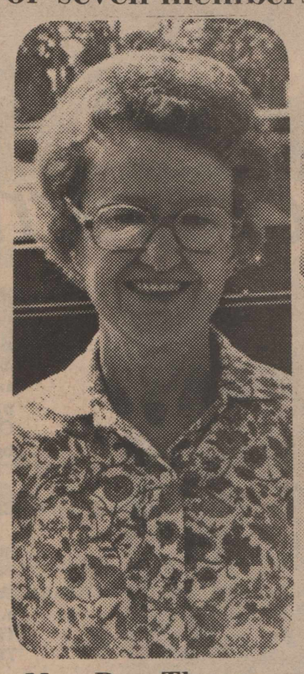
Sue Bowles

"We need seven members. More people means more opinions."—Sue Bowles, Mid-Way Trailer Park.



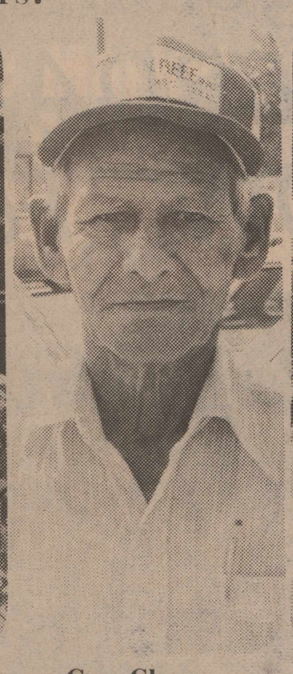
Larry Roedersheimer

"Five is enough. As big as Rockport is, they don't need more than five."—Larry Roedersheimer, Airport Road.



Mrs. Ray Thomas

"Seven. The more people we have on the council, the better it will be."—Mrs. Ray Thomas, Donnie Drive.



Gus Chupe

"Five, two more members would mean that much more expense for the council."—Gus Chupe, Mathis Street.



Patsy Barnard

"I don't think five is enough. Five people can't speak for a city this size."—Patsy Barnard, Highway 35.

Auxiliary Members Discuss Dance

The Rockport Firemen's Ladies Auxiliary met September 11 for their monthly business meeting, with 11 members present.

Members discussed a benefit dance, to be held November 3 at Lillian's Danceland. Details concerning the time and band will be determined at a later meeting.

Constitution and by-laws were read, and it was decided that cakes for the October meeting would be donated by Terry Roberts, Cleo Truelove and Lois Gurley.

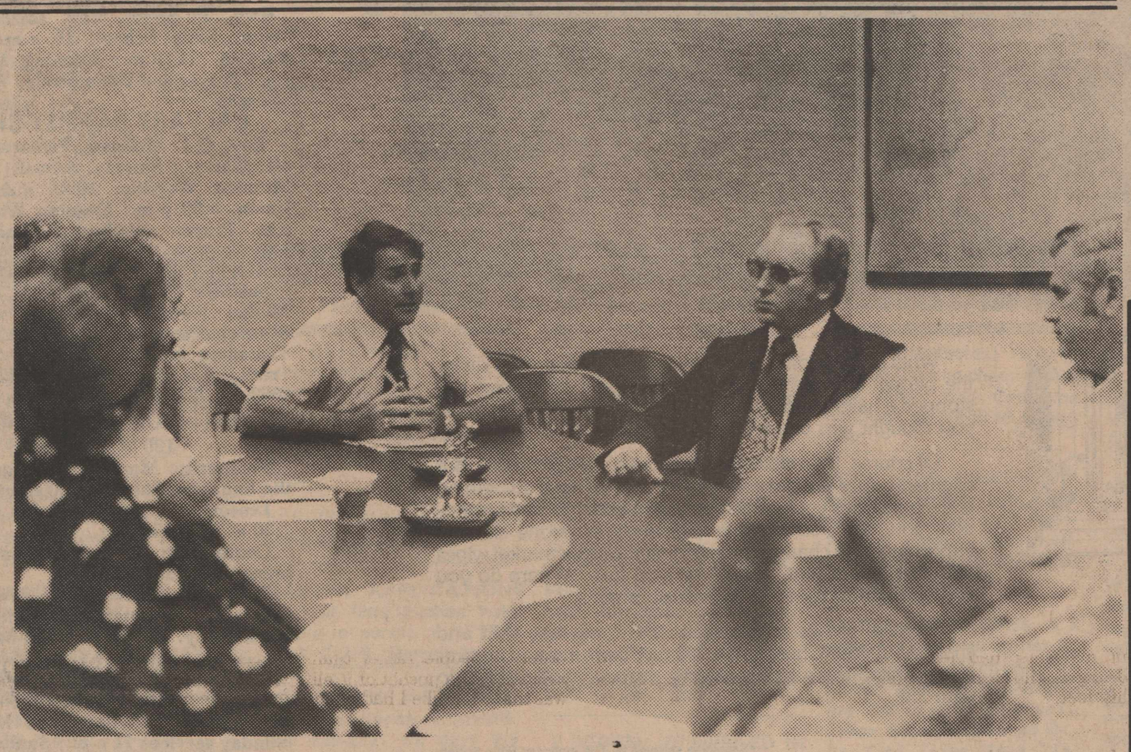
Present at the meeting were Gwyne Howland, Joan Truelove, Ivalea Hinze, Janet Truelove, Carolyn Cox, Cleo Truelove, Evalon Redden, Lois Gurley, Frances Redden, Trisha Gurley, and Terry Roberts.

Garden Club Makes Plans For Seafair

The Rockport Home and Garden Club completed plans for participation in this year's Sea Fair at its meeting September 14 at the home of Mrs. W.K. Thomas.

The club will have a booth at Sea Fair again this year and plans to offer many varieties of plants for sale.

Dr. Roy Parker, area extension entomologist, was guest speaker. Dr. Parker showed slides and discussed insects that plague garden plants and insect control.



Mike Rothrock, right, appeared before the county commissioners prior to his approval as the new county agent for Aransas County. Accompanying him was Lin Wilson, the district extension agent for the A&M Research Center, based in Corpus Christi.
(Pilot Photo by Sarah L. Durdin)

THP Traffic Report Shows 18 Fatalities

Rural traffic accidents during August took 18 lives in 17 fatal accidents in 11 counties out of the 21 counties that comprise the Corpus Christi District of the Texas Highway Patrol. Ten counties reported no fatal accidents during the month of August.

Aransas, DeWitt, Jim Wells, Nueces, Victoria and Zapata counties reported one fatal accident each. Cameron, Goliad, Hidalgo and Lavaca counties reported two fatal accidents each and San Patricio county reported three. Brooks, Calhoun, Duval, Jackson, Jim Hogg, Kenedy, Kleberg, Refugio, Starr and Willacy counties reported no fatal accidents for this period.

A total of 346 traffic accidents were investigated by the Texas Highway Patrol in this District during August, 1979. There were 137 Personal Injury accidents and 192 reportable Property Damage accidents investigated by the Texas Highway Patrol.

A comparison summary of accidents investigated by the Texas Highway Patrol for the year of 1979 shows that the number of fatal accidents decreased by 10 over the same period of 1978. There were 120 fatal accidents in 1978 as compared to 110 such accidents in the first eight months of 1979, a decrease of 8.3 per cent.

There were 145 persons killed during the first eight months of 1979. During the same period of 1978 there were 148 persons killed.

There was a decrease of 158 Personal Injury accidents investigated by the Texas Highway Patrol for the first eight months of 1979. There were 1,328 in 1978 as compared to 1,179 for the same period of 1979.

Tourney Entries Being Accepted

Entries are being accepted for Rockport's second annual City Tournament, scheduled for October 13 and 14. The location of the tournament has not yet been decided.

The Rockport Tennis Association is sponsoring the tourney, and there will be junior and adult divisions. Deadline for entries is October 6, and entrants must be full time residents of Aransas County. Each player is limited to no more than one singles, one doubles and one mixed doubles match.

Adult events will be divided into "Championship" and "A" division, with single eliminations. Junior categories are "14 and under" and "18 and under," and they will have a consolation round.

Entry forms are available at the Key Allegro Tennis Club and the Rockport Racquet Club. Entry fees are $4 for adults and $3 for juniors. The entry form and fees should be mailed to the Rockport Tennis Association, P.O. Box 794, Fulton, 78358.

Bucs Run Down Refugio

The eighth grade Bucs overran Refugio players September 20 with a score of 16-0, and commendations from Coach Joey Garcia for outstanding play went to Dwyane Walls, Steve Arkell and Raymond Ramero.

Garcia said "both Walls and Arkell ran real good, and did a fine job of blocking." He also stated that Ramero ran a 40 yard touchdown, Walls made a 60 yard touchdown and Arkell went for the extra two points.

The defensive team was also on their toes during the game, as they prevented Refugio from scoring anytime during the game.

Members of the offensive team are Jerry Palmer, Tracy Gilliam, Chris Hill, George Nava, Thomas Weaver, Geraldo Oliveres, Estevan Oliveres, Dwayne Walls, Steve Arkell and Raymond Ramero.

Defensive team members include Ben Rice, Phillip Ochoa, Charles Gurley, Randy Foote, Tommy Bernard, Eddie Bechtol, Lester Iles, Guy Hastell, Robert Dominguez and David Perkins.

Their next game will pit the Bucs against Tuloso-Midway at 7 p.m. September 27, in Rockport. The eighth grade game will be preceded by the seventh grade game, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Conference Guts Education

A conference committee of the United States House of Representatives and Senate, charged with ironing out the differences between the two bodies' versions of the bill to create a Department of Education, has altered major provisions of the bill to the point that U.S. Congressman Joe Wyatt says he can no longer support it.

"The bill which first emerged from the House was one which I could support," said Wyatt, "It contained protections for the independence of local school districts which we don't even have now under existing law. Unfortunately, the protections against school busing, for local control of schools, and for voluntary prayer were dropped from the bill."

Wyatt said that when the compromise bill, which the conference committee has come up with, reaches the House floor for a vote, he will oppose it.

Two Wyatt-supported amendments to ensure local control of schools and school districts were so overwhelmingly popular in the House that they passed by voice votes. One of these amendments was severely weakened and the other was eliminated by the committee.

The deleted amendment to allow voluntary prayer in schools was supported by Wyatt and agreed to in the House by a 225 to 122 vote. The amendment against forced busing, also supported by Wyatt, was originally agreed to in the House by a 227 to 135 vote, but was dropped by the conference committee.

The House amendment to prevent further growth of the Department of Education was gutted even though it had passed the House by a vote of 263 to 143.

"The bill the House sent to the conference committee was pro-local control. The bill we are getting back from the conference is just the opposite," said Wyatt, "I will stand by the position I have always held of supporting the independence of local schools, and vote against this bill which has been twisted away from that position."

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State Of The Region

Whatever degree of excellence a service offers, it serves its purpose only if those who need it know it exists and can find out how to use it. The 1-2-3 Handbook has been developed and expanded as a means of disseminating, in its simplest, most usable form, basic information about such servies.

The handbook began as a listing of agencies in Nueces County, indexed in three ways, hence the "1-2-3". As more services were established in other parts of the region or extended into the region, the handbook changed to reflect this situation.

The book is put together in looseleaf form so that it can be updated to reflect frequent changes. Anyone needing to use it for reference can find a copy in almost any service agency in your community. The service agencies subscribe to the handbook, which is published by the COG, and use it themselves to refer those who come to them for assistance.

The first section of the book is a service index for agencies in Nueces County. You can look under subject matter to find out what is available. For instance, 11 different agencies are listed as having services dealing with abused and neglected children. This is listed under "abused," under "children," and there is a cross-reference to counseling. Another category is "health and medical services". This has references to "hospitals," "nursing homes," and other special purpose organizations, as well as 12 specific agencies.

The next section is composite listings of state licensed child day-care centers, hospitals, nursing homes, senior citizens organizations and special purpose organizations in Nueces County.

Then begins the county by county alphabetic listing. County officials are listed with their addresses and phone numbers, as are officials of incorporated cities in the county. There is cross-reference to any agency or organization which has within that county, office hours on specific days. Another cross-reference lists organizations in Corpus Christi which serve the entire region.

In the alphabetic section, information about each agency is on a seperate page. As an example, the Aransas County Council on Aging is listed, with address and phone number. Officers and directors are named. The page tells what service is provided to all citizens, such as information, transportation, telephone reassurance, shopping assistance, Vial of Life, and limited services such as medical transportation to Medicaid patients only. You are told how to apply for services, who is eligible, what, if any, fee is charged, what hours of service are, geographic limits, and whether or not a Spanish interpreter is available.

Each state and federal agency functioning in the county has a page, such as the Agricultural Extention Service, Farmers Home Administration and Texas Department of Health and Human Resources.

The last section indexes area-wide service systems. These systems include the aging Network, with addresses and phone numbers in 19 communities; 4 area-wide planning agencies for comprehensive planning, health planning, employment and training and alcoholism; and lastly state agencies which reach into all counties, Health, Human Resources, Mental Health and Mental Retardation, and Employment.

The 1-2-3 Handbook is a place to start when you need a service.

18 Members Attend Rockport Club Meeting

Eighteen members of the Gulf Coast Life Member Club of Southwestern Bell Telephone met recently at the home of Loren W. and Margaret Westby on Sunset Drive in Rockport.

Guest speaker John Smith with the Rockport office of Texas Parks and Wildlife spoke on "Endangered Species" at the meeting. Also discussed was the organization's project of providing stuffed toys for the Driskoll Children's Hospital in Corpus Christi.

Mrs. Ruth Sanderfer won the $5 door prize.

Other Rockport members attending the meeting were Bess Hall, Pauline Procknow, Betty and Water Hord and Mary and Charles Pervier.

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Main Street at Live Oak. Rev. W. Boyd Harris, Pastor. sunday School 9:30 a. m.; Worship Service 10:50 a. m.; Youth Meeting 6:30 p.m. Sunday Methodist Men's Breakfast 7:00 a. m. on the first Monday of each month. United Methodist Women 9:30 a. m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Choir rehearsal 7:30 p. m. each Wednesday.

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One Block East of Security Real Estate. A. C. Vega, Pastor. Service Tues., Thurs., Sat. and Sun., 7:30 p.m.; Sun. 9:45 a.m.

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Main at Live Oak. Charles Fake, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., Church Training, 6 p.m. Worship Services 10:50 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Service, 7:00 p.m.

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John R. Land, Pastor. 729-5016. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m. "The Bible as it is for men as they are."

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

Rev. M.R. Crawford, Pastor. Corner of Laurel and Live Oak; 729-6437. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00; Sunday Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday Night Prayer Service, 7:30.

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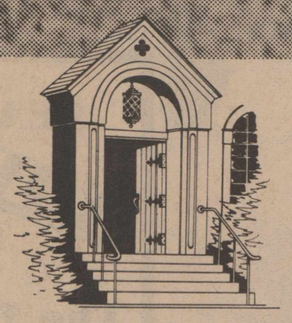
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Rev. David Billeiter, Pastor. Jerald Owens, Sunday School Director. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6:30 p.m.; Mid-Week Service, 7:30 p.m.

ROCKPORT CHURCH OF GOD

Rev. Percy L. Lewis, Pastor. Where your Christian Experience makes you a member. Sunday Church School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.; Youth Fellowship and Adult's Sharing Hour 5 -6 p.m.; Vesper Service 6:10 p. m. First and Thrid Monday, Mission 6:00 p. m.; Wednesday, Prayer Meeting 6:30 p. m.





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Isaiah	Isaiah	Jeremiah	Matthew	Matthew	Matthew	Mark
12:1-6	42:1-12	33:1-11	9:1-17	9:18-38	11:1-30	6:30-44

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Live Oak at Laurel Streets
Pastor: John R. Bradshaw

Sundays: 9:45 a.m., Church School; 10:40 a.m., Coffee with Friends; 11 a.m., Morning Worship; (8 a.m. Morning Worship January - March); nursery provided.

Mondays: 7 p.m., Boy Scout Troop 49.

Wednesdays: 7:15 p.m., choir practice.

Bible Study: Circle 3, 2nd Monday, 8 p.m.; Circle 1, 2nd Thursday, 9:30 a.m.; Circle 2, 2nd Thursday, 2:30 p.m.

Fellowship Supper: 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. Wayne Pafk, Pastor; 729-7264. Sunday School and Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.; Worship Services 8:30 a.m. [January through March]; Regular Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion, 1st and 3rd Sunday. L.W.M.L. [Lutheran Women's Missionary League] meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month.

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Msgr. Harold F. Palmer, Pastor. Rev. E.R. Cantwell, Jr. Deacon. Masses: Saturday 6:00 p.m.; Sunday 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon. Holy Day Eve 6:00 p.m.; Holy Day 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Confessions: Saturday 5:00 to 5:50 p.m. and before Masses.

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Hwy. 35 South. Rev. L.D. Crawford, Pastor. Bible School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7 p.m.; Prayer and Bible Study, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. C.J. Molmen, Pastor. S. Doughty off Market. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Training Union, 5:00 p.m.; Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

UNITY CENTER OF ROCKPORT

Sundays: Church service, 11 a.m., 802 E. Market [corner of Market and Church Streets]. Discussion group on 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. on "Lessons in Truth." For information, call 729-0009, 758-2693, or 729-1001.

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Rev. Walter D. Clark, Jr., Rector. Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion; 9:15, Chruch School and Adult Forum; 10:30, Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays; 10:30, Morning Prayer 2nd and 4th Sundays. Wed.: 7:30 p.m., Holy Communion.

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Rockport's Proposed City Charter; Election Called For November 6

Article I

FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND BOUNDARIES

SEC. 1.01 FORM OF GOVERNMENT

(1) The muncipal government provided in this Charter shall be known as the Council-Manager form of government. Under its provisions the City Council, consisting of the Mayor and Councilmen elected by and responsible to the people, shall appoint a City Manager (who shall be responsible to the City Council for the administration of the government of the City). All powers of the City shall be vested in the City Council and shall be exercised in the manner prescribed by this Charter, or if the manner not be prescribed, then in such manner as may be prescribed by ordinance, the State Constitution or the statutes of this State.

SEC. 1.02 BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY

(1) The boundaries of the City of Rockport, Texas, are those heretofore established and now existing or those boundaries as may be changed by ordinance and proceedings of the City enacted in accordance with this Charter.

SEC. 1.03 EXTENSION OF BOUNDARIES

(1) The boundaries of the City of Rockport, Texas, may be enlarged and extended by the annexation of additional territory, regardless of size and/or configuration, in any of the methods described herein:

(a) Territory may be annexed to the City in any manner and by any procedure now or hereafter provided by law in such manner as shall be provided by ordinances of the City Council.

