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Governor calls for property tax cut; Laney says 'ramifications' need look

By MICHAEL HOLMES
Associated Press Writer
AUSTIN (AP) - State legislators and others say Gov. Bush's call for cutting property taxes is easy, but finding new taxes to help make up the difference is another story.

"No one's ever been in my office saying, 'tax me more,'" said House Speaker Pete Laney, D-Hale Center. "All taxes have their ramifications. We need to look and see all of those."

"As far as the property tax relief side of it, you'll probably get 181 votes in this building for that," said state Comptroller John Sharp. "The debate is going to be, as it always is, over the taxes that replace it."

In his second State of the State address, the Republican governor on Tuesday laid out an ambitious proposal to head off what he sees as a looming crisis. Local school taxes now total about \$10 billion a year.

"Property taxes are too high. They are among the highest in the nation," Bush said. He argued that property taxes hurt the economy and average Texans alike. He said lawmakers can't afford to stand idly by.

"Failure to act will hurt our elderly, failure to act will squeeze our middle class, failure to act will cause rents to go up and failure to act will place Texas at a competitive disadvantage to attract and keep jobs," Bush said.

The governor's plan would:
- Increase the homestead exemption for school property taxes from \$5,000 to \$25,000.
- Cut the school property tax rate

in each of the state's 1,044 school district by 20 cents.
- Raise the state's 6 1/4 percent sales and motor vehicle sales taxes by one-half cent.

- Create a new, 1 1/4 percent tax on total business sales over \$500,000, minus the cost of goods and capital invested. The levy would replace the corporate franchise tax and the property tax on business inventory.
- Provide a \$1 billion tax cut funded by the current state budget surplus.

The proposal would tax many businesses that currently escape the franchise tax - lawyers, architects and others organized as professional associations or partnerships. Texas' 6 1/4-percent sales tax rate already ranks among the nation's highest, and critics said the levy hits the poor harder by taking a larger portion of their income.

And renters would be hurt, said Dick Lavine, a tax analyst for the Center for Public Policy Priorities. He said he doubted that many landlords would pass on tax savings. GOP Chairman Tom Pauken applauded Bush's call for a tax cut, but voiced worries about the new levies being added.

"I have serious concerns about the Texas Business Tax which increases taxes in the billions on businesses and consumers. Plus, should we be raising our sales tax rate which already is one of the highest in the nation?" Pauken asked.

Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes responded, "This plan is an overall tax cut, and we would expect that grassroots Republicans as well as all Texans would overwhelmingly support it."

\$84.7 billion budget proposed for spending in next biennium

AUSTIN (AP) - Gov. George W. Bush today proposed an \$84.7 billion budget for the two-year period that begins later this year. Albert Hawkins, the governor's budget chief, today told the budget-writing House Appropriations Committee that Bush believes there will about \$988 million in revenue left over from the 1996-97 budget that can be used in the next budget.

Comptroller John Sharp has estimated a \$688 million surplus. Hawkins said the additional \$300 million comes from lower-than-expected caseloads at the departments of Health, Criminal Justice, and Health and Human Services. Each of those agencies, Hawkins said, has been directed not to spend money budgeted for cases that have not materialized.

"In looking at 1997, they took a conservative approach," Hawkins said of the comptroller's surplus estimate. "We know those agencies have been directed not to spend those funds."

Bush's budget proposal is \$1.4 billion higher than the \$83.3 billion budget proposal state lawmakers already are considering. The governor's proposal also is \$4 billion higher, or 4.9 percent, than his 1996-1997 proposal. The budget includes \$1 billion for local property tax cuts and additional spending for education, health and human services, public safety and criminal justice agencies.

General government spending, which covers Bush's office, the comptroller's office and other statewide elected offices, would be cut by \$87.5 million from the 1996-97 budget.

"The governor's budget increases funding for several of his priorities," his office said. "Gov. Bush's budget also leaves more than \$237 million unspent and available for additional priorities that emerge during the legislative session."

FBI supervisors lose positions in probe of bombing lab work

By MICHAEL J. SNIFFEN
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WASHINGTON (AP) - Three supervisors who evaluated evidence from the Oklahoma City bombing are out of their FBI crime lab jobs because of criticism in a Justice Department report, law enforcement officials and other sources say.

And because of the probe, one of them is no longer among the expert witnesses on explosive residues that prosecutors plan to call when Timothy McVeigh goes on trial in March for the 1995 truck-bombing that killed 168 people, officials said.

FBI Deputy Director Weldon Kennedy acknowledged Tuesday that "the FBI and the Department Justice have together taken significant steps to ensure" that "problems identified by the inspector general's inquiry" have not compromised past, present or future prosecutions. "We have chosen to err on the side of caution."

But McVeigh's attorney, Stephen Jones, said, "It's the worst self-inflicted wound since President Nixon released the White House tapes" during the Watergate scandal. Justice Department officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, expressed confidence other experts

can present all the forensic evidence they need in the Oklahoma City case.

The FBI announced late Monday the removal of four lab workers "who had major responsibilities in explosives investigations," but did not identify them.

