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Prison officials release list of new sites

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Prison officials released a shortened list of new state prison sites Wednesday, but said further study and public hearings are needed before any final decisions are made.

Proposals from three cities and five counties made the pared list of 10 sites, out of 33 Texas communities that expressed interest in hosting one or more new correctional units, Texas Department of Corrections spokesman Charles Brown said.

In addition, all land owned by the state would be considered for the new prisons, including sites in Houston and Dallas, officials said.

"The sites will be further evaluated by the TDC and forwarded to the State Board of Corrections," Brown said. "These will be further cut down" to fewer sites, he said.

Amarillo, Childress and Gatesville were the cities included in the list that had offered proposals. Falls, Johnson, Liberty, Scurry and Tyler counties were the counties offering proposals that made the short list, TDC spokesman Shelly Zent said.

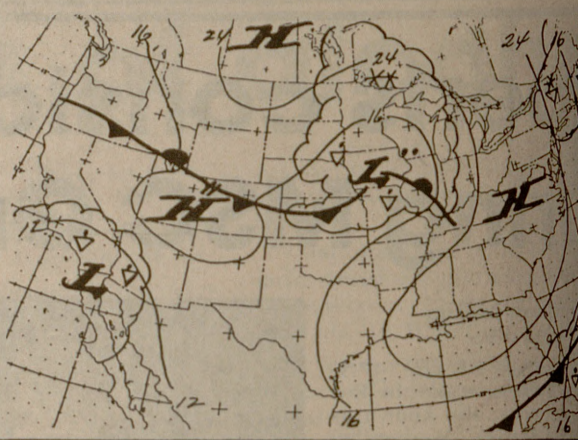
TDC officials are considering construction of four 1,000-bed units and as many as two 2,250-bed maximum-security units. Voters are to decide Nov. 3 whether to approve bonds providing funds for construction of the new prison sites.

"We definitely need the bed space," Brown said.

Factors considered in evaluating the proposed sites include cost effectiveness, acreage, availability of adequate resources, educational opportunities and medical care as well as logistical and community support, Brown said.

Public hearings concerning the selection of the sites will be held before the board's scheduled meeting Nov. 9.

Weather Watch



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Prepared by: Charlie Brennan
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Officials charge five in Big Spring murder

BIG SPRING (AP) — Five people have been charged with capital murder in connection with the discovery of a man's headless body north of Stanton in Martin County, officials said Wednesday.

The Saturday discovery also may be related to the deaths of two people whose charred bodies were found in the remains of a residential

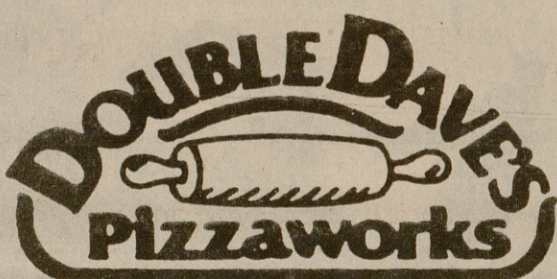
fire Oct. 10 in Big Spring, Howard County Sheriff A.N. Standard said.

Joe Hernandez, Frankie Salazar Hernandez, Pete Salazar Jr., Jeannie Hernandez, and Arthur Islas Jr., all of Big Spring, were each held in lieu of \$125,000 bond at the Howard County Jail, Martin County Sheriff Dan Saunders said.

On Oct. 17, a hunter found the

decapitated body on part of the C.C. Slaughter Ranch in Martin County, 30 miles north of Stanton.

"A leg was protruding from the ground, and when we removed the body, it had been burned and buried," Saunders said. "The ashes, boards and brush used to bury were still there."



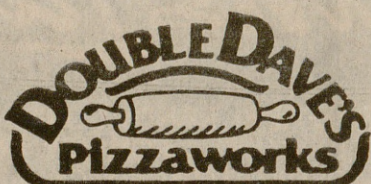
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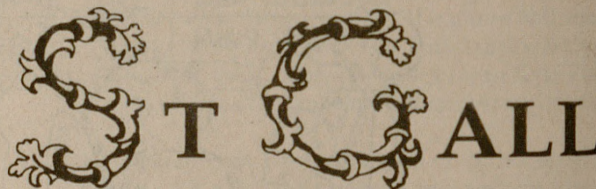
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