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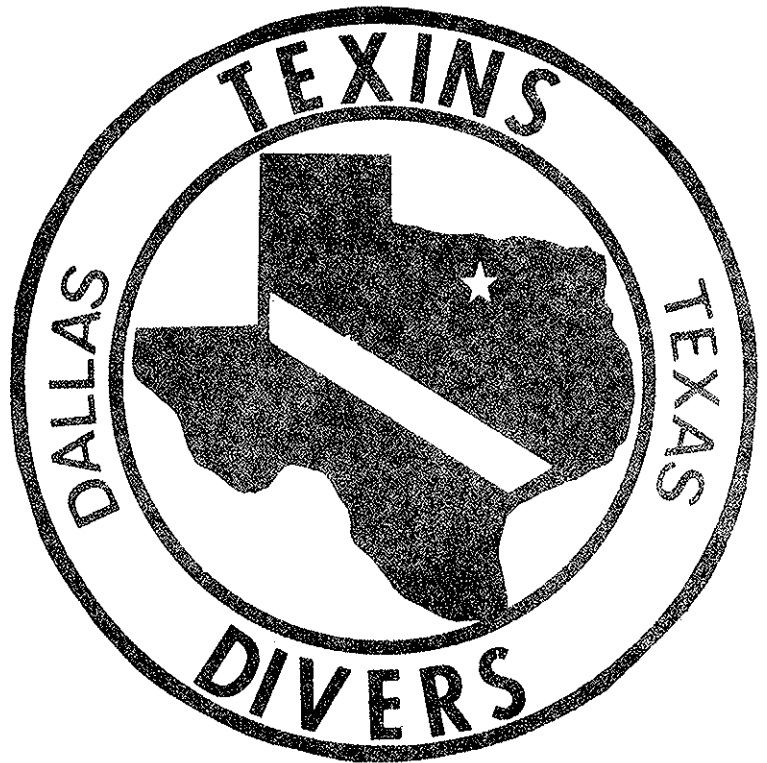
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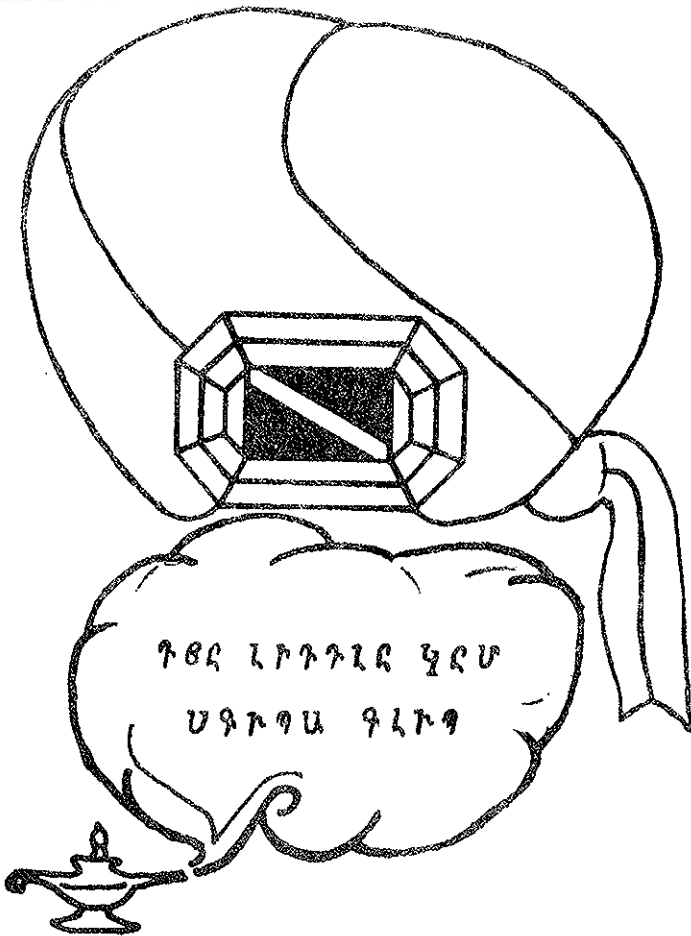
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REPORT
DENNIS FORGARTY BENEFIT FUND

To date we have collected \$1078.06. However, this came from only 62 contributions and we mailed out 456 solicitations -- so there are many, many of you who haven't contributed yet. We have calculated Dennis' part of the hospital bill and it will run in the thousands - we still need your contributions - Please. How can anyone refuse to help a fellow Diver, human being in such great need. It wouldn't hurt any one to contribute at least \$1.00. We are truly grateful to those who have made a sacrifice, God's blessing on you.

