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## CHARGES FILED IN BIRD POISONING CASES

AUSTIN -- One person has been fined and charges are pending against another individual in connection with two separate bird kill incidents involving illegal use of the pesticide Bidrin.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials said the pesticide, labeled for use on cotton, was fatal to more than 1,500 birds in southeast Travis County and 200 birds near Granger in Williamson County. Both incidents occurred in January.

Dennis Palafox of the TPWD's Resource Protection Division said affected species, common to both kills, included red-winged blackbirds, Brewer's blackbirds, brown-headed cowbirds, mourning doves, western meadowlarks and house sparrows. Also, a northern harrier (marsh hawk) and a great horned owl were killed in Williamson County, while a northern harrier, several pigeons and kildeer were killed in Travis County.

In the Williamson County case, TPWD game wardens filed criminal charges on one person for violations of the department's regulations protecting

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nongame birds and migratory game birds The man was fined \$1,000 in a Williamson County justice court after entering a plea of no contest Similar charges were filed in Travis County Court, and the case is still pending, Palafox said The TPWD will attempt to recover the value of the birds killed in both cases, he added

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) also has filed misdemeanor charges in the Travis County incident for violation of labeling restrictions governed by Texas pesticide laws for Bidrin No charges have yet been filed by the TDA in the Williamson County case pending completion of investigations

The U S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) is investigating the possibility of criminal violations of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act which carries a maximum penalty of \$5,000 and six months' imprisonment Also being investigated are violations of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act which carries a maximum penalty of \$5,000 and two months' imprisonment

The public is encouraged to continue reporting any illegal use of pesticides to both state and federal agencies Anyone observing game and fish law violations can call the TPWD Operation Game Thief number at 1-800-792-GAME, toll-free Possible violations of pesticide laws should be reported by calling toll-free 1-800-TDA-REGS

Information regarding agency investigations can be obtained by calling Dennis Palafox at the TPWD, (512) 389-4726, or Max Woodfin at TDA, (512) 463-7664

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LUNKER PROGRAM RECEIVES  
FIRST THREE BIG BASS

TYLER -- Two fishing buddies may have set a record of sorts on Feb 16 when each caught a largemouth bass weighing more than 13 pounds on the same excursion to Lake Fork

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials said Freddy J Casados of Fort Worth caught a 13-pound, nine-ounce bass at 11 a.m., and his brother-in-law Hunter Chisum of Pampa hauled in a 13-1 at about 6 10 p.m. Both fish were caught on jigs with plastic crawfish trailers, the anglers reported

The anglers kept the two big fish alive and loaned them to the department's "Operation Share A Lone Star Lunker" program. The two fish, plus a 13 1/2-pounder brought in from Lake Fork Saturday, are the first entries in the lunker program this year. The third bass was caught by Bobby Scott of nearby Yantis. He said he caught the fish on a jig and pork rind combo.

The big bass are used for spawning at the Tyler State Fish Hatchery. The anglers receive fiberglass replicas of their catch, and the fish often are returned to their lake of origin after the spring lunker spawning program is completed.

The program is supported by the Lone Star Lunker Foundation, made up of

sponsoring firms Lone Star Brewery, Skeeter Boats, Honey Hole Magazine and Jungle Labs, Inc

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COASTAL FISH KILL NUMBERS  
BEING REVISED UPWARD

AUSTIN -- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials said today that recent freezing weather along the coastline may have been more damaging to game fish populations than they first suspected

Dr Jerry Clark, director of the Coastal Fisheries Branch, said the early-February freeze was not as severe as the 1983 incident which was fatal to some 15 million fish trapped by low temperatures in Texas' coastal bays, but reports indicate dead fish were visible in shallow bays along the fringes of major bays

"Areas most affected were between Rockport in the mid-coast area and Port Mansfield on the Laguna Madre," said Clark, adding that there also were unverified reports of dead fish in Galveston Bay

Clark said biologists had hoped the gradual drop in water temperatures from about 60 degrees to 38 degrees during a 72-hour period on Feb 4-6 would be slow enough for the fish to acclimate and survive "Also, the low temperatures were not as low coastwide as was seen in the freeze of 1983-84," Clark said

