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# Area lake, park will open soon

Residents of the Brazos Valley may be ble to celebrate the bicentennial this 4th July by picnicking, swimming, boating fishing at the new Bryan Utilities Lake

The park, located about five miles north of Bryan right off Sandy Point Road, is composed of 35 acres of semi-cleared vooded picnic areas along the shore of the 450 acre West Lake. Three large islands compose the land divider separating the west lake from the 350 acre East Lake.

### Plan is for \$1 million

Jay Williams, the director of Bryan's Ofice of Parks and Recreation said, "The total plan calls for about \$1 million to be spent on the park in the next five years.

Right now the most obvious change to the natural setting is a \$26,070 boat launching ramp built by funds given to the project by the Texas Parks and Recreation De-partment and the Bryan City Council. TP & R gave \$25,000, and the city chipped in the other \$1,070. A fish cleaning table is located next to the boat ramp. According to Williams, the fish cleaning table should get extensive use.

"The Texas Wildlife and Fisheries De-partment has stocked the lake with thousands of fish. Two years ago they put in 85,000 catfish and 15,000 bass. Two weeks ago they put in 90,000 pike and they're supposed to be putting in some of those Super Florida Bass, about 10,000 of them," he said.

Tuesday night the city council set the price of entry into the park. The charge for a car-load of people, up to six, would be \$3.00. Any additional passengers would cost .50 each. Each pedestrian or cyclist would be charged .50 to get into the park. A family membership for the year would cost \$37.50. People over 65 and children under 6 years of age would be allowed in free.

Lake built for power plant

The lake was originally created as a cooling lake for the Roland C. Dansby power plant, using the water to cool the turbines that generate electricity. The water goes into the generator from the East Lake, exiting through a canal into the West Lake. A canal on the southern end of the lakes would allow the water back into the East

Staff photo by Jim Hendrickson

### Where's the water?

A scheduled water fight last night between the Corps and civilian students quickly turned into a mudbath as the supply of clean water ran low. The fight was held on the Intramural field behind Duncan Dining Hall.

# Ancient rituals celebrated May 1

By DIANA TOTAH How will you celebrate May Day this

May 1, a date often ignored in the United States, has a colorful history as a holiday. May Day has been celebrated as the arrival of the new growing season. Ceremonies are the remnants of ancient agricultural and fertility rituals, which were once celebrated universally during seasonal changes. People paid homage to trees and, the spirit of vegetation was symbolized in a living person or doll. The elaborate festivities, meant to insure good crops and happiness, were closely linked to numerous omens and taboos. In Wales, a festival called Beltane is held

on May Day. Bonfires are lit and great celebrations are held to this day in remote areas of the British Isles.

In Ireland, the Church Christianized

### War threatened in Lebanon vote

**Associated Press** 

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Leftist Moslem leader Kamal Jumblatt threatened today to resume full-scale warfare against the right-wing Christians unless the election Saturday of a new president is delayed. "We refuse to have Lebanon's president

elected at gunpoint or before the total withdrawal of Syrian troops from Lebanese territory," Jumblatt declared. Syrian President Hafez Assad has an es-

this celebration by transferring it to June 24, the feast of St. John, which is still celebrated with bonfires.

It was customary in England during the Middle ages for all classes to go out early May Day morning to gather fresh flowers Hawthorne branches were gathered and brought home about sunrise with accompaniments of horn and tabor. People would then decorate the doors and windows of their houses with the branches and flowers. By association, the hawthorn bloom was given the name "the May." The ceremony was called "bringing home the May," and the expedition to the woods was spoken of

as "going a-Maying." The fairest maid was crowned with flow-ers as the "Queen of the May." She was placed in a little arbor where she sat in state receiving homage and admiration of the youthful revellers who danced and sang around her.

This May Day custom seems to be a relic of the old Roman celebration of the day when the goddess of blooming vegetation, Flora, was worshipped

The most conspicuous feature of the festival was the erection of a fixed pole (the Maypole), which could be as high as the mast of a 100-ton vessel. On May Day morning, wreaths of flowers were suspended from it, and people danced around it in rings nearly the whole day

The Furitans uprooted the Maypoles and put a stop to the celebrations. The parties were revived after the Restoration. A May Day custom still survives in sec-tions of England and the United States. May 1 was designated a holiday for radical laborers by the Second Socialist Interna-tional in 1889, and, since then, May Day became a national holiday throughout

The idea of promoting national campaigns for an eight-hour work day on a fixed date seems to have originated in France. The date was agreed on at a Congress of Socialists from 21 countries held in Paris in

The choice of the date was thought to be inspired by a message from Samuel Gom-pers, the president of the newly formed American Federation of Labor. Gompers announced that a nationwide program of strikes, parades, and other demonstrations by American workers in support of the eight-hour work day had been scheduled for May 1, 1890.

May 1 was chosen chiefly for practical reasons in a number of states. It was the customary starting day for leases and con-tracts, but a history of celebration already underscored the date.

# House national budget has \$52.4 billion deficit

WASHINGTON - Rejecting all efforts to cut spending for defense, for jobs and other domestic programs, the House yes terday approved a \$415.4-billion federal spending target figure that is \$19.6 billion more than President Ford asked.

The final vote was 221-155. That

Congress' new machinery for setting its own federal budget rather than simply act-ing on the President's.

The Senate has already approved a \$412.6-billion target, \$16.8 billion above Ford's budget and anticipating a \$50.2billion deficit.



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Precinct Chairman, Precinct (write in)

Vote tomorrow.

Voters will be called upon to make a number of decisions concerning political preferences in Texas' first presidential primary tomorrow. Po-sitions on the ballot range from presidential delegates to precinct chairmen.

