

Police seek leads in truckstop holdup

During the night of April 18, Bryan Police Department officers responded to the report of a robbery at the Circle K Truxtop near the intersection of Highway 6 and Highway 21.

Witnesses reported that a man drove up to the store and filled up with gas. He then entered the store and picked up a 12-pack of beer.

At the counter, the clerk asked if there would be anything else when the suspect put his left hand in his jacket pocket and pointed to something the clerk believed to be a handgun.

The suspect then demanded all the money in the store. Once the suspect obtained some cash, he grabbed the beer, ran to his car and drove south on Highway 6.

The suspect is a black man from 27 to 32 years old. He is 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighs about 170 pounds.

The suspect's vehicle was de-



scribed as an older model gray two-door Cutlass or Chevelle with a small dent in the left rear quarter panel.

This week the Bryan Police Department and Crime Stoppers need your help in identifying the man responsible for this robbery. If you have information that could be helpful, call Crime Stoppers at 775-TIPS.

When you call, Crime Stoppers will assign you a special coded number to protect your identity.

If your call leads to the suspect's arrest and grand jury indictment, Crime Stoppers will pay you up to \$1,000. Crime Stoppers also pays cash for information on any felony crime or the location of any wanted fugitive.



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Polly want a cracker?

Graduate student Jennifer Sofjan cuddles a six-week-old Quaker parakeet Sunday at the Brazos Valley Cage Bird Club Exotic Animal Trade Day held at the Brazos Valley Rodeo Pavilion.

Correction

In Wednesday's edition of The Battalion, Dr. Larry Hickman was incorrectly named as the faculty adviser for A&M's Gay and Lesbian Student Services.

Dr. James Mazzullo presently is the student organization's adviser. The Battalion regrets the error.

Indian-run casinos?

Proposal could change state gambling laws

AUSTIN (AP) — A Galveston state lawmaker's proposal to allow gambling aboard cruise ships in state waters could allow Indian-run casinos on Texas reservations, a Texas newspaper reported Monday.

Under federal law, if a state allows casino gambling anywhere within its jurisdiction, Native American tribes may operate casinos on their land within the state. The law recently opened the door for Indian-operated casinos in Connecticut.

The Austin American-Statesman reported that the U.S. Indian Gaming Regulatory Act may come into play if Rep. James Hury, D-Galveston, succeeds in changing state law governing gambling on cruise ships operating out of Texas ports.

State law now allows gambling on the ships only when they reach international waters, 12 miles out to sea.

But U.S. Attorney General Richard Thornburgh, citing federal statutes, has threatened to scuttle the floating casinos unless they dock in a foreign port or spend at least 24 hours at sea.

Thornburgh's legal opinion would put out of business a Galveston-based casino operation that now takes passengers on eight-hour gambling cruises into the Gulf of Mexico.

Hury's bill would allow gambling on cruise ships three miles or more off the Texas coast, in state waters. The bill failed during the regular legislative session. Hury said he plans to file it again for the special session that Gov. Ann Richards says she will convene on July 8, where lawmakers are to write a 1992-93 state budget.

If the bill were to pass, Indian tribes in Texas say they might consider opening their own gambling casinos.

State comptroller suggests ways state can save money

AUSTIN (AP) — Giving cash rewards to state employees who save money could help cut spending in the long run, state Comptroller John Sharp said Monday.

The idea is one Sharp said will likely be among the 450 or so recommendations he will present to state leaders at the end of the month.

A team of some 100 auditors have spent 42,000 hours so far on the Texas Performance Review, Sharp said.

Sharp announced last week that the auditors so far had uncovered at least \$1.6 billion in savings. So far, he has been reluctant to provide details of possible recommendations, saying that agencies already are scurrying to protect their interests.

"Every one of them (the ideas) is going to make sense, but every one of them is going to have a price tag — a political price tag," Sharp said.

Gov. Ann Richards and legislative leaders in February ordered the comptroller's office to scour state agencies for sugges-

Family Aid Lawmakers hope bill will end abuse

AUSTIN (AP) — Three congressmen on Monday unveiled an \$11 billion plan to help struggling families and protect children from abuse, which has doubled since 1980.

The bill's author, Tom Downey, D-New York, said the five-year cost would probably require new revenues, but would save money in the long run by reducing crime and violence that arise from child abuse.

The plan, he said, is needed to make up for the what he called the "decade of neglect" during former President Reagan's administration.

"George Bush would be hard pressed to veto a bill that would be kinder and gentler to children," he said.

committee, chaired by Downey, on welfare and unemployment.

Downey's Family Preservation Act of 1991 would send billions of dollars in additional revenue to states to increase child abuse investigations, and improve foster care and other family services.

He said the emphasis would be on keeping families together whenever possible and helping them "at the crisis point."

"America is only as strong as the American family," he said.

He said one in five children in the United States is born into poverty; 2.6 million children are neglected and abused; 500,000 are in foster care, juvenile detention or mental health facilities.

With Downey were Mike Andrews of Houston and Jim McDermott of Washington. The three Democrats are members of a House Ways and Means sub-

Of the 250,000 pregnant women who need help with alcohol or drug abuse, only 30,000 received it, he said.

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Mon.	9-10	Where There's A Will...There's An A
	10-11:30	Hispanic Woman's Group
	1-3	Career Interest Clinic
	3-4:30	Open Group
	3-5	Black Men's Group
Tues.	1:30-3	Graduate Group
	3-4:30	Academic Workshops
	5-6:30	Undergraduate Group
	6:30-8	Adult Children of Alcoholics Group
Wed.	8:30-10	Biofeedback
	1:30-3	Biofeedback
	1:30-3	Survivors of Abuse Group
	3-4:30	Eating Disorder Group
	3-4:30	Women's Group
Thur.	1-3	Career Interest Clinic
	1:30-3	Adult Children of Dysfunctional Families
	3:30-5	Black Women's Group
Fri.	1-2	Where There's A Will...There's An A
	3-4:30	International Student Group

Career Exploration groups will also be offered Tuesday through Friday afternoons. If you are interested in being screened for any of these groups, please come to the Student Counseling Service at 300 YMCA Building or call 845-4427 for a screening appointment. Further information and other handouts are also available from the SCS, a department in the Division of Student Services.

JOCK ITCH AND RINGWORM STUDY

Individuals 12 years of age and under with "jock itch" or "ringworm" are being recruited for a research study of an antifungal medication. \$125.00 will be paid to volunteers who complete this study.

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What's Up

Tuesday

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: General discussion at noon. Call Center for Drug Prevention for more information at 845-0280.

Wednesday

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LUTHERAN STUDENT FELLOWSHIP: Evening prayer at 6:30 p.m. at the University Lutheran Chapel. Call Richard Manus at 846-6687 for more information.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no later than three business days before the desired run date. We publish the name and phone number of the contact only if you ask us to do so. What's Up is a Battalion service that lists non-profit events and activities. Submissions are run on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no guarantee an entry will run. If you have questions, call the newsroom at 845-3316.

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