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SAN ANGELO HOSTS SPECIAL FISHING WEEKEND

SAN ANGELO--Most folks probably think rainbow trout fishing and San Angelo do not have much in common. Normally, that may be true, but on Feb. 27-28 and March 1, that will change.

As part of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's attempt to provide fishing opportunities to youth, especially in urban areas, anglers from all ages and backgrounds will be able to fish for trout during these three days.

"We have three different events going on that will cater to people who may not get the chance to fish very often," said Bill Provine, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department regional fisheries director in San Angelo. "As part of our attempt to provide fishing opportunities to youth, especially in urban areas, anglers from all ages and backgrounds will be able to fish for trout during these three days."

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the City Employee/San Angelo ISD Bass Club and the Texans' War on Drugs will join the San Angelo Police Department in sponsoring the first single parent fishing seminar on Feb. 27. Single parents and their children can receive one hour of classroom education about fishing, then fish for two hours in the Concho River at Santa Fe Park.

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About 2,500 trout will be stocked on Feb. 26. Single parent seminars are scheduled for 8 a.m., 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. There will be openings for about 150 single parent families. The seminars will be at the Boy Scout Building at 104 Park Drive.

"This will be an excellent opportunity for single parents to let their children go fishing," Provine said. "Many times single parent families either cannot afford to take their children fishing or they can't afford to take them. This event is designed to interest the parents and children in fishing at a reasonable, or no, cost."

Another 1,500 trout will be stocked the evening of Feb. 27. On Feb. 28, GTE is sponsoring a day of trout fishing for the handicapped. This program began about six years ago with the department and the Governor's Council for Disabled Persons. As many as 400 handicapped anglers have participated annually in this event.

On March 1, GTE and the San Angelo Police will sponsor a trout fishing day that is open to the public.

"This three-day event will be more trout that we've stocked for the public than have ever been stocked here," Provine said. "We're expecting as many as a thousand people to fish over the weekend."

During the single parent fishing seminar, everything will be provided except for a fishing license and trout stamp, which are required for anyone 17 years old and older. "If you can't afford a license, please sign up anyway. We are looking for donations to defray the cost of these items, too," he said.

To sign up for the single parent fishing seminar, contact the San Angelo Police Department at (915) 657-4336 or the TPWD at (915) 655-1528. For information on the handicap fishing, contact the San Angelo City Recreation Department at (915) 657-4450. To participate during the open fishing day on March 1, just show up.

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TEXAS BIG GAME AWARDS DEADLINE NEAR

AUSTIN--The deadline for submitting deer and antelope entries for the Texas Big Game Awards program is Feb. 15.

Through Feb. 2, 375 entries had been received at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department office. However the more than 300 certified program scorers have reported scoring many more deer and officials expect to receive entries right up to the deadline.

The program, now in its second year was designed to recognize the importance of habitat and wildlife population management as essential to the welfare of wildlife resources and the habitats upon which they depend. Recognition will be regionalized with categories for typical and non-typical white-tailed deer and mule deer and pronghorn antelope. Scoring is based upon Boone and Crockett Club guidelines using net green scores. All animals must be scored by a certified program scorer and entries postmarked no later than Feb. 15.

Winners in the different categories will be honored during an awards banquet in each of the eight regions. The sites, dates and times for these banquets will be available soon.

Minimum entry scores for white-tailed deer will vary with each region and range from 125-140 (typical) and 140-155 (non-typical). Mule deer minimum scores are 145 (typical) and 160 (non-typical). Pronghorn antelope must score at least 70.

Last year's initial contest drew more than 800 entries, including 552 white-tailed deer 94 mule deer and 25 pronghorn antelope in the scored entry categories and another 165 entries in the first animal category.

'Entries have been coming in steadily but we'd like to see more, said Mike Reagan, Texas Big Game Awards coordinator 'I'm sure we'll see a rush in the next several days.

Entry into the program is open to wild-reared native white-tailed deer mule deer and pronghorn antelope that are legally harvested in Texas during the current year's hunting season. The program, sponsored by TPWD and the Texas Wildlife Association, will recognize the quality of the animal, the hunter the land manager or owner upon whose property the animal was taken (optional) and hunters harvesting their first animal.

For more information contact TPWD headquarters at 1-800-792-1112, or at TPWD offices across the state.

UMPHREY NAMED COMMISSION VICE-CHAIRMAN

AUSTIN-Beaumont attorney Walter Umphrey was elected vice-chairman of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission during a public hearing Jan. 21 here.

Umphrey was appointed to a six-year term on the nine-member commission by Gov. Ann Richards on Jan. 24, 1991

Umphrey is a graduate of Baylor University School of Law. He is senior partner in the law firm of Umphrey. Eddins and Carver

During the public hearing, three other commissioners were honored for their service to the commission. The six-year terms of Henry C. (Peter) Beck III and Beatrice Carr Pickens, both of Dallas, and Chuck Nash of San Marcos, expired Feb. 1 Nash also served as chairman of the commission from 1988-91

Nash came up with the idea for the Texas Wildlife Expo '92 in October which drew about 7,000 people. He has agreed to help Umphrey and commissioner John Wilson Kelsey coordinate Texas Outdoor Expo '93, scheduled for Oct. 1-3.

Nash also was instrumental in obtaining funding to lease a former private fish hatchery in Seguin. Nash worked with the Texas Trial Lawyers Association to lease the facility to provide forage fish for the A.E. Wood State Fish Hatchery in San Marcos. This will enable the department to produce more fish at the Wood hatchery.

Beck worked much of the time behind the scenes, especially on projects involving bottomland hardwoods. He helped the department work with private landowners in East Texas to become aware of the value of bottomland hardwoods and how to deal with management issues.

Beck also looked stringently at policy issues and how the department dealt with the public. He wanted to make sure the public was dealt with fairly and many times acted as an intermediary between the development community and conservation groups.

Gov. Ann Richards is expected to announce three new commissioners before the next commission meeting in March.

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INDIAN LODGE TO HOST MYSTERY WEEKENDS

FORT DAVIS--Who shot the judge? Was it the young man who had an affair with his daughter a man the judge later convicted of murder and sent to jail? That is the mystery dozens of visitors will probe in February at Indian Lodge in West Texas.

It is 1958 and guests are attending a birthday party at the historic Indian Lodge when, gun shots! Screams! And two dead bodies. Who done it? That is the age-old question that still thrills millions of mystery lovers today and is the foundation of a growing trend - the mystery weekend concept.

