



# Texas gets 'F' from parents group

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas and five other states received an "F" in a state-by-state report card of educational performance released today by a parents group.

The American Association of Parents and Children prepared the report card after an earlier study found nine out of 10 teachers think parents don't care about education.

The group's executive director, Scott Stapf, said the reports should be a "wake-up call" telling parents they play an important role in education.

"To give parents the message that only the teachers, ad-

ministrators and politicians have to worry about (education) is just absolutely the wrong message," Stapf said.

"Unless you create a picture that includes parents in the equation as well, you're really missing a big part," he said.

The AAPC, a year-old, independent research group, compiled dozens of studies by the Department of Education, the Carnegie Foundation and others for its report card.

The group graded states on their statistical performance in six broad areas: parental apathy, Head Start participation, student-teacher ratios, per-

student spending, graduation rates and standardized test scores. It then averaged them for an overall grade.

Texas, Hawaii, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee and Louisiana got an "F." Connecticut and Wyoming were the only states to receive an "A."

Head Start programs reached only 17 percent of eligible Texas pre-schoolers, it said. The state ranked 37th in per-student spending and 44th in graduation rate.

Carnegie Foundation researchers last year found that nine out of 10 teachers believe parents are apathetic about education. In Texas, the percentage was slight-

ly higher at 92.

The AAPC is trying to remedy that with a pamphlet of 10 simple steps for parents to become more involved with schools, Stapf said. The pamphlet is available by mail from AAPC's Herndon, Va., headquarters.

A study by the national Parent Teacher Association earlier this year also showed most parents' involvement in school is low.

President Bush noted the study in a speech to the PTA's legislative conference in March. "Education is a national mission that must include parents," he said.

But Arnold Fege, the PTA's governmental relations director, on Monday faulted Bush and the nation's governors for not making increased parental involvement an education reform goal.

"Parents are frequently the orphans in education policy," he said.

Since its study, PTA leaders began developing strategies to increase parents' role, Fege said. He said schools need to create more flexible opportunities for parental participation.

"The schools have to recognize that the families have some unique needs today that they didn't

have 10 years ago," Fege said. He noted there are more single parents and more families where both parents work now than in 1980.

The AAPC timed the release of its report card to be near the new school year, Stapf said. Classes in Texas began Monday. Many states start school after Labor Day.

The AAPC's grades:

A — Connecticut, Wyoming;  
B — Kansas, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Minnesota, Vermont, Iowa, Wisconsin, Maryland, Nebraska, Montana, Pennsylvania, North Dakota, South Dakota, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Maine;

C — Ohio, Illinois, Colorado, Oregon, New York, Missouri, Michigan, West Virginia, Delaware, California, Arkansas, Virginia, Washington, Indiana, Nevada, District of Columbia;

D — Oklahoma, Mississippi, Florida, Idaho, Utah, New Mexico, Arizona, Alabama, North Carolina, Kentucky;

F — Hawaii, Texas, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee and Louisiana.

# SAT verbal scores reported at lowest level in a decade

NEW YORK (AP) — Verbal scores on the SAT have dropped to their lowest level in a decade, and a testing official says that's because too many students are watching music videos and playing video games instead of reading.

Combined Scholastic Aptitude Test scores totaled 900 for the 1989-90 school year — 476 on the math section, 424 on the verbal, the College Board reported Monday. The highest possible score is 800 on each section, for a combined 1,600.

Math scores were unchanged among the 1.03 million high school students who took the test. But the verbal average was down three points from the previous school year, marking a steady decline since the recent peak of 431 in 1986.

Verbal scores are now at their lowest point since 1980 and equal to the worst levels since national averages were first compiled in 1971.

"Students must pay less attention to video games and music videos and begin to read more," said College Board president Donald M. Stewart.

"Reading could become a 'lost art' unless parents and schools make it a priority, he said in an interview.

Each section of the multiple-choice SAT is scored on a scale of 200-800. The predominant college entrance exam in 22 states, it is sponsored by the board and administered by the Educational Testing Service in Princeton, N.J.

# TEA: SAT scores decrease slightly

AUSTIN (AP) — State Education Commissioner W.N. Kirby says he's disappointed over results of Texas students taking the Scholastic Aptitude Test.

The students' SAT scores slipped slightly in both the math and verbal sections, the Texas Education Agency reported Monday.

"It appears that we are caught up in a nationwide pattern of declining SAT scores. This year, there were states which experienced a surprising drop in their results," Kirby said.

The mean score of Texas students taking the verbal section of the 1990 SAT was 413, down from 415 in 1989. The mean score on the math portion of the exam was 461, down from 462 the

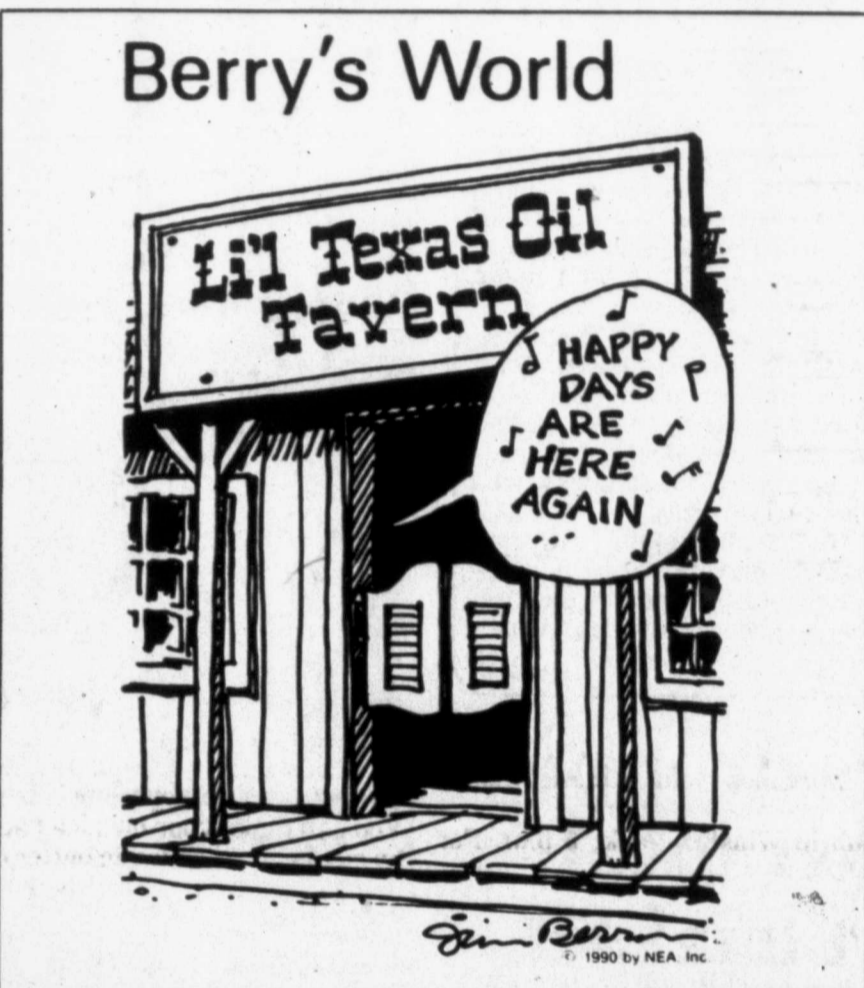
previous year. Nationally, the average verbal score was 424, down three points from 1989, while the national math average remained the same at 476.

