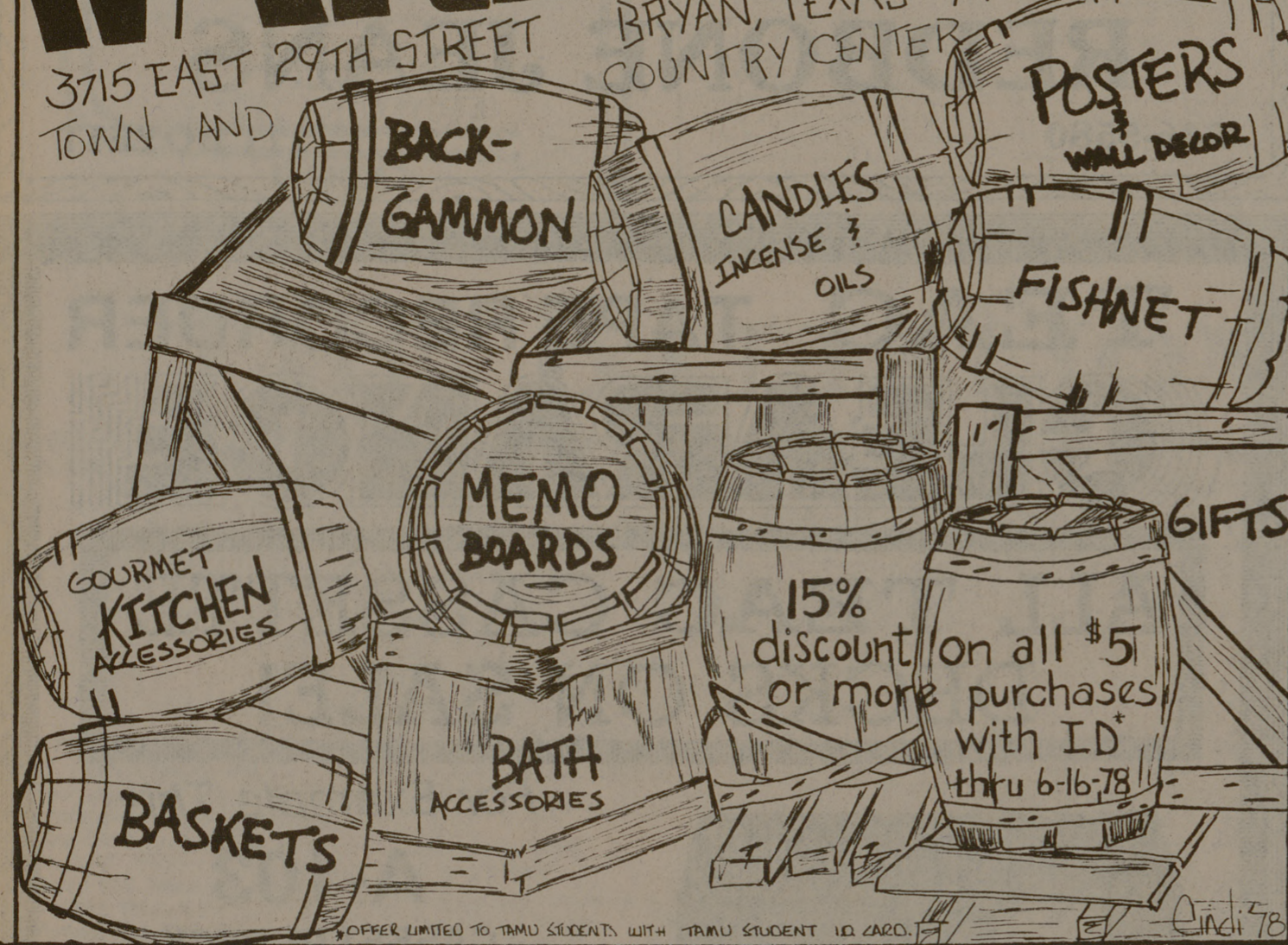


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Texas' growth continues in small metroplex area

United Press International
AUSTIN — "Texas' population growth during the past 15 years can be attributed to the Sunbelt phenomenon and the shift of people to small metropolitan areas," a University of Texas Bureau of Business Research associate said.

"In the 1970s Texas and the South have suddenly become focal points of national population growth," John Burghardt said. "The principle source of growth has shifted from natural increase to in-migration."

Burghardt said population decentralization is apparent during the past few years in Texas: the growth of large metropolitan areas has slowed, while the growth of small metropolitan areas has greatly accelerated.

He said the population shift to the Sunbelt has attracted much attention because it occurred suddenly and dramatically.

"It also raises difficult public policy issues," Burghardt said. "As the geographic distribution of population shifts, the regional balance of political and economic power in the nation is bound to shift also."

According to the research associate, the nation's population grew at an annual rate of 1.3 percent from 1960 to 1970, while the South grew at a 1.4 percent rate. Texas population grew at a 1.6 percent rate. Burghardt said in-migration contributed .2 percent of the state's growth.

From 1970 to 1975 the nationwide growth rate slowed to less than 1 percent, while the South and Texas increased to 1.6 percent and 1.8 percent respectively.

"Clearly the recent high average growth rates in Texas and the South represent not a reversal but an acceleration of past trends," Burghardt said.

