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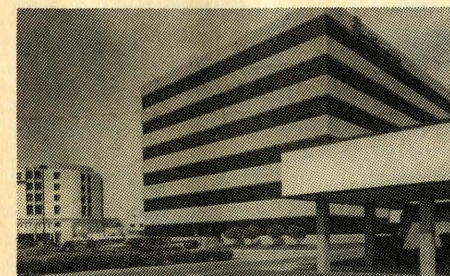
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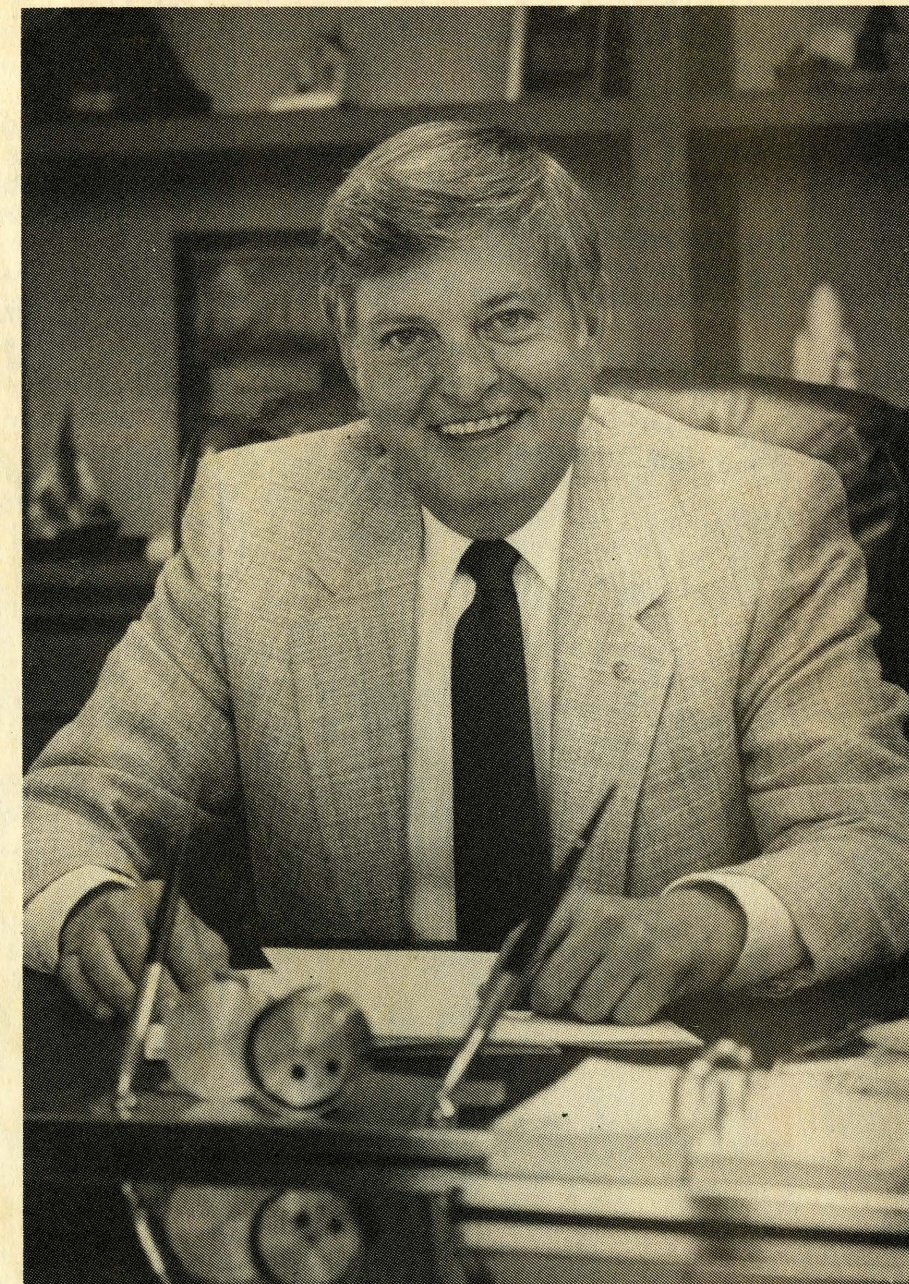


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As president of the Seabrook Association, I want to express my thanks and gratitude to the many volunteers that have made this day possible.

The Seabrook Association meets the third Wednesday of each month at Lakewood Yacht Club. For more information on this organization you may contact any of the officers or write to us at the above address.

Sincerely,

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Modern-Day Pioneers

By Jan Brown

*"East is East and West is West.
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Don't you believe it — Welcome to Seabrook! It's home of the modern-day pioneers.

Yep. That's what we are. Maybe not on such a grandioso level as that of our forefathers, but still fighting it.

Ever wonder who lives behind the walls of "Fort" Lakewood Yacht Club, until the night of the ball and you get an invitation to attend? Or how about venturing out to the Point to buy fresh seafood from people who speak a foreign language? And how about the time you

called in an order to a supplier in New Jersey and the voice on the other end said, "I love your accent." You may as well be from another country. (Some folks do recognize Texas as its own Empire.)

Seabrook is a wonderful place to live. Its quiet subdivisions and wave-washed shores are a great place to grow up. Any kid can explore the back roads of the railroad tracks by bike or three-wheeler or check out a crab that has washed ashore and is reared in attack against the curious two-legged creature staring back at it.

At the north end of the shoreline is El Jardin, Spanish for "The Garden." This property is claimed by the City of Pasadena Empire. The people of El Jardin claim

to be Seabrookians, but Pasadena rulers won't give up their claim to the "Sea."

South of El Jardin is a marvelous place to explore called Maas Nursery. You may buy the brightest flowers for your garden or a huge agate collection to border your plants. But, if you really want to see something, check out the rock and gem collection complete with fossils of prehistoric animals. The latest addition is the lizard selection from which to replenish those your cat has eaten. Watch what you take home, however... some of those buggers may eat the cat!

Just next door is a place you can really feel the pioneer flavor — Pine Gulley Park. Now open to the public for fishing



A slow day at Muecke's Place in the late '40s.

and picnicking, you may want to walk up the gulley and view some of the artifacts found in the park. Don't take any souvenirs home, as there is a law against that. The City Fathers decided to "pioneer" this area *for all of us*, so that we can become closer with nature and reunite with our families in a day of fun as the ancient folks might have done. Don't you think that our tradition of eating chicken instead of the Karankawa Indians' tradition of eating a member of a neighboring tribe is more to taste?

The "Homesteaders" are the next in line on Todville Road. Only the brave-at-

heart are willing to trust fate and nature not to blow away or fill with water all that they have built and cherish. Mother Nature has only to declare an unusually high tide or an enormous storm to wipe out all a person's dreams in a night. (Remember, the apartments at Todville and Second Street? How about the house across the street from them? And Tony Muecke's dad would turn over in his grave to find that the oldest restaurant in Seabrook was leveled by a storm and not allowed to rebuild.) Mr. Muecke, of German stock, has pioneered another trade — that of Official Wood Carver of Seabrook. Thank

you, sir, for the beautiful carvings to identify Seabrook.

Many of you may know Al Williams. Just Al, the "Seabrooktonian," to quote him. You'll find him at Frank's Shrimp Hut in the morning, smoking a cigar and drinking coffee with "the Group." Or perhaps you'll see him driving his green pickup cautiously down NASA Road 1 or Hwy. 146. Mr. Al just celebrated his 85th birthday. What things that man has seen and been a part of in Seabrook's founding days. Like the time he... But, you can stop by Frank's and ask him all about it. Hats off to a man who, at his age, is still being honored as a Deputy Sheriff.

If you venture out to the Point on 10th Street, you'll find a delightful mixture of peoples from across the ocean. There are the Vietnamese shrimpers. And Fred and Tessie are from the Philippines and own shrimp boats, a fish house and two restaurants. Also located in the middle of this community is the charm of a Bed and Breakfast home. Generally found in the New England area, this was definitely a new concept to the waterfront.

Shipbuilders of Vietnamese heritage are along the waterway. The Platzers were the first shipbuilders here. Pokey Stamper is still in boats — buying and selling them. As you ride along, the ribs of a newly constructed hull is visible. Gonna be a big one. Wonder what fisherman is dreaming of making it his.

Never daunted by the storms which can level the area, the seafood business thrives on the waterfront. Emery Waite, of Irish heritage, has been in the "Fish" business for 30 years. Most recently Emery was an ambassador between the Vietnamese people and the local gentry, to acquaint the newcomers with the ways of the new land they were inhabiting. The activity earned Mr. Waite the title of Businessman of the Year by his peers.

For years the waterfront has been graced with the charm and color of Maribelle's. (Yes, Virginia, there really is a Maribelle.) This world-traveled lady has weathered hurricanes, fires, rising tides and City Hall. Guests from all corners of the globe have been welcomed to the pink club on the corner. Posters denote insinuations of the Canadian Air Force, songsters and actors who have visited there. Some of the locals have been immortalized by having their caricatures painted on the bar. Drop by sometime and let them show you some good ol' Texas hospitality.

Seabrook is a city on the move, still pioneering, still exploring the future. There is a new library, a new housing addition, new businesses are being opened

every week and 911 has come to town for our safety.

As with any growth, there is a constant fight between people, business and City Hall. Sometimes the battle lines are pretty strong.

Have you ever wondered why anyone in his/her right mind would want to serve as a public official or on the Council or Planning and Zoning, when everything you say or propose is questioned by the general public? There are never enough parking spaces for the Turtle Club patrons, the sign on Mrs. Vickie's truck is not allowed and the drainage on the side of the house is not right for a homeowner. There are some real battles royal on the night the item in question is questioned... I've drawn a "gun" or two. And, when the local "Sheriff" is called in to settle an argument, you'd better listen. He's 6' 17" tall and has been schooled in how to get a positive reaction from the wrongdoer!

How many people do you know who haven't been into the new convenience store because Tin, a Vietnamese merchant grocer, was first on the corner and is fighting Corporate Business? Tin is a pioneer — a "little guy" trying to make a good living for his family. You can't stop progress, but still...

And everyone fights the railroad. In the '20s, settlers and tourists alike came to town on the railroad. The southern end of the tracks reaches across Clear Creek. By doing so, the tracks are affected by the weather as they stretch across lagoons. It almost took tying Little Miss Nell to the tracks to finally get corporate attention to the fact that Seabrook did not want the railroad to use the tracks which had been awash so many times that they were extremely dangerous. Not using the tracks has saved the bar at Red Bluff and Hwy. 146 a lot of money. They used to buy a round of drinks for the house when a train came by!

Seabrook is truly a global mixture of people. Although 100 percent American, their heritage reflects the dedication to their chosen field of endeavor. Ruth Hanssen, German, has a travel agency; V. Chin, from Thailand, produces beautiful pottery from a ball of clay to hand-decorated magnificence; Vinnie Schillaci, Italian, owns a submarine sandwich shop. Kneotha Hanley, American Indian of the Cherokee Nation, manages a nursery so efficiently and Laura Solar is owner of a Mexican restaurant. Frank Jurecki, a good Polish name, offers great seafood while Sonny Payne is the lovable "Crazy Cajun" at his eatery. The Wrobleksi's are pharmacists; John Pavalis, Greek, has been servicing cars at his gas station for years. The pioneer stock includes the Brummerhops, Platzers, Mr. Al, the Mohrhensens, the Meadors, and Levi Henry, the little odd fellow you see shuffling down the road. From them, our town has grown to be the wonderful place it is today.

The future pioneers will take Seabrook to new heights — a 10-story hotel and marina, a waterfront resort and business district to rival days of old. It's a place where astronauts and fishermen, teachers and small-business owners, retired folk

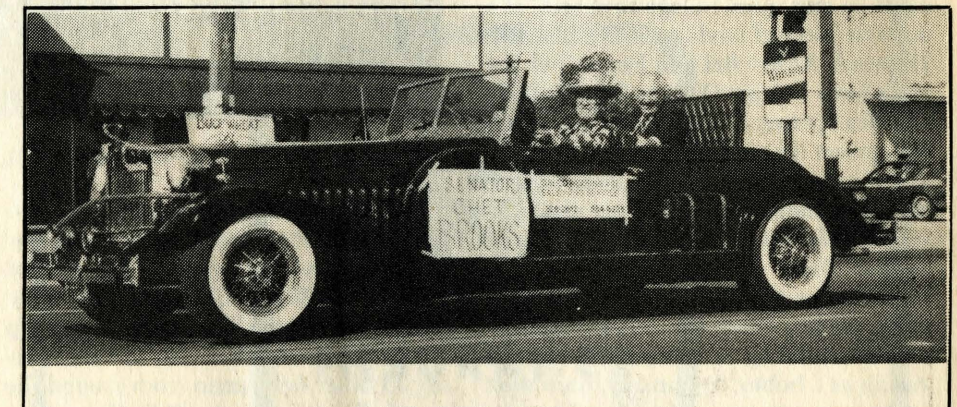
and young people live side by side — each fighting for what they think is right. Should disaster strike, however, this town will fight together to see it returned to a healthy neighborhood again.

Only those who really *have to* ever leave Seabrook. Some are drawn by their dreams to sail around the world. Others are taken to new destinations through their jobs.

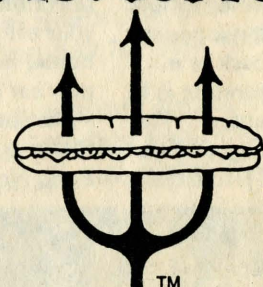
Some of us are just plain lucky; we can choose to stay. To quote a special friend. "I've seen 'em come; I've seen 'em go. And I'm still here." Thanks, Maribelle.

(Oh, by the way, I'm English, Irish and Welsh).

A "refugee" from Hurricane Camille in Gulfport, Miss., Jan Brown settled in Seabrook in 1969. For the past five years she has been the owner of Jan's T's 'n Tops. Jan is active with many civic organizations; Lunar Rendezvous Festival and the St. Patrick's Day and Mardi Gras parades receive yearly participation. She holds professional membership with the Bay Area Executive Club, Seabrook Association, National Sporting Goods Association and the Screen Printers Association International. Jan says that the many friends she has made over the years made this article possible — their dedication and belief in Seabrook is what gives the city its charm and growth.



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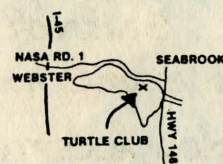
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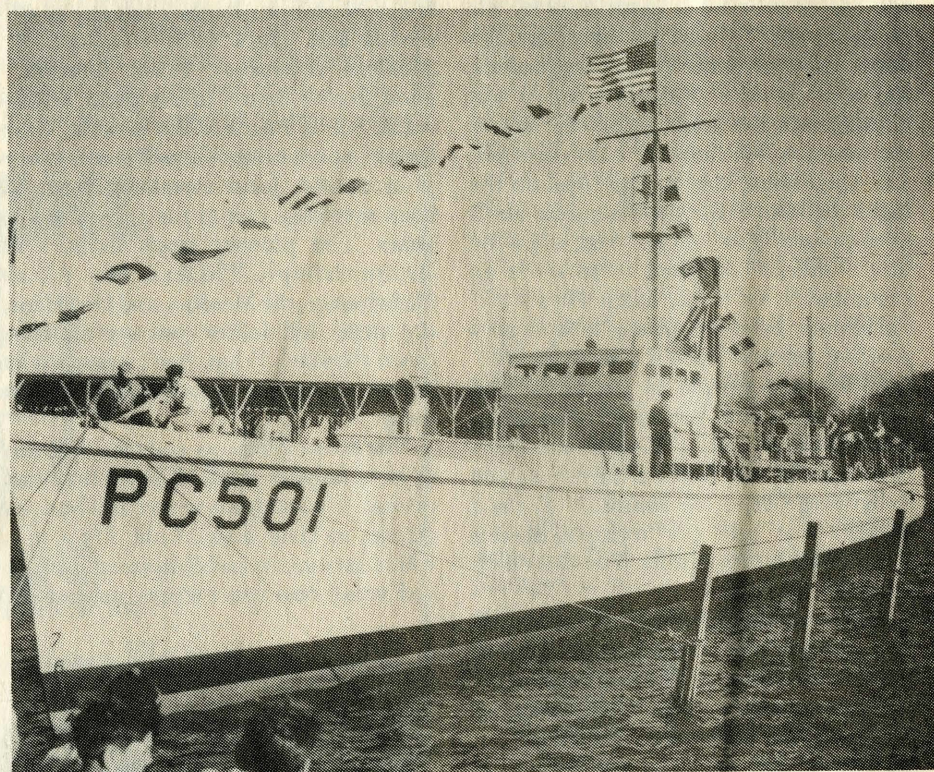
Founded in 1938 by Albert and Ernest Fay

Seabrook Shipyard Built And Commissioned Subchasers During World War II

By Lynn Miller

In 1896, Seabrook Sydnor, president of the Seabrook Townlot and Improvement Co., established the township which bears his name. He promoted the settlement as a bayside resort and village, and so it remained through its early years. Many Houstonians built summer homes along the shores of Clear Lake and Galveston Bay, traveling down from the city on a special commuter train called the Suburban, which made the run twice daily. Permanent residents fished, farmed or sought employment in Houston or other nearby towns. By 1930, Seabrook had grown into a pleasant village, boasting of a post office, library, church, school, several stores and restaurants and a hotel.

