

Towing possible solution to CS parking problem

by Brian Boyer
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A plan to contract a towing service to discourage parking on major streets was discussed by the College Station City Council Thursday night.

Some no-parking zones already have tow-away zone notices posted, City Manager North Bardell said. Until a towing service is contracted by the city, however, offending vehicles will merely be ticketed, he said.

Bardell said that illegal parking is a problem near shopping centers and apartment complexes that do not provide convenient or adequate parking for tenants. The plan is designed especially to discourage parking in fire lanes, he said.

Along some streets, illegally parked cars force shuttle buses to stop in traffic, Bardell said. Requiring offending motorists to pay a towing fee in addition to a traffic citation should discourage illegal parking, he said.

"Given the amount of money it costs to build a major street, it shouldn't be used as a parking lot," Mayor Gary Halter said. "You can build a parking lot a whole lot cheaper than you can a major thoroughfare," he said.

Halter said that he would like to eliminate parking along Jersey Street, which he said is being used as a parking lot by

motorists without a Texas A&M parking permit.

Other business before the council included a budget request of \$10,650 to help finance the Bryan/College Station Clean Community System. The council approved the request, which must be matched by Brazos County and the City of Bryan to meet the Clean Community System's \$31,950 budget. The College Station City Council also passed a resolution approving the organization's bylaws.

In other business, a proclamation designating the first Monday in November as Teacher Appreciation Day was signed by Halter.

The council approved an ordinance establishing a licensing procedure for grave services before adjourning to a closed session to discuss land acquisition and personnel.



Lots of faces

A landscape design class in the Architecture Building carved to its hearts desire. Left to right, Harry Dawson, Phil Solaman, Amy Wilson, Steve

Landry and Julie Coleman display the pumpkins they consider to be the best.

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THE LITE BEER ALL-STARS STRIKE AGAIN.

When famous bowler Don Carter invited 23 Kingpins to the First Lite Beer Bowling Tournament, it seemed like a great idea.

It was the guys who drink Lite Beer from Miller because it tastes great, against the guys who drink it because it's less filling. And once again, the All-Stars proved they're in a league by themselves.

After a lot of pins (and quite a few Lite Beers) went down and the smoke finally cleared, the score was

1-0, with only one man left to go. Rodney Dangerfield.

All he needed to win it was one pin. A klutz situation. Rodney, in top form, got the same amount of pins as he gets respect. None.

Teammate Ben Davidson felt Rodney deserved a break, or at least a fracture. Billy Martin didn't argue with that. Jim Honochick couldn't believe his eyes. Neither could Marv Throneberry.

So the First Lite Beer Bowling Tournament ended in a draw. And the argument over the best thing about Lite was left unsettled.

But there was one thing everyone agreed on. It was truly everything you always wanted in a bowling tournament. And less.



EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED IN A BEER. AND LESS.

From left to right: Bubba Smith, Dick Butkus, Frank Robinson, Jim Honochick, Ray Nitschke, Ben Davidson, Don Carter, Billy Martin, Matt Snell, Rodney Dangerfield, John Madden, Mickey Spillane, Lee Meredith, Buck Buchanan, Marv Throneberry, Tommy Heinsohn, Boog Powell, Rodney Marsh, Steve Mizerak, Deacon Jones, Boom Boom Geoffrion, and Dick Williams. © 1982 Miller Brewing Co., Milwaukee, Wis.

Group sells hotel after 'saving'

United Press International
AUSTIN — A group of residents who launched a campaign to keep the historic Driskill Hotel from being torn down 12 years ago has sold the last remaining interest in the property.

The Driskill Hotel Corp. interest in the downtown hotel property was sold to Laral Hotels for \$750,000, Driskill president Clint Small Jr. said Wednesday.

Small said the corporation's 632 stockholders will receive a liquidating dividend equivalent to \$9 a share. A reserve will be held to cover future tax liability and other expenses.

Small said the corporation decided to sell its interest "because its purpose has been achieved in saving the Driskill."

Laral, headed by Larry Supnick, acquired controlling interest in the historic landmark two years ago and made major improvements in it.

The Driskill, which has provided lodging and a watering hole for politicians since 1886, was closed in 1969, and it appeared it would be torn down.

But a group of residents banded together the late architect who launched a "Save the Driskill" campaign and solicited subscriptions for the hotel.

More than 600 individuals signed up for a share issue, and many were individuals with shares or less.

The hotel reopened with Braniff International then active in the hotel — as the operator.

Two years later the hotel sold the hotel to Laral, who retained an interest in the earnings. Laral bought from Braniff in 1981.

When The Driskill in 1886 by cattle baron Driskill, it was hailed as the most luxurious hotel on the Mississippi River.

Numerous gubernatorial balls have been held at the hotel, and during it was headquarters for White House press visits by former President

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