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## Robber hits Ingleside bank; suspect wrecks car after chase

By Hal Brown  
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INGLESIDE - A suspected bank robber led police officers on a chase from Aransas Pass to Rockport yesterday before crashing his car into a fence on the outskirts of Rockport.

Ingleside Police Chief Mike Kinstley said a man made off with an undetermined amount of cash at the First National Bank of Ingleside in a noon-hour robbery before the chase.

Kinstley said Ingleside police were dispatched on a fraudulent disturbance call shortly before the robbery.

"We got a call that someone was killing someone," Kinstley said. "The dispatcher said the caller sounded like he was nervous. It sounded suspicious to the dispatch-

er." One patrol car was dispatched to the location, and shortly afterward the bank alarm went off.

The robber "produced a weapon in the bank and took money from two drawers," Kinstley said.

Kinstley went to the bank, got a description of the robber and the getaway vehicle, and broadcast it to area law officers.

Aransas Pass police got the call at 12:25 p.m. and almost immediately spotted a vehicle matching the get-

away car's description. Aransas Pass officers, aided by Department of Public Safety and Aransas County officers, chased the car down State Highway 35 until it crashed into a fence at the Texas Highway Department offices in Rockport.

"When the officers approached,"

the driver "waved a gun out the window," Kinstley said. "They told him to drop it and he did."

Kinstley said the suspect got out of the car and tried to flee, but ran into a barbed wire fence, cutting his cheek.

The man's identity was withheld pending formal charges. He remained in Coastal Bend Hospital last night, said an Ingleside police spokeswoman.

No shots were fired in the incident, Kinstley said. Police say the weapon brandished by the suspect turned out to be a toy gun. Items matching the description of the robber's clothing were recovered from the wrecked automobile.

The Ingleside bank was last robbed in November 1982.

## Four-year university plan Austin-bound, Jones says

By Ben Goodwin  
STAFF WRITER

Approval of a four-year university in Corpus Christi will be sought in this year's Legislature, Mayor Luther Jones said yesterday at the first meeting of the 4U Corpus Christi Foundation.

The foundation is the outgrowth of the 4U CC Committee formed last year to push for a four-year university in Corpus Christi.

Jones will serve as the group's president. Other officers announced yesterday are Victor Gonzalez, vice president; George H. Brown, secretary; R.C. Allen, treasurer; and executive committee members Paul Pearson and Wayne Stockseth. Thirty board members also were announced.

"We have our work cut out for us," said Jones. "We can have a four-year university here and at Kingsville."

Jones said state Sen. Carlos Truan, who last fall opposed a proposed merger of Texas A&I and Corpus Christi State universities, will play an important role in what happens in the Legislature.

"There is no question any position that Senator Truan takes will be critical," said Jones. "He is in the position to help create a four-year university, or stop it from happening."

Jones said communication between the 4U CC Foundation, the local legislative delegation, residents of Kingsville and Texas A&I will be vital if the move to create a four-year university is to be successful.

"The effort to create a four-year university isn't being made at someone else's expense," said Jones, referring to Texas A&I.

Jones said the establishment of a four-year university in Corpus Christi is most important for the future of the city.

"I think the four-year university is it," said Jones. "I am going to devote my time to the issue."



Jones (right), foundation Vice President Victor Gonzalez

Jones is not seeking re-election in the April election.

Gonzalez said the need for a four-year university is evident.

"More importantly now is the need to establish lines of communication to reach our goal of bringing a four-year university to Corpus Christi," said Gonzalez.

According to its bylaws, the foundation will promote the establishment and support of a four-year graduate-level university, either by converting CCSU from its present status or by other methods.

The foundation also will work with Texas A&I to "encourage the viability of that institution and to establish a cooperative working relationship between a four-year university in Corpus Christi and Texas A&I University."

Also, the foundation's bylaws call for its support and improvement of higher education in Cor-

pus Christi, including efforts to streamline and improve cooperation between CCSU and Del Mar College through new partnership programs.