In 1937, two brothers, who were to have a major impact on Seabrook history, came to this quiet village in search of a suitable piece of land on which to build a shipyard. Albert Bel and Ernest Bel Fay were born in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Charles Spenser and Marie Bel Fay. Having grown up near water, from an early age the brothers had been interested in sailing, constructing their first sail from an old bedsheet given to them by an aunt in Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi. This interest was to strengthen as they grew older, leading them to naval architecture and shipbuilding as a career and to yacht racing as a hobby. Eventually, both were to become major competitors in the



The subchaser PC501, launched January 24, 1942.

International 5.5 Meter class. Albert won the U.S. Championship three times, the Scandinavian Gold Cup three times, third place in the World Championship three times and won the World Championship once — in Hango, Norway, 1983, defeating 25 other helmsmen from around the world. Ernest won the U.S. Champion-

ship six times, the Scandinavian Gold Cup seven times, placed third in the World Championship three times and won the World Championship once.

The brothers' military service also reflected their fondness for water and ships. Upon graduation from Yale in 1936, Albert was commissioned an Ensign

in the United States Naval Reserve. During World War II he commanded sub-chaser SC 1343 in the Gulf and the Atlantic, served on the staff of the Submarine Chaser Training Center in Miami and later as First Lieutenant on the *USS Yokes* at Okinawa. Ernest received a commission in the U.S. Naval Reserve prior to his graduation from Harvard in 1936. During the war, he served in Yacht Patrol 118 off the Galveston coast, was commander of the subchaser SC 646 in the Caribbean and the Gulf of Mexico, then served as executive officer of the *Burden R. Hastings* DE 19, later becoming its commanding officer. While under his command, the ship sank the Japanese submarine RO 44 and Ernest was awarded the Legion of Merit for this action.

Shortly after arriving in Seabrook, the Fay brothers purchased the property originally known as Jennings, or Snake, Island. Here, in 1938, they founded the Seabrook Yacht Corporation with Albert as its president and built the Seabrook Shipyard.

While the closing years of the '30s were peaceful in Seabrook, this could not be said for other parts of the world. In 1939, Germany invaded Poland, Great Britain and France declared war on Germany — the prelude to global war had begun. President Roosevelt stated that this nation would remain neutral but, by January 1940 in his annual budget message, he had requested \$1,800 million for national defense, new appropriations of \$1,182 million, and called for a production program of 50,000 planes per year. In May, he also requested \$1,277,741,170 for the acceleration and developments of military and naval requirements. In gearing up for defense, the Navy let many contracts for shipbuilding, and the Fays, from their new shipyard in Seabrook, bid on and were awarded the contract for two subchasers, the type of ship which they were later to command.

Described by a *Houston Chronicle* staff writer as a lightweight with a heavy-weight punch, the submarine chaser was a 110-foot, shallow-draft craft of wooden construction. Although not a battleship, it was, according to Captain Dallas D. Dupre, then commander of the Naval R.O.T.C. at Rice University, a combatant ship in every sense of the word. Fitted with depth charges, it was particularly suited to anti-submarine warfare. It was easy to maneuver, had speed, a long-steaming radius and other seagoing qualities which allowed it to keep to the open sea. By the time of the launching of the Fays' first subchaser, a patrol boat of its type had already made history at Cavite in Manila Bay, by enter-

ing the harbor and sinking a 5,000-ton enemy vessel.

On January 24, 1942, the Seabrook Shipyard commissioned its first subchaser, the PC 501. While several of the same type of patrol boat had been launched by the Rockport Shipyard near Corpus Christi, the PC 501 was the first completed on the Texas coast since the United States entered the war the previous month.

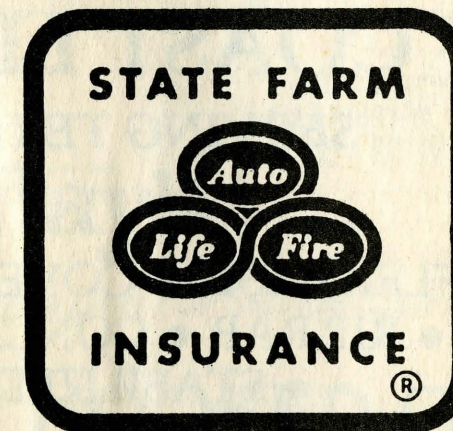
The PC 501's sponsor was Homoiselle Fay, Albert's wife. As the LaPorte High School Band played the national anthem and the vessel started slowly down the ways, she christened it with one mighty

blow of a champagne bottle against its bow. Mrs. Fay explained later that she had so often heard of sponsors failing to break the bottle on the first attempt that she took no chances.

The following Saturday, the Seabrook Shipyard launched its second subchaser, PC 502. In addition to its work on subchasers, the company was also constructing crash boats to be used by the Navy as rescue boats in connection with air training and other aerial operations. Before the war ended, the Seabrook Shipyard was to build six subchasers and eight crash

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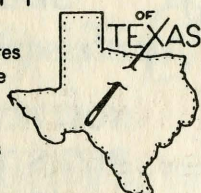
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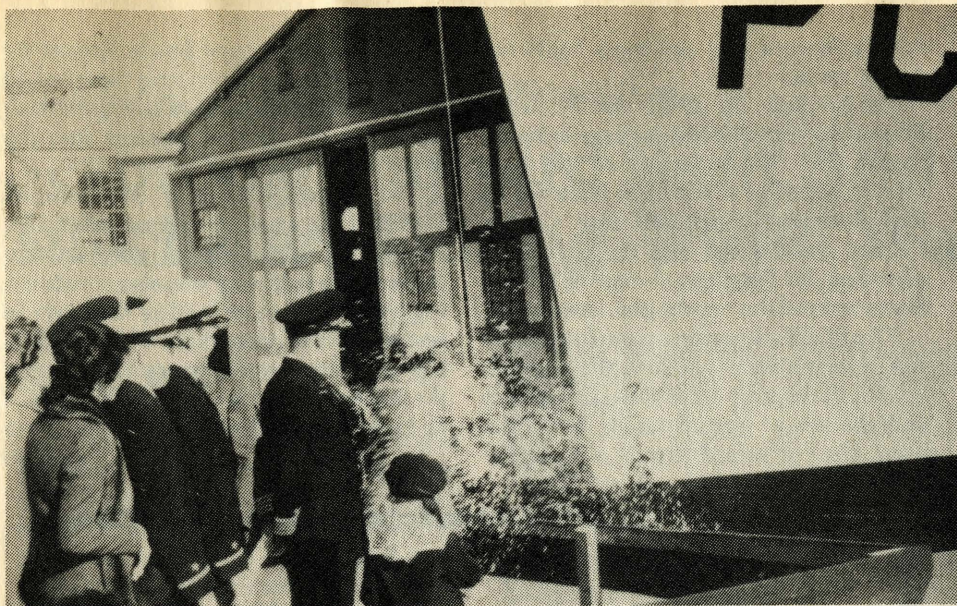


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As the LaPorte High School Band played the National Anthem, Mrs. Hômoiselle Fay christened the PC501 with a mighty blow of a champagne bottle.

boats.

At the christening of the first of the Seabrook Shipyard's subchasers, Captain Dupre had stressed the importance of this type vessel. "Its primary purpose," he said, "is the anti-submarine battle — the battle of the Atlantic — the battle to get supplies to our Allies now and the battle to save England from strangulation in the final phase should Germany get the oil she so urgently seeks. Every ship of this

type that goes down these ways is a spike in the coffin of the Axis powers." By participating in the building program of this valuable little ship, the Fays and the workers of the Seabrook Shipyard had given Seabrook a role to play in the war and had assured the town of a place in history.

Information in this story was obtained from interviews with Mr. and Mrs. Albert

Fay and from a Jan. 25, 1942, article in the *Houston Chronicle*.

Lynn Miller moved to Seabrook from southwest Houston in 1981. She has been active in community affairs since that time, serving as director of the Bay Area Museum (1984-1987), past president of the Seabrook Association and, currently, as chairman of the Association's Operation Sparkle committee.

Seabrook, Texas

Historical Chronology 1919-1986

By C. David Pomeroy Jr.

The first 100 years of the community now called Seabrook was presented in last year's *Seabrook Celebration Magazine*. This article brings that history forward, from a time without electricity, radios or shopping centers, through the incorporation of the City and ending with its 25th year anniversary in 1986.

1919 — The normal bayshore pace of life returns to Seabrook after the end of World War I. Summer homes and fishing clubs resume their prominence, but more people visit the area as the automobile provides them with a freedom of travel and discovery never before known. The Ford Motor Company opens up an assembly plant in Houston and Model-T's are everywhere. The Nineteenth Amendment is passed by Congress, granting



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The Bracewell chicken farm in the early 1930s.

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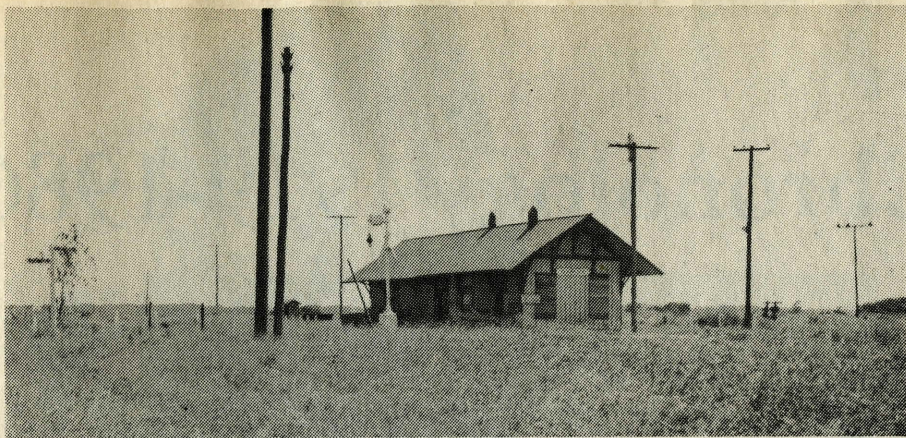
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women the right to vote, and is sent to the states for ratification.

1922 — The twice-daily Suburban railroad car to Houston allows easy commuting for Seabrook residents and is used by some children to go to school in Houston. Meanwhile, Houston installs the first traffic lights, the second city in the nation to do so. Houston's first radio station, WEV, begins broadcasting music and impromptu speeches to about 300 receivers in the area. The first radio commercials are broadcast in New York City. The tomb of Egypt's King Tutankhamen (King "Tut") is discovered.

1923 — Dr. S.F. Curry opens his medical practice in Seabrook. For two days, Houstonian Magdeline Williams holds the world record for marathon dancing, 65 hours and 29 minutes. Second National Bank in Houston is the first to get air conditioning in the area. Hertz Drive-Yourself System is founded by Chicagoan John Hertz. President Coolidge lights the first White House Christmas tree.

1924 — The first Houston Bathing Girl Revue is presented at Sylvan Beach. A long, elevated runway gives the crowds a good view of the girls in their "scanty by earlier standards" swimsuits while a ferris wheel, merry-go-round, dance bands, company picnics and a water rodeo entertain the park visitors. Stricter fence laws are put in effect to keep the cows off the roads and reduce the number of automobile accidents. A new Ford touring car costs \$290, and over half of the cars in the world are Model-T Fords. George Gershwin introduces his musical composition, *Rhapsody in Blue*. And the first winter Olympics is held in France.

1927 — Electricity is made available in Seabrook. Charles Lindbergh makes the first non-stop solo flight across the Atlantic and Charles Garfield of Pasadena sends him 12 pints of strawberries from the local farmers. Maggie Neal becomes the first woman in the Texas Senate. The Academy Awards' first Best Film award goes to *Wings*, a silent film made in San Antonio. *The Jazz Singer* is the first successful full-length talking picture. And the first U.S. demonstration of television occurs in New York.

1930 — The Seabrook-Kemah ferry is replaced by a bridge over Clear Creek. LaPorte has 1,280 people and Pasadena has 1,647. Although the Great Depression had begun in 1929, Shell opens its

refinery at Deer Park that same year and the discovery by "Dad" Joiner of the East Texas oil field in 1930 brings employment to many other area residents. The first airline stewardesses are hired, eight nurses for United Airlines. The planet Pluto is discovered and plexiglass is invented.

1932 — Natural gas is made available in Seabrook. Southern Pacific's bayfront scenic railroad line from LaPorte to Seabrook is abandoned. The first woman is elected to the United States Senate and Amelia Earhart is the first woman to fly the Atlantic. First-class postage is increased to three cents. Boris Karloff stars in *The Mummy* and a growing social evil is spotlighted in the movie *Marijuana: The Devil's Weed*.

1933 — Galveston Bay freezes solid as temperatures drop to 15 degrees on February 8. On the other extreme, a record high of 101 is reached on June 22. Whistles are wet as Prohibition ends after 13 years. Beer is produced, legally, in Houston for the first time since 1918.

1941 — The Seabrook Volunteer Fire Department organizes with Oscar Key as the first fire chief. *Deep in the Heart of Texas* becomes a popular song as does *Chattanooga Choo-Choo* and *Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy*. Humphrey Bogart stars in *The Maltese Falcon* and Gary Cooper gets Best Actor Award for *Sergeant York*. Ronald Reagan appears in the movie *King's Row*. The United States declares war on Japan and Germany as it enters World War II. General Eisenhower takes command in Europe and Admiral Nimitz in the Pacific; both are Texans.

1948 — The school districts of Seabrook, Kemah, League City and Webster are consolidated into the Clear Creek Independent School District. Texas City is recovering from its near total destruction the year before when 565 lives were lost. The *USS Texas* is permanently moored at the San Jacinto Battlegrounds. Roger Edens wins the Academy Award for his film score to *Easter Parade* and Byron Nelson wins his first Professional Golfers' Association championship; both are Texans.

1950 — *Houston Press* newspaper columnist Sigman Bird interviews two elderly ladies outside of Cooter Gale's ice house in Seabrook. Asked if it were true that people lived longer in Seabrook, the ladies answer, "It just *seems* longer." Washburn Tunnel opens in Pasadena. KLEE-TV brought television to Houston the year



1939 May Fete at Seabrook School.

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before; it is purchased by the *Houston Post* and renamed KPRC-TV. Senator Joseph McCarthy begins his Communist "witch-hunt." The Korean War begins and the United States recognizes the new country of Vietnam.

1954 — Private wells, septic systems and outhouses begin to disappear with the creation of an area water and sewer district. The population of Houston reaches one million and the Houston Ballet is founded.

1960 — Houston goes on an annexing rampage, trying to take in all of unincorporated Harris County. In defense, LaPorte annexes all of the bayfront area including the communities of Seabrook and El Lago. LaPorte agrees to unannex some of the area if Seabrook and El Lago want to incorporate themselves. *The Alamo* is filmed at Bracketville and A.J. Foyt of Houston wins the first of his seven U.S. Auto Club racing titles. The Houston Oilers win the first AFL championship.

Do you remember... When womenless weddings were held in the Seabrook Community House?

1961 — On March 24, a petition to incorporate Seabrook is signed by 50 people and filed with the county court. Before an election can be held, Hurricane Carla hits on September 8 and almost wipes out the community. NASA announces a week-and-a-half later that its new Manned Spacecraft Center will be located in southeast Harris County. Only 13 people vote against incorporation on October 14. One hundred and ninety-eight vote for the creation of the 27th municipality in Harris County. Seabrook's estimated population is 2,500 and William P. Hamblen Jr. is elected the first mayor.