A list of contributors will be published in the January Slate. This will give everyone a chance to participate.

Dennis has had his 3rd surgery and the skin grafting is yet to come - the Doctors estimate has increased from 2 to 3 months in the hospital to 3 to 6 months.

The Aquanauts sponsored a Benefit fish fry and dance, Nov. 21 and it looks as if the proceeds will amount to approximately \$750.00. We have a Pirates Treasure Sale planned for the near future. (We're collecting discarded items now, do you have any?)

We still need your contributions. They may be sent to: The Dennis Forgarty Benefit Fund P.O. Box 7245 or 103 E. Melton Longview, TX 75601 or c/o Commercial National Bank P.O. Box 8349 Longview, TX 75601.

Please put on the check, for deposit only to the Dennis Forgarty Benefit Fund, Acc. #20-2129-3.

Your sacrifice in any amount and Prayers will be sincerely appreciated.

Thanks,
Dick Wilgus

Area I Report

Column write!

Ardis, Merritt, Mathewson, names to conjure with. Area clubs may have these men at their helms in the Bicentennial year.

Ardis presided at the LHDM meeting; Merritt was nominated for Prexy of the Texins Dive Club; and our own Wayne Mathewson, tapped to be the fearless leader of Dallas Divers.

Texins on Tuesday: presided over by "lame duck" President Ken Snider. Nominations for next year's officers were made. Bits and pieces of business pertinent only to another Texin were discussed. The Texins will be at the Car Rodeo en masse and plan to attend the SWC Convention, where
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ever it is held. "Callstone Productions" films were presented, entitled "Hunting South Africa" (PG) and "Mono Kinis I Have Seen On The French Riviera" (rated X).

LHDM also saw the same films presented the next night during their usual meeting at the Aquarium in Fair Park. Six members attended the club's outing on November 9th. The Car Rodeo is in everyone's plans.

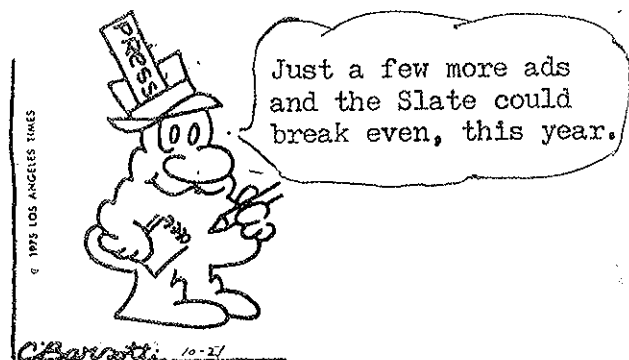
Dallas Divers met on the 13th but the date was lucky. Fifty members and sixteen guests were treated to the World Premiere of a new film "Belize Great Blue Hole" by an obscure film maker known only by his CB handle "Deep Diver". Modesty forbids that I review my own film but everyone loved it. Trip report by T.J. Pool; fresh water film contest by Mel Cannon; the club's SWC obligation by Wayne Mathewson and I, were all discussed for the record.

The Dennis Forgarty tragedy was discussed at all the meetings and I am happy to say that each club in its own way responded by raising and sending nice sums of money to help our dear friend Dennis.

NAMES in the NEWS: Carl McCullar, Jon Johnson, Connie Snider, Tom Streff, Larry Tripp, Ben Sleigh, Dorothy Roy, Jay Zornes, Jim, Jim, Jim, Ann, Gene Gall, David McMurry, Caroline, all were at meetings and said they wanted to see their names in the "Slate".
Now you have!

