## federal aid to Texas as tripled since 1966

said an analysis done by his ofshows that federal aid to Texas e and local governments has than tripled since 1966, but ns still get back only 82 cents of every dollar they pay in intaxes that are appropriated to

allock said the analysis lists 41 r states that get better returns heir income-tax dollars.

owever, he pointed out, Texas

government alone has already ved \$1.5 billion in federal funds g the first ten months of the nt fiscal year — representing

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about 30 per cent of all state re-

The analysis of federal aid is part of the comptroller's June financial statement

The monthly financial statement shows that June's expenditures of Dr. C. S. Giam, professor of chemistry and oceanography, is the ditures through the first ten months of fiscal 1976 to more than \$5.3 billion, 17 per cent higher than during the same period in fiscal 1975.

State revenues, meanwhile, also total \$5.3 billion through June, \$660 million more than during the same period in fiscal 1975, an increase of

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Texas A&M University scientists drocarbons which included PCB's te tracking possible pollutants as (polychlorinated biphenyls) and the are tracking possible pollutants as they work their way to the Gulf of Mexico and into the marine envi-

Dr. C. S. Giam, professor of principal investigator of the two projects funded by the National Science Foundation's office of International Decade of Ocean Exploration. The two one-year grants total

One of the new projects is on pollutant transfer processes in which Dr. E. Atlas and Dr. H. S. Chan will be research fellows. The second grant is for a continuation of a project entitled "Phthalates and Chlorinated Hydrocarbons Effects on Marine Biota" with co-investigator J. M. Neff, professor of biology, and research fellow, Dr. T. E. Goodwin.

Our particular interest involves two aspects," said Giam. "First is an investigation of the processes by which some organic pollutants are transported from land to the Gulf of Mexico and, secondly, we want to look at the biological effects of these pollutants on marine organisms like shrimp, crab and fish.

We will provide an estimate of the flow of pollutants, in this case, to the he added. "The pollutants of immediate interest are phthalates (plasticizer compounds which make plastic plyable) and another common class of pollutants, chlorinated hyDDT family.

The second project will try to look at the biological impact of pollutants on marine life, including larval development in shrimp and crabs," Neff said. "Also, we'll note accumulation and metabolism of these compounds by marine organisms in addition to fat metabolism of fish.

There are indications that these compounds we're looking at are toxic to fresh-water organisms; however, their effects on marine organisms haven't been established," Giam said. "We want to know if there is or there isn't a deleterious effect.

The results of the investigation may be applied to other organic materials with similar characteristics, he said.

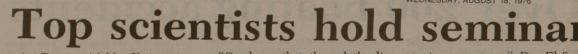
Last month Giam and Neff organized the International Conference to Evaluate the Biological Effects of Pollutants on Marine Organisms which was also sponsored by the NSF and held at Texas A&M.

Topics included reports on the effects of organic pollutants (petroleum hydrocarbons, industrial chemicals such as polychlorinated aromatics, phthalate plasticizers, vinylchloride and by-products) and trace metals on physiological, biochamical solutions biochemical, behavioral, chemical and other toxicological aspects of test

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oceanographer is among more than 60 of the world's top scientists conducting the First International Conference on Living Resources of the Southern Ocean.

The meeting, which began yesterday, is being held at the National Academy of Sciences Summer Studies Center in Woods Hole, Mass., with Dr. Sayed Z. El-Sayed, professor of oceanography at Texas A&M, as convenor.

The objective of this conference is to review the status of knowledge regarding the living resources of the Antarctic, such as krill, squid, king crab, lobster, seals and whales," explained Dr. El-Sayed.

The conference also will include discussions of the proposals and recommendations regarding a coordinated, international biological investigation of the Southern Ocean (all Antarctic waters south of 40 degrees latitude) which will be presented by the Group of Specialists on Living Resources of the South-ern Ocean, which El-Sayed heads.

"This is the first symposium of its kind concerned with the regulation of the great resources of the South-ern Ocean," he said. "But, the issue has become so urgent it can no longer be held in abeyance. We've got to try to get some agreement on measures to rationalize and conserve the resources in the Antarctic region. Already oil exploration and fishing exploitation has begun and their impact on the whole ecosystem should be carefully monitored."

The conference is held under the auspices of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences and is being sponsored by the Scientific Committee on Antartic Research (SCAR) and Scientific Committee on Ocean Research (SCOR) of the International

The invited scientists come from Argentina, Australia, Canada, Chile, France, Federal Republic of Germany, Japan, New Zealand, Poland, South Africa, United Kingdom, U.S.A. and Russia. Governmental and non-governmental organizations such as the International Oceanographic Commission (IOC), International Whaling Commission (IWC) and Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) will be sending delegates to that confer-

The legal and international aspects of exploiting these resources will also be discussed at the conference. Patricipants will split into several working parties. Each will provide a summary of the discussions and the recommendations which took place during their sessions.

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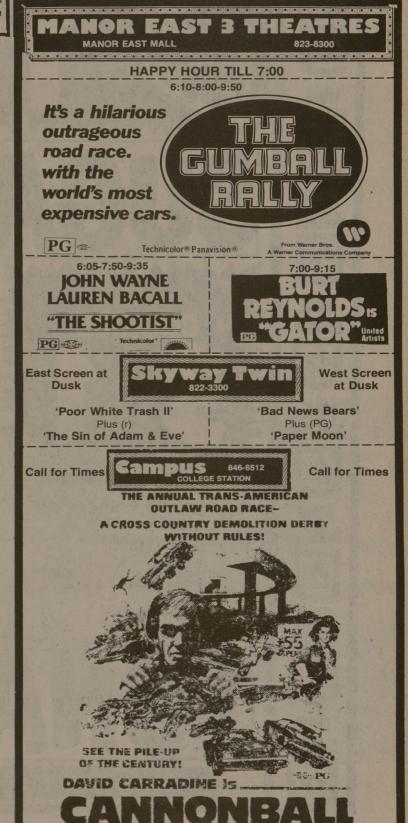
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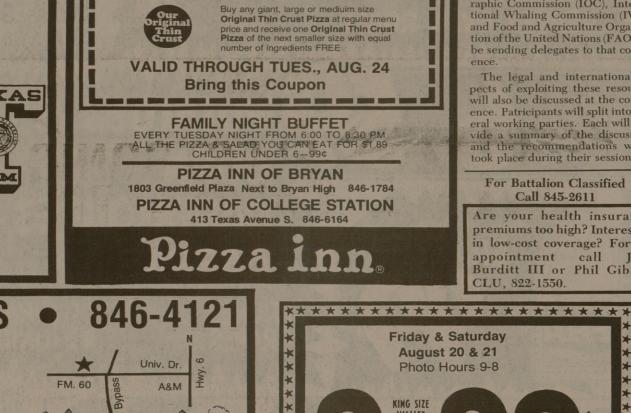
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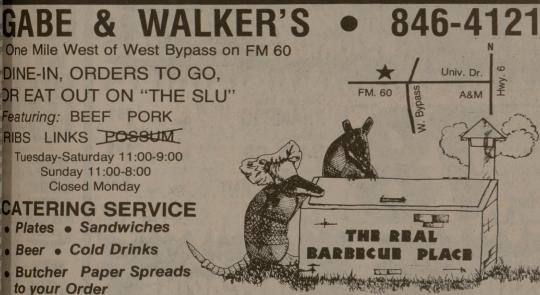
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