1962 — The *Houston Post* estimates that Seabrook will change beyond belief in five to 10 years — "A quiet and casual city... forced to grow up for the space age." The proof is in the pudding. Mayor Paul Cravey hires the first full-time police chief and two shopping centers are proposed. Meanwhile, the Houston Sports Association acquires the Houston Buffaloes baseball team and changes its name to the Colt .45s. Two years later it will change the name again, to the Astros. Astronaut John Glenn is the first American to orbit the earth. Keeping his feet on the ground, Johnny Carson starts his version of the

Tonight Show as television experiments with color broadcasting.

1963 — In order to start home delivery by the post office, ten streets have to be renamed. The city limits encompasses the old towns of Seabrook and Morristown, each with their respective First, Second, Third, etc. street names. The streets in Morristown are renamed in honor of longtime area families. The new Seabrook-Kemah drawbridge is completed, increasing the vertical clearance for boaters from 13 to 43 feet. Also increasing is the U.S. postal rate for first-class mail, from four cents to five cents. Kodak introduces film cartridge loading with its Instamatic Camera, Weight Watchers is formed and the Beatles record their first hit song, *I Want to Hold Your Hand*.

1966 — Seabrook City Hall is dedicated, a year after the Astrodome opens. Also opening is the television series *Star Trek*. Catholics are allowed to eat meat on Fridays. The first Terlingua Chili Cook-Off is held. United Biscuit Company changes its name to the Keebler Company. And Medicare goes into effect.

Do you remember... When a dairy was on the shopping center site?

1970 — Chester Rogers of the *Houston Chronicle* does an article on the Seabrook shrimp industry featuring Louis Muecke who owns and operates a cultivated oyster business. "One of the oddities about Seabrook is that it has all of the seafood producers, while Kemah, its sister city across the Clear Creek bridge in Galveston County, has all of the eating places." A one percent sales tax is passed. City Humane Officer Gene Cannon sends Christmas cards to his customers, the licensed pets of Seabrook. About 4,000 people live in Seabrook.

1971 — Mayor Larry Sullivan favors consolidation of Seabrook, El Lago and Taylor Lake Village into one municipality. El Jardin residents also request Seabrook to annex them. With City Council approval, the U.S. Corps of Engineers is to study the possibility of establishing a "Commercial Fishing Harbor" and a Seabrook Port Authority. When the dust settles, Seabrook's progress for the year is a new post office and the opening of the Edward H. White II Memorial Youth Center. The movie *Fiddler on the Roof* opens. Texan astronaut Edgar Mitchell walks on the moon in January and San Antonian David Scott follows in July.

1975 — Seabrook contractor Rex L. Meador gives the city 3.85 acres for a city park. Two years earlier he gave the city a swimming pool. Pokie Stamper purchases "Curly's Corner" and continues operating a little bait, tackle and ice house at the corner of Second and Highway 146. U.S. and Soviet spacecrafts link up in space for the first time.

1980 — Seabrook's population hits 4,760. The Seabrook Association is formed by area businessmen Pat McCann, Bob Conner, Rex Meador and Jim Hargrove. Pat McCann serves as the first president. Houstonian George Bush is elected Vice President of the United States. The book *Urban Cowboy* is published.

1981 — The first Seabrook Celebration is held to celebrate Seabrook's 20th anniversary as a city. The event is sponsored by the city but subsequent events will be sponsored by the Seabrook Association. John Koliuf of Seabrook is the U.S. Yacht Racing Union's Champion of Champions. Kathryn Whitmire is elected the first woman mayor of Houston and Sandra Day O'Connor of El Paso is the first woman appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court. Texan Robert Crippen pilots the maiden voyage of the space shuttle Columbia.

1982 — The first Seabrook Celebration parade is organized by Emogene Brummerhop. William List's 34,000 square foot bayfront home is the second largest home in Texas; the Tandy family mansion in Fort Worth is the largest. All of Seabrook's 5,600 residents could fit in List's house.

1983 — Hurricane Alicia is the first hurricane to make landfall in the continental U.S. in three years. Her highest winds are estimated at near 130 mph and she spawns 22 tornadoes. Fortunately, only one person dies in Seabrook out of 18

total injuries. Alicia is one of the costliest hurricanes in Texas history.

1986 — The City of Seabrook celebrates its 25th anniversary as Texas celebrates its Sesquicentennial. The year begins with the groundbreaking for the Evelyn Meador Library and at midyear the Olympic Torch is carried through town.

Do you remember... When you bought groceries on credit and paid in a week or a month? And when there were Bennett's, Key Brothers' and Caine's grocery stores?

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By Donita Morrison

If a national TV news interviewer would ask the local folks their opinions of the Seabrook-Kemah Bridge, their answers would depend on: 1) Which of the three bridges did they mean; 2) How long they have lived here; 3) If they have or had a boat; 4) If they had to drive over the bridge to work everyday and 5) If they have ever photographed, painted or sketched any of the Seabrook-Kemah bridges.

Like so much in life, the bridge is many things to many people. In its various lives it has been loved and hated, ridiculed or applauded.

Some of the natives were here in 1929 when the first bridge spanned the Kemah Channel — and, to them, "It was a marvel!"

Annie Johnson Martin, the first post-mistress in Kemah, lived here *before* the bridge and can remember that in 1920 she had to take a ferryboat to Seabrook to get meat! That first bridge was invaluable to her.

For 30 years Bridge No. 1 served the area, finally groaning with the growth and the traffic "to the bay." The sailboaters wanted a taller bridge, the traffic flow



demanded a larger and wider bridge. Thus, in 1958-59, the famous drawbridge was built.

The Drawbridge — Bridge No. 2

"The drawbridge, built in 1959, had taken about a year-and-a-half to complete," said Wilson R. Peters, former bridge-tender atop the Seabrook-Kemah Bridge. Mr. Peters, a bridge-tender for 22 years, worked in the little metal house atop the bridge. If you lived in Galveston County, you probably passed that building once to a thousand times. You sat in long lines of cars on a Sunday while the bridge opened and straightened up high, waiting for a sailboat to go through — or, perhaps, you have been on that sailboat blowing your horn to open the bridge.

If you had been driving over the bridge, you just had time for a quick over-the-shoulder glance up at the house, and then could only see the top of the bridge-tender's head over the vast control panels. But, like the U.S. Coast Guard, he was always there. Day and night, year in and year out, Christmas and all holidays, there was a man on the Seabrook-Kemah Bridge with the official title of Bridge Tender.

Mr. Peters is retired and has moved to Louisiana now; but at the time of the interview he reminisced about his time "atop the bridge." "The busiest time was Sunday, with all day Saturday being a close second. Of course, a lot depended on the tide," he said. "With a low tide, many boats could go under the bridge. On a high-tide day, we had to open the bridge whenever the sailboaters blew their horn. While Freeport was a busier commercial bridge, the Seabrook-Kemah Bridge was a busier pleasure-boat bridge — probably the busiest."

The interior of "the house atop the bridge" was reminiscent of a Navy ship with its all-steel interior, steel-gray color and the incessant radio reminders of weather and tides and time. The house had air conditioning, heating and electrical controls.

"The man on the bridge had to stay there until his relief-worker came, even if it meant working two shifts in an emergency," Mr. Peters continued. "A bridge-tender's duty was like Army guard duty. You stayed until the next person took over." He admitted to it being a lonesome and monotonous job. "Many years ago," he added, "we could fish while we were on the job. Finally that was stopped, because there just wasn't any time to fish or read."

Baldwin T. Peterson, who worked as chief bridge-tender for over 31 years, said that originally "The bridge-tenders were under the wing of the Texas Highway

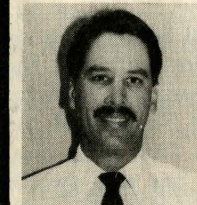
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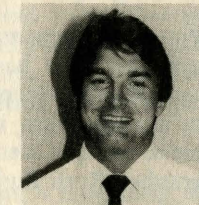


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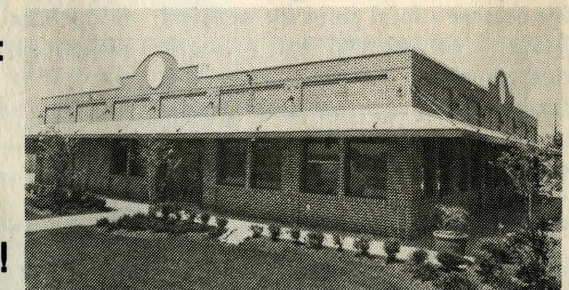
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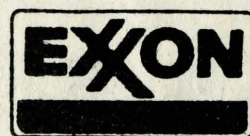
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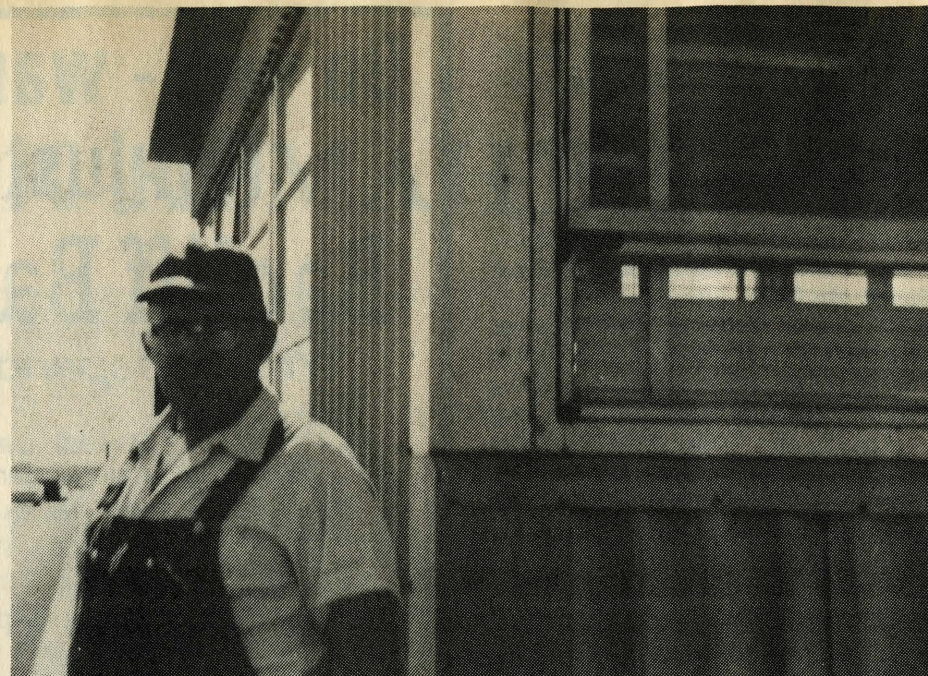
Department — later to become the Department of Highways and Public Transportation." Mr. Peterson, who was born in Seabrook in 1918, has always lived in the area and, since his retirement, has "bought a boat — still out on the water — except now I'm fishing."

The Drawbridge After Hurricane Carla

The people in the Seabrook and Kemah areas reeled for months — and years — after Hurricane Carla's devastation in September 1961. And among all the other huge building problems, the drawbridge had considerable damage and had to be rebuilt. Rebuilding was difficult, painful and slow. With all of the other work being done, it took approximately three years. Early in 1963, reconstruction of the bridge was finally finished.

In the late 1960s and the 1970s the area began its boom. NASA, Clear Lake City... growth everywhere! Building was booming, marinas were being built and boat dealers opened showrooms. This area was the place to be. People drove down from Houston to take their boats out, to buy fish and shrimp along the channel, to eat at one of the many restaurants, and on and on. Traffic was tremendous and the poor old bridge was working overtime, and being cussed and discussed for being open or closed at the wrong times! The bridge became a focal point for weekend artists and commercial and amateur photographers.

Do you remember... When Selanier's Cafe was down in the Flats?



Mr. Wilson R. Peters, bridge-tender, November 1935.

Nationally renowned Seabrook artist Evelyn Stebbins has immortalized the drawbridge in watercolors and in caricature studies, from the Blessing of the Fleet to tranquil scenes. Gulf Coast photographer Ruth Burke has won awards for color photos of the drawbridge open and being cussed and discussed for being open or closed at the wrong times! The bridge became a focal point for weekend artists and commercial and amateur photographers.

The "New Bridge" — 1986

Long before the "new bridge" opened in 1986, the State Highway Department

authorities began working to clear access for right-of-way by purchasing property and relocating businesses in the path of the new fixed-span bridge and its approaches. Bids were let in April 1983 and work began officially in May of that year.

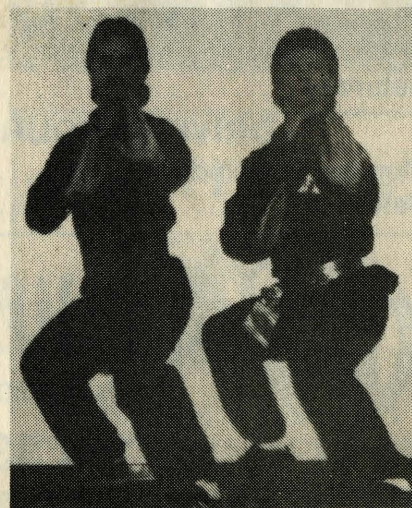
The new fixed-span bridge measures 3,745 feet long by 75 feet wide. The 75-foot height clearance allows both road traffic and sailboats to pass without delay. Allowing boats to move at a more steady pace reduced the threat of marine accidents on the channel.

The \$12.8 million first phase involved construction of the bridge and removal of the old drawbridge. The \$5.5 million second phase involved construction of the approaches.

With much excitement, anticipation and pleasure, the new Seabrook-Kemah Bridge was opened on May 16, 1986.

From "before bridges" to drawbridges to the present, circling our lake becomes easier and faster... However, a few of us sentimentalists still miss the sight of the drawbridge standing up and at attention as the tall sailing vessels and the hard-working shrimp boats pass through at dusk!

Donita Morrison said writing about the Seabrook-Kemah Bridge was a "labor of love," as she's been fascinated by it since she and her physician-husband moved to this area 14 years ago. A transplant from Chicago, Donita has written for local newspapers, Clear Lake Area Magazine, national magazines and has worked as a copywriter for ad agencies in Chicago, Houston and Clear Lake. She has three grown sons.



Master Glenn Wilson Inst. Mike Glynn

Formed in 1958

SVFD Ladies Auxiliary

By Emogene Brummerhop

In 1958, a group of firemen's wives formed a Ladies Auxiliary to the Seabrook Volunteer Fire Department. Their aim was to assist their husbands and sons when fire and other disasters struck our area.

At the time of its inception, ladies were not allowed to be part of the Fire Department, so the next best move was the Auxiliary. They could, and did, assist their men in all kinds of emergency situations, and helped out financially when it came to the buying of equipment. The monies were made by holding dances, bake sales, rummage sales, style shows, car washes and chili suppers. They put on plays, sold birthday calendars and sponsored many other projects. Their latest endeavor is the selling of cookbooks.

In 1954, a Water and Sewer Department was formed, and the Fire Department was given permission to include a fee on that bill that allowed the payer to donate to the department if he so chose. This fee, other donations and the help of the Auxiliary kept the volunteer department going.

In an overnight move in 1960, LaPorte reached out and annexed Seabrook. The residents of Seabrook did not want to lose their identity; so we asked LaPorte to let us incorporate, which they did. When there were no monies to call the needed election, the Ladies Auxiliary wrote the check, later knocking on doors to replace the funds in their treasury.

The ladies, trained in first aid and CPR,

assist the firemen in all emergencies when needed. In the early '40s there were no doctors or hospitals in the area, LaPorte, Pasadena or League City were the closest. So the Fire Department was called in all types of emergencies and the Ladies Auxiliary acted as the back-up crew. They helped during the Texas City disaster, setting up a medical clinic to care for the injured and feeding them for a week. During hurricanes they have manned the radios and set up medical clinics. They made the scene of all fires when called by the Chief, serving coffee, helping firemen with their air packs and doing whatever else is needed. At times, they have actually helped fight grass fires, but they leave most of the fire fighting to the firepersons — there now are ladies in the department.