One was scientist-agent Frederic Whitehurst, a whistle-blower whose allegations of contamination and pro-prosecution bias in the lab prompted the investigation by the department's inspector general.

Whitehurst, who was the subject of a separate Justice Department investigation of media leaks about his charges, was suspended with pay, his lawyer Stephen Kohn said.

After meeting Tuesday with Kennedy and other FBI officials, Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, said, "I want to know why the FBI lumped the individuals who committed possible wrongdoing with the individual who spoke up about it. I have major questions about whether punishment of Whitehurst is appropriate, and I will follow up on this" in discussions with the inspector general.

Grassley had said the suspension looked like retaliation for

whistle-blowing; Kennedy denied that.

The draft reports of both investigations are still secret. The FBI said all four would receive pay and benefits while it decided whether they had engaged in misconduct.

Federal law enforcement officials identified the other three as:

- Dave Williams, a supervisory agent in a lab explosives unit.

- Roger Martz, chief of a lab chemistry and toxicology unit.

- James T. "Tom" Thurman, chief of a lab explosives unit.

They were transferred to other work but not suspended, officials said.

Officials and sources familiar with the case described their roles in the

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Office complex is result of long study Hospital board seeks consolidation of district's facilities

BY SPEEDY NIEMAN
Editor-Publisher
After seven months of study and

discussion of options, directors of Deaf Smith County Hospital District voted last week to construct a new medical office complex on the west side of the grounds at Hereford Regional Medical Center.

"Such a building would allow HRMC to consolidate like services to better serve our patients, and we believe would allow for greater efficiency as well as economic benefits in several areas," said Jim Robinson, HRMC chief operating officer.

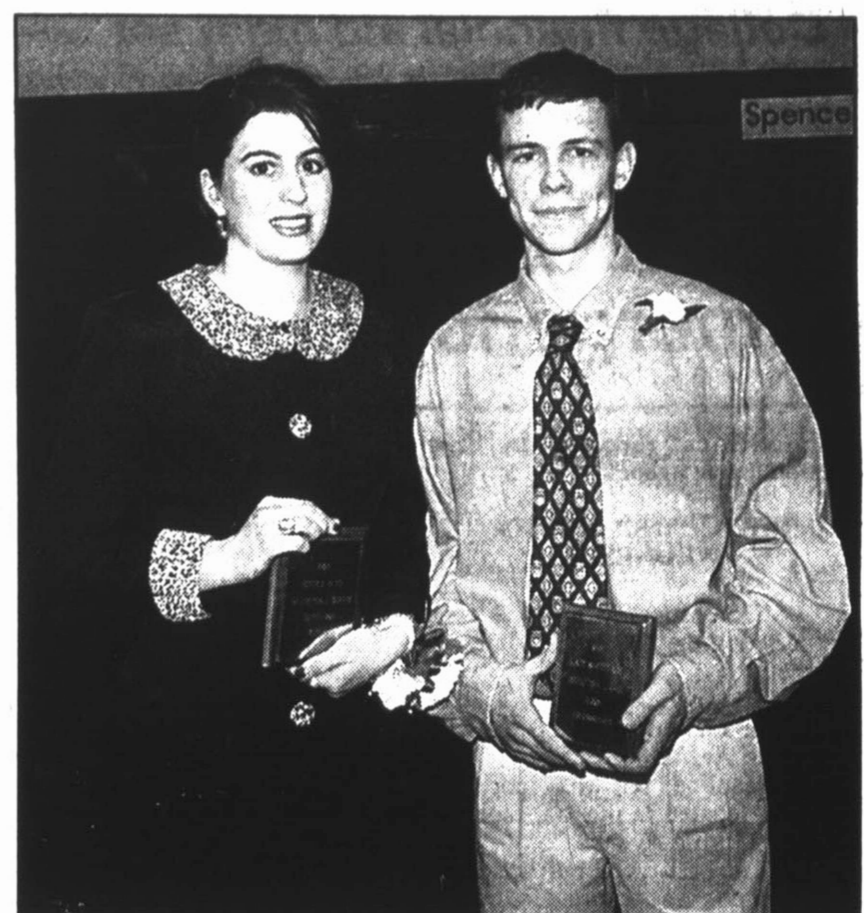
Robinson, Mal Manchee, board president, and Larry Watts, director, discussed the plan with a Brand reporter Tuesday.

During the past seven months, the hospital board has considered leasing or purchasing of existing property. The proposed office facility would require about 12,000 to 15,000 square feet of floor space.

One estimate on the cost of a new facility has been placed at \$50 to \$60 a square foot, which would probably place the total at about \$750,000 to \$1 million. Manchee said no tax increase is planned. "We have about a half-million dollars in surplus funds, and we will have financing plans in place before we start the project."

Robinson pointed out that HRMC is paying rent on four different buildings to house some of the offices, at a current cost of \$5,775.62 per month, or \$69,307 annually.

These offices, their services, and monthly rental: The office of a rural



Basketball queen, king

The Hereford High School basketball king and queen were named during a pep rally Tuesday. Christina Kuper and Corey Schumacher were crowned queen and king, respectively. The basketball teams will be in action against Randall Friday.

