

30-hour fast begins tonight

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City Reporter

A 30-hour fast for world hunger sponsored by the Methodist Student Movement will begin tonight at 9 p.m. After a speech by the Rev. W.C. Hall, about 30 students will discuss world hunger problems, hold prayer sessions, and participate in games to help pass the hours without food.

The students have collected \$250 in donations and pledges for missed meals so far. Forty percent of the money will go to World Vision International, a worldwide relief organization, and the rest will go to the United Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief.

There will be two speakers Saturday. Dr. Benton Storey, a horticulture professor at Texas A&M University, will speak at 10 a.m. on misconceptions about world hunger and the poor.

At 1 p.m. Irene Adame will discuss problems of illegal aliens.

Adame was a missionary in Mexico for seven years.

The public is welcome to attend the speeches.

David Oswald, chairman of the Methodist Student Movement, said the participants in the fast were asked to have their last meal at noon Friday. "We plan for the participants to stay together during the fast so that while we share the experience of feeling hunger, we can also learn why hunger exists in the world and what we can do about it."

"We hope to get people involved because otherwise nothing will happen."

The fast will end at 6 p.m. Saturday with a light meal.

Speeches will be at the Wesley Foundation in the Methodist Student Center at 201 Tauber Rd. The center is across the street from A&M United Methodist Church on University Drive.

Fiesta may lure 4 million people

SAN ANTONIO — Officials are predicting 4 million people will attend a record 142 events during the 10-day Fiesta San Jacinto which officially opens today.

The first major parade will be the new Hispanic-oriented Rey Feo (Ugly King) procession which starts at 1:30 p.m. Saturday. It features 102 Mexican-style entries, including Miss Mazatlan.

Among opening events today is Fiesta UTSA on the campus of the University of Texas-San Antonio,

featuring a variety of foods and game booths.

Also scheduled today are art exhibits at Alamo Plaza and McNay Institute and Witte Memorial Museum.

During the Fiesta, dance companies, bands and other live entertainment will appear daily at El Mercado and the Fiesta Carnival will be open for business each night.

The three older parades, the Battle of Flowers, Fiesta River Parade and Fiesta Flambeau Parades, are scheduled next week.

Texans, Viet's halt fleet build-up

HOUSTON — Texan and Vietnamese fishermen have agreed to an informal moratorium on expansion of the commercial fleet working the crowded Galveston Bay, a mediator announced.

"It's a voluntary or gentlemen's agreement to hold the number of boats to the current level," John Townsend said. "New boats can be swapped for old boats but that's it. Both sides have agreed to try to hold it."

Townsend, chairman of Gov. Bill

Clements' Task Force on Indochinese Resettlement, said the agreement was reached after a series of meetings.

Townsend and other federal, state and local officials have tried to minimize friction between native and refugee fishermen in the Kemah-Seabrook area to prevent trouble when shrimp season opens next month.

A U.S. Commerce Department study last fall indicated efforts should be made to relieve growing pressure from Indochinese refugee involvement on the Texas fishing industry.

The refugee population in Texas has been estimated at 25,000 and growing.

Officials have said Vietnamese are moving onto the Texas Gulf Coast from other parts of the country because they like the hot, steamy climate and the fishing life.

They work and live cheaper than American fishermen and pose a threat to economic stability in the area, fishermen have charged.

Last year, violence erupted in the fishing village of Seabrook, on San Antonio Bay near Corpus Christi. One Texan was killed and two Vietnamese were acquitted of murder charges on grounds of self-defense.

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WASHINGTON — Inflation has driven up highway construction costs 156 percent in the last 10 years, according to the Road Information Program. The group estimates the price tag for repairing and rebuilding the nation's broken-down roads and bridges is \$124 billion, but state and federal agencies are able to collect and spend only about \$30 billion annually.

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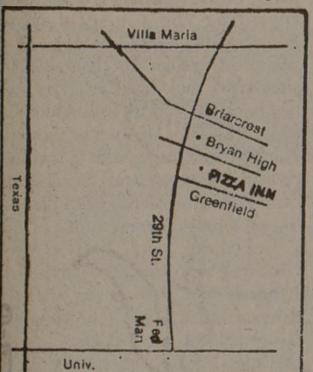
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Brazos de Dios this weekend

By NANCY ANDERSEN
City Staff

Pull on your Tony Lamas, grab your hat and head for the Brazos County Pavilion this weekend for this area's first professional rodeo, just one of the activities during Brazos de Dios: A Western Festival.