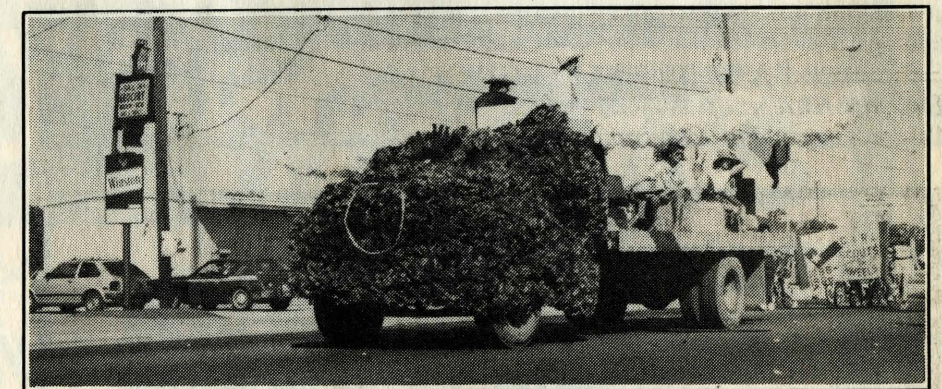
Among the department equipment the Auxiliary has donated are a new emergency van (1965), an air mask, resuscitator, first-aid items and other supplies,

plus funding help for new fire trucks.

The Ladies Auxiliary, chartered by the State of Texas, is one of the oldest organizations in the area, a behind-the-scenes group always ready to assist. Starting with six members, the current roster of the Auxiliary's monthly meetings is 15 and includes two of the original members and one man.

Behind every good fireperson is a good Auxiliary member.

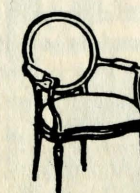
Emogene Brummerhop has been a resident of Seabrook since the early '40s. She has worked as a stringer for the Houston Chronicle and the Houston Post and as a news reporter for the Bayshore Sun. Emogene has served as secretary and vice president of the Seabrook Association. Over the years, she has been involved with the PTA, Scouts, Seabrook Garden Club, Ed White Youth Center and the Bay Area Symphony League. She is a founding member of the SVFD Ladies Auxiliary. In her leisure time, Emogene enjoys fishing, gardening, and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



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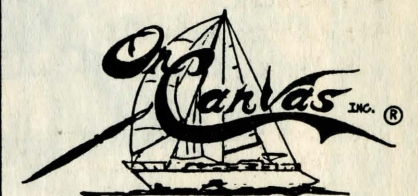
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ANTIQUING IN SEABROOK

By Debbi Pomeroy

For such a young town, Seabrook sure has a lot of old stuff. A lot of old *valuable* stuff! And it's these collectibles that have locals and visitors, weekdays and weekends, browsing through every nook and cranny of our town.

Grace Green has been in the interior design business for 12 years and has owned Greenfield Interiors at 1502 Second Street for the past two years. Greenfield Interiors specializes in distinctive pieces, both antique and modern. But before you enter, be warned: this is one of those addictive kind of places. The more you

look, the more you see and the more you want to come back for another look! This shop fairly overflows with the creative energy that puts every object, modern or old, to new, often untraditional uses. Greenfield Interiors not only supplies clients with antiques and local art, but can undertake an entire renovation, making sure the wallpaper, drapery and carpet create the environment the homeowner wants. Grace can even "redecorate" her clients themselves and has an incredible collection of unusual personal accessories. Greenfield Interiors will be celebrating the Seabrook Celebration with an open house October 1. Hours are by appointment, so call her at 474-4300.

Anyone who dabbles in antiques surely knows the value of a good furniture-restoration expert, and Miller's Furniture and Antique Restorations at 1510 Second Street is indispensable to furniture buffs. With 30 years in the restoration business, "mom and pop" owners Steve and Jo Miller have seen a lot of unusual pieces come through their shop. But the most unique, Steve says, was Constable Bill Bailey's buckboard they refinished a few years back. They're open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. In-home estimates and free pick-up and delivery can be arranged by calling them at 474-3943.

Marilyn Whittaker's Marilyn's Antiques at 1402 Second Street was originally Chapman's General Store, first opening its doors in 1931. Marilyn's been in the antique business nine years (since she got fired from a job as an electronic designer and decided to do what she'd always wanted to do... be an antique dealer). In one of Seabrook's largest shops, she sells everything but jewelry, coins and guns and has nothing in the store under 50 years old. And what's the most unusual thing she's ever handled? "Well, there was a 100-year-old butterfly and bug collection I sold once," she confessed. "Then there was the Russian icon, and the African shield made from a turtle shell is pretty unusual, and, oh yes, I've got an American parade drum in the shop right now." She admits to a love for old musical instruments and is always looking for them and buying them. Don't be surprised when you see the Seabrook-filmed movie *Full Moon Over Blue Water* and

spot some of her antiques as backdrop for the film. She loans out her more unusual items for commercials and the movie used a lot of her things as authentic props. Marilyn's Antiques is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. If you want her to save the parade drum for you, call her at 474-4359.

The Red Door Emporium, located at 1409 Second Street, is a wonderful antique cooperative owned jointly by Colleen Steiger, Steve Langley and Larry Adams. Open only three months, you'd never believe these energetic three haven't spent years gathering all the wonderful furniture that fills this building. The Red Door is open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. every day except Monday, or you can reach them by phone at 474-7730.

Carousel Antiques spent two years at Cole's Antique Village in Pearland before coming to 913 Hardesty in Seabrook a little over a year ago. And the move's been great, according to owners Brenda and John Adams, with a quick second put in by Sugar Pudding, the resident cat. Brenda and John spend a lot of time each year browsing through auctions and estate sales in Texas, Mississippi and Alabama to keep their shop stocked to overflowing with old china and porcelain. Combining



Fishing and crabbing have always been favorite pastimes in the Seabrook area.

Photo courtesy of Rena Bracewell

the antique business with modern technology, John has the over-3,000-piece inventory neatly computerized. If you are looking for a particular item, give them a call at 474-5955. They're open Tuesdays through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Their delightfully landscaped Victo-

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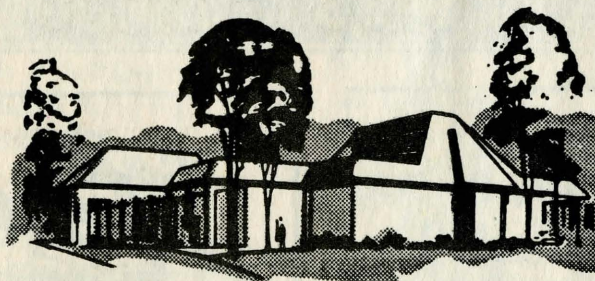
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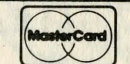
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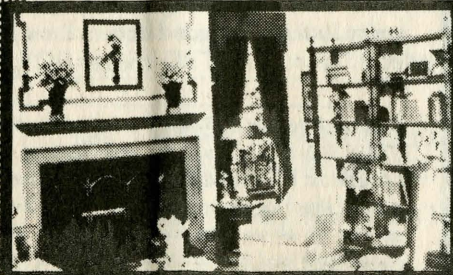
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icate Ladies Thumb. When asked what fascinated her so about the flowers, she replied, "...the symmetry and perfection of nature. Take, for example, the dried seed pod of a Black-Eyed Susan," she explained, "it's perfection represents the natural order of things so well." The Texas General Store is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. If you need a special arrangement made up or potpourri shipped to a relative homesick for the smells of Texas, give her a call at 474-2882.

LaPalma Consignments, owned by John Delesma and located at 1918 NASA Road 1, is another of Seabrook's unusual collectible shops that combines antiques, collectibles, consignment items and flower shop all under one roof. Open just a year, La Palma specializes in country items, but you'll find a bit of everything for everyone here. The shop's open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and may be reached by calling 474-5557.

The Picket Fence (474-4845) owned by Joyce and Dean Abendschein is a browser's paradise. Don't stop into this shop with a fidgety spouse in tow! The 12-year-old establishment is one of those places where you will never, I promise you, *never* see everything no matter how many times you keep returning. And, once you've arrived, you won't want to leave. Joyce handles such diverse items as a pair of size 13 wooden-soled boots, racks of vintage clothes, delicate linens, a pair of very, very old snow shoes, a fireman's hat and a bull-fighter's hat. It's a 1,000-square-foot snooper's heaven where you'll never know what you'll find. "Like the time a young man found an old postcard sent by his own mother," Joyce added. The Picket Fence is open Monday through Thursday and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Many other shops around Seabrook carry antiques, collectibles and items that just naturally blend with such environments, and the merchants all welcome your inquiry about items in their shops. You'll often spot antiques in store windows, pharmacies, flower shops and hair salons. If you see something you like (or just have to have!), inquire. We're a young town that's collecting history fast. And we're looking for good homes for a lot of it!

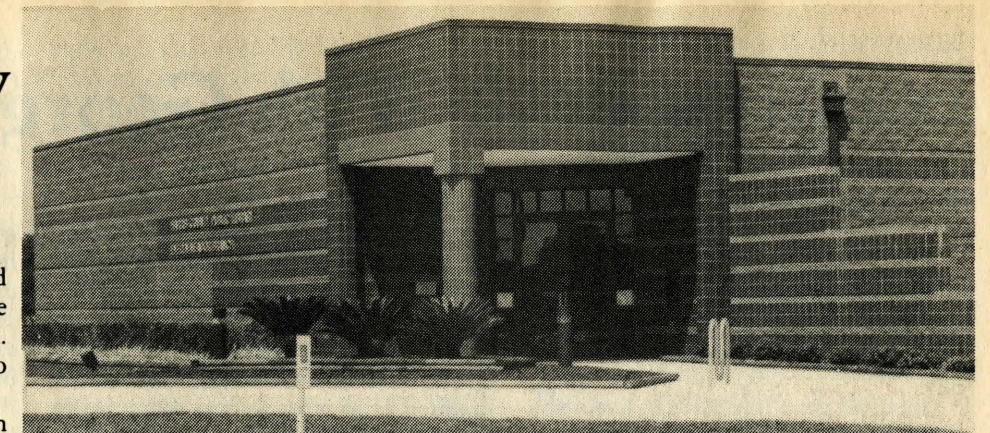
Seabrook resident Debbi Pomeroy's columns, "This Week in Seabrook" and "Eating Out," appear on Wednesdays in the *This Week* section of the Houston Chronicle. She is also the author of three San Bernard River Recipe cookbooks and has written numerous feature articles.

A New Library For Seabrook

By Cheryl Minard

"You don't *know* how much we wanted this library" ... "You don't *know* how nice it is to have a library in Seabrook" ... "You don't *know* how thrilled we are to have a library."

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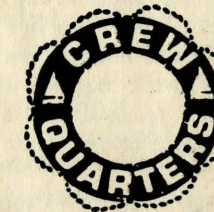
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frequently began their compliments of the new facility with the words, "You don't *know* ..."

I often wanted to say, "But I *do* know!" I am hungry for books too, and I know how wonderful it is to find one that I've been wanting to read on the shelf. Being the librarian of a new building with a new collection of 24,000 shiny books is a particular pleasure, because I enjoy the enjoyment of Seabrook people as they use their new library.

The desire for a library goes way back in Seabrook. As long ago as 1970 the Seabrook City Council received recommendations for establishing a library from a study committee composed of Bonnie Oldenkamp, Betty Perez, Alice Royal, Ed Dangler and Glen Hewett. In recent years an active Friends of the Library group has worked to make the library a reality. To raise funds they held book sales and conducted a "Buy a Brick" drive. Rex and Evelyn Meador donated the land for the library.

President of the board of the Friends of Evelyn Meador Branch Library is Jim Hargrove, the vice president is Sherry Pirtle with Geri McKallip serving as secretary and Robbye Waldron as treasurer.

At the suggestion of the Board of Friends, the new branch was named after Mrs. Meador. At the dedication ceremony, held on June 26, 1988, a portrait of Mrs. Meador was unveiled. The portraitist was area artist Rosanne Frazier.

The library's first day of operation was June 27, 1988. The staff consists of branch librarian Cheryl Minard and desk assistants Norma Gonzalez, Rick Miley and Barbara Hanson.

Library hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Wednesday; 1-8 p.m. on Thursday; 1-6 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. The library is closed on Sunday. Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. there is story time for young children.

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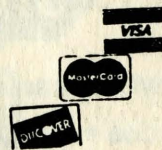
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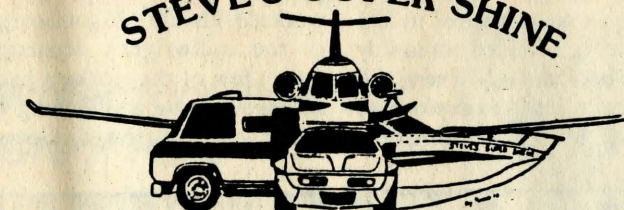
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Looking Back With George W. Graves

By C. David Pomeroy Jr.

"After Labor Day, most of the people went back to Houston." That's how George W. Graves described Seabrook in 1930. There have been a lot of changes since then.

You could get a free place to live if you would caretake one of the many summer residences. Electricity was available, but no gas, water or sewer. Although the "flats" were low, it was mostly dry land and they would play ball down where there is now water. You can still see the tops of the fence posts for the pastures where the cattle would graze.

There was not a lot to the town, especially "downtown." Earl Rodick's was about all there was. A new school had been completed on First Street. Second Street took you down to the flats and Galveston Bay. Going west, you took the road to Webster along the water's edge of Clear Lake. You went by the old Ruger's Hotel, which was three-and-a-half stories high with about 100 rooms. On the western edge of town was the older Menard-Morris home, built in the 1850s on Clear Lake.

The Bayline Railroad was still in operation, making two runs a day to Houston by way of LaPorte. However, the service was discontinued after the Depression began taking effect and then later the tracks were removed. A bus line continued to operate between Galveston and Houston and came up from Texas City through Seabrook.

George and Effie Graves came to Texas from Tennessee in 1926 with their small children, James and Rachel. Although he was born and reared in Tennessee, George

knew they had to leave because it was too difficult to find good jobs. Having sold all of their furniture to raise money for the trip, George was loading his Model-T Ford for the trip when an old friend, Groves H. Brown, happened by and inquired as to what he was doing. After George explained, Groves went and got his wife and joined them. Groves failed to tell his wife where they were moving to and she cried the next day when she found out they were leaving her home state for far off Texas. They cooked their meals on the side of the road and camped in tents until they reached Houston where they could rent a tourist cabin for a dollar a night.

George and Groves took any job they could find, including trimming trees for 35 cents an hour. But their skill was in carpentry and they favored construction jobs. Daughter Kermit was born in 1928 while they lived in Houston and at about the same time George took a job on the construction of Shell Petroleum Corporation's new refinery at Deer Park. George was one of the first carpenters on the site and was given the job of repairing the old Deer Park schoolhouse for the engineers. Eventually, over 2,000 workers were employed on the construction of the refinery. George sent for his older brother Ernest back in Tennessee and all three families moved to the small farming town of Pasadena to be nearer to the construction job.

The job at Shell was completed in less than a year and George decided not to stay on in operations because he had seen too many people hurt in fires and explosions at the refinery site. He was working on a

grain-elevator job when the Depression hit, and afterwards new jobs began drying up. He moved his family to Seabrook, almost losing their first home to foreclosure before the local school principal helped him restructure the loan to reduce the payments. The principal also got him a job with the government-sponsored Work Projects Administration. However, George realized that there just was not enough income from the WPA job and soon was contracting construction jobs on his own, mainly in League City and Clear Lake Shores. He started out charging 35 cents an hour for his work and 25 cents an hour for an assistant. Within a couple of years he was getting 90 cents an hour and, in 1936, took a job on the construction of the paper mill at Pasadena. When that job ended early in 1937, he went to work on the construction of the San Jacinto Monument.

By this time, a war in Europe was developing and local jobs were increasing as the United States provided more and more material to Europe to fight that war. For a while he worked at Dow Chemical Company in Freeport, but returned to work at Houston Shipbuilding Corporation's yard on the Houston Ship Channel just outside of Deer Park. Houston Shipbuilding was a subsidiary of Todd Shipbuilding Corporation of New York and was the largest of several shipyards put into operation during the war years. Fellow Seabrook resident Bill Rutherson worked with him and got George a transfer to the millwright's department. Since only a few of the workers had ever built ships, everyone was looking for quicker, easier ways to do the job. George analyzed

the problem of installing some 26-inch copper tubing and his solution got him a patent and the responsibility to do the job.

