HUD funds for CS. .

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Counci lwin Rhode, rural housing inator for the BVDC, said) promised to rule on an appli-n for rent subsidy funds by ertson and Washington coun-Rhode said.

os County is scheduled to re-97 subsidies, Rhode said. Col-Station tenants could receive of the subsidies.

hould the BVDC application be etced, HUD will still expect Colby Tricia Fel station to provide some form of ssistance, Danford said.

College Station officials insity's light about all aspects of forming a performance report. Even the authority, such as optimum Even though the city didn't rew-income housing.

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create new concentrations of low- "comprehensi income households, Calloway said. Danford said. That could be creating more of the very same problem they are seeking to correct, he said.

Jack Stark, a lawyer for HUD, aday. The 150 "assistance un-pplied for would be divided on acceptable to HUD as a housing au-acceptable to HUD as a housing au-thority. But he commented that "it thority. But he private the private

public housing project." The city has to fulfill its housing obligations, whether by forming a

housing authority or getting a pri-vate assistance program, Stark said. College Station will have two chances to show HUD that it is making "substantial progress." The first comes on Feb. 28, the city's deadline for turning in it's 1978 grantee

years at using authority, such as optimum time on asity of low-rent public housing, intenance and operation proce-mes, Calloway said. Housing au-arities build, own, maintain and b income housing. years.

College Station's second chance continued it out pulses and the part of actually forming a housing college Station's second chance nother \$141,000 from the 1977 inds could be used for rehabili-n, Calloway said. The money is n, Calloway said. The money is opposed plans that call for the con- ceives the application, it will send a struction of additional low-income group of officials, including environmental and equal opportu-The city council doesn't want to nity representatives, on a two-day

comprehensive monitoring trip, HUD will approve or reject the application by June 21.

Councilman Gary Halter said Col-lege Station could have avoided los-ing the CD block grant funds in the first place by rehabilitating some houses in low-income neighborsector to come up with a successful public housing project." houses in low income a basic sector to come up with a successful streets rebuilt instead.

> "They were tired of driving in the mud," Halter said.

Though HUD requires a city to get public input on the spending of CD funds, Halter said College Sta-tion probably had listened to the public too much. The housing rehabilitation was "something we should have done a long time ago" to keep HUD happy, Councilman Halter said.

the BVDC is proposing, Calloway said. But the city's plan was closed down because it could not interest applicants.

The problem, Calloway said, was that the HUD fair market rent schedule was unrealistically low for the College Station market.

"The applicants lost interest when they heard the rent levels because they knew what they would find at that rent level," Calloway said.

Even before the program started, the city told HUD that the rent schedule was too low. But HUD urged the city to start at that schedule, Calloway said.

During regular contact with HUD, city officials continued to say that the schedule was too low and that the program wasn't working, Calloway said. HUD discussed with the city raising the schedule 20 per-cent, but was told that that wasn't near enough, he said.

At the end of the 1977 fiscal year, the rent subsidy plan was summarily shut down since it had been ineffective, Calloway said. Several months later, HUD increased the area-wide College Station had for 14 months a rent subsidy plan similar to one rent levels, he said, but College Sta-tion wasn't eligible to re-start the program.

Highway 30, Texas

State may help traffic flow

By DANNA RICHEY Battalion Reporter

A proposal for improving the intersection at Highway 30 and Texas Avenue was considered by College Station city council members Thursday night.

The intersection improvements are part of the new Brazos County-Bryan-College Station Traffic Engi-neering Plan that was presented to the council in a special session Sept. 13. City Manager North Bardell said that if the proposal is accepted by the city, construction may begin in October 1979.

The proposal includes the construction of a high type-T intersec-tion at Highway 30 and Texas Av-enue and installations of com-puterized traffic signals. The high type-T intersection design will provide extra lanes on Texas Avenue and Highway 30 specifically for left turns. Traffic passing through the intersection will not be stopped to allow other vehicles to turn left.

pressed concern for pedestrian and bicycle traffic in that area. She said A spokesman for the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation said the highway there are no sidewalks or bike paths improvements are designed to acother than a foot trail, which would commodate increasing southbound traffic on Texas Avenue. He also said the computerized signal plan will provide an improved continous traffic flow along Texas Avenue.

them off Highway 30. Brothers Inc. for the construction of a parking lot at the College Station

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The council also considered a pre-liminary plan for the development of Timber Ridge located between Dominik Drive, Munson Avenue and Plantation Oaks Drive. The de-In other business, the council ac-cepted a bid of \$34,369 by Young Police Department. The job will take about 35 days to complete, but velopment will consist of both duplexes and single family residences. Councilman Anne Hazen exno construction starting date has been set.

