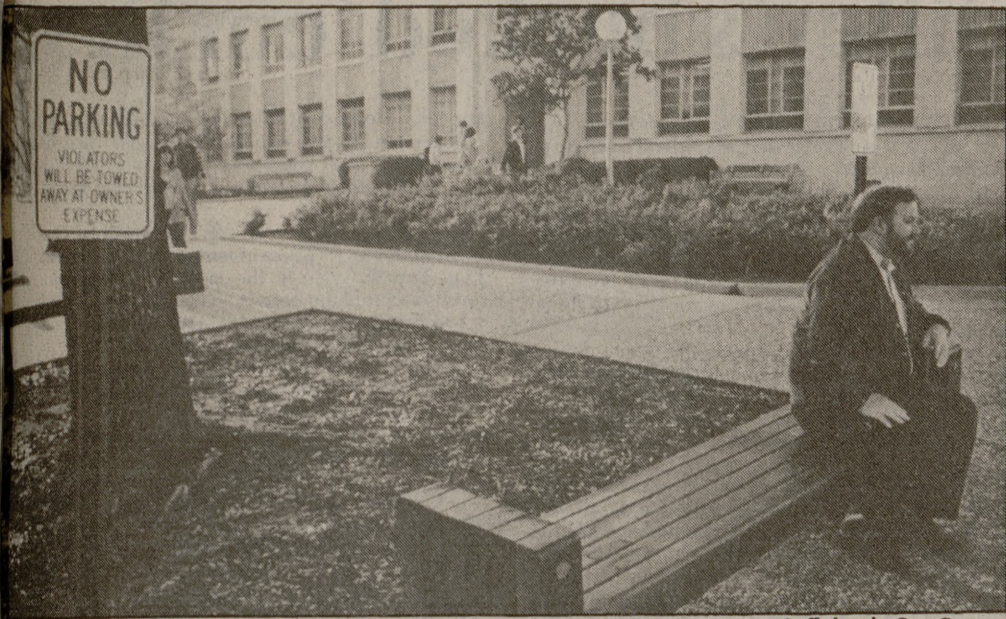


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The threat that "violators will be towed away" does not discourage Bob Tippet from using the bench by Spence Street in front of Evans Lib-

rary. Actually, the sign asks persons not to park their cars in front of a pedestrian access by the bench.

Chemical dump plans approved

United Press International PHILADELPHIA — Plans for the country's first chemical waste incinerator, where PCB (polychlorinated biphenyl) will be destroyed, have been approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for construction in Deer Park, Texas. The Rollins Environmental Services Co. of Deer Park may begin incinerating PCB as soon as March 4 under the terms of its authorization, EPA Regional Administrator Jack J. Schramm said.

The disposal of hazardous wastes including PCB has remained an unanswered question for many com-

munities where the chemicals have polluted water supplies and have been blamed for increased rates of cancer.

Schramm said, "We're optimistic that this is only the start of the technological advances that will help us solve the enormous problem of hazardous waste disposal."

In test burns prior to federal approval for the plan, Rollins demonstrated the incineration was almost 100 percent effective in destroying PCB's. EPA officials estimate that 20 million pounds of the possible cancer-causing PCB's are in storage awaiting safe destruction.

State salary hike is possible

United Press International AUSTIN — Prospects that state employees will receive a pay raise from the Legislature by the end of the week are definitely good, but how much the salary increase will be still debatable.

The Senate today was expected to approve a bill by Sen. Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin, that would give the state employees an emergency 6.8 percent increase, with a \$50 minimum. That is double what Gov. Bill Clements had recommended.

The emergency pay increase legislation must be passed by Thursday in order for the state employees to begin receiving their additional money by Feb. 1. However, Clements still has not

committed to supporting a 6.8 percent increase. One of his legislative liaisons, Hilary Doran, said the governor probably wanted a compromise.

Doran said the governor is going to allow the Senate to pass the 6.8 percent salary increase, and perhaps find a compromise in the House.

"The governor is still exploring some common ground and compromise," he said. "We're hoping to get some accommodation in the House."

Speaker Bill Clayton and other legislative leaders met with the governor last week and Clayton indicated that Clements agreed to support a compromise 5.1 percent

emergency pay raise.

Rep. Terral Smith, R-Austin, also said he would amend a bill he had filed to conform with the governor's 5.1 percent compromise.

"I just had a feeling that 3.4 percent was too low," said Smith, a freshman representative. "I think the governor will go for 5.1 percent."

However, Doggett said he was not willing to compromise.

"I think 6.8 percent is already a compromise," he said. "The data is there to support 6.8 percent."

Doggett said he can prove that the state employees need much more than 6.8 percent. He said he selected a figure low enough that was "meaningful and realistic," and that Clements could sign.

Daniel's wife charged with murder, bond set

United Press International LIBERTY — The wife of former Texas House Speaker Price Daniel has been charged with murder and released on \$50,000 in the shooting death of her husband.

Vickie Daniel, 33, appeared in court and in control when she surrendered at the Liberty County Jail Saturday about 5:30 p.m., said Sheriff Buck Eckols. She had been hospitalized for hysteria and shock immediately after the Monday night shooting, and remained in the hospital until Friday.

Accompanied by her brother, sister and defense attorney Andrew Gammie, Mrs. Daniel was arraigned before Justice of the Peace I. B. Carwell, who set bond. Prosecutors originally had said no charges would be

filed and that it would be left up to a grand jury scheduled to meet Wednesday whether to indict her. Officials declined comment on why they changed their minds and brought the charges themselves.

Eckols said a five-hour investigation at the Daniel home Saturday finally turned up evidence of a warning shot authorities believed Mrs. Daniel fired before allegedly shooting her husband. Shortly after the shooting police discovered two spent shell casings, but only one bullet, which entered Daniel's stomach, pierced his aorta and caused him to bleed to death.

A bullet hole about the size of a quarter was discovered in the attic Saturday.

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