(b) The City Council, by proper ordinance has power to annex additional territory adjacent to or contiguous with the city limits with or without the consent of the residents and/or the owners of the territory annexed.

(c) Upon completion of the annexation procedure, the annexed territory shall become a part of the City, and said land and its residents and future residents shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges provided by the City for its citizens, and shall be bound by the acts, ordinances, resolutions and regulations of the City.

SEC. 1.04 CONTRACTION OF BOUNDARIES

(1) If, after three years from the date of annexation, there exists land within and adjacent to the corporate limits of the City of Rockport, not receiving the standard governmental and proprietary services of the City, then a majority of the qualified voters residing within such particular area may petition the governing body of the City to disannex such area in the manner provided for in Article 970 V.A.T.S. as presently written or hereafter amended.

Article II

POWERS OF THE CITY

SEC. 2.01 GENERAL POWERS OF THE CITY

(1) The City shall be a Home Rule City, with full power of local self government, including the right to amend this Charter, as provided by the Constitution and Laws of this State. The City shall have all the powers granted to cities by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas, together with all the implied powers necessary to carry into execution such granted powers.

(2) The City may use a corporate seal; may sue and be sued; may contract and may be contracted with; may co-operate with the government of the State of Texas, or any agency or political subdivision thereof, or the Federal Government or its agencies, to accomplish any lawful purpose for the advancement of the interest, welfare, health, morals, comfort, safety and convenience of the City and its inhabitants; may acquire property within, or without its corporate city limits for any municipal purpose in fee simple, or any lesser interest or estate by purchase, gift, devise, lease, or condemnation, and subject to the provisions of this Charter may sell, lease, mortgage, hold, manage, and control such property as may now or hereafter be owned by it; may pass ordinances and enact such regulations as may be expedient for the maintenance of the good government, order, and peace of the City and the welfare, health, morals, comfort, safety, and convenience of its inhabitants, and shall have and may exercise all municipal powers, functions, rights, privileges, and immunities of every kind and nature whatsoever, subject only to the limitations imposed by the State Constitution, the State laws and this charter.

SEC. 2.02 STREETS AND PUBLIC PROPERTY

(1) The City shall have exclusive dominion, control and jurisdiction in, upon, over and under the public streets, rights of way, sidewalks, alleys, highways, public squares, public ways and public parks within and without the corporate limits of the City, as may be provided by law, and in, upon, over and under all public property of the City. With respect to each and every public street, rights of way, sidewalk, alley, highway, public square, public park, or other public way within or without the corporate limits of the City, the City shall have the power to establish maintain, improve, alter, abandon, or vacate the same; to regulate, establish or change the grade thereof; to police, control and regulate the use thereof, and to abate and remove in a summary manner any encroachment thereon, including, but not limited to, the power to remove abandoned vehicles therefrom.

SEC. 2.03 PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

(1) The City shall have the power to construct and maintain, within or without its corporate limits, canals, waterways and other flood control facilities and sanitary, water and storm drainage facilities in, over, under or upon all public property or easements granted for that purpose and to levy assessments for the costs of such improvements and shall have the power to cause liens to be established for the purpose of securing the payment of such levies and shall have the power to compel the use of such improvements by the inhabitants of the City.

SEC. 2.04 MISCELLANEOUS POWERS

(1) The City shall have the power to establish and maintain ordinances and regulations governing the use of lands within the City and to enforce by all lawful means said ordinances and regulations, within and without its corporate limits. The City shall have the power to authorize, regulate and inspect all construction and existing structures within and without its limits, and to establish and enforce ordinances and regulations concering their use, construction and reconstruction. The City shall have the power to license and regulate persons, corporations, associations engaged in any business, occupation, profession or trade.

SEC. 2.05 NON-EXCLUSIVE POWERS

(1) The enumeration of particular powers of this Charter shall not be judged to be exclusive, and, in addition to the powers enumerated of implied herein, it is intended that the City shall have and may exercise all the powers which, under the Constitution and laws of this State, it would be competent for this Charter to enumerate specifically.

Article III

THE CITY COUNCIL

SEC. 3.01 NUMBER, SELECTION AND TERM

(1) The legislative and governing body of the City shall consist of a Mayor and six Councilmen and shall be known as "The City Council of Rockport."

(a) The Mayor and two Councilmen shall be elected at large, two councilmen shall be elected from each of the two wards of the City, all elected officials shall serve two year terms, unless removed through the provisions of this Charter.

(b) All members of the City Council, other than the Mayor, shall be elected under the place system, places one and six shall be at large positions, places two and three representing ward one, places four and five representing ward two. At the first general election after the adoption of this Charter, Councilmen shall be elected to two year terms from places two, four and six and a Councilman shall be elected to place one for a one-year term. The Mayor shall also be elected to a two-year term. Thereafter, the Mayor and places two, four and six shall be elected in even years, and places one, three and five in odd years.

(c) No person shall be elected to the City Council for more than three consecutive terms under this Charter.

(d) If a member of the Council shall file to become a candidate for nomination or election to any public office, other than the position currently held, he shall immediately forfeit his place on the City Council.

SEC. 3.02 QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS

(1) In addition to any other qualifications prescribed by law, the Mayor and each Councilman shall meet the conditions of Article V of this Charter, while in office, and shall reside within the city limits while in office. Any member of the City Council ceasing to possess these qualifications, or convicted of a felony while in office, shall immediately forfeit his office.

SEC. 3.03 COMPENSATION

(1) Members of the City Council shall serve without pay or compensation. They shall, however, be entitled to actual expenses incurred in the performance of official duties with the approval of the City Council.

SEC. 3.04 MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO-TEM

(1) The Mayor shall be the official head of the City government. He shall be the chairman and shall preside at all meetings of the City Council. The Mayor shall vote only in the case of a tie and shall have no power to veto. He shall see that all ordinances, bylaws and resolutions of the City Council are faithfully obeyed and enforced. He shall, when authorized by the City Council, sign all official documents, such as ordinances, resolutions, conveyances, grant agreemtns, official plats, contracts, and bonds. He shall perform such other duties consistent with this Charter as may be imposed upon him by the City Council.

(2) The Mayor Pro-Tem shall be a Councilman elected by the City Council. The Mayor Pro-tem shall act as Mayor during the disability or absence of the Mayor, and in this capacity shall have the rights conferred upon the Mayor.

SEC. 3.05 VACANCIES, FORFEITURE, FILLING OF VANCANCIES

(1) The office of a Councilman or office of the Mayor shall become vacant upon his death, resignation, forfeiture, or removal from office in any manner authorized by law.

(2) Any member of the Council who ceases to possess the required qualifications for office or who is convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude shall forfeit his office. Every forfeiture shall be declared and enforced by a majority vote of the Council.

(3) In the event of a vacancy in the office of the Mayor, the Mayor Pro-tem shall become Mayor thereby vacating his Council position. Vacancies in the Council, other than the Mayor, shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members for the unexpired term only and provided the successor shall possess all qualifications for the position.

SEC. 3.06 POWERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

(1) All powers of the City shall be vested in the City Council, except as otherwise provided by law or this Charter. The City Council shall provide for the exercise of these powers and the performance of all duties and obligations imposed upon the City by law.

SEC. 3.07 PROHIBITIONS

(1) Except where authorized by law, no Mayor or Councilman shall hold any other city office or city employment during his term as Mayor or Councilman. No former Mayor or Councilman shall hold any compensated appointive city office or city employment within one year after the expiration of his term as Mayor or Councilman.

(2) Members of the City Council shall not in any way dictate the appointment or removal of any city administrative officers of employees whom the City Manager or any of his subordinates are empowered to appoint. The City Council, at a meeting called for that purpose, may express its views and fully and freely discuss with the City Manager anything pertaining to appointment and removal of such officers and employees.

(3) Except for the purpose of inquiries and investigations as provided by this Charter, Members of the City Council shall deal with city officers and employees who are subject to the direction and supervision of the City Manager solely through the City Manager. Members of the City Council shall not give orders to any such officer or employee, either publicly or privately, except as otherwise provided in this Charter.

SEC. 3.08 MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

(1) The City Council shall hold at least one regular meeting each month and as many additional meetings as it deems necessary to transact the business of the city. The City Council shall fix, by ordinance, the date and time of the regular meetings. Special meetings of the City Council shall be held at the call of the Mayor or a majority of the City Council members and, whenever practicable, upon no

(2) All meetings shall be open to the public and shall be held and notice given in accordance with Article 6252-17, V.A.T.S. as amended or superseded.

SEC. 3.09 QUORUM

(1) Four (4) City Councilmen shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transaction of business, and no action of the City Council, except as specifically provided in this Charter, shall be valid or binding unless adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present.

SEC. 3.10 RULES OF PROCEDURE

(1) The City Council shall, by ordinance, determine its own rules of order and business, and the rules shall provide that citizens of the City shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard at any meeting with regard to any matter under consideration. The City Council shall provide for minutes to be taken and recorded for all meetings as required by law, and such minutes shall be a public record and shall be kept and maintained by the City Secretary.

SEC. 3.11 PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES IN GENERAL

(1) The City Council shall legislate by ordinance only, and the enacting clause of every ordinance shall be "Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Rockport, County of Aransas, State of Texas." Each proposed ordinance shall be introduced in the written or printed form required for adoption. No ordinance shall contain more than one subject, which shall be clearly expressed in its title, but general appropriation ordinances may contain various subjects and accounts for which monies are to be appropriated. After adoption, an ordinance shall not be amended or repealed except by the adoption of another ordinance amending or repealing the original ordinance. Except where an ordinance is repealed in its entirety, the amendatory or repealing ordinance shall set out in full the ordinance sections, or subsections to be amended or repealed, and shall indicate matter to be omitted by enclosing it in brackets and shall indicate new matter by underscoring.

(2) Any member of the City Council may offer any ordinance in writing that has been placed on the agenda at a regular City Council meeting. Copies of proposed ordinances, in the form required for adoption, shall be furnished to members of the City Council before first reading. Copies of the proposed ordinance, in the form required for adoption, shall be available at the city offices and shall be furnished to citizens, upon request to the City Secretary, before first reading and, if amended, shall be available and furnished in amended form for as long as the proposed ordinance is before the City Council.

(3) A proposed ordinance, except an emergency, budget or tax ordinance, shall be read at three City Council meetings, with at least one week between each reading. A proposed ordinance may be amended at any reading, but any ordinance amended in substance shall automatically be placed again on the first reading at a subsequent meeting. At any reading of a proposed ordinance, persons interested shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard. Emergency ordinances shall be passed in accordance with Sec. 3.12, and budget or tax ordinances in accordance with Articles VII and VIII.

(4) Every ordinance shall become effective upon adoption, or at any later times specified in the ordinance, except that every ordinance imposing any penalty, fine or forfeiture shall become effective only after having been published, in its entirety or summary form after adoption, once in a newspaper designated as the offical newspaper of the City.

(5) The reading aloud of a title and caption of the ordinance shall suffice as a reading, provided printed copies of the ordinance, in the form required for adoption, are in front of all members of the City Council and a reasonable number of additional copies are available to citizens present at the meeting. If a majority of the members present request that the ordinance be read in its entirety, it must be so read.

SEC. 3.12 EMERGENCY ORDINANCES

(1) The City Council may adopt emergency ordinances only to meet public emergencies affecting life, health, property or the public peace. In particular, such ordinances shall not levy taxes, grant or renew or extend a franchise, or regulate the rate charged by any public utility for its services. Neither shall they authorize the borrowing of money, except as provided in Article VII of this Charter. An emergency ordinance shall be introduced in the form and manner generally prescribed for ordinances, except that they shall be plainly designated in the title as an emergency ordinance and shall contain after the enacting clause, a declaration stating that an emergency exists and describing it in clear and specific terms. An emergency ordinance can be adopted with or without amendment or rejected at the meeting at which it is introduced. The affirmative vote of at least four members of the City Council shall be required for adoption. Emergency ordinances shall become effective upon adoption and shall be published as soon thereafter as it practicable. Every emergency ordinance so adopted, except one authorizing the borrowing of money as described herein, shall automatically stand repealed as of the sixty-first day following the day on which it became effective, but this shall not prevent re-enactment of the ordinance.

SEC. 3.13 AUTHENTICATION, RECORDING, CODIFICATION, PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION

(1) The City Secretary shall authenticate by signature and seal in a properly indexed book kept for that purpose, all ordinances and resolutions adopted by the City Council, and it shall be kept open for public inspection. Ordinances shall be numbered consecutively, in the order in which adopted.

(2) Within three years after the adoption of this Charter, the City Council shall provide for the codification of all general ordinances of the City. The codification shall be adopted by the City Council by ordinance and shall be published promptly, together with this Charter and any amendments thereto, and with appropriate references to State statutes and constitution, and such codes of technical regulations and other rules and regulations as the City Council may specify. This compilation shall be known as and cited offically as "The Rockport City Code" and shall be in full force and effect without the necessity of such Code or any part thereof being published in any newspaper. The caption, descriptive clause, and other formal parts of the ordinances of the City may be omitted without affecting the validity of such ordinances when codified. Every general ordinance enacted subsequent to such codification shall be enacted as an amendment to the Code. For the purposes of this section, general ordinances shall be deemed to be those ordinances of a permanent or continuing nature which affect the residents of the City at large. Copies of the Code shall be furnished to city officers, placed in city offices and the public library for free reference and made available for purchase by the public at a resonable price fixed by the City Council.

(3) The City Council shall cause all ordinances and amendments to this Charter to be printed promptly following their adoption, and the printed ordinances and Charter amendments shall be sold to the public at a reasonable price to be fixed by the City Council. A copy of each ordinance and amendment shall be placed in appropriate city offices and the public library for reference.

SEC. 3.14 INVESTIGATIONS BY THE CITY COUNCIL

(1) The City Council shall have the power to inquire into the official conduct of any department, agency, office, officer, or employee of the City, and for that purpose shall have the power to administer oaths, subpoena witnesses, and compel the production of books, papers and other evidence material to the inquiry. The City Council shall provide, by ordinance, penalties for comtempt for failing or refusing to obey any such subpoena or to produce any such books, papers or other evidence, and shall have the power to punish any such contempt in the manner provided by such ordinance.

SEC. 3.15 BOND

(1) The City Council shall require bonds of all municipal officers and employees who receive or pay out any monies of the City. The amount of such bonds shall be determined by the City Council and the cost thereof shall be borne by the City.

Article IV

CITY ADMINISTRATION

SEC. 4.01 CITY MANAGER

(1) The City Council shall appoint a City Manager who shall serve as the chief administrative officer of the City. He shall be responsible to the City Council for administration of all the affairs of the City, with only those exceptions that are named in this Charter. The City Manager shall be appointed solely upon his executive and administrative qualifications. He need not be a resident of the City when appointed, but shall reside within the City during the tenure of his appointment.

(2) The City Council shall fix the compensation of the City Manager, and his compensation may be amended from time to time in accordance with the City Manager's experience and qualifications.

(3) The City Manager shall be appointed for an indefinite term, and may be removed by resolution at the discretion of the Council by a majority vote of its members. Upon passage of a resolution stating the intention to remove the City Manager and the reasons therefor, a copy of which shall be immediately furnished him, the Council may suspend him from duty, but his salary shall continue until his removal becomes effective. Within twenty days after the passage of such a resolution, the City Manager may reply in writing to it, and may request a public hearing. If so requested the Council shall fix a time and place for a public hearing upon the question of removal, which shall be held not sooner than ten days nor more than twenty days after the receipt of such request. The final resolution removing the City Manager shall not be adopted until such public hearing, if requested, has been held. The action of the Council in removing the City Manager shall be final. In case of the absence, disability or suspension of the City Manager, the Council may designate a qualified administrative officer of the City to perform the duties of the office. No City Council member may serve as acting City Manager.

(4) The City Manager shall have power to:

(a) Appoint, suspend, or remove all City employees and appointive administrative officers provided for by this Charter, except as otherwise provided by law, this Charter, or personnel rules adopted pursuant to this Charter.

(b) Direct and supervise the administration of all departments, offices and agencies of the City, except as otherwise provided by law or this Charter.

(c) See that all State laws and City ordinances are effectively enforced.

(d) Attend all City Council meetings and have the right to take part in discussions, but he shall not vote.

(e) Prepare and accept items for inclusion in the official agenda of all City Council meetings and meetings of boards and commissions.

(f) Prepare and recommend to the City Council the annual budget and capital program, and administer the budget as adopted by the City Council.

(g) Prepare and submit to the City Council, within sixty (60) days of the end of the City's fiscal year, an annual report on the finances and administrative activities of the City, as of the end of the fiscal year. The report of individual audit, as required by this Charter, shall be incorporated into the annual report submitted by the City Manager.

(h) Keep the City Council fully advised at least quarterly as to the financial condition and future needs of the City, and make such recommendations concerning the affairs of the City as he or the City Council deems desirable or necessary.

(i) Make reports as he or the City Council may require concerning the operations of the City departments, offices or agencies subject to his direction or supervision.

(j) Perform such other duties as are specified in this Charter or may be required by the City Council, and are consistent with this Charter or State or Federal law.

SEC. 4.02 CITY SECRETARY

(1) The City Manager shall appoint or remove a City Secretary.

(2) The City Secretary shall:

(a) Give notice of all official public meetings of the City Council in a manner consistent with this Charter and State laws.

(b) Attend all official public meetings and hearings of the City Council.

(c) Keep the minutes of the proceedings of all official public meetings and hearings of the City Council in a manner prescribed by the City Council consistent with applicable law.

(d) Act as custodian of all official records of the City Council.

(f) Authenticate by signature and seal, and record, all ordinances, resolutions and proclamations of the City.

(g) Perform such other duties as may be required by the City Manager, consistent with this Charter, and the laws of the State of Texas.

SEC. 4.03 MUNICIPAL COURT

(1) The City Council shall establish and cause to be maintained a Municipal Court. The Court shall have all the powers and duties as are now, or may be prescribed by the laws of the State of Texas.

(2) The City Council shall appoint a judge of the Municipal Court, who shall be a competent, duly qualified attorney, licensed in the State of Texas. The judge of the Municipal Court shall be appointed to a term of two years and may be appointed to additional consecutive terms upon completion of his term of office. The appointment of the judge may be terminated, for just cause, by the City Council. The judge shall receive compensation as may be determined by the City Council.

(3) The City Council shall, in the absence or disability of the appointed judge of the Municipal Court, appoint an acting judge to serve during such absence or disability.