Brazos de Dios, the original name given to the Brazos River by Spanish conquistadors, will celebrate the heritage of the Brazos Valley. The events reflect the Spanish and Western influences.

The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association rodeo kicked off the festival Thursday and will continue nightly at 7:30 p.m. through Saturday.

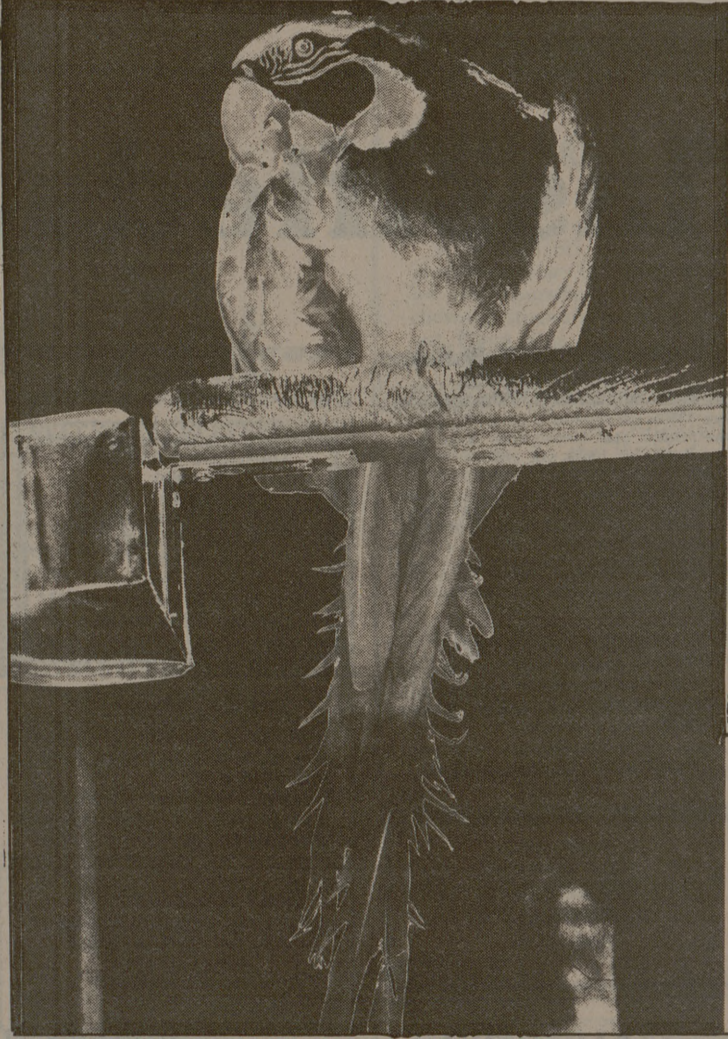
Professional cowboys from all over the country will compete in such events as bull riding, calf roping and steer wrestling for prize money. World champion bull rider Donnie Gay and world champion saddle bronc rider Monty "Hawkeye" Henson will be featured competitors. Advance reserved tickets are

\$4.50 and are available at the Bryan College Station Chamber of Commerce, and general admission are \$5.50 at the gate.

Daily events (10 a.m. to 6 p.m.) include an arts and crafts fair, strolling entertainment and game booths. An assassination squad, face painting, a bucking horse, a jail and the Silver Dollar Massage Parlor are just some of the game booths. Admission to the

fiesta grounds is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children under eight.

The Fourth Annual Bryan-College Station Jaycee Chili Olympics is the featured event on Saturday with competitors vying for a spot in the World Champion Chili Cook-Off in Terlingua. In addition the Jaycees will sponsor lemon tossing, egg rolling, fertilizer flinging and watermelon seed spitting contests.



Strange bird

This photograph of a macaw was developed using the Sabattier effect in the darkroom. The bird resides in the Explorer's Hall at the headquarters of the National Geographic Society in Washington D.C. The photographer, Dave Tollefson, resides in College Station. Photo by Dave Tollefson

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