The first two mystery weekends are set for Feb. 5-7 and Feb. 26-28. The cost is \$163 for a single room and \$207 for a double, which includes two nights at Indian Lodge, Friday night hors d'oeuvres, Saturday continental breakfast and afternoon tea and Sunday brunch.

"It's really spreading, said Elmer Grape, owner of Austin bookstore Mysteries and More. 'The whole idea of presenting a mystery yourself or going on a mystery weekend is becoming very popular Everybody would like to be a villain or solve a mystery and be a hero. I wish I could get into the mystery weekend business myself.

At the Indian Lodge events, guests will split into eight character teams, where they will collectively play the role of a character in the mystery. As the drama unfolds and character teams interact, the object is to try to solve the mystery first.

Legendary among seasoned travelers, Indian Lodge was voted the number one lodging choice in Texas by readers who responded to a survey in Texas Highways magazine in 1992. The lodge is part of Davis Mountains State Park, and it resembles a multi-level Pueblo Indian village with rugged, unspoiled views in all directions.

Indian Lodge is located about 200 miles southeast of El Paso off Highway 118 near Fort Davis in Jeff Davis County. For information on the mystery weekends or Indian Lodge, contact the lodge at (915) 426-3254.

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PASSPORT TOUR OFFERS RARE PEEK AT ENDANGERED TOAD

BASTROP- As twilight settles among the pines of Bastrop State Park, a stealthy group of visitors gathers around a small pond, listening for the unmistakable chorusing of the endangered Houston toad. The first male toads begin to arrive and select positions on small logs near the pond's margin, where they will give their high-pitched musical trills in hopes of attracting a female.

This pond is one of the only places in the world that is home to the Houston toad. It is now the site of a new Texas Conservation Passport tour led by Dr. Andy Price, who has been studying the toad in Bastrop County for four years.

'Most people head to the outdoors by day said Price, an endangered species biologist with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. 'This is a chance to see wildlife species that are active at night. The breeding choruses of the Houston toad can be spectacular when you're right in the middle of the action, and their calls are really very pretty, as toads go.

Price organized the tours because he believes public involvement is the key to effective conservation in the 1990s and beyond. The tours give visitors the chance to accompany research scientists in the field studying an endangered species.

The information gathered here is vital for managing the ecosystem that sustains not only the Houston toad but a whole range of other species, and for addressing worldwide concerns about mass declines in amphibian populations.

The Houston toad once flourished in the coastal prairie near Houston, but the species declined sharply because of land clearing for development. For decades until 1989, the Bastrop site and an area near College Station were the only known Houston toad sites in the world. A TPWD survey has since identified toad populations in eight Texas counties. Price's Bastrop field work is a continuation of efforts to monitor and protect the species.

The tours will be conducted every Tuesday and Saturday evening from February through the end of April. Each adult must have a \$25 Texas Conservation Passport, which is good for 12 months from the date of purchase, and also provides free daily entry at state parks across Texas, camping discounts, dozens of other guided tours and access to more than 500,000 acres of restricted wildlife management areas.

Each Houston toad tour can accommodate only 10 people, so advance reservations are recommended by calling Bastrop State Park at (512) 321-2101 Participants will gather at sunset at the park. They should come dressed warmly be prepared for rain and bring their own flashlight. Tours will last about two hours, but visitors who wish to leave earlier will be guided out.

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TPWD CO-HOSTS SPORTSMAN'S EXTRAVAGANZA

TYLER--More than 50 exhibitors from across Texas will display the newest hunting, fishing and camping equipment, boats and travel trailers during the 1993 Sportsman's Extravaganza, hosted by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Forestry Association, Feb. 26-28 at Tyler's Harvey Convention Center

The show will be open from 5-9 p.m. on Feb. 26, 9 a.m. 8 p.m. on Feb. 27 and noon-4 p.m. on Feb. 28. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1 for children under 12 and free for children under five.

Special attractions include John Stein's Big Rack Collection with 20 of the all-time best white-tailed deer taken in Texas; replica mounts of a number of Texas' freshwater state records and the state's top 20 bass; the Bass Tubs of Oklahoma will present regularly scheduled demonstrations of lure techniques and action: a Whodunit camp with TPWD game wardens; a trout fishing tank; a Zebco casting clinic; and a 'guppy pond' for younger fishermen.

Last year more than 5,000 people attended the show, also in Tyler. The show allows TPWD and TFA the opportunity to explain their programs to the public in East Texas, as well as provide information about outdoor recreational opportunities in the region.

Proceeds from last year's show funded a weigh station at Purtis Creek State Park lake, an East Texas wildlife food choice poster by Texas Agricultural Extension Service and a youth fishing day sponsored by TPWD.

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GAME WARDEN WINS SHIKAR SAFARI AWARD

AUSTIN- Shikar-Safari International has honored TPWD Game Warden Max Hartmann with the award for Outstanding Wildlife Officer of the Year in Texas.

Hartmann is a 25 year veteran of the department who has spent his entire career in Gillespie County.

Many times Hartmann has taken cases that were days old and turned up a successful investigation and subsequent conviction, said Andrew Sansom, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department executive director. 'Max is viewed as fair but stern, and is diligent in applying the art of good judgment in all of his decisions. He has always been extremely effective in his efforts to provide consistent law enforcement throughout Gillespie County.

Hartmann was competing with nominees from 35 TPWD law enforcement districts. Nominees were judged on tenure, all-around conservation work, and a notable investigation, conviction, apprehension or program to their credit in 1992.

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FOUNDATION RECEIVES TWO DONATIONS

AUSTIN- Two groups recognized or presented checks to the Parks and Wildlife Foundation of Texas Inc. for work in various fields during the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission public hearing Jan. 21 here.

The Texas Trial Lawyers Association donated \$18,000 to the foundation to help lease a privately owned fish hatchery near Seguin.

Now a satellite facility to the A.E. Wood State Fish Hatchery in San Marcos, the Seguin hatchery will be used to grow forage fish to feed Florida bass and other brood stock raised by the department for stocking in public waters, said Phil Durocher TPWD inland fisheries director. This will free up a great deal of pond space now used for forage production to move into brood stock production. The Seguin facility will allow the department to raise about two million to three million more fish at the Wood hatchery.