(4) Additional judges of the Municipal Court may be appointed by the City Council consistent with State law.

(5) The City Council shall appoint a clerk and may appoint deputy clerks of the Municipal Court.

(6) The clerk and deputy clerks of the Municipal Court shall have the power to administer oaths and affidavits, make certificates, affix the seal of the Court, and perform all acts usual and necessary by the clerks of said Courts, in conducting the business thereof, including but not limited to the keeping of records and accounts of the Municipal Court.

(7) All costs, fines and penalties imposed by the Municipal Court shall be paid into the City treasury for the use and benefit of the City, as may be consistent with present and future State laws.

SEC. 4.04 CITY ATTORNEY

(1) The City Council, in consultation with the City Manager, shall appoint a competent, duly qualified licensed and practicing attorney in the State of Texas who shall serve as the City Attorney.

(2) The City Attorney may be removed by a vote of the City Council.

(3) The City Attorney shall:

(a) Serve as the legal advisor to the City Council and City Manager.

(b) Represent the City in litigation and legal proceedings as directed by the City Council and City Manager.

(c) Review and provide opinions as requested by the City Council or City Manager on contracts, legal instruments, ordinances of the City, and other items of City business.

(d) The City Council shall have the right to retain special counsel at any time that it may deem necessary and appropriate.

(e) The City Attorney and special counsel shall receive compensation as may be determined by the City Council.

(f) The City Attorney, with approval of the City Council may select additional attorneys to act for him and the City in its representation and litigation.

SEC. 4.05 CITY ENGINEER

(1) The City Council, in consultation with the City Manager, may appoint a competent, duly qualified, registered and practicing professional engineer in the State of Texas who shall serve as City Engineer.

(2) The term "City Engineer" may refer to an individual or firm.

(3) The City Engineer shall serve as engineering advisor to the City Council and City Manager, and perform such other duties as may be required by the City Council or City Manager.

(4) The City Council shall have the right to retain special engineering service at any time it may deem necessary and appropriate.

(5) The City Engineer shall receive compensation as may be determined by the City Council.

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(6) The City Engineer, with approval of the City Council, may select additional engineers to act for him and the City in serving its engineering needs.

(7) The City Engineer may be removed by a vote of the City Council.

SEC. 4.06 ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS, OFFICES AND AGENCIES

(1) The City Council may, after hearing recommendations of the City Manager, establish, abolish, redesignate or combine departments, offices, or agencies in addition to those provided for by this Charter, and may prescribe the functions and duties of such departments, offices and agencies.

(2) Except as provided elsewhere in this Charter, all departments, offices and agencies of the City shall be under the direction and supervision of the City Manager, and shall be administered by officers appointed by and subject to the supervision and direction of the City Manager. The City Manager may, with the consent of the City Council, serve as the head of one or more City departments, offices or agencies, or appoint one person as the head of two or more of them.

(3) The City Manager shall appoint a City Assessor-Collector, whose duties and functions shall be those usual to the office and consistent with existing or future laws of the State of Texas as they may apply to City or County Assessor-Collectors.

SEC. 4.07 PERSONNEL SYSTEM

(1) Personnel rules shall be prepared by the City Manager and presented to the City Council, which may adopt them by ordinance, with or without amendment. The adopted rules shall establish the City as an Equal Opportunity Employer and shall govern the equitable administration of the personnel system of the City.

(2) The adopted rules shall provide for the following requirements:

(a) A pay and benefit plan for all City employment positions.

(b) A plan for working hours, attendance policy and regulation, and provision for sick and vacation leave.

(c) Procedures for the hearing and adjudication of grievances.

(d) Additional practices and procedures necessary to the beneficial and equitable administration of the City's personnel system.

(e) A plan for oral and written evaluation on an annual basis for all City employees by their immediate supervisor, including evaluation of the City Manager by the City Council.

Article V

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

SEC. 5.01 CITY ELECTIONS

(1) The regular City election will be held annually on the first Saturday in April. The City Council shall be responsible for specifications of places for holding such elections.

(2) The City Council may, by resolution, order a special election for purposes consistent with this Charter and laws of the State of Texas. The City Council will fix the time and places for such special election, and provide all means for holding same.

(3) A certified list of voter registrants within the City shall be maintained current by the City Secretary. Copies of such list may be purchased from the City Secretary at a price to be fixed by the City Council.

(4) Municipal elections shall be conducted by election officials appointed or approved by the City Council. Sample ballots identical in format to those used in the specific election shall be posted in the voting place(s) for purpose of voter orientation.

(5) All municipal elections shall be publicized in a manner consistent with the requirements of the present, and all future amended editions of the Texas Election Code.

SEC. 5.02 FILING FOR OFFICE

(1) Each candidate for an elective office shall meet the following qualifications:

(a) Shall be a qualified voter of the City.

(b) Shall have resided within the corporate limits of the City, or recently annexed territory for at least twelve (12) months prior to the filing deadline.

(c) Shall not, after notice of any delinquency, be in arrears in payment of any taxes or other liabilities due the City. "In arrears" is defined herein to mean that payment has not been received within ninety (90) days from due date.

(d) No candidate may file in a single election for more than one office or place position as provided by this Charter.

(e) No employee of the City shall continue in such position after filing for an elective office provided for in this Charter.

SEC. 5.03 OFFICIAL BALLOTS

(1) The name of each candidate seeking an elective office, except those who have withdrawn, died or became ineligible, shall be printed on the official ballot in the form designated by the candidate or party in accordance with the current edition of the Texas election laws. If two or more candidates have the same surname or surnames so similar as to be likely to cause confusion, their residence addresses shall be printed with their names on the ballot.

(2) The order on the ballot of the names of the candidates shall be determined by lot in a public drawing to be held under the supervision of the City Secretary in accordance with the current edition of the Texas Election Code.

(3) Procedure for voting by absentee ballots shall be consistent with the current edition of the Texas Election Code.

(4)an ordinance, bond issue or Charter amendment, to be voted on by qualified voters of the City shall be presented for voting by ballot title. The ballot title of a measure may differ from its legal title and shall be a clear, consise statement, approved by majority of the City Council, describing the substance of the measure without argument or prejudice. Below the ballot title shall appear the following two statements, one above the other, in the order indicated:

"For adoption of the (ordinance)(bond issue)(amendment)"

"Against adoption of the (ordinance)(bond issue)(amendment)"

Immediately below or to the left of such statement shall appear a square in which the voter may cast his vote by making a mark.

(5) Procedures for write-in votes shall be consistent with the current edition of the Texas Election Code.

SEC. 5.04

(1) The returns of every municipal election shall be delivered from the election judges to the City Secretary at City Hall not later than twelve (12) hours after the closing of the polls. One (1) extra copy shall be delivered to the Mayor at this time. The City Council shall canvass the returns in sufficient time but not later than the time provided for in the current edition of the Texas Election Code, to declare the official results of the election at the next City Council meeting after the closing of the polls. The returns of every municipal election shall be recorded in the minutes of the City Council, by totals for each candidate, or, for and against each issue submitted.

Article VI

INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM AND RECALL

SEC. 6.01 GENERAL AUTHORITY

(1) Initiative: The qualified voters of the City shall have power to propose ordinances to the City Council and, if the Council fails to adopt an ordinance so proposed without any change in substance, the voters shall adopt or reject it at a City election. Such power shall not extend to the budget or capital program or any ordinance relating to appropriation of money, levy of taxes or salaries of city officials or employees.

(2) Referendum: The qualified voters of the City shall have power to require reconsideration by the Council of any adopted ordinance and, if the Council fails to repeal an ordinance so reconsidered, the voters shall approve or reject it at a City election, provided that such power does not extend to the budget or capital program or any emergency ordinance or ordinance relating to appropriation of money or levy of taxes.

(3) Recall: The qualified voters of the City shall have power to remove any official serving in an elective office.

SEC. 6.02 PETITIONERS COMMITTEE

(1) Any ten (10) qualified voters may commence proceedings contemplated by this Article by filing with the City Secretary an affidavit stating that they will constitute the petitioners committee; they will be responsible for preparing, printing and circulating the petition; they will file it in proper form; they will specify the address to which all notices to the committee are to be sent. The affidavit shall set out in full the proposed initiative ordinance or cite the ordinance sought to be reconsidered, or in the case of recall, will provide a statement of the grounds for removal.

(2) In the case of recall, the City Secretary shall immediately notify in writing, the officer(s) sought to be removed, that the affidavit has been filed and shall inform the officer(s) of its statement of grounds.

SEC. 6.03 PETITION CIRCULATION

(1) All petition blanks used for circulation by the members of the petitioners committee or their designees shall be numbered, dated, and bear the signature of the City Secretary. The City Secretary shall enter in a record to be kept in his office the names of the qualified voters of the City.

SEC. 6.04 FORM OF PETITION

(1) All papers of a petition shall be uniform in size and style and shall be assembled as one instrument for filing. Each signer of a petition shall personally sign his own name thereto in ink or indelible pencil, and shall write after his name his place of residence within the boundaries of the City, giving name of street and number, or place of residence, and shall also write thereon the day, the month and the year his signature was affixed. Petitions shall contain or have attached thereto throughout their circulation the full text of the ordinance proposed or sought to be reconsidered, or in the case of a recall petition, a statement which distinctly and specifically states the ground(s) upon which such petition for removal is predicated. If there be more than one ground, the statement shall specifically state each ground with such certainty as to give the officer(s) sought to be removed notice of such matters and things with which he is charged.

(2) Each paper of a petition shall have attached to it when filed an affidavit executed by the circulator thereof stating that he personally circulated the paper, the number of the signatures thereon, that all signatures were affixed in his presence, that he believes them to be genuine signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be, and that each signer had an opportunity before signing to read the full text of the ordinance proposed, or sought to be reconsidered, or the identity of the official whose recall is being sought.

(3) Locations for twenty (20) signatures shall be provided on each blank petition.

SEC. 6.05 PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

(1) A petition to the City Council for initiative or referendum, containing the signatures of qualified voters equal in number to no fewer than fifteen (15) percent of those who were registered to vote in the last general municipal election shall be presented to the City Secretary not later than thirty (30) days following the filing of the affidavit by the petitioners committee.

(2) A petition to the City Council for recall, containing the signatures of qualified voters equal in number to no fewer than twenty (20) percent of those who were qualified to vote for such officials(s) in the last general municipal election shall be presented to the City Secretary not later than thirty (30) days following the filing of the affidavit by the petitioners committee.

SEC. 6.06 SUSPENSION OF EFFECT OF ORDINANCE FOR REFERENDUM PETITIONS

(1) When a referendum petition is filed with the City Secretary, the ordinance sought to be reconsidered shall be suspended from taking effect unless such suspension will create an immediate breach of public health and safety. Such suspension shall terminate when:

(a) There is a final determination of insufficiency of the petition, or

(b) The City Council repeals the ordinance, or

(c) Upon the certification of election results by the election officials.

SEC. 6.07 CERTIFICATION OF PETITIONS AND PRESENTATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL

(1) Within ten (10) days after the petition is presented, the City Secretary shall complete a certificate of sufficiency or insufficiency.

(2) If the petition is certified sufficient the City Secretary shall present the certificate to the City Council at the next regular City Council meeting. The City Council shall make a final determination of the sufficiency of the petition.

(3) If a petition has been certified insufficient, the City Secretary shall notify the committee in his certificate, by registered mail, the particulars in which it is defective. The committee may, within two working days after receiving the copy of such certificate, file a request that it be reviewed by the City Council. The City Council shall review the certificate at its next regular meeting following such a request and approve or disapprove it, such determination shall then be final.

(4) If a petition is certified insufficient it may be amended once if the petitioners committee files a notice of intention to amend it with the City Secretary within two working days after having received the copy of the certificate. A supplementary petition must be filed within two weeks after receiving the copy of the certificate. Such a supplementary petition shall comply with all the requirements of Sec. 6.04 of this Article.

(5) Within five days after the amended petition is filed, the City Secretary shall complete a certificate of sufficiency or insufficiency of the petition, as amended, and shall send a copy of such certificate to the petitioners committee by registered mail as in the case of an original petition. The final determination as to the sufficiency of an amended petition shall be determined in the same manner as prescribed for original petitions in this section, except that no petition, once amended, may be amended again.

(6) A final determination as to the sufficiency of a petition shall be subject to review in a court of competent jurisdiction. A final determination of insufficiency, even if sustained upon court review, shall not prejudice the filing of a new petition for the same purpose.

SEC. 6.08 PUBLIC HEARING ON RECALL OF OFFICERS

(1) An elected official whose removal is sought by recall may, within five (5) days after such recall petition has been presented to the City Council, request that a public hearing be held to permit him to present facts pertinent to the charges specified in the petition. Should a request be made, the City Council shall order a public hearing be held not less than five (5) days nor more than fifteen (15) days after receiving such request for a public hearing.

SEC. 6.09 ACTION ON INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM PETITIONS

(1) When an initiative or referendum petition has been finally determined sufficient, the City Council shall promptly consider the proposed initiative ordinance in the manner prescribed for enacting ordinances or reconsider the referred ordinance by voting its repeal. If the City Council fails to adopt a proposed initiative ordinance without any change in substance within sixty (60) days, or fails to repeal the referred ordinance within thirty (30) days after the date the petition was finally determined sufficient, it shall submit the proposed or referred ordinance to the voters of the City not less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days following the failure of the City Council to act as specified herein. Any election order so issued shall comply fully with the existing Texas Election Code.

(2) The called election may coincide with a regular City election, should such City election fall within the specified period. Special elections on initiated or referred ordinances shall not be held more frequently than once each six (6) months, and no ordinance substantially the same as an initiated ordinance which has been defeated or one substantially the same as a referred ordinance which has been approved at any election may be initiated by the voters within two (2) years from the date of such election. Copies of the proposed or referred ordinance shall be made available at the polls and shall be published at least once in the official newspaper of the City not more than fifteen (15) days immediately preceding the date of the election.

SEC. 6.10 CALLING OF RECALL ELECTION

(1) If the officer whose removal is sought does not resign, then the City Council shall order an election and set the date for holding such recall election. The date selected for the recall election shall be not less than twenty-five (25) days nor more than thirty-five (35) days after the date the petition was presented to the City Council, or from the date of the public hearing, if one was held. Any election order so issued shall comply fully with the existing Texas Election Code.

SEC. 6.11 WITHDRAWAL OF PETITIONS

(1) An initiative, referendum or recall petition may be withdrawn at any time prior to determination of sufficiency by filing with the City Secretary a request for withdrawal signed by at least six (6) members of the petitioners committee. Upon the filing of such request the petition shall have no further force or effect and all proceedings thereon shall be terminated.

SEC. 6.12 FORM OF BALLOTS

(1) Ordinances shall be submitted by ballot title, which shall be prepared in all cases by the City Attorney. The ballot title may be different from the legal title of any such initiated or referred ordinance and it shall be a clear, concise statement, without argument or prejudice, descriptive of the substance of such ordinance. Immediately below the ballot title shall be printed the following two statements, one above the other, in the order indicated:

"For adoption of the ordinance" and

"Against adoption of the ordinance"

Immediately below or to the left of such statement shall appear a square in which the voter may cast his vote by making a mark.

Ballots used at recall elections shall, with respect to each person whose removal is sought, submit the question:

"Shall (name of person) be removed from the office (name of office) by recall?"

Immediately below each such question there shall be printed the two following statements, one above the other, in the order indicated:

"For the removal of _____ by recall."

"Against the removal of _____ by recall."

Immediately below or to the left of such statement shall appear a square in which the voter may cast his vote by making a mark.

SEC. 6.13 RESULTS OF ELECTION

(1) If a majority of qualified electors voting on a proposed initiative ordinance vote in its favor, it shall be considered adopted upon certification of the election results and shall be treated in all respects in the same manner as ordinances of the same kind adopted by the City Council. If conflicting ordinances are approved at the same election, the one receiving the greatest number of affirmative votes shall prevail.

(2) An ordinance adopted by initiative may be repealed or amended at any time after the expiration of two years by a vote of not fewer than five members of the City Council, or at any time after the expiration of five years by a majority vote of the City Council.

(3) If a majority of the qualified electors voting on a referred ordinance vote against the ordinance, it shall be considered repealed upon certification of the election results. If a majority of the qualified electors voting on a referred ordinance vote for the ordinance, the ordinance shall be considered in effect.

(4) An ordinance repealed by referendum may be re-enacted at any time after the expiration of two (2) years by a vote of not fewer than five (5) members of the City Council or at any time after the expiration of five (5) years by a majority vote of the City Council.

(5) If a majority of the votes cast on the question of recall at a recall election shall be against the removal of the elected official named on the ballot, he shall continue in office for the remainder of his unexpired term, subject to recall as before within the limitations of Sec. 6.14 below. If a majority of the votes cast on the question of recall at a recall election shall be for the removal of the elected official named on the ballot, he shall, regardless of any technical defects in the recall petition, be deemed removed from office and the vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of this Charter for the filling of vacancies.

SEC. 6.14 LIMITATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

(1) No recall petition shall be filed against any officer of the City within six (6) months after his election or appointment, nor within six (6) months of such a petition being filed and found insufficient, nor within one (1) year after an election for such officer's recall.

(2) In no instance shall an officer removed from office by recall election serve in an elective office of the City within a period of three (3) years following the date of the election at which he was removed from office.

(3) Unless sucessfully withdrawn, no petition shall again be filed on a proposed or referred ordinance of substantially the same content within a period of two (2) years of the failure of the petition at a City election.

SEC. 6.15 FAILURE OF CITY COUNCIL TO CALL AN ELECTION

(1) In case all of the requirements of this Charter have been met and the City Council shall fail or refuse to receive an initiative, referendum, or recall petition, or order such initiative, referendum or recall election or discharge other duties imposed upon said City Council by the provisions of this Charter with reference to initiative, referendum or recall, then the County Judge of Aransas County, Texas, may discharge any such duties herein provided to be discharged by the City Secretary or by the City Council. In addition, any qualified voter in the City may seek judicial relief to have any of the provisions of this Charter pertaining to initiative, referendum or recall carried out by the proper official.

Article VII

MUNICIPAL FINANCE

SEC. 7.01 FISCAL YEAR

(1) The fiscal year of the City shall begin on the first day of each October and end on the last day of September of each calendar year. The fiscal year shall constitute the budget year of the City government. The term "budget year" shall mean the fiscal year for which any particular budget is adopted and in which it is administered.

