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ASSOCIATION OF FORMER STUDENTS RING OFFICERS: Senior rings ordered between March 24 and April 24, 1987 can be picked up in 224 MSC from 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

COLLEGIATE FFA AND AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT: will have a hotdog supper at the sen Park Pavilion at 6:30 p.m.

OFF-CAMPUS AGGIES: will have a "get to know you" spirit rally at The Grove at 5:30 p.m.

INTRAMURAL SPORTS: Indoor soccer entries will open at 159 Read at 8 a.m.

INTRAMURAL SPORTS: will hold an indoor soccer officials orientation meeting in 164 Read at 6 p.m.

TAMU JAZZ BAND: will rehearse in the Commons west lounge at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited.

TAMU PISTOL TEAM: will hold team tryouts from Monday to Sept. 11 at the shooting range in the basement of the Military Sciences Building from 7-9 p.m.

Tuesday

TAMU TAE KWON DO CLUB: will hold a karate demonstration in 266 G. Rollie White at 7 p.m.

INTRAMURAL SPORTS: will hold an extramural sports club association meeting in 167 Read at 7 p.m.

BRAZOS VALLEY ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP: will meet at St. Thomas Episcopal Church — Parish Hall, 906 Jersey St. in College Station at 7 p.m. Dr. Alan Reyes will speak about Alzheimer's patients.

Wednesday

TAMU TAE KWON DO CLUB: will hold a karate demonstration in 266 G. Rollie White at 7 p.m.

OFF-CAMPUS AGGIES: will hold a welcome picnic at the sen Park at 6 p.m.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no less than three working days before desired publication date.

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Builder to supply 2 mobile homes for pope in Texas

BURLESON (AP) — A builder of mobile homes is supplying two of them for the use by Pope John Paul II and his entourage in the staging area at the site of a papal Mass in San Antonio in two weeks.

Since the pope blesses every home he enters, builder Gary Lundvall of Burleson, 20 miles south of Fort Worth, figures there will be a demand for the two homes later.

"The homes will be placed at the staging area for the pope's use, then they'll remain on display for the rest of that week, for people who want to see them or look through them," Lundvall told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

"Then a plaque will be placed in each one — over the fireplace — saying Pope John Paul II used the home," he said. "Whoever buys it will also own the plaque."

And a blessing.

Rene Nino, manager of Key Homes in San Antonio, a distributor for Oak Creek Homes of Burleson, which Lundvall manages, said, "The pope automatically dedicates (blesses) every home he enters."

All of which significantly enhances the value of these particular mobile homes.

"Yeah . . . I can't help but believe that," Nino said, "but we're not looking to gouge anybody."

"We're not selling at a loss, but I'll be happy as long as I break even."

Nino said he was contacted about five weeks ago by the Rev. David Garcia of the archdiocese in San Antonio.

"He had been in charge of a staging area for the pope's setting things up," Nino said. "When he looked at our place, he liked what he saw."

"He came in and introduced himself and said he needed two homes for the pope's use, and looking at our inventory he had done all the looking he had to do. He expressed a desire for a particular model — and it happened one that Gary makes."

"It's first class."

So Lundvall quickly agreed to build two homes and transport them to San Antonio.

Lundvall said, "One is already there and the second, slightly smaller, will be transported Tuesday."

Lundvall said the smaller two homes has about 1,500 feet and normally sells for \$35,000.