"Our association is pleased to support the Parks and Wildlife Department's effort to adequately stock our state's public waters with game fish," said Rick Freeman, Texas Trial Lawyers Association president-elect. "We are especially pleased that our contributions will not only enhance the stocking program, but have the added benefit of involving our members in the sponsorship of urban fishing programs for Texas youth."

Texas Black Bass Unlimited presented the Operation Share A Lone Star Lunker program a check for \$31,243.66, proceeds from Fishfest '92. The money was turned over to the foundation.

TBBU's Leonard Rainey said the organization would donate half the proceeds from Fishfest '93. That money will be designated toward the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center scheduled to be built in Athens.

Rainey also presented plaques to Buddy Turner, a game warden from Dallas, Bobby Farquhar and Clell Guest, fisheries biologists from Fort Worth, and Chuck Nash of San Marcos, who completed a six-year term on the commission Feb. 1 Turner, Farquhar and Guest were recognized for their work with youth the past year and Nash was recognized for his dedication and service as a commissioner

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: There may be some confusion about one of the freshwater fishing proposals written about in the Jan. 29 issue of TPWD News. Under the regulation proposal to change black bass on six lakes from a 14-inch minimum length limit, five daily bag to a 14-inch to 18-inch slot limit, three fish per day bag, the lake listed for Tyler is Tyler State Park Lake. Lakes Tyler West and Tyler East are not included in this proposal. The other lakes are Bridgeport, Weatherford, Georgetown, Striker and Caddo.)

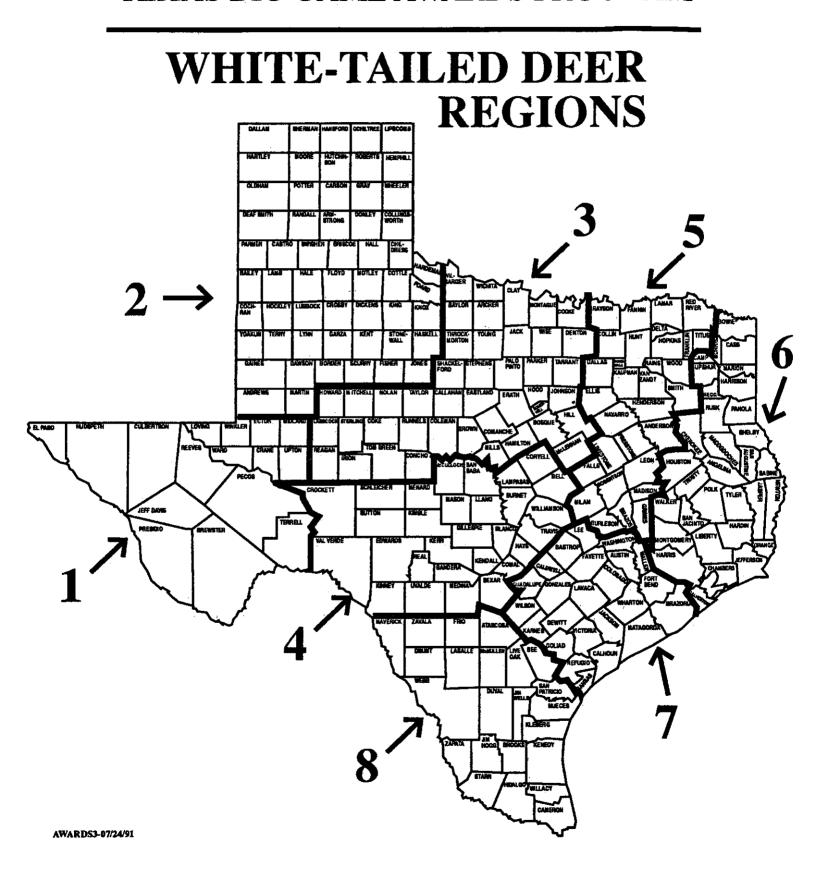
TEXAS BIG GAME AWARDS STATEWIDE SCORERS LIST 1992-1993 SEASON

