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Abilene

McMurry University completed a \$25 million capital campaign, renovation of the Cooke Classroom Building (below left) and Radford Auditorium (below center and right), and groundbreaking on a student apartment complex. An aluminum smelting facility opened in the Sweetwater Industrial Park. Road work continues in the 13-county Abilene district, which has \$80.1 million in ongoing construction projects.



Amarillo

The Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center added a \$630,000, 5,800-square-foot wing to the facility (below). Harrington Medical Center has \$43 million in construction under way including a pair of four-story office buildings. The City of Amarillo and the Amarillo Independent School District will build a baseball park as a joint-use project.



Austin

Austin ranked 11th on a survey listing the most popular U.S. destinations for people who move. Hard Rock Café will open after restoring the building at 222 East Sixth Street. Horseshoe Bay plans its first new development in a decade—a new Marriott Hotel and Conference Center (below left), 600 homes and a Jack Nicklaus golf course (below right).



Beaumont

At least 100 homes for low-to-moderate income families will be built on land donated to the city. BASF Corporation has a \$1 billion steam cracker operating at Atofina's Port Arthur refinery. Cardinal Village Complex (below), a new dorm, opened on the Lamar University campus. A \$300 million electric generating plant is planned for Newton County.



Bryan-College Station

The Miramont golf course resort and residential development's first phase is nearing completion (below left). MeriStar Hotels and Resorts, Inc., the largest independent hotel operator in the United States, will manage the Traditions Golf and Country Club at University Ranch. College Main Parking Garage (below center) opened along with the Tradition (below right) at Northgate dormitory.



Brazoria

To boost industry, Pearland designated a foreign trade zone (FTZ) offering both local and federal tax breaks for businesses and industry. The city gained trade zones through expansion of the Port Freeport FTZ (below left), which also included expansions in Alvin and at Brazoria County Airport (below right). Rollac Shutter of Texas has moved its headquarters from Houston to Pearland.



Corpus Christi

The city was chosen as a site for two world championship sailing events in 2002, and the city council approved a new \$35 million downtown arena. Three Rivers Rialto Theater (below) was refurbished and reopened after being closed 20 years. A \$5 million La Raza school will accommodate approximately 500 students.



Brownsville-Harlingen

A new Border Patrol facility will replace the Port Isabel station. Panasonic built a new shipping and receiving warehouse near the Free Trade Bridge (below left). Rio Grande Valley Multibank will provide \$10.8 million for affordable housing to more than 400 Valley families. A new upscale subdivision, Los Lagos Golf Club, will add about 400 homes to the area (below right).



Dallas

The American Airlines Center and complex (below left) opened in summer 2001. The City of Frisco will build a \$22 million minor league ballpark and a \$20 million Dallas Stars training facility. The Shops at Willow Bend (below right) opened 1.5 million square feet on Plano Parkway at the North Dallas Tollway. A performance hall, expected to open in February, is under construction at I-30 and Belt Line next to Lone Star Park.



El Paso

Southwestern Bell opened a 93,000-square-foot call center. The University of Texas-El Paso unveiled its \$15 million, 13-building student housing unit (below left and center). El Paso Water Utilities wants to construct a \$52 million desalination plant to produce 20 million gallons of drinkable water a day. The El Paso Downtown Partnership continues its efforts to revitalize the central city (below right).



Houston

Construction began on Houston's 7.5-mile, \$300 million light rail line (below left). The \$700 million hotel and convention center expansion next to the George R. Brown Convention Center (below center) will double the number of hotel rooms and convention meeting space downtown. Texas Medical Center plans the Southeast Texas Biotechnology Park (below right) that will eventually cover 64 acres and cost \$633 million. A master-planned community is under development in northwest Harris County on Katy-Hockley Road.



Fort Worth

Wal-Mart plans a massive, 888,000-square-foot food distribution center in Cleburne. A \$70 million renovation and expansion is planned for the Medical Center of Arlington. The City of Fort Worth chose Portman Holding to develop the new convention center hotel on Houston Street (below left). Robson Ranch began development of the 2,700-acre site that will have more than 6,000 homes, three golf courses, tennis courts and other facilities (below right).



Laredo

Laredo is the fastest growing city east of the Rocky Mountains. The city launched a \$15 million program to assist first-time homebuyers. A 171,466-square-foot arena is under construction at Loop 20 north of the Laredo International Airport (below left). La Bota Ranch will soon have a new golf course (below right).



Galveston

Construction began on a community center in Carbine Park that will house a senior citizens center and county beach and parks department offices. Texas A&M University-Galveston (below) plans the state's first Wetlands Study Center, a walking nature trail around the Mitchell Campus to educate the public and serve as an outreach program for the university. Plans are under way in League City to develop the 900-acre second phase of the River Market project.