Shortly after the freeze, reports indicated only forage fish such as

pinfish and silver perch were killed, and the affected area was the Port Isabel, Rockport and the Land Cut "During past freezes, if fish had died they would be seen within seven days after the freeze," Clark said "The department received very few reports of dead fish even nine days after the freeze began However, now it appears that in isolated areas there may be high numbers of both sport and forage fish killed by cold weather "

Clark said that sport fishing has been reported as good in many areas along the coast right now and even though many game fish were killed, the cold weather appears not to have affected game fish populations as severely as in 1983. Monitoring efforts hampered recently by bad weather, primarily fog, are resuming, Clark said

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SUBMARINE WAR HEROES TO  
VISIT ADM NIMITZ PARK

FREDERICKSBURG -- Several of the U S. Navy's most highly decorated servicemen from World War II will be in Fredericksburg on May 20-21 to participate in a symposium detailing submarine operations in the Pacific

The program, "Up Periscope! Submarine Operations in the Pacific 1941-1945," will be held at the Admiral Nimitz State Historic Park, home of the Admiral Nimitz Museum in downtown Fredericksburg The facility is owned and operated by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)

Nimitz Museum curator James Bigley said the program will be divided into two main parts; historical perspectives of submarine warfare and human

responses to the special conditions of submarine service

Some of the top historians and authors in the field will discuss the historical aspect, while all four surviving submarine service Medal of Honor winners will participate in the second panel. Participants will include Adm. Chester W. Nimitz Jr., son of the late commander of Allied naval forces in the Pacific for whom the park and museum are named Nimitz, a decorated submarine skipper, will be on hand to deliver the opening address, Bigley said.

A special exhibit detailing the career and sacrifices of native Texan Commander Samuel D. Dealey and the U.S.S. Harder will be opened during the weekend. Dealey was one of the most highly decorated naval officers of WW II and was noted for his aggressive and successful patrols. Dealey and the Harder were both lost in combat in August 1944. Officials expect his Medal of Honor, Annapolis sword and other personal artifacts along with a U.S.S. Harder battle flag will be included in the exhibit.

A special commemorative painting has been commissioned by the symposium sponsor, the Adm. Nimitz Foundation. It will feature the U.S.S. Harder surrounded by the insignia of the seven submarines commanded by Medal of Honor winners along with a rendering of Dealey. Prints of the painting, signed by the four medal winners, will be available for sale by the foundation at the meeting.

Co-hosting the event is the U.S. Naval Institute, with funding contributions by the TPWD, the Texas Committee for the Humanities, the Texas Historical Commission and private individuals.

The exhibit will be open to the public at 8 a.m. Saturday, May 20. The first session of the symposium will open in the auditorium of Fredericksburg High School at 9 30 a.m. The second session will begin at 1 30 p.m. at the same location. There is no fee for the symposium.

A banquet will be held Saturday evening at the museum. Tickets are \$15 each and limited to 450. Sunday's activities will include dedication of plaques on the museum's Memorial Wall honoring the three medal winners who were lost with their ships. The dedication will take place at 10 a.m. and will be followed by a book and print signing session at the museum.

The Admiral Nimitz Museum is open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and fees are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children 6-12. Persons 65 and over are admitted free. For more information call the park at (512) 997-4379.

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STARR FAMILY HISTORIC SITE  
CLOSED FOR REPAIRS

MARSHALL -- The Starr Family State Historic Site has been closed for electrical repairs, according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Problems were discovered in the electrical system during routine maintenance, officials said. The structure is expected to be reopened for visitation within a few weeks.