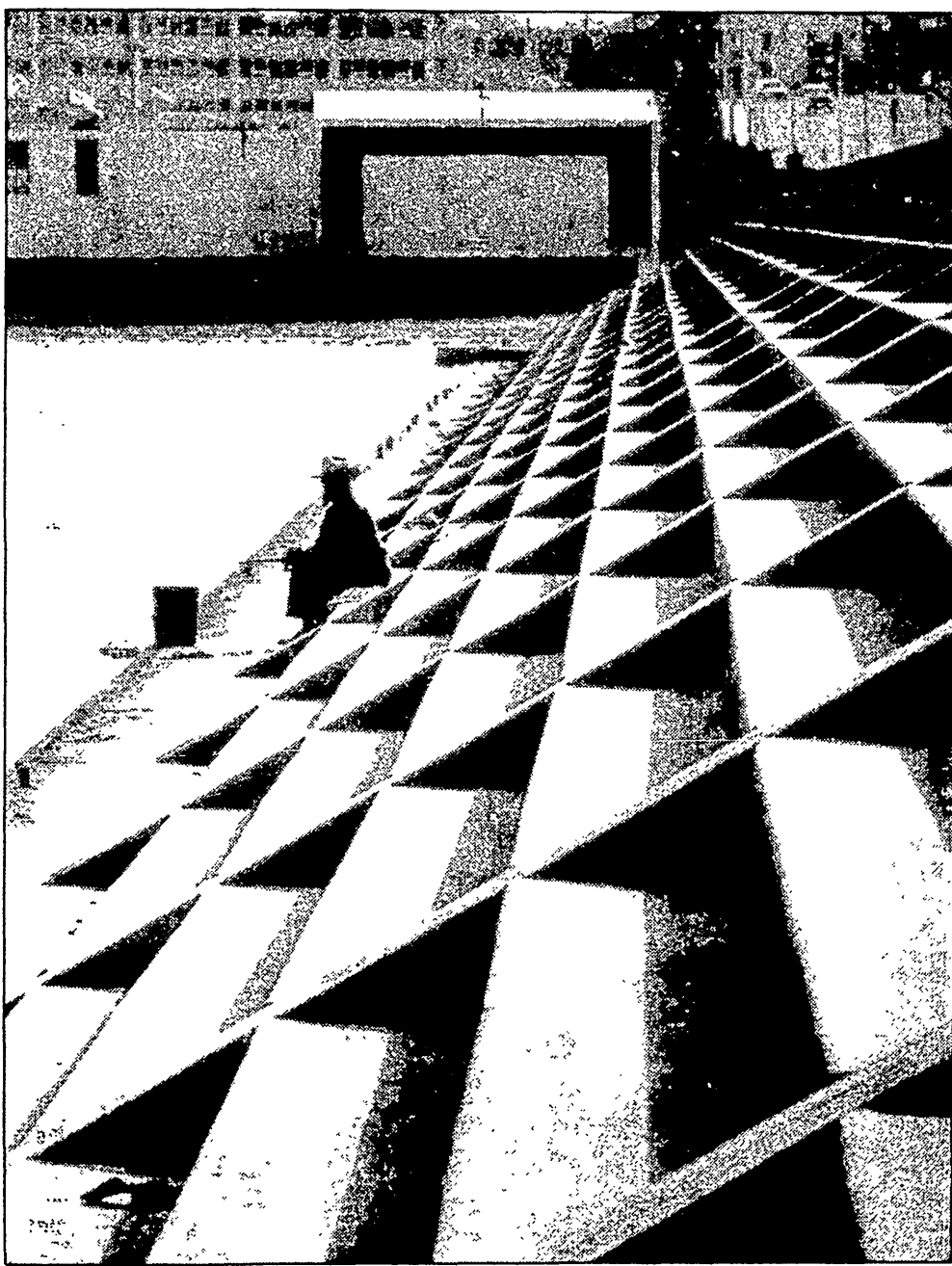
The foundation also will support "the separate but equally important role that Del Mar College plays in the community by assisting the college in attaining its goals."

According to the bylaws, if a four-year university is established, the foundation will encourage administrative and academic cooperation between the university and Del Mar.

The immediate expansion of graduate programs at CCSU also will be sought by the foundation.

The non-profit foundation will raise funds to push for its higher-education goals. A charter has been filed with the secretary of state's office in Austin.

## Good day for fish, bad day for fishing



BRENDA STEELE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

There was a day not too many months ago when you could scoop up fish along the bayfront by hand - all victims of red tide. But yesterday, Robert

Tweedy had no luck and no fish when he tossed a line into Corpus Christi Bay along the seawall near the Holiday Inn-Emerald Beach

## Attorneys differ over legality of conference on university

By Ben Goodwin  
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Whether Bishop Rene Gracida's closed conference today to discuss a four-year university for Corpus Christi violates the state's open meetings law was open to question yesterday.

