



PESOS FOR BRACES. GNC Commissioner Manuel Jara of Fort Worth, GNC Executive Director Lauro Cruz, and PASF Coordinator and GNC Director of Programs Jorge C. Garcés with child and attending physician during their visit to Pesos for Braces in Guadalajara on July 18, 1984.

Incarnate Word PASF Holds First Banquet of '84

Enchiladas, tacos, tortillas, guacamole, and many other taste tingling Mexican dishes were on the menu of Incarnate Word High School's first PASF banquet of the school year. October 10 was the date for the banquet, which was held at the home of PASF member Amy Hoge. About 40 of the 67

members of the Pan American Student Forum attended the "Get Acquainted" banquet for a night of fellowship and to sample one another's "culinary delicacies." The club is actively involved in supporting Latin American charities.

Ann Falcon

TEA Deputy Commissioner Reponds to Resolution

***This letter is in response to the Resolution passed by the delegates to the 1984 PASF Convention in San Antonio calling for more emphasis on second language and area studies education.

Mr. Jorge C. Garcés
Pan American Student Forum
Good Neighbor Commission
of Texas
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Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Mr. Garcés:

I received your letter of April 19, 1984 and the copy of the resolution passed by the delegates of the Pan American Student Forum. Thank you for sharing your concerns regarding the importance of second language acquisition.

We at the Agency realize the need to promote the study of foreign languages and to prepare an adequate supply of qualified teachers. The approved curricu-

lum rules encourage the instruction of other languages in the elementary grades and provide essential elements for other languages to ensure a consistent foundation throughout the State of Texas. As you may be aware, students who receive the advanced high school program seal will need to complete two units of the same language.

I am aware of the fine work being done by the students and sponsors of PASF to foster goodwill and multicultural understanding. I commend you and the others in your organization for your annual conference activities and for the service activities conducted by local high school organizations. Let me know if I can be of further assistance to you.

Sincerely,
Thomas E. Anderson Jr.
Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research, and Curriculum
Texas Education Agency

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Ten Student Winners of Essay Contest from Mexico Visit Texas

At a ceremony that took place in the Universidad Autónoma de México last May 18, the ten student winners of an essay contest entitled "World Peace," were announced by university officials. The five young men and five young women, students from various secondary schools in México, were selected to visit Texas as part of the annual México/Texas student exchange program sponsored by the Good Neighbor Commission and the Mexican magazine *Economía Nacional*.

The honored students traveled from May 24 through May 31 visiting San Antonio, Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth and Houston. The purpose of the exchange is to expose students of both nations to each other's culture to promote a better understanding.

On their arrival in San Antonio, the visitors were treated to a tour of the city's most notable landmarks. Later, GNC Vice-Chairman Nathan Safir hosted the group to a dinner welcoming them to Texas on behalf of the Commission. The group then traveled to Austin for a visit with Governor Mark White and other State officials. While in Austin, the Group also toured the L.B.J. Library, visited the Capitol, and visited other points of interest. In addition to the visit with Governor White, the guests also met with Secretary

of State John Fainter who made them Honorary Texas Citizens. A salient point of their visit to Austin was a tour of Crockett High School where they shared stories and experiences with fellow students. While at the school, they were treated to a luncheon as honored guests.

Next on the trip was a visit to Fort Worth and Dallas where GNC Commissioner Manuel Jara had prepared a busy agenda. In Fort Worth they met municipal and county officials, and were also met by the staff of U.S. Congressman Jim Wright. They were hosted to various dinners and lunches by families from Fort Worth and also met with a student who had previously participated in the exchange. Later the student accompanied the group on a tour of the DFW area and a day's visit to Six Flags.

The final phase of the visit was a trip to Houston where GNC Chairman David Garza and Commissioner Rose Mary Cervantes had prepared numerous activities. It began with meetings with local officials followed by a tour of an area high school guided by a student who had gone to Mexico the previous year as part of the exchange program. At the school the students were able to interact with their fellow Americans and practiced with the computers.

They also visited a museum and were the guests at several luncheons and dinners hosted by area residents.

The Houston visit was also highlighted by visits to NASA and the food processing plant of the Monterey House. The night before their return to Mexico, the students got to see a baseball game at the Astrodome.

