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Crystal fiber research gets boost

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — The MCC high-tech research consortium is moving ahead with a demonstration project that uses lasers to store vast amounts of computer information inside tiny crystal fibers.

The Austin-based research center has received an advanced, compact laser that will be a key component of its high performance holographic storage device.

If the project goes as planned, MCC will demonstrate a commercially feasible method of storing and retrieving computer information that is thousands of times faster than the magnetic disk drives typically used today.

The new laser was built to Microelectronics and Computer Technology Corp. specifications by Amoco Laser Co. of Naperville, Ill. It is expected to enable researchers to store information in the form of holographic images inside in crystal fibers. MCC has been involved in research holographic storage since 1986.

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"Holostore" technology has been investigated others, but success has been elusive due in part the immature status of enabling technologies, incluing lasers, spatial light modulators and detectors.

rays.

"We're moving out of the long-shot resear mode," Stephen Redfield, director of MCC's opi in computing programs, told the Austin America Statesman. "We're transitioning from research to development right now."

MCC has been awarded patents for two ke breakthroughs in the underlying technology and also built an experimental prototype, which demonstrated that its technology works. MCC now plans build an advanced prototype.

In-line skaters 'out of line'

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLLEGE STATION — Authorities have decided twin brothers were out of line when they cruised a mall on in-line skates — naked.

The 24-year-old men were arrested at 1:25 a.m. Monday after they rode the smooth pavement of the spacious, empty — but well-lighted — Post Oak Mall parking lot and were spotted by a mall security guard.

Lt. Wayne Onstott said Mark and Michael Sammis were charged with disorderly conduct by public indecency, a Class C misdemeanor.

They paid a \$130 fine late Monday morning and were released from the College Station city jail.

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The brothers, who live across the street from the mall, did not give

police a reason for their late-night

When contacted Monday by the Bryan-College Station Eagle, Michael Sammis would say only that the nude adventure was a first for the men.

Authorities described the incident as bizarre.

"Back in the early 1970s there were streakers, but not on Rollerblades or roller skates," Onstott said.

A Post Oak security guard, who asked not to be identified, said the Sammis' nocturnal visit to the normally quiet mall was "most unusual."

"It's downright boring most of the time," he said. "We've never had anything quite like this. Must have been something in the August air"

Jury decides on 1981 gas explosion

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

than a decade of litigation, a jun Tuesday found Apache Corp negligent in what has been called the biggest gas well blowout in Texas history.

The 1981 well blowout of curred near Allison in Wheeler County. A Potter County jury as sessed \$4.5 million in punitive damages against Apache, with \$500,000 of that amount for altoney fees, the Amarillo Globe reported.

The eight plaintiffs were royal ty owners in nearby land. In group had sued, saying they in curred large gas losses as a result of the blowout. The Texas Rai road Commission said the gawell blowout was the biggest Texas history. The commission also said the well was probably the largest gas well ever drilled the state.

Apache's chairman and chile executive officer at the time sal no personal injury, explosion accidental fire occurred at the siduring the 16 months of around the-clock control work after the blowout.

The punitive damages are to divided among eight plaintiffs More than \$300,000 in compensatory damages was awarded to plaintiffs, court officials said.

Dallas' \$30 bail results in suit

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — Four men have filed a class-action lawsuit accusing Dallas County of illegally charging inmates a \$30 fee when they post bail to get out of jail.

The lawsuit filed Thursday comes almost four months after the Texas Supreme Court ruled that the same kind of fee was illegal in El Paso County.

Dallas County Sheriff Jim

Dallas County Sheriff Jim Bowles, whose office collected the fee for the county, is also named in the suit, which seeks past damages amounting to four times the money the county has collected over the years.

If the case receives class action status, "tens of thousands" of defendants in criminal cases who paid the \$30 paid fee since it began nearly 10 years ago could be brought into the suit, said the plaintiffs' attorney Arch McColl.

Assistant District Attorney Tom Keever said he was not surprised to hear about the lawsuit, which he said he had not seen. He said the county stopped collecting the \$30 fee shortly after the Supreme Court's ruling.

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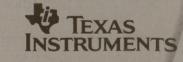
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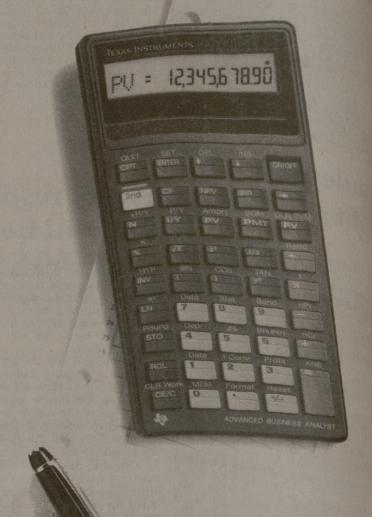
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