SEC. 7.02 SUBMISSION OF BUDGET

(1) On or before the fifth day of August of each year, the City Manager shall submit to the City Council a proposed budget for the ensuing fiscal year and the budget message. The City Council shall review the proposed budget and make any appropriate changes prior to publishing the final budget.

SEC. 7.03 BUDGET

(1) The budget shall consist of three parts as follows:

(a) Part I shall contain (1) a budget message prepared by the City Manager, which shall outline a fiscal policy for the City government, describing therein the important features of the budget with reference both to proposed expenditures and anticipated income, for the ensuing year; (2) a general budget summary with supporting schedules, which shall exhibit the aggregate figures of the budget in such manner as to show a balanced relationship between the total proposed expenditures and the total anticipated income for the fiscal year covered by the budget, and which shall compare these figures with the corresponding figures of the last completed fiscal year and the year in progress.

(b) Part II shall contain (1) detailed estimates of all proposed expenditures, showing the corresponding expenditures for each item for the current fiscal year and the last preceeding fiscal year with explanations of increases or decreases recommended as compared with appropriations for the current fiscal year; (2) detailed estimates of anticipated revenues and other income; (3) delinquent taxes for current and preceeding years, with estimated percentage collectable; (4) statements of the bonded debt and other indebtedness of the City government, showing the debt redemption and interest requirements, the debt authorized and unissued, the conditions of the sinking funds, if any, and the borrowing capacity of the City.

(c) Part III shall contain a complete draft of the budget ordinance, including an appropriation ordinance and such other ordinances as may be required to finance the budget.

(2) The City Council shall post in the city office and publish in the official newspaper a general summary of the proposed budget and a notice stating:

(a) The times and places where copies of the message and budget are available for inspection by the public; and

(b) The time and place, not less than two (2) weeks after such publication for a public hearing on the budget.

(3) City Council action:

(a) The City Council shall hold a public hearing on the budget as submitted at the time and place so advertised or another time and place with proper notification. All interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard, either for or against any item of the proposed budget.

(b) At a regular or special meeting not fewer than seven (7) days after the public hearing, the City Council may adopt the budget with or without amendment. In amending the budget, it may add or increase programs or amounts, except expenditures required by law for debt service or for estimated cash deficit, provided that no amendment to the budget shall increase the authorized expenditures to an amount greater than the total of estimated income plus funds available from prior years.

(c) The City Council shall adopt or amend the budget by ordinance on one reading. Adoption of the budget shall constitute appropriations of the amounts specified herein as expenditures from the funds indicated and shall constitute a levy of the property tax therein proposed.

(4) If the City Council fails to adopt the budget by the twenty-seventh (27) day of September, the amounts appropriated for operation during the current fiscal year shall be deemed adopted for the ensuing fiscal year on a month-to-month basis, with all items in it pro-rated accordingly, until such time as the City Council adopts a budget for the ensuing fiscal year. The levy of property tax normally approved as part of the budget adoption will be set such that the tax receipts for the budgeted year shall equal the tax receipts of the current fiscal year.

SEC. 7.04 AMENDMENTS AFTER ADOPTION

(1) If, during the fiscal year, the City Manager certifies that there are revenues available for appropriation in excess of those estimated in the budget, the City Council may carry the excess into the next fiscal year, or, by ordinance, may take supplemental appropriations to retire indebtedness or to fund emergency appropriations as described in Article VII, Sec. 7.04 (2).

(2) At any time in any fiscal year, the City Council may, pursuant to this section, make emergency appropriations to meet a pressing need for public expenditure, for other than regular or recurring requirements, affecting life, health, property, or the public peace. Such appropriation shall be by ordinance adopted by the vote of four (4) or more of the City Council members. The total amount of all emergency appropriations made in any fiscal year shall not exceed five per centum (5%) of the tax levy for that fiscal year. Such appropriations may require emergency notes, which may be renewed from time to time, but the emergency notes and renewals of any fiscal year shall be paid not later than the last day of the fiscal year in which the emergency appropriation was made.

(3) If, at any time during the fiscal year, it appears probable to the City Manager that the revenues available will be insufficient to meet the amount appropriated, he shall report to the City Council without delay, indicating the estimated amount of deficit, any remedial action taken by him and his recommendations as to any other steps to be taken. The City Council shall then take such further action it may deem necessary to prevent or minimize any deficit.

(4) At any time during the fiscal year, the City Manager may transfer part or all of any unemcumbered appropriation balance among programs within a department, office or agency. The City Council may require approval of these transfers within departments above a limit established by the City Council. Upon written request by the City Manager, the City Council may, by budget amendments, transfer part or all of any unemcumbered appropriation balance from one department, office or agency to another.

(5) No appropriation for debt service may be reduced or transferred, and no appropriation may be reduced below any amount required by law to be appropriated or by more than the amount of the unemcumbered balance.

(6) The supplemental and emergency appropriations and reduction or transfer of appropriations authorized by this section shall be made effective immediately upon adoption of the appropriate ordinance or budget amendment.

SEC. 7.05 CAPITAL PROGRAM

(1) The City Manager shall submit a five (5) year capital program as an attachment to the annual budget. The capital program shall include the proposed program by the planning commission and comments by the City Manager. The program, as submitted, shall include:

(a) A clear, general summary of its contents;

(b) A list of all capital improvements which are proposed for the five (5) fiscal years succeeding the budget year, with appropriate supporting information as to the necessity for such improvements;

(c) Cost estimates, method of financing and recommended time schedules for each such improvement; and

(d) The estimated annual cost of operating and maintaining the facilities to be constructed or acquired.

(2) The above information may be revised and extended each year with regard to capital improvements still pending or in the process of construction or acquisition.

SEC. 7.06 PUBLIC RECORDS

(1) Copies of the budget and the capital program, as adopted, shall be public records and shall be made available to the public upon request.

SEC. 7.07 LAPSE OF APPROPRIATIONS

(1) Every appropriation, except an appropriation for a capital expenditure, shall lapse at the close of the fiscal year to the extent that it has not been expended or encumbered. An appropriation for a capital expenditure shall continue in force until the purpose for which it was made has been accomplished or abandoned; the purpose for which it was made has been accomplished or abandoned; the purpose of any such appropriation shall be deemed or abandoned if three years pass without any disbursement from or encumbrance of the appropriation. Any funds not expended, disbursed or encumbered shall be deemed excess funds.

SEC. 7.08 BORROWING

(1) The City shall have the right and power, except as prohibited by law or this Charter, to borrow money by whatever method it may deem to be in the public interest.

(2) The City shall have the power to borrow money on the credit of the City and to issue general obligation bonds for permanent public improvements or for any other public purpose not prohibited by law and this Charter, and to issue refunding bonds to refund outstanding bonds previously issued. All such bonds or certificates of obligation shall be issued in conformity with the laws of the State of Texas and shall be used only for purposes for which they were issued. Any bonds to be issued under the provisions of this section shall not be issued without an election. The City Council shall prescribe the procedure

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for calling and holding such elections, shall define the voting precincts and shall provide for the return and canvass of the ballots cast at such elections. If, at such election, a majority of the vote shall be in favor of creating such a debt or refunding outstanding valid bonds of the City, it shall be lawful for the City Council to issue bonds as proposed in the ordinance submitting same, but if a majority of the vote polled shall be against the creation of such debt or refunding such bonds, the City Council shall be without authority to issue the bonds. In all cases when the City Council shall order an election for the issuance of bonds of the City, it shall, at the same time, submit the question whether or not a tax shall be levied upon the property of the City for the purpose of paying the interest on the bonds and to create a sinking fund for their redemption.

(3) The City shall have the power to borrow money for the purpose of constructing, purchasing, improving, extending or repairing of public utilities, recreational facilities or any other self liquidating municipal function not prohibited by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and to issue revenue bonds to evidence the obligation created thereby. Such bonds shall be a charge upon and payable from the properties, or interest herein pledged, or the income therefrom, or both. The holders of the revenue bonds shall never have the right to demand payment thereof out of monies raised or to be raised by taxation. All such bonds shall be issued in conformity with the laws of the State of Texas and shall be used only for the purpose for which they were issued.

(4) In any budget year, the City Council may, by resolution, authorize the borrowing of money in anticipation of the collection of the ad valorem tax for the same year, whether levied or to be levied. Notes may be issued for periods not exceeding one year and must be retired by the end of the budget year in which issued.

SEC. 7.09 PURCHASING

(1) The City Council may, by ordinance, confer upon the City Manager general authority to contract for expenditures without further approval of the City Council for all budgeted items not exceeding limits set by City Council. All contracts for expenditures involving more than the set limits must be expressly approved in advance by the City Council. All contracts or purchases involving more than the limits set by City Council shall be let to the lowest bidder whose submittal is among those most responsive to the needs of the City after there has been opportunity for competitive bidding as provided by law or ordinance. The City Council, or City Manager in such cases as he is authorized to contract for the City, shall have the right to reject any and all bids.

(2) Emergency contracts as authorized by law and this Charter, may be negotiated by the City Council, or City Manager if given authority by the City Council without competitive bidding. Such emergency shall be declared by the City Manager and approved by City Council or may be declared by City Council.

SEC. 7.10 ADMINISTRATION OF BUDGET

(1) No payment shall be made or obligation incurred against any allotment or appropriation except in accordance with appropriations duly made and unless the City Manager or his designee first certifies that there is a sufficient unemcumbered balance in such allotment or appropriation and that sufficient funds therefrom are or will be available to cover the claim or meet the obligation when it becomes due and payable. Any authorization of payment or incurring of obligation in violation of the provisions of this Charter shall be void and any payment so made illegal. Such action shall be the cause for removal of any officer who knowingly authorized or made such payment or incurred such obligations, and he shall also be liable to the City for any amount so paid. However, this prohibition shall not be construed to prevent the making or authorizing of payments or making of contracts for capital improvements to be financed wholly or partly by the issuance of bonds, time warrants, certificates of indebtedness, or certificates of obligation, or to prevent the making of any contract or lease providing for payments beyond the end of the fiscal year, provided that such action is made or approved by ordinance.

SEC. 7.11 DEPOSITORY

(1) All monies received by any person, department or agency of the City for, or in connection with the affairs of the City shall be deposited promptly in the City depository or depositories, which shall be designated by the City Council in accordance with such regulations and subject to such requirements as to security for deposits and interest thereon as may be established by ordinance and law. Procedures for withdrawal of money or the disbursement of funds from the City depositories shall be prescribed by ordinance.

SEC. 7.12 FINANCIAL REPORT

(1) The City Manager shall submit to the City Council at its first formal meeting each month the financial condition of the City by budget item, budget estimate versus accruals for the preceeding month and for the fiscal year to date. The financial records of the City will be maintained on an accrual basis to support this type of financial management.

SEC. 7.13 INDEPENDENT AUDIT

(1) At the close of each fiscal year, and at such other times as it may be deemed necessary, the City Council shall cause an independent audit to be made of all accounts of the City by a certified public accountant. The certified public accountant so selected shall have no personal interest, directly or indirectly, in the financial affairs of the City or any of its officers. Upon completion of the audit, the summary thereof shall be published immediately in the official newspaper of the City and copies of the audit placed on file in the City Secretary's office as public record.

Article VIII

TAX ADMINISTRATION

SEC. 8.01 OFFICE OF TAXATION

(1) There shall be established an office of taxation to assess and collect taxes, the head of which shall be the City Assessor-Collector.

SEC. 8.02 POWER TO TAX

(1) The City shall have the power to levy, assess and collect taxes of every character, type and for any municipal purpose not prohibited by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and this Charter, as now written, or hereafter amended. The City shall have the power to grant tax exemptions in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas.

SEC. 8.03 RIGHT TO CONTRACT

(1) The City Council shall be empowered to contract, by ordinance or resolution, with any other municipality or district located entirely or partly within the corporate limits of the City or with any individual or corporation with regard to the appraisal of property, assessment, equalization, and/or collection of taxes.

SEC. 8.04 ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY FOR TAX PURPOSES

(1) The basis for valuation of all taxable property shall be its market value as of the first day of January of each year.

(2) The City Council may prescribe the mode and manner of making renditions, tax lists, assessments, and tax rolls.

(3) The City Assessor-Collector shall be responsible for providing an assessment roll of taxable property by the first day of June of each year. This assessment roll shall be available for public inspection. If a change is made in an individual assessment from the previous year or a change is made in the owner's rendition of said property, a written notice shall be sent to such owner at his last known address, notifying him of such change and advising him that he may appear before the City Assessor-Collector and/or the board of equalization to protest such change.

SEC. 8.05 BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

(1) The Council shall annually appoint a board of equalization to be composed of three members, who shall be qualified taxpaying voters of the City, who shall not be members of the Council, who shall not hold any other public office or employment, and who may be removed at the pleasure of the Council. Each member of the board shall be well acquainted with property values. The Council shall, by ordinance, fix the annual meeting date of the board of equalization; provided, however, that the board shall complete its work annually by the fifteenth of June. The members of the board of equalization shall be paid such compensation, if any, as may be determined by the Council. The board shall elect one of their members as chairman.

(2) The board of equalization shall revise and correct all assessments made in the City in the same manner as the same are revised and corrected by the Commissioners' Court, in cases of State and County taxation, and the board shall fix its time of meeting and give notice thereof. The board shall assess all property in the manner provided by law or ordinance, shall equalize all assessments as near as may be, shall have the same powers to subpoena property owners of the City, witnesses, books and records as are granted by the laws of the State to county boards of equalization, and shall have power to administer oaths and to punish for contempt as provided by ordinance. Any person failing to appear before the board, or failing to give evidence or to answer any question as to his property or any part thereof, or its location or value, shall be deemed guilty of contempt within the meaning of this section. The board shall have the right to adopt any manner of assessment so as to equalize taxes as nearly as possible; provided, however, that the board shall provide for stenographic records of its hearings and shall preserve such records. The board shall also be governed by such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by ordinance. At the conclusion of its work each year the board shall sign a written oath that they have inquired into the value of all property according to law, and it shall make due report of its action to the Council.

SEC. 8.06 TAXES: WHEN DUE AND PAYABLE

(1) All taxes due in the City of Rockport on real or personal property shall be payable at the office of the City Assessor-Collector or at such location or locations as may be designated by the City Council, and may be paid at any time after the tax rolls for the year have been completed and approved, which shall be not later than October 1. Taxes shall be paid before February 1, and all such taxes not paid prior to such date shall be deemed delinquent, and shall be subject to such penalty and interest as the City Council shall provide by ordinance. The City Council may provide, by ordinance, discounts for the payment of taxes prior to January 1 in an amount or amounts not to exceed those established by the laws of the State of Texas. Failure to levy and assess taxes through omission in preparation of the approved tax roll shall not relieve the person, firm or corporation so omitted from obligation to pay such current or past due taxes as shown to be payable by recheck of the rolls and receipts for the years in question, omitting penalty and interest.

SEC. 8.07 TAX LIENS, LIABILITIES, AND SUITS

(1) All taxable property located in the City on the first day of January of each year shall stand charged from said date with a special lien in favor of the City for the taxes due thereon. All persons purchasing any of said property after the first day of January in any year shall take same subject to the liens herein provided. In addition to the liens herein provided, on the first day of January of any year, the owner of property subject to taxation by the City shall be personally liable for the taxes due thereon for such year. The City shall have power to sue for and recover personal judgment for taxes without foreclosure or to foreclose its lien or liens or to recover both personal judgment and foreclosure. In any such suit where it appears that the description of any property in the City assessment rolls is insufficient to identify such property, the City shall have the right to plead a good description of the property to be assessed, to prove the same, and to have its judgment foreclosing the tax lien or for personal judgment against the owners for such taxes.

SEC. 8.08 OTHER RULES AND REGULATIONS

(1) Except as otherwise provided by law or this Charter, the City Council shall have the power to provide, by ordinance, such rules, regulations and procedures not in conflict with the laws of the State of Texas, to enforce the collection by and payment to the City Assessor-Collector as the Council may deem appropriate and may provide such penalties for the failure to pay such taxes as the Council may deem necessary. This Article dealing with the levying, assessing and collection of taxes shall further be subject to the general laws of Texas applicable to municipal corporations.

Article IX

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

SEC. 9.01

(1) The City Council shall create, establish, or appoint, as may be required by the laws of the State of Texas or this Charter, or deemed desirable by the City Council, such boards, commissions and committees as it deems necessary to carry out the functions and obligations of the City. The City Council shall, by ordinance or resolution prescribe the purpose, composition, function, duties, accountability and tenure of each board, commission, and committee, where such are not prescribed by law or this Charter.

(2) Individuals who are qualified voters in the City may be appointed to serve on one or more board, commission or committee. The City Council may, by ordinance or resolution, consolidate the functions of the various boards, commissions or committees provided for in this Charter. Except as otherwise provided in this Charter, members of any such board, commission or committee shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for actual expenses as approved by the City Council.

(3) All boards, commissions or committees of the City shall keep and maintain minutes of any proceedings held and shall submit a written report of such proceedings to the City Council at least once each month.

(4) No officer of the City nor any person who holds a compensated appointive position with the City shall be appointed to any board, commission or committee created or established by this Charter other than in an advisory capacity.

Article X

PLANNING COMMISSION

SEC. 10.01 ORGANIZATION

(1) There is hereby established a planning commission which shall consist of seven (7) members who shall be appointed by the City Council within sixty (60) days of the adoption of this Charter for overlapping two (2) year terms. Each member shall be a qualified City voter, owning real property within the City. Any vacancy occurring during the unexpired term of a member shall be filled by the City Council for the remainder of the unexpired term. The commission shall elect from its members a Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretrary each year in June to serve for one (1) year beginning in July of the year elected. The commission shall meet at least once each month when practicable.

SEC. 10.02 DUTIES AND POWERS

(1) The commisjsion shall be responsible to and act as an advisory board to the City Council. The commission shall:

(a) Perform all duties of the zoning commission for the City.

(b) Make, amend, extend and add to a master plan for the physical development of the City.

(c) Submit annually to the City Manager, not less than ninety (90) days prior to the beginning of the budget year, a list of recommended capital improvements to be constructed during the forthcoming five (5) year period.

(d) Review all proposed ordinances and amendments pertaining to planning and make recommendations to the City Council for action to be taken. No action shall be taken by the City Council to adopt such ordinances or amendments untl it receives the recommendations from the planning commission.

(e) Keep public record of its resolutions, findings and determinations.

(2) The commission shall have full power to:

(a) Exercise the authority of the zoning commission as provided byState law, this Charter and city ordinance.

(b) Prepare, adopt and administer rules and recommendations pertaining to subdivisions and to platting in territories within the City limits and its extra-territorial jurisdiction.