Each visitor took home some insight of the American way of life. The program accomplished its purpose of creating understanding and bonds of friendship. As one of the students put it, "Texas is going to remain distant, but not its people." Another student said, "We have gained knowledge and made friends. A great friendship has been born in our hearts."

In November 1984 a group of ten students from Texas high schools will be going to Mexico for a week as part of this annual exchange. The students were selected from PASF member schools. Their selection was based on academics and their interest in learning more about Latin America. They will be accompanied on the trip by GNC Commissioner Cervantes and PASF Coordinator Jorge C. Garcés. As a result of this visit, the students will also learn and establish permanent friendships with their neighbors.



Texas/Mexico Student Exchange Winners of essay contest and GNC staff with Governor Mark White: (l-r) Jorge C. Garcés, GNC Director of Programs; Lic. Francisco Cervantes; Kim Hicks, student at Crockett High; Sra. Aracelis Rosales; Alberto Pelaez Rodriguez; Guillermina Pita Servin; Perla Benitez Dominguez; Gonzalo Isidro Bruno; Jovita Martinez Calva; Claudia Solis Lopez; Silvia Dominguez Trejo; Reyna Cortes Ortiz; Marina Gonzalez Mena; Miguel Cervantes Ortiz; and, Lic. Enrique Dabdoub, editor, *Economía Nacional*.

NEWS FROM SCHOOLS

A&M Consolidated's Students Enjoy a Super Summer Trip

By Laura Fletcher
PASF Member

This summer during June, about 40 students and teachers from College Station, Austin, Houston, and Montgomery spent two fantastic weeks in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. A day-long train ride took us from Laredo to San Miguel. There we lived with different Mexican families to give us a real feel for life in this small town. Most of each day was spent studying Spanish, singing, and dancing in the Academia Hispano Americana. The hours that we were not in school were spent exploring the town, sight-seeing, making new friends, visiting the discotheques, and attempting to carry on conversations in Spanish. A favorite gathering place was the Jardin, the central square of the town. Our feet were the usual means of transportation, and on those cobblestone streets, it wasn't always easy.

On the weekends we took trips by bus to various places of interest. On our first trip we stopped in Dolores Hidalgo, to see the church and Hidalgo's home, before continuing on to Guanajuato. In Guanajuato, we

visited the Valencia silver mine, the monument to Pipila, the Museo de las Momeas, and the Albondiga, and then explored the rest of the town in small groups.

The destination of our second weekend trip was the fascinating town of Patzcuaro. On the way there, we visited the Convento Augustino in Yuriria and the Catedral de Morelia. We arrived in Patzcuaro with plenty of time to shop at the market and explore the rest of the town. The next day we took a ferry boat ride to the Islé of Janitzio and watched some village men demonstrate how the fishermen used to fish with butterfly nets. On the way home, we spent a few minutes in Tzin Tzun Tzan to look at pottery and straw handicrafts that were locally made. We made another quick stop in Quiroga, and then it was home to San Miguel.

All in all, our trip was a great learning experience, but soon it was time to make the long train ride home again. We had doubled the baggage we had arrived with, but even more important were the wonderful memories that we carried home with us.



PAN AM PRINCESS — Lillian Montalvo, seventh-grade student of Lyford Junior High School, has been selected as 1984-85 Rio Grande Valley-Pan American Student Forum princess. She is the daughter of Ralph and Melba Montalvo. Representing the state of Jalisco, Mexico, she was judged on her speech in Spanish, modeling, and her talent, singing (Si Quieres Verme LLorar). Maricela Suárez is PASF Sponsor at Lyford.

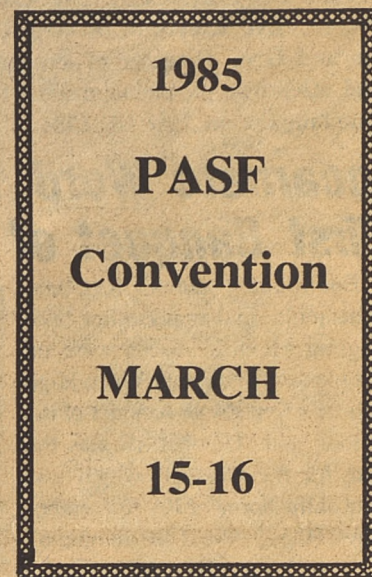
Los Paisanos Off To Great Start

Our year is off to a great start. We are eagerly getting into the spirit of Panamericanism.