The historic home, built in 1870, was renovated by the Starr Family as home building technology changed over the years. The current electrical

system was added 70 years ago

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TURKEY PROGRAM FEATURED ON  
"TODAY" SHOW

AUSTIN -- The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's eastern turkey restoration program will be featured on NBC's "Today" show tentatively scheduled for Feb 28

NBC spokesmen said a three to four minute segment will be part of the show that airs 7-9 a.m. Central Time. The show is hosted by Bryant Gumbel and Jane Pauley

NBC crews filmed the capture of 15 eastern turkeys in Iowa during early February, then filmed their release in the Angelina National Forest near Lufkin

The eastern turkey restoration program is intended to re-establish populations of the birds that were extirpated from East Texas by the early 1900s

In addition to TPWD officials, NBC interviewed representatives of organizations and governmental agencies that have been supporting the restoration program. These include the Texas Chapter of the Wild Turkey Federation, Temple-Inland Inc, Champion International Inc, Texas Public Hunting Lands Foundation and U.S. Forest Service

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LAKE WHITNEY SURVEYS SHOW  
GAME FISH HEALTHY

WHITNEY -- Lake Whitney in Central Texas has gotten another good report card from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologists

Surveys during the fall indicated the 23,500-acre reservoir's crappie populations are healthy, and now gill net surveys conducted during January indicate fishing also should be good for striped and white bass and channel catfish

Fishery Technician Kevin Storey said striped bass and white bass numbers were lower in the net survey this year than during a similar survey in 1988, but the size structure of both populations had not changed and showed a favorable balance

Storey said the average size of legal-sized (18-inch-plus) stripers collected was 6.1 pounds and the largest weighed 13.1 pounds

One factor in the survey results may be that more fishermen are releasing, rather than keeping, their fish, according to Storey. "Results of the 1988 creel (fisherman interview) surveys indicate about half of the stripers caught by anglers last year were returned to the water, and about half were legal size," Storey said, adding that anglers interviewed spent 17 percent of their fishing time seeking striped bass

The majority of white bass measured during the 1988 creel surveys were

11 to 12 inches long, but fish up to 15 inches were recorded. The January net survey turned up good numbers of white bass under 10 inches long, and these fish should grow to provide good fishing this year, Storey said.

During 1988, about half the white bass caught by anglers were released, and only 12 percent of the released fish were below the 10-inch minimum length limit.

Catch rates and size distribution of channel catfish in 1989 gill net surveys were similar to those collected in 1988. About 65 percent of the fish reported in the creel survey in 1988 ranged from 13 to 15 inches in length. Five blue catfish also were taken in the gill net survey. They ranged in size from 2 4 pounds to five pounds, Storey said. The minimum length limit for channel and blue catfish is nine inches.

Lake Whitney is located west of Hillsboro near Whitney.

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WASHINGTON-ON-THE-BRAZOS  
FESTIVITIES SET MARCH 4-5

WASHINGTON, Tx -- Texas will celebrate its 153rd birthday March 5, and Texans from throughout the state are invited to attend a party at Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historical Park where the signing of the Texas Declaration of Independence took place.

An annual event, this year's celebration will include two days of festivities March 4-5, hosted by the Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park.

Association and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department The park is located between Brenham and Navasota off State Highway 105 on FM 1155 It will be open to the public from 10 a.m to 5 p.m

Local bands and entertainers will perform both days, culminating in a performance by the Houston Pops Orchestra at 2 p.m. Sunday The Pops, conducted by Ned Battista, will perform a number of patriotic pieces Their performance is provided through funding from Brentex Mills, Inc , Blue Bell Creameries, CRS-Sirine, Texas Commission on the Arts, Ida Jo and Tom Moran and the Mayfair Ranches

After the Houston Pops performance, actor Clayton Moore, who gained fame as the "Lone Ranger" will be on the program. Moore, who started his western film career at Republic Pictures, starred in 182 half-hour television episodes of "The Lone Ranger" between 1949 and 1957 in addition to several feature films

Arts and crafts professionals from across the state will also be making and showing their wares Sculptures, pottery, wool spinning and country quilts will be displayed and offered

Members from several dance groups -- the Hay Lollies, the Rhythm Cloggers, the Curley Cues, the Bay Prairie Dancers and others will entertain on both days

Re-enactment groups such as the Texas Army and the Brazoria Militia will set up camp and demonstrate crafts, firearms, folk music and dancing from the Republic period There will be guided tours of the camp areas,

officials said

Park visitors can see Barrington, the home of Anson Jones, the Republic's fourth and last president "Independence," the TPWD film on the founding of the Republic will be shown on a continuous basis in the park visitor center Members of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas will serve hot cornbread and black-eyed peas from the hearth in addition to selling needlework, quilts and bonnets Additional food and beverages will also be available