George and Effie added to the population of Seabrook in the 1930s with the birth of their last child, Charles George Graves. However, this was just the first of their contributions to the community. Although reared a Methodist in Tennessee, George turned to the Pentacostal religion in Texas. The Graves and the Browns were instrumental in helping the local church grow. When the church lost its land during the Depression, George bought another piece and gave it to the church. Groves donated the lumber for a building to be constructed but did not live to see it completed. George was working at the San Jacinto Monument job at the time and daily instructed some young boys on how to build the church. He took responsibility for the church and made sure it was maintained and that there was always someone in charge of the programs on Sundays. The congregation has fluctuated over the years but the church still thrives.

George's oldest boy, James, was one of the original organizers of the Seabrook Volunteer Fire Department and served

early on as its chief. His younger brother Charles carried on the family tradition and later served as fire chief for 12 years.

But fighting fires was not the only community use that the Graves put water to. In the late 1940s the only community water system was a county-maintained water well powered by a windmill. The "system" was a water tower from which the residents would fill their buckets. There also were a few private wells in town. While living in Pasadena, George was on the private water system operated by John Pomeroy from a couple of wells in his back yard. That system worked good and satisfied the needs of the neighbors until the city put in its public water system. So George had a well dug in his yard and connected about 35 of his neighbors to his private system. It sure saved a lot of people a lot of time. Finally, a Water and Sewer District was organized in 1954 to provide this public service to the area.

Celebrating 92 years last March, George Graves has spent most of them in Seabrook. He has seen a lot change and has made a lot of friends. Daily he is out driving around, visiting and keeping busy. He realizes that if you sit still around here, you'll either rust or rot. And if you can spare an hour or two, he will be glad

to fill you full of memories about Seabrook.

David Pomeroy has written extensively on the history of this area and is hard at work completing his book, Pasadena, The Early Years. He has written articles for the Houston Chronicle, the Pasadena Citizen, The Handbook of Texas and numerous local history publications. An attorney by education, David manages the family oil and gas business. Native to the area, David and his wife Debbie now live in Seabrook.

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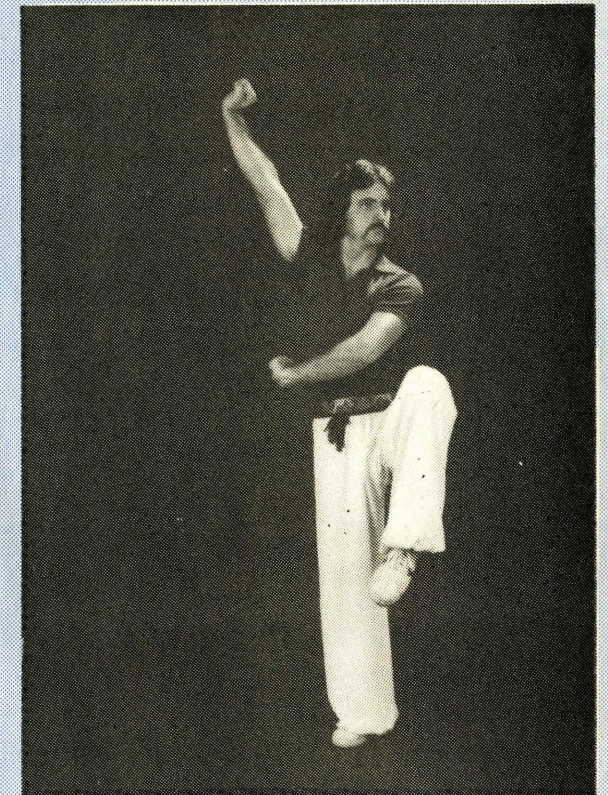
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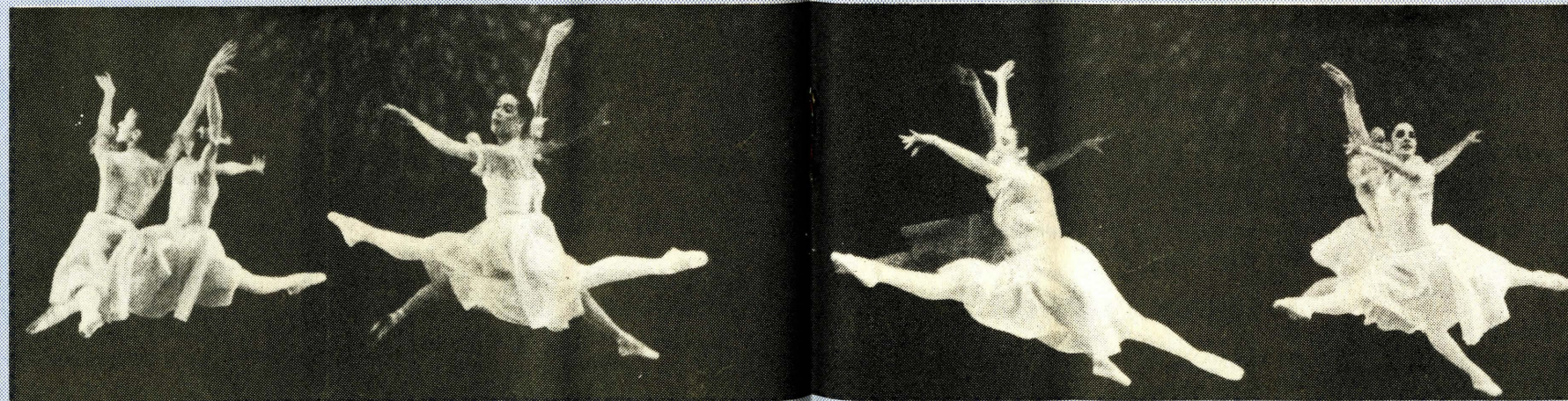
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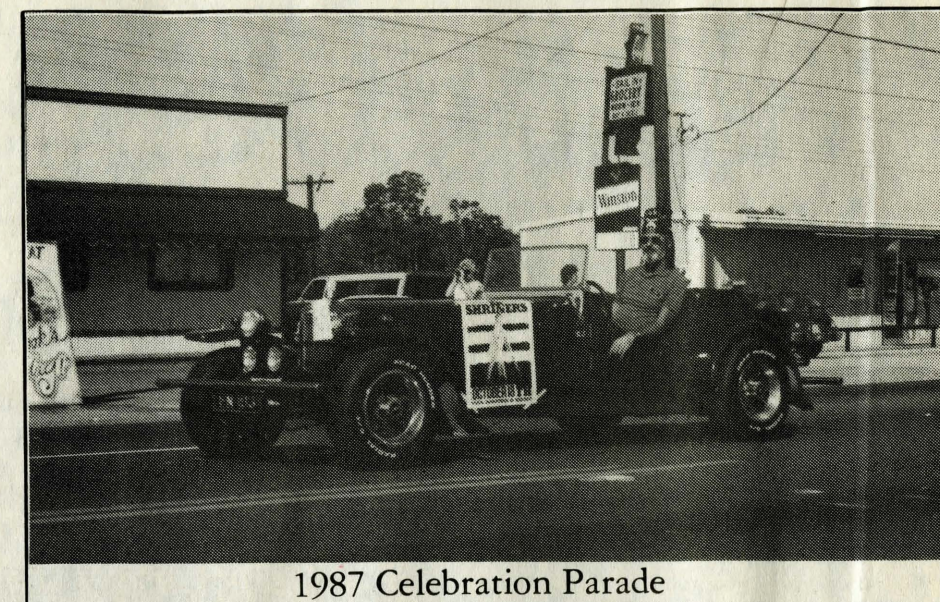
First Baptist Church Of Seabrook

By Jayme Myers

On May 21, 1956, a mission began. Seabrook families were being encouraged to support a Baptist church in the community. During a tent meeting and a revival that continued for 14 days, 11 people were baptized on Sunday, May 27.

The original meeting place for the First Baptist Church of Seabrook was "the Brannon House" on the corner of Third and Staple streets, then "the old Methodist Church" on the west side of Hall Street between Second and Third streets. The church is now located at 1506 Bayport Boulevard next to Seabrook's First Interstate Bank.

1957 to 1960 were critical years for the development and planning of the new, struggling church. Some records of the church meetings have been lost; however, it is evident from those remaining that the church business was always conducted with pride and respect for the members' faith.



1987 Celebration Parade

Many hardships were endured by the church and its supporters, including insufficient funds to cover expenses and the resignations of pastors. Things looked

bleak for the small group of believers. But, on many occasions, the people of Seabrook came through for the First Baptist Church with donations, gifts and loans.

Expansion of the church and Sunday School classrooms became necessary when attendance increased due to the arrival of NASA in the area. Soon the church was on its way and a "Committee on Committees" was created to identify the various needs. Goals were set for a new sanctuary, choir robes were purchased, other repairs and improvements were made, and the church continued to grow.

As new members poured in, the congregation became involved in many public service activities such as financial support to the Cystic Fibrosis Camp and the "Texans Who Care," a group promoting alcohol abstinence.

The theme of Seabrook's First Baptist Church stresses growth both within the congregation and within the community. The church has been guided by 11 pastors and is now under the leadership of Dr. Harvey Barber. It is a vital part of the Seabrook community, continuing to serve through wedding ceremonies and regular Bible-study sessions.

Jayme Myers has been a resident of the Seabrook area for over 12 years. She attended Seabrook Intermediate and graduated from Clear Lake High School. Jayme now attends Texas A&M University where she is studying business management.

Your Trash Can Help Seabrook

By Jules Fraytet

The newspapers, typing and computer paper, aluminum cans and glass that we all discard daily can go a long way in helping to make Seabrook a better place to live.

In conjunction with Operation Sparkle, an annual project to help clean up our town, the Seabrook Association is sponsoring an on-going effort to encourage our citizens to recycle some of their trash. This year, we have the added incentive of a \$25,000 prize from the "Keep America Beautiful" program for the city that most successfully incorporates recycling with its clean-up and beautification projects. The money the association obtains from recycling will be added to other funds that buy landscaping materials, trees, plants and Christmas decorations for the city.

Recycling is something that will inevitably become more ingrained in our daily lifestyles, because our landfills are overflowing, resources are getting scarce and more expensive, and few communities wish to have large municipal or private incinerators in their areas. Also, the EPA is recommending that the nation recycle at least 25 percent of all solid waste in the next four years. You will see more emphasis placed on recycling by city governments and private industry.

There are economic benefits, entrepreneurial prospects and employment opportunities starting to be realized through recycling. Not only paper and aluminum but plastic, tires and other metals are being recycled. Some towns have set up composting facilities for organic refuse. If waste materials do not

go back into making more of the same items, then they are used to make other products, like construction materials. The possibilities for recycling are just beginning and even Wall Street has responded to the growing market.

There is a deeper reason for my belief that we should recycle, though. I see it as an act of social responsibility and using ecological wisdom. We and our children need the education awareness of where our resources come from and where they end up when we prematurely discard them. I was reared to simply throw things out, the garbage man would haul it away; and I didn't consider the implication of my actions combined with others on the

well-being of our planet. We can not afford this throw-away attitude much longer, because there really is no "away."

Here are some facts and figures about the use of our earth's resources and our waste stream:

- It takes about 63,000 trees for a single edition of the Sunday *New York Times*. Every ton of paper crafted from recycled pulp prevents 60 pounds of air pollutants. It also saves 17 trees, three cubic yards of landfill space, 4,200 kilowatts of energy (enough to power the average home for four to six months), 7,000 gallons of water. Recycling in nine of the largest paper-consuming



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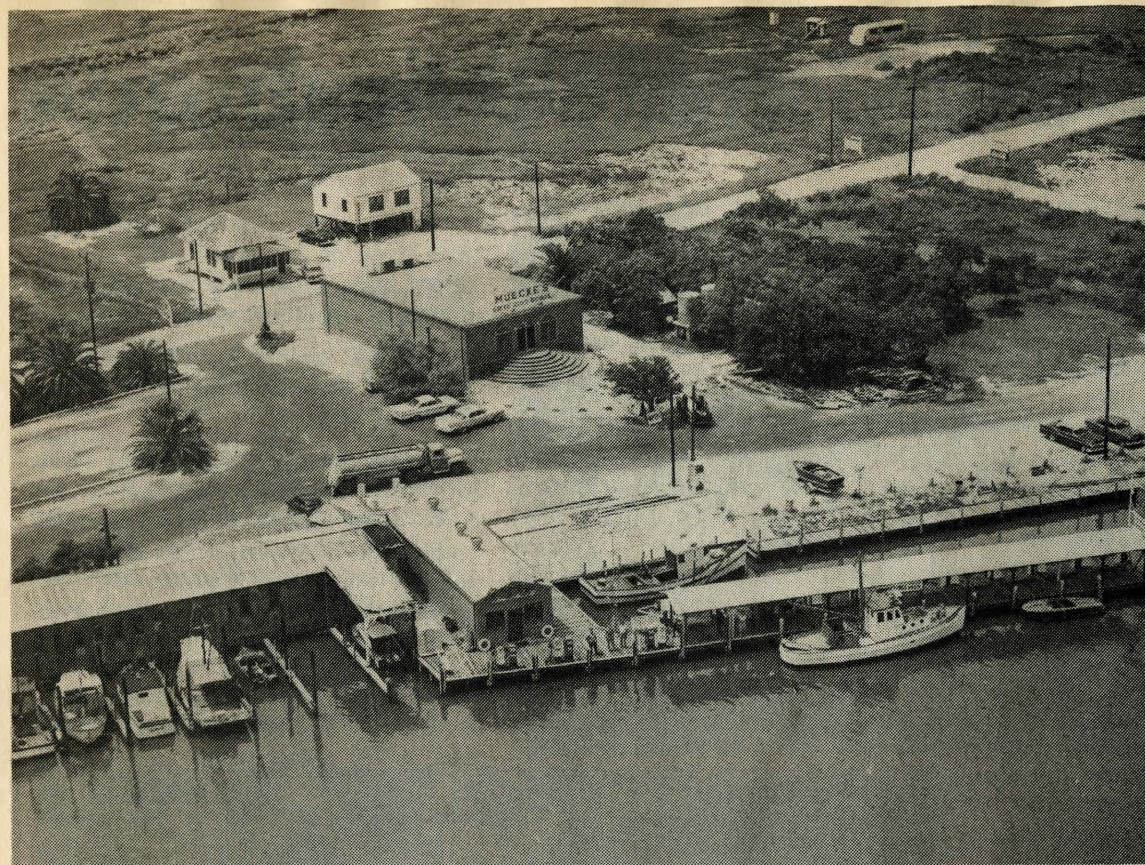
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The Ed White Youth Center has recently completed successful performance on its second Job Training Partnership Act contract. The JTPA, passed by Congress in 1982, provides federal funds to aid the disadvantaged, the handicapped, the foster child, the school dropout and other youth who need help entering the job market. The funds are funneled through the state governors' offices to the local private industry councils who issue requests for proposals.

Early in 1987, Barbara Payne, director of the Ed White Youth Center, submitted to the Harris County Private Industry Council a proposal to serve the youth aged 16 through 21 in the southeastern sector of Harris County who are eligible for enrollment based on the above-listed criteria. The contract awarded for Program Year 1987-88 was designed to offer the participants life-skills training, pre-employment skills training, G.E.D. training and to secure job placements for the youth. Every effort is made to place each participant in a job well suited to him/her according to the interest inventory and vocational aptitude testing. Proximity to home is also a consideration in each placement so that transportation problems will be less likely to hinder the establishment of a good attendance record.

The success of this program has been largely attributed to the willingness of employers in the community to give these young people an opportunity to work with them, to receive on-the-job training and to make a smooth entrance into the job market. In most cases, a portion of the



Tommy Bishop, JTPA-SYEP instructor; Charline Lassiter, psychologist; James Malone and Meta Walters, Harris County Private Industry Council; Mike Mullen, academic coordinator-job developer and Lee Ann Zoeller, Harris County Industry Council.

training time is subsidized with JTPA funds, relieving the employer of some of the burden of preparing the youth to be a productive employee in his firm. The job developers, Tommie Bishop and Mike Mullen, continue to build a file of interested employers.