A total of 78,057 Texas students took the exam this year, a drop of 3,484 from 1989.

The total represented 40 percent of Texas high school seniors, officials said. Of the test group, 47 percent were male and 53 percent female.

Kirby said that despite the downward trend, it was important to note that minority youths in Texas held steady or improved scores.

Also, more blacks and Mexican Americans took the SAT in 1990, he said.



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# Williams and Richards swap 'negative campaign' charges

AUSTIN (AP) — Democrat Ann Richards says she's skeptical of Republican Clayton Williams' suggestion that both begin charting a "positive" campaign course.

"Let's make the gubernatorial race something worth winning, not just something to survive," Williams proposed in a Monday letter to Richards.

The Democrat replied by contending that Williams was quick to break his "no more mud" pledge.

"I have already been down this road with you and I'm reminded of the old folk saying, 'Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me.' I do not intend to be fooled again," Richards wrote Williams.

She also unveiled a new television commercial that accuses Williams' oil and gas companies of being polluters.

The ad, which Richards consultant Glenn Smith said began airing statewide Monday, claims the Republican has been "repeatedly cited for polluting our environment."

It also notes a 1979 newspaper interview in which Williams called himself an "anti-environmentalist."

Smith and other Richards aides said the ad factually recounts the Williams environmental record and raises the question of whether he should hold the top post in the same government that regulates his businesses. Williams is a major oil producer.

"In the absence of government regulation, this guy's a big-time polluter," said Richards' consultant Monte Williams, adding that were the GOP contender to become governor, "It's basically the fox guarding the henhouse."

Gordon Hensley, press secretary to the Republican candidate, said the commercial contains numerous errors.

"Richards struck a gusher of baldfaced lies and distortions in

her new ad. Richards is acting and sounding more and more like a liberal loser every day. We can only conclude that, as Mr. (Clayton) Williams' letter states, she decided she can't win by discussing her record," Hensley said.

With the latest Richards commercial, each candidate now has aired two so-called "negative" ads about the other.

In his letter to Richards, Williams said he was returning to the campaign trail after a vacation with the belief that "the campaign dialogue is seriously off course, and the voters are being shortchanged in the process. I'm candid enough to admit that the entire episode is a terrible omen for the future of the democratic process," he wrote.

Richards' answer said that Williams and the Republican Party have been unfairly attacking her despite his earlier promise of "no more mud."

"Your pattern of activity over the past three months has been to appear to take the 'high road' while letting the Republican Party and your surrogates wage a hateful, vitriolic campaign devoid of any meaningful discussion of issues. Your negative television campaign, in fact, has been an embarrassment because of its inaccuracies," Richards wrote.

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# Astrograph

by Bernice Bede Osol



Aug. 29, 1990

Enterprises or ventures you personally create and promote yourself have good chances for success in the year ahead. However, you will need a strong money manager to assist you.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Usually you have an aptness for detail, but this enviable quality might not be evident in your dealings today, especially in matters you are anxious to conclude. Virgo, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** In your involvement with a sensitive friend today weigh your words and comments with considerable care. A thoughtless remark could be grossly misinterpreted.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Seek companions today who are equally as generous as yourself. Pals who are penny pinchers or free-loaders will test your tolerance to its limits.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Be extra mindful of what you say today to individuals who are in a position to exert some influence over your career. Your comments will be critically evaluated.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** An acquaintance who is very nosy and has not always worked for your best interests in the past might try to probe into your confidential affairs again today.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** Tips given to you today by a well-intentioned friend on ways to make money should not be taken at face value. It's best you investigate matters yourself.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** Harmony of purpose is essential for success in partnership arrangements today. Joint endeavors with people whose aims are not in accord with yours could fall flat.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Try to size up people and situations realistically today, especially if they affect your future plans. Problems could ensue if your assessments are wishful rather than logical.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Be cognizant of small details in your commercial affairs today and do not take them for granted. What appears to be insignificant now can later prove to be a throne in the lion's paw.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** You're not likely to reason too well under pressure today, so don't let others put you in a position where you are pressed for decisions. Proceed at your own pace.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** If someone goes out of their way to do something special for you today, be sure to properly acknowledge this person's efforts. Ingratitude will leave an impression that'll be hard to erase.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Small extravagances could add up to a surprisingly significant total today if your spending habits are capricious. Manage your resources mentally, not emotionally.

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**SHOWER HELD** — Brenda Tovar, bride-elect of Robert Guerrero, was honored with a bridal shower at TU Electric Reddy Room. Pictured are Delia Guynes, her sister; Janie Tovar, her mother; the honoree; Mary Guerrero, mother of the groom-elect; Mary Jane Espinosa, sister of the groom-elect; and Joelda Leatherwood, sister of the groom-elect. An Oct. 27 wedding is planned. (SDN Staff Photo)



**BRIDE HONORED**—Andrea Cassas, bride-elect of Mike Adams was honored with a shower on Aug. 4 at First Presbyterian Church. From left to right are Donna Ragland, the groom-elect's sister; Vonseth Adams, mother of the groom-elect; Andrea Cassas, the honoree; Audra Garcia, her sister; Mary Garcia, her mother and Frances Uria, her grandmother. The couple exchanged vows on Aug. 18 at First Presbyterian Church.

## Community Calendar

### TUESDAY

Ladies Golf Association; tee time 9 a.m.  
Free blood pressure clinic; Ira Community Center; 1-2 p.m.  
Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.  
ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.  
TOPS TX56; weigh-in and meeting 7-8 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444 or Mae Cole at 573-8628.  
Scurry County Genealogical Society; TU Reddy Room; 7:30 p.m. New members and visitors welcome.  
Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7:30 p.m.  
New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-8110, 863-2348 or 573-6820.  
Al-Anon; Park Club at Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.)