The Star of the Republic Museum, located on the park grounds, will present a major new exhibit, "Wond'rous Cures Performed Medicine in Nineteenth-Century Texas " Part of the exhibit will be a 25-minute live performance of "Promethius Proud's Miracle Medicine Show" by members of the Navasota Theater Alliance, with funding provided by a grant from the Brazos Valley Arts Council In addition, a new 20-minute audio-visual show, "The Republic of Texas," narrated by Bill Moyers with musical score by Charles Davis, will enhance visitors' knowledge of the Republic period

The museum also will host a Republic of Texas art contest for elementary school children at noon Sunday

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AUSTIN: Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Feb. 23:

CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water clear, 62 degrees, normal level; black bass good to 5 1/2 pounds on chrome Rat-L-Traps with blue backs, cranks and spinners with a good number of limits, most fish in the 2-5 pound range; crappie slow; catfish good to 20 pounds on limb lines baited with live perch.

BELTON: Water clear, 54 degrees, 5 feet low; black bass good to 3 pounds on black and chartreuse jigs in 10 feet of water; hybrid striper slow; crappie good to 25 fish per string, most fishermen averaged 10-12 fish per string on minnows white bass slow; channel catfish fairly good to 10 fish per string on trotlines baited with a wide variety of baits in 12 feet of water.

BROWNWOOD: Water clear, 3 foot, 8 inches below spillway level black bass slow; striper fair on slabs and spoons to 3 pounds; crappie fair in number to 1 1/4 pounds to 15 fish per string on minnows; white bass slow; catfish slow.

BUCHANAN: Water fairly clear, 51 degrees, 11 feet low; black bass good to 5 pounds on DB#3s, chartreuse Ringworms with firetails, dark worms with fire tails in 3-6 feet of water; striper good mostly in the 3-6 pound range, a few of the larger 14 pound fish caught, from Shaw Island to Tow under birds on Tad jigs on Long A Bombers, slabs; crappie good under docks in the brush on minnows and jigs white bass good from Silver Creek to Tow on Hot 'n Tots and some around Colorado Bend Park; catfish good to 4 pounds in 6-8 feet of water on stinkbait, Catfish Charlie

CANYON: Water clear, 53 degrees, normal level; black bass fair to 6 pounds, 10 ounces on Jig and Pig and crawdad colored cranks; striper slow; crappie fair at night on minnows to 10 fish per string; white bass are good to 25 fish per string on jigging spoons from mid lake to the upper end, many whites in river above lake; catfish slow.

COLORADO BEND: Water muddy, 60 degrees, 10 1/2 feet low; bass poor; striper poor; crappie poor; white bass slow and poor catfish poor.

FAYETTE: Water clear, 62 degrees, normal level; black bass good to 8 pounds 3 ounces, with 2 more 8 pounders and a 7 pounder, the lake producing about 7 bass per day over 21 inches, fishermen are catching good numbers of 18 inch or 3-4 pound fish, on plastic worms, lizards and live bait; crappie fair; catfish fairly slow to 20 pounds on jug line.

GIBBONS CREEK: Water slightly off color, 55 degrees, a few inches above normal level black bass good in number to 11 pounds, 6 ounces on a Rat-L-Traps in 3 feet of water, good numbers of fish but most below keeper size; crappie fair to 10 fish per string; catfish good in number to 18 pounds on rod and reel baited with shrimp.

LBJ: Water fairly clear, 52 degrees, lake full black bass good in 3-6 feet of water on Getzits and chartreuse Ringworms with firetails, DB#3s; striper are fair on the Colorado arm to 15 pounds, most are in the 3-5 pound range, on Little Macs, Hellbenders; crappie are good under baited docks in brush on minnows and jigs with limits; white bass good on Llano arm with limits on slabs and fleaflyies under corks where water running into lake; catfish good to 5 pounds on trotline baited with stinkbait, shad.

