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\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Harris County pupils give \*WELCOME BACK AGGIES \*\* **Clements advice on floods** 

> AUSTIN — Gov. Bill Clements received proposals Wednesday to allieviate flood problems in south Harris County from 13 students in two Friendswood schools.

The youngsters from Westwood Elementary School and C.W. Cline Primary School are among pupils who wrote 1,000 letters to Clements asking help with flooding problems in Friendswood-Clear Lake.

Todd Travaille, a fifth grader at Westwood, read a proclamation from Friendswood Mayor Ralph L. Lowe, and also read his thoughts concern-ing a Friendswood flood last July 25. The flood has almost completely changed some of our lives," he told

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Clements. "Every time it rains even a little, people are afraid that it will seeing that all happen again. One of the kids says carried out.

her little sister is so afraid she can't go to sleep when it rains. Travaille said the group recomnended new construction in the area

be limited. He said construction companies should study effects their projects will have on the area and insure it can handle water affected by the new construction. Other proposals would require

surrounding counties handle their own water "rather than dumping it all on Friendswood," and provide more money to work on clogged creeks. 'We know the solutions for our

problems will have to come from many people, not just the governor, Travaille said. "But we feel it is important for you to serve as a leader in seeing that some of these ideas are

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**Texas superport** not getting support

United Press International HOUSTON — Texas offshore su-perport promoters, unable so far to collect enough backing to build even to collect description of the poet in the text of text of the text of part of the \$843 million project, called a special Thursday meeting of the Texas Deepwater Port Authority board.

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Executive Director Gerald Jackson declined to preview details of his report to the board, but indications were it would be gloomy.

Board Chairman Bob Casey and his staff have sought last-ditch ways to build the floating supertanker terminal 26 miles south of Freeport since Jan. 10, when Jackson reported the original plan failed to attract enough users.

Among alternatives proposed at the Jan. 10 meeting was building the port in smaller, usable stages rather than all at once to reduce the initial building cost and minimize the need for startup financing. "We did work out a different finan-

cial plan but they (potential users) rejected it," Jackson said. "I have no idea how the board's gonna react. Jackson declined to elaborate:

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"I'm not being evasive, I just don't want to make any prior comment. I'll row in the open meeting." TDPA planned a floating terminal

to serve supertankers too large for existing onshore ports. The terminal would pump crude oil from the tankers through a pipeline to onshore dis-tribution facilities near Freeport. The idea was to finance the project

with bonds backed by binding use agreements signed by oil and chemical companies Experts figured TDPA needed

mises to import a total of 1.4 million barrels of crude oil daily through the port to make it financially feasible. TDPA gathered promises totaling only 550,000 barrels a day.

Casey has said oil and chemical companies are hesitant to commit themselves to the project because both the federal petroleum regula-tory climate and the international oil-trading atmosphere are unstable. Meanwhile, the \$600 million Louisiana offshore oil port, or-LOOP, was about 60 percent finished 18 miles south of Grand Isle,

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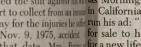
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commission is too concerned with protecting oil and gas companies to worry about consumers being gouged, critics charged Wednesday. Jim Hightower, a former Texas Observer editor running for a spot on the three-member panel that oversees the oil and gas industry, and representatives of the Texas Conumer Association, American Agriculture Movement, Citizens Organized for Reform Now (ACORN), labor unions, senior citizens and independent service station operators charged the Railroad Commission sides with the industry at consumers'

'Texans know they are being gouged on energy prices, and they are wondering why their own government won't fight for them, Hightower said. "The answer is that the public's defender - the Texas Railroad Commission — is curled up in the lap of the very industries it is supposed to be protecting us from.'

Hightower and the consumer groups staged a news conference outside the hotel where the commission met with officials of the nation's largest oil companies and some of the ties such as Southern Union Gas and

'The railroad commissioners are

having a secret rendezvous with the oil companies and the big utilities, Hightower said. "What's going on here is an annual gathering that the commission calls 'The State of the Oil Industry Meeting.' What it really is, is an exclusive club meeting of the national energy establishment.'

Hightower and the consumer group spokesmen complained they were not invited to testify about problems Texans face in paying for gasoline, electricity and natural gas. 'The Railroad Commission is sup-

posed to regulate the energy industry," said Conrad Fath, a senior citizen spokesman. "Today, however, the commission only represents the industry, and in effct, says to hell

with the consumers." Jack Jackson, ACORN spokes-man, said low and moderate income families cannot understand why natural gas costs more in Texas than anywhere else

Hightower said the Railroad Commission sent personal invitations for Wednesday's meeting to major oil companies such as Exxon, Gulf, Shell, Texaco and Mobil, and utili-

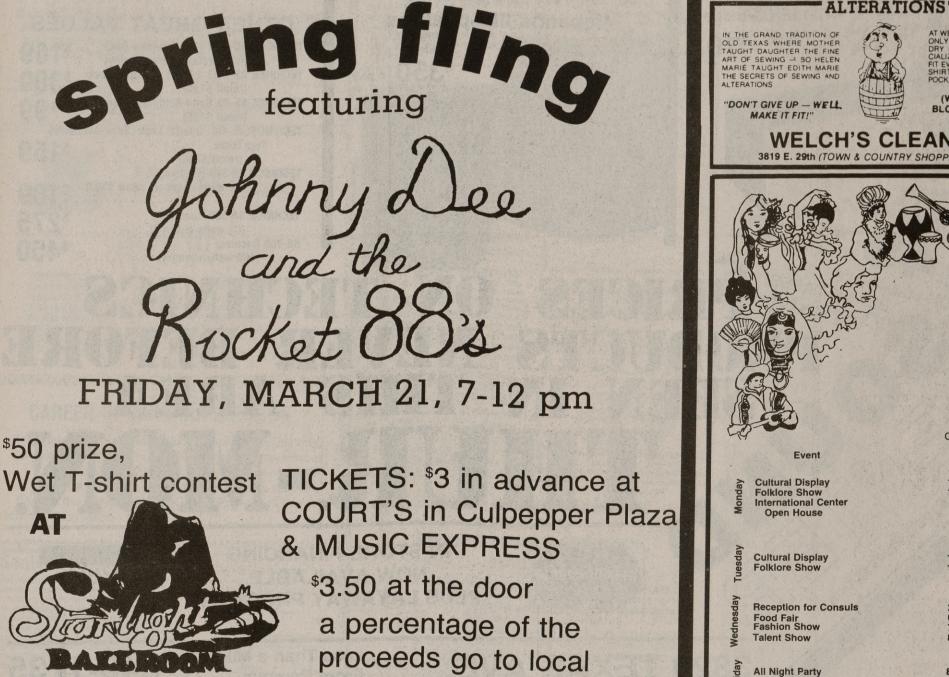
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