### WEDNESDAY

Al-Anon; Park Club at Winston Park; noon.  
Free blood pressure clinic; Hermleigh Community Center; 1-2 p.m.  
Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.  
Sparkle City Square Dancers; clogging; old Athletic Center building; 7-8 p.m.  
Sparkle City Square Dancers; workshop; old Athletic Center building; 8-10 p.m.  
Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-8015 or 573-3956.

### THURSDAY

Al-Anon; Park Club at Winston Park; noon.  
Free blood pressure clinic; Dunn Community Center; 1-2 p.m.  
Advanced Duplicate Bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 1:30 p.m.  
Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.  
Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.  
Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 863-2348, 573-8110 or 573-9410.

### FRIDAY

Storytime; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.; 4 and 5-year olds.  
Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.  
Free blood pressure clinic; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.  
ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.  
Oasis Overeaters Anonymous; 2-3 p.m.; Park Club at Winston Field; Newcomers Welcome! 573-8322 or 573-7705.



**NEW OFFICERS**—The Scurry County Genealogical Society recently elected new officers for a two year term beginning Aug., 1990 - Aug., 1992. Pictured from left to right are Carl Guinn, President; Mary Ellen Keith, Vice President; Rosa Lee Crow, Secretary; and Jo Thrower, Treasurer. The society has Jeanne Pruett cookbooks on sale. For more information, contact Joanne Sterling at 573-7039 or Jo Thrower after 5 p.m. at 573-2085.

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John 3:17

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## Tips for packing a lunch box

**NEW YORK (AP)** — When packing the lunch bag or school box, remember to keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold.

Hot foods must be stored at a temperature above 140 degrees F. Cold foods must be stored at a temperature less than 40 degrees F. Swift-Eckrich foods, makers of Butterball Slice 'N Serve meats and cold cuts, provide the following food safety suggestions:

### COLD FOODS

— Pre-chill a vacuum thermos with cold water, cover and let stand five minutes. Empty the bottle, shake out the excess moisture and immediately fill with the cold food, such as milk or yogurt.

— Include an ice pack or a gel freezer pack in your lunch bag. You can make your own ice pack by cleaning out a plastic butter or margarine tub, filling it with water and freezing it.

— Carry chilled foods in an insulated lunch box or bag. Foods will keep much longer in the containers than in a paper bag.

— Refrigerate your sandwich until it's time for lunch. Some ingredients such as meat, poultry, fish or eggs can spoil if left at room temperature for more than two hours.

### HOT FOODS

— Follow vacuum container instructions for appropriate temperatures of foods going into the container.

— To preheat a vacuum container, fill with clean hot water and let stand a minute or two. Empty and immediately fill with hot food.

— Use a stainless steel or glass-lined vacuum bottle instead of a plastic-lined one for hotter and safer food.

(For fresh sandwich ideas, send a postcard with your name, address and zip code to: Swift-Eckrich-Club Butterball, 4100 South Laflin, Chicago, IL 60609.)

President George Washington and Congress authorized creation of the U.S. Navy in 1794.

## Bridge

by James Jacoby

<b>NORTH</b> 8-28-90			
♦ 10 8 4			
♥ K 8			
♦ Q 9 7 5			
♦ J 6 4 3			
♣ 3			
<b>WEST</b>		<b>EAST</b>	
♦ A 7		♦ J 9 6 5 2	
♥ K 8		♥ 3 2	
♦ 10 9 8 7 5		♦ 2	
♦ K J 9 8		♠ A 10 7 6 2	
<b>SOUTH</b>			
♦ K Q 3			
♥ A J 10 6 4			
♦ A K			
♦ Q 5 4			
Vulnerable: Neither			
Dealer: South			
South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
All pass			
Opening lead: ♦ 10			

In yesterday's deal a defender had to play his trump honor on defense, saving his deuce to break up declarer's communications. Today we see a different bridge curiosity — defender East playing a deuce to each of the first four tricks.

When South arrived in four hearts and West led the 10 of diamonds, East naturally followed with the lone two-spot. Declarer now led a club, intending to play for overtricks by taking a trump finesse. West won the eight, and East played the club two. So West played a second diamond, and East ruffed with the deuce of hearts. It was impossible for East to resist making a good story out of it by now returning the spade deuce.

Despite the quaint phenomenon of defender East playing all his deuces to the first four tricks, declarer should be charged with an error. He should give up his best play for an overtrick and simply play ace and a heart. Although defensive distributions exist where a diamond still might be ruffed, there is less chance of this happening. Once again a slightly greedy declarer was punished.

We have sympathy for the pairs competition player who takes this aggressive play for an overtrick, but when the game is total points or rubber bridge, it is far preferable to take the best shot at guaranteeing scoring up the game without any accidents.

James Jacoby's books "Jacoby on Bridge" and "Jacoby on Card Games" (written with his father, the late Oswald Jacoby) are now available at bookstores. Both are published by Pharos Books. © 1990, NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.

## Cookbook features barbecue recipes

**NEW YORK (AP)** — "Barbecued Ribs, Smoked Butts and Other Great Feeds" by Jeanne Voltz is the third book in Alfred A. Knopf's series on cooking heritage around the United States.

Voltz's classic book has been revised and expanded with 60 new recipes and a detailed chapter on the art of smoking foods. Although the book concentrates on main courses, Voltz also offers recipes for side dishes as well as advice on a barbecue, types of supplemental equipment, and techniques to bring out the best flavor.

"Barbecued Ribs, Smoked Butts and Other Great Feeds" (\$19.95) follows the publication of "Hot Links and Country Flavors" by Bruce Aidells and Denis Kelly and "Biscuits, Spoon Bread and Sweet Potato Pie" by Bill Neal.

All the books in the Knopf Cooks American series share a common format and logo, but the interior design of each cookbook is different, the publisher says, reflecting its particular subject.

Knopf editor Judith Jones says the story of American food is unique because it is "an amalgam, a great, zesty stew whose flavors reflect the different waves of immigrants to this country, what they brought with them, what they encountered here, and how they adapted to new circumstances."

One of the cookbooks in the series will take a look at the foods that early explorers discovered in America, took back to Europe, and then incorporated into recipes when they returned to settle.

Mrs. Jones says each of the writers in the series has a personal connection with his or her subject. The recipes, all adapted

to today's tastes and needs, will be interspersed with vignettes, tall tales and talks with old-timers.

Other topics for future books: Jewish cooking in America; the heritage of the Northwest; a culinary memoir about growing up Chinese-American in Chicago; the southern Italian heritage of a Rhode Island cook; a celebration of Brooklyn; the saga of American beer.