The EXPLORER POST 1168 went on a DIVE trip! Yes, some folks are actually going down for fun. Fourteen members were escorted by Rod Duguid, Chuck & Linda Rankin, and I to Lake Travis for a two-day trip. Our "navigation contest" was won by lovely Pam Marshall of Irving. The Post collected enough pop tops to sustain a patient in San Diego for six hours on a heart-lung machine. Those interested may bring pop tops to DIVER'S WORLD for collection and help a victim of heart disease pay for treatment. Anyone interested in the SCUBA Post should call me or come by the store. Open to any certified diver 14 to 20 years old.

HANK



Area II Report

Inland Divers Assoc. are making plans for the biggest and best Film Festival they have ever put on. This year the theme will be "SHARKS". Make your plans now to attend, it will be on Saturday, January 24, 1976. Tickets can be purchased from any IDA member at \$2.50 each.

Westside Divers will have there next club meeting on the third Tuesday of December. Hank Silver will be the guest and will show his most recent underwater film taken in Belize.

ORCA Tamers Officers for next year will be President - Deryle Matthews, Vice President - Edwin Warren, and Secretary/Treasurer - Sandra Matthews.

Good Luck at Caddo and look for a turtle with a cast on, what a sight!

Deryle Matthews

Area IV Report

A few of us made a trip to Fossom Kingdom in October. The five club members which attended seemed to have a fine time. The visibility was 8 to 10 feet, and I believe that was the last comfortable dive for quite awhile. I ruined another prop over by the State Park, but that is beginning to be a regular occurrence.

Our next dive is scheduled for the 22nd and 23rd of November at Amistad. Instead of adhering to the previous pattern of dwelling at a campground, we are planning to remain on the boats. This will definitely be a change, and possibly a mistake because it will be so frigid. This might lethargically deter our desire to do much diving, but I'm sure we will get wet.

Part A. McCollum

Area VI Report

Well, here it is report time again. I haven't been able to get out with the other divers in Area VI the past few weeks because of doctor's orders. Due to this, my report will be relatively short, for a change.

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First off, there's our fellow diver, Dennis Forgarty. From all reports, Dennis is doing better day by day. Of course it will be quite a while before Dennis will be back with us once again. I know everyone in the Council is willing to help Dennis all they can. The ETA have organized a benefit fund so that the Council members, and anyone else that wishes, can help Dennis. All donations and donors' names will be published in a future issue of the Slate. Anyone wishing to send a donation, whether it be 5¢, \$5.00, or \$500.00, send them to the following address: Dennis Forgarty Benefit Fund, c/o East Texas Aquanauts, P.O. Box 7245, Longview, TX 75601. A bank account has been set up for donations being sent in Dennis' behalf. Make all checks payable to The Dennis Forgarty Benefit Fund, c/o The Commerical National Bank, Longview, TX 75601 - acc. #20-2129-3.

Dennis is keeping a record and in time plans to repay each donation. I am sure Dennis must feel obligated but these are gifts sent in friendship or from those not knowing him, just a helping hand to a fellow diver. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

The ETA Ladies Auxilary sponsored the October monthly dive which was a great success. The ladies, as well as the club itself, have several activities planned for the future. Most, if not all, are to be held in Dennis' benefit.

The club I spoke of in one of my reports that was trying to organize in Carthage finally materialized. The club, The East Texas Men-of-War, will be seeking membership in the Council at its next Executive Board meeting. The club is also holding its first monthly dive which will be held at one of the members swimming pool. The dive will consist of a Scuba Exchange and a Goldfish Roundup. It will be loads of fun and its getting a lot of divers that hasn't been in organized diving into organization. Hopefully it will be a successful club and be very active in the Council if accepted.

Well until the Jim Clark Memorial, so long and good diving.

Bill Hutto



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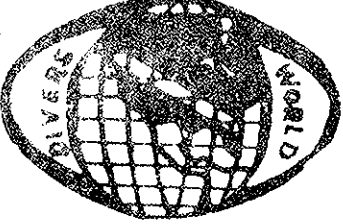
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