Longview-Marshall

Longview Regional Medical Center completed a \$3.7 million enlargement and renovation of its emergency room. Two new hotels will add 170 rooms for Longview travelers. Dana Corp., an automotive component manufacturer, plans a \$59 million, 200,000-plus-square-foot facility in Longview Business Park (below).



Lubbock

Wells Fargo & Co. plans a \$12.7 million customer care center in west Lubbock. Texas Tech will build the first parking garage on campus (below) and an 18-hole golf course that meets NCAA standards. Construction began on SunCrest, a new development expected to have 329 homes on Quaker Avenue.



San Angelo

San Angelo has committed \$1 million toward implementation of a master plan for parks. San Angelo Health Foundation gave \$1.5 million to the YMCA to build a new \$4.76 million facility on Concho River near Park Drive. Ground was broken on a proposed 400-acre industrial park. Plans continue for the construction of the estimated 83,370-square-foot, air-conditioned, dirt-floor Spur Arena (below) and an accompanying 38,304-square-foot bar.



McAllen

The Chamber of Commerce (below left) has a new \$1.8 million home that is twice as big as the former location. McAllen International Museum (below right) continues to expand. Hunter Douglas Wood Products moved its vertical blinds, mini-blinds, shutters and other window coverings division to Weslaco Industrial Park from Casa Grande, Arizona. Development began on an upscale subdivision at the Los Lagos Golf Club.



San Antonio

Plans for a massive expansion of terminals, part of a \$350 million program to overhaul and enlarge the San Antonio International Airport, are under way (below left). A three-block, \$100 million extension will be added to the current "U-shaped" Riverwalk to allow tourists to walk a complete circle (below center). The San Antonio Water System plans a \$215.8 million aquifer storage and recovery program (below right).



Odessa-Midland

The University of Texas-Permian Basin library and lecture center was dedicated (below left). The building includes 87,000 square feet, houses more than 200,000 books and has seating for 300 in the lecture halls. The \$45 million Scharbauer Sports Complex on Loop 250 and State Highway 191 will consist of a baseball stadium and a football-soccer stadium (below center and right). Fairfield Inn is the first new hotel to be constructed in Odessa since the early 1980s.



Sherman-Denison

The Sherman Economic Development Council has teamed with Grayson County College, Workforce Texoma and Sherman ISD to develop a new technical training center. The Greater Texoma Utility Authority issued \$1.8 million for utilities for Denison and Pottsboro, including a water line running between the cities and water storage (below) in Lake Texoma.



Temple-Killeen

University of Mary Hardin-Baylor began construction on the \$4.5 million Parker Academic Center (below left) that will house the business and education schools. An \$11.5 million, 57,000-square-foot research building is under way and will house 200 researchers, staff and graduate students along with ten laboratories (below center and right). The Cardiovascular Research Institute will occupy space in the new building. Scott & White Hospital also plans an eight-story addition.



Texarkana

Texarkana National, an 18-hole golf course, is expected to open in fall 2002. The Federal Highway Administration approved a \$93 million construction project to improve Highway 71 from Fouke to Doddridge. Texas A&M-Texarkana (below left) began offering a bachelor's degree in nursing in fall 2001. The Queen City school district (below right) received a grant from Texas Parks and Wildlife to build an outdoor classroom.



Tyler

The Northwestside Group plans a \$1.5 million water park in Seven Points. University of Texas Health Center at Tyler plans to spend \$15 million to expand the Biomedical Research Building (below left). Tyler Pounds Field Airport continues construction on the new 38,000-square-foot terminal building set to open early in 2002. Mother of Frances Hospital (below right) will add 152 patient rooms and a new Heart Institute by 2003 with a \$50 million, four-floor expansion to the \$27 million surgical wing.



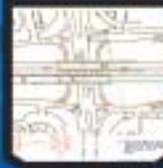
Victoria

Chandler Elementary School (below left) at Guy Grant and Salem roads replaced the aging Stanly Elementary School. The first of three new plants in Formosa Plastic Corp.'s \$750 million expansion project began operation in Point Comfort. Citizens Medical Center (below center and right) opened a \$10.5 million, 72,000-square-foot Healthplex on Zac Lentz Parkway.



Waco

Construction is under way on a \$12.2 million, 160-unit, mixed-income, low-rent apartment complex on Lake Shore Drive. Waco established a free trade zone allowing companies to use material received from outside the United States to make products for export that are exempt from customs duty. A \$70 million retail and restaurant complex is planned at the northwest corner of I-35 and Loop 340 (below).



Wichita Falls

A \$17.5 million project will extend Kell Freeway west from Kemp Street through Fairway Boulevard (below left). A new multipurpose events center coliseum with a 10,000-seat building and ten proposed luxury skyboxes is under construction. A \$6 million expansion will double the size of Kell West Regional Hospital (below right), adding 28 patient suites and eight special-care rooms with high-tech monitoring equipment.





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