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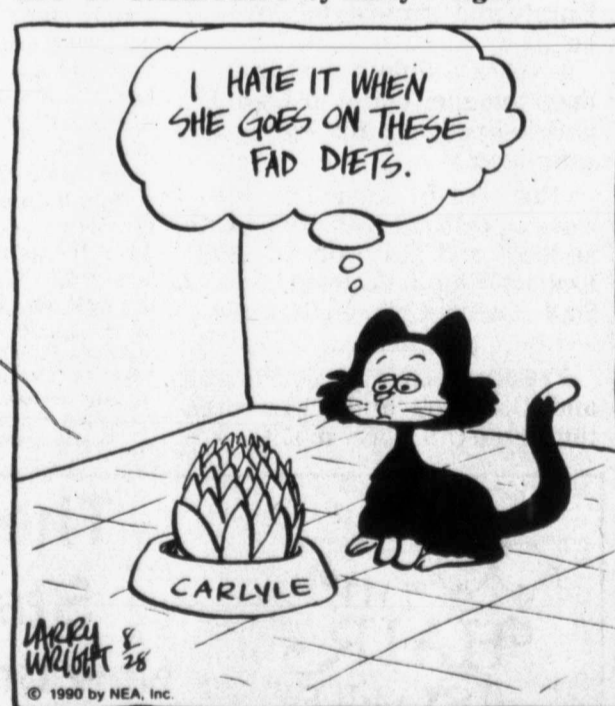
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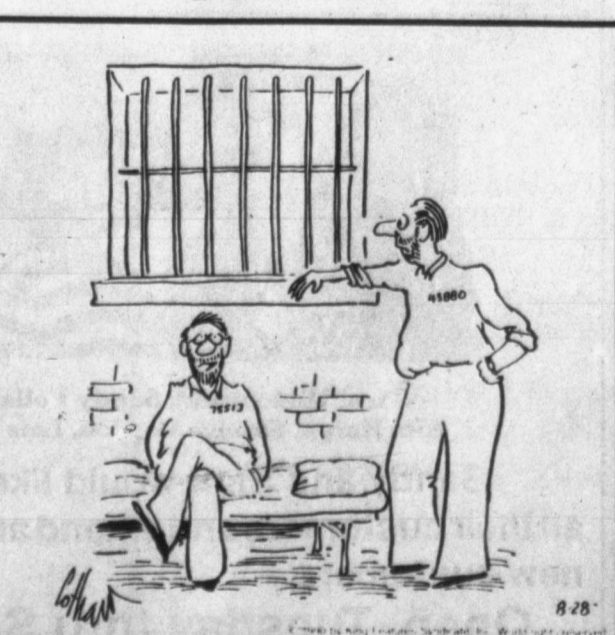
**KIT 'N' CARLYLE** by Larry Wright



**DENNIS THE MENACE**



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**NEA PUZZLE**

**ACROSS**

- 1 Baseball official
- 7 Feudal estate
- 11 Ogled
- 12 Deteriorate
- 14 Pronounces
- 15 Stove
- 16 Chemical ending
- 17 Of aircraft
- 19 Layer of tissue
- 20 Let go
- 22 Authoritative command
- 25 Acct.
- 26 Pipe-fitting unit
- 29 Thesaurus compiler
- 31 Anchor
- 33 Impressive
- 35 Donate ten percent
- 36 Small boy
- 37 Channel

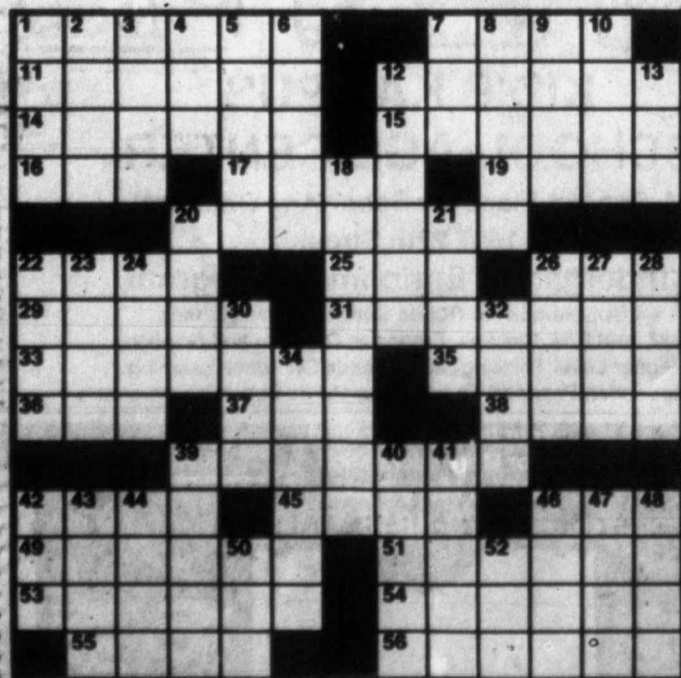
**DOWN**

- 1 Hawaiian food fish
- 2 New York ball club
- 3 Football's - Rozelle
- 4 Rage
- 5 Played anew
- 6 Unsuccessful

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

FLY	BJORN	FLA
OUI	ROMEO	QAR
SAP	INAPT	ONA
SUEDE	EATER	
ERASURE		
ADAM	FOG	SYNE
ERNE	LOA	TOYS
ROTA	ANN	HUES
OPEN	MED	ERTE
OPERANT		
BEARS	AESOP	
OBI	ASSAD	OFA
FOR	LEASE	FIN
FEY	METER	ATE

- car
- 7 Enemy
- 8 Furious
- 9 This (Sp.)
- 10 Sense
- 12 Actress - Goldberg
- 13 Firearm owners' org.
- 18 Missile study
- 20 Southwestern Indians
- 21 Sailor (sl.)
- 22 College group
- 23 Hawkeye State
- 24 Advanced in years
- 26 Former Communist leader
- 27 Reverberate
- 28 Used frugally
- 30 Roman robe
- 32 Existence
- 34 Hair wave
- 39 Comes close
- 40 Divert
- 41 Entice
- 42 South of Ala.
- 43 Inclined walkway
- 44 Adam's grandson
- 46 Damage
- 47 Vehicle
- 48 Baseballer
- 50 Make an edging
- 52 Simple song













# 1 contractor pleads guilty

DALLAS (AP) — A government defense contractor fined millions for defrauding the Army won't make those same mistakes again, says a spokesman for the Dallas-based company.

"We have instituted policies to ensure that this will not happen again," said John Kumpf, E-Systems Inc. vice president of corporate communications.