City	Name	Phone	City	Name	Phone
Albany	Johnnie Hudman	915/762-2974	Brownwood	J. Y. Timmins	915/646-0244
Albany	Dan Walker	915/762-3683	Burnet	Dr. Dan E. McBride	512/756-6014
Alpine	Tim Bone	915/837-2051	Burton	Robert Lehmann	409/289-3416
Alpine	Malcolm Callaway	915/364-2464	Canadian	Tom Hinkle	806/323-8508
Alpine	Robert Culpepper	915/364-2429	Canadian	Robert Rogers	806/323-8642
Alpine	Mike Hobson	915/837-2051	Carrizo Springs	Daniel E. Boone	512/876-5945
Alpine	John Kuenstler	915/837-3040	Carrizo Springs	Gerald W. Merz	512/876-2312
Alpine	Rick McEntire	915/837-5542	Carrizo Springs	Donny Worthington	512/374-3500
Alpine	Billy McKinney	915/376-2216	Castroville	Gary Holzhaus	512/538-2688
Amarillo	Dana Dalchau	806/353-0486	Center	Terry Anderson	409/598-3053
Amarillo	Gene Miller	806/353-3141	Center	Mike Walker	409/598-3053
Amarillo	Jim Ray	806/353-0486	Cherokee	R. L. Lehrer	915/622-4569
Amarillo	Danny Swepston	806/353-0486	Cherokee	Glen Schneider	915/622-4249
Arlington	Claude Hicks	817/472-0332	Clarksville	Jerry D. Gordon	903/427-3702
Arlington	E. R. Rinehart	817/275-8783	Clarksville	Lee Lindeman	903/427-2244
Arlington	Joe Schaefer	817/460-1102	Clarksville	Terry Martin	903/427-5869
Artesia Wells	James Alexander	512/676-3413	Cleburne	Ben Haden	817/645- 9 841
Artesia Wells	Bill Brummel	512/676-3413	Clifton	Jose Cano	817/675-8729
Artesia Wells	Alberto Castilleja	512/999-3306	College Station	David Rideout	409/845-7471
Artesia Wells	Jimmy Rutledge	512/676-3413	Columbus	Gary Braun	409/732-8266
Artesia Wells	David Synatzske	512/676-3413	Columbus	Royce Jurries	409/732-3611
Athens	Kay Fleming	903/677-2069	Columbus	Edgar Stancik	409/732-3611
Austin	Glenn Boydston	512/389-4766	Commerce	Emerson Adams	903/885-4804
Austin	Kirby Brown	512/389-4395	Como	Randy Caddell	903/488-3005
Austin	Ron Collier	512/452-8234	Comstock	Alfonso J. Vielma	915/292-4417
Austin	Terry Erwin	512/268-0110	Conroe	Carl Williams	713/367-2745
Austin	Phil Evans	512/892-0832	Cotulla	Darwin Avant	512/879-3041
Austin	Horace Gore	512/389-4776	Cotulla	Emie Davis	512/879-3395
Austin	Kathy Kirwin	512/389-4409	Cotulia	James Hillje	512/725-3667
Austin	Herb Kothmann	512/389-4770	Cotulla	Melisa Montemayor	512/879-2247
Austin	Mike Reagan	512/389-4777	Crockett	Steve Best	409/544-2046
Azle	Dr. Joe Bob Porter	817/244-1313	Cypress	L. W. Dossman	713/351-9547
Ballinger	Stan Bickell	915/365-2322	Cypress	Sonny Elzner	713/373-1265
Bay City	Donald Bujnoch	409/244-7634	Cypress	Mike Mueller	713/894-7643
Bay City	David Reid	409/244-7634	Cypress	David Saye	713/893-5376
Beaumont	Hill Dishman	800/365-1563	Dallas	Larry Grimland	214/350-7721
Belton	Cecil E. Smith	817/939-5894	Dallas	David Lott	214/528-9962
Brady	Chuck Dalchau	915/597-3906	Dallas	Larry Rigsby	214/239-8181
Breckenridge	Tommy Hailey	817/362-4463	DeBerry	Jeff Wyatt	903/509-1604
Bronson	Jasper L. Marcantel	409/586-4400	Del Rio	J. K. Finegan	512/775-3179
Bronte	Garland Richards	915/743-6132	Del Rio	Juan C. Flores	512/775-2699
Brownwood	Kyle Cutbirth	915/646-3356	Del Rio	Gary Humphreys	512/775-1983
Brownwood	Treldon Cutbirth	915/646-3356	Del Rio	Alan D. Masloff	512/774-5021
Brownwood	Danny Davis	915/643-5977	Del Rio	Michael Morris	512/775-0387
Brownwood	David Davis	915/643-4182	Del Rio	Sylvestre Sorola	512/774-7406
Brownwood	Larry Holland	915/643-5977	Devine	Martin Binnion	512/663-4958
Brownwood	Steve Lancaster	915/646-8534	Devine	George Hundley	512/663-4225
Brownwood	Mike Thomas	915/643-3264	Dilley	Joyce Moore	512/965-1844
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Driftwood	Roy Welch	512/847-9619	Jasper	Paul Seidensticker	409/384-9572
Dumas	Brent Branham	806/935-3520	Jasper	Gary Spencer	409/384-6894
Eastland	Brett Arther	817/629-3303	Jefferson	Tommy Drake	903/665-2588
Edinburg	Greg Sheguit	512/383-8982	Junction	Jim Bannowsky	915/446-3690
Edinburg	Gary Waggerman	512/383-8982	Junction	Homer Mansfield	915/446-2514
El Campo	Hefner Appling	409/543-1021	Junction	Jim Perkins	915/446-3179
El Campo	Dan Kyle	409/543-6205	Karnack	Ross Brown	903/679-3677
Falfurrias	Randy Fugate	512/325-2785	Kerrville	Ray Aguirre	512/896-2500
Fort Davis	Mike Pittman	915/426-3960	Kerrville	Fielding Harwell	512/896-2500
Fort Hancock	Jim Alcorn	915/986-2417	Kerrville	Max Traweek	512/896-2500
Fort Stockton	Nolan B. Johnson	915/336-3209	Katy	Joe Carroli	713/391-8665
Fredericksburg	Betty Sagebiel	512/997-7961	Kilgore	Joe Parker	903/984-2640
Fredericksburg	Don Steadman	512/997-7217	Killeen	Jerry D. Stringer	817/793-3497
Frisco	Bob T. Dunfield	214/377-2749	Kingsville	Butch Thompson	512/595-4158
Ft. Davis	Rick McIvor	915/426-3138	La Grange	Mike Bertsch	409/968-5889
George West	Joe Herrera	512/358-2124	La Grange	Bob Carroli	409/968-6591
George West	Gene Riser	512/449-2500	Lampasas	Michael Krueger	512/556-4172
Gillett	Bruce A. Wiatrek	512/789-4239	Lampasas	James Loughmiller	512/556-6491
Goldthwaite	Pac Hamblen	915/648-2515	Linden	Delanne Pruitt	903/756-7220
Gonzales	Tim Lawyer	512/437-5103	Linden	Charles Snowden	903/756-7172
Gonzales	Wayne Spahn	512/672-3720	Livingston	Chris Gregory	409/566-5591
Graham	Raymond Sims	817/549-7638	Livingston	Danny Moye	409/327-4850
Granbury	Roy Holdridge	817/579-1789	Llano	Bart Gillan	915/247-4217
Grand Prairie	Rocky Calvert	214/647-2563	Llano	Donovan Hohmann	915/247-5889
Grapeland	Robin Coppedge	409/687-2945	Llano	Kelly Leifeste	915/247-4733
Grapeland	Bobby Shaw	409/687-2945	Lolita	Mark Mitchell	512/874-4401
Hamilton	Ron Dickson	817/386-8440	Longview	Riley Schochler	903/643-7501
Harker Heights	John MacIntyre	817/698-6753	Lubbock	Steve Demarais	806/742-2843
Harper	David Lively	512/864-5005	Lufkin	Ben Bartlett	409/632-4496
Hearne	James Yantis	409/279-2048	Lufkin	Richard Capps	409/831-2805
Hebbronville	Leif Henderson	512/527-4927	Lufkin	Stan Cook	409/853-3539
Hillsboro	David C. Dickson	817/582-3710	Lufkin	Freddie Flournoy	409/639-1879
Hobson	Richard S. Mutz	512/780-3111	Lufkin	Rick Larkin	409/639-1879
Hondo	Tim Favor	512/426-5845	Lufkin	Frank McCarty	409/639-9595
Houston	Mike Baird	713/469-2920	Lufkin	Charles D. Muller	409/639-1879
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Houston	Rocky Cooper	713/895-0702	Lufkin	Scotty Parsons	409/831-2405
Houston	Jimmy Farr	713/721-3111	Lufkin	Mike Whiteman	409/634-6414
Houston	David Majors	713/690-6603	Malakoff	M. D. Marks	903/489-2734
Houston	Homer Saye	713/373-5141	Mansfield	Jim Parker	817/572-4838
Houston	Petey Smallwood	713/861-1796	Marfa	Gilbert Guzman	915/729-4438
Houston	Mark Sullivant	713/682-1826	Marshall	Kyle Fitch	903/938-3485
Humble	Randy Brown	713/446-3536	Mason	I. G. Willmann	915/347-5218
Hunt	Donnie Harmel	512/238-4483	Medina	Tommy Thompson	512/589-7703
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Hunt	Gary Ploch	512/238-4830	Merkel	Melinda Rifenburgh	915/928-3588
Ingram	Darrell Dieringer	512/367-5855	Merkel	Randy Rifenburgh	915/928-3588
Ingram	Jimmy Dieringer	512/367-5855	Mesquite	David Ross	214/289-8437
Ingram	Eugene Fuchs	512/238-4340	Mesquite	Mike Walker	214/681-4411
Jasper	Dan Boone	409/384-6894	Midland	James E. Borron	915/689-8906
Jasper	Tammy Ellis	409/384-6894	Midland	James P. Ellis	915/689-0658
Jasper	Mike Ratcliff	409/384-9572	Midland	Ray Schimcek	915/684-5969
Jasper	Jane Richter	409/423-3497	Mineral Wells	Jim Dillard	817/325-0359
					