SOMERVILLE: Water murky, 2 1/2 feet low; black bass slow; striper slow; crappie fairly good on minnows and jigs to 10 fish per string; white bass slow; catfish slow

STILLHOUSE: Water clear, 52 degrees, 10 feet low; black bass fairly good over the weekend to 7 1/2 pounds on minnows and night crawlers around the marina, and spotted buzz baits, jigging pigs to 2 1/2 pounds in the lake; striper and hybrid striper slow; crappie good on white jigs and minnows in 16 feet of water to 10 fish per string; white bass fairly good to 15 fish per string on white jigs and minnows catfish slow. Few fishermen on the lake midweek because of high winds

TRAVIS: Water clear, 55 degrees, 11 1/2 feet low; black bass fair to 2 pounds on brown and black jig and pig and deep diving chrome cranks in 20 feet of water; white bass and striper are slow; crappie are fair in 20-25 feet of water under boat docks to 12 fish per

string; catfish fair with some to 6 pounds around Lakeway Marina on cut bait.

WACO: Water clear mid lake only, both ends muddy, 48 degrees, 2 inches high; black bass slow; striper slow; crappie fair in 12-14 feet of water on minnows white bass fair trolling cranks in deep water; catfish slow.

WHITNEY Lake clear, creeks murky,, 48 degrees, 9 1/4 feet low; black bass fair to 5.8 pounds in shallow water with cranks and worms, a few limits; smallmouth bass fair to 4.4 pounds on cranks; striper good to 20 pounds on live bait and some deep diving cranks; crappie good on minnows and jigs with some limits to 2 pounds each; white bass good with minnows and spoons around the state parks to 2 pounds under the birds; channel catfish good to 6 1/2 pounds on red worms bank fishing is good.

#### NORTHEAST

ATHENS: Water clear, 47 degrees, normal level; black bass fair to 6 1/2 pounds on jigging pigs in 8-10 feet of water; crappie good in number on minnows in 43 feet of water and some on minnows and jigs in 3 feet of water; white bass slow; catfish slow.

BOB SANDLIN: Water clear, 50 degrees, normal level; black bass good to 6.97 pounds with several 6s and 5s on spinners, Rat-L-Traps and jigs in 4-10 feet of water; crappie good near the Monticello dam and the railroad bridge to 3 pounds on minnows; white bass slow; catfish slow.

CADDO Water clear, 1 foot above normal level black bass good to 3 pounds on Rat-L-Traps; striper slow; crappie fair to 1 1/4 pounds on minnows in the river bed; white bass slow; catfish good to 2 pounds on trotline baited with minnows, most catfish are in shallow water

CEDAR CREEK. Water slightly stained from runoff, 48 degrees, 16 inches low but rising slowly; black bass slow; hybrid striper slow; crappie fair to 8 fish per string in 25 feet of water in the stump fields on minnows; white bass slow; channel catfish good to 7 pounds; yellow catfish good to 53 pounds on trotlines baited with goldfish and bream.

CYPRESS SPRINGS: Water stained from runoff, 48 degrees, 1 foot above normal level; black bass fair in number to 5.85 pounds on jig and pig in 12 feet of water; crappie are fair in 25-30 feet of water; catfish are slow.

FORK: Water slightly stained due to runoff, 43 degrees, lake full; black bass are good in number to 9 pounds, 7 ounces on black and blue jigs; crappie fair to 2 pounds on minnows in 50 feet of water; catfish slow.

LAKE O THE PINES: Lake clear, upper end is slightly off color, 48 degrees, 2 1/4 feet above normal level black bass scattered and spotty with some limits on spinners and dark colored Billy Bass Lures and black lizards; crappie fair in 10 feet of water around the boat houses on jigs and minnows; white bass slow; catfish slow

LAVON: Water murky, 45 degrees, normal level; black bass slow; crappie fair to good to 1 3/4 pounds on chartreuse and red jigs in baited holes; white bass slow; catfish slow to 4 pounds on trotlines with blood bait.

