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## Texas town site of new film project

GEORGETOWN (AP) — Residents of this Central Texas town are doing double takes as they drive by the high school football stadium.

Georgetown's stadium has been transformed into a set for the movie *Varsity Blues*, starring Jon Voight. The film is a collaboration between Paramount Pictures and MTV Films.

The movie, a comedy, spans five football games, including the three home games being shot in Georgetown, about 25 miles north of Austin. Other scenes were filmed in nearby Coupland, Taylor and Elgin.

## Former President Carter lends Habitat for Humanity a helping hand

HOUSTON (AP) — Former President Jimmy Carter plans to be among 6,000 volunteers who hope to begin construction on 100 homes next week in Habitat for Humanity's largest-ever United States project.

The ecumenical organization that has built 65,000 homes worldwide intends to raise walls, roofs and plasterboard for the houses next Monday and Tuesday on vacant lots in two inner-city Houston neighborhoods.

"It's exciting, challenging and always unpredictable," Carter said of his past home-building experiences. "Rosalynn and I don't consider it a sacrifice. Each year that we go, it's an adventure for us."

Habitat's founder is excited about the possible record-setting week during what's dubbed the 1998 Jimmy Carter Work Project. "The stage is set for us to make history," Millard Fuller said.

Carter will join a legion of 1,500 out-of-towners and 4,500 local volunteers.

Fuller said he told visitors getting their first taste of Houston's trademark heat and humidity that they must remain philosophical.

"I just explained it would be a worthwhile spiritual experience," he said. "Because if you build 100 homes in June in Houston, you'll

never consider going to hell. Carter has been working Habitat since 1984 and is credited for its vast success in recent years. The organization had just 1,000 homes by its 10th anniversary in 1986, but it grew to 48,000 over the next 10 years with Carter aboard.

By giving the inner-city poor decent, affordable housing, Carter said the organization is helping to create more productive people.

"They haven't felt like they were part of the community," Carter said, referring to the disadvantaged poor who usually inhabit the program's homes. "They were alien no matter where they existed. They get a home, they become a taxpayer, they come constructive citizens."

About 64,000 Houston households face unaffordable rents and poor living conditions, according to a government report released this spring.

To qualify for Habitat homes, residents must be first-time home owners and earn between \$11,000 and \$23,000 a year.

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