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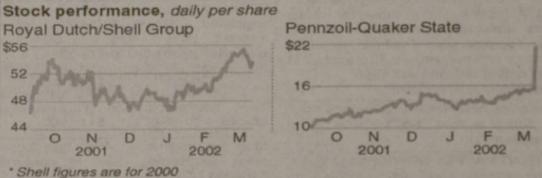
Shell Oil to buy Pennzoil-Quaker State for \$1.8 billion

Needs oil

Shell Oil Co., a member of Royal Dutch/Shell Group, is buying Pennzoil-Quaker State Co. for \$1.8 billion. Pennzoil-Quaker State Co. is the nation's largest motor oil maker.



Shell Oil	Headquarters	Houston
The company continues to branch out into new ventures, including developing new oil and gas properties, mainly in the deepwater Gulf of Mexico.	The company owns Jiffy Lube, the U.S.'s No. 1 owner of oil-changing centers. It also makes the nation's No. 1 and No. 2 brands of motor oil, Pennzoil and Quaker State	
\$29.7 billion	2001 sales*	\$2.3 billion
\$3.0 billion	2001 net income*	-\$33.9 million
11,140	Employees*	7,467



* Shell figures are for 2000
 SOURCES: Hoover's Online; Yahoo.com; Commodity Systems Inc.; Quote.com AP

HOUSTON (AP) — Pennzoil-Quaker State Co., the nation's largest motor oil maker and parent company of more than 2,000 Jiffy Lube oil change service stations across the country, is becoming part of Royal Dutch/Shell Group in a deal worth \$1.8 billion.

The agreement was announced Monday night in Houston, where both Pennzoil-Quaker State and Shell's U.S. operations are based.

While officials at both firms said the families of Pennzoil and Quaker State brands, the nation's two best-selling motor oils, will survive, some jobs will not.

"We do expect some reductions in staff," Gail Schatz, Shell spokeswoman said.

She estimated 15 percent or some 1,230 jobs — would be eliminated "within the combined work force of Shell Lubricants and Pennzoil-Quaker State."

Shell has about 7,000 workers in Houston and its Lubricants Group employs about 800 people. Pennzoil-Quaker State has a worldwide work force of about 7,400.

Discussions that led to Monday's announcement started about a month ago when Shell officials approached Pennzoil-Quaker State executives, both companies said.

Pennzoil-Quaker State spokesman Ray Scipparone said no other oil companies were involved.

The deal, approved Monday by Pennzoil-Quaker's board, is expected to close in the second half of this year. It still needs the approval of shareholders and regulators.

For the Houston economy, the new job losses come amid speculation of additional employment cuts with a merger of Hewlett-Packard Co. with fellow computer giant Compaq Computer Corp., based in Houston. There's also a downturn in the oil patch, where exploratory drilling has declined by some 40 percent from a year ago.

"It comes at a bad time," Bill Gilmer, a Houston economist with the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

New York suit seeks slavery reparations

NEW YORK (AP) — A federal lawsuit seeking unspecified reparations for the 35 million descendants of African slaves was filed Tuesday against the Aetna insurance company, the FleetBoston financial services group and the road giant CSX.

The lawsuit also claims that many as 1,000 unidentified corporations may have profited from slavery and sometimes helped continue in the United States between 1619 and 1865.

"The practice of slavery constituted an immoral and inhuman deprivation of Africans' life, liberty, African citizenship rights, cultural heritage and it further deprived them of the fruits of their own labor," the lawsuit said.

