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Super collider meets initial price, standards despite 'conceptual flaw'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The superconducting super collider will still meet its original standards and \$5.9 billion price tag despite a "conceptual flaw," a high-ranking Energy Department official told members of Congress Monday.

Deputy Energy Secretary Henson Moore said DOE has no plans to move the collider from Texas, contrary to a published report that suggested a change in the SSC design could result in a smaller, less powerful collider that would be unsuitable for Ellis County.

"As far as we're concerned, nothing's changed," Moore said in an interview after meeting with Sen. Phil Gramm and Rep. Joe Barton. "We have no official reports, requests, proposals any different than we're going to build the super collider right there in Texas for \$5.9 billion."

The Washington Post, in a front page story Sunday, quoted unnamed U.S. officials and independent scientists who suggested extensive modifications could reopen the battle for the particle accelerator by allowing other states to argue that Ellis

County is no longer ideal.

Moore said information in the story was provided from people who "are angry because we told them there aren't going to be any cost overruns on this project."

"They're people who . . . want to take a house we had designed to build and add a swimming pool to it and add all kinds of extras to it, and thought they could get it through in the name of science. We told 'em you're going to build the project we designed, you're going to build it for the price we contracted for," Moore said.

The contractor is to provide the Energy Department by December with recommendations for any technical modifications to the collider's conceptual plan drawn up two years, Moore said, adding that he sees "nothing new, nothing different, nothing holding anything up."

"We've simply told them (scientists working on the SSC), make whatever changes you want to, it just can't cost over \$5.9 billion. And it also has to achieve the standards set for it originally."

Congress recently approved the first \$225 million to build the collider over an eight-year period. The site around south of Dallas was chosen in November 1988 after a lengthy selection process involving many states.

As planned, the collider would be a 53-mile underground oval where atomic particles would be hurled at each other by superconducting magnets. Scientists would collide the particles in an attempt to break them down further to test theories about the building blocks of the universe.

Gramm, R-Texas, said the problem is with the size of the mechanism that would inject proton beams into the underground ring, and that it was initially believed that the injector could be the same size as the one used at the Fermilab outside Chicago.

Ten Tech students caught in fake ID. card scandal

LUBBOCK (AP) — Ten Texas Tech University students face federal or state charges in an alleged counterfeit drivers license scheme that came to light when the fake licenses were sent to a local film store to be developed, authorities said Monday.

Four of the students face federal felony charges and six others face state charges in a month-long investigation by the U.S. Secret Service, the Texas Department of Public Safety, and Lubbock and Texas Tech police.

Four students face federal charges of manufacturing and selling the fake IDs. Six others were found to be in possession of the licenses by DPS and Lubbock police officers.

"We have turned over information from the investigation to law enforcement officials throughout the state," Captain Jay Parchman of the Texas Tech Police Department said.

Parchman said the major break in the case came from an employee of a photo processing store in Lubbock. The employee became suspicious after seeing a roll of film containing 22 photos of young people on prints that also contained drivers license in-

formation.

All of the young people in the photos were later identified by Texas Tech police as university students.

Seventeen of the students never took possession of the licenses, so they will not be charged with violating state motor vehicle laws, although Texas Tech intends to discipline the youths.

DPS Sgt. Adelido Hinojosa says all local photo processing businesses have been alerted to possible violations of Texas law from developing film used in counterfeit operations.

Texas Tech spokeswoman Margaret Simon said students often think it's a "harmless misdemeanor" to get a fake ID card.

The federal law against counterfeiting drivers licenses carries a maximum penalty of 5 to 15 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. Violation of the state law against processing and using a counterfeit license carries a 2- to 5-year prison term and loss of the drivers license for up to 1 year.

Holders of altered or borrowed licenses carry an automatic suspension of drivers license for 90 days to a year.

But because the super collider would be 10 times as powerful as the Fermilab accelerator, scientists believe the injector should be enlarged, Gramm said.

"With a 53-mile machine, you have got to have more power to start the particle around the track," Gramm said.

Gramm said DOE would come up with various options and its preferred choice for dealing with the injector problem, which he called a "conceptual flaw," in early January.

Tear gas canister calls short country music AIDS benefit

FORT WORTH (AP) — A country music concert to benefit people with AIDS was halted after a tear gas canister was hurled into the lobby of the building where the event was being held, police said.

No one was injured, and fire and emergency medical crews helped clear tear gas vapors from the Texas & Pacific building, authorities said.

About 2,000 people were listening to the country band Mason Dixon when the canister was thrown in the lobby about 10:40 p.m., said concert-

goer Leo Russell of San Antonio.

The concert was sponsored by the Texas Gay Rodeo Association.

Russell said he and others inside the building suffered burning noses and throats from the tear gas. Many fled through a back door.

"When we went around front, we saw there had been a lot of people in the lobby," Russell told *The Dallas Morning News*. "They were outside coughing and crying."

Police said they had received no complaints about the incident late Sunday.

Fraternity ransoms sorority members to raise food for poor

By Bob Krenek

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Several sorority members were kidnapped in grand fashion Monday and held for ransom by members of the Sigma Nu fraternity.

This was not, however, a silly prank. The purpose was to raise food for the needy on Thanksgiving.

Sigma Nu's "Snatch an S.B." program involved kidnapping sorority girls and taking them to the Flying Tomato in a limousine where they waited until their sorority sisters were able to bring 50 canned goods to obtain their release.

"I doubt I'll be rescued any time soon," Kappa Kappa Gamma's Carrie Wiedenfeld said. "But that's okay, I'm having fun. We may tell them to go back and get 50 more cans when they do get here!"

Kappa Alpha Theta's Leslie Grable agreed with Wiedenfeld the can drive idea was a good one. "The needy can always use more food this time of year," she said.

Several sorority members expressed surprise at the number of items the drive produced.

"It's amazing how the little bit everyone gives adds up," Karen Joyce of Pi Beta Phi said. "This has really added up to a lot."

Sigma Nu historian, Harish Chintapalli, said the drive resulted in the donation of a total of 750 cans to the food bank.

This is very good news for the food bank, Mendy Slone, a member of the bank's board of directors, said.

Slone said the bank has been operating below capacity because

they simply have not received enough donations.

The food bank has been giving away about half of what it did last year and the warehouse is only one quarter full, Slone said.

The fraternity wanted to do something to help the poor through the holiday season, Sigma Nu's Service Chairman Robert Kollman said.

"I like to see people have a decent meal on Thanksgiving and Christmas," he said.

Sigma Nu members are excited about the future possibilities for this program, Kollman said.

They plan to conduct another food drive next year and expand it to include other fraternities as well as campus dorms and organizations.

"We think this was great to get started with," Kollman said. "I wish we could have had a better turnout, but we hope to be much better organized next year."

The Sigma Nu members were a great help, but he was unable to secure help from all the sororities, he said.

"I'd like to thank all the sororities that did help though," he said. "They were great."

Kollman also credited the Flying Tomato and Brazos Valley Limousine for helping with the project.

Kollman and Craig Baugh, the assistant service chairman, organized the project and said they are eager to work on next year's program.

"We hope to issue a challenge to all the fraternities to help raise food," Kollman said.

"We think this can really be big next year," he said.

Anyone interested in donating to the Brazos Valley Food Bank should contact the bank at 822-2668 or Slone at 696-6213.

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