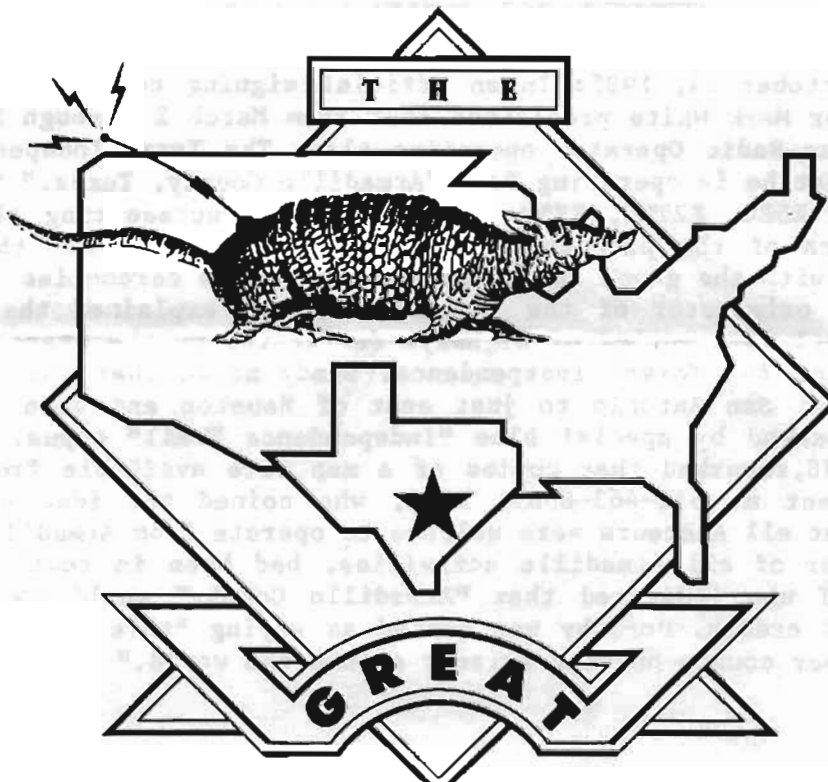


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THE GREAT ARMADILLO RUN IS ON !!



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THE TEXAS DX SOCIETY
THE TEXAS SESQUICENTENNIAL



IN THE SUMMER OF 1985, THE TEXAS DX SOCIETY ANNOUNCED ITS INTENT TO INVITE THE REST OF THE COUNTRY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF TEXAS INDEPENDENCE (THE TEXAS SESQUICENTENNIAL) BY SPONSORING AN OPERATING EVENT THAT WOULD ACTIVATE ALL 3076 COUNTIES IN THE U.S. OVER TWO WEEKENDS IN 1986. "THE GREAT ARMADILLO RUN OF 1986" HAS BEEN WIDELY PUBLICIZED (SEE OCTOBER 1985 QST AND JANUARY 1986 CQ), RECEIVED OVERWHELMING SUPPORT AND GROWN CONSIDERABLY IN SCOPE SINCE ITS INCEPTION. THIS SPECIAL EDITION OF "THE ARMADILLO PRESS" IS AN UPDATE ON THE ACTIVITIES PLANNED IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

DATES SET FOR THE 1986 "ARMADILLO RUN"

NEW CANEY, TEXAS: Armadillo Contest Coordinator, KB5FU has announced that the dates for The Great Armadillo Run of 1986 have been set. The phone event will correspond with the County Hunters' Phone Contest on May 3 and 4. CW weekend will be July 26 and 27 to parallel the County Hunters' CW Contest. In a recent interview, Galen indicated that the sponsors of both of the County Hunters events were enthusiastic about having all 3077 counties activated during their contests and having parallel contests. Obviously overcome with their enthusiasm, Galen also was quoted as saying; "I really don't see why we can't put 'em all on both weekends!" Complete rules appear elsewhere in this issue of the "Armadillo Press."

