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## Spielberg comes to Texas

## Movie set location sought

United Press International EL PASO — The man who brought you "E.T." is considering filming part of his next movie in El Paso. Producer-director Steven

Spielberg was in El Paso last Sunday and Monday scouting locations for a forthcoming movie, according to Joe Sierra of the Greater El Paso Tourism and Convention Bureau's Film Liaison Office. A portion of the movie is to be shot in El Paso's Lower Valley.

Sierra escorted Spielberg and

other members of the film's preproduction crew to locations in San Elizario, Hueco Tanks and in the Avenue of the Americas area east of El Paso.

"He's a super guy," Sierra said. "Real down to earth. He's all heart.

Sierra said location shooting for the film — titled "Fandango" – will take place in late May and early June at those locations. Historic San Elizario, part of the Missions Trail, would be the site of a wedding sequence in

which 300 El Pasoans may be hired as extras. Bill Newkirk of the Film Liason Office said details still are being worked out with Lower Valley County Commissioner Rogelio Sanchez for use of the historic area.

"They looked for this place all over Texas," Sierra said.

A spokesperson for Warner Bros. Films, which will distribute the movie, said "Fandango" is in pre-production. The spokesperson said Spielberg's participation in the project may be li-

mited by his involvement in the sequel to "Raiders of the Lost

"Fandango" is a comedy in-volving three former University of Texas students, Sierra said, one of whom inherits his parents' strip-mining operation upon his return from Vietnam. Though locations across Texas will be used, much of the filming will take place in and around the Austin area. Sierra said that the film had a

\$6 million budget. He expects the two-week shoot to generate about \$1 million locally

Spielberg, 34, is the hottest director in films today. "E.T." has made more money than any movie in history. Thursday it was nominated for nine Academy Awards, including Best Film and Best Director. Spielberg's other box-office hits include "Raiders of the Lost Ark," "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" and "Jaws." His film debut was "Sugarland Express," much of which was shot



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tries Saturday morning. Vaky wa final speaker for Scona.

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## SCONA speaker sees 'no simple solutions'

by Robert McGlohon

Battalion Staff The nature of U.S.-Latin American relations has been significantly altered, a former U.S. assistant secretary of state for inter-American affairs said here

"Both the scenery and the actors have been changed,' Viron P. Vaky said during the final day of the SCONA prog-

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ram "Latin America: Challenges troubled Latin Amer and Alternatives.

The lens through which the United States views Latin American countries has been distorted by stereotypes and misconceptions, Vaky said, and no generalization about Latin America could be true. In the past, people have ques-tioned the U.S. policy of using

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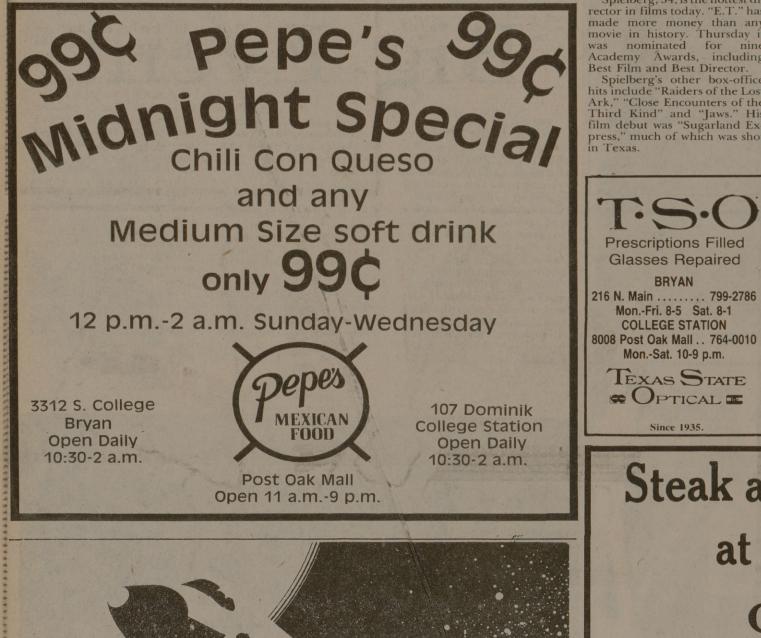
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Ambassador Viron P. Vaky spoke to