Our PASF chapter at Dobie Junior High is sponsored by Ms. Alma Ibarra. The 1984-85 officers are: Tony Flores, President; Donna Tate, Vice President; Leslie Tate, Secretary; Sandy Rodriguez, Historian; and Thomas Borgstede, Parliamentarian. Sixty-six students have signed up to join our fantastic club.

We are well underway with our first fund raiser. We will be selling tamales in October. Later, we plan to sell carnations and maybe sell more tamales. Other activities will be canned food drives, holiday cards, and Cinco de Mayo King and Queen contest.

Sandy Rodriguez, Historian



Lamar High's Los Amigos Club Plans for Busy Year

The Los Amigos Club of PASF at Lamar Consolidated High School in Rosenberg is on the move! The officers this year include: Christine Uresti, President; Coco McCoulskey, Vice-President; Ruth Allen, Secretary; Anne Pater, Treasurer; and Mitzi Wade, Historian.

Some of our members have been busy participating in community pageants. Lupe Martinez was crowned a Duchess in the Fiestas Patrias of the Amigos, September 15th. Christine Uresti, sponsored by the Los Amigos Club, ran for Fort Bend County Fair Queen. She placed 3rd. The club earned over \$600 selling fair tickets. Kristi Rice participated in the Ft. Bend County Beauty Queen Pageant and won!! She is a junior this year, a cheerleader and a junior varsity volleyball team member. At the pageant, held in the pavilion of the fairgrounds, she chose to portray China in her costume for the parade of countries represented in the recent Olympics in Los Angeles.

Other activities planned for this semester are a Halloween Party, a Candy Sale, participating in the Latin Games sponsored by the JCL of Lamar, a Pumpkin Decorating Contest, an aluminum can drive, a Christmas Party and Secret Santas.

October 29-31 we will have a Pumpkin Decorating Contest among the clubs/organizations at Lamar. The winning pumpkin will be chosen by the most money received as votes from the student

body. This also is a kick-off for our aluminum can drive in November. Money received from these projects will go to PASF.

Everyone is excited and enthusiasm is running high! Lots of activities are being planned but San Antonio seems to be #1 on everyone's mind!

Reagan High PASF Tells New Sponsor, Outlines Projects

We want to welcome our new sponsor, Susan Renner, from Spain. This is her first year at Reagan High School teaching Spanish and sponsoring our P.A.S.F. club. We are proud to have her with us.

Our officers for 1984-85: Jacqueline Mendez — President, Steve Gutierrez — Vice President, Sylvia De La Rosa — Secretary, Caroline Martinez — Treasurer, and Ronnie Hernandez — Reporter. Our total paid members at this time are forty-three with eighty-seven students signed up.

We are planning to raise money to help Pesos for Braces and our trip to the convention. At this time, we are selling tamales for a fundraiser. Later, our fundraisers will be a carnation sale, a raffle for Easter, and a volleyball tournament. Other activities will be canned food drives, Halloween &/or Christmas party for the elderly, and a Cinco de Mayo celebration.

Ronnie Hernandez, Reporter

Los Gatos Salvajes of Willis High Tell Past Honors, Future Activities

The PASF Chapter of Willis High, called "Los Gatos Salvajes" ("the Wildcats"), under the direction of Mrs. Valerie Barrett and Mr. Luis Pratts, is off to a great start this year. Activities were kicked off with a picnic at Huntsville State Park on Sept. 15, where everyone had a wonderful time.

Then the club geared up for energetic participation in Homecoming activities. On Sept. 23, work was begun on the float for the Homecoming parade, the theme of which was "Mexico—Home of the 21st Olympiad." Nineteen members attended the initial float construction at the county barn, which also included a Weiner roast. Diehard members worked every day after school the following week to complete the float, which depicted the legendary volcano, Popocateptl, visible from Mexico City, and the magnificent pre-Columbian Toltec Indian "Pyramid of the Sun," located just outside Mexico City. Their efforts were rewarded when the float was awarded 1st place honors after the parade.

