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Man facing execution attempts suicide

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Condemned killer David Lee Herman tried to beat the Texas executioner by attempting suicide early Tuesday, a day and a half before he was to be put to death by injection. Herman, facing capital punishment Wednesday evening for a robbery-murder at an Arlington topless club he once managed,

tried to kill himself by slashing his neck and wrist with a prison-issued plastic razor. A corrections officer spotted the injuries about 4:30 a.m. and summoned help. Herman's appeals have been exhausted and state officials had predicted his execution would be carried out. The suicide attempt

will not change that, Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Larry Fitzgerald said. "The execution will go on as scheduled," he said. After receiving treatment at the Ellis Unit prison infirmary, Herman was taken to Huntsville Memorial Hospital about 15 miles away for stitches to close the wounds.

He returned to the prison three hours later where he was with a psychiatrist and his lawyer, who previously had scheduled to visit him Tuesday. Officials said he broke the plastic razor, slashed himself in pieces and then flushed the fragments down a toilet.

Bill aimed at health care for children

AUSTIN (AP) — Too many children are uninsured or underinsured, according to state lawmakers trying to make it easier to get coverage for those kids. The House on Tuesday approved the creation of the Healthy Kids Corp. It would force age insurance companies to provide basic coverage for children in the state for tax breaks and fewer state subsidies.

The corporation would be financed with state funding and managed by a six-member board appointed by the governor. It would be a public-private, non-profit company.

With about 1.3 million uninsured children, Texas has the nation's highest percentage of children not covered by insurance programs, according to a recent report. "Sixty-three percent of those children are coming from two-parent households," said Rep. Hugo Lujan, D-Corpus Christi, sponsor of the bill. "These are hardworking families who are having a hard time making ends meet."

Rep. Talmadge Heflin, R-Houston, argued that the corporation would be a new state bureaucracy.

But fellow Houston Republican Rep. Kyle Janek said the corporation would save the state money. "When you look at this bill at the end of the day, you will see it has some very good things not only for the families of Texas, not only for the children of Texas, but also for the taxpayers of Texas," he said.

According to fiscal analysis, the corporation could save the state \$207,500 in the upcoming 1998 state budget and \$31 million by the end of the year 2002.

The savings would come from lower treatment costs for uninsured children who now end up in emergency rooms for basic care. They also would come from the costs of providing insurance to children whose parents have been ordered in custody cases to provide coverage for their children.

Spring brings burst of Texas wildflowers

ROUND TOP, Texas (AP) — Getting to be the busiest time of year for Frances Harris, and she couldn't be happier.

Harris and her husband count on the annual spring burst of Texas wildflowers — led by the state's famous bluebonnets — to help lure tourists to their bed-and-breakfast Heart of My Heart B&B at Round Top, midway between Houston and Austin.

"I'm so surprised the wildflowers seem to be so profuse this year," she thought. "Where did the seeds come from?" But apparently wildflowers don't germinate if the conditions are bad and they just hold over the next year," she said.

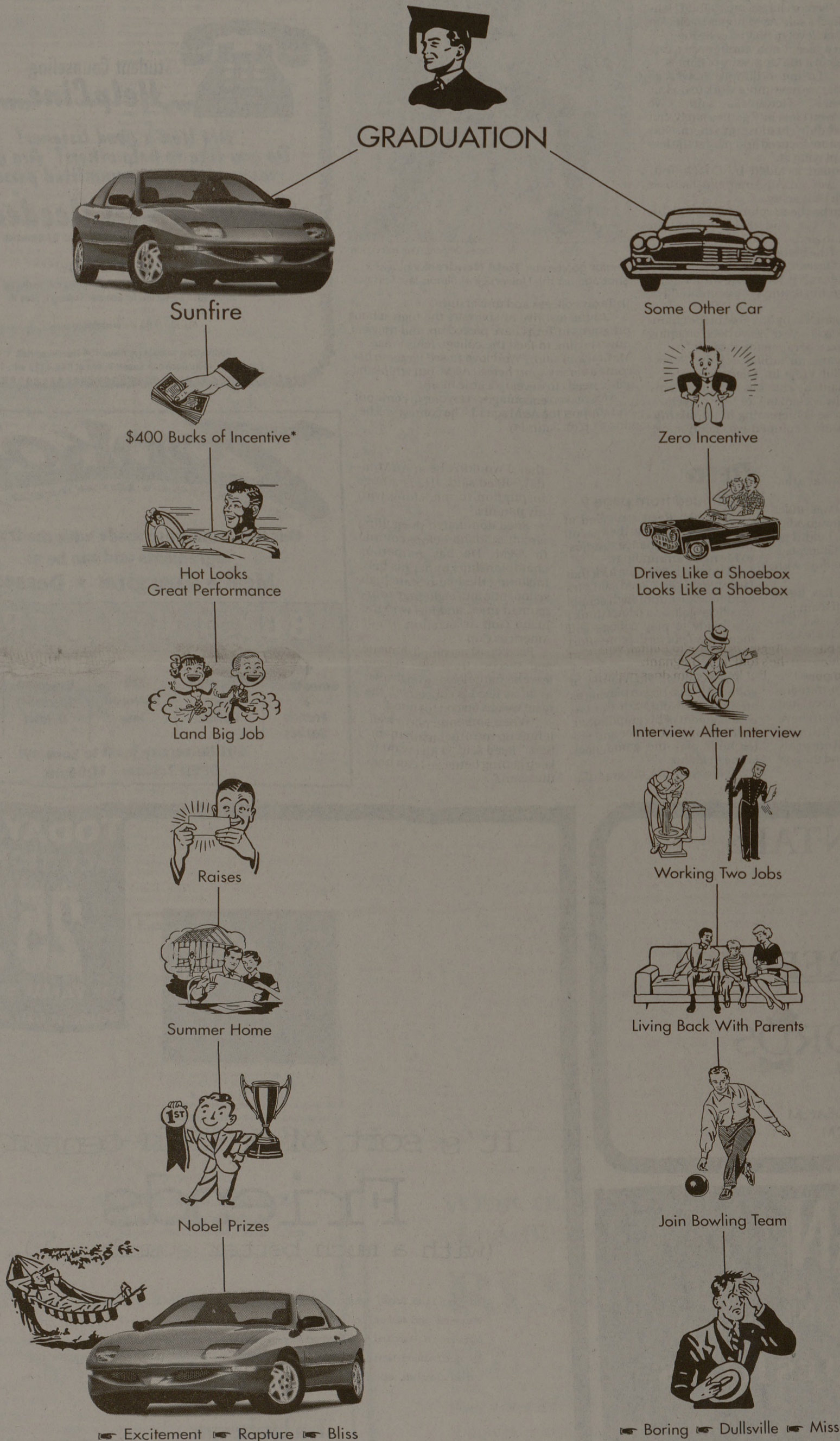
The man in charge of distributing 60,000 pounds of wildflower seeds around the roads and highways of Texas each year agrees.

"The first flush is already coming out right now," said Craig Steffens, director of landscape design for the Texas Department of Transportation.

It's already outstanding for school teacher Fenimore, a Houston school teacher. A few days before her wedding, set for this week, she put on her white wedding dress and with two friends and a photographer in tow, headed 100 miles or so out U.S. Highway 290, stopping along the way west of Round Top to have her picture made in a sea of bluebonnets.

"We went through great lengths for this," she laughed, noting the spectacle of being in a wedding gown alongside the busy highway even drew horn blasts from a passing trucker.

"We were so pleased when the weather got rainy because it makes the wildflowers come out. This is so beautiful."



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