Even as the first program was ending in June, the Summer Youth Employment Program was getting underway with 50 youth aged 14 through 21 enrolled. Academic remediation and G.E.D. prepara-

tion were offered by Mike Mullen, academic coordinator, and those students ended the summer taking the G.E.D. test. The job placements in this program were with non-profit organizations and were fully subsidized from JTPA funds. These employers have provided valuable work experience, as have the two programs conducted at the Ed White Youth Center. Barbara Payne, assisted by Catherine Smith, offered Child Care Training which

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- For the position that trees are a renewable resource, which is true, the reality is that we are clear-cutting down our national forests at an alarming rate, especially the old growth in the west (100-500 year old giants that we will not see again for centuries).
- The U.S. only recycles an average of about 7 percent of our waste stream. Japan averages 50 to 70 percent.
- Recycling would eventually save us tax money in the reduced need for waste pick-up and disposal fees.

Looking at it holistically, recycling is good for all of us and all the other life that inhabits our beautiful planet. A good thought to keep in mind is "Think globally, act locally." Those of us in Seabrook and surrounding communities can "act locally" by supporting our recycling program. Thank you very much for your participation.

A big thanks to Lois and Fred Mohrhusen, Lynn Miller, Mike Duckworth, R.B. Taylor, all the members of the Seabrook Association and Kelly Green Industries for their time and work on this recycling project.

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Seabrook Restaurants

By Lois Webb

The restaurant business is tough. It takes gutsy, strong-willed people to make a success of such an entrepreneurial endeavor.

All of our Seabrook restaurateurs are

"hands-on" owners — they care about the quality of their food and service, and they want your vote for "a great place to eat." Seabrook restaurants serve affordable food, sensibly portioned, clean, fresh and wholesome... you won't find a plate filled with garnish.

Seabrook's fame as a "restaurant town" is renowned. People travel not only across the city but for many miles to enjoy a meal here. Seabrook restaurants are simply great!

THE COVE, MARKET-FRESH CATERING

"In cooking, as in all the arts, simplicity is the sign of perfection."
— Curnonsky

For 17 years Webb's Cove has been an important part of my life and the bay area

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combined classroom learning with hands-on experience assisting in Day Camp. Tommie Bishop, better known as "Mr. B.," steered his group of young men in exciting learning experiences and hard work in his Carpentry Skills class. The fruit of their labor will stand for years to come on the playground of the Ed White Youth Center where they built a huge sand box, a combination play tunnel/toy storage shed and a wonderful log-finished play house with a porch... Oh, to be a child again!

The third contract has been negotiated for the program starting this fall and ending in June 1989. Again, there will be a focus on life-skills training and counseling offered by Charline Laster who is very well-qualified with a Masters Degree in Psychology from UH-CL and many years' experience in this field. Testing will be administered and comprehensive pre-employment skills training and G.E.D. preparation will be given by Mike Mullen, academic coordinator/job developer, who holds a life-certification to teach in Texas and has had years of experience working with youth. Unsubsidized employment for every participant and a successful start toward a productive and rewarding career is the primary goal.

Gerry Mayer, program manager, looks forward to the continuing cooperation of the employers in the community, making possible a performance level to enhance the likelihood of additional contracts. The youth of Harris County need this opportunity.

restaurant scene. I'm happy to report the following news, hot off the press: Katherine Carlson, from Deer Park, will be opening The Cove, Market-Fresh Catering.

Katherine is an experienced "food person," with strong professional training. She has a partner-husband, who is a giant of a person (no kidding, he's the biggest fella I've seen around these parts. He ducks walking through doorways). She has a labor pool of eager professionals whom she will be working with, forming a topnotch organization.

If you're in need of cakes for all occasions, full-service catering, fancy food baskets, box lunches, picnic baskets or holiday turkeys with all the trimmings, just contact Katherine at 1913 NASA Road 1. She's already booking parties for the holidays.

In a few months the new owners will be giving the Cove a fresh look. They will then be opening the bar and dining rooms, specializing in fresh, fresh, fresh baked goods, barbecue, soups, salads and seafood.

There will be a cooking school connected to the new Cove. Not only a first for Seabrook but also in this part of Texas. Classes will be underway as soon as the remodeling is done, which should be in time for your holiday baking. Learn gingerbread houses, spun sugar and candy-making for starters.

There isn't a day that goes by when someone doesn't ask about the Cove opening again. Well, here it is folks — new and wonderful things will be added to the Seabrook food scene.

THE CRAB HOUSE

"I have found the best way to give advice to your children is to find out what they want and then advise them to do it."

— Harry S. Truman

Approaching the north end of the Kemah/Seabrook bridge on Highway 146 is an exit to the Seabrook Flats. Taking this exit, which is 10th Street, will bring you to crab haven. At the Todville Road intersection is a little house-looking building on the right corner. This is Sammon's Crab House.

On a lazy Saturday or Sunday afternoon, crab eating at a picnic table on the porch of the Crab House is the epitome of casual. When you order crabs, newspapers are carefully laid out first, by the waiter, just in case the crabs might want to read. Diners are given a large roll of

paper towels, indispensable since one is about to embark upon the sloppy job of "getting in up to the elbows" of some of the finest crab eat'n this side of Baltimore, heretofore known as the Big Blue Crab capital of the world.

Crabs are prepared to order, coming from the kitchen fresh and warm. Papa Joe's secret seasoning is so delicious you'll find yourself licking it off the crab claws, just like a little kid licking an ice cream cone. It's the best darn stuff you can imagine. Come to think of it, it might even be good sprinkled on ice cream.

The crab order comes with boiled pota-

toes, and don't pass up the corn-on-the-cob, rolled in the special seasoning and butter. Of course, this is teeth-picking time, but go ahead, no one's watching.

The Crab House has the smallest kitchen and menu in town... gumbo, warm boiled shrimp and fried softshells; that's it, there is nothing else. This is a total family business. All the Sammon kids cut their baby teeth on the wooden crab-cracking mallets, served with every order of crabs. Good-looking son Mike runs the place. Even though he is still going to college, managing the Crab House seems to be no problem since it is only open on



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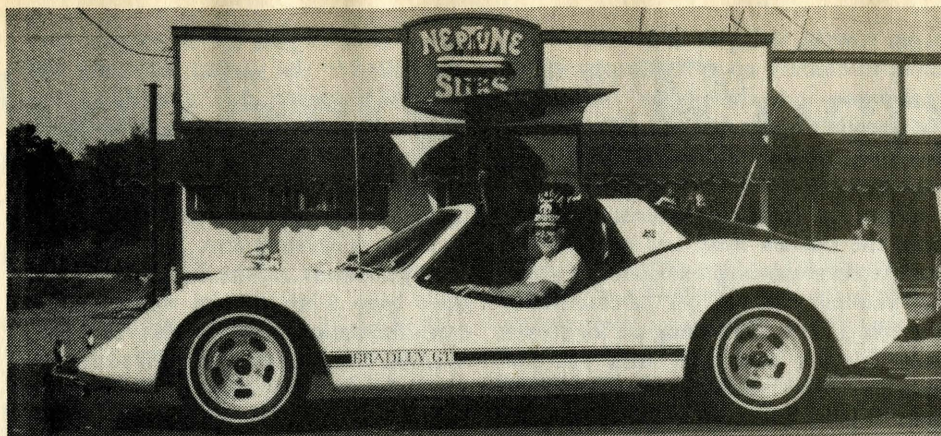
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it's called cotton-candy pink, when you're feeling like a kid again. Maribelle's is a great kind of place when your feeling "in the pink," when there's a rainbow around your heart and you've got that wonderful feeling of being alive.

Let's move on to "Hot Pink," like when the place is packed and pulsating on "Miss Wharf Rat Day" and everyone is "hot to trot."

With the rising sun comes the morning after blahs. Looking through Red River eyeballs at the Pink Palace, it has an unmistakable hue of Pepto Bismol pink. That's how Willie Nelson must have seen it on that infamous a.m. when he wrote *Bloody Mary Morning*, just a sit'n and sip'n at the bar in Maribelle's place.

Miss Maribelle, the ubiquitous owner, gives her place its classy image. It is impossible to separate the Queen from her palace. Born an Okie but raised a Yokie, Maribelle spent her youth in Yokohama, Japan. As "Hostess with the Mostest," her job in Military Special Services was the envy of everyone. She escorted the likes of Bob Hope, famous stars and starlets of the silver screen and theater, wining, dining, taking them shopping, touring the military base, sightseeing and just keeping them all happy. She said, "My favorite of all special people was Al Jolson. He was the greatest." "Maribelle, you're only 39," I reminded her, "how can you possibly know Al Jolson?" Quick on the reply, she said, "Oh! I mean the fellow that played him in the movie the *Jazz Singer*. Enough said.

When I asked M.B. for her favorite recipe, she replied, "Coming to your house, darling, for Sunday brunch." Maribelle has a gorgeous, state-of-the-art kitchen. Her pots and pans are the finest you can buy and are decoratively displayed on a special rack over the stove. I asked, "Maribelle, how in the world do you keep those pots and pans so new-looking?" She nonchalantly replied, "Cause I've never used them, my darling."

MARIO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT

"Woe to the cook whose sauce has no sting."
— Chaucer

The first Italian restaurant in Seabrook was Mario's on Highway 146, just a few feet north of the intersection with NASA Road 1. A warm, friendly neighborhood kind of place, Mario's has become a household word in these parts since the

weekends. Michael definitely has Mama Charlotte's friendly personality. Just ask him if they serve crabs; with a sheepish grin, he'll answer, "We serve everyone and everybody, no matter how disagreeable they are."

Joe likes to do the cooking at home. He gave me a dilly of a recipe. This was a

chicken contest winner he copied from the TV show *The Butcher*:

Lime Dill Chicken

6 chicken half-breasts
salt and pepper to taste
1/3 cup cooking oil
1 lime for the juice
8 tbsps. unsalted butter

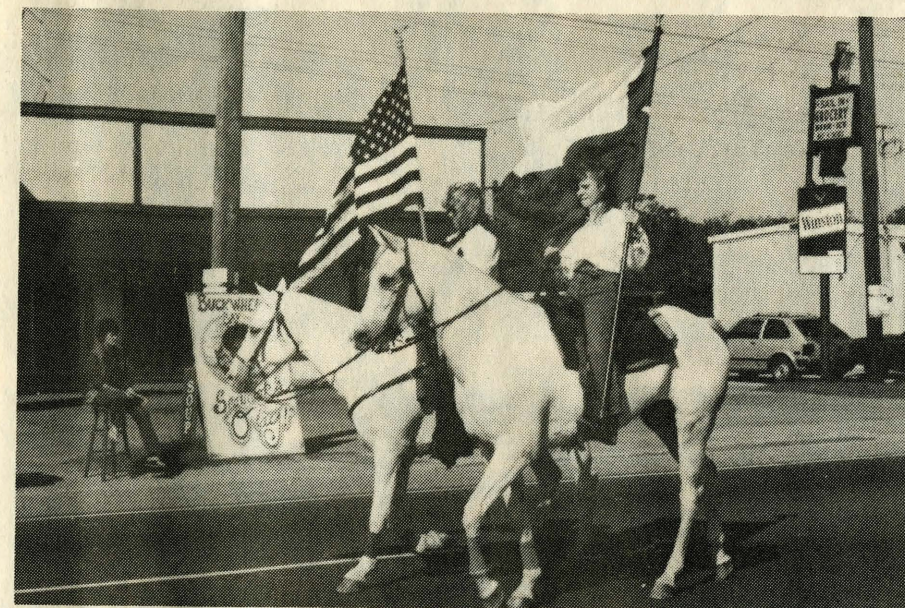
1/4 cup green onion tops, chopped
1/2 tsp. dry dill

6 frozen/canned artichokes, halved

Season chicken breasts. Heat oil in heavy skillet. Add chicken and saute on high heat for 4 minutes each side. Reduce heat to medium-low and cook 10 minutes longer. Remove breasts and hold in warm place.

On medium heat, deglaze pan oil with lime juice until it bubbles. Add butter, mixing with whisk until mixture is opaque. When the mixture starts to thicken slightly, add chopped onion and dill. Keep warm until ready to serve. Steam the artichokes until heated through.

To serve, place the chicken breasts on the plate with two pieces of artichoke on each. Spoon the hot lime-butter sauce over each.



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serving. Joe suggested serving this with buttered egg noodles and warm French bread.

Do you remember... When the Harris County Sheriff and the Texas Highway Patrol were the law in Seabrook?

THE CRAZY CAJUN

"Work banishes those three great evils, boredom, vice and poverty."

— Voltaire

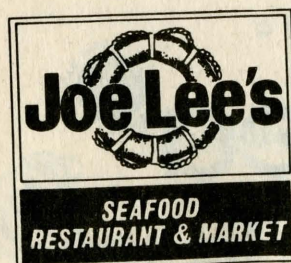
In Louisiana, between the hamlets of Thornthicket Slough and Muddy Bayou, sits a small wart of a place called Snake Ridge.

Why am I telling you about Snake Ridge? Because a native son, whom we know as Sonny, The Crazy Cajun, was born and reared there. It might not mean



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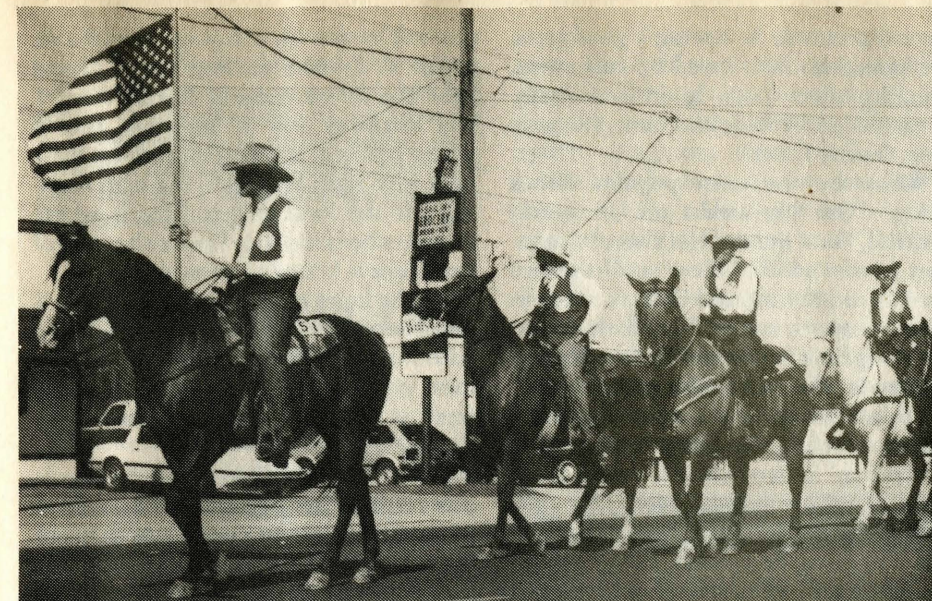
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much now, but just give him a little more time. Guar-an-tee, Snake Ridge will be putting up a highway sign, on the road passing through town. One sign, painted on both sides, will do it, reading: "The birthplace of our famous son, Sonny. Known the world over as The Crazy Cajun, now of Seabrook, Texas U.S.A."

Born to a family of sharecropper/trappers, Sonny didn't know his dog named Blue was really a baby alligator 'til looking through a picture book one day. Miss Tibideaux, his third-grade teacher, said, "Sonny, y'all notice, dogs have longer legs, an' only crawl on their bellies when stalking possum." Poor Sonny was confused until he met Tiger. She unconfused him all right... he found out it was more fun playing with girls than old Blue, anyway. Little Miss Prissy was 15 when she married Sonny. Having a tiger for a house pet and a temper to match, he nicknamed her Tiger. The name's still with her today. Two beautiful little daughters later, Sonny and Tiger are cooking up a storm.

Paul Prudhomme move over — Sonny's going to show the world real Cajun cooking. With all of his fame, fortune and world traveling, you can't take the country out of the boy. He's still the little fellow, getting misty-eyed talking about his old Grandmo, Grandpo and Daddy. It was Grandpo, a backwoods preacher, who saw that he got religion, school'n, did his chores and learned to fish and hunt. Sonny, raking up the past, said, "If you ain't raised or killed it, you didn't eat it, 'cause there wasn't no stores to buy nothing at; and if it would have been, no one had no money anyway." Sonny laughs, reminiscing about his humble beginning.