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USTWELL, - Wildlife officials interest passed 14, esta hey expect the world's last 70 whooping cranes to arrive at Aransas National Wildlife Refxtensio staff of lt this week. g the p

We're expecting them at any 150 countre," Ken Butts, an official at the appy refuge nestled on the Texas

Coast, said Wednesday. r farm is autumn arrival of the whoopr's sons i sited regul crane — a spectacular bird ading 5 feet tall and having a twing span when full grown — itionally brews excitement along sea

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mystique has grown up around drama of the whooping crane's ggle for survival. Butts said te han 100,000 people — twoexpected to tour the area in around 70. But this year we're hop-

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hopes of snatching a glimpse of the birds before they return to their ing we'll get up around 75 or 80. We're supposed to have eight young heading south this year." Canadian nesting homes in March. The whooping crane, North America's tallest bird, almost disap-Only a few more than a 100 whoopers have survived from the thousands which once reportedly darkened the skies in their seasonal peared as a species in the late 1800s,

migrations A few dozen live restricted, but protected, lives at the Migratory Bird Research Center at Pautuxet, Md., and in zoos. Another young flock of nine birds is being reared by "foster parent" sandhill cranes in Idaho. The rest call Texas home.

"We've got practically all of the wild flock. Last year we had a total of 70 that survived the winter,"

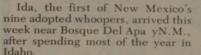
diminishing to only 15 in 1883 when they were hunted for sport and farmers and ranchers cleared their nesting grounds.

They hovered on the brink of extinction for more than a half cen-tury. A smaller flock that migrated to Southern Louisiana was decimated by a hurricane in the 1940s. In 1951, the Texas flock again numbered 15, but since then the whooping crane population has

been on a slow upswing. Butt said whooping crane flocks are slow to replenish because who-

oper couples will not breed until sof the refuge's annual visitors and 12 young. So we're hanging they are 4 to 6 years old and normally will raise only one chick, "so

you don't regain big numbers at that



rate.

The cranes are not hard to find at Aransas and tourists can view them from either an observation tower or from boats that pass close to their feeding areas.

Refuge officials, however, warn tourists that the whoopers have an absolute distrust of humans which does not seem all that surpris-ing considering their previous run-ins with people — and will fly away if anyone steps from the boats into the marsh.

They also give voice to a call that has given the crane its name. The loud "whoop" is produced by a 5-feet-long trachea coiled behind

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man who can control the unwieldy

Vatican bureaucracy. American Cardinals John Dearden of Detroit and John Carberry of St. Louis admitted Wednesday that and are debating the specific s of a small group of candi-candidates were under way.

Once in a while a name comes up in a friendly way," Carberry said. ands themselves indicate inals are moving toward they want a theological who values traditional discipline as yrall candidates who fit discipline as yrall candidates who fit they want a theological who values traditional discipline as yrall candidates who fit they want a theological who values traditional discipline as yrall candidates who fit they want a theological who values traditional discipline as yrall candidates who fit they want a theological who values traditional discipline as yrall candidates who fit they want a theological they want a theological who values traditional discipline as yrall candidates who fit they want a theological they want a the they want a theological they want Il cardinals are moving toward understanding," he said.

chbishop of Genoa and 25 years a cardinal, and Pericle Felici, 67, prefect of the Vatican Court of Appeals. The experts cautioned, however,

that Cardinal Giovanni Benelli, the powerful former Vatican diplomat most instrumental in electing John Paul, could not be counted out. Also being considered were the

Pappalardo and Ursi were most often mentioned as successors to Pope John Paul immediately after the late pontiff's death, when the newly arriving cardinals said they wanted another pastoral pontiff to lead the church.

However, after two weeks of formal discussions at the Vatican and a

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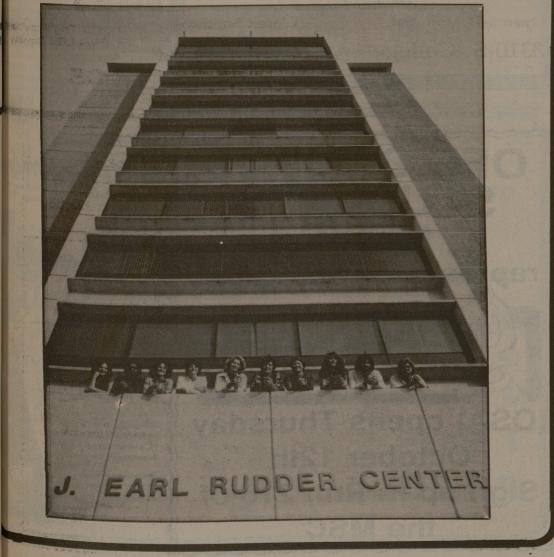
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