

Bush moderates leadership forum

Former President George Bush and a panel of representatives from the political and entertainment arenas discussed leadership in a forum yesterday.

Scientists prepare for Glenn's orbit

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas scientists researching ways to stop or minimize the bone and muscle loss of humans in space are hoping to learn from John Glenn's second ride around the Earth this fall.

Cadet trial to begin soon

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Some of the stories about the alleged murder of a 16-year-old girl by two former military cadets have been more fiction than fact, a prosecutor told potential jurors Monday.

is to promise that you'll decide this case based on evidence, not on image," Parrish said.

"I can guarantee you, you don't know all the facts," lead prosecutor Mike Parrish told a pool of 90 possible jurors in the capital murder trial of ex-Navy midshipman Diane Zamora.

"In the state of Texas, there's no such thing as accomplices or accessories."

Mike Parrish lead prosecutor

you participate in any part of the crime, you're guilty of the worst crime being committed."

According to statements from Zamora and her former fiancé David Graham, the couple lured Adrienne Jones to a secluded road, Zamora hit the girl with a dumbbell weight, then Graham shot her in the head when she tried to flee.

Zamora was a freshman at the Naval Academy and Graham was in his first year at the Air Force Academy when they were arrested in September 1996. The slaying, which is believed to have been in retaliation for a one-time sexual encounter between Jones and Graham, occurred in December 1995.

Prosecutors have agreed not to seek the death penalty if either former cadet is convicted. Maximum punishment would be a life sentence. Graham will be tried later.

Bush: Taxpayers at risk of paying \$2.3 billion in fees

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush says Texas taxpayers are at risk of having to pay some of the \$2.3 billion the state owes in attorneys fees in connection with a \$15.3 billion settlement with the tobacco industry.

of frivolous actions, done for partisan political gain, to distract and delay the state efforts of our election ship concerning this matter.

Under the settlement, the state is obligated to pay attorneys



Bush

Bush on Monday again praised Texas Attorney General Dan Morales for suing tobacco companies over health-related claims and landing the historic deal, which U.S. District Judge David Folsom finalized in Texarkana last week.

But the governor continued to hammer Morales for deciding how the first \$1.2 billion of the settlement would be spent — mostly for health purposes — and for authorizing fees totaling 15 percent of the \$15.3 billion to be paid to private attorneys who represented the state.

Bush said Monday he would support legal challenges to the settlement in order to make sure state lawmakers are the ones deciding how the money is spent.

Dusek and Railroad Commissioner Barry Williamson, who opposes Cornyn in the GOP primary for attorney general, accused Cornyn of political grandstanding.

"This is a transparent and desperate attempt by a third-string candidate to get publicity for himself," Dusek said. "He is asking his former colleagues on the Texas Supreme Court to grant him a political favor."

Williamson said, "These types

of \$2.3 billion in attorneys fees, according to the settlement, would be paid to private attorneys who represented the state.

arbitration board decides if the board decides the industry should pay less than \$2.3 billion, then the state is obligated to make up the difference, according to Morales.

"The state of Texas has guaranteed that it will come out of this without a dime of our money," Bush said.

Dusek said he thought the state should have placed a cap on attorneys fees, adding that the amount of money going to attorneys is outrageous.

Probationers often allowed to violate terms

Over 10 percent of felons on probation are jailed for new crimes

AUSTIN (AP) — Just more than 10 percent of Texas felons placed on probation later are sent to jail for new crimes committed while on probation, according to state officials.

community supervision. Of those revoked, just more than half (51.2 percent) were sent to prison for violating terms of their probation — not for committing new crimes.

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