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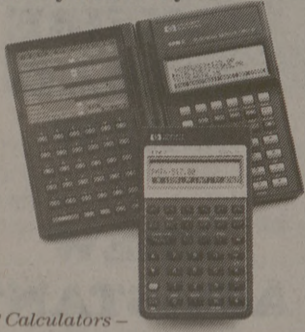


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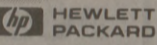
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## Officials cite need for health care targeted at adolescents

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN ANTONIO — Thousands of Bexar County children and teen-agers who need mental health care are going without treatment partly because little public help exists, officials say.

Meanwhile, officials say, private psychiatric hospitals have plenty of space available but still seek only those patients who can pay.

Ruben R. Cardenas, executive director of the Center for Health Care Services in San Antonio, has

called for a 24-hour mental emergency center designed for children and teen-agers.

His tax-funded mental health agency was built to serve adults only, he said.

"The center has estimated that 7,181 youth in Bexar County are in need of public mental health services," Cardenas said in a report to the state House Human Services Committee.

That number included 1,152 children and teen-agers who sought help at the center's adult crisis center; 664 patients put on a

waiting list at the children services division; 778 families who sought in-home support; and an estimated 2,000 pregnant teen-agers needing substance-abuse counseling or other emotional support.

Cardenas' agency has had to turn away hundreds of children and teen-agers who sought help for mental and emotional problems, he said. Many had been treated at private hospitals until their insurance benefits ran out and then were "dumped," Cardenas said.

## Volunteers head effort to restore Austin's first blacks-only cemetery

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — East Austin's Bethany Cemetery for decades has been used as a schoolyard shortcut, dump site and drug dealers' haven.

But volunteers now want to restore the neglected grounds where thousands are buried.

Bethany Cemetery, established in 1893, is thought to be Austin's first blacks-only cemetery.

"Something this historic should be kept up," said Robert Jackson, one of the effort's leaders. "It should not be abandoned."

"One of the most symbolic things is that they were born slaves and died free persons," he said. "The community should undertake this and preserve this."

Volunteers have cleared about half the 10 acres, unveiling at least one grave dating to 1893. They've also found graves of leaders of pioneer black churches and World War I veterans.

Bethany, established when blacks were banned

from burial in Oakwood Cemetery, was a private cemetery the original owners maintained until the 1930s. Its care was placed into the hands of a now-inactive cemetery association.

Some of the historical graves have sunk. Parts of the cemetery are choked by weeds and thorns. Cleanup crews have found furniture, bicycles and even an abandoned car amid the liquor bottles.

"I was concerned about the neighborhood — the rats, the snakes," Karen Bennett said about some of her motivation to help. "We're trying to get trash down and help beautify our community. We want to bring our community back up."

Area volunteers since the 1970s have tried to keep the grounds, with help from people working off community-service court requirements.

Bennett said she will start asking churches for their support. Veterans groups also will be asked.

Jackson and others fear Bethany Cemetery might be a part of Austin's past that could be lost in the name of progress.

## Texas goes chile to chili with New Mexico peppers

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — The zesty guests of honor at a produce party Saturday were the hot, haute, chile peppers.

"Peppers are a really fun food," explained Jean Andrews, an Austin author and artist of an illustrated book on chiles. "Who ever saw people getting excited about black-eyed peas or squash or onions like they do for peppers?"

"It's a strange phenomena," she admits, "but people seem to get carried away with their peppers."

The festival at the Travis County Farmers' Market was part of a

job at New Mexico, which has been considered the leader in the chile-growing market. Texas wants to challenge that position.

There's even disagreement about the hot seasoning should be spelled. Many Texans say it is "chili" while New Mexico residents say the correct spelling is "chile."

But politics were put aside during 15 mouth-burning minutes of sampling Texas entries.

"A pepper is mysterious," said judge Amal Naj, who wrote a book on chiles. "You can't tell until you bite into it whether it will give you a light little pleasant nip, or whether it will whack you across the face. Pepper lovers savor that moment of suspense."

The judges' expressions left little doubt which was the case.

"Who's going to furnish the water around here?" Andrews gasped after her first nibble on a poblano pepper.

County agricultural extension agent Ted Fisher made sure he finished judging with his taste buds intact.

"I concentrated more on the color and uniformity and the appearance of the peppers than the taste," he said. "I let some of the other judges with more experience do most of the tasting."

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—Amal Naj, author

## U.S. government poisons grackles

Audubon Society claims method is risky

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — The great-tailed grackle, the shiny black curse of Valley citrus growers, has become the target of a U.S. government poison campaign.

Even though the pesky fowl have been known to ruin whole orchards, animal lovers say the logic behind the poisoning just doesn't fly.