(c) Make reports and recommendations relating to the master plan and development of the City.

(d) Within its budget appropriation, contract for professional and consultant services to aid in carrying out its duties.

(e) Perform additional duties and exercise such additional powers as may be prescribed by city ordinances.

SEC. 10.03 THE MASTER PLAN

(1) The master plan for the physical development of the City shall contain the commission's recommendations for the growth, development and beautification of the City and its extraterritorial jurisdiction. The Commission may adopt the master plan as a whole or in parts and may adopt any amendment thereto. The adoption of the plan or of any such part or amendment shall be by resolution, but before the adoption of the plan or any such part or amendment, the commission shall hold at least one public hearing on the proposed action.

SEC. 10.04 PROCEDURE

(1) Master Plan: A copy of the master plan, or any part thereof, shall be forwarded to the City Manager who shall thereupon submit such plan or part thereof to the Council, together with his recommendations, if any. The Council may adopt or reject such plan or any part thereof as submitted; provided, however, that if the Council should fail to act on such plan or part thereof for sixty (60) days following its submission by the City Manager, it shall be deemed thereafter approved. If such plan or part thereof should be rejected by the Council, the planning commission may modify such plan or part thereof and again forward it to the City Manager for submission to the Council.

(2) Rules and Regulations: All rules and regulations adopted by the planning commission shall be forwarded to the City Manager who shall submit them to the Council with his recommendations. The Council may adopt or reject any such rules or regulations. If any rules or regulations should be rejected, the planning commission may modify them, and submit such modified rules and regulations or new rules and regulations to the City Manager for submission with his recommendations to the Council.

SEC. 10.05 LEGAL EFFECT OF MASTER PLAN

(1) Following the adoption of the master plan by the Council, no subdivision, street, park, nor any public way, ground, water way or space, public building or structure and no public utility whether publicly or privately owned, shall be constructed or authorized in the City, nor shall any real property be acquired or sold by the City, until and unless the location and extent thereof shall have been submitted to and approved by the commission. In case of disapproval, the commission shall communicate its reasons to the Council, which shall have the power to overrule such disapproval, and upon such overruling, the Council or the appropriate office, and upon such overruling, the Council or the appropriate office, department or agency shall have power to proceed. The failure of the commission to act within thirty (30) days after the date of official submission to the commission shall be deemed approval, unless a longer period be granted by the Council or the submitting official.

Article XI

UTILITY AND PUBLIC SERVICE FRANCHISES AND LICENSES

SEC. 11.01 UTILITY AND PUBLIC SERVICE FRANCHISE

(1) The City has the power to buy, own, sell, construct, lease, maintain, operate, and regulate public services and utilities and to manufacture, distribute and sell the output of such services and utility operations. No franchise shall be granted for a term of more than twenty (20) years from the date of the grant, renewal or extension of any franchise.

SEC. 11.02 ORDINANCE GRANTING FRANCHISE

(1) Any ordinance granting, renewing, extending, or amending a public service or utility franchise must be read at three (3) separate meetings of the City Council and shall not take effect until thirty (30) days after the final reading. Within fifteen (15) days following the first reading of the ordinance, the text of the ordinance shall be published one (1) time in a newspaper designated as the official newspaper of the City with the expense of such publication borne by the prospective franchisee. No franchise may be exclusive.

SEC. 11.03 TRANSFER OF FRANCHISE

(1) No public service or utility franchise is transferable, except with the approval of the City Council. However, the franchisee may pledge franchise assets as security for a valid debt or morgage.

SEC. 11.04 FRANCHISE VALUE NOT TO BE ALLOWED

(1) In granting, amending, renewing, and extending public service and utility franchises, the City reserves unto itself all the usual and customary rights, including but not limited to the following rights:

(a) To repeal the franchise by ordinance for failure to begin construction or operation within the time prescribed or for failure to comply with terms of the franchise.

(b) To require all extensions of services within City limits to become part of the aggregate property of the service and operate subject to all obligations and reserved rights contained in this Charter. Any such extension is considered part of the original grant and terminable at the same time and under the same conditions as the original grant.

(c) To require expansion and extension of facilities and services and to require maintenance of existing facilities to provide adequate service at the highest level of efficiency.

(d) To require reasonable standards of service and quality of product and prevent unjust rate discrimination.

(e) To impose reasonable regulations and restrictions to insure the safety and welfare of the public.

(f) To prescribe the form of accounts kept by each public service and utility.

(g) To examine and audit accounts and records and to require annual reports on local operations of the public service or utility.

(h) To require franchisee to restore, at franchisee's expense, all public or private property to a condition as good or better than before disturbed by the franchise for construction, repair or removal.

(i) To require every franchisee to furnish, within a reasonable time, to the City, at the franchisee's expense, a general map outlining current location, character, size, length, depth, height, and terminal of all facilities, over and under property within the City.

(j) To require compensation, rent, or franchise fee to be paid to the City.

SEC. 11.06 REGULATION OF RATES

(1) The City Council has the power to fix and regulate the rates and charges of all utilities and public services and to define "Utilities" and "Public Services."

(2) Upon receiving written request from a utility or public service requesting a change in rates, or upon a recommendation from the City that rates for services provided by or owned by it, be changed, the City Council shall call a meeting for consideration of the change.

(3) The City, public service or utility, must show the necessity for the change by any evidence required by the City Council, including, but not limited to, the following:

(a) Cost of its investment for service in the City.

(b) Amount and character of expenses and revenues connected with rendering the service.

(c) Copies of any reports or returns filed with any state or federal regulatory agency within the last three (3) years.

(d) Demonstration that the return on investment is within state and federal limitations.

(4) If not satisfied with the sufficiency of evidence, the City Council may hire rate consultants, auditors and attorneys to investigate and, if necessary, litigate requests for rate change, the expense of which shall be reimbursed to the City by the franchisee.

(5) Changes in the rates and charges of all utilities and public services, whether publicly or privately owned, shall be subject to the same notice and publication requirements as for the granting of original franchises provided herein.

SEC. 11.07 LICENSES

(1) The City shall have the power to license and levy and collect fees in order to license any lawful business, occupation or calling subject to control pursuant to the public powers of the State of Texas and for any other purpose not contrary to the Constitution or laws of the State of Texas.

Article XII

GENERAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 12.01 PUBLICITY

(1) All records of the City shall be open to inspection except for those that are closed to the public by law. The records may be examined and copied in the City office during normal office hours.

SEC. 12.02 OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

(1) The City Council shall declare annually an official newspaper of general circulation in the City. All ordinances, notices and other matters required by this Charter, by City ordinance, or by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas shall be published in this official newspaper.

SEC. 12.03 NEPOTISM

(1) No person related within the second degree by affinity or within the third degree by consanguinity to the Mayor or any City Council member or the City Manager shall be employed or appointed to any position of the City. This does not apply to any person continuously employed for two years prior to the election or appointment of the person related in the above degree.

SEC. 12.04 OATH

(1) All elected and appointed officers of the City shall take and sign the oath of office based on those prescribed for state elective and appointive offices, respectively, in the Constitution of the State of Texas.

SEC. 12.05 PROHIBITIONS AND PENALTIES

(1) Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged with respect to appointment to or removal from any position because of race, sex, age, national origin, political or religious opinions or affiliations.

(2) No person who seeks appointment or promotion with respect to any City position shall, directly or indirectly, give, render, or pay any money, service or other valuable thing to any person for or in connection with his test, appointment or promotion.

(3) No person shall willfully make any false statement, certificate, mark, rating or report in regard to any test, certification, or appointment or attempt to commit any fraud preventing the impartial execution of the personnel provisions, rules, and regulations of this Charter.

(4) No person who holds any compensated non-elective City position(s) shall make, solicit or receive any contribution for any candidate for public office in the City or take any part in the management, affairs, or political campaign of such candidate. He may exercise his rights as a citizen to express his opinion and to cast his vote.

(5) Any person who willfully engages in any of the above prohibited activities shall be ineligible for appointment or election to a position in the City for a period of five (5) years. If he is an officer or employee of the City at the time of the violation, he shall immediately forfeit his office or position.

SEC. 12.06 ASSIGNMENT, AND GARNISHMENT

(1) Property, real and personal, belonging to the City shall not be liable to be sold or appropriated under any writ or execution of cost bill. Funds belonging to the City, in the hands of any person, firm, or corporation, shall not be liable to garnishment, attachment or sequestration; nor shall the City be liable to garnishment on account of any debt it may owe or funds or property it may have on hand owing to any person. Neither the City nor any of its officers or agents shall be required to answer any such writ of garnishment on any account whatever. The City shall not be obligated to recognize any assignment of wages or funds by its employees, agents or contractors.

SEC. 12.07 SECURITY AND BOND

(1) It shall not be necessary in any action, suit or proceeding in which the City is a party for any bond, undertaking, or security to be demanded or executed by or on behalf of the City in any State Court. All such actions shall be conducted in the same manner as if such bond, undertaking or security had been given as required by law.

SEC. 12.08 DAMAGE SUITS

(1) Before the City shall be liable for any claim for damages for the death or personal injuries of any person or for damages to property, the complainant or his authorized representative shall notify the City Secretary, in writing, and shall state specifically how, when and where the death, injury or damage occurred; the amount of loss claimed; and the identity of any witnesses upon whom it is relied to establish the claim. The notification shall be filed within forty-five (45) days of the date of injury or damage or, in the case of death, within forty-five (45) days of the date of death. The failure to notify the City within the time and in the manner specified shall exonerate, excuse and exempt the City from any liability whatsoever. No legal action shall be brought against the City until at least sixty (60) days have elapsed since the date of notification.

SEC. 12.09 POWER TO SETTLE CLAIMS

(1) The City Council shall have the power to compromise and settle any and all claims and lawsuits of every kind and character, in favor of, or against, the City, including suits by the City to recover delinquent taxes.

SEC. 12.10 SERVICE OF PROCESS AGAINST THE CITY

(1) All legal process against the City shall be served upon the Mayor or City Manager.

SEC. 12.11 JUDICIAL NOTICE

(1) This Charter shall be deemed a public act, may be read in evidence without pleading of proof, and judicial notice shall be taken thereof in all courts and places.

SEC. 12.12 EMERGENCY POWERS OF THE MAYOR

(1) Whenever it shall come to the knowledge of the Mayor or his designee that any malignant, infectious or contagious disease or epidemic is prevalent in the City or probably will become so, or in case of public calamity arising by reason of flood, hurricane, tornado, fire, or other disaster, when it appears that action may become necessary before the Council can be convened to consider such action, he shall have the power to take all steps and use all measures necessary to avoid, suppress or mitigate such disease and prepare for and relieve distress caused by flood or resulting from tornado, hurricane, fire or other disaster.

SEC. 12.13 SEVERABILITY

(1) If any section or part of this Charter is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not invalidate or impair the validity, force or effect of any other section or part of a section of this Charter.

SEC. 12.14 EFFECT ON EXISTING LAWS

(1) All ordinances, portions thereof, resolutions, contracts, bonds, obligations, rules and regulations now in force under the City government and not in conflict with the provisions of this Charter, shall remain in force under this Charter until altered, amended, or repealed by the City Council after the Charter takes effect.

SEC. 12.15 GENDER OF WORDING

(1) The masculine gender of the wording throughout this Charter shall always be interpreted to mean either sex.

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CITY CHARTER

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SEC. 12.16 AMENDMENT OF CHARTER

(1) Amendments to this Charter may be framed and submitted to the qualified voters of the City in the manner provided by Chapter 13 of Title 28 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, as now or hereafter amended.

SEC. 12.17 CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

(1) The City Council shall appoint, at its first regular meeting in July of 1985 and every fifth year thereafter, a Charter Review Commission of five (5) citizens of the City who shall:

(a) Inquire into the operation of the City government under the Charter and determine whether any provisions require revision. To this end, public hearings may be held; the commission may compel the attendance of any officer or employee of the City and require submission of any City records it deems necessary to conduct the hearings.

(b) Propose any recommendations it deems desirable to insure compliance with the Charter by the government.

(c) Propose amendments to the Charter to improve the effective application to current conditions.

(d) Report its findings and presents its recommendations, if any, to the City Council.

(2) The City Council shall receive and have published in the official newspaper of the City any report presented by the commission; shall consider any recommendationss made, may order any amendments suggested to be submitted to the voters of the City in the manner provided by Chapter 13 of Title 28 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, as now or hereafter amended.

(3) Term of Office:

(a) The term of office of the commission shall be for not more than six (6) months, at the end of which time a report shall be presented to the City Council and all records or proceedings of the commission shall be filed with the City Secretary and become a public record.

SEC. 12.18 REARRANGING AND RENUMBERING

(1) The City Council shall have the power, by ordinance, to renumber and rearrange all articles, sections and paragraphs of this Charter or any amendments thereto, as it shall deem appropriate, and upon the passage of any such ordinance a copy thereof, certified by the City Secretary, shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State for filing.

SEC. 12.19 SCHEDULE OF TRANSITION

(1) This Charter shall take effect immediately following adoption by the voters, and shall be fully operable within one (1) year after adoption.

(2) Upon adoption of this Charter, the present members of the City Council filling elective offices will continue to fill those offices for the terms to which they were elected. Thereafter, the City Council shall be elected as provided in this Charter. Persons who, on the date this Charter is adopted, are filling appointive positions with the City which are retained under this Charter, may continue to fill these positions for the term for which they were appointed, unless removed by the City Council or by other means provided for in this Charter.

SEC. 12.20 OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

(1) Except as specifically provided, nothing in this Charter shall affect or impair the rights or privileges of persons who are City officers or employees at the time of its adoption.

(2) Except as specifically provided by this Charter, if at the time this Charter takes full effect, a City administrative officer or employee holds any office or position which is or can be abolished by or under this Charter, he shall continue in such office or position until adoption of some specific provision under this Charter directing that he vacate the office or position.

SEC. 12.21 PENDING MATTERS

(1) All rights, claims, actions, orders, contracts and legal or administrative proceedings shall continue except as modified pursuant to the provisions of this Charter and in each case shall be maintained, carried on or dealt with by the City department, office or agency appropriate under this Charter.

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General Rowny Salt II Witness

GEN. EDWARD L. ROWNY spent six years as the representative of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on SALT (The Strategic Arms Limitation Talks). He is, without question, the best qualified witness on the results of those negotiations.

Therefore, his testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee of July 12 deserves the most careful consideration of the Congress and all our concerned citizens.

He began his testimony by announcing his strong commitment to arms reduction agreements, provided they resulted in military equivalence.

Here, briefly, are his judgments on SALT II:

The treaty is not in our interest since it is inequitable, unverifiable, undermines deterrence, contributes to instability and could adversely affect NATO security and allied coherence.

The treaty grants the Soviet Union a unilateral right to 308 launchers of heavy ICBMs. These missiles alone possess more destructive power than all our ICBMs and SLBMs combined.

The treaty fails to count as strategic weapons some 375 Backfire bombers with intercontinental capability. The so-called "assurances" on Backfires are militarily worthless.

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The treaty fails to provide equal levels of strategic forces. Under the treaty's provisions, as written, the Soviet Union will stay ahead of the U.S. in strategic capability.

The treaty is sufficiently the treaty are simply unverifiable, for example, cruise missile ranges. The treaty undermines deterrence; it does not contribute to stability; it could weaken NATO; and it would sanction and codify the strategic inferiority of the U.S. We must make it clear that we will not accept strategic inferiority.

Rowny supports these contentions with convincing facts and figures and then concludes: "The Treaty, as it now stands, heavily tilts the balance against the U.S. Agreeing to a bad agreement is worse than no agreement: A poor SALT II will make it impossible to negotiate a good SALT III. This SALT agreement is not in the interest of the United States."

Rowny, also believes that a satisfactory treaty could have been negotiated with the Russians, if we had been sufficiently persistent, since they need it as much, perhaps more than we do.

The reasons advanced by General Rowny to support these conclusions are persuasive, especially since they come from the man who knows the Russian negotiators best.

The question naturally arises, why did the JCS support SALT II reluctantly, with reservations, whereas their representative unconditionally opposes it?

Since Rowny's proposals are essentially those the JCS authorized him to present and defend, they are obviously the ones the Chiefs would have preferred. When they were overruled by the Soviets and the Carter administration, the JCS did not elect to resign, evidently believing that it was better for them to remain and use their influence to increase the military power of the U.S.

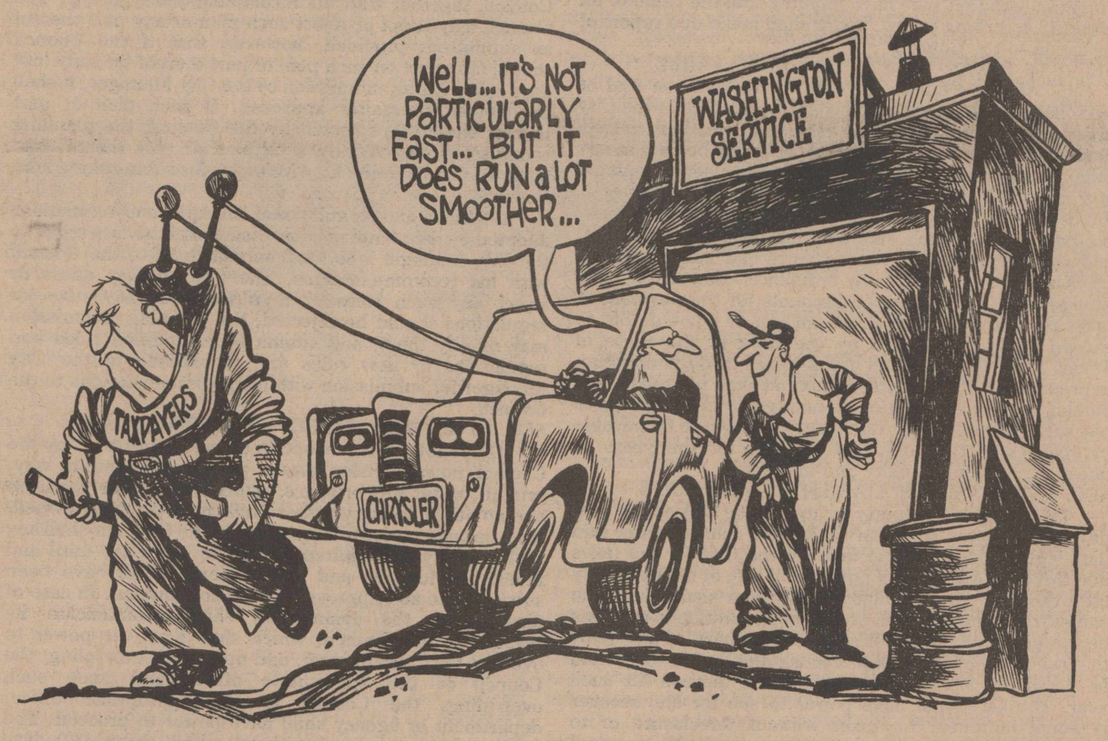
There is another important consideration which has developed in the course of the SALT debate. Public Law 92-448, the Jackson Amendment, calls for equal levels of strategic forces. Under the Carter-Brezhnev SALT Treaty, the Soviets will stay ahead of the U.S.