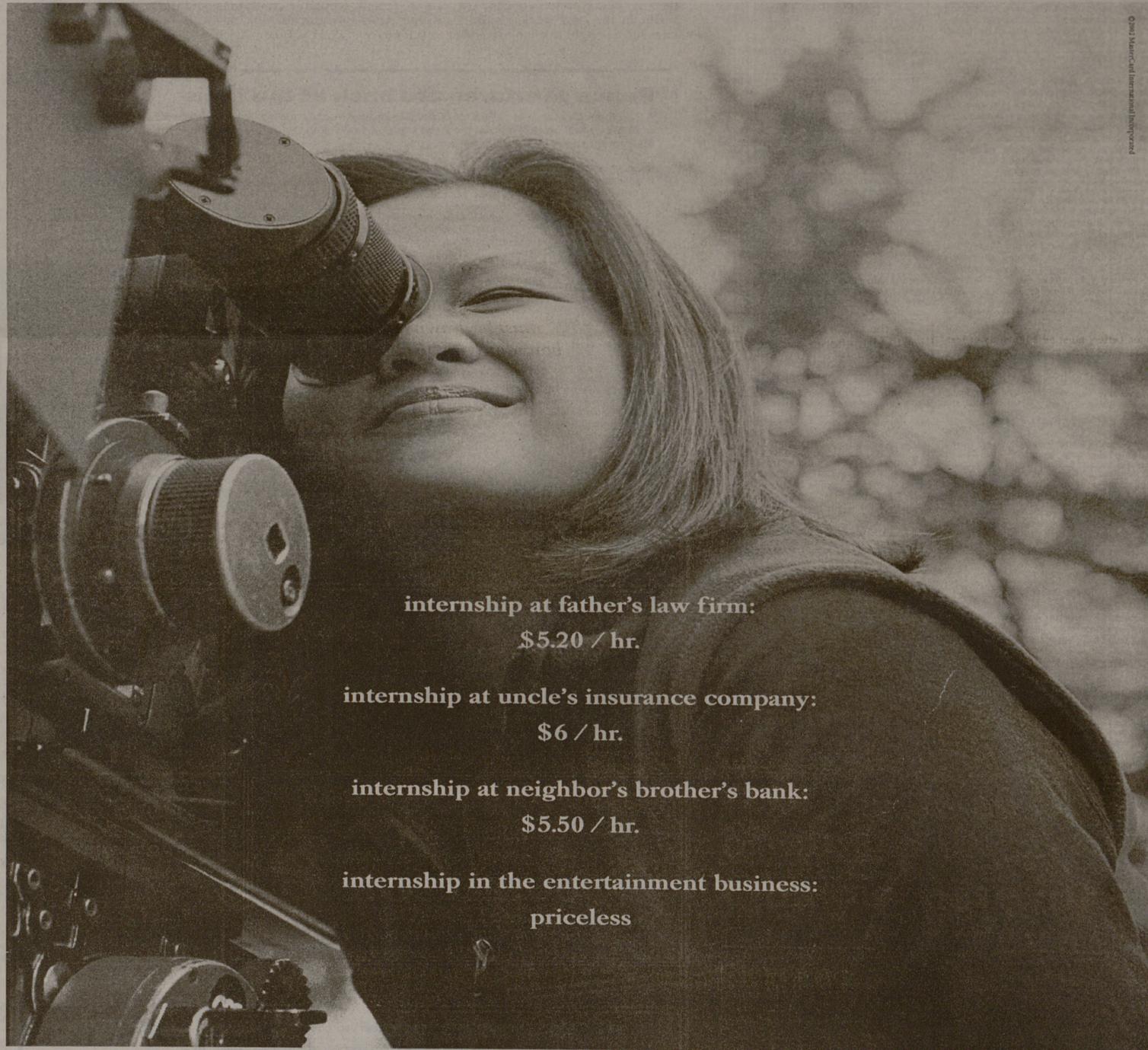
Light cigarette smokers sue tobacco industry

WASHINGTON (AP) — Class action lawsuits seeking billions of dollars from tobacco companies have been filed in 11 states targeting cigarette makers use terms like "light" to mislead smokers believing those brands are safer.

The same argument helped smolder a 53-year-old Oregon woman who died from lung cancer win a jury award of \$150 million from Philip Morris Cos. Inc. last week.

The class-action lawsuits name the nation's three largest tobacco companies — Philip Morris, Reynolds Tobacco Co. and Brown & Williamson Corp. — and allege violations of consumer protection laws.

Tobacco companies say the suits have no merit. R.J. Reynolds spokesman Seth Moskowitz said cigarette manufacturers are committed to terms like "full-flavor," "light" and "ultra lights" to differentiate strength of taste and amount of tar and nicotine.



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