Government biologists estimate as many as 5 million grackles thrive in Harlingen in some seasons of the year.

"Just a handful can do a lot of damage," says Ray Prewitt, director of Texas Citrus Mutual in McAllen. "There's not a whole lot we can do; we certainly can't shoot enough of them to prevent the damage."

Citrus growers recovering from killer freezes in 1983 and 1989 say their remaining trees have been increasingly targeted by the hungry grackle, or *Quiscalus mexicanus*.

The grackles are known to eat grapefruit, peaches, pecans, oranges, sweet peppers and tomatoes.

So, at the prodding of citrus growers, the U.S. Department of Agriculture used a \$504,000 research grant to learn the best way to kill grackles. The government began using lethal and non-lethal techniques two years ago.

The most controversial technique is the use of a government-developed poison specific to blackbirds. The USDA places poisoned dog food pellets on the ground in groves around slices of watermelon.

Originally, the government said it planned to place the poisoned dog food on platforms.

Members of the National Audubon Society said they fear the bait could attract other species of birds and wildlife.

"The problem with grackle control with poison is you run the risk of non-target killing," says Dede Armentrout, regional vice-president of the National Audubon Society.

"We believe that poison should be used the very last resort, if at all, and designed to deliver not only to the species but the individual. Poison is just such a bad approach to the problem," Armentrout said.

## Lively debate opens heated congressional race in El Paso

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EL PASO — Republican Congressional hopeful Chip Taberski wrapped up a Sunday debate with a tirade against incumbent Rep. Ron Coleman's ethics, but neither emerged a clear winner.

The debate, sponsored by the El Paso Association of Hispanic Journalists, frequently deteriorated into shouting, much by Taberski and some from members of the more than 300 in the audience.

Taberski, a former sportscaster, is seeking to unseat five-term incumbent Coleman, D-El Paso in the Nov. 3 elections for Congressional District 16.

Taberski said the agenda he'll take to Washington would in-

clude pushing for term limitations and reducing free mailing by Congress members. Coleman said one of his priorities was health care reform because many of his mostly Hispanic constituents did not have access to it.

Taberski won loud applause when he was asked why El Pasoans should elect him considering Coleman's 10 years experience and membership on the House Appropriations and Transportation committees.

"Look at what experience has given us right now," Taberski said. "Mr. Coleman has been up there for 10 years if he hasn't been able to get it done in 10 years, I don't think he can do it in another two to four years."

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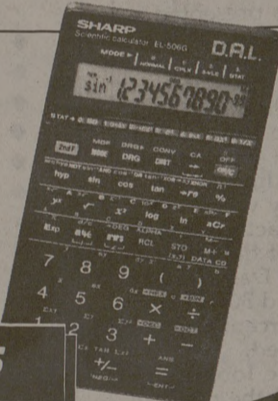
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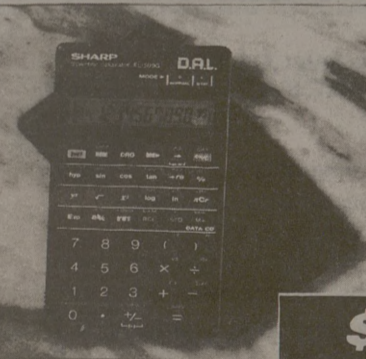


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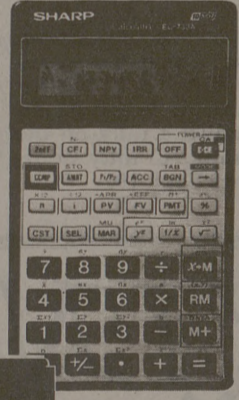
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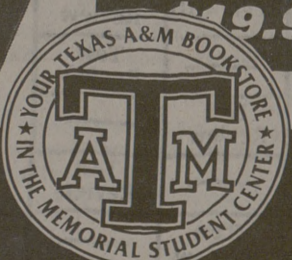
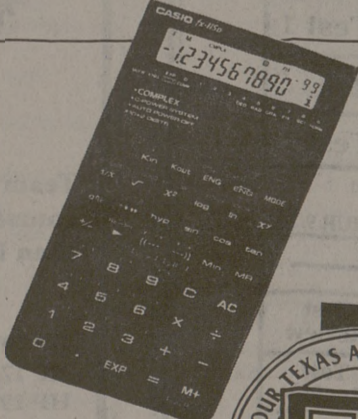
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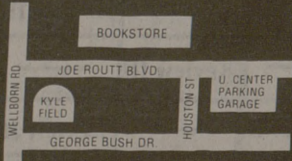
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