During the same week the club members also sold Homecoming band and football ribbons to help promote school spirit.

Each "Gato Salvaje" earns points for his or her participation in club activities. The goal is to earn the privilege of becoming a delegate to the PASF convention.

The Willis chapter is one of the most outstanding statewide. It has produced a state officer for three of the past four years, has won awards for its scrapbooks, and has had numerous scholarship and language contest winners. Last year at convention, for example, Shawn Davis won third place in the state vocabulary contest, and Dorcas Goodney placed a close fourth. Bobby Bowyer was awarded a six week scholarship to the University of the Americas in Pueblo, Mexico; and 1984 graduate, Anne Vaughan, won the Myrtle Tanner college scholarship. The Willis scrapbook placed fourth among the some 200 schools that participate in PASF. Other current Willis students who have won state honors in previous years are Melissa Nixon (2nd in reading comprehension) and Sabrina Sims (2nd in vocabulary).

Members' interest in the club often lasts beyond graduation. Every year Willis graduates enroll as associate members because of their enthusiasm and dedication to the aims and ideals of Los Gatos and the Pan American Student Forum.

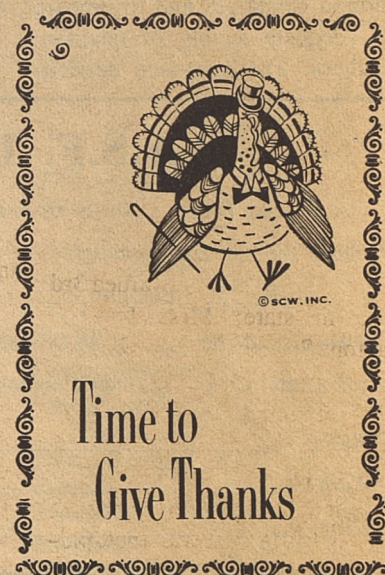
Los Gatos president Melissa Nixon says, "We have almost doubled last year's membership because of the enormously increased interest in the study of Spanish at Willis High."

Officers of Los Gatos Salvajes are: Melissa Nixon, president;

Thomas Kozelsky, vice-president; Cindy Hood, historian; and Sonya Merriam, treasurer. We are experiencing an interesting feud over the position of secretary/reporter, with a lot of politicking taking place!

We are looking forward to many other activities this year, including: a booth at the Lions Club carnival; a Halloween costume party at Christine Chandler's house; construction of a park on a donated city block; the traditional Christmas party with pinatas at Cindy Hood's house; Christmas donations of food, clothes and toys to needy families in the community; a Valentine visit to our local old folks' home; and, of course, CONVENTION.

¡Los veremos entonces!



AROUND TEXAS

DeSoto High PASF Begins Year with 153 Members

The DeSoto High School PASF chapter has been involved in different activities and money making projects. The club began its 1984-85 year with a meeting of officers at the president's home in August, and discussed ideas for money making projects and community services.

Despite the new state school board referendum, House Bill 72, the club has a total of 153 members. The first project was the annual car wash held Sept. 15th from 9:00 to 2:00. The club raised \$416.47. Several members made posters which were distributed throughout the high school and the community. On Sept. 17th the club, in conjunction with the French and Latin clubs, inducted Crister Swenson, a foreign exchange student from Sweden, into the organization. It lasted from 7:00 until 8:30, and gave new members a chance to talk with and meet old members while enjoying the variety of cultural foods provided by old members.

Among upcoming events for the club are another money making project selling small stuffed animals which can be used as stocking stuffers at Christmas; going out to eat October 23; a Halloween party for children 12 and under before Halloween; making cookies to be placed in the teacher's lunchroom for Halloween; and tentatively scheduled for sometime in November a Thanksgiving dinner prepared for the senior citizens

home.

The 1984-85 officers are: Maria Camarillo, president; Kim Tyner, 1st vice president; Teri Gore, 2nd vice president; Keith Leverette, parliamentarian; Robert Maxey, treasurer; David Thomsen, historian/reporter; Craig Stracener, recording secretary; Paris North, corresponding secretary; and Marcy Irwin, state officer.