Mission	Baldomero Loya	512/383-8982	Snyder	Jim Lionberger	806/573-9864
Mt. Pleasant	Bobby Alexander	903/572-0919	Sonora	Mary Humphrey	915/387-2818
Mt. Pleasant	G.R. (Dick) McCarver	903/572-5201	Spring	Jimmie Klenk	713/320-9354
Nacogdoches	David Whitehouse	409/564-8375	Spring	David Verrips	713/367-2745
Neches	Cary Green	903/584-3631	Springtown	James W. Hutcheson	817/523-4676
New Boston	John Reed	903/628-5505	Stephenville	John B. Collier	817/968-4885
Nocona	John Cox	817/995-2210	Stephenville	Andy Guevara	817/965-2684
Nocona	Terry Don Robertson	817/825-4215	Sterling City	Bud Dillard	915/378-2019
Nolan	Bill Del Monte	915/798-3152	Sterling City	Gary Foster	915/378-5891
Odessa	Dane Widner	915/337-0921	Sulphur Springs	Paul Aguillar	903/945-2688
Ozona	Chuck Cosper	915/392-5687	Sulphur Springs	David Sierra	903/885-3922
Paducah	Richard Cranford	806/492-3817	Tennessee Colony	Roy Alexander	903/928-2251
Paducah	Dave Dvorak	806/492-3405	Tennessee Colony	Kenneth Bambeck	903/928-2251
Paducah	E. M. House	806/492-3405	Tennessee Colony	Don Frels, Jr.	903/928-2251
Palestine	Randy Tyer	903/723-3178	Tennessee Colony	Hayden Haucke	903/928-2551
Pampa	Larry D. LeBeau	806/665-1545	Tennessee Colony	John Jones	903/928-2251
Paris	Larry Tischler	903/785-1318	Terrell	Rick Salisbury	214/563-2598
Paris	Joe Worley	903/785-6923	Texarkana	Danny Kellam	903/838-8781
Pearsall	Ervin Shed	512/334-3700	Texas City	Jerry Tkac	409/945-7430
Pearsall	Lane Sumner	512/334-2994	Throckmorton	Stacy Hargrove	915/762-3553
Pearsall	Misty L. Sumner	512/334-2994	Tuscola	Trey Carpenter	915/572-3103
Perryton	Layne Allen	806/435-3074	Tyler	Earl W. Brady	903/581-0242
Pineland	Norman Dew	409/584-2279	Tyler	John D. Glass, Jr.	903/597-9999
Pineland Pineland	Mark Wright	409/584-3268	Tyler	Judit Gowen	903/566-1626
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Paul Hope, Fishing Report No.572 Feb. 3, 1993

AUSTIN: Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Feb. 4:

CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water clear, 56 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 8 pounds on jigs; crappie are good at night with limits on minnows in 18-20 feet of water; catfish are excellent to 7 pounds on Bill's Sponge Baits and Bill's Punch Bait. The number of fishermen out on the lake is increasing. increasing.

BELTON: Water clear, 56 degrees, 7 feet above normal level; black bass are good to 5 1/2 pounds on spinners, jigging spoons and jigs, smaller fish are found in 3 feet of water while the better fish are of water while the better fish are in 12-18 feet of water; striper are slow; crappie are good on fleaflies and minnows in the rivers; white bass are excellent to 2 1/2 pounds on jigging spoons with many limits caught in the Leon River and Cowhouse Creek mostly under birds; catfish are slow.

slow. BROWNWOOD: Water clear. degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 6.7 pounds on spinners; striper are good schooling in the 4-5 pound range on spoons, slabs and jigs; crappie are good in the 14-16 inch range to 12 fish per string on jigs and minnows in 12 feet of water; white bass are good under birds on slabs and spinners and spoons; catfish are good in the 4-5 pound range on shad baited trotlines.

BUCHANAN: Water clear, 58 degrees, 1 foot low: black bass are fair through 4 pounds, 12 ounces on chartreuse pig and jig; striper are excellent to 8 pounds with limits daily on live bait; crappie are slow; white bass are excellent from Paradise Point up the river to Colorado Bend State Park trolling medium diving cranks; catfish are good to 5 pounds in baited holes with stinkbait; blue

baited holes with stinkbait; blue catfish are good to 10 pounds on trotlines with cut bait. CANYON: Water clear, 68 degrees, normal level; black bass are fairly good to 2 pounds on Rattle Traps and minnows; striper are fair to 4 1/2 pounds downrigging extra large minnows; crappie are fairly good from the pier on medium and small minnows in 42 feet of water: white bass are good feet of water; white bass are good trolling Phantoms, Rattle Traps, silver spoons and medium sized minnows; catfish are good to 14 pounds on chicken livers, shrimp

and worms.
COLORADO BEND: Water clear, 68
degrees, 18 inches low; black bass
are fair to 2 1/2 pounds on cranks; striper are poor; crappie are poor; white bass are fair with strings to 5 or 6 males on small jigs; yellow catfish are good to 6 1/2 pounds on live bait and trotlines; channel catfish are good to 2 pounds on cut bait with rod and reel in 6 feet of water. FAYETTE: Water clear, 61 degrees normal level; black bass are good to 8 1/2 pounds on live water dogs, jerk baits, cranks and spinners; crappie are fair to 1 3/4 pounds on minnows; catfish are

rair to a pounds on chicken livers and minnows.
GIBBONS CREEK: Water fairly clear, normal level; black bass are fair to 7 pounds on floating Rattle Traps in 3 feet of water; crappie are slow and scattered; catfish

fair to 6 pounds on chicken livers

are slow. LBJ: Water clear, 58 degrees, lake full; lack bass are fair through 6 pounds, 9 ounces on orange worms; striper are slow; crappie are striper are slow; crapple are slow; white bass are good on the upper end of the lake on medium diving cranks in 15 to 20 feet of water; catfish are good to 6 pounds in baited holes on fresh shrimp.