LEWISVILLE: Water muddy, 48 degrees, 18 inches low; black bass slow; striper fair in number on live bait; crappie slow but picking up; white bass fair while trolling slabs. channel catfish good to 7 pounds, most in the 2-3 pound range on blood bait with slipping cork to 25 fish per string

MARTIN CREEK: Water clear, 54 degrees, normal level black bass good on spinners in shallow water and Rat-L-Traps in the 2 1/2-8 pound range; striper fair on spoons; crappie slow; white bass slow; catfish fair to slow.

MONTICELLO: Water off color, 63 degrees, 6 inches low; black bass good to 9 3/4 pounds on live water dogs and Rat-L-Taps in less than 8 feet of water; crappie fair to 2 pounds each to 10 fish per string on minnows; catfish excellent to 50 pounds on nightcrawlers and shrimp.

MOSS LAKE: Water clear, 49 degrees, normal level. black bass slow; crappie are fairly good to 1 1/2 pounds to 20 fish per string on jigs and minnows; white bass fair to 10 fish per string on slabs; catfish slow.

MURVAUL Water murky, 52 degrees, 3 inches over spillway level; black bass slow to 6 pounds, 1 ounce on plastic worms. crappie fair

around the bridge in deeper water, no limits; channel catfish fairly good to 6 1/2 pounds on trotlines using cut shad.

NACOGDOCHES: Water clear, 51 degrees, 8 inches low; black bass good to 11 1/2 pounds, most are in the 4-7 pound range, on chartreuse and brown Rat-L-Traps in 6-10 feet of water; crappie good with limits to 2 pounds each in 20 feet of water; catfish slow.

PALESTINE: Water clear, 47 degrees 6 inches high; black bass are fair to 6 pounds on jigs; striper slow; white bass slow; crappie slow; catfish slow, some caught in the river

PURTIS CREEK Water clear, 70 degrees, lake full; black bass fair in the 2 pound range on dark jigs; crappie fairly good to 15 fish per string on red and white jigs; catfish slow. The lake is beginning to fill up with a maximum of 50 boats per day. Bank fishermen permitted in unlimited numbers.

RAY HUBBARD: Water murky, 49 degrees, normal level; black bass good to 7 pounds on grape worms, most were in the 2-3 pound range in 6-8 feet of water; striper have been fair to 7 pounds at the discharge on Sassy Shad; crappie good to 2 pounds on minnows to 25 fish per string; white bass slow, some around the discharge; catfish fair to 3 pounds drifting shrimp in 18 feet of water.

TAWAKONI: Water slightly off color, 50 degrees, 4 inches over the spillway level black bass slow to 5 pounds on dark worms in 6-8 feet of water; striper fair to 14 pounds on white jig and worms; crappie fair to 2 pound on minnows around boat slips and the marina; white bass slow; catfish fair to 3 pounds on worms and shrimp.

TEXOMA: Water clear, 44 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass good to 6 pounds, 14 ounces on pigs and jig; striper fair in number to 12 pounds on jigs; crappie fair to good on live bait to 12 fish per string; white bass slow; catfish good to 40 pounds on trotline baited with cut bait.

WELSH Water clear, 72 degrees, 6 inches above normal level; black bass good to 9 pounds in 2-12 feet of water on cranks, shad colored lizards and topwaters. crappie fair on minnows and jigs to 1/2 pound; catfish good to 30 pounds on trotline baited with bream; bream excellent in number in 4-8 feet of water on the flats with worms and jigs.

#### SOUTHEAST

CONROE: Water clear, 54 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass scattered to 9 pounds, 3 ounces with several in the 4-6 pound range, the best catches were 3 fish per boat on black and blue jigs, chrome Rat-L-Traps fished slowly; crappie fair in the lake Stubblefield area to 8 fish per person to 2 pounds each on minnows; white bass good in the same area; trotliners also catching white bass when baiting with minnows around 1375 bridge; catfish good around creeks and river beds to 2 1/2 pounds on variety of baits--nightcrawlers, shrimp, dead minnows and chicken livers. Winds are high midweek

HOUSTON COUNTY: Water clear, 58 degrees, normal level black bass good to 10 pounds, 1 ounce on jigs in 11 feet of water, with several 5s, an 8 and some 6s, and some too small to keep; striper slow; crappie good in the dam area in 25-35 feet of water to 10 fish per string; white bass slow; catfish good to 15 pounds in the creek channels on live water dogs and live perch.