Anti-stalking bill is first law of session

By JUAN B. ELIZONDO Jr.
Associated Press Writer
AUSTIN (AP) - Gov. George W. Bush has signed an anti-stalking bill into law.

It's the first bill of the 1997 legislative session to be signed and became law immediately upon the governor's signature.

"No Texans should have to live in fear of a stalker and I am pleased that legislators acted to restore this important protection," Bush said Tuesday.

Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes said the governor will hold a ceremony to mark the bill's signing later this week. She said he wanted to sign it as quickly as possible to put the law into effect.

"That's great. That's what he should have done," said Rep. Brian McCall, R-Plano and a sponsor of the law. "There was no protection before the signature."

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals last year ruled the state's former anti-stalking law unconstitutional. Bush made replacing the law an emergency issue for state lawmakers, who began their session Jan. 14.

The new law defines stalking as similar action on more than one occasion that's directed specifically at another person.

A person committing the acts must know or reasonably should know the targeted person would regard the actions as threatening. The acts also must cause the target, the target's family members or members of the target's household to fear bodily injury, death or property damage and must cause a reasonable person also to fear such injuries.

The first offense would be a misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in jail. Subsequent convictions would be felonies punishable by imprisonment for up to 10 years.

The bill was sent to Bush on Monday after the Texas Senate agreed unanimously to two House changes.

"If there is a role of government, it's to allow people to live their lives peacefully," McCall said. "This will send a message to stalkers that we won't tolerate this behavior."

McCall said the new law addresses the problems cited by the court when it ruled the last anti-stalking law unconstitutionally vague.



Site of proposed medical complex

A proposed medical office complex, which would consolidate four existing facilities, would be located on the west side of the Hereford Regional Medical Center grounds, shown in the above photo. The Deaf Smith County Hospital District board of directors approved the project during a regular meeting last week.

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Local Roundup

Sunny skies ahead

Hereford reached a high temperature of 49 degrees on Tuesday and an overnight low of 28 degrees. For tonight, look for considerable high cloudiness with a low around 15. Thursday will be sunny with a high in the mid 50s. Winds will be from the southwest at 10 to 20 mph.

College financial aid night set

The college financial aid night will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the HISD administration building. Amarillo College's financial officer and the "Opportunity Plan" director in Canyon will make presentations and answer questions about the financial aid process. Parents and high school students are encouraged to attend.

Emergency Services

Activities reported by law enforcement agencies:

POLICE DEPARTMENT WEDNESDAY

- Domestic disturbance was reported in the 200 block of Gough Street.
- Unknown person tried to steal a Black Labrador dog in the 400 block of Avenue G.
- Gasoline theft was reported at a store located in the 100 block of South 25 Mile Avenue.
- A report of a pit bull attacking another dog was reported in the 200 block of Hereford Calle.
- Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 300 block of Avenue B. A set of hand tools valued over \$260 was stolen from the vehicle.
- 25-year-old man was arrested with Criminal Non-Support for not assisting in the care of his children.
- A 13-year-old boy runaway was reported at a residence in the 800 block of Irving street.

- A report of Abandoning/Endangering a child was investigated in the 400 block of Brevard Street.
- A 26-year-old man was arrested on outstanding warrants for Burglary out of Hobbs New Mexico.
- A 17-year-old man was arrested on outstanding arrest warrants for assault and false imprisonment.
- Three traffic citations were issued.
- One motor vehicle accident without injuries.

FIRE DEPARTMENT WEDNESDAY

-- Dispatched to East Highway #60 to a grass fire.

DPS WEDNESDAY

-- 40-year-old male was arrested for the possession of Marijuana under two ounces.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT WEDNESDAY

-- No reports.

Obituaries

WILLIE RODGERS Jan. 27, 1997

Willie Mae Bagwell Rodgers, 96, of Claude, died Monday. She is a former Hereford school teacher. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Claude Cemetery with the Rev. Larry Crumpton of Claude United Methodist Church officiating. Arrangements are by N.S. Griggs and Sons Funeral Directors. Mrs. Rodgers was the last surviving member of the Dr. J.C. Bagwell family. Her parents moved to Armstrong County from Georgia in 1890. They settled on the Mulberry Flats, which is now part of J.A. Ranch. They later moved to the Claude area. She holds a degrees from West Texas State College and a master's degree from the University of Texas. She taught school in Groom, Claude, Hereford and San Angelo. She retired from the San Angelo schools after 35 years of teaching there. She was preceded in death by her husband, S.T. Rodgers, in 1977. She was a member of the Claude United Methodist Church. Survivors include a stepdaughter, Mary Belle Hay of San Angelo; two stepgrandsons; and a great-stepgrandson. The family requests memorials be to the Claude Museum or the Claude Methodist Church.

School taxes exploded over 10 years

Reversal of trend promised by governor in proposals

By PEGGY FIKAC
Associated Press Writer
AUSTIN (AP) - School property taxes grew by an explosive 143 percent between 1984 and 1994, and Gov. George W. Bush made a promise to reverse that trend a key part of his campaign.