LIMESTONE: Water murky, lake full; black bass are slow; few fishermen out; catfish are slow. SOMERVILLE: Water a little off color, 58 degrees, 18 inches above normal level; black bass are slow; striper are slow: crappic are slow; striper are slow; crappie are good from midnight to dawn and around marinas on minnows and jigs; white bass are slow; catfish are white bass are slow; catrish are good to 2 pounds on stinkbait. SQUAW CREEK: Water clear, 60 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 5 pounds on spinners and Power Worms; smallmouth bass are good in the 3-5 pounds range in 25 feet of water on worms,

minnows and Slug-Gos; striper are slow; crappie are fairly slow on minnows; white bass are slow; catfish are good in the 3 pound range on stinkbait.

STILLHOUSE: Water clear, 60 degrees, 1 foot above normal level; black bass are fairly good in number to 14 inches, most are too small and have to be returned to the water; white bass are fair on slabs, spoons and minnows; striper are slow; crappie are fairly good on worms, minnows and slabs; catfish are fairly good to 21 inches on minnows, dough bait and worms.

TRAVIS: Water clear, 57 degrees, 1 foot below normal level and rising; black bass are fair to 3 1/2 pounds to 18 fish per half day fishing with a few limits on crawfish colored Fat Getzits, Crippled Herring Spoons and live minnows; Guadalupe bass are fair to 14 inches on the same baits with frequent limits; striper are slow; crappie are fair in 20 feet of water under docks on minnows; white bass are slow: catfish are Blow.

WACO: Water off color, 50 degrees normal level; black bass are fair to 6 pounds on jigs and spinners; striper are slow; crappie are fair to 1 1/2 pounds on minnows in 20 feet of water; white bass are slow; catfish are slow.

WHITNEY: Water clear, 49 degrees, WHITNEY: Water clear, 49 degrees, 2 3/4 feet low; black bass are slow; smallmouth bass are slow; striper are fair to 16 pounds on deep diving redfins under the birds; crappie are good to 1 pound early and late with some limits caught on minnows; white bass are scattered with some movement up river; blue catfish are fair on worms live perch baited trotlines.

MORTHEAST

BOB SANDLIN: Parks and Wildlife fisheries crews received a 13.2 pound black bass into the Lone Star Lunker program early this week. The fish was caught and loaned by David Patak of Ennis. CYPRESS SPRINGS: Water clear, 48 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 8 pounds on black and blue jigs; crappie are good with limits on minnows in 27 feet of water; catfish are good to 10 pounds on nightcrawler baited trotlines. FAIRFIELD: Water clear, 65 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair to 8 1/4 pounds on Slug-Gos and Rattle Traps; catfish are slow to 4 1/2 pounds on cut bait and trotlines; redfish are slow to 16 3/4 pounds on DB#3s.
FORK: Water clear on the lower end, stained on the upper end, 52 degrees, normal level; black bass degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 9.8 pounds on spinners, Rattle Traps and jigs; crappie are good on minnows in 35 to 40 feet of water; catfish are slow.

GRAPEVINE: Water stained, 49 degrees, 2 inches above normal level; black bass are fair with some moving into the Denton Creek arm and are caught on minnows and chartreuse tube jigs rigged with popping corks; crappie are slow, a few caught around boat houses on Roadrunners in 15 to 20 feet of water; white bass are fair to 3 pounds on fire tiger cranks along the creek channels and in the back of major coves; catfish are fair in number drifting shrimp in flats near creeks in 13 feet of water. JOE POOL: Water clear, 45 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair normal level; black bass are fair to 6 pounds on spinners; crappie are fair to 1 1/2 pounds on minnows; white bass are slow; catfish are fair to 7 pounds on

catrish are fair to / pounds on shrimp and shad gizzards. LAKE O THE PINES: Water clear, 52 degrees, 4 1/2 feet above normal level; black bass are fairly good and pork combinations as well as chartreuse white spinners; crappie are fair near the chartreuse white spinners; crapple are fair near the dam on minnows in 35 feet of water, also some caught around docks and marinas; white bass are slow; catfish are fair to 7 pounds on trotlines baited with nightcrawlers.

LAVON: Water clear, 46 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow to 3 1/2 pounds on black plastic worms; crappie are excellent to 1 1/2 pounds on chartreuse jigs; catfish are slow. LEWISVILLE: Water clear, 44

LEWISVILLE: Water clear, 44 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair to 8 pounds on white spinners and jigs in shallow water; striper are slow; crappie are fair to 2 pounds on minnows; white bass are slow; catfish are fair to 8 pounds on cut shad. MONTICELLO: Water clear, 65 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 8 pounds on live water dogs; crappie are fair to 2 pounds on minnows; catfish are good to 52

on minnows; catfish are good to 52 pounds on rod and reel with live minnows.

minnows.

MOSS LAKE: Water clear, 44
degrees, 18 inches above normal
level; black bass are slow;
crappie are slow; white bass are
fair to 8 fish per string on slabs
and spoons; catfish are slow.

MURVAUL: Water clearing, 49

degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 10 1/2 pounds on spinners and jigs, many 6s,7s and 8s also caught; crappie are good on minnows around 1971 bridge, fish are caught 6-8 inches above the bottom; catfish are slow due to lack of fishermen.

PALESTINE: Water clear, 6 inches high; black bass are fair to 6 pounds on jigs and worms; crappie are picking up to 2 pounds on minnows; white bass are slow; catfish are fair to 8 pounds on bloodbait.

bloodbait.
PURTIS CREEK: Water clear, 50 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 8 pounds on spinners, worms and jigs; crapple are fair to 1 1/2 pounds on minnows; catfish are slow.
RAY ROBERTS: Water clear, 50 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 7 pounds on jigs in 12 feet of water; crapple are fair in brush piles on minnows in 32 feet

brush piles on minnows in 32 feet of water; catfish are good to 5 pounds on shrimp baited rod and reel.

