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Engineers release preliminary report about store's roof

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Officials may never know why a Texas department store collapsed, killing 14 people, but a preliminary report will be available this week, an engineer investigating the accident said Wednesday.

"I don't think we're going to be able to pinpoint a cause," Garry G. Nichols said. "We're working on it now.

Nichols and Glenn J. Winslow, civil engineers with Birminghambased Southern Building Code Congress International Inc., were in Brownsville for three days after the three-story Amigo Store collapsed Thursday.

The engineers, the primary inves-tigators of the collapse, said their job has been made more difficult because important building records have been unavailable.

"We've been told that the building department has moved two or three times over the period of time when the building was built and some of the records may have been involved

in a flood," Nichols said.

The store was built in 1969 and the third floor was added about 1975, Nichols said.

He said the city still is going through its records, which were stored in several locations, in search of the construction plans. Nichols said Brownsville building official Tony Yzaguirre has said the records may have been lost.

Nichols said they had not found the architect or engineer of the building but that the city has con-tacted the contractor, who had no copy of the construction specifications

Nichols and Winslow said their investigation also was hampered by sketchy information from witnesses. Winslow said in several months a complete report will follow this

week's release of a preliminary re-Nichols said, "Although we don't expect to have any answers, we do hope to keep the lines of communication open

Aquarium site may be built over artifacts CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) -

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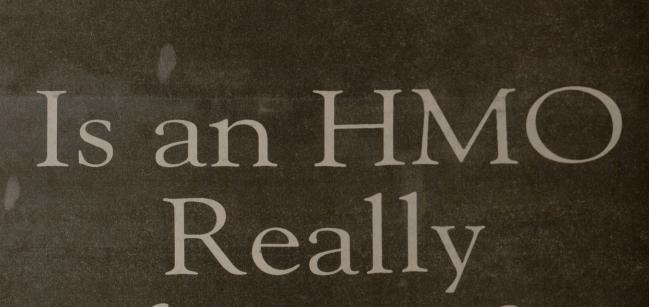
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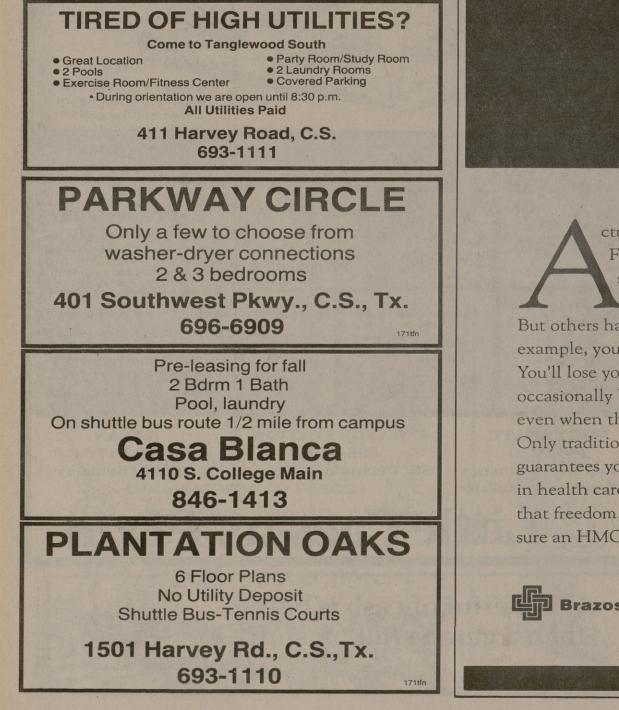
ren, a professional archaeologis, after a review of the aquariumis site showed it is located exact where 4,000 U.S. troops weresta tioned under Taylor in 1845-46.

The Texas Antiquities Code stipulates that the Texas Antiqu-ties Commission may commen on historical disturbances of buildings that use public funds.

"They (the commission) con mented that this area is histor cally important and should a least have the opportunity by looked at," Warren said. When Taylor arrived in Cor-pus Christi, the Mexican governingto

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