In laying out a plan to cut nearly \$3 billion in property taxes and raise state taxes for schools, Bush on Tuesday took his most dramatic step yet toward keeping that promise. "Property taxes are threatening the American dream," Bush told lawmakers. "Discontent over property taxes runs deep and wide in Texas."

The Republican governor already has presided over the first decline in the local share of school funding in years.

Last school year, the state share of school funding reached \$8.1 billion, while local property taxes kicked in \$9.1 billion, according to a Texas Association of School Boards study. That made the state share 47.1

percent, bigger than the previous year's 45.5 percent.

If Bush's plan were approved by the Legislature, the state share would increase to about 55 percent when fully implemented in the 1998-99 school year, said Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes.

The last time the state share of school funding increased, it was from 50.5 percent in the 1983-84 school year to 52.2 percent in 1984-85.

Advocates of property tax relief point to the burden property owners now bear. About 13 percent of a homeowner's mortgage payment goes to pay the levy, the governor's office says.

In Texas' 1,044 school districts, school property taxes approach an average \$1.40 per \$100 valuation, with \$1.28 of that for maintenance and operations. State law generally limits taxes for maintenance and operations to \$1.50.

The property tax rate ranged from 90 cents to \$1.75 in the 1995-96 school year, including debt service,

according to the Texas Education Agency.

Bush is proposing a 20-cent cut in every school district's rate, plus an increase in the homestead exemption from property taxes.

"The primary reason rates have gone up 140-something percent in 10 years is the state has not kept pace. The state has imposed new mandates and failed to recognize inflation. The only way school districts could survive was to increase property tax rates," said Craig Foster of the Equity Center, a group of school districts with below-average property wealth.

"We are with the remainder of the rest of the education community in terms of supporting greater state participation," he said.

The Texas Association of School Boards and Texas Association of School Administrators support Bush's plan to cut taxes and increase the state's share of school funding.

But Foster and other advocates for property-poor districts warn that in revamping the tax system, the state must be careful to ensure court-ordered funding equity isn't disturbed.

If it is, they say, Texas will again face a lawsuit over its school funding formulas.

The Texas Supreme Court threw out finance laws in 1989, 1991 and 1992 before accepting the current system in 1995. That system requires the school districts richest in property wealth to share with the rest of the system.

Lawmakers backing Bush's plan acknowledge that concern, but say property tax relief goes hand-in-hand with equity.

"To the extent that we can reduce our reliance on property taxes and increase our reliance on state funding, we improve the system, make it more equitable," said Senate Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo.

Bush takes aim at funds from lottery for education

By JUAN B. ELIZONDO Jr.
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) - Many Texans believe it. Some state lawmakers wanted it. And now it's time to do it, Gov. George W. Bush says of earmarking state lottery funds for public education.

In his State of the State address, Bush on Tuesday said the public's confusion over revenues from the 4½-year-old lottery should be resolved by dedicating the money - nearly \$4 billion since the games began in May 1992 - to a trust fund for public education.

"We should end the confusion and earn the trust of many Texans by dedicating all the proceeds from the lottery to the school trust," Bush said.

Income from the lottery is not earmarked for education in Texas. Money from the games goes to the state's general fund. Most state spending, including school funding, comes from that account.

But when lawmakers approved the lottery in 1991, some said the revenues should be dedicated to education. That didn't make it into the law, but it stuck with many Texans, says Karen Hughes, a spokeswoman for Bush.

