Senate approves \$5 billion construction of super collider project outside Dallas

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly three years after Texas launched an expensive and aggressive campaign to win the super collider, the Senate gave final legislative approval Thursday to a bill authorizing construction of the \$5.9 billion particle accelerator on Ellis County farmland. The bill, which sets aside \$225 million for the super collider, is on its way to President Bush for

The funds for the SSC, a 53-mile underground tunnel, are included in a measure providing \$18.6 billion for next year's federal energy

and water programs.

Under the bill, Texas received \$482 million

for energy and water projects, according to Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, including \$31 million for construction of the long-awaited Cooper Lake in Northeast Texas and \$43.3 million for the Pan-

tex nuclear weapons assembly plant in Amarillo.

The biggest Texas project in the bill is the superconducting super collider. Expected to take up to seven years to complete, the SSC would be used by scientists to hurl beams of protons into the theories according for the begin building. each other in a search for the basic building blocks of the universe.

"The SSC will put the United States on the cuting edge of the technological advances gained rom increased knowledge of the basic forces in the universe," Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, said.

New president

allows protests

CAPE TOWN, South Africa -

march. Anti-apartheid leaders

announced plans for more activ-

ity Friday.

The Electoral College, domi-

nated by Parliament members of the National Party, cast a unani-mous vote for de Klerk, one day

after the march in Cape Town. It was the largest legal protest march in South Africa's history.

Moolman Mentz, spokesman for the Conservative Party, the

argest parliamentary opposition,

said approval of the Cape Town march was "a knife thrust in the back" of the security forces. Mentz called for immediate Par-

In a rare move, the anti-apartheid Democratic Party voted with the Nationalists to defeat the

In carrying out his stated polcy to allow peaceful protest, de

Klerk faces opposition not only

from right-wing parties but from

the security establishment that

enjoyed wide powers under for-mer President P.W. Botha.

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Conservatives' motion.

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"The project will not only create a large number of jobs in Texas but will attract the world's best scientists to work on expanding the frontiers of human knowledge and understanding."

Rep. Jim Chapman predicted some construc-tion would begin soon at the SSC site south of Dallas in Ellis County.

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"There is just going to be a flurry of activity this fall, as the program begins to actually move toward construction of the project," Chapman, a Sulphur Springs Democrat, said. "This is just going to be a tremendous boost to Texas and the nation. After a long, long struggle, the SSC is

headed toward becoming the law of the land." Chapman said he also believes Congress' com-

mitment to build the SSC will make it easier for the Energy Department to obtain cost-sharing agreements from foreign sources, who are ex-

pected to finance up to one-third of the project.

"One of our challenges next year is to move forward aggressively in negotiating those agreements," Chapman said. "The entire world

Department of Energy officials told Congress earlier this year it would be difficult to convince other countries to help finance the project until Congress signaled its commitment. To date, only India has signed a cost-sharing agreement of \$50

Texas has committed \$1 billion. Chapman said Congress' decision to build the collider will make it harder for lawmakers in future years to abandon the project, although he anticipates a yearly struggle over the appropria-

"This year the effort was doubly difficult because we had to make believers of the Congress in the merits of SSC," Chapman said. "We will continue to have to justify the expense each year because the appropriation will increase. We are never totally safe until we launch our first proton

fundamentally.

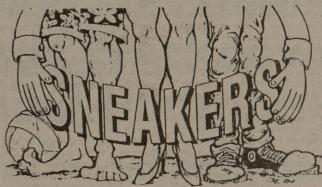
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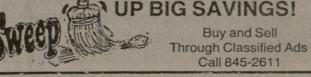
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East Germans continue dash to Austrian border for freedom

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — East Germans made a last-minute dash for the border Thursday, with National Party leader F.W. de Klerk was elected Thursday to a more than 100 per hour reported crossing into Austria in fear the Iron Curtain's hole to the West might five-year term as president and was criticized immediately by conclose again soon. was criticized immediately by conservative opponents for allowing a protest that drew an estimated 20,000 people.

Police allowed two smaller protests to go on Thursday, even giving flowers to leaders of one process.

Hungarian authorities said they had no plans to stop the exodus, which has prompted East Germans in Poland and Czechoslovakia to seek refuge in West German embassies in hopes they too will get to go

Poland's Foreign Ministry confirmed that some East Germans were at the West German Embassy in Warsaw. About 150 East Germans were reported in the West German Embassy in Prague, Czechoslovakia.

The Vatican newspaper praised Hungary's move, but a pro-Solidarity newspaper in Poland cautioned against Warsaw following Hungary's example

After a brief letup in the refugee flow Wednesday, Austria's Interior Ministry reported Thursday that 100 East Germans an hour were arriving en route to West Germany.