"ARMADILLO COUNTY, TEXAS" FORMED

AUSTIN, TEXAS October 24, 1985: In an official signing ceremony in the State Capitol, Governor Mark White proclaimed that from March 2 through December 31, 1986, any Amateur Radio Operator operating along The Texas Independence Trail may broadcast that he is operating from "Armadillo County, Texas." The ceremony was attended by K5RC, K2TNO, K25M, NA5R and N5DC representing the Texas DX Society, sponsors of the proclamation request. A reporter for the Armadillo Press caught up with the group in the Rotunda after the ceremonies and got some comments. NA5R, originator of the "Armadillo Run," explained that the Texas Independence trail is a series of highways designated by the State to show the path of the fight for Texas' independence. Grady noted that the highways run from just east of San Antonio to just east of Houston and down to the Gulf coast and are marked by special blue "Independence Trail" signs. K2TNO, 1985 President of TDXS, remarked that copies of a map were available from the State Highway Department at 512-463-8585. N5DC, who coined the idea of a special county, said that all Amateurs were welcome to operate from Armadillo County. K5RC, coordinator of all Armadillo activities, had been in touch with USA-CA custodian WB9RCY who indicated that "Armadillo County" would count as a new county for Award credit. Dorothy was quoted as saying "this sounds like great fun for all of our county-hunting friends around the world."

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GOVERNING BODY ANNOUNCED

In a related story, K5RC reported that at a recent TDXS meeting, the governing body of Armadillo County had been elected for 1986. In a semi-autocratic election, the slate of the officials who will guide the 1986 Armadillo activities was presented:

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| County Judge, K5RC | County Attorney, KE5FI | Building Inspector, K5LZO |
| Commissioner, K2TNO | Sheriff, K5YCP | Mosquito Control, N5EA |
| Commissioner, W5ASP | County Clerk, N5DC | Fire Marshall, N5AF |
| Commissioner, KN5A | County Surveyor, N5RP | Health Department, N5DU |
| Commissioner, KZ5M | County Engineer, K5DX | Propaganda Minister, NR5M |
| Justice of the Peace, NA5R | Medical Examiner, KD5SP | Geologist, W5JQ |
| Tax Collector, N5JJ | County Auditor, K5GB | Pollution Control, KN5H |
| Parliamentarian, K5GN | Communications, K5TU | Haberdasher, AK5B |
| Postmistress, KE5TF | Board of Education, NM5M | Sports Director, NZ5I |

Immediately after the swearing in ceremony, several of the new bureaucrats had announcements to make. Sheriff K5YCP is having genuine Deputy Sheriff of Armadillo County badges struck. Ken announced that all participants in the 1986 Armadillo Run will become honorary Deputy's and will be eligible to wear the genuine brass badge that is a replica of the famous Texas Rangers' badge. Propaganda Minister, NR5M announced that the official Armadillo Run jackets, patches, baseball hats, bumper stickers and t-shirts were now available. George had samples of deluxe white silk jackets and windbreakers with the 9" x 12" logo screened on the back in blue and red. Haberdasher, AK5B indicated that the Armadillo Run souvenirs (including the badges) are available through him at: 3210 Chaparral Way, Spring, Texas 77380.

SPECIAL EVENTS STATION PLANNED

ARMADILLO COUNTY: 1986 TDXS President, W5ASP, announced that the Texas DX Society is planning a special events station for opening day of Armadillo County, March 2, 1986. Station K5DX/A will fire up at 0600 UTC and operate a "field day" style operation from the state park at Washington-on-the-Brazos. The all-band effort, from the site of the signing of the Texas Declaration of Independence, will be open to the public. In his announcement, Joe said that "the TDXS would like to help give our hobby more public exposure by a demonstration of Ham Radio in action. We will invite the public to observe our activities." QSL'S will go to K5DX.

W5ASP also told this reporter that the TDXS plans other K5DX/A operations throughout the Sesquicentennial celebrations from various historic sites along the Independence Trail. Future issues of the Armadillo Press will carry the dates of these operations.

TDXS HAS SLIDES AND A VHS TAPE PRESENTATION ON THE ARMADILLO RUN AND CAN MAKE SPEAKERS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR CLUB GROUP. CONTACT K5RC FOR DETAILS.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA TO JOIN IN ARMADILLO ACTIVITIES

PORT LINCOLN: VK5PWA, spokesperson for Ham Radio's involvement in the "South Australian Jubilee 150" has announced plans to conduct joint activities with the 1986 Armadillo Run. K5RC indicated that since 1986 is the 150th anniversary of Texas and South Australia, what better way to promote international good will than through a joint Amateur Radio Project. The activities from "down under" get under way on January 25 with Australia Day, 1986 and special events stations VK5ALE and VK5JSA followed, on February 28 with the Settlers Fair and special events station VK5ALE. There will also be another parallel Armadillo Run, Down Under, sponsored by the W.I.A., happening during the same periods. In an expression of international good will and friendship, the rules for the US Armadillo Run include multiplier credit for Australian Counties, 10 points QSO credit for Armadillo County, South Australia and 5 points QSO credit for a VK5 station. Rules for the Australian Armadillo Run are being finalized at this time and will include similar bonus points for VK stations working US stations. As other joint activities are finalized, they will be published in future issues of the Armadillo Press.