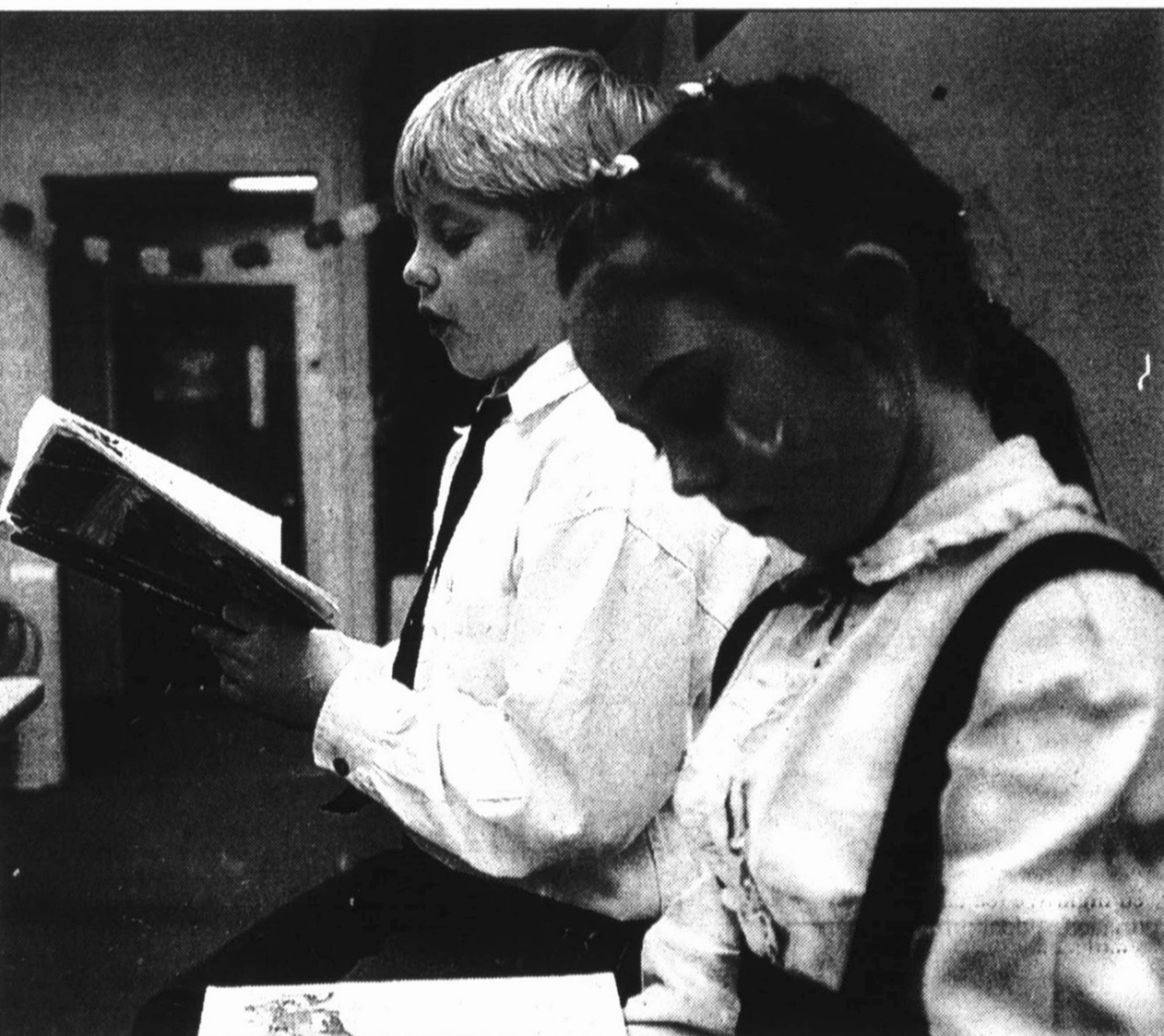
Ms. Hughes said the lottery already adds more funds to education even though it's not dedicated. But she said nearly 90 percent of Texans believe lawmakers dedicated lottery money for schools.

"It's a credibility issue," Ms. Hughes said. "(The governor) thinks the people of Texas were led to believe that the lottery funds would go to education."

Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo and chairman of the budget-writing House Appropriations Committee, calls the idea "a shell game."

"It doesn't raise a darn nickel for more money for education. We just back out the general revenue that's going there," he said.

Rep. Paul Sadler, D-Henderson and head of the House Public Education Committee agrees. But he said it could be time to put the question to rest.



Reading buddies

Hillary Edwards, right, and Brook Brookhart read a book together on Tuesday. The students are second-graders at Community Christian School. Edwards is the daughter of Bruce and Deanna Edwards and Brookhart is the son of Brady and Sandy Brookhart.

Roadblocks probably going up over Bush's proposed new taxes

By CHIP BROWN
Associated Press Writer
AUSTIN (AP) - Everyone agrees that a property-tax break sounds good.

But after Gov. George W. Bush announced his proposal Tuesday to cut property taxes by creating a business activity tax and raising Texas' sales tax, some of the state's most powerful lobbies went on the defensive.

Groups representing retailers, restaurants and doctors, to name a few, said they would fight because the new taxes would drive down their operations.

"We want to work with the governor in securing property tax relief, but from the outset we have expressed our opposition to a value-added (business activity) tax," said Mickey Moore, president of the Texas Retailers Association.

The group represents 1,500 companies in the state, ranging from local merchants to chain food and drug stores.

Bush's proposal would raise the state's 6 1/4 percent sales and motor vehicle sales taxes by one-half cent. It would also replace the corporate franchise tax with a new "business activity tax" - a 1 1/4 percent levy on total business sales over \$500,000, minus the cost of goods and capital invested.

Doctors, lawyers and others organized as professional associations don't currently pay franchise taxes, but would be subject to the business activity tax.

"If the costs go up too much, there is a very real risk in which physicians with a low-reimbursement, high-indigent patient load may be forced to leave those kinds of practices," said Kim Ross of the Texas Medical Association.

"We get hit with an increase in sales tax and then a value added tax on top of that," said Richie Jackson, executive vice president of Texas Restaurant Association. "I don't

know who the great untaxed is, but it's not restaurants."

Others, including energy companies, small businesses and farmers announced support for Bush's tax plan.

"The Bush proposal implements a much more balanced approach in taxing business," said Bob Stallman, president of the Texas Farm Bureau.

"The current system places an onerous burden on capital intensive industries such as manufacturers, oil and gas companies and farmers and ranchers."

