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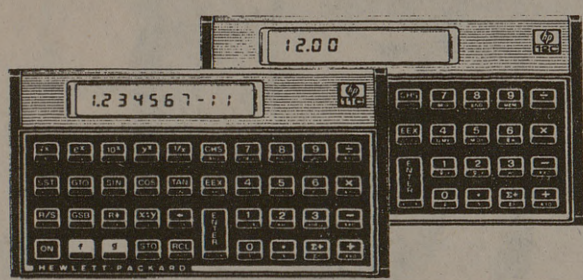
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Shark — seafood of the future?

A&M scientists developing different kinds of recipes

By AMY COUVILLON
 Reporter

Researchers at the Texas A&M Sea Grant College Program are developing new recipes for non-traditional seafood — such as shark — in hopes of increasing consumer interest.

One method now being used for preparing shark is to turn it into jerky. Shark makes a chewy white jerky with a texture more similar to chicken than fish. The meat is thinly sliced, seasoned and smoked. The moisture is removed, taking with it bacteria that would deteriorate the meat.

Scientists at Texas A&M's Seafood Technology Laboratory have developed methods of freezing the meat in vacuum packaging.

Michael Haby, a seafood marketing specialist with A&M Sea Grant in Corpus Christi, says although the statewide production of shark jerky in the near future is feasible, Sea Grant has not yet been able to find a smokehouse interested in production.

"Shark is being eaten more and more," Haby says, "but this particular project has fallen on hard times."

The problem is that fishermen need to be guaranteed an adequate price before they will go out and catch sharks, Haby says. They fish for what they can sell, he says.

But catching shark might be a viable alternative for shrimpers during their off-season.

Since shark seems to be a seasonal catch, it could become a second crop for them.

Even so, Haby says, producers need to be guaranteed a stable supply of sharks before they will begin production and marketing of the

jerky, which could raise the price of shark.

However, specialists with the Texas Marine Advisory Service have begun working on ways to solve this problem by developing the type of gear required to catch shark commercially.

And, Haby says, he hopes within the next two or three months, Sea Grant will find a smokehouse interested in producing shark jerky.

"From an economic point of view," Haby said in an article in Texas Shores magazine, "there's an opportunity to make extra profit at the smokehouse level with seafood jerky."

Creating a consumer taste for shark may not be as far-fetched as it seems. After all, Texas Shores magazine points out that centuries ago early American settlers considered lobster so expendable they fed it to pigs.

And shark meat is not new to Bryan-College Station.

Red Lobster restaurants serve shark in several different ways.

Chris Womack, associate manager of the Red Lobster in College Station, says, "We grill it like steak."

The restaurant has given out free samples of shark to encourage people to try it.

The restaurant also offers shark fajitas and broiled shark.

However, he says, customers' negative images of shark sometimes prevent them from sampling a new dish.

"Some people just don't want to try it because of the word 'shark,'" he says.

Other seafood restaurants, such as Pelican's Wharf, stay with more traditional seafood, such as other fish, shrimp, lobster and oysters.

The Kroger Family Center in Col-



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A Texas A&M student carefully surveys his interpretation of what a shark fajita would look like.

lege Station offers frozen, individually wrapped shark steaks.

Billie Smith, a seafood clerk at Kroger, says, "We usually sell-out whenever we get them."

She says the shark steaks with recipes and cost about the same as other fish.

Winn-Dixie stores also offer them in their seafood departments.

Texas fighting government for rights to offshore oil, gas

NEW ORLEANS — Texas and Louisiana argued in a federal appeals court Monday over which revenues they are entitled to from offshore oil and gas production when state and federal boundaries overlap.

Assistant Texas Attorney General Mary Keller argued before the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that the state and federal governments should split all revenues from such lands 50-50, as a U.S. district judge in Texas recently held.

The U.S. Department of the Interior is challenging that ruling, however, claiming that offshore statutes provide revenue sharing only to protect states from drainage.

Drainage is the siphoning off of oil or gas from an entire pool, although production may only be occurring on the federal portion.

Both the House and Senate have passed their own versions of an offshore settlement bill but the two versions have yet to be reconciled.

Officials say seat belt law saving lives on Texas roads

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The state's mandatory seat belt law is credited with a reduction in the number of traffic fatalities on Texas highways, officials said Monday.

Sen. Ted Lyon, D-Rockwall, told a news conference, "A definite lifesaving trend is showing up in the preliminary Department of Public Safety data for the first four months under the new law."

"More people are alive today with the seat belt law than would have been without it."

Lyon, a sponsor of the mandatory seat belt legislation, joined a news conference with DPS Director James Adams and George Gustafson of the Texas Coalition for Safety Belts.

DPS statistics for the four-month period of September through December 1985, when the law first became effective, show front seat fatal-

ities in passenger cars and light trucks down more than 14 percent, Lyon said.

"This indicated 114 fewer deaths occurred than in the same period for 1984," Lyon said.

In December, the first month fines were levied, the reduction was 18 percent.

Adams predicted the final statistics for traffic fatalities for 1985, due shortly, would show a decreased

death rate, mainly because of seat belt law.

Lyon said the seat belt law is saving money as well as lives.

The average statewide auto insurance premium rate was lowered percent mainly because of the belt law. That was a \$137 million annual saving to auto insurers, he said.

Bush says GOP must work to strengthen hold on House

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Vice President George Bush told guests at a GOP fundraising luncheon Monday that Republican control of the White House and Senate is not sufficient and the party must gain strength in the House.

"We do have a big job," Bush told 400 supporters of Rep. Dick Arme, R-Denton, at a lunch at an Arlington hotel. "That is to win the House, or

at least to pick up a working coalition."

Bush spoke at the \$100-a-plate lunch in support of Arme, a freshman Republican who, as a college economics professor, beat incumbent Democrat Tom Vandergriff in one of the closest congressional elections of the year.

"We feel confident about the Arme race, we feel good about it," Bush said. "One place to guarantee

excellence is to keep Dick Arme in the U.S. Congress."

Arme urged his supporters to work hard for his re-election.

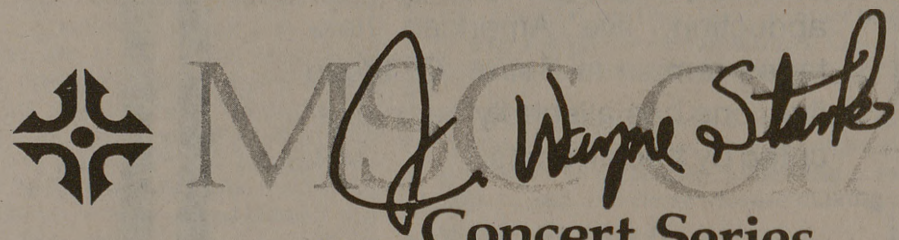
He cited what he called "experts (who) said an unknown college professor couldn't get elected to Congress."

"Now the experts seem to be on my side, saying re-election may be

easy, and that has to scare you."

Bush blasted the national Democratic leadership for opposing most every principle that the American people sent the president to Washington to fight for.

"The liberal, national Democratic leadership says, 'If it moves, tax it; if it stays, regulate it. If it's moving, subsidize it,'" Bush told the crowd to loud applause.


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