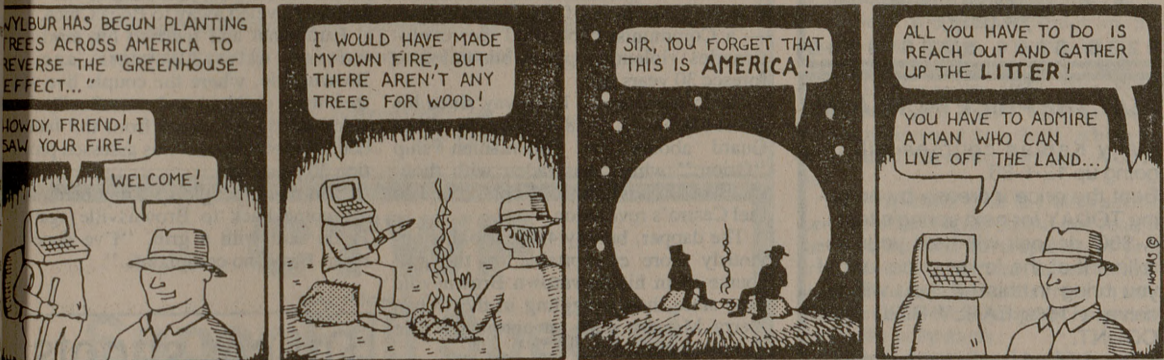


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# Ellis County residents expect 'super' economy

WAXAHACHIE (AP) — The way Ellis County residents have it figured, they didn't just get a superconducting super collider on Thursday. They also got a cafeteria, a new hotel, and maybe a new mall.

The 53-mile super collider ring is golden, in the eyes of local folks.

"I've been through a lot of land speculation in this county, but nothing like this," real estate agency owner Tom Crabb said. "The land values here could double inside the ring — maybe more."

If built, the super collider would bring an estimated 4,000 construction jobs and 3,500 permanent jobs to this town of 18,000, about 30 miles south of Dallas.

As word spread through Ellis County that the Department of Energy chose it as the site for the giant atom smasher, residents began celebrating their newfound fortune — even though Congress has yet to approve funding for the \$4.4 billion project.

Many people drifted around the streets of Waxahachie, watching television camera crews film the future home of America's most advanced scientific project.

About 50 people, anxious to celebrate but not quite sure where to begin, rushed

commercial development that might grow out of the collider boom.

"You know what this town has needed, but never had?" he asked. "We don't have a cafeteria. You know, like a Wyatt's or something. We're big enough for a McDonald's, but we've never been big enough for a cafeteria. I've had to drive to Dallas."

Crabb, a former Waxahachie Chamber of Commerce president, said he expects large corporations to suddenly set their sights on Waxahachie. Arby's already has staked out a parcel of land, and a large undeveloped area near State High-

way 287 and Interstate 35 looks prime for a mall, he said.

Other people traded rumors of a new Disney-style amusement park moving to the area.

The economic windfall of the super collider — estimated to pump \$270 million a year into the local economy — would spread far beyond the county line.

"This will change our economic and educational base for all time," said Dallas City Councilman Jack Evans, who led a committee to lure the project to Texas. "You will see many awards and benefits coming out of the research that will be done here."

# Texas officials applaud location of super collider

ENNIS (AP) — Flanked by local public officials, U.S. Rep. Joe Barton on Thursday applauded the work Texans did to land the super collider and said President-elect George Bush will be a plus in winning funding for the atom smasher.

But the 6th District Texas congressman warned that the battle to bring the giant nuclear particle accelerator to Ellis County isn't over.

"It's very similar to being chosen the site to host an Olympic competition," Barton told super collider supporters in Ennis. "While we're happy about being chosen, we still have to raise the money."

Texas voters have approved a \$1.1 billion bond package to reduce federal costs

for the \$4.4 billion, high-energy physics project.

The first step toward federal funding is inclusion of \$300 million to \$400 million in planning and construction funds in the president's budget, to be submitted to Congress in early 1989, Barton said.

Barton, a Republican, said there's no direct link between Texas' victory in the super collider stakes and Tuesday's election.

But then he added: "It didn't hurt us one bit that President-elect Bush is from Texas. It's going to help us tremendously getting the project funded in Congress."

Earlier, Barton referred to the super collider as the "Ronald Reagan High Energy Physics Research Center." If the center is built, U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm said it will be named for Reagan.

Barton recalled his first few days as a United States representative, when two Texas scientists visited him to talk about locating the atom smasher in the state.

"We were down on our knees in my office looking at maps," he said. "They convinced me that it's a do-able deal, and I began to work on it."

The Ennis news conference called by Barton and other super collider boosters had all the air of a pep rally.

A local high school band greeted the dignitaries, who heaped praise on the cities of the Dallas-Fort Worth area for uniting to win the project.

Dallas Mayor Annette Strauss called it a landmark day for Texas and the region, a giant economic and educational boost.

"I say to all of you, congratulations," she said. "We've got to roll up our sleeves now and get the work done."

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# Incentives used for collider include land swaps, money

AUSTIN (AP) — The state of Texas' pitch to lure the superconducting super collider dated back to 1983 and included more than \$1 billion in financial incentives.

Two administrations, state legislators, universities and private interests joined in the effort that offered the U.S. Department of Energy everything from construction cash to land swaps for the atom smasher's 53-mile underground tunnel and laboratory buildings.

"There's an awful lot of credit that

goes to a lot of people," Clements said. "We pulled a lot of different constituencies together. We hitched all these people to the same wagon, and those horses really performed."

The state's interest in the super collider began in earnest in 1983, when the Science and Technology Council, created by then-Gov. Mark White, started preliminary work in the national competition for the \$4.4 billion project.

Four Texas universities — Texas A&M University, the University of Texas-Austin, Rice and the University of Houston — earlier formed a consortium that had established the Texas Accelerator Center in The Woodlands to make preliminary site and design studies.

In November 1984, White's office transferred \$400,000 to the four schools for geological, geographic and socioeconomic studies of possible super collider sites.

The Legislature climbed on board in 1985, creating the Texas National Research Laboratory Commission to oversee the state's efforts at winning the collider project.

The commission also was given the power of eminent domain to acquire land for the project.

In 1987, Gov. Clements appointed the nine-member research laboratory commission, headed by former University of Texas president Peter Flawn, and a 13-member citizen advisory group as well, funding their activities with \$500,000 from his office.

"It was clear from the outset that we

had to do a great deal in a very short time," Flawn said. "The only thing he (Clements) said to me was, 'I want to win this and you do whatever is necessary.'"

The T.L.L. Temple Foundation awarded the commission \$1 million to support its work.

The Legislature really got moving in 1987, passing a number of new laws to help. But voters did the biggest part — in November 1987 — by approving a constitutional amendment that allowed the state to issue \$500 million in general obligation bonds for the super collider and allowing the commission to sell another \$500 million in revenue bonds. The bonds were to be issued only if Texas won.

According to the House Research Organization, a legislative study group, the state bonds likely would be used to provide \$600 million to \$700 million in construction costs for the super collider lab, to buy \$200 million in electrical utility capacity to help lower utility costs, and to back \$100 million in higher education and physics research projects.

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