"At the same time, labor intensive industry, which generates a much higher percentage of economic activity, shares a much smaller tax burden," Stallman said.

In the middle are legislators who are faced with approving a tax bill at a time when the business climate in Texas is considered strong.

In asking the Legislature to cut school property taxes by nearly \$3

FBI

Oklahoma City case this way:

Williams supervised collection of explosives evidence in Oklahoma City and its removal to the FBI lab here. Prosecutors have dropped plans to call him as an expert witness.

Thurman was quoted in an FBI affidavit supporting the arrest and search warrants against McVeigh.

Martz conducted some tests on Oklahoma City evidence at the lab. Jones has taken a deposition from Whitehurst and indicated he may call him as a defense witness.

Whitehurst has alleged Martz was not properly trained to conduct experiments and testify about high explosives, and that Thurman only had a degree in political science. The government has said it never intended to call Martz or Thurman as expert witnesses, but Martz may be called to testify about the chain of custody of evidence.

billion and pay for it with budget savings and the new sales and business taxes, Bush said he wanted to head off a looming crisis. He said the state's reliance on property taxes to provide \$10 billion in public school funding is out of control.

"This is a pretty dramatic change," said Bob Kamm, senior vice president of the Texas Association of Business & Chambers of Commerce, who supports Bush's proposal but acknowledges an uphill climb.

"Do lawmakers want to vote a \$3 billion tax bill when otherwise the business climate is pretty good and we have a balanced state budget? In that sense, it's going to be scrutinized by the Legislature," Kamm said.

Texas Republican Party chairman Tom Pauken criticized Bush's tax proposals.

"Now is not the time to impose new taxes on Texans when we have a surplus in the state treasury," Pauken said.

But Jones' first effort to use Whitehurst to attack the government's case was not successful. Defense attorneys challenged the affidavits and argued warrants obtained as a result should be thrown out. But a federal judge ruled the affidavits were sufficient and allowed the evidence to stand.

Meantime, the FBI on Tuesday listed some steps begun "long before the Justice Department study began" to improve the lab, which conducts more than 600,000 examinations annually for local, state, federal and international law enforcement agencies.

A technical group, including experts from Britain, is being formed to improve bombing and explosives analysis. A new quality assurance unit monitors lab work. And for the first time, the FBI is seeking to have its lab accredited by the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors.

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

2-2-2
(two, two, two)
AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
1-14-18-19-27<
(one, fourteen, eighteen, nineteen, twenty-seven)

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Lifestyles

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MENUS

THURSDAY-Beef stroganoff, buttered noodles, stewed tomatoes, pea salad, whole wheat bread, apple crisp; or turkey stroganoff, apple sauce.

FRIDAY-Breaded pollack, lemon wedge, tartar sauce, macaroni and cheese, Harvard beets, cabbage/carrot slaw, cornbread, sherbet; or brisket, apricots.

MONDAY-Hamburger steak, brown gravy, oven brown potatoes, corn O'Brian, garden salad, biscuits, mixed fruit; or chicken with noodles.

TUESDAY-Cornflaked baked chicken, baked potatoes with topping, herbed green beans, carrot/raisin salad, French bread, chocolate cake; or Salisbury steak, peaches.

WEDNESDAY-Roast beef with gravy, mashed sweet potatoes,

buttered zucchini squash, tossed salad with tomatoes, rolls, cherry cobbler; or chicken tetrazini, seasoned wax beans.

ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., oil painting 9-11 a.m., choir practice 1-2 p.m., Thrift Store open.

FRIDAY-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., Thrift Store open.

SATURDAY-Games 12 noon-4 p.m., dance 7:30-10:30 p.m.

MONDAY-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., doll class 1-4 p.m.

TUESDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., decorative tile painting 1-3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., ceramics 1-3 p.m., Alzheimer's Support Group 11:30 a.m.



Scholarship recipient

Wade Johnson was named the local winner of the Merck AgVet/Texas CattleWomen scholarship. Jan Page, with Hereford CattleWomen, presents the \$1,000 scholarship. Johnson, son of Terri Johnson, attends Texas A&M University. Scholarship recipients statewide will be honored with a "Young Leaders Banquet" during the Texas CattleWomen's Spring Convention in Fort Worth in March.

Harder presents program at Veleda Club meeting

A program on the importance of numbers in our lives was presented by Beverly Harder at the recent meeting of the Veleda Study Club.

Harder emphasized the importance of protecting the many numbers we use, such as credit cards, bank accounts, driver's license, etc.

The meeting was held in the home of Clovis Seago. Frances Crume led the Club Collect.

Members answered roll call by

responding to the question "What is your favorite form of relaxation?"

The next meeting will be a Husband's Valentine Party on Feb. 10 in the home of Norma and Bill Walden.

Those present were Marcella Bradly, Juanita Brown, Bettie Dickson, Mary Dziuk, Betty Gilbert, Della Hutto, DeAnn Sisson, Norma Walden, Margaret Zinser, Seago and Crume.

Parenting classes offered in Spanish at San Jose

San Jose Community Center is hosting parenting classes in Spanish from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday and Monday.