E-Systems, the nation's 58th largest defense contractor, pleaded guilty Monday in Tampa, Fla., to a three-count criminal information alleging it conspired to falsify records and test results of tactical field radios supplied to the Army.

The company also agreed to pay \$4.65 million to settle criminal and civil charges.

Kumpf said the company had undergone an investigation by federal authorities and will not be barred from doing business with the government. He said the company had prepared itself to absorb the assessed penalties.

"When we announced our second quarter results on the 15th of July, we indicated that \$8.6 million writeoff, which we said then we felt would cover" the amounts, Kumpf said.

Prosecutors charged the company repeatedly altered performance records and concealed repairs and defects in test radios to ensure the Army would accept and pay for them.

The investigation began in 1985 after the Army ended two E-Systems contracts to build radios through its Memcor Division in Bushnell, Fla. The company had

been building the Army's principal vehicle-carried field radios since 1969.

E-Systems appealed the termination, and the testing program irregularities were noticed at that time. The company later sued the government over the termination.

In its plea, E-Systems agreed to pay a \$2 million criminal fine and \$1.8 million in restitution. The plea agreement also calls for the company to drop its pending \$38 million lawsuit against the government.

Also, the company will pay \$850,000 to cover false claims submitted as part of its civil suit.

"We feel that with this action (Monday), the problems in the Memcor division, which was dissolved about five years ago, have now been formally resolved," Kumpf said.

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# Unaccredited law school re-opens

EDINBURG, Texas (AP) — "We don't have a library, but we have a lot of nerve," said the dean of an unaccredited law school reopening for the fall semester, less than a year after it went broke and closed.

The resurrected Reynaldo G. Garza School of Law, the state's only law school south of San Antonio, faces a difficult battle to stay alive, admits Bernard S. Kahn, the dean and board chairman.

Classes at the all-evening school begin tonight in space

rented from the Brownsville Catholic Diocese's Campus Ministries Center west of the University of Texas-Pan American campus. During registration Monday, Kahn and school president Edward Gersusa took calls from prospective students on a pay telephone at the center.

The law school has no office and no telephone of its own.

By the end of the day, nuns operating the Catholic center were complaining about the pay telephone ringing so much in the

hallway that served as the law school's registration office.

"Here we are struggling, living hand to mouth," Kahn said.

Kahn is litigation coordinator with the Texas Rural Legal Aid Inc. office in Brownsville, and teaches history at UT Pan American.

Its directors revived the private school because they believe area residents should have the opportunity to earn a law degree in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, Kahn said.

They also feel an obligation to

complete the education of students who had put in up to three years of semester work at the school when it closed down at the end of 1989 for lack of funds, he added.

The Garza Law School opened in Brownsville in 1984, then later moved to Edinburg. It lacked financial stability required for accreditation from the American Bar Association. Accreditation is needed in order for graduates of the law school to take the state bar examination required for practicing law.

It sought financial stability by affiliating with the University of Texas-Pan American and Texas A&I University, but neither university wanted the law school.

The Texas Supreme Court allowed a two-year waiver of the accreditation requirement, to allow the already enrolled Garza students to take the bar.

That waiver expired last year.

Of 87 graduates, about 40 have passed the bar, said Gersusa, a retired U.S. Border Patrol agent who graduated from the Garza school last year and took the state bar last month. He has not received the results yet.

Before it closed its doors last year, about 30 other students had begun, but not finished their studies at the unaccredited school, including Ricardo Salazar, 27, who showed up for registration Monday afternoon.

# 3 indicted in alleged fuel tax fraud

AUSTIN (AP) — After an investigation by the state comptroller and Travis County district attorney, three people accused of defrauding Texas of more than \$1.8 million in motor fuels taxes have been indicted by a grand jury.

Patricia Morris of Houston, Scott Davis of Terlingua and Joseph Henry of San Dimas, Calif., were indicted Monday on charges that they engaged in organized criminal activity and violated the Motor Fuels Tax Code.

Ms. Morris and Davis also were indicted on counts of aggravated perjury involving testimony to the Travis County grand jury.

"We have been assured by their lawyers that they are in the process of surrendering, but they have not done so at this time," Travis County District Attorney Ronald Earle said Monday.

Rip Collins, an Austin lawyer representing Ms. Morris and Henry, confirmed that arrangements were being made for

them to turn themselves in. An attorney for Davis didn't immediately return a telephone call from The Associated Press.

"The allegations are ludicrous. I haven't seen any evidence so far it actually happened," Collins said. He said the 15-cent-a-gallon state tax may not have been paid on some fuel, but that there was no criminal conspiracy involving his clients.

Earle said the three are accused of running a bogus fuel supply corporation and not paying taxes to the state on motor fuel from their supplier. The fuel — primarily diesel — was sold around the state, according to the district attorney's office.

Henry, Davis and Ms. Morris were charged in one indictment with two counts of engaging in organized criminal activity, and in a second indictment with eight counts of failure to remit fuel taxes during 1987 and 1988.

Also, Henry and Davis were charged in one indictment with nine counts of filing false fuels tax returns.

In separate indictments, Ms. Morris was charged with nine counts of aggravated perjury, and Davis with three counts of aggravated perjury.

Bond was set at \$100,000 for each indictment per defendant.

If convicted of all the counts, according to prosecutors, the maximum punishment theoretically could be 269 years and a \$95,000 fine for Henry; 269 years and a \$140,000 fine for Ms.

Morris; and 299 years and a \$125,000 fine for Davis.

But assistant district attorneys Mike Lynch and Patricia Robertson said it would be unlikely in this type of case for sentences and fines to be stacked.

John Moore, chief deputy commissioner, also said assets can be seized from people convicted under the organized crime statute.

AGAWAM, Mass. (AP) — A sheriff opposed to "warehousing" prisoners has inmates plowing and fertilizing plots of land for gardens tended by the elderly, with the harvest going to the jail kitchen or to charity.

"We're just so grateful we have this opportunity to do it," said Elizabeth Burke, 85, one of the gardeners honored Monday at a ceremony marking the program's third year.

Mrs. Burke said she had no qualms about taking part in a program with prisoners. "They've got two eyes and a nose and a mouth just like me," she said. "These boys have just gone wrong."

The program was started by Hampden County Sheriff Michael Ashe, whose unorthodox style caused controversy in February when he seized a National Guard armory in nearby Springfield to house overflow inmates from the county jail.

The inmates were later moved to an armory in Holyoke until a new, bigger jail is built. Some of those inmates are among those doing the heavy work at the jail farm, generally out of sight of the senior citizen gardeners.