Voters will elect delegates to the national presidential nominating conventions rather than voting for

**Bailroad** Commissioner Walter Wendlandt

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County Chairman

John N. Raney (write in)

delegates will appear on the Demo-cratic and Republican ballots as supporting the various presidential can-didates. Three delegates will be selected in the Democratic primary, four in the Republican primary. Any three Democratic, or any four Republican delegates may be selected.

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timated 6,000 troops in Lebanon and also controls some 7,000 men of the Saiqa Paleschristian dominance of the government and the economy replaced by an equal sharing of power between the Christian minority and Moslem majority.

All the presidential candidates are Christians, continuing the prewar division of key government posts. But Jumblatt is support-ing the candidacy of Raymond Edde, the anti-Syrian head of the National Bloc party. Syria supports Elias Sarkis, governor of the central bank

On Thursday, the Moslems of the pro-Syrian Baath party threatened to take up arms against Jumblatt's forces to prevent him from delaying the election. The Christians are also divided. Pierre

Gemayel's Phalange party, which has the biggest militia fighting on the Christian side, said it wants the election to go ahead Saturday.

### **Document handwritten**

## Billionaire's will discovered

Winged wonder

The true identity of this statue

will remain a secret until it is

unveiled in ceremonies Satur-

day morning. The statue, a gift

of the Class of '76, is located

near the Corps dorm area. The

statue is patterned after the

Texas A&M Centennial Eagle.

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Three scrawled pages of instructions that leave \$125 million each to the Mormon Church and a 31-year-old Utah gas station owner who says he once loaned Howard Hughes a quarter, will be probated as the will of the late billionaire.

"It's just legal procedure from now on," said Noah Dietrich, 87, the former top Hughes aide named in the faded document as executor.

"I have no question that it's his handwriting and his signature," Dietrich said Thursday in Los Angeles. "It was brought to me this afternoon, using the copying method over the telephone, and I no longer have any question about it.

Dietrich earlier had expressed doubt about the validity of the document turned over to a court here because of numerous spelling errors, but said that he later changed his mind. A tattered envelope containing the

crudely written instructions was given to Clark County Clerk Loretta Bowman ear-

lier vesterday by Wilford W. Kirton, Ir. legal counsel for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon). Kirton said it had been found Tuesday at the church's headquarters in Salt Lake City. He said a handwriting expert consulted by Mormon officials said the document seemed authen-

However, officials at Summa Corp., par-ent company for Hughes' vast holdings, said they doubted the will had been drawn by Hughes and a court fight over its auhenticity seemed probable

The judge here who will decide whether the document is Hughes' last will said Dietrich would have to prove its validity. "Since Dietrich has been named

executor, it would be up to him to submit proof that this will was indeed the last will and testament of Howard Hughes, that it was properly signed by Howard Hughes and that Howard Hughes was mentally capable of executing a will at the time it was signed," said Chief Judge Keith Hayes of the 8th Judicial District Court. Hayes declined to say specifically what

cluded 208 Democrats and 13 Republicans on the winning side and 111 Republicans and 44 Democrats in opposition.

Democrats said the target for the fiscal year starting Oct. 1 would continue the nation's economic recovery but Republicans said it feeds inflation

A proposal to chop \$2.5 billion off defense and spend the money for jobs, welfare and other programs was overwhelm-ingly defeated 317-85. An effort to chop off \$52.4 billion to wipe out an anticipated federal deficit and balance the budget was defeated 272-105.

A Republican proposal to cut the figure \$13.7 billion and add a \$10-billion tax cut to bring the budget target figure closer to President Ford's \$395.8-billion request was rejected 230-145.

The House added \$1.8 billion for veterans' benefits to the target figure Wednes-day, raising it to the total \$415.4 billion. The federal spending target is part of

he would accept as proof of the will's valid-ity but commented, "Someone would have to prove that this will was written by How-

ard Hughes and that it is legally binding. I

would say that someone would have to have been familiar with Mr. Hughes or be some

kind of an expert, such as a handwriting

one-fourth of Hughes' fortune, estimated at up to \$2.5 billion, to the Hughes Medical

they expected him to leave much of his money to medical research and charity be-

cause such a bequest normally is exempt from federal estate taxes.

The holographic will - so called because

it purports to be written in the descen-

dant's own hand — contains no signatures of witnesses. A federal judge in Clark County said a holographic will does not

require witnesses, merely verification from

handwriting experts. The document also instructs that one-

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If declared valid, the will would leave

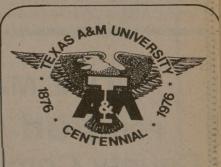
Several of Hughes associates have said

analyst.

Institute in Miami

### the House and Senate spending targets to produce final figures for the congressional committees to follow in approving spending bills.

Supporters of the House effort to divert defense funds to spending for jobs and other domestic programs said Congress must re-order spending priorities. The proposal included a plan for federal takeover of 75 per cent of state welfare payments.



- Entrance into Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine is getting increasingly difficult. Page 5.
- Nancy Reagan campaigned here yesterday for her husband. Page 3.
- John Merrill, visiting Centennial Professor, explained the present dangers to the American press. Page 4.

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### Weather

Decreasing cloudiness this after noon with a high in the upper 60s. Partly cloudy and cool tonight, low near 50. Fair and mild tomorrow with a high in the low 70s. Winds will be northerly at 10 to 18 miles per hour today, decreasing tonight. Precipita-tion probability is 40 per cent today.

Partly cloudy and mild, Sunday high in the low 80s. Cloudy and warm Monday, high in low 80s.