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## Ford transmissions being investigated

estimated 9 million Ford cars and trucks that there may be a problem with the automatic transmissions which could cause the vehicles to slip into reverse while parked.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said it still has not determined whether such a defect exists. But it said based on its initial investigation it is issuing a consumer warning that owners of such cars should take precautions

when they are parking.

Involved are an estimated 9 million ears and light trucks 1970 through 1978 models equipped with C6 or FMX automatic transmis-

The NHTSA has reports of 770 letter, from owners who have had park position.

fatalities allegedly caused by au-WASHINGTON — The government today warned the owners of an tomatic transmissions jumping from 'park' into 'reverse' gear," the

> "Precautions to be taken include turning off the engine, pushing the gear selector all the way to the 'park' position and pulling on the selector lever without raising the lever to agency make sure it is secured and setting

the parking brake," it added.
"Vehicles should never be left unattended with their engines running — or even for the brief period it may take to leave a vehicle to to erroneously believe the close a garage door, make a pickup at a store or check the mailbox at the

end of your driveway," it said. NHTSA also said it wants to hear, preferrably in the form of a detailed

including the make, model dash board to NHTSA, Wash

D.C., 20590. We are pursuing this tion on a priority basis and complete it in the very near said Joan Claybrook, head

But at this time we wa port that a problem may tween the park and reveitions on the transmiss selector system, leading t sion is in park," she said. tendency to slip into rev because of engine vibration the closing of the door, if the mission is not firmly engage

#### Tarleton State's fine arts center. running behind building schedul

Construction on Tarleton State University's new fine arts complex is foot building began construction hind schedule, according to a Specime. A target date of the Specime of the Texas A&M University System.

Oct. 12, 1979, has been set for completion.

"We lost 33 days due to ice, snow

The \$7 million, 85,000-squarenow 30 percent complete and be- last September. A target date of

winter," said Marcus Berg A&M'8 on-site inspecto project is currently running schedule due to those and o The main thrust right r

the two towers that will among other things, to ha stage equipment, he said." the biggest and most visible construction on the site at p The complex will have wers, one 70 feet and one

high, Berg said. Primarily a one-story s the complex will occupy t west corner of the Tarlet

The main part of the built house an 850-seat main an and 250-seat recital hall, at right angles. Between the will be a 90-person works ter and a children's theate A mall-like corridor wi

areas, each to have a environments suitable fo ing. Six other music la studios and 20 practice ro

Three speech-drama la three art-design labs will be in their own "wings" of the so none of the activities w

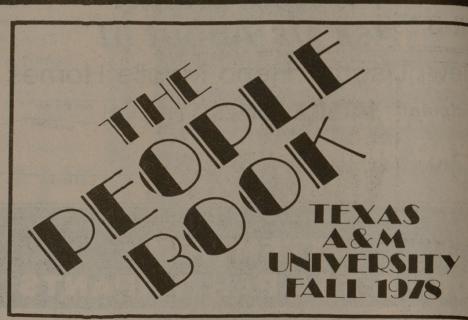
fere with the others.

The building, which is be by the Great Southwest C tion Corp. of Dallas, was by architects Jarvis Putty Ja acoustical firm of Bolt, Bern Newman Inc. of Cambrid provided the acoustical de well as the theater and and

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