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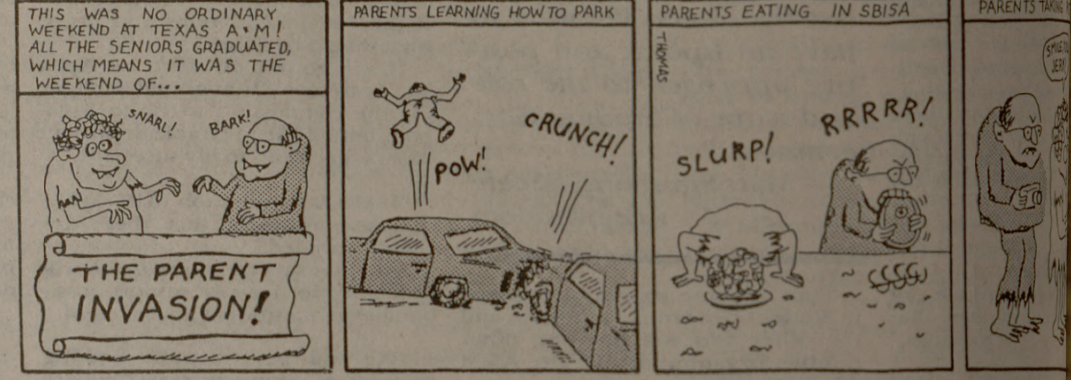
Homeless may be living on parkway

HOUSTON (AP) — Cardboard boxes, boards and plywood converted into huts provide homes for many people living along Buffalo Bayou — the site for a planned \$18 million park project.
 Five miles of parkway will be constructed within two years, and the park eventually will extend to the Houston Ship Channel, officials said.
 The project, planned by the mayor's Buffalo Bayou Task Force, will include the proposed Sesquicentennial Park as a showcase project. But the planned park may surprise some people who have found a place to live along the bayou.
 Russell, a former carnival worker who has lived under a bridge for several months, said, "If people start walking around here, I'm moving. I like my privacy."
 Russell, who told the *Houston Chronicle* he didn't want his last name used, "Besides, people won't want to see a couple of old tramps living in a shack in their park."
 But Russell and others will not be forced to leave the bayou, said Clark Martinson, urban planner for Central Houston Inc., the non-profit organization managing the project.
 "I'm not saying that we have a plan to share (the parks), but I know we will because there's nowhere else for them to go," Martinson said. "Certain areas of Buffalo Bayou will remain a temporary home for the transients and indigents. Other areas will have amenities."
 Martinson predicted that most people living under the bridges would choose to move away from the lighted pathways, promenades and other amenities to less accessible, quieter areas.
 "But the choice is theirs," he said. "Buffalo Bayou is a resource. It is for the wildlife and for all of the citizens of this city, including the transients. We will just have to learn to share."
 Officials are not sure how many people live under the downtown bridges of Buffalo Bayou.
 Russell lives with two other men in a shack tucked under the shelter of the bridge on a concrete apron above the bayou.
 Their home, tightly constructed with boards, plywood and other materials found by the men, protects them from intruders and bad weather.
 Eddie, one of the men living with Russell, said, "I was lucky to get this place."

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A&M's College Bowl board chooses 1987 all-star team

By Matt Diedrich
 Reporter
 Texas A&M's Memorial Student Center College Bowl Committee Friday selected its 1987 all-star team to represent A&M at the regional College Bowl tournament in the spring.
 The team consists of Tony Cornett, a senior journalism major; Matt Diedrich, a senior English major; Charlie Erlanson, a graduate English student; Ruvane Marvit, a graduate math student; and Babu Srinivasan, a freshman in general studies.
 The five students (four players and one alternate) will compete against teams from about 20 other schools at the regional tournament, which will be held Feb. 20-22 at North Texas State University.
 The winning team in that competition will advance to the sectional one to compete for a spot in the national College Bowl tournament in the late spring. Last year's A&M team placed fifth nationally.
 Committee chairman B.J. O'Rourke said he expects this year's team to win the national championship.
 "I have the feeling that we'll get it," O'Rourke said.
 College Bowl resembles "test-your-knowledge" quiz shows such as "Jeopardy." A match consists of seven-minute halves, during which the teams compete for 10-point toss-up questions and bonus questions, worth up to 30 points each.
 Questions are written by the College Bowl Company and authenticated by Time magazine. They cover many subjects, including science, literature, history and current events.
 Members of A&M's regional team were chosen from among 12 finalists after tryouts held Dec. 8 and Dec. 9.
 Four of the finalists came from "The Sons of the Covenant," the winning team in this semester's University tournament.
 The other eight finalists were named as the University tournament's all-stars and honorable mention all-stars.
 O'Rourke said part of the appeal of College Bowl is that it gives students an opportunity to use their knowledge outside of the classroom's testing environment.
 "There's nobody here to judge you," he said. "You're always going to have your own opinion based on what you know."
 For most of the appeal of College Bowl is the same.
 "It's a challenge," O'Rourke said. "because you don't know what often to see what you know."
 He said College Bowl is a good test of the student's ability to get that thought down to the end of your mind.
 Srinivasan has a different way of trying out.
 "It keeps me off the ground."

State workers forced to apply for food stamps

AUSTIN (AP) — More than 2,000 state employees have applied for food stamps this month because their late-December paychecks have been bumped back to early January, officials say.
 Some of the 2,000 are being certified as eligible for the assistance because of the change that leaves them without a paycheck for 5½ weeks, said Barbara Musil, a state Department of Human Resources administrator.
 A University of Texas custodian applying for the food stamps on Friday said, "Bills don't stop coming due, and I still have to feed my three kids, and this is Christmastime."
 The woman, who asked that her name not be used, said her \$845 a month take-home pay must cover all expenses for her and her three children.
 The UT worker got an appointment with a caseworker for Dec. 29. At that time, the worker would take the woman's financial and personal history and determine if she met the eligibility criteria.
 When told she would in all probability not get food stamps until January, the woman said she would not return to the office.
 "I was hoping to get help this month, because right now is when I'm hurting," she said. "What good is this going to do me next month? That don't do me any good. It's only creating more problems than what I got now."
 Welfare agency officials said that caseworkers are swamped with state employees applying for food-stamp seekers from among the unemployed Texans.
 With the increase in applications, caseworkers have been noted, caseworkers said.
 A food stamp caseworker told the *American-Statesman*, "Now we are seeing workers who are not penniless, but less coming in demanding to get their money back." "We have found that these stances these state workers are making their situations. Some are saying they don't have a bank account or new car when they are applying for food stamps."
 "We are finding three to six families and the number is growing."

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