The classes are being co-sponsored by the Camp Fire Organization. Camp Fire is presenting the "Parents and Providers as Partners Program."

This program offers general parenting skills to parents and their child care providers. It is designed to offer more consistent parenting practices between the parent's home and the caregiver's home.

Although this program is structured

for the information to be given to parents and care providers together, parents or care providers who come without the other are still welcome.

There is no cost for the program. Refreshments and snacks will be served nightly. Free child care will be provided. A door prize of a TV or VCR will be given away as a grand door prize at the end of the third session.

To register, please call Tony Martinez at 364-1064 or Maria Medina of South Plains Health Provider at 364-7688.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 29, the 29th day of 1997. There are 336 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 29, 1820, Britain's King George III died insane at Windsor Castle, ending a reign that saw both the American and French revolutions.

On this date: In 1843, the 25th president of the United States, William McKinley, was born in Niles, Ohio.

In 1845, Edgar Allan Poe's poem "The Raven" was first published, in the New York Evening Mirror.

In 1850, Henry Clay introduced in the Senate a compromise bill on slavery which included the admission of California into the Union as a free state.

In 1861, Kansas became the 34th state of the Union.

In 1900, the American League, consisting of eight baseball teams, was organized in Philadelphia.

In 1936, the first members of baseball's Hall of Fame, including Ty Cobb and Babe Ruth, were named in Cooperstown, N.Y.

In 1958, actors Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward were married.

In 1963, the first members of football's Hall of Fame were named in Canton, Ohio.

In 1963, poet Robert Frost died in Boston.

In 1979, President Carter formally welcomed Chinese Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping to the White House, following the establishment of diplomatic relations.

Ten years ago: The State Department barred deposed Philippines President Ferdinand E. Marcos from returning to his homeland from Honolulu amid reports he was preparing to rally supporters trying to topple the Aquino government.

Five years ago: Russian President Boris Yeltsin unveiled an ambitious plan to cut nuclear weapons spending and said his republic's weapons would no longer be aimed at any U.S. targets. A multinational Middle East peace conference ended in Moscow with participants sounding upbeat. President George Bush presented a \$1.52 trillion budget plan.

One year ago: A Navy F-14 fighter

jet crashed in Nashville, Tenn., demolishing three houses and killing five people. French President Jacques Chirac ordered an early end to underground nuclear tests in the South Pacific. Fire destroyed Italy's opera house La Fenice.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian "Professor" Irwin Corey is 85. Actor John Victor Mature is 81. Actor John Forsythe is 79. Author Germaine Greer is 58. Actress Claudine Longet is 55. Actress Katharine Ross is 54. Actor Tom Selleck is 52. Actress Ann Jillian is 46. Rock musician Louie Perez (Los Lobos) is 44. Talk show host Oprah Winfrey is 43. Country singer Irene Mandrell is 40. Actress Judy Norton Taylor ("The Waltons") is 39. Olympic gold-medal diver Greg Louganis is 37. Actor Nicholas Turturro is 35. Actor-director Ed Burns is 29. Actress Sara Gilbert is 22.

Thought for Today: "The reason why worry kills more people than work is that more people worry than work." - Robert Frost, American poet (1874-1963).

Tax breaks could help filers plan '97 finances

By DAVE SKIDMORE

Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - Tax breaks effective at the start of this year should make next year's filing season a more pleasant chore for would-be adoptive parents, stay-at-home spouses and self-employed people.

The new breaks can't be used on 1996 returns. But knowing the changes in store for 1997 returns should help taxpayers plan their finances. Here's an overview of what to look for:

- A \$5,000 credit for both domestic and foreign adoption expenses and a \$5,000 exclusion for employer-provided adoption assistance. The amount rises to \$6,000 for the domestic adoption of a child with special needs.

- Full \$2,000 annual contributions to Individual Retirement Accounts for non-working spouses. That means one-career couples can shelter a total of \$4,000, the same as two-career couples. Before this year, one-career couples were limited to a maximum \$2,250 contribution split between two accounts.

- An increase in the deductibility of health insurance premiums paid by the self-employed, to 40 percent of the cost, up from 30 percent last year.

- Tax-deductible medical savings accounts for people covered under catastrophic health insurance policies.

- Penalty-free IRA withdrawals to pay for medical expenses in excess of 7.5 percent of adjusted gross income, plus penalty-free withdrawals by the unemployed to pay for health insurance.

- A deduction for the cost of long-term care at home and in nursing facilities for the chronically ill and for long-term care insurance.

- An exclusion for life insurance benefits collected by terminally ill people before they die.

Also, Congress will be debating a number of proposed tax cuts that could take effect next year. At the top of the list are a \$500-per-child tax credit, a reduction in capital gains taxes, an expansion of IRAs and a credit or deduction for college tuition.

Abstracts are being offered

There are a number of abstracts in the office of John D. Aikin, previously Witherspoon, Aikin and Langley, that might be of some use to the current owner of the property.

Anyone interested in picking up the abstract covering their property, may contact 364-1100 or come by 244 N. Main, Hereford.