To ease community objections to the temporary jail in Holyoke, a town of 45,000 in western Massachusetts, inmates have patched streets, swept gutters and mowed lawns.

"When you think of a jail you think of something that's very isolated, sort of a fortress in the woods," Ashe told the group of 29 senior citizens who work a half-acre at the farm about two miles from the county jail.

"It's a joy for us to see you involved," Ashe said. "It's great to have you participate and I know the inmates make comments to us that they feel good about their own self-respect."

Fifteen inmates with good records who have almost finished their sentences work on eight acres of corn, tomatoes and other vegetables — enough produce to save the county about \$30,000 a year. Surplus food goes to charity.

On Monday, the first golden globes from a pumpkin patch planted for poor children were showing.

The older gardeners, often cooped up indoors, said the program has given them the kind of space they haven't had in years.

"I think it's tremendous," said Ed Morytko, 71. "I think it's a healthy sort of thing, not only for the seniors, but also for the inmates."

Morytko, who has been in the program for a year, admitted that at first "I didn't know what to expect." But a friend who had already gardened at the farm "told me not to be foolish," and Morytko said he'll be back next year.

Sandra Smith, acting director of the Agawam Senior Center,

said the popularity of the farm project has grown. "I have people on the waiting list now that want to come in next year," she said.

Inmates said they relish the chance to work outdoors rather than spending their time in a cell.

"We have a lot more freedom in here," said a 23-year-old inmate spraying corn for pests. "In a way it shows me that you get to earn your money and you get to earn your living."

# Tighter controls sought

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Six ecological groups Monday urged Mexican City authorities to tighten controls on toxic waste emissions by the 33,000 plants and industries operating in the metropolis.

In a report presented to the city council, the six organizations estimated that industries in the area produce about 4,000 tons of solid toxic wastes a year — aside from gas emissions — ranging from lead and mercury compounds to corrosive acids.

The petition was issued by the Group of 100 artists and intellectuals, the Mexican Ecological Movement, the Federation of Conservationists, the Coyoacan Ecological Association, the Green Party and the Committee to Preserve Wild Species Threatened With Extinction.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The ghost of Jimmy Carter hangs over President Bush's handling of the Mideast crisis — from the former president's preoccupation with the hostages in Iran to his call for sacrifices by the American people.

Bush, writes one observer, appears to be operating on a single and so far successful principle: "Imagine what Jimmy Carter would do. Then do exactly the opposite."

The president has refused to interrupt his vacation or promote energy conservation with any deep conviction. For days he refused to call trapped Westerners by their rightful name — hostages. He was prompt, however, when it came to flexing U.S. military muscle.

The administration has not invoked Carter's chief outright. But White House chief of staff John Sununu — widely believed to be the man behind the vacation strategy — took an unmistakable shot at him last week.

"I'd rather have a president who kept the whole thing in perspective than one who locked himself behind closed doors and

brooded about the problem," Sununu said.

The comment annoyed and puzzled some Democrats.

"Here we've got a president in the middle of a major international crisis and the one thing you like to have there is bipartisan support," said Jody Powell, a public relations executive who was Carter's press secretary.

"Why do you want to go out of your way to stick your finger in someone else's eye?" Democratic Party spokesman Mike McCurry called Sununu's comment "a gratuitous potshot" at a time when Democrats, including Carter, have lined up nearly unanimously behind Bush's gulf policy.

"After all, a lot of the stuff Jimmy Carter tried to do in the wake of the Iran crisis is exactly the kind of thing that might have helped us in this particular moment, like a national energy policy," McCurry said.

Carter himself made that point recently in a long Washington Post article with a strong "I told you so" undercurrent.

The former president berated the country for wasting 17 years

since the first oil price scare and 11 years since the second without coming up with an energy policy.

Carter may have been prescient about the need for a national energy policy. But his Persian Gulf record doesn't give the Democrats much else to brag about — which makes him, say some, an inevitable and somewhat justifiable target.

"His was a failed presidency," said Stephen Hess, a scholar of presidents and politics at the Brookings Institution. "It takes a lot not to get a second term. That doesn't mean the judgment of historians 40 years from now will not be otherwise. But it's not as if the Democrats are standing on the barricades saying 'This is the brilliant way that Carter did it.'"

Joseph S. Nye Jr., director of Harvard's Center for International Affairs and a deputy undersecretary of state during the Carter administration, agreed that Bush is doing better than Carter in handling a Middle East crisis.

"But the world is a little different. Carter was dealt lower cards," Nye said.

Bush's advantages, according

to Nye and others, include the waning of the Cold War, permitting increased military flexibility; substantially more petroleum in the U.S. strategic reserve; a rapid deployment force, initiated by Carter, ready to head for trouble spots instantly; and the cooperation of a gulf state that has sought U.S. troops.

Jim Hoagland, the Washington Post columnist who attributed Bush's success thus far to doing what Carter didn't, said his comparisons were not meant to open old wounds.

"Poor Carter has suffered enough for his handling of the Iranian crisis to renew the assault now," he wrote, "just as he is establishing himself as America's only effective living ex-president."

H.S. Secretary of State William H. Seward reached agreement with Russia March 30, 1867, to purchase the territory of Alaska for \$7.2 million. The deal was roundly ridiculed in the United States as "Seward's Folly."

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O'Connor, best known for her hit "Nothing Compares 2 U" and her nearly shaved head, threatened on Friday to walk out on an audience of 9,000 if "The Star Spangled Banner" was played at the center, as it is before every show. Fearing trouble if the concert didn't go on, the center's staff relented.

But O'Connor won't be allowed back, said center official George Zilocchi.

"No performer who does not agree to have the national anthem played will be allowed to perform," he said.

O'Connor said she opposed the playing of any national anthem before her concerts. "I don't see what (anthems) have to do with me or my music or my fans," she said.

# Petroleum prices

NEW YORK (AP) — Petroleum cash prices Monday as compared with Friday's prices.

	Mon. Fri.
<b>Refined Products</b>	
Fuel oil No. 2 NY hbr bg gl fob	7675 8975
Galn nl prm RVP NY hbr bg gl fb	9240 1.0965
Gasoline und RVP NY hbr bg gl fb	8790 1.0550
X-prices are for RVP grade of gasoline.	
<b>Petroleum - Crude Grades</b>	
Saudi Arabian light \$ per bbl fob	25.70 29.50
North Sea Brent \$ per bbl fob	27.55 31.30
West Texas Intermediate \$ per bbl fob	28.90 30.90
Alask No. Slope del. US Gulf Coast	25.95 19.95

# Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren  
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EDITOR'S NOTE: Abby is on a two-week vacation. Following is a selection of some of her favorite past letters.