LIVINGSTON: Water clear, 53 degrees, normal level. black bass spotty in the 2-5 pound range mostly in the creeks on chartreuse spinners or chrome cranks; striper slow; crappie fair in the creeks, no limits, on minnows; white bass fair up Kickapoo and White Rock Creeks but most fish are up the river; yellow catfish good to 65 pounds on live bait; blue catfish and channel catfish are good on shad

RAYBURN: Water clear in lake, discolored in creeks and in the river, 55 degrees, 5 1/2 feet low; black bass good with a few to 6 pounds on Rat-L-Traps, spinners and jigs; striper slow; crappie are fairly good on minnows; white bass and hybrid striper good in the lower end of the lake to 4 pounds while trolling; channel catfish good up the rivers.

TOLEDO BEND Water clear, 57 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass fair to 5 pounds on white spinners and chartreuse Rat-L-Traps; striper fair to 20 pounds, most in the 6-7 pound range, no limits, on shallow running bone colored Redfins; crappie slow; white bass slow; catfish fair on trotline to 12 pounds, most smaller, on live bait.

#### SOUTH

AMISTAD Water clear, 2 feet above normal level black bass good to

3 pounds, a few in the 8 pound range, on Bomber deep running cranks, dark worms and lizards; striper good to 10 pounds, a few over 20 pounds, on white Ponyhead jigs and topwaters, Redfins; crappie slow; white bass are fairly good up the river with limits on slabs; catfish are fairly good in the 2-3 pound range in 40-50 feet of water on stinkbait.

BRAUNIG Water murky, 53 degrees, 14 inches above normal level black bass slow, no keepers this week; striper fairly good to 7 pounds on live perch and Rat-L-Traps. crappie slow; catfish good to 9 1/4 pounds on chicken liver shad and shrimp; redfish good to 21 pounds, 12 ounces on Rat-L-Traps, crawfish, shrimp and shad.

CALAVERAS: Water clear, 54 degrees, normal level. black bass fair to 8 pounds on purple or motoroil worms. striper fair in number in the 4-5 pound range on shad; channel catfish are fairly good to 3 pounds on shad and shrimp; redfish are good to 21 pounds, 12 ounces on a silver Rat-L-Traps; corvina fair in the 7 pound range on live crawfish in the hotwater discharge area.

CHOKO: Water clear, 3 feet low; black bass are fairly good to 11 pounds on spinners and worms in 3-30 feet of water; striper slow; crappie fairly good to 2 pounds, 14 ounces with some limits on minnows in 3-5 feet of water near the bank; white bass fairly good with some limits up from 99 bridge to 4 pounds on white Roadrunners; catfish have been good to 7 pounds average on rod and reel baited with blood bait and cheese bait.

COLETO CREEK: Water clear, 54 degrees, 6 inches low black bass are good in the 2-8 pound range on worms and spinners in 4-8 feet of water on worms and spinners; striper slow; crappie slow; white bass slow; catfish slow.

FALCON: Water clear, 3 feet low; black bass good to 8 pounds in 2-5 feet of water on worms, lizards and cranks with limits of 5 fish; striper slow; crappie slow; white bass good up the river on Lil Georges and small Model A Bombers, some fishermen are trolling between Zapata and Arroyo Burro; catfish good up the river in the willows in the Burro area on frozen shrimp and sponge baits

MEDINA: Water clear, 60 degrees 18 feet low; black bass fair to 18 inches on clear grubs with limits. striper slow; crappie slow; white bass slow; catfish fair to 2 pounds.

TEXANA: Water muddy except in the jungle area, normal level black bass good in the jungle area to 4 pounds on topwaters; striper slow; white bass slow; crappie very slow; catfish are good to 30 pounds on trotlines baited with live shad

#### WEST

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water muddy, normal level black bass fair in the 3-4 pound range on artificials; hybrid striper fair to 10 fish per string on minnows and Model A Bombers crappie good to 1 pound with limits on minnows in 8-10 feet of water; white bass fair to 12 fish per string on jigs; catfish fair 14 pounds on trotlines baited with perch and shad. No walleye activity yet.

