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## HEAT

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Northwest of the Dallas-Fort Worth area, volunteer crews outside Throckmorton have been struggling to complete a pipeline to another town's reservoir. Throckmorton residents, who have not had rain since spring, are within weeks of losing their own water supply to the drought.

Cora Lee Brannon said her prized impatiens, begonias and even one of her oak trees have shriveled up and died this month on her one-acre property in the Fort Worth suburb of Southlake.

"Mother Nature is not kind in Texas," she said. "Like everybody, it's been a struggle to keep the spring things alive. It just doesn't make any sense to try to keep them alive."

Despite two months without rain, the region is only about a half-inch below normal for the year, Harris said.

North Texas has received 21.19 inches since Jan. 1, and average rainfall for that period is 22.31 inches. Heavy rains in June minimized the deficit, Harris said.

Harris said the record will continue until rain is measured at the agency's rain gauge at the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

And even a bit of rain will not be enough to snap the extended drought.

Harris said it could take a year or more to restore the state from the drought because it is a slow process of filling up reservoirs and recharging soil moisture.

"It's kind of like sliding down a hill," Harris said. "Eventually, you get to the end of it."

## GOLF

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course and a hotel that will open simultaneously between Fall 2001 and Spring 2002. Based on projections, the clubhouse is expected to open at the same time as the course and hotel. In addition to the championship-caliber course designed by golf legend Nicklaus, Traditions will provide for residential development, totaling more than 1,000 new homes.

"Additionally, Traditions is obligated to return the city's initial investment within seven years," said Tom Coyle, Traditions project manager and director of Development Services for the city of Bryan. "The profit participation agreement guarantees that the city of Bryan will have a revenue stream that will benefit city residents for years to come."

## SBISA

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building like that you aren't sure you're going to get once you start some of the areas out," he said.

Zawieja said the delay in the ovations was not the fault of construction company.

"There's nobody slacking working against us," she said. "They all know what the goal is but we wanted to do the very best job we could so that we get needed out of the project and have to live with any other problems down the road."

According to the Department of Food Services Website, the Sbisla will feature a market service as well as Italian, Mexican, Asian and American foods.

## GRADUATION

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the matter because all issues surrounding the case were handled by lawyers for both parties.

"They wanted total removal of any comments from the transcript," Sladek said. "We felt like—our own credibility and to uphold graduation standards—we needed to carry through with what we said we were going to do."

Spence said the senior class met three times for graduation practice, and, each time, they were reminded of the rules of graduation. She said, the rules did not forbid wearing mortarboards.

"They never, ever, said anything about not decorating your mortarboard or anything like that," Spence said. "The only thing they said was our gowns was to make sure it was neatly pressed."

Marquette Maresh, legal counsel for La Grange ISD, said the school must leave itself the ability to make a decision about behavior at graduation.

"It is very difficult for school districts to predict every single type of misbehavior that a student may engage in," she said.

Sladek said the students are notified of the policy before graduation. Maresh added that Spence acted on the stand that she was aware there was a chance she might be asked to remove the sticker.

"They have all worked four or five hard years," Sladek said, citing no student deserves more attention than any other.

Spence, a Texas A&M Law School Scholar, said that she was not trying to attract any extra attention, rather to show her pride in the A&M and La Grange High School.

"It wasn't only my pride in A&M was my pride in having done so well that I was able to come to A&M," Spence said. "I don't feel [the sticker] took away from the decorum of the ceremony. I didn't get any more attention drawn to me than anybody else."

Sladek said the school's lawyers offered Spence's lawyers a chance to submit versions of a revised transcript comment, but they declined to do so until after the graduation was over.

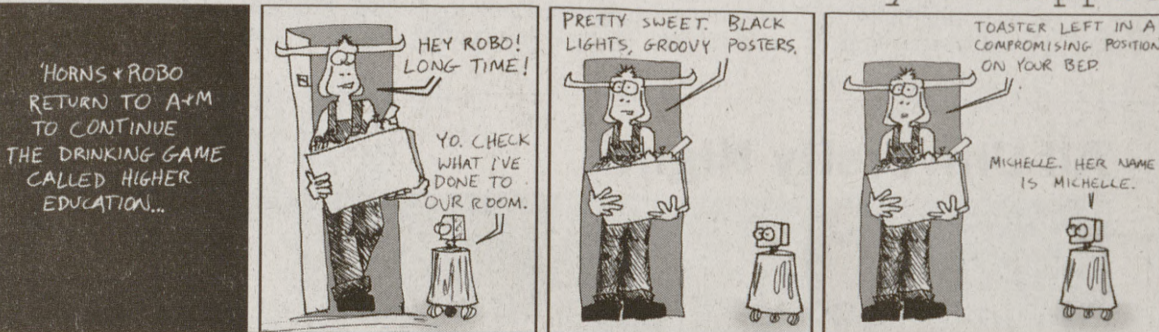
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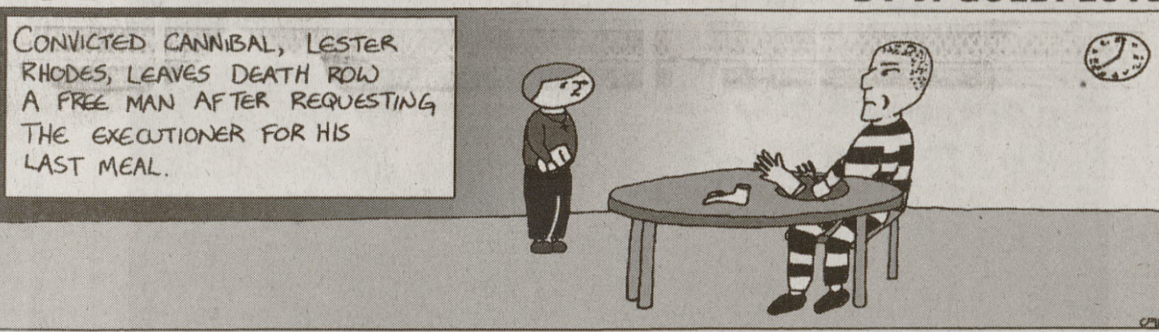
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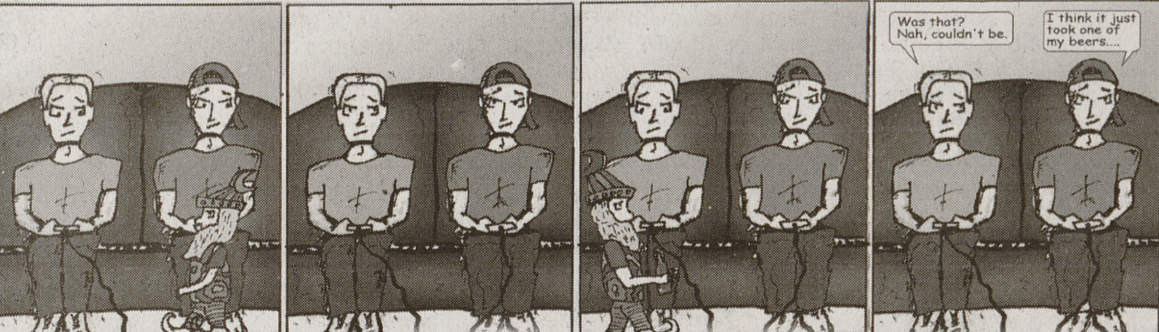
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