ON-THE-AIR MEETINGS TO START THIS MONTH

THE "F" LAYER: TDXS would like to invite all those interested in the Armadillo activities to participate in on-the-air meetings. TDXS will be interchanging data with the Regional Coordinators, announcing updates to scheduled activities, answering questions and soliciting comments and suggestions from everyone. With band conditions so poor, there may have to be several net control stations around the country and may have to use alternate bands to get to everyone, so please be patient. KB5FU will be net control and the meetings will be on Sunday, January 25, February 22, March 22 and April 26 at 2000 UTC on 14.340 with alternate of 7.243.

OTHER DX ACTIVITY PLANNED FOR SESQUICENTENNIAL

SYNAPTIC GAP, TX. (SPECIAL): According to K2TNO, two TDXS members volunteered to drive their pickup truck to Australia, bring back Heard Island (VKØ) and anchor it in Galveston Bay. When asked how they planned to accomplish this formidable task, they proudly displayed an enormous cannon mounted in the bed of the truck. As they explained the plan to Bill; "We're gonna chop up the island into small chunks, load it into the cannon and shoot the pieces to Texas." When Bill inquired why they would want to do such a thing they replied; "Well, we'd like to be able to work DX any time we wanted and we need a project for after the 1986 Armadillo Run is over!" The reasons seemed sound to the President Emeritus of TDXS so he asked for some details on this huge gun. The local QRPers replied that it had a six foot bore and could be fired multiple times. In other words, they explained, it's a two-meter repeater. The final question posed by K2TNO was "why Heard Island?" "Simple, explained the TDXSers; it will be the Heard shot 'round the world!"

THE TEXAS DX SOCIETY PRESENTS:
THE 1986 TEXAS SESQUICENTENNIAL CONTESTS

ELIGIBILITY: OPEN TO ALL AMATEURS, WORLDWIDE

OBJECT: TO CONTACT AS MANY STATIONS IN AS MANY U.S. COUNTIES AS POSSIBLE AND TO ACTIVATE ALL U.S. COUNTIES DURING THE "ARMADILLO RUN" TIME PERIODS.

DATES: PHONE: MAY 3-4, 1986

CW: JULY 26-27, 1986

(THERE ARE SEPARATE CONTESTS FOR EACH MODE)

RULES: THE CONTEST RULES AND EXCHANGE WILL BE THE SAME AS FOR THE COUNTY HUNTERS' CONTESTS (EACH MODE OF THE C.H. CONTESTS HAVE DIFFERENT RULES; CHECK THE CONTEST CALENDARS IN CQ AND QST FOR THE 1986 RULES). THE SAME LOGS MAY BE SUBMITTED FOR BOTH CONTESTS. THERE ARE ADDITIONAL CATEGORIES OF ENTRY AND CERTAIN TIME PERIODS FOR THE "ARMADILLO RUN" PORTION OF THE SESQUICENTENNIAL CONTESTS. THESE SPECIFIC TIMES MUST BE HIGHLIGHTED IN THE LOGS AND CATEGORIES OF PARTICIPATION NOTED ON THE SUMMARY SHEETS.

THE ARMADILLO RUN: "THE ARMADILLO RUN" TIMES OF THE CONTEST ARE THE SPECIFIC PERIODS BETWEEN 1300 UTC AND 0100 UTC SATURDAY AND SUNDAY WHEN THE STATIONS DESIGNATED AS "ARMADILLO RUN" STATIONS WILL BE COVERING THEIR ASSIGNED COUNTIES IN AN ATTEMPT TO ACTIVATE ALL COUNTIES OVER THE TWO CONTEST WEEKENDS. OUTSIDE THE "ARMADILLO RUN" TIMES, THE ARMADILLO RUN STATIONS MAY CONTINUE OPERATION AND COMPETE IN OTHER CATEGORIES.

