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Iwo Greenwing Macaws, Jocille and James, take turns exercising their beaks at the Pet Emporium in Post

Oak Mall Monday afternoon. The birds, selling for \$1295.00 each, splinter a 2-by-4 board each week.

CS School Board hears oudget report on cuts

by Rusty Roberts

Battalion Reporter ege Station School Board heard a grim report. ts budget committee Mon-

Wasson, finance commithairman, told the board would be using fewer rees to offer the same prog-

We are faced with a lean et," Wasson said. "It's time I have to 'bite the bullet'." e budget cuts will force the d to consider program ges, Wasson said. He said a et isn't effective if it's conlly conforming to unorgaprograms.

he budget commitee's main tive is to have the board et program guidelines and llow the committee to within those guidelines.

However, guidelines might to force the board to allocate the mean that some programs suffer major funding cuts, Wasson

One area in particular will be staffing of new school personnel. The board approved a temporary freeze in overall teacher personnel additions, Wasson said, but approved three addi-tions to help fill special education and special programs posi-

"We are mainly concerned with reassigning personnel to the classrooms," Wasson said, "rather than filling up costly administrative positions." In related business, an 4.67

percent increase in overall teacher salaries was approved for the purpose of the new budgetary plan, Wasson said. He said the finance committee submitted the general increase of the repair to be \$4500.

funds accordingly to different programs.

The salary increases include base salaries and fringe benefits. They will be effective for the 1983-1984 school year.

In other business, Trustee Charles Giammona told the board that four College Station junior high school classrooms were inspected and found to have asbestos readings between 5 and 7 percent — four percent higher than Environmental Protection Agency requirements of one percent.

However, Giammona stressed that the problem was not critical and that only custodial and maintanence employees were affected. He said the traces of asbestos were found above the ceiling and he estimates the cost

Group to lobby for veterans xposed to Agent Orange

n of the Oklahoma Agent ange Foundation will be nounced Wednesday at a ass conference in Elk City, a ard the okesman for the group said

Albert L. Reynolds, vice present for funding for the nation-Brotherhood of Vietnam ans, said the foundation to the Fould lobby on behalf of veteris who say they suffered longrm health problems from expised extensively by Amer-

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Reynolds said the foundation would be chaired by David Carter, a Vietnam-era veteran from Lexington, Okla.

One of Carter's first priorities is to assemble a group of Oklahoma veterans to participate in a

from across the country have they left Vietnam. maintained a vigil at the memoo Agent Orange, a herbi- rial since it was dedicated

Reynolds said a Vietnam 1969.

veterans Agent Orange convoy will leave Texas and come through Oklahoma in August on its way to Washington to lobby on behalf of the Vietnam Veterans Agent Orange Relief

He said the legislation was introduced to force the governvigil at the Vietnam veterans memorial on the Mall in Washington, Reynolds said.

He said Vietnam veterans between Agent Orange and some of the health problems veterans have experienced since

Reynolds said he served as a

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Horse slayings continue

Eighth Dallas mare killed

the fatal mutilation with a rake handle of a 2-year-old filly marked the eighth in a string of

horse slayings in the area.

The filly, owned by William Watson of Pleasant Grove and described as a family pet, was

s International
Authorities said arion with a rake of seven other horses, all lated. females, which have been attacked since March, investigators said Sunday.

Watson found the carcass in his backyard early Friday morning, he said. Its neck, chest and

'She was so gentle she would walk up to people," he said. "Maybe I made her too gentle."

Watson said the Appaloosa was being groomed for show and was so tame his daughter, 5, and puppy could ride it.

"I lost a pet, and I lost money," he said. "Our whole lives were wrapped around that

The attacks have come on four separate occasions, each in south Dallas County.

Son says dad was suffering

HOUSTON — A tearful Billy Ray Clore admitted Monday the shot he fired into his comatose father's brain was "morally right

but legally wrong."
The jury that convicted Clore of attempted murder Friday for the March 21 shooting of his father, Robert Clore, 63, heard testimony Monday toward deciding the younger Clore's punishment.

"In the eyes of the law, it would have to be wrong, but they didn't know what I knew,' Clore, 26, said of the fear his father might be suffering.
Also called to testify during

the punishment phase was Robert Clore's widow, Hazel Clore, who said she forgives and supports her son despite the conviction. She asked the jury to assess probation for her son.

The state offered no testimony concerning Clore's sentence, but Clore's grandmother, Betty Clore, 86, told the panel her grandson "has been

her grandson "has punished already." Clore could be sentenced to as little as two years probation or a maximum of 20 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. Prosecutors have indicated they would recommend neither prison time

nor probation.

Robert Clore died two weeks after he was shot in the head March 21 as he lay resting in a nursing home bed, prompting an original charge of murder against Billy Ray Clore.

But prosecutors reduced the charge to attempted murder during the trial after a neurologist convinced them death was

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father and acted on his father's wish when he shot him.

caused by other medical factors and not the gunshot wound.

fense attorney Jack Zimmermann told jurors Clore was obeying his father's command.

"He did what he thought was right," Zimmermann told the jury. "He did what his dad made him promise he would do, and if Robert Clore were here today, he would say, 'Let my boy go." In his closing argument, de-

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