Senator Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.) correctly contends that the approval of the SALT II treaty, without amendment, abrogates that law, and with Senate approval. It, in effect, says that the U.S. accepts inferior military status and that of a second rate world power. Now, only the Senate can deny Brezhnev his greatest victory.

Attitudes toward abortions

A recent survey on abortions revealed that 54 percent of those polled believed that abortions should be legal "only under certain circumstances."

Those who felt abortion should be legal "under all circumstances" comprised 22 percent and 19 percent felt it should be "illegal under all circumstances."



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TDA Helps Peanut Farmers

AUSTIN--Peanut lovers can rest assured that their favorite legume is free of harmful levels of aflatoxins due to the work of chemists with the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA).

The TDA, through the cooperation of the private peanut industry, tests all Texas peanuts consumed by humans and animals to see that they are free of these naturally-occurring poisons which are thought to cause cancer.

Trained chemists annually check thousands of peanut samples in four TDA aflatoxin laboratories located in Comanche, Gorman, DeLeon and Fredericksburg.

"The Texas Department of Agriculture is presently operating four of only 15 aflatoxin testing facilities in the nation," noted Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown. "In addition, it is the only state agency to administer such a program, marking an important effort by the Texas peanut industry to protect consumers from aflatoxin."

The laboratories, administered by the TDA's Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Division, are funded through a $25 fee on each sample tested, he added.

Aflatoxin is a poison that is a by-product of the mold Aspergillus flavus. If eaten, it can accumulate in the liver and has been scientficially linked to a cancerous condition resembling cirrhosis.

Present regulations require that a load of peanuts be rejected for edible use if aflatoxin levels of just 25 parts per billion (ppb) are detected.

If the TDA chemists detect sufficient aflatoxin in a particular lot of peanuts, that load may not be sold for human or animal consumption unless it undergoes blanching to kill the substance. Otherwise, the peanuts can only be sold for oil or fertilizer, which does not allow aflatoxin to enter foodstuffs.

Aflatoxin contamination can cost shellers thousands of dollars per load, and because of this, the Peanut Administrative Committee has established an "insurance program." Each sheller pays a fee to the committee based on the number of tons purchased and if aflatoxin is detected, the committee buys the nuts from the sheller, pays to have them blanched, and resells them.

"Aflatoxin contamination occurs infrequently, considering the huge quantity of peanuts harvested each year," Commissioner Brown noted.

"However, the effects of the substance are well documented and this makes our testing program even more important to the industry, as well as the consumer," Brown concluded.

OLDEST TREE

The oldest living trees in the world are reputed to be the bristlecone pines with an estimate age of over 4,600 years found growing on the arid crags of California's White Mountains. — CNS

From The Desk Of Senator Bentsen

In the Old Testament the Book of Judges tells the story of Jephthah, "a mighty warrior" and leader of the Gileadites.

When his people were attacked by the followers of E'phraim, Jephthah was victorious on the field of battle and as the E'phraimites fled he placed his men at strategic spots along the River Jordon.

The password was "shibboleth," chosen because the people of E'phraim could not pronounce the "sh" sound.

Anyone trying to cross the river claiming to be a Gileadite who responded to the challenge by saying "shibboleth" was found out and put to death.

The word shibboleth has survived to this day, meaning a peculiarity or pet phrase of a sect or group.

One of the shibboleths of economics, for example, is that slow growth is required in any effort to combat inflation.

When the economy is booming along, expanding rapidly and creating jobs, according to this shibboleth, rising prices are an unavoidable consequence.

The only way to fight this, goes the common wisdom, is to rein in the economy, slow it down. It's too bad if people are thrown out of work. There's no other choice.

The 1979 Midyear Report of the Joint Economic Committee of Congress, supplemented by a staff study analyzing economic trends for the 1980s, punched this economic shibbobeth full of holes.

Projections in the staff study show, in fact, that slow economic growth will not mean price stability in America. Indeed, the slower the growth, the more rapid the rise in prices.

Using an econometric model, the study made three different projections for the U.S. economy during the coming decade: an optimistic projection, a baseline projection and a pessimistic projection.

Under the pessimistic, or least hopeful, projection, our economy will grow at a puny annual rate of only 1.5 percent during the last half of the decade while inflation rockets along at 9.5 to 10 percent.

The baseline projection sees growth increased to 3.5 percent a year with inflation diminishing to 5.5-6 percent.

And the optimistic projection calls for a healthy growth rate of almost 4 percent with inflation reduced to 4.5-5 percent.

Or, to look at it another way, under the slowest growth projection a home that cost $55,700 in 1978 would cost $151,200 in 1990 compared to a cost of $117,800 under the highest growth projection.

Depending on the rate of economic growth, a loaf of bread could cost either $2.06 or $1.33; a new car either $12,060 or $9,200; a suit of men's clothes either $277.50 or $220.

As Chairman of the Joint Economic Committee I was pleased to learn of the results of this study. It confirms a conclusion reached earlier this year, in the Annual Report of the Joint Economic Committee: we have to start paying more attention to supply side economics.

For too many years, now, economic policymaking has concentrated only on the demand side.

Demand side economists forget that there are two ways to hold down inflation. You can either take money out of people's pockets or discourage them in other ways from buying goods on the shelf. This would be the demand side approach. It is responsible, among other things, for the economic shibboleth that slow growth slows inflation.

Instead of trying to reduce the demand for goods on the shelf, though, you can just as effectively fight inflation through policies designed to put more goods on the shelf.

Under my chairmanship the Joint Economic Committee has been urging government to pay more attention to supply side economics. We want policies that will increase the productive capacity of this nation, supply side policies that will put more goods on the shelf.

An alternative definition of shibboleth is: a catchword or saying "usually regarded as empty of real meaning." That definition would certainly apply to much of the dogma of demand side economics.

Carter Foreign Policy A Farce

By Bill Dickinson, Member of Congress From Alabama

It doesn't take an expert to see gross inconsistencies in the brand of U.S. foreign policy being developed by the Carter administration. You don't have to be a "Washington expert" to see that they can't make two plus two equal four.

I recently was privileged to conduct five separate, two-way, amplified, long-distance telephone conversations with civics, history and government students of five high schools in my Alabama congressional district. This was a refreshing experience for me. The kids coming along in high school now are interested in affairs of state and they are "sharp." I got a constant message from both their questions and discussion that they don't understand the purpose or direction of our foreign policy. Neither do I! The past two years are replete with inconsistency.

While the president pardoned the anti-heroes of the Vietnam War-the deserters and draft-dodgers who cut and ran to Canada and elsewhere-nothing is being done for the real heroes-veterans who served honorable during Vietnam. And now, after rewarding the malingerers with forgiveness for desertion, the administration is asking Congress to establish a new system of selective service registration.

While claiming to be concerned about Soviet-sponsored aggression and expansion in Asia, the president has ordered the withdrawal of significant numbers of U.S. troops from our strategic defensive outposts in South Korea.

While knowing the facts about the skyrocketing buildup of Soviet strategic and conventional forces, the administration has canceled or curtailed vital weapons sytems such as the B-l bomber, the neutron warhead and the nuclear carrier.

While we know of Soviet violations of the letter and the spirit of SALT I, President Carter has rushed to conclude a SALT II agreement from which we can only expect a continued degradation of our balance of power.

While we spout off about human rights, and criticize and alienate longtime allies for their imperfect records in the area, we timidly ignore the same "sins" by our avowed enemies and treat them with more courtesy than we give our friends.

While we play the Soviet game of "detente" and retrench and apologize for being a great power, we watch the Soviets and Cubans aggressively practicing their other game-"assisting in wars of national liberation."

While we're abandoning our allies, we see Soviets and Cubans marauding around Africa. The Soviets have moved into South Vietnam-at Cam Rahn Bay and our old air bases there.

While we vacillate and play the game of "detente," the Soviets are sponsoring Marxist takeovers of Angola, Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Iran, etc. We embrace the Red Chinese and begin the abandonment of Taiwan-we hold out for inclusion of Marxist terrorists in the new black majority government of Rhodesia that will surely spell the doom of any chance for a multiracial democracy in that nation.

Since the president pulled the rug out from under the Shah of Iran during a White House lecture on human rights and by tolerating masked, anti-shah demonstrations on the streets of Washington, the shah has been replaced by a blood-thirsty tyrant who seems to thrive on summarily slaughtered human beings for political and religious reasons.

What will happen next? Who knows? We are like a rudderless ship. We can only hope and pray that our directionless foreign policy will change. Maybe the U.S. Senate will stop our slide by rejecting the SALT II Treaties. Only time and the concern of the American people will tell.



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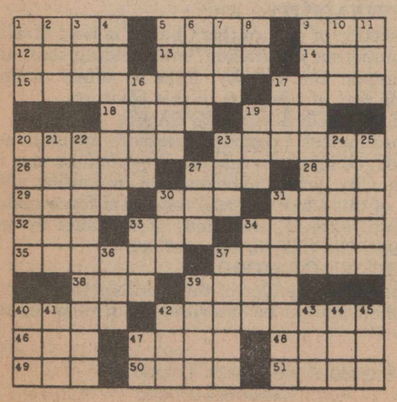
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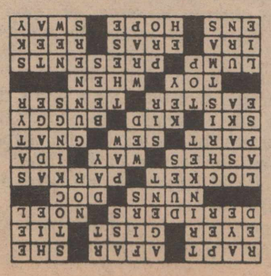
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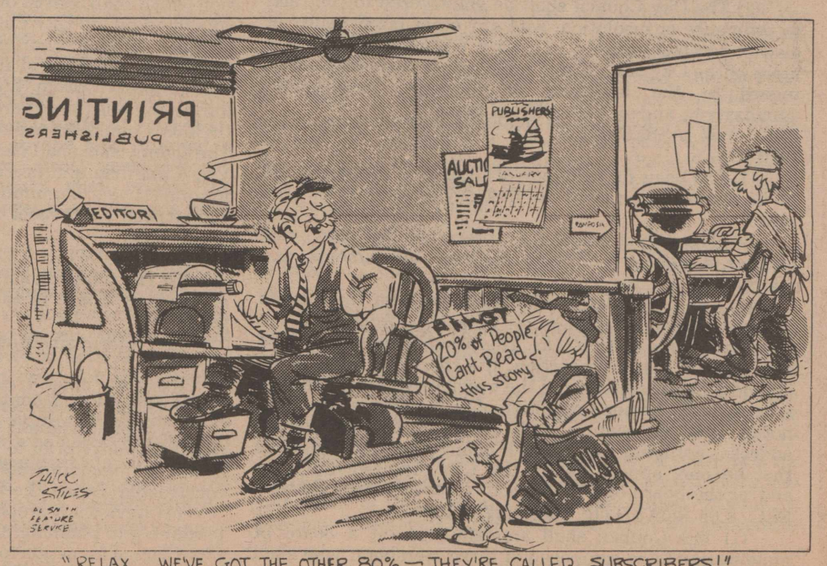
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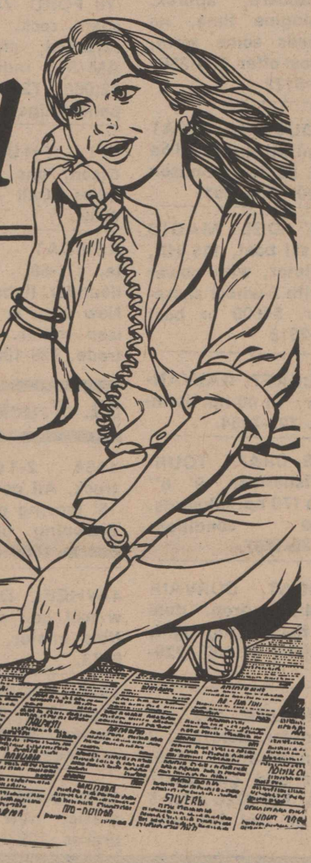


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RETIRED COUPLE OR WIdow to live in large 2 bdrm apartment in Rockport Funeral Home. Rent & utilities paid in exchange for duties around funeral home. For interview Call Randy Ramey at 729-2451 or C. W. Marshall 758-3221.

APPLICATIONS BEING taken for dishwasher, kitchen helper and waitress at Corky's Restaurant in downtown Rockport.

10. Help Wanted

EXPERIENCED SALESperson, able and willing to work. Qualified in Real Estate practice and procedure for expanding company. Dingenary Real Estate. 729-0326.

ACTIVE, BUILDING TRADE 729-2396 after 6 p.m.

TAKING APPLICATIONS for full time kitchen help. Apply in person to LITTLE BAY CLUB. Darrell Luce.

DR. OFFICE: X-RAY AND lab, experience required. Call 729-2291 wk days 9-5 except Thurs. 9-12.

ELECTRICIANS HELPERS. APPLY IN PERSON. BARRE Electric Co., Hwy. 35 N. at Colorado. No experience required. 729-2500.

WELDER'S HELPERS Apply in person to Camden Drilling Co. in Cove Harbor.

16. Apartments

NOW LEASING: ONE two, and three bedroom unfurnished. 1200 N. Magnolia 729-0302.

1 BDRM. DOWNSTAIRS apartment. No pets, no children, $160 a month deposit and references. Call Corpus Christi 854-6535.

TOWNHOUSE, UNFURnished. 2 bedrooms, 1½ bath, sundeck, drapes, carpet & swimming pool. No pets. $265 month plus deposit. 729-5858.

FURNISHED APT. FOR rent at N. Fulton Beach Rd. 729-2073.

NEW-SPACIOUS, 3 BEDroom, 2½ bath duplex. 729-5181.

LARGE 2 BDRM. DISHwasher, stove, refrigerator, dryer furnished. Private fenced yard, water paid. $250 a month. 729-2370.

WATERFRONT EFFICIciency - $150 a month plus electric, $50 deposit, adults only, no pets. 729-0799.

ONE BEDROOM FURnished duplex. Water paid. $180 per month. 729-7811.

17. Houses for Rent

LITTLE BAY, KEY ALLEGro, $300 and $400 a mo. Fill out rental application at Dingenary Real Estate.

17. Houses for Rent

2 BDRM., 1 BATH, 2 CAR garage, Rockport area, $225 per month, - phone after 6:00 p.m., 643-4491.

FOR LEASE: BEAUTIFUL home overlooking the water. 3 bdrm., 2 bath unfurnished. Key Allegro, $500 a month. 758-7534

FOR LEASE - 2 BDRM., 2 bath, furnished home, Key Allegro. $450 plus utilities and deposit. Call Rockport Realty, Gene Everette, 729-7671 or 729-2324.

2 BEDRM, FURNISHED IN Fulton. $350-first & last mo. w/references & deposit. Adults, no pets. Call after 6, 512-852-1201.

TWO BEDROOM HOME. IN the country. $275 per month, unfurnished. Sandpiper Real Estate, 729-7771.

2 BDRM., ADULTS. NO pets, in Fulton. 729-6955.

3 BDRM., 2 BATH, FURnished, with all appliances, fantastic view of water, Key Allegro-$425 a month. 729-0855-Call between 6 & 10 p.m.

FOR LEASE - 3 BDRM., 2 B, Fulton. $450 plus utilities & deposit. Faces bay. Call Rockport Realty, Gene Everette, 729-7671 or 729-2324.

COZY, UNFURNISHED 1 bedroom separate house. Corner location. Bettye Thomas, Real Estate Agent, Alfred Edge. 729-3185 or 729-5223.

3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, house, carpeted, c-a/h. Rockport Apt. 729-0302.

ROCKPORT, 5TH & HWY. 35. One bedroom cottage, unfurnished. $150 plus deposit and utilities. Call collect 214-351-5524.

3 BDRM., 2 BATH UNFURnished home on Palm Harbor Canal. $375. Pete Owens, Rockport Realty, 729-7671.

FURNISHED COTTAGE for rent near water in Lamar. Single or couple. Newly constructed. Call 729-2561 after 4 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

WOW ON WATER Palm Harbor, unfurnished, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, $399. Key Allegro 2 bedroom furnished, $475. Call quick; owner 729-1696.

2 BEDROOM HOUSE, 1047 Wood Street. Adults. Phone 729-5286.

17. Houses for Rent

NEW FURNISHED HOME. Copano Cove on channel with boat ramp. Call Catherine Robinson at 776-2748, Ingleside.

VERY NICE 1 BEDROOM house. Central a/h, furnished. Situated on 5 acres. Pool & fishing pier privileges. 1 year lease & deposit required. 729-7705.

LITTLE BAY SHORES: A 2 bedroom home on corner lot w/sleeping porch, unfurnished with bayfront exposure. Call or write: Charles G. Jones, 2020 Candlewood Dr., Bay City, Texas 77414, 713/245-0500.

18. Trailers for Rent

TWO BEDROOM FURnished mobile home. Central heat and air. Water paid. $250 per month. 729-7811.

MOTEL TYPE EFFICIENcies weekly or monthly, 2 bdrm. mobile homes monthly. In nice Mobile Park. 758-3704

19. Business Rentals

RETAIL SPACE FOR LEASE 1000 sq. ft. Contact Meceal Casterline at Alfred Edge Co., Realtors. 729-3185.

NEWLY REMODELED commercial space. Prime location. Ideal for retail, service business or office. 729-2331 or 729-7768.

21. Trailer Space

LARGE WOODED LOTS. Pool, water, sewer and garbage pick-up furnished. Can accommodate up to 90' mobile homes. 1 mi. west of Fulton on FM 3036. FULTON HEIGHTS TRAILER PARK. 729-6769.

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23. Services Offered

PLUMBING AND HEATING repairs, free estimates. Martinez Plumbing Co. 729-2136.

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WE WILL MOVE YOUR mobile home, set-up, skirting, add-a-room. John Cordell 729-1927, 729-7501.

S & S CONSTRUCTION does general contracting, roofing & remodeling. David Schmidt 729-1291, after 5 - 729-2815.