"I found a quarter in the gravel at the bus stop. A fifth grader swapped me a nickel for it. He told me it was worth more money." Looking a little pained, he continued, "There have been far more expensive lessons since then."

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music makers. George Strait, Jerry Jeff Walker, Claude Akins and Hank Thompson are just a few of the many greats who relate and love the Crazy Cajun. The biggest comments of praise given at the Cajun are for the easy, down-home, happy people working there. Everybody on the

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payroll seems to be having a good time. It's infectious fun, loved by customers, bringing them back again and again. Sonny added, "Fun, friendliness, fantastic food, freshly fixed."

What are the most popular dishes today? "Our big steaks are always in demand," said Sonny. His cheerful manager Honey added, "Have you forgotten the Panned Shrimp and Oysters, made in our secret exotic sauce?" They both chimed in, "A big hit is Barbecued Catfish. Shrimp Gumbo is no slouch on the menu either."

I asked Sonny his plans for the future. "More traveling, I'm going to London in the spring." When I asked if he was going by RV, he answered, "Miss Lois, you forget I'm a first-class-all-the-way Coon Ass. I'm going by pirogue, better known as my Cajun yacht." He plans to travel from the Azores to Zanzibar, making friends and cooking Cajun, showing what good eats is all about.

Sonny's recipe tip for cooking barbecue is: Use your favorite sauce, just keep slopping it on. Sonny says, "Layering the sauce on, at least 15 to 20 times during the cooking is the way I do it. If you ain't working your hinny off, you ain't doing it right. Real cooking is a labor of love. You have to love doing it for people you love."

FRANK'S SHRIMP HUT

*"A successful marriage is not a gift;
it is an achievement."*

— Ann Landers
Something is missing in my day if I

don't start it with a cup or two of a.m. coffee at Frank's Shrimp Hut. Located near the intersection of NASA Road 1 and Highway 146 in Seabrook, this is where the local notables meet to eat their eggs with hash browns along with hashing out the local gossip. This is where anyone who is anybody from either side of the Creek is bound to show up.

At the helm of Frank's Shrimp Hut is proprietress Nancy Jureczki who, along with husband Frank, established the business in 1979 as a means of selling the fresh shrimp that Frank caught off his shrimp boat.

Soon the Shrimp Hut required a couple more fryers, then a couple more... soon 14 bar stools became a part of the furnishings, and picnic tables and the "famous" shed, to keep the hot sun off the customers. Today, housed in a one-year-old building, Frank's Shrimp Hut employs 41 people and has the capacity to comfortably accommodate 150 for breakfast, lunch or dinner.

Nancy Jureczki is in charge of the purchasing and food preparation. She also handles employee relations and the day-to-day operations of what has become a major restaurant attraction in the Clear Lake area. Nancy says that she enjoys her role in the "Shrimp Hut Team," and is the first to admit that she couldn't have done it without Frank, her husband of 34 years.

Frank is the "idea man," he is the one most responsible for the new building's nautical atmosphere and the one in charge of construction. He also comes up with the new menu items.

Stop by and visit Frank's Shrimp Hut. The great food and warm atmosphere are clearly a result of many years of love, both for their business and their customers. Nancy said, "Through all the trying times, we couldn't have done it without our customers. Their support has made it all possible."

Nancy has shared her special recipe with us:

Nancy's Perfect Pot Roast

5 lb. rump roast
Coarse ground black pepper
3 garlic cloves, smashed
½ cup flour
4 slices bacon
½ cup water
6 medium potatoes, peeled and sliced
6 carrots, cleaned and sliced
3 celery ribs, sliced
1 bell pepper

Rub pepper and crushed garlic over the roast by hand. Dredge in flour to coat well.

In large cast-iron skillet, add oil. Heat and add flour-coated meat to hot oil. Brown all sides. Add bacon to top side of meat. Add

water, cook on low heat for about 2 hours or almost done. The last half-hour before done, add sliced potatoes, carrots, celery and bell pepper. Continue cooking until vegetables are done. Serve with salad, tea and dinner rolls.

Nancy's cooking tip: No salt is added to the meat until it is done, because salt draws the juices out of the meat.

FRENCHIES VILLA CAPRI

"All things are possible to one who believes."
— Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

The best advertising any business can have is the word-of-mouth kind, from satisfied customers. Imagine how pleased guests must have been, with the food, service and ambiance, to book reservations again for Frenchies Villa Capri two years in advance, and for not just one, but two large parties each Christmas season. It is just a year since the opening of Villa Capri for special banquets, dinner parties and the most beautiful weddings.

The two Camera brothers have spent long hours, arduously working to make their restaurant the success it has become, in a very short time. Brother Giuseppe is proud of his formal gardens. He took great care in planning them, making sure there is always something blooming. His attention to detail is profound.

Both Giuseppe and Frank love people and this feeling prevails at Villa Capri... their greatest joy is to see everyone happy. Always charming, smiling, full of fun and kissy-kissy Italian style, they make all women feel beautiful. Every husband and boyfriend enjoys this camaraderie, finding new and true friends in the brothers.

As little boys on the romantic Isle of Capri, they had to walk many miles to their menial jobs in the grand hotels on the island. Hotel kitchens in Italy are known to be tough and demanding on employees and this was the background of training the Camera brothers were born into. During his lifetime, their father was a well-respected and beloved maitre d' at famous restaurants on Capri. When he died, the owner of the establishment for whom he worked wore a black armband for weeks, he was so grieved by the loss of his beloved employee and friend.

After World War II, Italy was an impoverished nation, yet the brothers reflect on memories of happy moments in their young lives. Frankie still loves to sing. He reminisces, "I was about 10 years old, walking home late at night after

about 14-16 hours of grungy pots and pans. The road was so lonely, just a black sky full of beautiful stars and me. I would sing out loud with full voice, lifting my spirits, imagining myself to be a great tenor from La Scala. By the time I got to my door, I was wide awake, full of energy again, ready to go back to work." He continued, "I always loved being busy, work was life, it meant food for my sisters and mother. We all helped bring what we could home. We were a very close family, we all helped each other. Oh, there were arguments, like in any normal family, but a love, loyalty and need for one another

was a bond of cement and that is even stronger today."

Frank and Giuseppe have the best recipe of all to share with you: Joy and happiness at the table makes food taste better. Be kind to each other and your children. No matter what is served, no matter how simple the food, it becomes a wonderful banquet to those breaking bread while laughing, sharing and genuinely loving one another.

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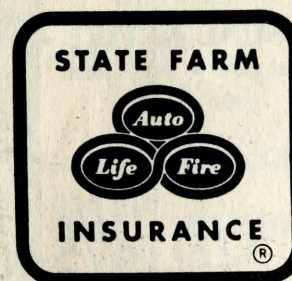
Envision this: A sizzling platter of fajitas being carried through the dining room, the aroma filling your nostrils with a mind-boggling sensation that is to-die for. The platter is filled with hissing-hot, succulent beef or chicken, onions and spices — a blend of the best authentic old-world Mexican flavors as only the cooks at Laredo's can do it.

No fancy chefs here, but cooks who have learned their skills with a love and

joy in feeding family and friends. No fast food or shortcuts either. This is family dining six days a week, just like Papa Solar, daughter Laura or the night manager Lynda Alger would do it at home when company comes. The best and freshest is the key to food preparation coming out of the Laredo's Restaurant kitchen.

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If you haven't looked at the back of a register receipt recently when checking out groceries at the Kroger store in Seabrook, you're in for a surprise. Through October '88, Laredo's has a special treat for you — Buy one dinner and get one free. Or how about a complimentary order of Conjunto De Nacho with any specialty dinner? This is a real treat, difficult to pass up. As Lynda said, "We just want people to know what real nice, friendly folks we are and how great our cooks are." She continued, "It's our way to invite you to come on over, some of the treat is on us, we'll treat you right."

MARIBELLE'S

"The basic and essential human
is the woman."

— Orson Welles

Maribelle's, down on Bath and Todville, is as much a landmark in Seabrook as the Alamo is in San Antonio. As a matter of fact, you can't get any elixir or eats in the Alamo. There certainly aren't any Miss Wharf Rat or wet T-shirt contests there either.

Maribelle's Pink Palace dominates the Seabrook Flats, having gained almost as much claim to fame for its color as the very pink, plush and lush Beverly Hill's Hotel in the city of the same name.

There have been a few other pinks that have gained almost as much notoriety. Let's see... there's Mary K, with her pink hacienda and pink Caddies in Dallas... the Pink Panther, Pinky Lee and the Peppermint Pink Lounge in New York.

And how about that famous lady of fashion stealing Maribelle's pink for her very own? The haute of all Haute Couture creating "Schiaparelli Pink," skyrocketing her to fame and fortune through her '50s fashions. That's probably why the moguls' money ladies, coiffured by Charles, dressed by Robert, feel at home at Maribelle's, looking for a little fun on the bay.

The press has had a field day with Maribelle Pink. It takes on many hues, depending upon your moods. Sometimes

day it opened.

This is a local place where you can enjoy hearty Italian food in unassuming surroundings.

Every kid in town has been brought up on takeout from Mario's. It's the kind of place every young man takes his first date,

to share a pizza or plate of spaghetti. This is the place they can comfortably discuss the evening's events, which to them are world-shaking experiences important in molding their young lives.

They do all of this while sharing pizzas. Parents feel good knowing their offsp-

ring is safe, at Mario's. They also feel good knowing the food is easily affordable.

The folks at Mario's tell me that cheese is the all-time favorite pizza topping. Sausage runs a close second, with the combination the third most popular choice. And by the way, the next time you're



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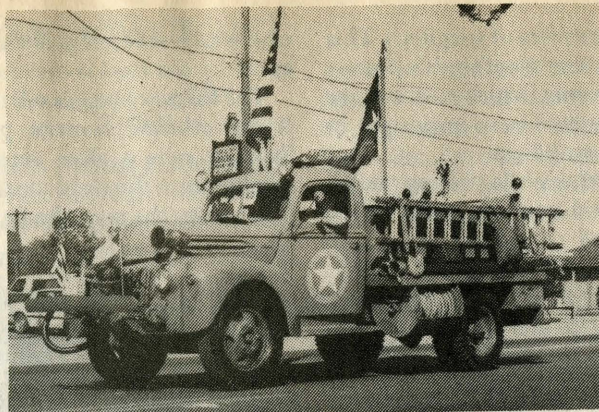
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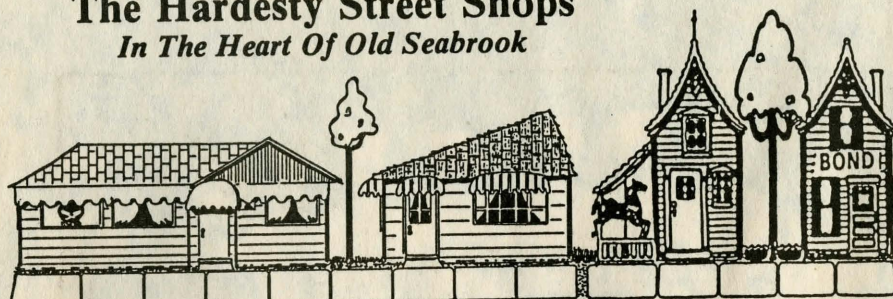
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Although pizza is king, some of the other tasty Italian dishes are worth exploring on your next visit to Mario's.

NEPTUNE SUBS

"The greatest dishes are very simple dishes."
— Escoffier

Is America still the land of opportunity? If you want the answer to this question, my friends, step up and meet Vinnie — founder, owner, cook, handyman, major-domo, ringleader, conductor, orchestrator and cob of Neptune Subs. Ten years ago he opened his establishment with one loaf of ham, a loaf of cheese, a lot of guts, determination, and Susan. He had leased this little building along the tracks several months before, building counters and tables, fixing up the place at night, by himself, while painting wooden-hull boats during the day. It was a lean, mean world then, but Vinnie, in his happy-go-lucky way, didn't know the difference.

Traveling by motorcycle from his hometown of Albany, he went to Florida where the sea and scuba-diving bug got him. Strapping his gear to a special rack on the back of his bike, he headed for California. He took a left turn in Texas while traveling the highway going west, to stop in Austin where he spent a few days visiting old New York friends. Vinnie was on his way to the big Pacific with plans to scuba dive for a living while studying marine biology. As fate will have it, a turn of events brought him to Seabrook.

According to Vinnie, "Around Seabrook there were plenty of hamburger places, but none of the old Sicilian sub shops I grew up with in New York, and I really missed them. I just figured out, if I want a sub, I'd better do it myself." That's how the Neptune Sub Shop began.

The little yellow and green box-like building across from Miramar, along the tracks on Highway 146, is as cute as a button. Just looking at it, you can tell that a lot of hard work, concern and love has gone into it. Vinnie keeps the place spanking clean, inside and out. Everything is kept trim and neat, shipshape.

Vinnie's special recipe, Spaghetti Marinara, takes him back to his roots. His

father is from Palermo, on the island of Sicily. "On Sicily, marinara sauce means meatless, even though the word 'marinara' refers to food from the sea. We make it with fresh vegetables," Vinnie said.

Vinnie's Spaghetti Marinara

Fix the spaghetti of your choice according to the recipe on the box.

Marinara Sauce

1/4 cup olive oil
6 onions, chopped corase (Save half to add later)
4 cloves fresh garlic, peeled and smashed
1 lb. fresh mushrooms, sliced
1 16 oz. can whole stewed tomatoes

Put the oil in large heavy skillet, add 1/2 the chopped onions, saute' with garlic until soft. Add mushrooms, saute' three minutes more. Add stewed tomatoes, leave whole, simmer 20 minutes.

To serve, plate the warm spaghetti and spoon the sauce over it. Vinnie's secret is adding the additional chopped onions just before serving so they are fresh and crunchy to eat. They can also be sprinkled over the sauce as it is served at the dinner table.

PANAMA GRILL

"It is by believing in roses that one brings them to bloom."

— French proverb

Developing a new restaurant concept is not easy. A successful restaurateur makes it look easy, though. From the day it opened, Panama Grill has been very successful with its tropical, fresh approach to dining — from the breezy service with a young, snappy, sharp and good-looking wait staff; to the ambiance of rattan and reed; to a menu that follows suit, featuring the lightest cuisine, the best vegetable dishes, soups, barbecue, all with a touch of the Caribbean, and always enchantingly delicious.

A friend said to me the other day, "When I'm at loose ends and don't know where to go to find a friendly face, I end up at the Panama Grill." The faces are friendly, the tables crowded and the conversation animated, as the diners stream endlessly in and out. The place is a blend of food and frolic. It's a fun place to eat or drink, especially when in need of a perker-upper. This all takes you away, at the drop of the waiter's Panama hat, to a fantasy island paradise during the height of the season.

No dark hole of Calcutta here, this

handsome restaurant has light, highly polished woods, pastel fabrics and lots of glass, windows everywhere you look. Baskets full of greenery and potted palms all around add to the comfortable, open airiness. The food just tastes better in such lovely surroundings.

The menu is extensive yet chic, with a California flair; wonderful salads, seafood and lightly sauced meats. I can't pass up salads and the Panama Grill does them beautifully. An appetizer order of ribs and one of the salads makes a wonderful dinner. Oh yes! Finish it off with a sinful

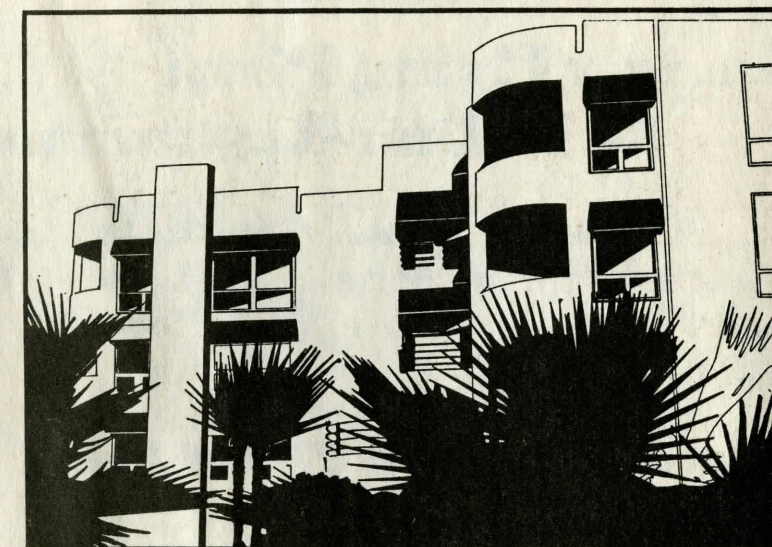
dessert. Don't worry if you're dieting, just use artificial sweetener in your coffee.