TAWAKONI: Water clear, 45 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair to 4 pounds on spinners, worms and topwaters; striper are slow; crappie are fair on jigs and minnows in 8-10 feet of water on minnows; white bass are slow; catfish are slow.

TEXOMA: Water clear, 44 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 7 pounds on cranks and jigs; smallmouth bass are good to 5 3/4 pounds on jigs; striper are fair in number to 18 pounds on Sassy Shad; crappie are fair to 1 1/2 pounds on minnows in 35 feet of water; white bass are slow; catfish are good to 31 1/2 pounds on cut shad with rod and reel as well as jug lines.

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WRIGHT PATMAN: Water discolored on
the south end, clear near the dam,
49 degrees, 8 feet above normal
level; black bass are slow;
crappie are slow; white bass are
slow; catfish are fair to 14
pounds on trotline and rod and
reel baited with live shad, cut
shad and chicken livers; sunfish
are slow. Below the dam, fishing
has been fair to good.

SOUTHEAST

CONROE: Water clear on the lower end, murky on the north end, 55 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair in two levels, the larger bass are in shallow water and are caught on black blue tailed worms, cranks and white spinners with a little red fished slowly; the largest bass weighed 11.29 pounds and was caught at 22 feet on a black worm; white bass are small and not plentiful, some beginning to move up stream; catfish are fair but few fishermen out. The number of fishermen on the lake is increasing.

increasing.
HOUSTON COUNTY: Water clear, 54
degrees, normal level; black bass
are good to 7 pounds on Rattle
Traps in shallow water; crappie
are fair in number to 20 fish per
string on minnows in 15 feet of
water; white bass are good with
full strings on minnows in 15 feet
of water; striper are good to 6
pounds along with the white bass
at the dam; catfish are slow to 10
pounds at North Shore in 15 feet

of water on minnows.
LIVINGSTON: Water off color, 58 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair to 5 1/2 pounds on Rattle Traps; striper and white bass are still up river on spawning runs; crappie are fairly good with several full strings, most strings have 15 to 20 fish to 2 1/2 pounds each on minnows in 4-6 feet of water; flathead catfish are fairly good to 55 pounds; blue catfish are fairly good to 45 pounds on cut bait; channel catfish are good

to 8 pounds on trotlines.

RAYBURN: Water clear, 55-57
degrees, 1 foot low; black bass
are scattered on are caught on
Rattle Traps, diving baits, Craw
Worms and worms in 5-10 feet of
water; crappie are very slow;
catfish are very slow.

TOLEDO BEND: Water clear, 54
degrees, 5 inches low; black bass
are fair to 6 pounds in the

Catrish are very slow. TOLEDO BEND: Water clear, 54 degrees, 5 inches low; black bass are fair to 6 pounds in the shallow water near the moss on crawfish colored Rattle Traps and shallow running cranks; striper are fair in number to 12 pounds on live bait and striper jigs; crappie are slow; white bass are slow; catfish are fair in the 2-6 pound range on trotlines with catfish baits.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water clear, 55 degrees,

2 feet above normal level; black bass are good to 9 pounds on dark worms, spinners and some topwaters; striper are fair in the smaller sizes; white bass are good all over the lake on slabs; crappie are fairly slow; catfish are good on cheese stinkbait and nightcrawlers in 40 to 100 feet of water.

BRAUNIG: Water murky, 57 degrees, normal level; black bass are fairly slow to 7 pounds, 7 ounces on cranks; striper are slow to 3 1/2 pounds on chicken livers; catfish are slow; redfish are slow to 19 1/2 pounds on tilapia and crawfish from the bank; live crawfish available now and lake is open 24 hours per day.

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CALAVERAS: Water murky, 60 degrees, normal level; black bass are fairly good through 6 pounds, 3 ounces on artificials; striper are slow; catfish are good to 1 1/2 pounds on chicken livers, shad and nightcrawlers; redfish are slow; corvina are slow.

and nightcrawlers; redfish are slow; corvina are slow. CHOKE: Water clear, 58 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 9 1/2 pounds on topwaters in 3-7 feet of water around Calliham, Possum Creek, Mason Point and Greyhound Point, most productive time to fish is from 2 p.m. through dark; striper are slow; white bass are good and are running up the river around Tilden on minnows, white grubs and chrome cranks, white bass limits easy to get; crappie are scattered and

on minnows, white grubs and chrome cranks, white bass limits easy to get; crappie are scattered and slow; catfish are slow.

COLETO CREEK: Water clear, 57 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 14 inches plus on a variety of baits; striper are excellent with limits on spoons; crappie are poor; catfish are good to 14 inches plus on minnow baited trotlines.

baited trotlines.
CORPUS CHRISTI: Water clear, 57
degrees, 2 1/2 feet low; black
bass are slow with few fishermen
on the lake; striper and white
bass are fair at night on white
jigs and minnows from state park
piers, a few white bass are
showing up in the river on chrome
Tiny Traps; crappie are fair to 1
1/2 pounds in 12 to 15 feet of
water at the state park and at the
Alice Pump House on minnows and
fleafly jigs, no spawning action
in the coves yet; Crappiethon
begins Feb. 20; blue catfish are
good from 12 to 88 pounds on
trotlines set in 25 to 30 feet of
water, trotlines are baited with
goldfish; the 88-pounder would
have been a lake record but was
fileted before certified.

FALCON: Water clear, 59 degrees, 3 inches low; black bass are excellent to 10 1/2 pounds on blue fleck Power Worms; striper are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are good under birds on slabs and spoons; catfish are good to 6 pounds on shrimp with limits caught on all day fishing trips. MEDINA: Water clear, 2 1/2 feet low; black bass are good to 6 pounds on Power Worms and Rattle Traps; striper are slow; crappie are 'slow; white bass are slow; catfish are fair to 3 pounds on cheese baits.

TEXANA: Water muddy, normal level; black bass, white bass and crappie are very slow; catfish are fair in the 1-3 pound range on trotlines with an occasional 20-pounder on live perch.