GRANBURY: Water murky, 47 degrees, 2 inches above spillway level; black bass good to 6 pounds, no limits, on jigs and pigs striper good in the river on down riggers to 16 pounds on white jigs and chartreuse jigs; white bass good around Tintop bridge on white fleafly jigs; catfish slow.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water clear, 48 degrees, 4 1/2 feet low; black bass fairly good to 8 pounds, most in the 5-6 pound range, on pig and jig, Rat-L-Traps striper fairly good to 6 pounds on spoons and minnows in 10-15 feet of water trolling; crappie good but no limits to 2 pounds on minnows; white bass slow; catfish slow.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear, 45 degrees, 10 1/2 feet low; black bass good to 9.7 pounds, a 6 pounder, a 6 1/4 pounder and a couple of 5 1/4 pound fish landed, many smaller fish on pig and jig; striper fairly good; crappie slow; white bass fair; catfish slow.

SPENCE: Water clear, 45 degrees, 26 feet low; black bass good to 10 pounds, 6 ounces on cranks, plastic worms and jig and pig; striper good to 20 pounds on slabs and Redfins and spinners; crappie slow; white bass good with some limits on slabs; catfish slow.

#### COASTAL

NORTH SABINE LAKE: Redfish slow with a limit to 23 inches south of Stewt's Island along with a limit of black drum to 5 pounds each; a single 21 inch redfish caught Tuesday at the outfall canal on dead



shrimp; other fishing slow.

GALVESTON: Some redfish to 6 pounds of West Bay and East Bay; some limits of trout in West Bay mainly around Green's Cut and Duncan's Alley on Kelley Wigglers; a few trout to 6 1/2 pounds but most are in the 15-17 inch range in the same area; puppy drum and redfish caught in the surf including oversized redfish as well as some whiting; live bait scarce

PALACIOS: Redfish have been slow since the freeze trout have been fair to 4 pounds on chartreuse touts under the lights at night, no limits; live bait is not available.

PORT OCONNOR: Good numbers of redfish at the big jetties, some are too large to keep; black drum beginning to show up, some limits landed; live bait plentiful at \$8.50 per quart.

ROCKPORT: Redfish good in number to 27 inches with limits in Copano Bay on white Hooters or any white worm; redfish also good at Allan's Bight, and in St. Charles Bay, most St. Charles redfish are oversized; trout good in size and plentiful in number with many limits to 3 pounds, or 15 to 22 inches, on red shrimp tails and silver Cordells with blue backs in Copano Bay; some trout in California Hole after the sun came out on Monday afternoon. Winds were fairly high midweek. Good numbers of flounder spotted but none caught.

PORT ARANSAS: No live bait available since the cold spell few fishermen out midweek; redfish have been slow; black drum good in the 7-8 pound range on fiddler crabs or dead shrimp; sheepshead fair around the jetties at Port Aransas; crabs are slow.

CORPUS CHRISTI: Oso Pier fishermen are catching sand trout, whiting and small drum to 6 pounds in good numbers. Bob Hall Pier fishermen are catching a few redfish to 28 inches, most in the 24-25 inch range; some drum to 29 1/2 inches, no limits whiting and a few hardhead catfish to 1 pound each. Good numbers of pompano caught 25 miles down the beach around Yarborough Pass. Good numbers of good sized trout caught in the Humble Channel and in the Boat Hole area on red Kelley Wigglers; a few redfish but most too small to keep.

PORT MANSFIELD: Redfish are good in number with limits to 28 inches, some above keeper size, most caught north of the East Cut on red touts and gold spoons; good numbers of trout limits to 22 inches on red touts north of Port Mansfield in the deep water on the west side of the Intracoastal Canal. numbers of fishermen down some No live bait available

SOUTH PADRE: Limits of redfish to 28 inches in the Three Islands area on live shrimp; some limits of trout in the 14-16 inch range along the Intracoastal and around bridges; some live bait shrimp available at \$10 per quart. Surf fishing has been producing good numbers of whiting.

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