# Andrews signs military deal

Disposal center agrees to handle waste for Defense Department

ODESSA (AP) — A nuclear dump county after a company which already operates a disposal-and-treatment center in the area received two large contracts from the U.S. Department of Defense and the Army Corps of Engineers worth millions of dollars.

Workers for Waste Control Specialists (WCS) plan to dispose of hundreds of thousands of cubic feet of low-level radioactive materials in western Andrews County

"These are sites that for the most part processed materials for the Manhattan Project being remediated by the Army Corps of Engineers," Bill Dornsife, vice president of nuclear affairs for WCS, told the *Odessa* American

Company documents the newspaper obtained show the five-year contract with the Army Corps of En-

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IN BRIEF

**Waterways** center

honored for Website

stitute Center for Ports & Water-

ways was recognized with the International Association of Ports

and Harbors (IAPH) Award for In-

formation Technology for its work

on an Internet-based clearing-

house used in locating information related to maritime indus-

The Maritime Economic Re-

sources and Marine and Inter-

modal Directory, called MER-MAID, received the gold award,

the highest award given in each

links to maritime information and

provides summaries of informa-

tion found within each of the links

ter for Ports & Waterways, which, is housed at Texas A&M Univer-

sity-Galveston, collect data for

the clearinghouse through the In-

The Website contains more

than 1,200 links covering all as-

pects of the maritime trans-

portation system. The Internet

address for MERMAID

http://maritime.tamu.edu

Students working at the Cen-

MERMAID is a collection of

tries

The Texas Transportation In-

gineers may be worth up to \$96 million to WCS and represents hundreds of thousands of cubic yards of

Lawmakers earlier this month finished their session without changing the state's nuclear waste law. In accordance with the federally approved compact for nuclear waste with Maine and Vermont, it requires that low-level nuclear waste be buried in Hudspeth County.

But the Andrews Industrial Foundation wanted to attract a dump for economic development purposes.

Shipments of the Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM), and Low-Activity Radioactive Material (LARM) waste from military sites around St. Louis, Mo., and New Jersey may start arriving by rail this fall.

The Department of Defense awarded one of the contracts to

of the restaurant should be paying

Arkitex Studio, the architecture firm

that planned the renovations, said

the project began regardless of the

ordinance because the property had

to comply with state requirements.

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sion and was told the property was not designated as historical and

therefore there were no state re-

quirements regarding the preserva-

the cemetery preservation office of

the Texas Historical Commission,

confirmed that the structure had

not been officially designated as a

this was because the structure had been moved from its original envi-

a structure from one piece of prop-

erty to another was a major reason

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were funded by the facade grant

program, which distributes federal

funds through the community de-

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WCS after the material already had been disposed of at Envirocare's Utah site. Following disposal, Envirocare found the material contained small amounts of depleted uranium and lead from bullet fragments.

Envirocare's high cost for disposal of "mixed" wastes — hazardous and radioactive material that is mixed together — led the DOD to recontract the waste for disposal at WCS, Dornsife said. The company operates a storage, processing and disposal facility for hazardous and low-level radioactive wastes at a 1,330-acre facility in western Andrews County.

State legislators blocked WCS from being able to hold its own operating license and contract directly with the U.S. Department of Energy for military-generated radioactive waste.

These grants are used to improve the exteriors of structures and have been used to renovate Burger Boy, University Book Store and Loupot's Bookstore in Northgate.

Randy Brumley, housing programs coordinator for the Community Development in College Station and facade program liaison for the project, said changes being made to the structure include aesthetic changes, utility improvements and restaurant capabilities.

Brumley said the air conditioning, plumbing and electric services are being brought up to code. He said in addition to these changes some new aspects will be added to the structure, and some of the original materials will be used.

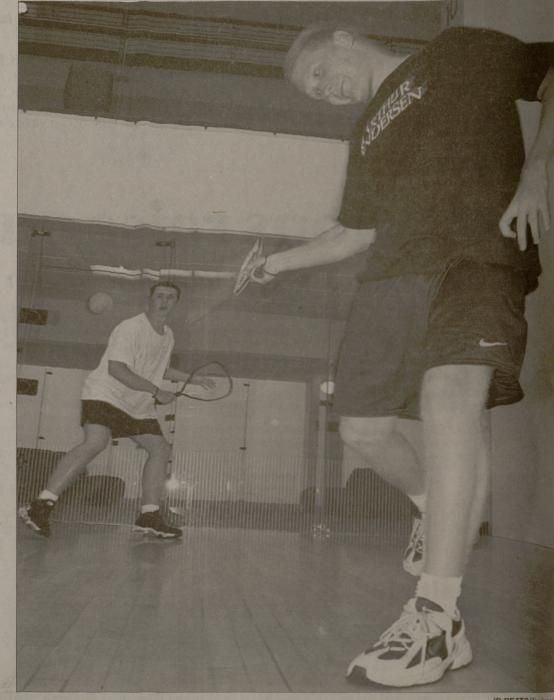
"A new roof, new siding and some new windows will be added, but some of the older windows are being used," Brumley said.

He said the building will have a "sense of the era" and will feature plantation style columns in the

Grauke said the restaurant will bring College Station increased rev-

"The property value will increase and the increased property tax will benefit the city of College Station," Grauke said. "Basically the city got this for free since the project was funded by a federal grant, not by the taxpayers of Col-

# Making a racket



Bill Quinn (right), a junior accounting major, and Ben Inman (left), a junior biology major, exchange shots during an intense match of racquetball at the Student Recreation Center. Quinn and Inman said they usually play a game of racquetball at least twice a week.

ternet.

## BY R. DELUNA







### SAFETY

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"The most important things to remember are to always read and follow label directions, to be sure to have water handy and to never experiment or attempt to make your own fireworks, said. "Also, you should never reignite malfunctioning fireworks, and never throw fireworks at another person or shoot fireworks in metal or glass containers.

Those who will be near water, whether lakes or pools, for the holiday should exercise necessary precautions as well.

Jim Soper, an official for the

recreational sanitation branch of the Texas Department of Health, said people should be careful where they are diving, especially in natural bodies of water.

'Most of the diving accidents we have involve younger men diving into shallow bodies of water. Often these incidents involve

Soper also warned people who will be swimming in swimming pools to always keep their hair, as well as their bodies, away from any drains.

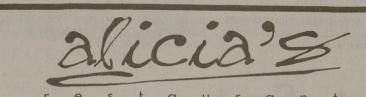
On the roads, the College Station Police Department will be targeting speed and seat belt violations over the course of the weekend.

Lieutenant Mike Matthews, Col-

lege Station Police Departs said officers will be paid over to enforce these laws and will whatever precautions necessa violators are caught.

"We received this grant the Texas Department of The portation," Matthews said. use the money to pay officer rounding Independence Memorial Day and Labor!

Matthews said local reside will see the signs of statewide campaign from M through July 8. The targete in College Station are: FM 60, 2818, FM 2154 (Wellborn Ro Highway 30 (Harvey Road) Highway 6 (East Bypass).



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