West German border officials said more than 700 new refugees arrived overnight. Aid workers in Budapest,

The East Germans are automat-

The reform-minded Communist agreement "if conditions change government in Hungary opened its border to Austria at midnight Sunday, ending a weeks-long standoff that began when thousands of East Germans flooded the West German Embassy in Budapest seeking legal

Many had come to Hungary in May, after the country began dismantling barbed wire and other barriers along its westernmost border, and had been caught trying to cross to the West illegally. They feared they would be punished if they re-turned to their homeland.

West Germany's ARD television West Germany's ARD television network reported rumors Hungary would close the border soon, but government spokesman Zsolt Bajnok said he knew of no such plans.

Bajnok quoted Foreign Minister Gyula Horn as saying Thursday that "no decision has been made" on stopping the flow of East Germans.

East Germany accused Hungary of breaking an accord prohibiting

of breaking an accord prohibiting unauthorized departures to the West of residents of the Warsaw Pact countries, and it filed a formal pro-

Hungary's Foreign Ministry said the government let the East Gerwhere would-be emigrants register mans go in accordance with a U.N. before going West, said at least human rights accord that out13,000 people had crossed since early Monday. Germany.

The ministry, in a statement carically granted citizenship in West ried by the official MTI news Germany and have been put up in agency, also said the 1969 East Gercamps and given assistance finding man-Hungarian accord contained a secret article invalidating the

Chicken pox vaccine awaits approval in U.S.

The conditions had changed

fundamentally" it said, referring to the influx of East Germans. It indi-

cated the borders would remain open to East Germans as long as

"Considering that the causes un-derlying the decision of the Hungar-ian Peoples' Republic have not changed, the Hungarian party can-

not consider rescinding the decision

to cool Thursday, with the Communist Party daily Neues Deutschland refraining from additional criticism of Hungary.

Emotions in East Berlin appeared

masses of them want to cross.

NEW YORK (AP) — A vaccine that would be the nation's first for chicken pox has been submitted for federal approval, and a new whooping cough vaccine with less risk of side effects may follow soon.

Chicken pox strikes more than 3 million Americans a year, mostly children. While it is generally just bothersome, a small fraction of patients suffer harm to the nervous system or other complications such as pneumonia or bacterial infections. About 175 Americans a year die from such problems. Some calculations suggest that

given the medical costs of complications, a chicken pox vaccine can make economic sense for society as a

Merck Sharpe & Dohme of West Point, Pa., in August asked the Food and Drug Administration to approve its vaccine, which Stanley Plotkin, chairman of the American Academy of Pediatrics said is already used in Japan and Europe.

The vaccine contains a weakened version of the chicken pox virus. The standard vaccine for whoop-

ing cough is given in early childhood as part of the DTP vaccine. About half of the children who

get the DTP vaccine run a fever, with swelling or soreness at the injection site in 40 to 50 percent, according to one large study. The fever can also cause convulsions.

In contrast, recent research found that fever appeared in only about 5 percent of children vaccinated with a "acellular" pertussis vaccine, and localized reactions were minimal, said James Cherry of the University of California, Los Angeles, School of Medicine.

Witness testifies that nursing home aide murdered five, threatened to kill babies

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — A former nursing home aide charged with suffocating five patients threatened to kill babies at a hospital nursery after she eft Michigan, her alleged co-conspirator testified

Catherine Wood, the prosecution's key witness, coninued her testimony in Kent County Circuit Court in the trial of her former lesbian lover, Gwendolyn Gra-

Graham, 25, is charged with five counts of first-degree murder and one count of conspiracy to murder in he 1987 deaths of female patients at Alpine Manor Nursing Home in Walker, a suburb of Grand Rapids.

Wood, who has admitted to helping Graham kill the patients, said she decided to go to police after Graham moved to her native Tyler, Texas, in July 1987 and began working at Mother Frances Hospital as a nurse's aide. The two sometimes talked by telephone.

"She told me she liked walking past the nursery and she wanted to take one of (the babies) and smash it against the window," Wood testified. "I had to stop her

Her statements were made out of the presence of the ury at the defense attorney's request.

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Bobbie Burks, a spokesman at Mother Frances, said in a telephone interview Thursday that there were no unusual occurrences or unexplained injuries at the hospital while Graham was employed there between July 1987 and October 1988. Graham, who was not assigned to the nursery, was fired when the hospital found out she was being investigated in the Alpine Manor deaths.

Wood, 27, has pleaded guilty to one count of second-degree murder and one count of conspiracy to murder and agreed to testify against Graham.

Wood testified she felt badly about the murders while they were occurring, but went along with Graham, sometimes acting as a lookout while Graham allegedly smothered the patients with rolled-up washcloths. Graham allegedly told her the killings "relieved ten-

The two had planned to take turns killing patients, Wood said, but said she lacked the nerve to kill anyone. The two split in July 1987, after living together for nearly a year, and Graham moved to Tyler with an-

other nurse's aide. Defense attorney James Piazza said Wood made up the slayings because she was hurt and angry that Graham had left her for another woman.

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