CONCRETE WORK? SIDEwalks, patios, carports, driveways. Claudio "Larry" Lara, concrete contractor, 307 Kossuth. 729-7288.

BABY SITTING DONE IN my home. Aransas Bay Apt., Apt. 302.

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STORM BLINDS SAVE energy. Call Storm Shutters, Inc. 729-7501.

WHEN YOU NEED A dragline, call W. F. Bartlett, owner-operated. Phone 758-2825, Box 37, Aransas Pass, Texas 78336.

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28. Pets-Supplies

2 DOBERMANS, 1 MALE, 1 female. Registered. 729-0884 after 5.

29. Livestock-Supplies

REGISTERED QUARTER horse stud. Gentle enough to ride. $500 firm. 729-2671 after 4:00.

30. Articles Wanted

WANT TO BUY: USED furniture, appliances, tools and sporting goods, etc. Call 729-6702.

WANT TO BUY DEPTH finder for a bass boat. 729-2894.

31. Articles for Sale

70 ALJO TRAVEL TRAILER $2,500. 75 Dodge pickup, half ton, 318 std., 100 glass shell. 52,000 miles. $3,350. 300 block, 881 W. Hwy., space 9, Ray Brown.

10'' LOGAN METAL lathe. 729-6735 after 5 p.m.

METAL BUILDINGS, several sizes, low prices. See at ADDCO GLASS & MIRROR CO. 422 Market 729-7534.

31. Articles for Sale

STUFF'N SUCH END OF SUMMER SALE
-Sling Rocker Special- Reg. price: $38.95, now $26.95. Canvas colors: yellow, rust, brown.
-Cedar Furniture Sale- 10% off swings/tables/chairs/chaise.
-Tops 'N' Bottoms Sale- All slacks/Jeans, ½price. Many blouses/T-shirts, ½ price.
115 N. Austin 729-7179

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31. Articles for Sale

500 GAL. FUEL TANK. $250. 729-0113.

EARLY AMERICAN HIDE-a-bed $200. One living room floral sofa $125. 729-2855.

CAN'T FIND OR KEEP UP with your pen? Come in and see "The Swinger", a neck pen by Parker. Comes in many colors to match your outfit and only $5.00. The Rockport Pilot. 729-2357.

34. Sail Boats

COLUMBIA 29 ATOMA-ic 4, loaded. Hunter 27 w/diesel. Pearson 26 Ariel w/ob motor. Westsail 42, Clipper 21 w/trlr. Bailey 729-1000.

39. Business Opportunity

HAVE A HIGHLY PROFIT-able and beautiful Jean Shop of your own. Featuring the latest in jeans, denims and sportswear. $15,500 includes beginning inventory, fixtures and training. You may have your store open in as little as 15 days. Call any time for Mr. Loughlin [612] 835-1304.

APARTMENTS - 8 RENTAL units, excellent condition. Prime property. One block from bay in Fulton. Room for expansion. Ideal for retirement owner. 729-1610.

42. Acreage Sale

BY OWNER, ROCKPORT, 2 ea. 4¾ acres side by side, cleared, scattered trees, high ground, w/lake, $3,500 per acre; w/o, $3,000. Call for appointment, 729-7534.

42. Acreage Sale

174 ACRES OF LAND AD-joining Rockport at Oak Terrace $2,761. per acre. $100,000 down, $50,000 per yr. 9 per cent on balance. Call 713-497-2765.

APPROX. TEN ACRES, 3 miles from Rockport, partially cleared with two man-made lakes stocked with fish. At $2,800 an acre. This one won't last long. Phone 512-758-7551. Ask for Mike.

46. Condos For Sale

ALLEGRO NORTH CONDO by owner. 2 bedrm., 2 bath, upstairs. End unit, private stairway, fireplace, utility room, dressing area, furnished. $72,000. 729-6274 days; 729-7050 after 6.

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47. Houses for Sale

ASSUME LOAN ON 2 bdrm, Cedar house on stilts in Holiday Beach. Large cedar storage building. One lot. Newly carpeted. Call after 6 p.m. 729-3835.

FOR SALE BY OWNER: Nice 3 bedroom cedar A-frame with 1 bath, garage & workshop, carpeted, all electric. Lots of cabinet space. Appliances & a/c units go with house. Sets on nice oak covered lot. Quiet location, country atmosphere, good neighbors. Shown by appt. only. 729-3036 after 5 p.m. or write P.O. Box 743, Rockport, TX. 78382. Low 30's.

4 BEDRM, 2 BATH HOME on 4½ acres. Owner will trade for small home in town plus cash. Wishert Realtors, 729-2124 or 729-2370.

OWNER TRANSFERRED & someone will get a great place at the right price. Read on--6 acres of cleared, beautiful oaks, private fresh water lake stocked with large fish. Entire ranchette was fenced 60 days ago. Great for horses. New, all-brick home, 2,700 sq. ft. less than 1 yr. old. 4 bdrm., 3 bath, large family room, private dining area, large country kitchen w/built-ins, 2 fireplaces, sauna, large tiled, covered patio with many, many extras. Rockport School District. Windswept Oaks. Financing available to qualified buyer. Call owner at 729-3262 or 729-7223.

HIGH & DRY - 815 SEA-gull, West Terrace Beauty! 3 br., 2 bath, 2 lots. Ideal for children. Lots of shade, double garage. SERVICE REALTY, 729-5363, Charlie Keller.

FOR SALE BY OWNER: 2 Bdrm. 2 B. brick, nearly new. Ideal location in Fulton, corner of Timberlane Loop & Scott. Nice trees, large lot. 729-7744.

48. Mobile Homes

LIKE NEW BEAUTIFUL 14 x60 mobile home, Broadway and 5th St. in Fulton. 2 bdrm., 2 bath, large screen patio, carport, and storage room, fully furnished, central a/h. New washer and dryer. Reasonable price. Call 729-3314 after 4 or 729-6002 from 9 to 3 and ask for Renee.

1978 14' x 80' WAYSIDE Mobile Home, central heat, completely furnished, wet bar, balcony, kitchen, 3 bdrm., 2 bath. 729-2613.

49. Travel Trailers

1978 IMPALA TRAVEL trailer, 28', a/c, awning, gas & electricity, 7 cu. ft. refrigerator & more. 57 Mockingbird Lane in Lamar. 729-6773.

1979 DIAMOND G.T. Travel van. Loaded, 4,000 miles. Below wholesale. Sacrifice at $10,950. 729-2800.

51. Power Boats

2 BERTRAM 25'S, FBSF & hard top, both twin Chrysler inboards w/hwy trailers. Chris Craft 57' & 38' beauties! Hatteras 41' & 34', both diesels. Stamas 23 w/new 330 engine. Alglas 25 inboard -- want offer! 27 Torjan cabin cruiser -- Kleen. Buck Bailey. 729-1000

23' FIBERGLASS MAHOG-any boat. $600. 729-6673.

GLASTRON BOAT - 23' inboard/outboard, approx. 400 hr. engine time, no trailer, needs some work, $3,200 or best offer. 729-2563 or 512-824-6172.

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1978, 16' DEL MAGIC fiberglass ski boat, 115 HP, Johnson motor, with power lift, also with 2-wheel shoreline trailer. $4500 or best offer. 729-2613

15' STARCRAFT, GALVAN-ized trailer, '71 40 hp. Johnson, $900. 729-7654.

25' CHRIS CRAFT TOUR-nament Fisherman, 9' 8" beam, twin 170 hp. inboards. Immaculate condition. $10,500. 729-1257.

16' AIRBOAT, CORVAIR engine, alum. prop, duel batteries, floundering light, trailer. Asking $2,000. 729-3840.

1975 EVINRUDE 100 HP outboard motor, Selectric, 2 gas tanks, new battery, $795. Buy motor and get boat/trailer free. 729-0226 after 5 p.m. and all day Sat. and Sun.

51. Power Boats

1974 BAYLINER 23', FLY bridge, Mercruise V-8, head, galley, trailer. Must sell. 729-6517 after 5 p.m.

#54

1970 MUSTANG. GOOD condition, good working car. $400. 729-1127.

1975 BROWN FORD T-Bird. Excellent condition. 729-6735 after 5 p.m.

'70 FORD VAN, LADDER, spare rack, luggage rack, carpeted, chrome wheels, AM/FM radio, tape deck, $2,000. 729-0734, 310 Copano Ridge Road.

'77 THUNDERBIRD. Clean, one owner, 32,000 miles. Call after 12, 729-0869.

AIRBOAT - NEW QUCHI-ta, 17'-56" to hunt, fish, flounder. Rebuilt Corvair, All New prop & parts. Galvanized trailer. $3,000. Might trade. 729-1000.

52. Trucks

1964 2-TON CHEVY truck. All good rubber with 16' moving box, 327 motor, Browning hi-low 2-speed. See at 1609 Jenkins St.

4-WHEEL DRIVE TRUCK w/tool bed and pipe rack. New motor. $1,200. 729-6673.

1976 FORD RANGER Super Cab, 50,000 mi. One owner. $3,400. 729-5593 evenings.

1970 KAISER JEEP, AUTO-matic, new tires, good brakes. 729-1188.

52. Trucks

1974 CHEV. LUV. ONLY 25,764 miles. Perfect condition, $1,995. Phone 729-1056.

54. Automobiles

1979 MERCURY ZEPHYR, new [6 weeks old], loaded, steel belted radial tires. $6,000 or take over payments. 729-5593 evenings.

1974 CUTLASS SUPREME-fully equipped, good condition. $1,390. See at Islander Interiors, 1007 North.

1970 LINCOLN CONT. Mark III from original owner. No rust, loaded. White over blue leather. $2,950. See at Sandollar Marina, Lou Faylor.

54. Automobiles

1974 CUTLASS SUPREME. Call Bill at Running Bear Liquor Store. 729-5601.

FOR SALE: 1979 4-WHEEL drive Ford Bronco, air conditioning, all-power, in dash AM-FM Stereo, 8 Track, and CB. 3 mo. old. $9500 - Must see to appreciate. 729-2613

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING, ARANSAS COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE is hereby given that the Aransas County Independent School District Board of Equalization will convene and be in session, at the Aransas County Independent School District Tax Office, beginning Tuesday October 9, 1979 at 9:00 a.m. and will remain in session until all duties of the Board of Equalization are completed. The meeting will be for the purpose of determining, fixing and equalizing the value of all taxable property situated in Aransas County Independent School District for the year 1979. Any and all persons wishing to be heard in regards to valuation set on their property for the year 1979 are hereby notified to be present.

Done by the Board of Equalization of the Aransas County Independent School District on this the 29th day of September, 1979.

Secretary to the Aransas County Independent School District
Board of Equalization
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•NORTH TERRY STREET - 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, 62 x 128 lot. Some trees, city water, gas. $14,300
•HIGHWAY 881 WEST - 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, ½ acre with highway frontage. Owner finance with 10% down. $31,500
•HOLIDAY BEACH - Shady Oak Lane - 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, Jim Walters house near community swimming pool, fishing pier privileges. $27,500
•HOLIDAY BEACH - St. Charles Loop - 2 bedroom, 1 bath, needs cleanup, some fixup. $18,500
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JUNIOR HIGH CHEERLEADERS

Leading spirit at Rockport-Fulton Junior High School this year will be, front row from left, Bobbi Mock, Michelle Le Blanc and Tammy Wendland; second row, Lee Anna Cassel and Vicki James, and top row, Mona Cowen. (Pilot Photo by Sarah L. Durdin)

Community Calendar

Monday Through Friday
Community Concern Center, 122 N. Magnolia, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 729-7722.

Council On Aging, 122 N. Magnolia, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 729-5352.

Castaways, 1011 Concho, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Friday & Saturday 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Friday, September 28
Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m. VFW Hall.

Al-Anon, 8 p.m. VFW Hall.

Saturday, September 29
Flea Market, Encina Plaza.

Sunday, September 30
Church of your choice.

Monday, October 1
Evening TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) weigh-in 6 to 6:40 p.m. IOOF Hall. Meeting 7 to 8 p.m.

Order Of Eastern Star, 8 p.m. Masonic Temple.

Rockport Study Group, 802 Market St. across from Post Office. For information call 729-0009.

Tuesday, October 2
Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m. Bishop Elliott Conference Center.

Al-Anon, 8 p.m. Bishop Elliott Conference Center.

Aransas Pass Volunteer Fire Dept., 7 p.m. Fire Dept.

TOPS Club #849 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 8 a.m. Corky's Restaurant.

Weight Watchers, 7 p.m. St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m. Key Allegro Community Center. Call 729-5371 if you would like to play.

Medical Service Women's Workshop, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Encina Plaza.

Sacred Heart Church, Scripture & Encounter 7 to 9 p.m. Parish Hall, Pearl & Cornwall Street.

VFW Auxiliary, 7:30 p.m. VFW Hall.

Chamber Of Commerce, noon. Call 729-6445 for place.

Navigation District Board, 7:30 p.m. Navigation Bldg.

Copanoakers, 7 p.m. Lee Miller Community Center, Holiday Beach.

Wednesday, October 3
Rockport-Arnasas Pass Alateen, 8 p.m. Aransas Pass Library behind the Dairy Queen.

Medical Service Women's Workshop, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Encina Plaza.

Rotary, noon. Racquet & Yacht Bay House, Hwy 35 North.

G.I. Forum, 7:30 p.m. Forum Bldg.

LULAC, 7:30 p.m. Catholic Hall.

Rockport Sailing Club, 5 p.m. Little Bay Key Allegro. Meet in front of Key Allegro Motel. For information call 729-5828 or 729-0003.

Commissioners Court, 9 a.m. Courthouse.

AARP Rockport Chapter 1536, sponsored dance, 7 p.m. Paws & Taws Bldg. Fulton Beach Rd.

Thursday, October 4
Rebekah Lodge, 7:30 p.m. IOOF Hall.

AARP Chapter 1536, sponsored bridge party, 1 p.m. Paws & Taws Bldg. Fulton Beach Rd.

VFW, Game Night, 7:30 p.m. VFW Hall.

Loyal Order Of Moose Lodge #2083, 7:30 p.m. 431 6th St.

Fulton Fire Dept., 7:30 p.m. Fulton Fire Dept.

Medical Service Women's Workshop, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Encina Plaza.

Rockport Lions Club, noon. Charlotte Plummers Seafare Restaurant, Fulton Beach Rd.

The Community Calendar is compiled by the American Association of Retired Persons, sponsors of the Community Concern Center. Call 729-7722 or Pearl Gaubatz, 729-2980, to list coming events or changes in schedules.

Lister To Present Musical Program

Imodean Lister will present an hour long musical program at the Rockport Church of God, at 7:30 p.m. on October 3. Admission is free, and the community is invited to attend the service and program.

Miss Lister, a former graduate of Aransas County High School, is the daughter of Reverend and Mrs. Lister of Tuscon, Arizona. She now resides in San Diego, California. Miss Lister began her singing career in high school, and continued performing at Gulf Coast College, and Anderson College.

Her singing honors include singing for a Governors breakfast in 1970, sponsored by Governor Preston Smith. She is also a featured singer on the "Christian Brotherhood Hour" radio broadcast and has recorded two albums, titled "I Feel The Touch" and "Roll Jordan Roll." In addition, Miss Lister has sung the lead in many outstanding classical operas and cantatas while attending college.

The program she will present in Rockport will include songs composed by Bill Gaither, Andrae Crounch and Otis Skillings.

Edward Lane Chosen DAR Good Citizen

Edward Allen Lane, a senior at Rockport-Fulton High School, was selected as the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen for the 1979-80 school year. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Lane of Fulton.

Edward is the president of the Rockport-Fulton High School student body, and was president of the junior class last year.

The senior class selects three students as nominees for the award, using the areas of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism as the criteria for the selections. The faculty then determines which of the three students will be selected as the Good Citizen for the school year.

Bentsen Bill Seeks Coal Cutback

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Lloyd Bentsen has introduced a bill to cut the cost of electricity to Texas consumers by cutting back coal severance taxes levied by Wyoming and Montana.

Bentsen, a member of the Senate Finance Committee, noted that Montana has increased the severance tax on coal it ships out of state to 30 per cent. The Wyoming tax is 17 per cent.

"We must not have a domestic OPEC," Bentsen said in Senate remarks accompanying his bill.

"I am introducing legislation which will establish a 12.5 per cent ceiling on State severance taxes on energy produced from federal leases under the Mineral Leasing Act and leases located on Indian lands.

"Texas has already accepted such a limitation on natural gas that is sold out of state."

Bentsen continued, "I have no quarrel with the comcept of state severance taxes to help compensate for the strains caused by industrial operations associated with mineral extractions. "However, the outrageous taxes in Montana and Wyoming have no realistic connection with the costs of services they provide. In fact, these states already receive significant assistance from the federal government to compensate them for the economic impact of coal mining on public lands.

"Under the Mineral Leasing Act, for example, 50 per cent of all federal royalties from Rocky Mountain coal is rebated directly to the states as impact assistance.

"Electricity bills for consumers in several Texas cities have been driven up by these taxes and I want to see if we can't help cut those costs," Bentsen said.

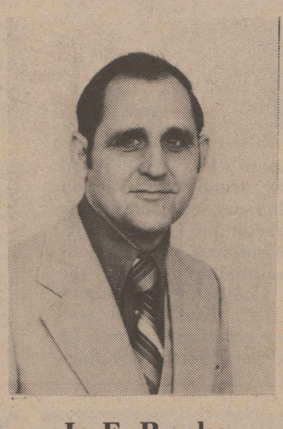
"Homeowners in Dallas, Houston, San Antonio, Corpus Christi and Amarillo pay extra because of the Wyoming severance tax.

"Homeowners in Austin pay more because of the Montana tax.

"The United States owns the world's richest deposits of coal. Yet, despite our abundant coal reserves, each year our nation slides deeper and deeper into a state of independence on unreliable foreign energy supplies," Bentsen said.

"Much of our nation's coal reserves, approximately 60 per cent, are located on land owned by the federal government. Yet, the use of coal from these public lands has been constrained in recent years by a trend in some Western states--notably Wyoming and Montana--to impose extreme and unjustificable severance taxes on coal extraction. Unless we act now to impose federal limitations on energy severance taxes, it is likely that other states will yield to the temptation to follow in the path of Montana and Wyoming," Senator Bentsen said.

Jehovah's Witness Rep To Visit Rockport



L. E. Punko

A traveling representative of Jehovah's Witnesses' headquarters organization will visit the Rockport congregation October 2-7.

Purpose of the visit is to conduct a series of special activities for the group during the week, Antonio Castro, congregation secretary, announced.