He said recent statewide trends

in population reflect major trends. However, he said the had to be divided into six regions to clearly examine Texas' growth terms.

In West Texas, Burghardt said there is clear evidence of a trend of rural decline. In north Texas the growth has declined a previous high of 3 percent.

In East Texas a slow growth in the 1960s has accelerated in the 1970s and the Gulf Coast has maintained the same rate this decade that it had in the 1960s.

Burghardt said Central Texas accelerated its growth rate 1 percent from 1.6 percent during 1960s. He also said the Texas region had experienced the change in growth, jumping 1 percent in the 1960s to a 2 percent annual growth rate.

Iranian students restricted from entering Dallas schools

United Press International
DALLAS — Twenty-six Iranian teenagers have been turned away from the Dallas Independent School District because of a quota established by the district's superintendent, the Dallas Morning News has reported in a copyrighted article.

School Superintendent Nolan Estes' internal memo dated April 10 limited the number of non-resident students from any one foreign country who may enroll in the school district. Iranian students are the only category in which the full quota of 10 has been met, The News said in the report released today.

The article called Estes' mandate "an apparent effort to halt an influx of Iranian students into Dallas schools." A quote from W.H. Fuller, deputy assistant superintendent, offered substantiation to the

evaluation.

"These guys (the Iranians) are conniving. Many of them come up and ask for an I-20 (immigration forms the school district must fill out) for their brother or cousin," Fuller said Thursday.

Fuller said some of the Iranian students who seek admission say they are in Dallas because there are so few schools in Iran. The students do not live with their legal guardians and are in the United States with student visas.

"We'll take a few of them, even though we feel they're coming here just to go to school," he said. "I think it's good to give the school district a cultural balance. But I think we need a few students from other countries."

Estes Thursday denied that the new policy establishing the quota

was intended to keep the land out. He said it was solely intended to cut through administrative problems and cut down on expenses, though foreign students are charged a \$50 monthly tuition fee to the district.

Texas Education Agency Director Dayton Taylor said the only school district can lawfully limit enrollment is to prove that overcrowded.

"Unless a district is so crowded that they can't take any more students, they can't just say they're going to limit the school's enrollment," Taylor said.

TEA staff attorney Jay Brantley said the objection to the policy must be settled in the courts since TEA guidelines do not specify such a policy specifically.

Pushers to testify against sheriff

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TYLER — A former Bonham car dealer convicted for selling heroin

testified Monday he paid the Fannin County sheriff a \$600 monthly bribe to allow him to do business in the county unmolested by law officers.

Jerry Sewell told a federal jury that Sheriff Raymond Taylor told him and other drug associates "he would help us out. The amount was something I came up with myself."

The convicted felon testified the "agreement" lasted "close to a year."

Sewell was the first witness called to testify in Taylor's federal trial which opened yesterday. Charges against the sheriff range from racketeering to soliciting and accepting protection money from narcotics dealers, gamblers and pimps.

The U.S. Attorney's office has said it will cite as many as 180 overt acts to support the belief that Taylor, who was suspended from his job April 5 following his indictment, supported the booming drug trade

in the Northeast Texas county.

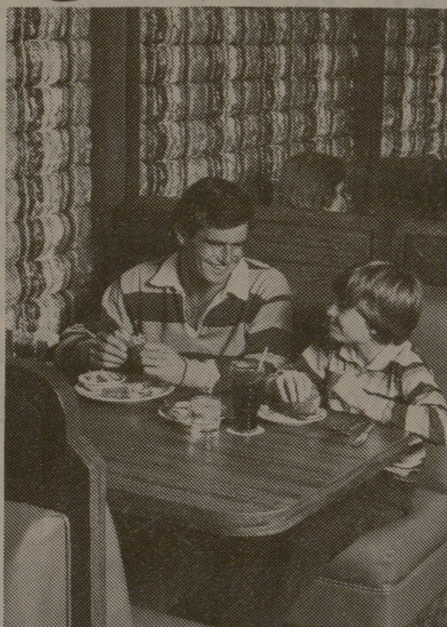
Sewell was convicted in Tyler, Tex., for delivery of heroin. He was sentenced to 10 years in prison, many as four other convicted drug pushers.

The sheriff, including the owner of Bonham music store, Jimmie Lee, are non.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Baynhan said he would call about 80 witnesses and told the jury that some are pimps and some are prostitutes.

Defense attorney F.R. Files countered by saying the government case was based on witnesses like pimps, prostitutes, bootleggers and pushers.

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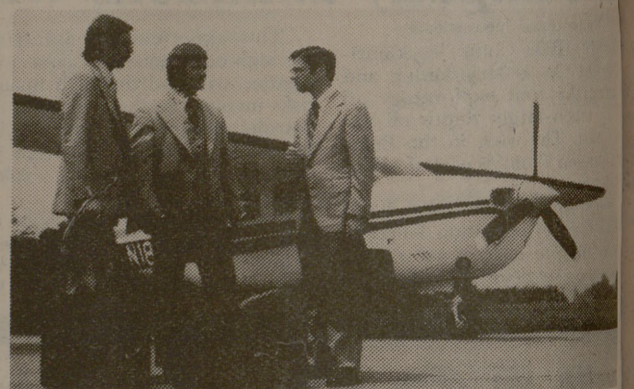


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