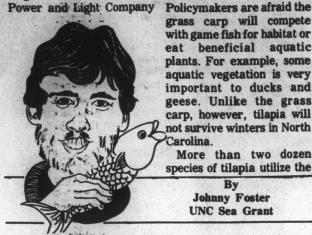
### Tilapia, Important Fish

Tilapia is the most im- Some states allow in-



portant food fish in the troduction of another fish, world. It is delicious, fast - grass carp, for algae and growing and able to aquatic plant control. But withstand poor water grass carp can live for many quality conditions. But in years and grow very large North Carolina, 'tilapia has in North Carolina. For that another use. At least two reason, it is illegal to bring large industries, Carolina them into our state. grass carp will compete with game fish for habitat or eat beneficial aquatic plants. For example, some aquatic vegetation is very important to ducks and geese. Unlike the grass carp, however, tilapia will not survive winters in North Carolina.

More than two dozen species of tilapia utilize the Johnny Foster

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Corporation, are using chain.

They come from Africa and water colder than 50 degrees food is algae.

Algae and aquatic plants can be a big problem for County moves up to 60 canals in order to strip must be removed. That used stocks tilapia and saves

vegetation clogging intake the fish. screens at one of its electricity - generating plants. Sixty thousand fish were stocked at a cost of \$15,000.

were saved in one year. that make tilapia so at- made into a fish meal. The tractive to large cor- fish have a high quality porations should also appeal flesh, are extremely to private pond owners. nutritious and are ab-Besides clogging water solutely delicious. So, as transport systems, algae tilapia become more can be unsightly and a familiar to people, they

### Computer Show

All the major computer manufacturers will present \$25 - million worth of their equipment at the "Virginia -Carolina Computer Show & topic of a future column.) Office Equipment Exposition, April 23 to April 25 at the Pavilion in Virginia Survey Slated

Computers from Wang, Data General, Hewlett -Packard, Lanier, Radio Shack, Wanatabe, Heathkit, Texas Instruments, IBM, Volks, Raytheon, Dictaphone, Xerox, Atari, NCR and others will be on display and for sale - some at incredible bargain prices - at the show.

There will be 30,000 square feet of business and personal computers, word and data processors, telecommunications equipment, computer

graphics, office machines, software systems, software consultants, computer supplies and accessories and video games.

The world's first and only rock n'roll robot band - the Nuclear Diode Robot Band will perform throughout the three - day event. This computerized, four - piece band performs electro - pop, synthesized music through a whirring, blinking and flashing of mechanized NASA parts.

Show hours are 11 A.M. to 6 P.M. on Friday and Saturday, noon to 6 P.M. on Sunday. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children 12 years and under.

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Pork consumption increased from 59.4 pounds per capita in 1977 to 73.5 pounds

and Texasguif Chemicals various niches of the food Some eat tilapia to control vegetation. microscopic plankton, some Consequently, the tilapia eat filamintous algae and are paying big dividends. some will eat the tender Few people around here shoots of rooted aquatic have ever heard of tilapia. Plants. But none of the species can survive below 50 look a lot like bream. They degrees F for long periods of can live in fresh or brackish time. Because of this limited water and withstand many growing season, it is conditions fatal to most fish. unlikely populations could But, they cannot live in get out of control. Thus, they offer a temporary F. Their major source of management tool for seasonal peaks of nuisance vegetation.

Tilapia are a prolific industries that regularly species. They can reproduce move large volumes of rapidly, and even small water. The Texasgulf tilapia are capable of phosphate mine in Beaufort breeding. Feeding the fish is relatively inexpensive million gallons of water per because they don't require day through dewatering animal protein. For these reasons, fingerling tilapia mine phosphate. Algae and for vegetation control plants clog the canals and should be relatively inexpensive. They can be purto require expensive chased from a hatchery equipment and considerable utilizing warm water, or a labor. Now, Texasgulf small percentate can be overwintered in warm \$15,000 to \$20,000 per year. water and allowed to begin Carolina Power and Light reproducing in the spring. Company uses tilapia to As the aquatic plants ineliminate aquatic crease production, so should

Farmers will be interested to know that livestock or poultry manure Almost one million dollars can fertilize a pond to grow tilapia. The tilapia can then The same characteristics be used directly for feed or hindrance to recreation. could become an important food fish. But for the time being, they are important to industries interested in controlling aquatic

(Ecological aquaculture utilizing tilapia will be the

RALEIGH - Students trained in North Carolina's community colleges system make good employees, say a majority of the 3,630 employers recently surveyed by the Department of Community Colleges.

A total of 83.8 per cent of the employers say the quality of work of community college - trained personnel is good to very good and 77.6 per cent report similar findings for their production rates.

The survey is the second part of a statewide follow up study the Department conducted last year of more than 53,000 former vocational and technical students. Employers serthose veyed were designated by the former students participating in the original follow - up survey.

The Department surveyed 6,108 employers, representing a variety of industries in North Carolina. More than half (59.4 per cent) returned the survey, rating the former students' performance on

The latest survey asked employers about the former students' training and personal characteristics. Technical knowledge, work quality and work at-titude were all rated good to

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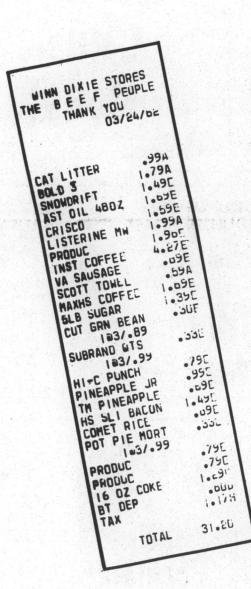
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