Gracida is a proponent of expansion of Corpus Christi State University into a four-year institution. The conference, at the Diocese of Corpus Christi's Pastoral Center, 1200 Lantana St., is by invitation only.

Among those invited are board members of the University System of South Texas and the Del Mar College board of regents.

Tony Armendarz, the system board's attorney, Monday advised B. Alan Sugg, interim chancellor, that today's conference violates

the open meetings law. Sugg, also president of CCSU, said yesterday a quorum of the board will not attend today's conference.

Del Mar College president Ed Biggerstaff said the Del Mar board's attorney, J.W. Gary, has advised that the conference doesn't violate the open meetings law. Gary was out of town and couldn't be contacted yesterday.

"Our attorney said, in his opinion, the conference doesn't violate the open meetings law and the regents won't be in violation if they attend," said Biggerstaff. "There will be no definite action taken by the board at the meeting."

Biggerstaff said the opinion also was based on the nine-member board of regents not having total

supervision or final control of anything coming out of the conference.

Sugg notified board members yesterday of the possible violation after Armendarz discussed the meeting with the state attorney general's office.

"It was decided there could be a possible violation of the open meetings law if a quorum of the board attended the conference," said Sugg.

Others invited to the conference include the entire Coastal Bend delegation to the Texas Legislature, directors of 4U Corpus Christi, members of the Chamber of Commerce Task Force on Higher Education and representatives of CCSU, Texas A&I, Laredo State and Laredo Junior College.

## Football's finest scenes are painted on radio

Strange. I saw very little football during the college bowl games and the professional playoffs.

We were visiting and traveling, spending almost no time in front of the television set. And I do not feel as if I missed anything at all. I tried to remember something that happened during the previous football season and had trouble even remembering who was in the Super Bowl.

Television presents so much football, I find I can do without it altogether. However, upon our return home we tuned in to one of the playoff games and listened to the last few minutes of it.

The announcers seem to coach a lot more on radio than on television. If the quarterback wasn't completing passes, he was berated for not calling running plays (even though the quarterbacks haven't called their own plays for years now). If he called running plays that did not gain, he should have passed.

Once, after a quarterback had missed several long passes, the announcer chided him for not throwing short passes. This



Bill Walraven

runner "jitterbugging" his way for a first down. No wonder the defenders didn't tackle him right away. They were too busy laughing at this guy with the ball in one arm and the finger of the other hand extended while he did his little dance.

A 240-pounder "sneaked" through the line. Along the monotonous interstate, I smiled, visualizing a hippopotamus dancing a ballet on its stumpy toes. The same guy also "rumbled" through the line. A fellow that big could rumble like a tank or truck.

Another player "threw a bomb," but he was outdone by a punter who "kicked a rocket."

One of the teams was "all pumped up," and the fans were "in the game." I could see the players floating down the field like the balloons in the Macy's Thanksgiving parade while the fans ran up and down the field, tackling each other, breaking ribs and heads.

A player on the ground didn't seem to be seriously hurt because he was able to move his foot. Meanwhile, his team "dodged the bullet" when a field goal

the passer tried. His pass was immediately intercepted. The announcer accepted no blame for the error.

I'll concede the voices on radio are more colorful than those on the tube. They conjure up more images because the listener cannot see what they are describing.

Thus, the fellow who made a long gain "streaked" down the field. I had visions of cops chasing this naked football player all over the field after that run.

On a long pass play, the receiver "screamed" down the sideline. The people probably couldn't hear him what with all the noise that was going on.

The most vivid description was of a

went awry. But that probably wasn't the same bullet the passer was throwing so hard the receivers couldn't hold onto it.

A quarterback was doing a great job mixing up his plays. You could tell he was mixed up because he got knocked off his pins. He came back with a big strike. Then he was leveled. And his running back was stopped cold. But the team wasn't panicking. They came to play ball. Pretty soon they were "digging up big chunks of yardage."

A quarterback who managed to stutter and draw the other team offside. Had "a great voice." I imagine that fellow sings to the players in the huddle to keep them entertained.

I took exception when it was said one placekicker had "exceptionable" range. That wasn't as bad as the man on the commercial who said his product will "cure your sour stomach with a headache." A headache will take your mind off your troubles every time.

You don't have to have television to enjoy football. All you need is a radio and a little imagination.

In the  
**TIMES**  
this afternoon...

'MOSQUITO  
COAST' REVIEWS  
SURPRISE FORD

Reviews for 'The Mosquito Coast' are in, and the star of the movie, Harrison Ford, is shaking his head in wonderment at the rejection by critics