L. E. Punko, a cirucit overseer for 21 congregations from southwest Houston to Corpus Christi, will address the congregation on several occasions and he and his wife, Judy, will accompany Witnesses in Rockport in their door-to-door evangelistic work, Castro said.

The circuit overseer visits each congregation in his assigned area twice yearly, makes a six-month analysis of its activity and offers suggestions for improvement.

The arrangement follows the historical precedent of traveling ministers who regularly visited the first-century Christian congregations, Castro explained.

The Punkos were Witness missionaries in Indonesia from 1971 to 1976 before accepting their Texas assignment from the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, the agency which governs the Witnesses' activity in 205 lands.

Castro said the public is welcome to attend any of the meetings to be held Tuesday, October 2, and Sunday During Punko's visit at the Kingdom Hall, Pearl St.

But he said Witnesses who call at area homes that week will offer residents a special invitation to the week's principal program at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, October 7, a slide presentation entitled, "The Bible, a Book for This Generation".

Sheriff's Report

Two arrests and an unauthorized use of a vehicle head the sheriff's report for Aransas County.

Ronny Villareal was arrested September 22 on charges of possession of marijuana. After deputies stopped the vehicle Villareal was riding in. They asked the man to step to the rear of the car. When he moved, they noticed a baggie thought to contain marijuana near his feet. Villareal claimed the baggie was his, and was taken to the county jail on possession of marijuana charges.

Another arrest, that of Texas Joe Benson, occured September 25 at the home of a Rockport woman. Sheriff's deputies had received a teletype from Chief of Police Rodney Blasingame for a charge of burglary in Refugio County. Benson was arrested on charges of burglary and taken to the county jail. Deputies also took a small paper sack containing clothes, personal items and change totaling $108.75 as evidence.

Yale Fair reported a case of unauthorized use of a vehicle September 13, when Charlene Simmons, his nurse and mail, used the car to visit relatives and failed to return. When contacted, Miss Simmons stated she had power of attorney to Transfer Title of the car, signed by Mr. Fair. Deputies contacted Mr. Fair and advised him of Miss Simmons' statement.

Tax Course Teaches Practical Information

"Understanding Taxes" is a free instructional program which nearly 24,000 schools incorporated into their curriculum in the 1979 school year--reaching almost five million students. The main thrust of "Understanding Taxes" is to teach students when they must file a return, the correct form and supporting schedules to use, and, generally, how to fill out the form.

Since most students will have limited income and probably first file the simpler one-page Form 1040A, a line-by-line explanation of the 1040A is offered in the course. Students also gain the experience of preparing the returns based on "practice" situations. The course does not stop with the 1040A, however.

The regular 1040A form and accompanying schedules also are covered extensively. Teachers explain when it pays to itemize deductions on Schedule A, and they cover listing interest and dividend payments on Schedule B. The "Understanding Taxes" course also touches on the merits of filing singly or jointly when married, declaring estimated taxes, and correcting or amending previous returns.

In addition, students learn how our tax system works and how it is administered by the IRS. They also, very briefly, receive information as to how the U.S. budgetary system operates.

The "Understanding Taxes" course usually lasts four to six weeks in most high schools. All materials for teaching the course are supplied free by the IRS to the participating schools, including study guides, teachers' manuals, and two films.

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GOING UP FAST

Workmen put up the frame for the first of Rockport's new Wind Wood Apartments, a 40-unit complex at Young and Bay streets. Construction on the complex is expected to be completed by January, and some units should be ready to rent by Christmas, says contractor Joe Gonzalez, JG Builders. The units, plus office and maintenance building, will be about 95 percent brick and will include heat and air conditioning. Funds for the project were provided through the Minority Contractor Assistance Project (MCAP) stationed in Washington, D.C. Total bond was $740,000, the largest ever granted to a minority group in the area by MCAP. (Pilot Photo by Pat Blair)

BLANCHE

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of "Minnow" applies to her activities. She may be small, but she gets around.

"When I was a girl, I swam all the time, and I once dove off a ladder 35 feet high. That was when I lived in Brownswood. There were two artesian pools there, one with cold water and one with hot water, and they had a divider between the two so you could swim in either one. Well, one of my friends, Skeet Hall, asked me 'Blanche, have you ever been up on the highboard?' And I said 'no.' So he said 'Lets go up on it. You can see real far away."

"Well, I told him I didn't like high places, but he said he would be right behind me. And then, do you know, he wouldn't let me get back down, so I had to jump off. But that one time was all it took, because after that I was always on the highboard, jumping off and doing flips and the like."

Her swimming days kept going even after she and her husband Fields moved to Mineral Wells. She became so well known among the townspeople for her swimming, that she was tagged "The Minnow."

"In fact, when we moved from Mineral Wells one of my husband's friends sent him a letter saying 'You can move if you have to, but we won't let you take the Minnow with you'."

She and her husband also lived in the Baker Hotel in Dallas for ten years and it was during that time that band leader Jack Hanlon was playing nightly in the Town Club of the Hotel.

"Jack knew my favorite song was "I Walk Alone" and when he saw us walking in he'd signal the band to start playing the song. And the maitre de always put us right next to the band. Years later I was in town and wanted to eat somewhere, so I called the maitre de and asked him if I could eat there even though my membership was expired. And he said 'Come right on down, Mrs. Harris, your table is waiting!'"

"When I got down there, the table my husband and I always had was turned over so no one else could use it, and on the bottom was written 'Blanche and Fields Harris'."

A Rockport resident for over 17 years, Mrs. Harris' move to the coast was prompted by a sad occasion, the death of her husband.

"It was such a shock to me because I was always sickly, and we both thought I would die before he did. My cardiologist said he knew I didn't want to stay there without my husband, so he asked me where I wanted to live. First I said Brownswood, but he said 'No, it won't be the same as you remember it, and there won't be the same people you know living there anymore.' So then I said Tucson, because I had just loved Tuscon when I visited there, but he said it was too high. Then he asked if I'd like living on the coast. Well, I didn't really like the coast, but I tried it for awhile. I lived in Portland for a year, and then Mineral Wels before moving to the Sandollar Motel here. Then I lived on Key Allegro for 17 years before I moved to the Sun-Tan motel."

She says that while she's enjoyed her life on the coast, it's time to move again. And this time, "I'm going back to my old stomping grounds in Sherman, Texas." Her nephew, Lee Kunitz, has built her a little guest house right next to his own, and she'll start her trip there on October 3.

Mrs. Harris may be leaving the area, but the old adage "gone but not forgotten" will certainly apply in this case. Her ACMSI friends will remember her for a long time.

MITCHELL

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Before accepting his present position with the bank, he added, he was on its board of directors.

While in Corpus Christi, Mitchell was a member and frequently chairman of the Bayfront Advisory Committee from 1936 until 1963, and because of his activities with that organization, he was appointed a member of the Waterways Improvement Committee.

This was a steering committee set up by the National Association of Boat and Engine Manufacturers to develop and promote ideas for waterway improvement, he said.

In the mid 1950s--about 1956, he said--he was appointed by Governor Price Daniel to the Water Safety Committee. This was a two-year committee whose work resulted in Texas' Uniform Safe Boating Code.

Mitchell was a director of the Rockport Chamber of Commerce for six years, a former deputy commissioner of the Boy Scouts of America.

For a while after coming to Rockport, Mitchell said he was involved in shrimp production and is "still slightly involved--I own part interest in a couple of shrimp trawlers." Because of this involvement, he has been a member and past president of the Texas Shrimp Association and National Shrimp Congress.

In his "spare" time, Mitchell pursues his hobbies--reading and fishing.

"I'm kind of a nut on historical novels," he said.

"Fishing" means billfishing, and Mitchell said he goes "whenever possible. When I had a boat, it was regular," he explained, smiling. "Now it's just whenever I'm invited."

Mitchell does everything with the same spirit of enjoyment--and the same persistence. "Everything I've done has been for a long period of time," he said.

And according to all the signs, he's going to keep on being active and involved--and enjoying it--in the Rockport community for some time to come.

DISASTER

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be on hand from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and there will be representatives who can provide information on veterans' benefits and flood insurance.

Rockport City Secretary Herman Johnson said the Assistance Center is not set up to aid public property--property owned by cities, counties or navigation districts. The assistance provided is only for individuals--including families--and businesses, he emphasized.

As of Thursday, the damage totals for the city of Rockport had grown to an estimated $275,100 for businesses, $85,500 for pier damage and $62,000 in damages to residences.

Elsewhere in Aransas County, damage to businesses exceeded $158,000 (including an estimated $43,000 in damage to the Fulton Washateria) and an estimated $15,000 per residence.

Floodwaters ran from a foot and a half to two or three feet deep along Austin Street September 19, the result of some 13 inches of rain combined with high tides that prevented excessive rainwater from running into the bay.

Two of the hardest hit businesses in Rockport--Islander Interiors and Prophet's Inc.--estimated damages at $30,000 or more.

Pier damages were estimatged at more than $40,000 for three Rockport motels alone.

City and county officials began receiving damage reports from businesses and individuals Thursday, September 20, and state and federal disaster assistance personnel began surveying the county this past week to determine the extent of flood damage.

Says Chairman Jack McDavid . . .

Water Board Reinstitutes Charge To Help Defray District Expenses

The $1,000 a month the City of Rockport will pay the Aransas County water district for the next year is reinstitution of a charge the city agreed by contract to pay, says District Chairman Jack McDavid.

When the Aransas County Water Conservation and Reclamation District was organized in the late 1960s, McDavid said in a recent interview, the city of Rockport agreed by contract to maintain and operate district facilities.

Also agreed by contract was that the district had the right to bill the city for expenses incurred by the district.

The district's original charge was $10,000 a year, to be paid in monthly installments, McDavid explained.

But that first year, he continued, the city ran into financial problems in trying to operate the water facilities. "The city went into the hole, so we (the water district) agreed to forego the monthly charge," he said.

"Now," he continued, "the city is on its feet and we have all these costs to face, so we're re-instituting the monthly billing on a one-year test basis.

"All these costs" include telephone bills--which fluctuate but are usually around $50 a month, says Reese Rozzell, attorney for the district--Rozzell's own fees as attorney and business manager, travel expenses, office expenses such as postage, stationary, office equipment.

There are also the fees for the district directors--$25 per director per meeting. With six directors on the board, this comes to a minimum of $150 a month, and that's for months in which the directors meet only once. In addition, the district pays $3 to file notice every time a meeting is called.

McDavid estimated that district expenses run about $1,000 a month average, "and that," he added, "is really a reasonable operational cost."

But inflation is catching up with the district, he said, and operational costs are increasing.

The Conservation and Reclamation District has no power to tax, so the money to cover these costs must come from its sole customer--the City of Rockport, whose users include city and county residents.

Elaborating on the costs, particularly the telephone expenses, McDavid said, for example, when the State Highway Department was considering requiring the district to move water lines because of the Highway 35 bypass, "there were a lot of phone calls back and forth to the Highway Department.

Rozzell pointed out that neither of the district's engineering firms are in Rockport --which means frequent long distance calls on engineering matters.

"Travel is generally not that big a deal," Rozzell said, but added he does make some out-of-town trips on district business, and McDavid said he went to Austin once this year on district matters.

The $1,000 a month--$12,000 for the 1979-80 fiscal year--the city of Rockport has agreed to pay the water district will be in addition to the city's present payment of one cent per 1,000 gallons of water purchased from the district.

Rozzell said this penny per thousand gallons charge goes into the district's contingency fund to provide money for improvements, further planning and unanticipated expenses that might come up.

MEEK

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include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal and Commendation Medal.

Meek has a commercial instrument pilot's rating, qualifying him to fly most types of propeller and jet airplanes. To date he has logged more than 20,000 hours of flying time.

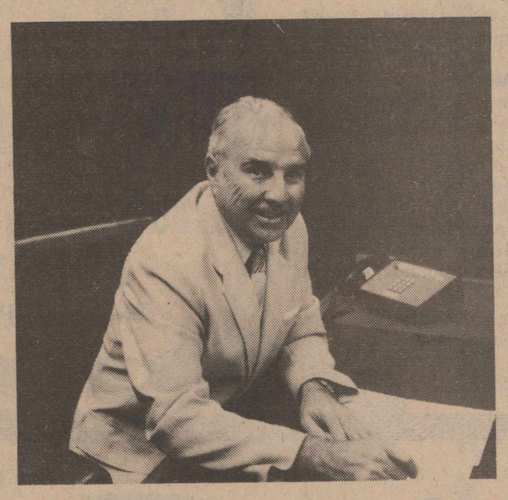
As a Parks and Wildlife pilot he was involved in aerial enforcement of fish and game regulations and pollution control. He retired from state employment in 1977.

Mrs. Meek is the former Billy Fay Colesworthy of San Antonio. They have two sons, Don Junior, a school teacher in Corpus Christi, and Michael who is with Texas Instrument Company in San Jose, California. Both are married and each has a son and a daughter.

The Meeks are active in Rockport First Presbyterian Church where Mrs. Meek sings in the choir. She also is a member of Rockport Home and Garden Club.

Don is an elder in the Presbyterian Church and a charter member of Rockport-Fulton Retired Officers. Association.

In addition to flying, his hobbies are boating and fishing.



DON MEEK

New County Agent Appointed

By Sarah L. Durdin

Mike Rothrock was unanimously approved by Aransas County Commissioners as County Agent during the commissioners' September 26 meeting. County Judge John Wendell presided over the meeting with Commissioner Raymond Owens as the only absent member of the court.

Rothrock appeared before the court along with Lin Wilson, District Extension Agent for the Texas A&M Research Center in Corpus Christi.

Rothrock will act as county agent for both Aransas and San Patricio Counties. He will take the place of Dan Pawlik, former Aransas County agent who recently retired. Commissioners agreed to Rothrock's request that he receive the same salary as Pawlik did, and that he start his duties the first of October.

Judge Wendell welcomed Rothrock to the county, saying that he would have a lot of work to keep busy with, and added that Rothrock could expect numerous calls concerning rats.

"What people don't understand is that we're (the county) not responsible for taking care of rats. I've found that if we help with what's not our business, we just get deeper in trouble because then people expect you to always take care of the problem. And rats are not our business," the judge said.

In other business, Commissioners requested that County Attorney James Anderson make out a contract for a joint effort by Rockport, Fulton and Aransas County for road work.

Judge Wendell also reminded commissioners that workers for the Small Business Administration would be setting up an office to handle complaints from victims of the September 19 flood.

The office will be located in the former tax appraisal offices at the courthouse, and loans for both homes and businesses will be available. Interest rates for the loans are set at three per cent for homes, and six per cent for businesses.

The next regular meeting of the Aransas County Commissioners will be held at 9 a.m. October 3 at the county courthouse.

School Menus

BREAKFAST

Served at 7:30 a.m. Monday through Friday.

Monday, October 1:
Orange juice, sweet rolls, cereal and milk.

Tuesday, October 2:
Blended fruit juice, cereal and milk.

Wednesday, October 3:
Orange halves, toast with peanut butter, honey and milk.

Thursday, October 4:
Grape juice, scrambled eggs, toast and milk.

Friday, October 5:
Orange juice, cereal and milk.

LUNCH

Monday, October 1:
Steak fingers and gravy, mashed potatoes, carrot salad, bread, oatmeal cake and milk.

Tuesday, October 2:
Meat loaf with gravy, au gratin potatoes, cole slaw, hot rolls, butter, canned fruit and milk.

Wednesday, October 3:
Enchiladas, pinto beans, tossed green salad, cornbread and butter, gelatin squares and milk.

Thursday, October 4:
Hamburgers, french fried potatoes, lettuce, pickles, onions, buns, fruit cobbler and milk.

Friday, October 5:
Crisp bacon strips, baked macaroni and cheese, seasoned green beans, fruit salad, bread, cookies and milk.

Note: These menus are subject to change without notice, depending upon the availability and delivery of foods.

Damages Estimated By State Workers

By Sarah L. Durdin

Members of the State Highway Department and the Federal Bureau of Roads completed their survey of flood damages by Tuesday afternoon, with the total set at $214,400. More than half of that total was reported for precinct one.

The report, submitted to County Judge John Wendell, was prepared by John E. Nichols, a worker for the Federal Highway Administration based in Austin.

A breakdown of the report lists damage estimates in the individual precincts as $130,000 for precinct one, $31,000 for precinct two, $4,000 for precinct three and $37,400 for precinct four.

In addition to county damages, city and navigation district damages were also set, with Rockport and Fulton each estimated to have $5,000 damages to roads, and the Aransas County Navigation District totalling $2,000.

Damage estimates by county officials totaled $500,000 and navigation road damage estimates by that board were figured at $22,000.

The report will be submitted to state and federal agencies in an attempt to get disaster funds for road repairs.

The Small Business Administration has set up an office in the former tax appraisal office at the county courthouse, in an attempt to provide assistance to flood victims, according to Judge Wendell.

ARTISTS

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Other artists whose works are shown in the 47 colorplates in the book are Michael Frary, John Guerin, E.M. "Buck" Schiewetz, Everett Spruce and Dan Wingren.

Live Oak State Bank plans a special autograph party from 2 until 5 p.m. Sunday, October 28, at which original paintings by the artists will be on display. The party w be in the bank's Communit Room.

Cam Leonard, vice president of the bank, announced the fund-raising project--sponsored by Live Oak's board of directors--in a recent meeting of the Women's Committee of the ACMSI.

Leonard said the project is made possible through the cooperation of the Texas A&M University Press.

The introduction in the publication is by Leon Hale and the forward by Ann Holmes, he added.

Nursing Home News

Members of Rockport AARP Chapter 1536 visited the Aransas Pass Nursing and Convalescent Center Friday afternoon, September 21, for an "Old-fashioned Sing-along."

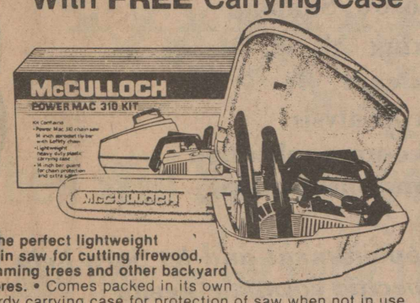
On Thursday, September 20, Dottie McCullough visited with residents, and on Thursday afternoon the Golden Ones were on hand to play bingo.

Father James Hamilton gave Holy Communion to Catholic residents Saturday morning, October 22, and the Rev. Al Bankert led Sunday morning worship services.

Members from the First Christian Church of Ingleside helped climax the week of September 17 through 23 Sunday afternoon with their monthly "Sing In."

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