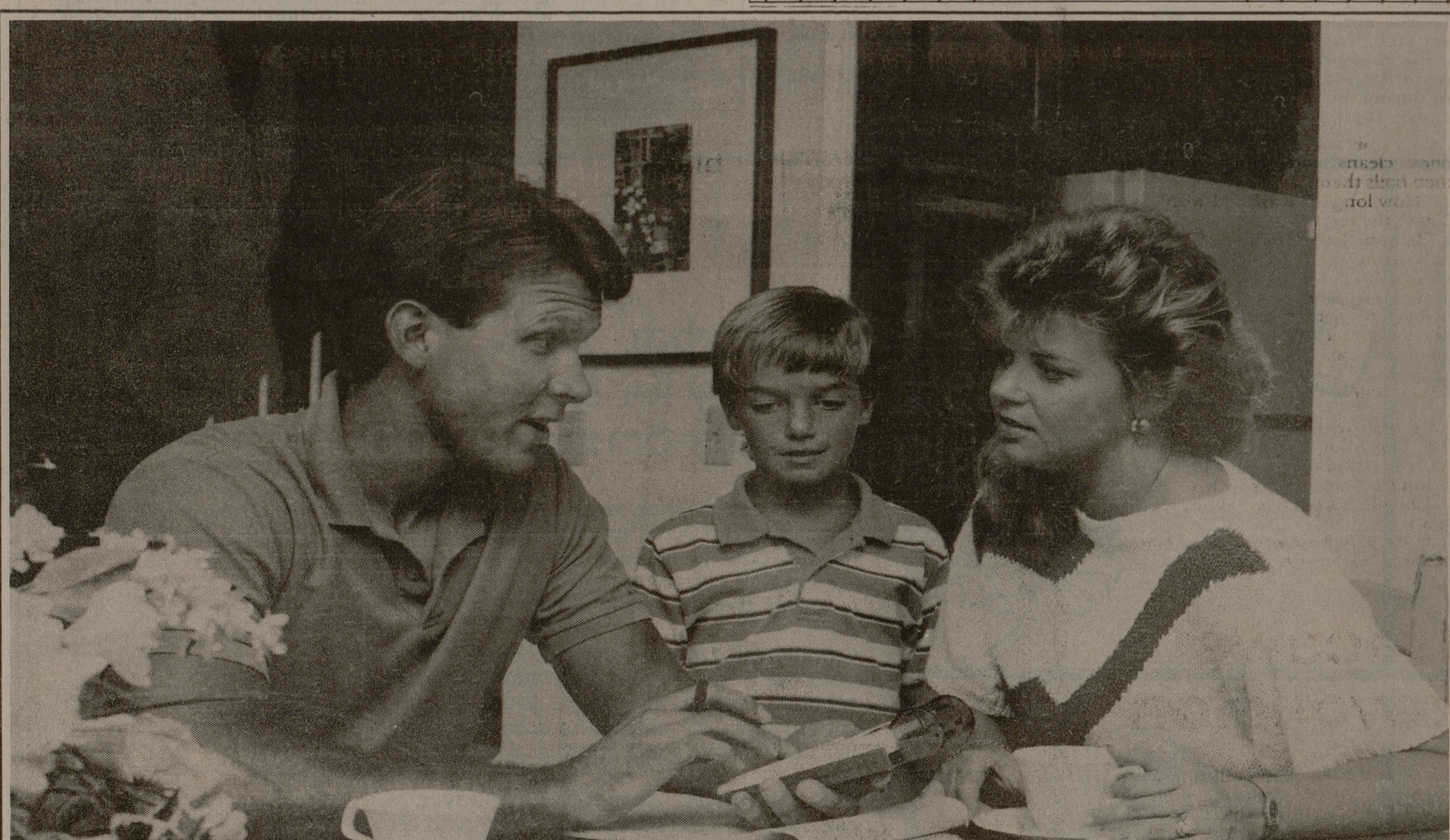
The larger has about 1,800 feet and sells for \$49,900.

Nino said he's been too busy to figure out how the homes are priced.

The original plan for the homes was quickly altered, he said.

"At first, it was just going to be for the pope and his entourage," Nino said.

"But they've got 60 bishops coming in from all over the world, something they call a synod," Nino said. "So now there are going to be all those bishops in the homes with the pope."



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Developers donate land for celebration of Mass on papal visit

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Charles Martin Wender is Jewish and A. Wayne Wright is Baptist, but that didn't stop the developers from donating 144 acres of land so a Roman Catholic pope could celebrate Mass next month.

The 40-year-old Wender, nicknamed "Marty," is president of a real estate investment company that bears his name. He is a respected local businessman and proponent of economic development for the state.

Wright is a 43-year-old attorney who has known Wender for four years.

When Catholic church officials began planning for the visit of Pope John Paul II, they had trouble finding a suitable site to accommodate the more than 500,000 followers expected for the Sunday Mass on Sept. 13.

They turned to Wender and Wright who offered not only the use of the land, but also put up money to have it cleared.

"It's just something we felt was good for the community," Wright said. "We're not trying to get any credit for it. It's not going to be the sale of land and it's not helping me."

"But the opportunity for the pope to come to San Antonio is certainly a significant thing that is very beneficial overall and we could not find an appropriate site that could not have him here. It's simply running out of options."

The Mass site is located in the Over Hills, a 7,500-acre development near Sea World where Wender and Wright plan to build hotels, restaurants and retail shops.

If not for the Westover development, church officials would have been forced to find another site, perhaps more miles away and without the infrastructure.

"There's a lot of Baptists out there having this thing," Wright said. "The pope is a great world leader, very privileged to have him here in San Antonio."

He said Wender feels the same way and they wanted to allow Catholics the opportunity to have a leader.