TIMES: CONTEST PERIOD IS 0000 UTC SATURDAY THROUGH 2359 UTC SUNDAY.
MANDATORY REST PERIOD FROM 0800 UTC TO 1200 UTC

THE CONTEST IS 48 HOURS WITH 24 HOURS OF SPECIFIC "ARMADILLO RUN" TIME, 8 HOURS REST AND 16 HOURS GENERAL OPERATING TIME.

CATEGORIES: ARMADILLO RUN STATION: HAS REGISTERED WITH A REGIONAL COORDINATOR AND HAS VOLUNTEERED TO COVER SPECIFIC COUNTIES ON ONE OR BOTH WEEKENDS EITHER IN A PRIMARY FUNCTION OR IN A BACKUP FUNCTION (IN THE EVENT OF MISHAP OR BREAKDOWN OF A PRIMARY STATION). CLASSES ARE FIXED OR MOBILE, SINGLE OP OR MULTIOP. AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN IN EACH CATEGORY. MAY OPERATE AS AN ARMADILLO RUN STATION ONLY BETWEEN 1300 UTC AND 0100 UTC EACH DAY. MOBILES MUST BE IN EACH COUNTY A MINIMUM OF 30 MINUTES. FIXED STATIONS MUST BE ON THE AIR A MINIMUM OF 16 HOURS OUT OF 24. ARMADILLO RUN STATIONS WILL ACTIVATE THEIR ASSIGNED COUNTIES ON 20 AND 40 METERS.

PARTICIPATING STATION: ANY STATION PARTICIPATING IN THE TEXAS SESQUICENTENNIAL CONTEST. CATEGORIES ARE THE SAME AS FOR THE COUNTY HUNTERS' CONTESTS.

PARTICIPATING RADIO CLUB: ANY RADIO CLUB GROUP THAT PARTICIPATES IN THE ARMADILLO RUN AS A CLUB PROJECT.

AWARDS: SEPARATE AWARDS WILL BE MADE FOR THE CW AND PHONE CONTESTS. HIGHEST SCORING FIXED STATION IN EACH CATEGORY IN EACH STATE WILL RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE AND AN ARMADILLO RUN PATCH. THE TOP TEN MOBILE STATIONS IN EACH CATEGORY WILL RECEIVE CERTIFICATES AND AN ARMADILLO RUN PATCH. EACH PARTICIPANT WILL RECEIVE A PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATE DEPUTIZING THEM AS A DEPUTY SHERIFF OF ARMADILLO COUNTY TEXAS. THE HIGHEST SCORING SINGLE OPERATOR FIXED STATION AND THE HIGHEST SCORING SINGLE OPERATOR MOBILE STATION FOR EACH MODE WILL RECEIVE A WHITE "ARMADILLO RUN" WINDBREAKER. THE HIGHEST SCORING SINGLE OPERATOR COMBINED-MODE WINNER FIXED AND MOBILE WILL WIN A WHITE SATIN "ARMADILLO RUN" JACKET.

ARMADILLO RUN STATIONS THAT COVER ALL OF THEIR ASSIGNED COUNTIES WILL RECEIVE SPECIAL CERTIFICATES AND AN ARMADILLO RUN PATCH. SPECIAL AWARDS WILL BE MADE FOR EXTRAORDINARY EFFORTS OF **ARMADILLO RUN STATIONS**.

PARTICIPATING RADIO CLUBS WILL RECEIVE A CLUB PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATE. TDXS WILL MAKE SOUVENIRS AVAILABLE TO PARTICIPATING CLUBS TO ENCOURAGE INTERNAL CLUB COMPETITION.

SCORING: SCORING WILL BE THE SAME AS THE COUNTY HUNTERS' CONTESTS WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

AUSTRALIAN COUNTIES COUNT AS MULTIPLIERS.
ARMADILLO COUNTY, TEXAS COUNTS 5-TIMES QSO POINTS
ARMADILLO COUNTY, SOUTH AUSTRALIA COUNTS 10-TIMES QSO POINTS
ANY VK5 STATION COUNTS 5-TIMES QSO POINTS

DEADLINES: **ARMADILLO RUN STATIONS** MUST BE REGISTERED WITH THE REGIONAL COORDINATORS OR WITH TDXS BY APRIL 25 FOR PHONE AND BY JULY 18 FOR CW. LOGS MUST BE RECEIVED WITHIN ONE MONTH AFTER THE CONTEST DATE. A LETTER FROM AN OFFICIAL OF PARTICIPATING CLUBS STATING THEIR INTENT TO PARTICIPATE WITH A LIST OF ELIGIBLE MEMBERS MUST ALSO BE RECEIVED BY LOG DEADLINE DATES.

