A&M-CC approves naming center for Harte

\$18 million Performing Arts Center construction could begin within 18 months

By HEATHER HOWARD Caller-Times

A performing arts center for Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi advanced another step Friday as the A&M System Board of Regents authorized the naming of the \$18 million center for a local financial donor.

The center will be built on the campus in the next two or three vears and overlook Corpus Christi Bay. It will be designed to attract top-rate performing acts from throughout the country. It also could become home to the Corpus Christi Symphony and the

Corpus Christi Chorale, "Once we build it we'll have a first-class facility that allows us to get into what I call the 'university loop' of famous artists and troupes going from school to school," said Ken DeDominicis, vice president for institutional advancement for the university. This will make us one of these premier centers to performers."

And some local performers may get a better venue for concerts, too. The center will be designed with an emphasis on excellent acoustics.

'I think it's a great opportunity for the symphony, in particular that we are involved in the committee to review the plans to make sure that it is acoustically and physically to the advantage of our symphony audience," Corpus Christi Symphony Orchestra Director Lee Gwozdz said. Other communities in Texas. have built some (acoustically) stunning performing arts centers.

The orchestra's current home, Selena Memorial Auditorium in Bayfront Plaza Convention Center, is a good venue for performances such as Broadway shows, Gwozdz said.

But because the auditorium was designed to muffle audience noise, it doesn't enhance sound like a concert hall would, Gwozdz

said.
"When it comes to symphonies, choirs and choral concerts, (the university center) would be the perfect venue," Gwozdz said.
The Edward H. Harte Perform-

ing Arts Center likely will have rooms for dinners and receptions to make it a place where community members will want to spend time; DeDominicis said.

With former Caller-Times publisher Harte's \$3.5 million donation, university officials have raised about \$14 million for the \$18 million center through state private funds. University President Robert Furgason has said he is confident that the remaining \$4 million can be raised within a year, and that construction could begin within 18

Officials with the Coastal Bend Community Foundation said Harte and his wife, Janet, recently gave the school \$3.5 million, donated anonymously at the time, to help with the design and construction of the center.

It was the largest donation of its kind in the university's history, university officials said when they announced the gift last month.

'Ed Harte has been wonderfully generous in his support of this university and the arts in Corpus Christi," Furgason said through a Friday quently, it is fitting that this facility be named for him."

Last fall, Harte donated \$1 million to the university, culminating a list of about a half-dozen donations to the school that were unveiled at a black-tie dinner in October.

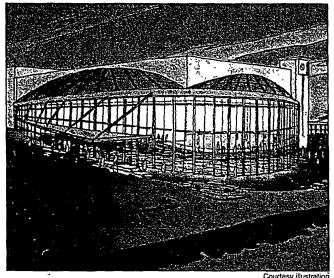
The \$3.5 million gift for the per-







DEMONSTRATIONS & CLASSES TUES - FRI 10-8 SATURDAY 10-8 LLOSED MONDAY



Artist's rendering of the new Performing Arts Center to be built at Texas

forming arts center will give the university and community a cultural boost and sets an example

for gift-giving, DeDominicis said.
"Everybody's excited about this
the university and community," he said. "It's going to build a facility for all our community folks and the campus, but it also sets new standard for philanthropic support."

Staff writer Heather Howard can be reached at 886-3767 or by e-mail at howardh@scripps.com

Feds enlist hunters to track Rudolph

Cox News Service

ATLANTÁ Birmingham bombing suspect Eric Robert Rudolph is a loner - a man who, investigators say, enjoys the chase and is so determined to elude capture that they fear he may construct a suicide bomb rather than

go to prison.

By all accounts, bear hunters are gregarious, adventuresome, persistent and cunning — all driven by the thrill of the hunt,

Federal officials hope that by pitting those characteristics against each other — the doggedness of the bear hunters against the stealth of the suspect — they finally may catch the fugitive Rudolph, or at least unearth more clues

On Oct. 12, hunters will saturate the area with their hounds, looking for black bear - including 30square-mile area where investigators are concentrating their search. Authorities are hoping they may

come across Rudolph.
It's a dangerous game made even more so by the specter of one of the FBI's Ten Most Wanted

fugitives being among the prey.
On Monday in the Andrews, N.C., recreation center, members of the Southeast Bomb Task Force will have a-meeting with the hunters to enlist their help. There any of the forest, FBI agent Terry

Turchie said. Hunters will be shown the brands of vitamins and food - including Bi-Lo oatmeal, green beans, raisins and Planters peanuts — that they know Rudolph carried into the woods with him. Some of the con-

tainers have been found buried.
"If they find something in an area that doesn't seem to fit — call us," Turchie said. The task force information number is (828) 321-1336.

From clues gathered, investigators then will determine what to

a trail of the fugitive's movements:

A pickup truck registered to

Rudolph was seen near the site of the Jan. 29 explosion at a Birming-ham abortion clinic that killed a moonlighting police officer and maimed a nurse.

He disappeared shortly after and wasn't seen again until months later, when an acquaintance said he came out of the woods and made off with a large quantity of food and supplies.

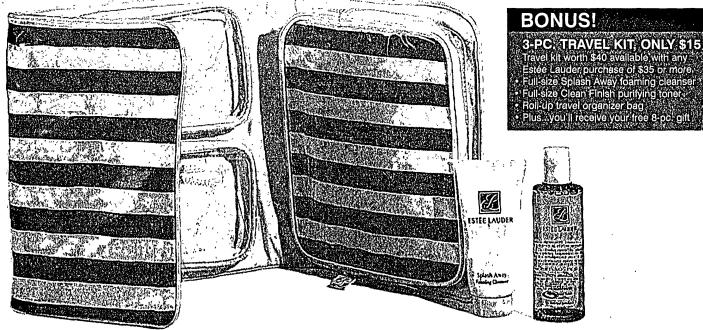


ESTÉE LAUDER

EXCLUSIVE FREE 8-PIECE GIFT

YOURS WITH ANY ESTÉE LAUDER PURCHASE OF 19.50 OR MORE. A \$55 VALUE!





ORDER ANY TIME 1-800-472-6437