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# High Marsh Waters Aid Gators Lives

CAMERON, La. (AP)—Unusually high marsh water helped thousands of Louisiana alligators literally trying to save their skins from trappers Monday, the opening day of the state's second experimental alligator season.  
 The alligators were there in droves—an estimated 75,000 on the marsh land open for hunting—and the trappers were ready and able to catch them.

The only problem from the trappers' standpoint, however, was that high water left over from tropical storm Delia and several days of steady rain had made it easier for the water-loving reptiles to range farther away from their normal haunts.  
 The very nature of the alligator season made it difficult for officials to give exact numbers since hunters are not required to come in to have their hides tagged until the season ends Sept. 28.  
 Richard Yancey, assistant director of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, said it was slow going because of the high water and said it would take several days for the water to drop.  
 However, Yancey said he saw no possibility of the season being extended even if the take is below what conservation officials had anticipated.  
 Each alligator killed during the season must be tagged with a special tag supplied by the wild life commission.  
 Yancey said the number of tags issued would limit the maximum possible number of alligators to 8 per cent of the total in the two Louisiana parishes opened for hunting—about 6,000.  
 He pointed out that less than half the maximum number were killed last year, but said the number this season apparently would more nearly approach the maximum since there seemed to be increased participation on the part of landowners and trappers.  
 Last year's take resulted in payments of approximately \$75,000 to the landowners and trappers and Yancey said that figure should be higher this year.  
 Last year's season opened with cries of dismay from environmentalists, upset because alligators were on the endangered species list.  
 "Some of those in opposition last year felt it would stimulate illegal poaching, but fortunately that didn't happen," said Yancey, adding that wildlife agents traced the skins to their eventual markets to ensure no illegal pelts were slipped in.  
 "This year we've seen no indication there is any illegal hunting going on," he said.  
 Yancey also said the hunting season could be beneficial to the gator population.  
 "Landowners are getting some revenue now for the skins," he said. "And this greatly stimulates their interest in maintaining a favorable population in their marsh."

## 'Made in Mexico' Labels Mean Quality Products

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—The largest Mexican trade exhibit ever held outside of Mexico opened here Monday and the director of the Mexican Foreign Trade Institute said the "made in Mexico" label means quality.  
 "We have no doubt in our mind that we are competitive in price and quality," said Dr. Julio Faesler shortly after he joined other Mexican and Texas officials at the inauguration of the Mexico Trade Fair in the San Antonio Convention Center.  
 More than 250 Mexican manufacturers, representing industries ranging from textiles and furniture to electronics and heavy industry are participating in the exhibit.  
 "We are diversifying our industries to diversify our markets," Faesler said, explaining that Mexico's balance of trade with the United States has suffered chronic deficits throughout the years.  
 "During the first seven months of 1973," he said, "our deficit with the United States was close to \$600 million." He noted that nearly 34 per cent of the Mexican exports to the United States is made up of manufactured products.  
 "We must make up the deficit," Faesler said. "The way to do it is not to buy less from the United States, but to sell more

and that is the purpose of this fair."  
 The fair grew out of talks held during President Luis Echeverria's visit to this South Texas city last year.  
 Faesler said that San Antonio, a city with a Mexican tradition and a heavy Mexican-American population, was ideal as a distribution center of Mexican products in the Southwestern United States.  
 The fair is sponsored by the Foreign Trade Institute, an agency created by President Echeverria two years ago to boost Mexican sales abroad.  
 "We are confident the fair will be a success," Faesler said. "Even before we opened we already had commitments from businessmen interested in buying Mexican products. U. S. banks also have shown a great deal in financing the transactions. We already have 1,600 buyers registered at the fair."  
 "We are offering Mexico's products and stressing quality and competitiveness," he added. "We are showing Mexican as the 'uncommon market.'" In recent years, he added, Mexico has increased considerably its exports to Europe, Asia and Latin America.

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 on common sense," said Lewis. "At the same time it is based on law, is legal and binding and a sophisticated process."  
 Lewis also said that it is almost impossible to appeal a case after it has been arbitrated. "This can only be done if one can prove bias on the part of the arbitrator, prejudice on the part of the system or a gross miscalculation of the facts."  
 "Arbitration is not going to take care of all the problems the Better Business Bureau encounters," said Lewis. "It is not an infallible system. But it is definitely a service of the bureau in order to save time, money and publicity."

**Secret Military Ground Operations Reported in Laos**  
 WASHINGTON (AP)—Despite a 1969 law prohibiting American ground combat troops from entering Laos, U.S. soldiers accompanied nearly 450 secret ground operations in that country in 1970, the Defense Department reported Monday.  
 In all, during the years of the Indochina war, there were 3,638 ground operations into Laos and Cambodia, the department said.  
 Details of the secret cross-border operations were made known in a "white paper" provided by Deputy Defense Secretary William P. Clements to the Senate Armed Services Committee.  
 Sen. Harold Hughes, D-Iowa, who has been questioning secret U.S. military operations in Cam-

**Bulletin Board**  
**TONIGHT**  
 Accounting Society will hold a meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center in Room 226. New members are welcome.  
 American Society of Agricultural Engineers welcomes all A.E.'s to the annual Hamburger Fry and get acquainted social for the fall semester to be held in the Agricultural Engineering Shops from 6-7:30 p.m.  
 Future Farmers of America will meet in Room 146 of the Physics Building at 7:45 p.m.  
 Biomedical Science Association will meet in the MSC at 7:30 p.m. in Room 229.  
 Semper Fidelis Society will meet in Room 145 of the Physics Building at 7:30 p.m.  
 The Answer is Jesus Christ will show the movie "A Thief in the Night" at 7:30 p.m. at 501 University Drive.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
 Trap and Skeet Club welcomes new members to an organizational meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Room 308 in the Tower of Continuing Education.  
 A&M Sports Car Club will report on the Texas World Speedway Rally in the Mimosa Room of the old College Station City Hall at 7:30 p.m.  
 Association of General Contractors will meet in the Architecture Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.  
 Shuttle Bus Committee will meet at 10 a.m. in the Krueger-Dunn Conference Room. Persons wishing to discuss route changes, make complaints, or offer their opinions are invited to attend this meeting.

**PEANUTS**  
 Theme: Our school  
 Going to our school is an education in itself which is not to be confused with actually getting an education.  
 MISS OTHMAR...  
 IF I WERE TO BRING A TV DINNER TO SCHOOL TOMORROW, WOULD I BE ALLOWED TO USE ONE OF THE OVENS IN THE CAFETERIA TO HEAT IT UP?  
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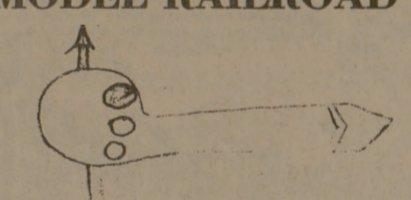
**By Charles M. Schulz**  
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