Jacksonville Has Native Son As New Sponsor

La Estrella, the Jacksonville High School Chapter of the Pan American Student Forum in Jacksonville, is happy to announce the arrival of a new sponsor, Mr. Glen Helm. Mr. Helm has lived in Jacksonville all his life and looks forward to an exciting year with the club.

The 1984-85 club officers are: Jill Thigpen, President; Harriet White, Vice-President; Tammy Turner, Secretary; Ashley Johnston, Treasurer; Thresa Love, Historian; Teresa Jowell, Parliamentarian; David Godfrey, Student Council Representative; and Dee Dee Johnson, P.A.S.F. Reporter.

Activities planned for La Estrella members are a membership party, a candy sale, and a trip to the State Convention in March.



The Richfield High School Pan American Student Forum of Waco has elected its 1984-85 PASF officers. The officers are: President — Jay Jandrain, Vice-President — Brian Howell, Secretary — Melanie Moore, Announcement Chairman — Allison High, and Reporter Kaylyn Thornal.

We will be having our first Spanish fiesta on October 30, at El Conquistador Restaurant in Waco. Other fiestas are planned for later in the year.

Kaylyn Thornal, Reporter

Diez y Seis de Septiembre: Mexico's Independence Day

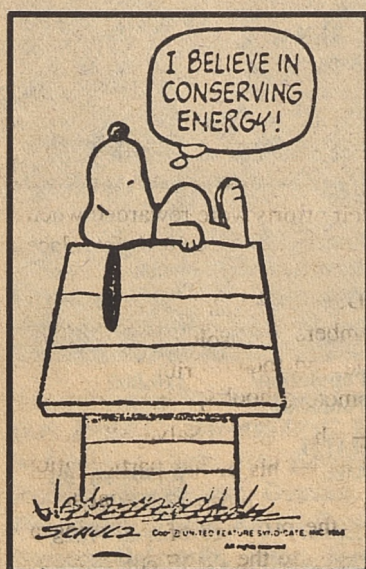
**This is another vignette developed by the Good Neighbor Commission as part of a public information effort designed to acquaint the public with historic dates and their meaning to Texans.*

The 16th of September is officially referred to as the day when Mexico celebrates its independence from Spain. On that day in 1810, the priest of Dolores, Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla rang the bells of his village church summoning his parishioners to revolt against Spain.

Longing for political, economic and social betterment for the people, Father Hidalgo had plotted with friends to seize the colonial government and institute the desired changes. The uprising was planned for October, 1810, but the plot was discovered and on September 16th, Hidalgo assembled his parishioners and other followers, took as his slogan, "Long live our Lady of Guadalupe! Down with the government! Death to the Spaniards!", and began to seize the neighboring towns.

Marching from place to place, freeing prisoners from jails, and promising reforms, Hidalgo and his followers won the support of peasants and indians and captured several of the central provinces of

All people smile in the same language.



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aid and shot on July 26, 1811.

The struggle for independence did not stop with the death of Hidalgo. Jose Maria Morelos, a priest and student of Hidalgo gave up his profession to continue the fight. From 1811 to 1815 he pursued the revolutionary efforts in the central provinces of Mexico. In November 1813, a congress convened at Chilpancingo which declared Morelos head of the government and commander in chief of the army. A declaration of independence was issued on November 2, 1813 and a constitution was promulgated on October 22, 1814.

In late 1815, Morelos was captured, tried by the Spanish authority and executed on December 22. With the death of Morelos the patriots continued to fight in small guerrilla bands with little impact in the movement for independence.

On February 24, 1821, Agustín de Iturbide presented the Spaniards with the "Plan of Iguala" where he outlined a constitution for an independent Mexico. A professional soldier, Iturbide had been a royalist responsible for several victories over the patriots. He was primarily interested in his own advancement and in 1820 deserted the royalists to lead the patriot's cause. His efforts culminated on August 24, 1821 with the signing of the Treaty of Cordoba granting Mexico independence from Spain.