DEAR ABBY: What can a mother do when she has a 19-year-old daughter who comes in at 7:30 a.m. and expects to be greeted with open arms? If I raise my voice she tells me I'm crazy.

I can't throw her out, as she has no job, no money and no husband. She has a 10-month-old baby I love very much. I take care of the baby while she sleeps all day.

My daughter is a beautiful girl with a nice figure, and she doesn't hesitate to tell you. I only wish her brain was the same.

Your column is the only thing she ever reads in the paper. Maybe if you printed this, it might wake her up.

MOM

DEAR MOM: She's up! Somebody should wake you up. As long

as you continue to look after her child while she sleeps all day and stays out all night, nothing will change. Why should it? She's got it made. A child (of any age or marital status), while living in her parents' home, should be made to abide by the standard of that home — or vamoose!

DEAR ABBY: I am a very warm-blooded girl who craves affection, and I am married to a very cold, touch-me-not-type man. We have two children. Don't ask me how they got here. They were both accidents. But accidents like that don't happen to us very often.

The big blowup came last night when he took me to a drive-in movie. It was a romantic film so I snuggled up close to him and he kept moving away from me until he was practically on the fender. I asked him to kiss me, and he said, "No, not here."

(We were all alone in a closed car, and it was pitch dark.) Well, it ruined my whole evening.

I know I am not all that bad, Abby. He keeps telling me he "loves" me, so why doesn't he show me?

HUNGRY FOR LOVE

DEAR HUNGRY: Your man doesn't know how to give love because he has never been taught, and he probably didn't receive much love in his early life. Teach him. But not in a drive-in.

DEAR ABBY: Where did you ever get the idea that it's a wife's "duty" to get her husband up in the morning? If a man is old enough to get married, he should be old enough to get himself up.

I can remember my mother "getting my father up" every morning, and there was a fight in our house

that lasted 20 years because of it. It used to start my mother's day off wrong and my father used to go to work irritated and resentful.

Before I was married, my mother told me to never be a man's alarm clock, and I took her advice. My husband has to get himself up. And he's been late only once — and then he had only himself to blame.

NO ALARM CLOCK

DEAR NO ALARM: There are two lessons to be learned here. (1) Never be a man's alarm clock. (2) It's much easier to tell someone else what to do than to do it oneself.

Abby's family recipes are included in her cookbooklet. Send a long, business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

**Dr. Gott**

Peter Gott, M.D.

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT I was diagnosed with bleeding gastric ulcers eight months ago, and I am currently taking Zantac tablets. You have recommended 1,500 milligrams calcium and 250 IU of vitamin D daily to help prevent osteoporosis in post-menopausal women. I've also read articles stating that milk is no longer routinely given as part of ulcer therapy because the calcium content of milk stimulates the stomach to produce acid. Do calcium supplements have the same acid-stimulating effect as calcium in milk?

DEAR READER Milk, like any food, stimulates the production of gastric acid. This is a reflex that Nature has provided to help us digest what we eat. The increased stomach acid is not caused by milk calcium, a mineral — nor is it caused by calcium supplements. In fact, calcium-containing compounds, such as TUMS are frequently used to treat the consequences of excess gastric acid. Therefore, calcium/vitamin D supplements will not worsen your ulcers.

Years ago, before the discovery of Zantac (and similar medicines) that reduce the production of stomach acid, doctors had pitifully few ways to treat peptic disease — so they were forced to use milk and cream combinations. These dairy products are good buffers, meaning they readily absorb or neutralize acid, despite a paradoxical tendency to stimulate acid production at the same time.

Subsequently synthetic buffers (antacids) were developed and performed the same function better than milk and cream, without the calories and cholesterol. Today, with H2 blockers (histamine blockers, of which Zantac is an example), the treatment of bleeding peptic ulcers is so satisfactory that surgery — once required in such cases — is a rarity.

H2 blockers can safely be taken with calcium supplements, which are often recommended for women with osteoporosis. To give you more information on osteoporosis in post-menopausal women, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Osteoporosis." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1.25 with their name and address to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT I'm a 22-year-old active female with cellulite on the backs of my thighs. What is the quickest and most effective way to make it disappear?

DEAR READER Cellulite, a non-medical term, refers to fat deposits commonly seen on legs, thighs and buttocks. To a large degree, the distribution and extent of fat on the body is genetically governed. Some people have fatty thighs and buttocks (pear shape), whereas other people inherit a tendency to form abdominal adipose tissue (apple shape).

If you are overweight, you could reduce the size of your thighs by dieting. With appropriate calorie restriction, in conjunction with a sensible exercise program, you'll lose body fat all over, thighs included.

If, on the other hand, your thighs are large and out of proportion to the rest of you, you may wish to consider plastic surgery to get rid of cellulite. Liposuction, a technique by which specialists remove unwanted subcutaneous fat by a suction device, may be an option to consider. This method is quick and safe, although expensive. Ask your doctor to refer you to a plastic surgeon for further advice.

The various devices and skin preparations that are often advertised for the treatment of cellulite are totally ineffective for this purpose. Therefore, in my opinion, your best bet would be to try dieting, followed by liposuction, if necessary.

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**Medicare reimbursement...**

**Physicians will have to file claims**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Beginning next week, all physicians will be responsible for filing reimbursement claims for their Medicare patients.

The Sept. 1 change is welcomed by advocates for the elderly as a relief from what many say is confusing and time-consuming paperwork that discourages some patients from filing the forms and receiving reimbursement.

But it is dreaded by many

physicians who envision a bureaucratic nightmare.

"This is one of those instances where someone is trying to fix something that wasn't broken in the first place," said Dr. Joseph F. Boyle, executive vice president of the American Society of Internal Medicine.

The bulk of the estimated 450 million Medicare claims expected to be filed this fiscal year will have been submitted by physicians or medical suppliers,

said Barbara Gagel, the government official responsible for implementing the new provision.

About 10 percent of the bills are submitted by patients themselves. Medicare officials do not know how many physicians this represents.

"Now Medicare beneficiaries will receive the benefits to which they are entitled without having to deal with the burdensome paperwork," said Horace Deets, executive director of the

American Association of Retired Persons.

Nearly one in 10 Medicare beneficiaries polled in 1988 by the Physician Payment Review Commission said they did not file a Medicare claim for at least one bill that they paid that year. Most often they said the forms were too complicated or time-consuming.

These unfiled claims amounted to between \$90 million and \$130 million, the commission

estimated.

The change in filing regulations was approved by Congress last year, but one member, Rep. Joe Kolter, D-Pa., is already trying to repeal it with legislation introduced last May.