RESULTS: RESULTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE MAJOR PERIODICALS AND PARTICIPATING CLUBS. PARTICIPANTS WHO DESIRE A COPY OF THE RESULTS MUST SEND A 9" x 12" SASE. ADDRESS ALL LOGS AND CORRESPONDENCE TO:

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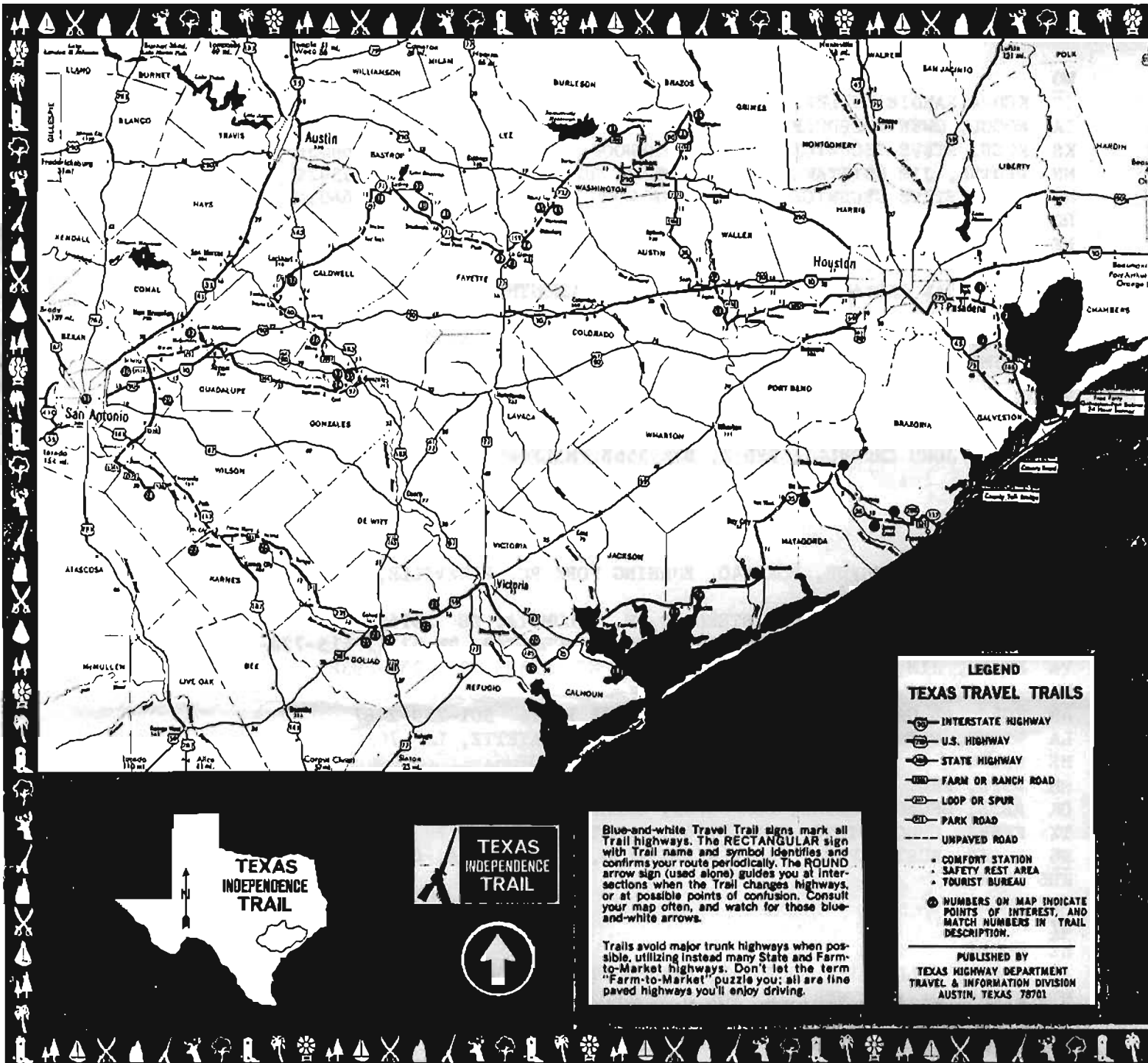
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