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NASA to boost space industry with merchants

United Press International
GRAPEVINE — The National Aeronautics and Space Administration is more than willing to join business and industry in building space laboratories that will produce highly advanced products, NASA's administrator said Monday.
James Beggs, speaking at the Amfac Hotel in the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, told about 700 area businessmen that while space technology may be a longshot investment, it can be a bounty "if we follow our dreams."
"I encourage you to stay with us," Beggs said. "We have come a long way in the past 26 years (since NASA launched its first rockets), and we have a long way to go in the next 26."

The NASA administrator also said he was not concerned about the increased military use of space, such as the scheduled launch later this month of a secret military payload aboard a U.S. space shuttle craft.
"We need these military cargos to spread our fixed costs over a larger base," he said.
Beggs said that NASA is "very serious about commercialization" in space, and that space-based laboratories and factories can offer gravity-free conditions, enabling workers to easily move large pieces of machinery and equipment, and near-perfect vacuum conditions.
These features will be enhanced in the next 10 years by construction of a U.S. space station and an increase in the number of space shuttle flights to about 24 a year by the end of the century, he added.
Beggs, a former director of General Dynamics in St. Louis, said space experiments and production require large investments and the willingness to have a delay in return investments for many years.
However, the possibilities of advanced products produced in space-based factories and labs may make the delay worthwhile, he said.
Beggs said his pitch to the Dallas-Fort Worth businessmen was an effort to increase American business interest and investment in space ventures.

"We'd like to have more companies to come and work with us, you bet," he said.
The first space-produced product to go on sale, Beggs said, is a latex ball-bearing used to calibrate microscopes and other equipment.

House proposals to prevent abuse

United Press International
AUSTIN — A House study committee Monday recommended that Texas school districts and prosecutors designate members of their staffs as specialists in child abuse and neglect cases.
The recommendation was part of 37 formal recommendations forwarded to the full House by the House Joint Study Committee on Child Abuse and Pornography, which conducted a 14-month study in Texas.
"Not only is prevention the most effective long-term solution, it is also the cheapest," the report said. "Children, economic stress, ignorance, isolation, crowding are the prime components of child abuse."
The most recent figures — from 1983 — showed the Texas Department of Human Resources investigated 58,965 reports of child abuse and neglect and validated cases involving 59,871.
The report said child abuse and neglect is on the rise in Texas because of the state's booming population.
The committee said testimony indicated an 8 percent average increase in reports of child abuse and a 23 percent increase in 1983 of sexual abuse reports. The panel said some

of its "strongest" testimony was in the area of child pornography, which exists in "every town in Texas."
The flow of child pornography through the Port of Houston has increased fourfold, it said, adding that much of it is made in the United States but processed overseas for shipment back to the U.S.
"Pornography of children will never be stopped without putting the heat on those in the porn syndicate for 'adult' porn," the report said.
One of the recommendations on child abuse and neglect was that school districts designate in each school a "child advocate" with special training in child abuse recognition and response to act as a liaison among students, parents, teachers and welfare workers.
Another recommendation would require all prosecutors whose jurisdiction included a population of 300,000 or more to hire at least one investigator to specialize in child abuse.
"Many prosecutions for crimes against children fail because of inadequate investigation," the report said. "Such cases require specialized expertise: personal qualities enhanced by experience."

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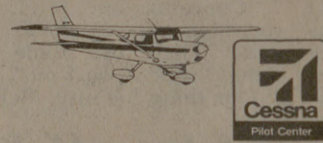
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Dallas architect Jarvis dies of heart attack

United Press International
DALLAS — Duane Jarvis, a member of the Dallas school board since 1981 and an architect whose firm designed the new Dallas County jail and the city's tallest building, died Monday at his home of a heart attack. He was 53.
Jarvis was a principal in JPJ Architects, which designed the Lew Sterrett Justice Center, Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.'s new Texas headquarters and the 72-story One Texas Center at InterFirst Plaza, which is under construction.

The firm also has done work at Texas Tech University, North Texas State University, Texas A&M University and Tarleton State University.
Jarvis was elected in 1981 to represent the Oak Cliff section on the Dallas school board. He was re-elected in 1983 to a three-year term, and his seat probably will remain vacant until the April election, school officials said.
Services will be Wednesday in Dallas. Survivors include his wife, Adele, and four children.

Around town

Club Applications Available

The TAMU Moo Duk Kwan Tae Kwon Do Club began a membership drive Monday. All interested persons may pick up an application in 263 G. Rollie White from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday and Friday of this week. For more information call 845-4072 or 846-9448.

Driving Course Begins

Uniontech Inc. is sponsoring a defensive driving course today from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the College Station Holiday Inn, 1503 Texas Ave. There also will be a class at the Bryan Brazos Center, 3232 Briarcrest Dr. on Friday from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon. The fee is \$20.00 cash. Registration is at the door. Call 693-1322 for more information.

Training Session Held

The Brazos County Rape Crisis Center will hold its sixth training session January 21-26. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer will need to fill out an application and return it to the center by Friday. Call 779-7273 for further information.

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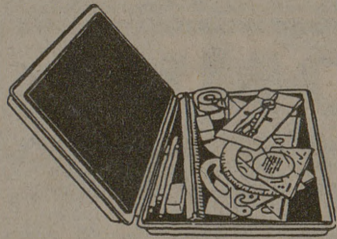
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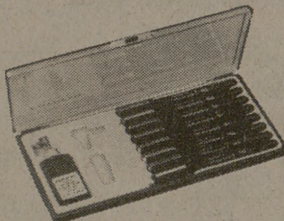
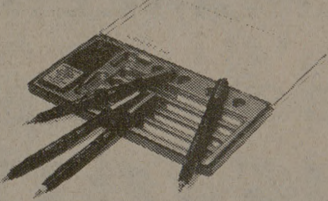
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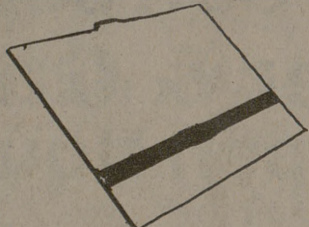
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