West

ARROWHEAD: Water clear, 3 1/2 feet low; black bass are slow; crappie are good in 18 feet of water on minnows and jigs; catfish

are good on stinkbait.
GRANBURY: Water off color, 55
degrees, normal level; black bass
are fair to 4 pounds on cranks;
striper are good to 16 pounds at
the hot water discharge on live
bait; crappie are fair under the
bridge with minnows; white bass
are good under the birds with
silver spoons; catfish are good to
7 pounds in 30 to 50 feet of water
around heavy brush with Mr.
Whiskers cheese bait.
HUBBARD CREEK: Water clear, normal
level; black bass are slow;
striper and all fishing has been
slow since the sun came out.
KEMP: Water clear, 42 degrees,
normal level; black bass are slow;
striper are fairly good in

normal level; black bass are slow; striper are fairly good in Moonshine Creek; crappie are fair around brush piles in 12-15 feet of water on minnows and jigs; white bass are fairly good in the shallow end of the lake on slabs and spoons; catfish are slow. MCCLELLAN: Water muddy, 48

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degrees, 35 feet low; black bass
are slow; channel and blue catfish
are good in the 1 3/4 to 5 pound
range on minnows.

MEREDITH: Water clear, 38 degrees, level normal; black bass are slow; smallmouth bass are slow in the 2 1/4 pound range on live shad; crappie are slow; white bass are slow; catfish are slow; walleye are fairly slow in 65 feet of water in the 3-4 pound range on shad and minnows bumped along the bottom.

O.H.IVIE: Main lake clear, upper end murky, 48 degrees, 2 1/2 inches low; black bass are good to excellent in the 4-6 pound range in 20 to 40 feet of water along deeper points and dropoffs and along channels on light colored spinners, cranks, jigs and slabs worked slowly; smallmouth bass are fair to good in 25 to 30 feet of water along ridges and points on jigs and slabs; crappie are fair to 1 1/2 pounds on minnows and jigs in 15 to 20 feet of water; white bass are poor on jigs and slabs over points; channel catfish are fair to 2 pounds up the Concho River on worms; yellow catfish are slow; walleye are slow but fish should in the 16 inch or better range.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear, 45 degrees, 6 feet low; black bass are fair to 6.3 pounds on Sassy Shad in 20 feet of water under the shad; striper are fair in number to 12 pounds on live shad in 25 feet of water; crappie are fairly good under brushed out baited docks in 18 to 20 feet of water; catfish are fair in number, good numbers are caught on trotlines. PROCTOR: Water murky, normal level; black bass are slow; striper are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are slow; catfish are improving in the 14-15 inch range on worms and peanuts.

SPENCE: Water clear, 26 feet low; black bass are slow to 3 pounds on red shad and electric blue worms; striper are very good to 15 1/2 pounds on slabs; crappie are slow; white bass are good sized and in good number on slabs and spoons; catfish are slow.

STAMFORD: Water clear, 45 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow; striper are slow; crappie are fair to good on jigs; catfish are good to 6 pounds on live bait with trotlines.

white RIVER: Water clear, 48 degrees, 3 feet low; black bass are slow; crappie are good in 17-18 feet of water on minnows; walleye are good on large minnows; catfish are slow.

COASTAL NORTH SABINE LAKE: Water cold; some good sized redfish, sheepshead and fresh water catfish caught around Hickory and Coffee Ground Coves; no live bait shrimp available. GALVESTON: Scattered trout, GALVESTON: Scattered trout, redfish and flounder caught in East and West Bays and along the east side of Trinity Bay; good numbers of croaker, whiting along with an occasional redfish caught along the beach front; good numbers of sheepshead caught at the jetties; good snapper catches offshore when boats can get out; live bait shrimp available at \$10 per quart. FREEPORT: Old River fishermen are FREEFORT: Old River fishermen are catching specks, redfish and flounder; a near 9-pound speck caught this week from the jetty on live shrimp; good numbers of snapper caught offshore; a single bonito caught; live bait shrimp available but not plentiful. PORT OCONNOR: Fishing has been a little slow; Fishermen at the Cedars, Cattle Pens and at the big jetties are doing fairly good when they can get out; back bay fishing has been fairly slow; some caught they can get out; back bay fishing has been fairly slow; some caught around Grass Island and Farwell Island; Gulf fishing is productive when boats can get out; live bait shrimp not available.
MATAGORDA: Fishermen are catching good sized keepers, some limits around the shell reefs in West Matagorda Bay; some large trout caught around shell reefs in East Matagorda Bay, no limits but some range to 8 pounds and are caught on strawberry Hogies Swimming Shad with white tails; redfish are good everywhere on the incoming tide, best bait is a live finger mullet: best bait is a live finger mullet; good numbers of flounder in the 1 3/4 to 3 pound range on strawberry Hogies shrimp tails and small white Swimming Shad; live bait shrimp available at \$10 per quart. PALACIOS: Water is in good shape past the fresh water line; a few trout caught around the Baptist Encampment on Hogies clear metal flake with chartreuse tails; some flake with chartreuse talls; some good sized trout caught in Turtle Bay. under the lights around Jenson's Point; reports of trout and redfish caught around Green's Bayou on a variety of floating baits and gold spoons; live bait brims are not available. shrimp are not available.
ROCKPORT: Good numbers of fish
spotted in the area, fish are
visible to fishermen, but fish are not biting very well: live bait shrimp are available; some trout showing up in Redfish Bay around Morse Cummings Cut. PORT ARANSAS: A 12-hour offshore head boat trip midweek caught 1000 pounds of snapper. CORPUS CHRISTI: Fair numbers of drum in the 1-3 pound range caught between the high lines in Nueces Bay: live bait shrimp are available at 15 cents each.
PORT MANSFIELD: Fishing has been slow due to lack of fishermen.
Some local fishermen are catching good numbers of redfish on frozen shrimp; no live bait shrimp available.

SOUTH PADRE: Fishing has been good

SOUTH PADRE: Fishing has been good when boats can get out; rains falling midweek; some near limits of redfish and trout caught on live bait and popping corks due to brown tides; some clean water around the causeway; fishermen hope the spring tidal flow will clear up the bays; live bait shrimp available; whiting are plentiful in the surf; the Brownsville Ship Channel is producing good numbers of drum;

producing good numbers of drum;

catching fishermen are jetty flounder, big sheepshead; pier fishermen are catching great numbers of sandtrout, specks are good at night; some flounder also caught off the pier; offshore fishermen are catching good numbers of snapper. PH 2/3/93