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# Texas hospitable to boat people

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AUSTIN — U.S. officials told employees of the Texas Department of Health Tuesday that Vietnamese refugees are being attracted to the state because of the climate and the hospitality of Texans.

Shepard Lowman, director of the office of Asian Refugee Affairs for the U.S. State Department, said 80 percent of the boat people are dispersing to areas where they have relatives. However, he said many are being attracted to the Texas

coast.

"One of the reasons is because Texas is hospitable and the climate of Texas is hospitable," Lowman said.

Lowman said the State Department is attempting to broaden resettlement opportunities for the Vietnamese refugees.

Joseph F. Giordano, on staff at the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, said some Americans have a misconception that it is easy for the refugees to enter America.

"They can get through if they have familial relationships here, but most refugees just have medical records with them," Giordano said.

He said all refugees must undergo chest examinations for tuberculosis and present the X-rays when they arrive at an American port of entry. Giordano said a team of American physicians will be going to Southeast Asia to oversee the medical examinations of the refugees.

Giordano said many refugees

entering the country using illegal X-ray records but he said that during the summer stiffer regulations were instituted to ensure that aliens have no communicable diseases.

Dr. Vernon Houk, director of environmental health services for the Center for Disease Control, stressed to the state health department officials that individual states, especially Texas, have performed well in making medical services available to the refugees.

## State briefs

### Car dealers accused of swindle

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HOUSTON — Six Spanish-speaking automobile buyers have filed a federal court suit against two dealers accused of agreeing to sales terms in Spanish and then having the customers sign different agreements written in English.

The suit seeks \$216,000 damages from Bob G. Wharton and his son Bob F. Wharton, operators of Amigo Motors, Rio Bravo Motors, Rio Grande Motors and Tex-Mex Motors in Houston.

None of the named plaintiffs speaks English.

### Synthetic fuel information coming to Texas

HOUSTON — Texas Eastern Corp., planning a plant that will produce liquid fuels from coal, has reached agreement with a South African firm already producing synthetic fuels, a spokesman said Tuesday.

The Texas Eastern spokesman said a technology-sharing agreement had been reached with Sasol Ltd., which operates the world's largest facility for producing synthetic fuels from coal in South Africa, and Fluor Corp.

### Suit challenges UT's barring of vendor

AUSTIN — The Texas Civil Liberties Union Tuesday sued to challenge the constitutionality of a University of Texas rule prohibiting a sandwich seller from doing business on the campus.

Roland DeNoie, owner and operator of Salvation Sandwiches, has been charged before a justice of the peace court for selling the sandwiches on school grounds. He faces a fine of up to \$200 if convicted for violating the University of Texas Regents' rule prohibiting solicitation.

The TCLU suit, filed in state district court, asks that a section of the Texas Education Code be declared unconstitutional because the rule is an unlawful delegation of power and violates the state constitutional provision of separation of powers.

# Texan leaves corn to meet with pope

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NAZARETH — Jerome Brockman, a devout Catholic and High Plains corn farmer, needed a bit of persuading from his wife to accept an invitation to receive communion from Pope John Paul II this week.

"I just told him that I'd kill him if we didn't go, that's all," Margaret Brockman recalled with a laugh.

Brockman is the only Texan and one of only 10 rural Americans selected to receive communion from

has served in virtually every religious capacity, from altar boy to permanent deacon in the Holy Family parish.

The Holy Family Church and cemetery, atop a small knoll on the town's north side, are religious centerpieces in Nazareth.

We haven't thrown the Protestants out," a grinning Brockman said recently. "There just aren't too many around. Ours is still the only church in town, and some of the Protestants here come to our services."

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the pontiff in Des Moines Thursday during an unprecedented papal trip to America.

But corn grown around this High Plains community of 220 has been excellent this fall, and Brockman, who has slept near a corn drier south of town recently, felt at first he should stay home to nurture what may be a record crop.

"To be perfectly honest, I wasn't going to go at first," said the middle-aged, blue-eyed farmer.

"I even called some other people I thought might be interested in taking my place. My brother and I have about 500 acres of corn this year, and it looks pretty good. I just didn't think it would be fair to leave him here to do it all."

But Brockman said he eventually realized an opportunity to receive communion from the pope doesn't arise frequently.

"We're going," he said, "but we'll be coming right back to finish the harvest. From what I've heard about this outdoor mass, I'm figuring that one day will be about all the excitement we can handle."

About a quarter of a million Americans are expected to attend the mass on a grassy knoll at the 600-acre Living History Farms near Urbandale, Iowa, a Des Moines suburb.

"I'm not really sure how we're supposed to manage this," Margaret Brockman said, peering at a list of suggestions sent by the church that details clothing, food, shelter and comfort needs.

Brockman and nine others were selected by the National Catholic Rural Life Conference "to demonstrate the diversity of rural America, and to have as many segments of rural America represented as possible," said NCRLE Executive Director William Schaefer.

As a native of the nearly 100 percent Catholic settlement of Nazareth, situated in a predominantly Protestant belt of Texas, Brockman epitomizes the rural individuals the church sought to bring before the pontiff.

In his nearly 50 years, Brockman

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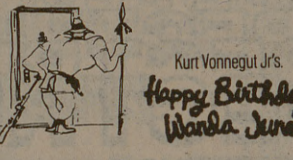
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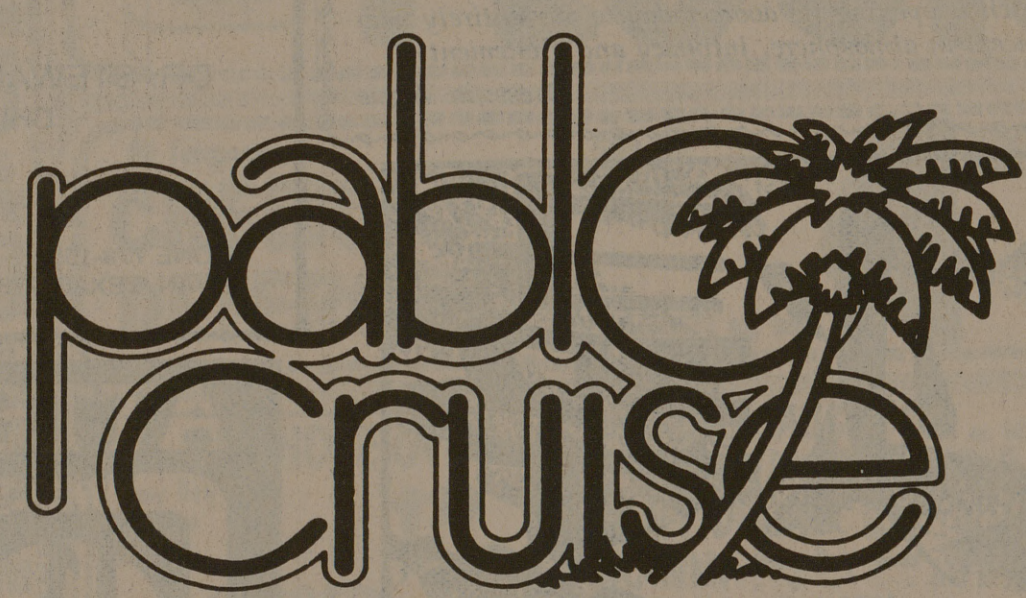
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