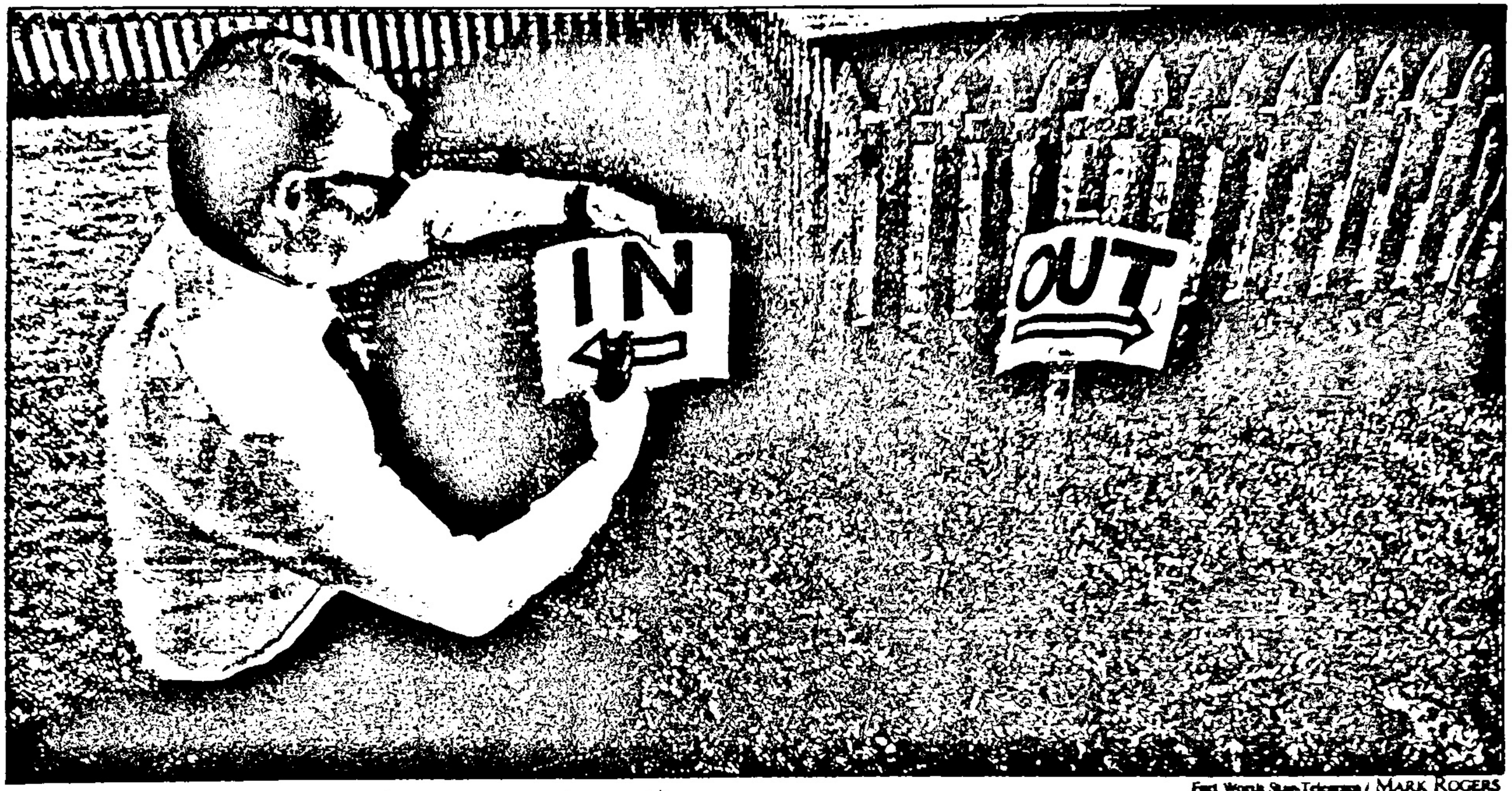
DRAWING THE LINE ON AIRPORT EXPANSION



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John Eaton of Euless puts up a sign to mock boundaries drawn to decide which homeowners will be bought out as D/FW Airport grows

Some neighborhoods shaken up over split-up

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EULESS — In the seven years since they became next-door neighbors, John Eaton and Paulette Tinker have enjoyed many conversations across the small picket fence that separates their back yards.

But the neighborly chit-chat has given way lately to somber consideration about the possibility that Eaton and Tinker will be separated by the looming expansion of Dallas/Fort Worth Airport.

The two Harrington Lane residents believe their picket fence may be the borderline between those homeowners in McCormick Farms who will be bought out and those who will be left behind if D/FW is allowed to expand.

Eaton is anticipating the opportunity to move away and start over — but just as readily feels guilty about leaving behind his longtime neighbor and friend to cope with life under a flight path.

"I'm absolutely sick about it," said Eaton, a writer for J.C. Penney. "Mark my words — you're going to see the death of a neighborhood."

Sharing her neighbor's vision, Tinker dreads the prospect of being stuck with a house that, because of airport noise, she will be unable to sell or enjoy.

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