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Forty per cent of Texas' bays polluted

Forty per cent of Texas' 1.4 million acres of Gulf Coast estuarine areas are environmentally contaminated, a NASA earth resources expert said Monday night at A&M.

"If all pollution were stopped," Lea F. Childs declared, "the areas would come back to their natural state almost immediately."

Childs spoke to 100 men attending the Sea Grant Program symposium on remote sensing in marine biology and fishery resources. The two-day program ended yesterday.

"We must have industry and progress, but at the same time conserve our natural marshlands," the Houston Manned Spacecraft

Center special assistant said. Childs joined NASA's earth resources program in 1963 and is currently assigned to the Earth Observations Division.

Color slides from manned space flights and personal ground and aerial photographs were used to illustrate man's disregard for the environment.

Childs pointed out problems created by dredging practices, residential recreation developments, shipping accidents, mineral exploration, all types of industry, city sewage disposal, garbage land fills and engineering practices to take care of facility overloading.

Childs said he was surprised to find nature has fought back in East Galveston Bay.

Citing 1951 and 1971 Texas State Department of Health reports on contaminated shellfish areas, Childs disclosed there are 51,000 more acres today supporting uncondemned shellfish than 20 years ago. He also reported the Sabine Bay is 100 per cent contaminated today.

Childs estimated, from Texas State Department of Health reports, that 40 per cent of the

state's estuarine areas are totally contaminated.

Out of the 10 major estuarine areas on the Gulf Coast only one—the bays off Goose Island State Park above Rockport—is in its natural state.

"I hope this great and rich state has the foresight to restrain and preserve this one estuarine we still have," Childs said.

He observed there is a direct relationship between industrialization and effects on the marshlands.

Showing a mass fish kill, Childs said he read a statistic where 40 million fish were killed by natural and unnatural circumstances in 1970.

"There must be 40 million dead fish in this one scene," he insisted.

Childs said bay and channel petro-chemical spills have a more damaging effect than any offshore accident.

He cautioned the public on hysteria about the environment.

"I think we have to let the experts weigh the facts," he added. "We really don't know that much about what we are doing to the environment."



IT'LL BE BOUND FOR TEXAS in February, but not by the usual method, sailing. This 90 foot replica of a masted square rigger of the 18th century is being built for a Texas amusement park. When finished it will be moved to the aquatic park site between Dallas and Fort Worth (AP Wirephoto)

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Crowd helps boy buy back horses

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP)—Eyes bleary with tears, 11-year-old Dean Herron took his entire savings of \$75 to the public auction, hoping he could get back his three runaway ponies.

The situation appeared dismal for the lad, whose Shetland ponies strayed from a farm and were later captured by Oakland County sheriff's deputies Dec. 22.

The boarding costs to Oakland County totaled around \$400. An auction was ordered, under laws concerning "animals running at large."

"Do I hear a bid of \$30 for this pony?" asked District Court Judge Gerald E. McNally of Clarkston, when he opened the bidding at the Oakland County Animal Shelter Monday.

The Detroit lad stepped forward and gasped, "Thirty dollars. That's too much. You should start at \$25."

The judge asked, "Are you bidding?"

"They're my ponies," the boy cried.

A conference was held between the judge and Dr. F. Hugh Wilson, shelter director. Bidding was reopened again, but it was on all three ponies "as a package."

Tom Finley, a friend of the family entered the bid of \$75—the money the youth saved from doing chores.

About 25 other spectators were at the auction, but they did not bid after learning of the youth's story.

The family said the ponies escaped from a farm at Lyon Township, where they were boarded, when a snowmobile tore down a fence. The sheriff's deputies later spent six hours retrieving them.

The lad purchased the ponies last summer, with money earned by scrubbing floors.

Campus briefs

\$5,000 given A&M

Du Pont Co. has presented A&M a \$5,000 aid to education award as part of the company's 1971 science and engineering grant program.

Larry Dirnberger, technical superintendent at the LaPorte plant near Houston, came here Friday with the \$2,500 awards to the Chemical and Mechanical Engineering Departments.

"We appreciate this continuing support," Engineering Dean Fred Benson said. "It is very valuable to us."

*** Dryden, Conrad topic of articles ***

Articles by A&M English professors Dr. Stanley Archer and Dr. John Van Domelen are being published in several journals.

Archer's "Some Early References to Dryden" was in the November issue of "Notes and Queries," publication of the Oxford University Press. Previously uncited references from the Restoration are discussed.

Van Domelen has had three ar-

ticles on Joseph Conrad accepted for publication in the next issue of "Radiana." A longer article, "The Beginning Was the Word: Awful Eloquence and Right Expression in the Work of Conrad," will be in the winter edition of the South Central Modern Language Association's "Studies."

The third, on Conrad and the power of rhetoric in three Conrads, has been accepted for future publication in "Conradiana."

*** Vets in Houston for conference ***

Faculty members from All College of Veterinary Medicine will be in Houston Friday through Tuesday, Feb. 2, for the Southern Animal Health Conference for Livestockmen and Veterinarians, 58th annual convention.

The third annual livestock conference is designed to benefit men and explains veterinary medicine work with dairy, poultry, swine and cattle.

Police training division receives \$11,206 grant

A&M's Police Training Division will conduct four training schools from an \$11,206 action grant approved by the Texas Criminal Justice Council, announced Chief Instructor Ira E. Scott.

Scott said the Engineering Extension Service program is funded through the Brazos Valley Development Council. Officers from Robertson, Leon, Madison, Brazos, Grimes, Burleson and Washington Counties are eligible to apply.

A. C. Johnson, assistant director and planner for BVDC, said the grant includes two scholar-

ships to a Southern Methodist University management short course eight scholarships to the Texas Department of Public Safety School and a scholarship to the Southern Police Institute in Alabama.

The training is a means of curbing the rising crime rate with TCJC receiving its funds from the state's share of federal Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act funding.

One of the four BVDC schools ends Friday. The 160-hour advanced course included modern

police technology with a heavy emphasis on criminal psychology.

A four-week basic course scheduled Feb. 1-12 and March 1-12 and gives the officers minimum requirements for certification under the new state law.

A two-week police supervisory school is scheduled in May for the final training session with in police-community relations August, Johnson said.

FBI Agent Bob Wiatt of Bryan will assist in the basic law enforcement course and will be firearms training, Scott said.

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Pictures will be made at the University Studio according to the following schedule.

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E-I	Jan. 25 - 29
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