PIER 8

"One shining quality lends a luster to another."

— William Hazlitt

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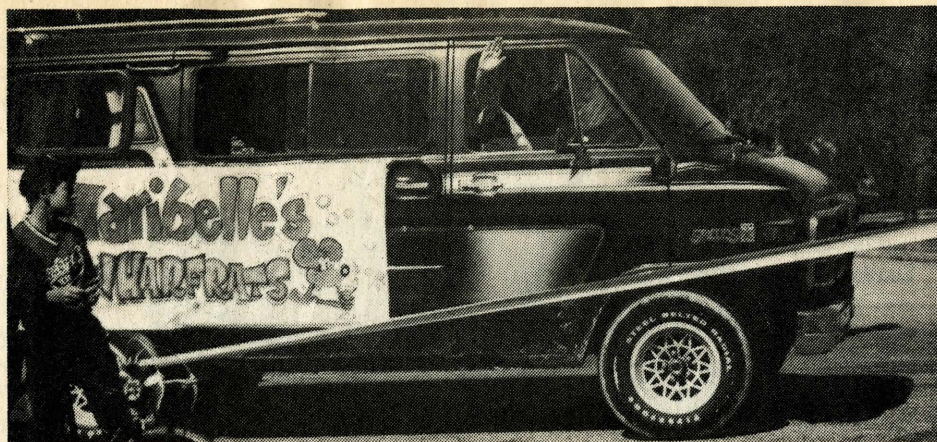
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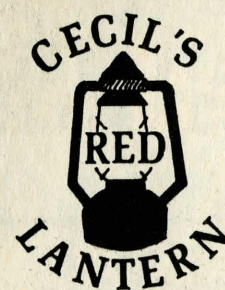
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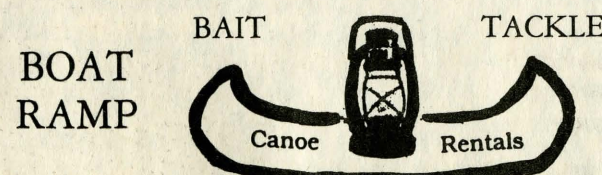


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The ever-changing panoramic view through the picture windows facing bay and Gulf boats unloading their catch is exciting to watch, while dining on fish that were alive and swimming in the Texas waters just hours before. It's interesting to see the hundreds of fishermen, deck hands and fishmongers working feverishly to get the freshly caught treasures of the sea culled, iced and stored, then shipped to restaurants and retail stores throughout Houston, the rest of Texas and, at times, as far away as Florida.

Handling fish and seafood properly takes experienced people to tackle the task. To know how to prepare Gulf flounder, snapper, shrimp and oysters with just the right seasonings, cooking time and light sauces for your dining pleasure takes years of experience by seasoned chefs and cooks. This is what you'll find at Pier 8. There is no compromise when it comes to quality, cleanliness, service or experience.

Pier 8 is known for its platters of freshly caught seafood. The portions served are generous to a fault. New England has its famous seafood restaurants, New Orleans is also known as a seafood town, but none of them can hold a candle to Pier 8. Tourists travel hundreds of miles to dine here... people are known to come from New Orleans, Beaumont and Mobile just to eat at Pier 8.

The family, headed by Rachel McDonald, has been doing it right for more years than I care to remember. When I came to Seabrook from Wisconsin in '69, Rachel was the first person I got to know as a friend. Her old cafe, on the first floor of the Seabrook Hotel on Todville Road, served the freshest and best stuffed flounder I had ever eaten. I remember once saying to her, "Rachel, this fish is so fresh and moist, did you go out last night in your little pirogue and gig it yourself?" She answered, "You're darn right I did. If I serve 'em, I catch 'em."

While sitting at her favorite table in the cafe, where she could oversee, overhear, overfeed and lord it over everyone and everything, she would eyeball me, saying, "You damn Yankees never did learn how to cook." She continued, "I should know, because I was married to one once." When asked just how many husbands she really had, always quick with an answer, she replied, "Don't remember, all my records were lost in Hurricane Carla."

The seafood business has been grandson Charles' life since he was a little tot. He grew up busing tables, sweeping floors, doing dishes and all the other

menial tasks connected to food service. He knows what makes a restaurant great and Pier 8 is just that.

I asked Charles to share an old family recipe with us, since his family has been in the food-service business longer than anyone else in Seabrook. His first recipe to success is, "Don't argue with your grandma. Let her think she's always right."

THE REGATTA INN

"The winds and waves are always on the side of the ablest navigators!"

— Edward Gibbon

I thought learning about Nebuchadnezzar was a Bible lesson, until talking to Seabrook's only resident oenophile.

Larry King loves to serve, talk and drink fine wines. Serving 54 different wines by-the-glass is an unusual feat for any restaurateur, but then Larry's an unusual fellow. Who else in all of Harris County owns, let alone even heard of a Nebuchadnezzar?

Larry loves to tell the story of how he happens to own this super-size wine bot-



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tle, named after that superannuated biblical patriarch. As a matter of fact, the *Houston Post* wrote about it in "Wine Talk" several times. His bottle is filled with his most favorite of all wines, Roddis' Cellar's Cabernet Sauvignon.

Do you want to know more? I'll tell you

where to fine the Regatta Inn if you don't already know.

The charming eating establishment, nestled among several million dollars worth of sailing vessels, oleanders, pine oaks, mallards, large white geese and an assortment of resident cats in the Sea-

brook Shipyard compound, is Larry King's Regatta Inn. The secluded hideaway-feeling gets you as soon as you cross the little wooden bridge leading into the shipyard. At the stop sign, turn left, coming immediately to a fork in the road. Bear right, following the tall greenery around



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to a parking area. There are no signs to guide you, just a narrow walkway through the bushes. The first door you come to, in a low rambling building sitting on the shores of Clear Lake, is the restaurant.

Larry's loyal clientele consider the Regatta Inn their very own private club. For more than 18 years many of the same customers, their children and their children's children have watched the sunset over Clear Lake while enjoying birthdays and anniversary dinners here. Brunches, lunches or just a desire to be isolated from the tumult of highways and high living can be excuse enough to enjoy the Regatta. Larry told me, "One loyal lady loves the place so much she wanted to share it with her new husband on their wedding night. So far, she's on number four."

Even though Larry has the easy manner of a Southern gentlemen, he's originally a midwesterner, from Indiana. The snow drove him south and he landed in Seabrook, "because that's where the bus stopped," says Larry.

Larry and his lovely Thailand bride met and married in Texas. Was it love at first sight? "No, it was more like terror at first sight," Larry laughed. After all these years, Malanee is used to her husband's dry humor. Just ask him about the storms

that have inundated the Regatta. "There has been a hurricane, a tropical depression and my own depression." He laughingly adds, "My own depression doesn't last very long, since there's no insurance to cover it."

I asked Larry to share his favorite recipe with us, something he or Malanee like to prepare on their day off. He said, "The best recipe I can give you is to come eat at the Regatta Inn. We don't eat or cook at home since our restaurant is open seven days a week."

SAUSA'S

"Enthusiasm makes the difference."
— Norman Vincent Peale

Relatively new on the Seabrook restaurant scene, Sausa's is the place to go when you desire a quaint and intimate Mexican dining experience. Located at 3138 NASA Road 1, the subdued decor provides a relaxed atmosphere in which to enjoy the South-of-the-border menu offerings.

With a number of combined years in the food business, owners/operators Ron and Margaret Scruggs and Ron's mom, Lorna Jones, opened their Mexican rest-

aurant this past May. They pride themselves on keeping their menu items as traditional as possible and, with Ron doing the cooking himself, all the food is prepared on the premises daily. Only the freshest ingredients are used with no additives or preservatives.

Fajitas are one of Sausa's specialties and may be ordered for one or two persons. The scrumptiously marinated beef or chicken is charbroiled and served with sauteed peppers and onions, garnished with pico de gallo. Or, if you love chicken, try the Pollo Poblano, a pan-grilled butterfly chicken breast covered with sliced poblano peppers and onions. Don't forget the sopapillas — a delightful dessert.

Lunch specials, offering five tantalizing entree choices, are served daily from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Continuous service is offered until 9 p.m. Sunday thru Thursday, until 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. The menu is varied, the portions generous and the prices moderate.

On Wednesdays, Sausa's offers one dollar off each of the eight traditional dinners served. And a special children's menu is always available for kids 12 and under!

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Margaret is sharing her special recipe

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2 tbsp. Kahlua
2 tbsp. water
1 tsp. lemon juice
1 cup egg whites (8 large)
1 tsp. cream of tartar
1 tsp. salt

Kahlua Crunch & Kahlua Cream

Sift flour with 1/4 cup sugar into small bowl. Make a well in center; add egg yolks, Kahlua, water and lemon juice. Beat to a smooth batter.

Beat egg whites in large bowl with cream of tartar and salt. Beat to a very fine foam. Gradually add remaining 1/4 cup sugar, 2 tbsp. at a time, continuing to beat to firm meringue.

Pour batter slowly over meringue, folding in with rubber scraper until blended. Do not stir. Turn batter into ungreased tube pan (10" x 4"). Bake at 350 degrees 50-55 minutes or until top springs back when lightly touched. Let stand until cold.

Prepare Kahlua Crunch. Remove cake from pan and cut horizontally into four even layers. Reassemble with about half the Kahlua Cream between layers. Spread remainder over the sides and top. Cover cake generously with Kahlua Crunch, pressing gently over cream with hands. Mark cutting lines on top and down sides of cake with knife. Refrigerate until served.

Kahlua Cream

Beat 2 cups whipping cream with 1 tbsp. Kahlua and 1 tbsp. sugar until stiff.

Kahlua Crunch

Measure 1 1/2 cups sugar, 2 tbsp. water, 1/4 cup Kahlua and 1/4 cup white corn syrup into narrow, deep pan. Stir, then bring to boil and cook to 310 degrees (hard crack stage).

Remove from heat and add 1 tbsp. baking soda (no lumps!). Mixture will foam rapidly when soda is added. Stir briskly, just until mixture thickens, but do not break down foam with excessive stirring.

Turn out into ungreased 9-inch square pan; do not stir. Let stand until cold. Knock out of

pan and crush with rolling pin to coarse crumbs.

SEABROOK CLASSIC CAFE

"Never eat more than you can lift."

— Miss Piggy

On NASA Road 1, just a few hundred yards west of the entrance to Lakewood Yacht Club, sits an all-white, one-story building, known as the Seabrook Classic Cafe.

According to Webster's New World Dictionary, the word classic is: "in high-fashion clothes; simple yet elegant." Like in the Kentucky Derby, a known classic; like some literature, or perhaps, like a rare old car.

The Classic Cafe is a one of a kind for Seabrook. And the two guys behind it are classic unto themselves. Fun-loving, easy-mannered Brad and Steve serve the kind of food they like to eat. No frillies here, what you see is what you get — as the word classic implies, simple food served to simply elegant customers.

The Classic Cafe, with easy, no-hassle service and casual atmosphere, brings customers from Houston and around the bay area who are starving for this kind of place. Let's face it, in Houston everyone is so uptight, afraid to be friendly, or maybe they just don't know how to relax. When you walk in the door of the Seabrook Classic Cafe, you know you're someplace different, you know you're going to enjoy your meal. Whether it's lunch or dinner, served seven days a week, or breakfast on weekends, the atmosphere never changes. Service in Seabrook restaurants is generally casual, but the Seabrook Classic Cafe has given the word a new meaning.

Talking to the manager, Paul, the other

day, I asked him what the most popular item on the menu was. He said, "Gosh, that's kind of hard to say, but I'm sure it's the Charbroiled Fresh Tuna." He continued, "Yeah, that's it, we were serving it only on weekends at first, but now it's on the menu every night." Rather excitedly he said, "Without a question, that's it — or is it our Seahogs?" What's a Seahog? Is it like a sandhog, a hedgehog or a quahog? Is it a relation to Miss Piggy? Paul said, "Just give me a chance, I'll tell you. We wrap bacon around shrimp and oysters, making a neat package. We skewer five of these packages together, then they are charbroiled to absolute perfection." The thought of those succulent little morsels grilling in bacon made me hungry and anxious to try them.

The weekend breakfast crowd is made up of sailing buffs, filling their tummies with homemade biscuits and gravy before spending the day filling their sails with the winds in the bay. Everyone seems to know each other and the bay conditions for sailing are discussed from table to table. Among the faces of the famous seen at the Classic Cafe — well, how does famed TV Dr. Red Duke grab you for starters? Come for breakfast, check out the food. It's also a great place for people watching.

I asked Paul for a recipe, something he or the fellows like to cook at home on their day off. He shouted back in anguish, "What do you mean on your day off?"

That's the show biz of food, folks! Bon appetit.

TOOKIES

"Happiness is having a scratch for every itch."
— Ogden Nash

Happiness is having a No. 99, an order of Mama's secret-recipe onion rings and a

Coke at Tookies. The No. 99 is seven ounces of heaven on a bun... lean beef filled with melted cheese and onions, marinated in wine, then grilled to perfection at just the degree of doneness you like.

Near the Methodist Church on Highway 146 in Seabrook, Tookies is definitely a foody legend. The little green building with gold trim around the windows and doors is decorated with antiques that make collectors green with envy. No chrome, glass and sterile hospital-look in this joint. Tookies is nostalgia all the way. Original and creative are the two words that best fit both the decor and food at Tookies.

A "Tookie Attack" (a desire for a Tookies special) can take over at anytime. Pregnant women are known to cry out while on the delivery table, "I can't go on without my Tookie 99." A shrimper out in the bay, about to reel in his nets with prize catch, is consumed by a Tookie Attack and radios in for a 99. If there is no one to bring it to him, he cuts his nets, leaving the catch behind, and heads for home and Tookies. One old waitress, who used to work at Webb's Cove, was known for her Tookie Attacks as she was about to

wait on customers. During her shift, she'd give a bus boy money, sending him out to buy her one. Between bites, chomping on her Tookie 99, she would wait on her own customers.

Tookies is an eating establishment for all ages. Senior citizens can be as comfortable enjoying a repast as any teenager. They definitely don't feel as though they're invading "kiddy land," which is the norm at the highly advertised, megabuck hamburger chains.

I asked Jeff, the manager, for a recipe, something he likes to cook on his day off. He replied, "Mrs. Webb, it's like uncola cola. I have an unrecipe recipe. I first begin by unplugging the phone so I'm unreachable. I'm totally unsociable and very unfriendly to the uninvited. I want to have an uninterrupted day underwater in the pool or sitting around unshaven in unmentionables." He continued, "I want to be unconcerned about cooking some poultry on the barbecue. Let it cook by itself. That's what I call a perfect recipe for an uncomplicated day. That kind of day-off recipe really gets me in gear and cooking for the rest of the week, at Tookies."

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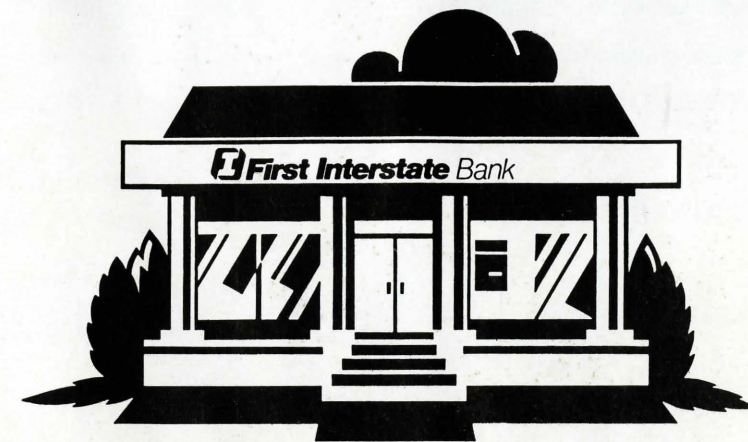
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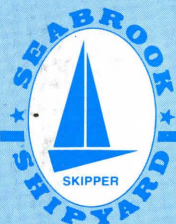
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