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Mayor Bob Walters, right, tells Edie Bernal he and his wife should come to his house sometime for dinner as the two teases each other at the Mayor's house. Bernal seemed to enjoy the talk, while Walters said: "After we get that part and become "us", we'll be going to the better off."

Despite the tension between Bernal's questions and his wife's, the two continued to socialize and laugh. Bernal's questions were often pointed, but his wife seemed to enjoy the conversation. The two seemed to be enjoying each other's company, and the Mayor's house was a comfortable setting for their interaction.

After their visit, Bernal and his wife left the Mayor's house and returned to their own. They discussed the interaction later that night, both expressing admiration for the Mayor's hospitality and the enjoyable evening they had shared.
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*After a summer school performance, Aleksandra Gaytan, 7, walks home past Steve and Debbie Snehri's 1886 mansion. Across the street, Mike Haberman has put his house on the market because of Beardsley's rapid Hispanic influx. The price of the house is $825,000. The house has five bedrooms, three bathrooms, and a large backyard. Beardsley's Hispanic residents consider America their home. Beardsley's Hispanic residents are no longer single men looking for work; they are seniors who have put down roots. Babies born to Hispanic American citizens are a common sight. After a service at Iglesia De Los Animales church, members have over 5-month-old Joe Bria. From left to right: Patrina Fernandez from the Hernandez family, the Rev. Tomas Alvarez's daughters Ruth, middle, and Claudia, right. Beardsley’s Hispanic residents are no longer single men looking for work; they are seniors who have put down roots. Babies born to Hispanic American citizens are a common sight. After a service at Iglesia De Los Animales church, members have over 5-month-old Joe Bria. From left to right: Patrina Fernandez from the Hernandez family, the Rev. Tomas Alvarez's daughters Ruth, middle, and Claudia, right.

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