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held at A\&M three years ago.
Metinee Srivatanakul, a plant
physiology graduate student,
said she looks forward to the
tournament each year.
"'m really looking forward to
the whole day," she said. "We've
been waiting for it and prepar-
ing for it for about three or
four months."
Organizers expected 100 stu-
dents to attended the game, but
that estimate fell short as an esti-
mated 120 flocked to the campus.
The sports competition was

## Small town tries to boost econon

LEFORS, Téxas (AP) - Since the oil bust hit a
decade ago, there's not much left in this Texas decade ago, the
Panhandle town.
A couple of swimming holes keep the few kids
still here entertained in the summer and Thursdays, the senior citizens' club serves a mean potluck lunch. Watching a good thunderstorm
blow across the rolling plains always makes for an entertaining afternoon.
But that's about it. When the oil wells wer capped and the workers moved out, Lefors lost two grocery stores, a bowling alley, a bar and one-third of its population. Only about 600 people remain,
and enrollment is so low that the local school is in danger of closing.
So, with ingenuity born of desperation, School Superintendent Norman Baxter and Mayor Bob James came up with a plan over coffee one morn-
ing: People could write in and if they were lucky ing: People could write in and, if they were lucky
enough, they just might end up with a piece of Lefors - for nothing.
Twelve vacant lots that failed to sell at auction worth roughly $\$ 150$ to $\$ 400$ apiece - are up for grabs in a drawing Oct. 14 . The only requirement is that truction on a house within six months Before the deadline passed for entries last month, more than 480 postcards streamed in from as far away as California and Maine. Baxter and James are crossing their fingers that teurs and other wholesome, friendly folk.
"We make no discrimination," James says. "Of course, we'd like people with 18 or 20 kids.
But what Lefors wants and what Lefors gets could e two very different things.
Meet, for example, applicant Becky Bremmer. She
lives with her husband in a trailer home south of nearby Amarillo. Both are in their 50s and don't work
 cramped quarters of her trailer home park
"Kids play ball here and keep hitting and I have to keep yelling at them," she save feel like I need a lot of other people to get a Not exactly kid-friendly, young families.
If history is destined to repeat itself. last thing Lefors will get is the June
"I wish them well, but it's not going to work. It's doomed to fail."

"I wish them well, but it's not going to doomed to fail," says William W. Savage Ir
professor at the University of Oklahoma "They think they're going to attract class, people with money to invest, people
going to add something. The historical likel that just the opposite is. Toing to happen." Oklahoma homesteading, most people lu free land were "bums and losers" w
something for nothing, Savage notes. A

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