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'La Familia' Representatives

Hays High School PASF Chapter members participated successfully in the Pan American Student Forum Convention in San Antonio. Pictured here (back row) are Debbie Major of Wimberley, choreographer of dance presented at "Noche Panamerica" (state talent show); Laura Etheredge of Kyle, second place winner in state grammar competition; Denise Rabalais of Wimberley and Tamica Cummings of Buda, chairpersons of the '83-'84 La Familia Scrapbook which was awarded 3rd place in state; Mrs. Jennifer Clayton, Sponsor, who received a Myrtle Tanner Scholarship to study in South America; Kim McGar, elected to the PASF State Board of Directors; and (in front) Joe Platt of Wimberley who, along with Cathy Roccaforte (not pic-

tured), chaired the Hays Workshop on bilingual puppeteering.

Clear Lake High PASF Chapter Expects Big Year

The PASF Chapter of Clear Lake High School is expecting a great year. The officers for this year are: President, David Klein; Vice President, Jojo Ocera; Secretary, Loretta Sarahan; Treasurer, Joyce Chen; and Historian, Chad Asuncion.

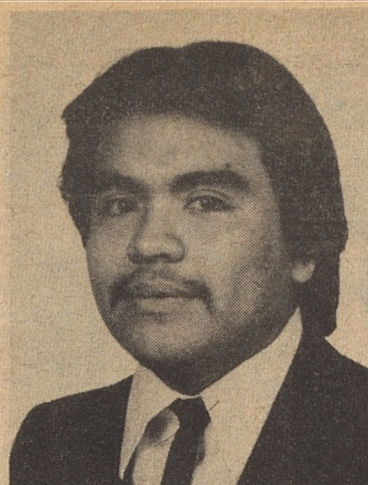
PASF members at Clear Lake are planning a year-round baked potato sale, a Thanksgiving canned food drive for those in need, and some exciting contributions to their school.

Loretta Sarahan, Secretary

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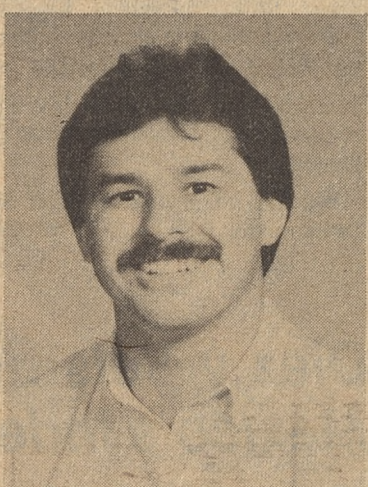
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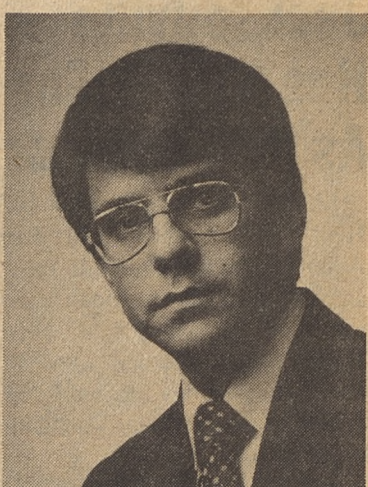
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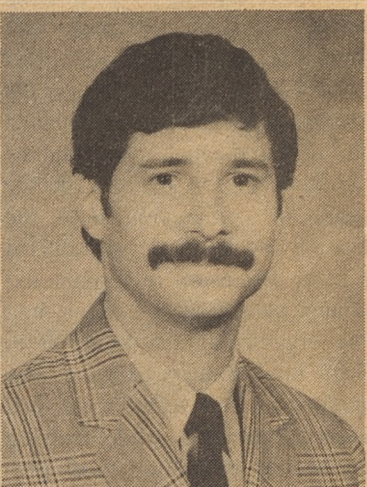
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Countries of Study: Major Nations in the Caribbean

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA
Area 171 sq. mi.
442 km²
Capital Saint John's
Language/Idioma English/Inglés
Currency/Moneda East Caribbean Dollar
Principal Exports/Rum, wine/
Exportaciones Ron, vino
Principales
Population/ Poblacion 100,000