"We think it's an unnecessary burden on physicians," said Bob Powers, Kolter's senior legislative assistant.

"We've gotten a lot of mail from Medicare recipients who are insulted" because they feel the provision implies that they can't fill out the forms themselves, Powers said. "They want to do it themselves," usually because they can do it faster than a physician's office staff can.

Physicians will have up to a year to file claims, less than half the time now allowed. Failure to file would mean \$1,000 fine for each violation.

Although most don't foresee extraordinary filing delays, Boyle said patients who now submit their forms promptly could be disappointed that their physician takes longer.

Physicians will not be allowed to charge Medicare patients for preparing and filing claim forms. But, as is the case now, doctors can require payment in full from the patient at the time of service.

Dr. Norton J. Greenberger, president of the American College of Physicians, the largest professional organization of internists, said the change has a "desirable goal" of easing the paperwork burden on patients. It also will encourage electronic billing and could speed payments, he said.

But some physicians see the change as "further intrusion by the government into their office practices," he said.

Initially at least, the government will accept a bill filed by a Medicare patient. When the beneficiary is paid, Medicare officials will inform him or her that the physician is supposed to file claims, said Gagel, an official of the Department of Health and Human Services.

**Lawmen say alleged Montana slayer may have been Texas killer's pupil**

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — A Texas prosecutor believes that Charles Thurman Sinclair — the Alaska man accused of killing two people at a Billings coin shop last month — is the recruit of another man previously charged with masterminding a similar crime in Texas.

The FBI also confirmed that it is exploring the connection between Forest Leon Ethington and Sinclair, who is suspected of killing at least 10 people during a series of robberies throughout the country over the past four years.

"There is no question that Ethington was always looking for someone he could recruit, someone cold-blooded to commit these type of crimes," David Chapman, an assistant district attorney in Tarrant County, Texas, told The Billings Gazette Monday.

"In my opinion, he found Sinclair, and Sinclair became his inside man."

In February 1987, Ethington was sentenced to life in prison after Mike Heston testified that he and another man were acting on the instructions of Ethington during the slaying and robbery of a coin shop owner in Pantego, Texas, in March 1985, according to court records filed in Tarrant County.

During the trial, evidence was presented that Ethington "had a standard plan for robbing coin shops" and would search out other people to commit the actual crimes, Chapman said.

In the Pantego shooting, Ethington "first became ac-

quainted with the victim and his coin business, then scouted the coin store from a distance to determine whether and when the crime would be feasible," court records said.

The victim in that slaying, Robert Rosberg, was shot three times in the head with a .22-caliber automatic pistol equipped with a homemade silencer, records said.

At the time of his arrest, Ethington had in his possession a .22-caliber handgun, coins stolen during the robbery and parts and blueprints for a silencer, records said.

**Death Row inmate found dead with rope around neck**

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A 29-year-old Texas death row inmate told authorities he helped strangle a fellow convict with a jump rope in a prison recreation yard, a Walker County Sheriff's Department spokesman said.

Sheriff's Deputy Don Hampton said officials are questioning David Earl Gibbs, convicted of the 1985 raping and slaying of a Conroe woman, in connection with the death of death row inmate Calvin J. Williams.

Williams, 30, was found near death Monday morning by prison guards at the Ellis I Unit northeast of Huntsville as a scheduled three-hour recreation period neared an end.

Gibbs and Williams had been isolated in adjacent recreation yards, which were separated by a chain-link fence.

"It was clear from the way the rope was tied off, it was done from Gibbs' side of the fence," special prosecutor David Weeks told the Houston Chronicle. He said Gibbs had fresh scratches and rope burns on his hands.

Williams' death later at a Huntsville hospital came one day

short of the 10th anniversary of a Harris County jury's decision to sentence Williams, then 20, to lethal injection for the rape-slaying of Emily Anderson, the vice president of a Houston travel agency.

Williams, who came within 90 minutes of execution in 1988 before winning a Supreme Court stay, had vowed he would never be put to death without a struggle. He had a history of violence during his years in prison.

Williams, who said he was one of 19 children in his family, was in the 11th grade when he went to jail on a robbery conviction. He had been out 34 days when Miss Anderson, known to her family and friends as Mimi, was killed.

Miss Anderson's sister, Ellen Yarrell, was not upset Monday

when told of Williams' death.

"Apparently, he or someone else decided his time was up," said Ms. Yarrell, a Houston attorney.

"I have been upset with the judicial system, even though I'm a lawyer, that his appeal process has gone on so long. I still think he acted as Mimi's judge, jury and executioner. She had no legal appeals."

Williams acknowledged breaking into the apartment where Miss Anderson was slain, but insisted the burglary occurred a month before the killing. His fingerprints, however, were found in the woman's stolen car, recovered a few blocks from Williams' home.

A jury took just six minutes to decide on the death penalty.

**Fed agents arrest fourteen suspects**

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Federal agents arrested 14 suspects of a gang that distributed marijuana, cocaine and psychotropic pills in raids in three northern and western states, the Attorney General's Office said Monday.

Three women were among the suspects and agents confiscated small quantities of marijuana,

cocaine and about 2,000 pills.

A man and a woman were first arrested Sunday at a train station in San Luis Rio Colorado, in Sonora state. This led Federal Judicial Police to pick up the other 12 in raids in the Sonora port of Guaymas, in the Jalisco state capital of Guadalajara and in Nayarit, the capital of Tepic state, the attorney general's office said.

**Police think cause of girl's death may remain mystery**

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Investigators say they may never know the cause of death of an 11-year-old kidnapping victim whose disappearance attracted thousands of volunteer searchers.

The girl, Heidi Seeman, was one of two abducted girls whose bodies were found over the weekend. Police said Monday they don't believe the deaths of Heidi and Erica Botello, 7, are related.

"It would be almost impossible to determine the cause of death," police Lt. Albert Ortiz said of Heidi, who vanished Aug. 4 while walking along a road near her San Antonio house.

Heidi's decomposed body was discovered Saturday about 60

miles away near Wimberley in Hays County along a deserted road. A rancher in an all-terrain vehicle discovered the body after noticing a foul odor and buzzards overhead.

Authorities said the body was wrapped in a blanket and restraints had been used. Ortiz would not comment further on the condition of the body, other than to say it probably had been there more than two weeks.

"We're still trying to look into every lead that we have, but so far nothing has panned out," police spokeswoman Sandy Perez said.

In the slaying of Erica Botello, whose body was found Sunday in a drainage ditch near her apartment, three men have been ar-

rested and charged with capital murder.



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