THE BAHAMAS
Area 5,384 sq. mi.
13,939 km²
Capital Nassau
Language/Idioma English/Inglés
Currency/Moneda Bahamas Dollar
Principal Exports/Oil, rum, fruit/
Exportaciones Petróleo, ron,
Principales frutas
Population/ Poblacion 235,000

BARBADOS
Area 200 sq. mi.
450 km²
Capital Bridgetown
Language/Idioma English/Inglés
Currency/Moneda Barbados Dollar
Principal Exports/Sugar, molasses,
Exportaciones rum/Azúcar,
Principales melaza, ron
Population/ Poblacion 254,000

CUBA
Area 44,200 sq. mi.
114,477 km²
Capital Havana/La Habana
Language/Idioma Spanish/Espanol
Currency/Moneda Peso
Principal Exports/Sugar, tobacco,
Exportaciones nickel oxide and
Principales sulfide, fish, rum,
fruits/Azúcar, tabaco, óxido y sulfuro de níquel, pescado, ron, frutas
Population/ Poblacion 9,833,000

SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES/SAN VICENTE Y LAS GRANADINAS
Area 131 sq. mi.
442 km²
Capital Kingstown
Language/Idioma English/Inglés
Currency/Moneda East Caribbean Dollar
Principal Exports/Bananas,
Exportaciones arrowroot,
Principales coconuts, spices, citrus fruits, vegetables/
Bananos, arrurruz, cocos, especies cítricos, hortalizas
Population/ Poblacion 122,000

DOMINICA
Area 300 sq. mi.
750 km²
Capital Roseau
Language/Idioma English/Inglés
Currency/Moneda East Caribbean Dollar
Principal Exports/Banana, citrus
Exportaciones fruits, coconut oil,
Principales cacao, soap, spices/Bananos, cítricos, aceite de coco, cacao, jabón, especies
Population/ Poblacion 81,000

GRENADA
Area 120 sq. mi.
300 km²
Capital St. George's
Language/Idioma English/Inglés
Currency/Moneda East Caribbean Dollar
Principal Exports/Nutmeg, cacao,
Exportaciones bananas, mace/
Principales Nuez moscada, cacao, bananos, macis
Population/ Poblacion 110,000

HAITI
Area 10,700 sq. mi.
27,800 km²
Capital Port-au-Prince
Language/Idioma French/Francés

Currency/Moneda Gourde
Principal Exports/ Coffee, bauxite,
Exportaciones sugar/Café
Principales bauxita, algodón
Population/ Poblacion 5,186,000

JAMAICA
Area 4,300 sq. mi.
11,000 km²
Capital Kingston
Language/Idioma English/Inglés
Currency/Moneda Jamaican Dollar
Principal Exports/ Alumina, bauxite,
Exportaciones sugar/Alúmina,
Principales bauxita, azúcar
Population/ Poblacion 2,233,000

PUERTO RICO
Area 3,448 sq. mi.
8,896 km²
Capital San Juan
Language/Idioma Spanish/Espanol
Currency/Moneda Peso
Principal Exports/clothing, chemicals,
Exportaciones electrical machinery,
Principales motor fuel
Population/ Poblacion 2,712,033

SAINT LUCIA/SANTA LUCIA
Area 250 sq. mi.
650 km²
Capital Castries
Language/Idioma English/Inglés

Currency/Moneda East Caribbean Dollar
Principal Exports/Bananas,
Exportaciones coconuts/
Principales Bananos, cocos
Population/ Poblacion 120,000

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC/ REPUBLICA DOMINICANA
Area 18,700 sq. mi.
48,400 km²
Capital Santo Domingo
Language/Idioma Spanish/Espanol
Currency/Moneda Peso
Principal Exports/Sugar,
Exportaciones ferronickel,
Principales coffee, cacao, tabacco, bauxite/
Azúcar, ferriquel, café, cacao, tabaco, bauxita
Population/ Poblacion 6,200,000

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
Area 2,000 sq. mi.
5,100 km²
Capital Port-of Spain
Language/Idioma English/Inglés
Currency/Moneda Trinidad and Tobago Dollar
Principal Exports/Petroleum, sugar/
Exportaciones Petróleo, azúcar
Principales
Population/ Poblacion 1,076,000