All abstracts need to be picked up within 60 days from the date of this publication.

Senior Citizens Social is Thurs.

San Jose Community Center is sponsoring a Senior Citizens Social from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Thursday. The social will be presented bilingually.

A welcome, refreshments and general visitation will begin the morning followed by a special program, which will survey the interest of starting a Senior Citizens Program at San Jose Community Center. Plans to develop or terminate the program will conclude the social.

Community input is valuable to this idea. So, bring a friend and tell a neighbor to come join the fun. Transportation will be available. To make arrangements, contact 364-1064.

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I must take issue with the statement attributed to the Funeral and Memorial Societies of America about the value of gold teeth. They said, "Dental gold has very little commercial value." That statement is untrue.

Most dental gold is 18-carat pure gold. If the average mouth has five gold fillings and a gold crown, that would be worth hundreds of dollars to a gold smelter. I once owned and operated such a business, and I bought a lot of dental gold -- some of it with a tooth still attached.

As ghoulish as it may seem, there is nothing to stop an ambitious mortician from selling dental gold and making a handsome profit. Most morticians would not stoop to this level, but there are always a few greedy people in every profession. Please set the record straight, Ann.

-- Hank Friedman, Mill Valley, Calif.

gold scrap does indeed have value -- at least here in California. My oral surgeon offered to send my dental scrap to a company that paid me for it. I netted \$17.

Venice Beach, Calif.: On the same day your column about dental gold appeared, my newspaper had an article about recycling gold teeth. The article said a gold recycling firm has opened a dental branch to accept and buy gold teeth through the mail. All people have to do is ask the dentist to return the scrap when he or she has finished working on their teeth. According to the article, a tooth with a gold filling is worth between \$5 and \$20, depending on the amount of gold used. Considering how many gold teeth pass by the average mortician, those dollars can really add up.

Dear Readers: And now, a word from my dentist:

Dear Ann Landers: Your readers are correct when they say old gold fillings can have a substantial value.

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So, dear readers, now you have it, straight from the mouths of those who should know. If there's gold in them that molars you've had extracted, make sure the dentist reimburses you for it. If he (or she) doesn't offer, it's perfectly OK to suggest it.

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Sports



Basketball royalty

Hereford High School announced its basketball queen and king at a pep rally Tuesday. Pictured, from left, are freshman attendants, Audra Witkowski; E.L. Vallejo; senior attendants, Kari Barrett; Isaac Walker; queen, Christina Kuper; senior attendant Trip

Robison; king, Corey Schumacher; junior attendants, Spencer Power; Misti Davis; and sophomore attendants, Cory Marsh; and Kristen Fangman. Kuper and Schumacher are senior players on the varsity Whiteface basketball teams.

Demon Deacons thump Hokies; Baylor upsets Texas by 76-72

By The Associated Press
Tim Duncan has been impressing people with his scoring, rebounding, passing and shot blocking since he's been at Wake Forest.

On Tuesday night, he showed that he is so much more than statistics as the second-ranked Demon Deacons beat Virginia Tech 61-44.

The 6-foot-10 All-America center took just five shots in the non-confer-

ence game after coach Dave Odom met with him about the importance of Wake Forest getting its outside shooting back on track.

"I talked with him two or three times over the weekend about our perimeter guys not being in gear, and we have to get them involved," Odom said. "I know he gave up shots early to keep them involved."

The emphasis placed on the long jumper was shown by 14 of Wake Forest's first 18 shots coming from 3-point range.

Aggies hold off Missouri, 61-57

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) - Brian Barone had only 4 points, but the Texas A&M freshman point guard was all over the floor, literally, against Missouri.

Barone, the son of Aggies head coach Tony Barone, had six assists, six rebounds, a steal and only one turnover, directing a Texas A&M defense that held off Missouri in a 61-57 victory Tuesday night.

"It really pumps us up to see him dive on the floor after loose balls. His hustle gets the crowd pumped up as well," said Shanne Jones, whose career-high 21 points led A&M (8-9, 2-5 Big 12).

After an 0-5 start in the inaugural Big 12 season, the Aggies now have two straight wins, counting Saturday's 76-67 victory over Kansas State.

Missouri (10-10, 2-6) went on a 14-4 run late in the game, but the Aggies made six free throws in the final minute to preserve the victory.

Derek Grimm scored 17 points and Kelly Thames 15 for Missouri.

HJH teams set for tournament

Hereford Junior High's seventh graders will be participating in the District 7th Grade Tournament Thursday and Saturday in Canyon.

The first-round seedings have the Hereford 7th grade A team playing Thursday at 6:30 against Westover, and Saturday at 9 a.m. against Canyon.

The 7th grade B team will play Pampa at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, then take on Borger at 9 a.m. Saturday.

NCA splits games with Amarillo team

Nazarene Christian Academy split two basketball games with Bible Heritage School of Amarillo here Tuesday, winning the boys' game by 79-17 and losing the girls' game by a score of 47-19.

Chase Rives scorched the nets for 30 points and Jeremy Gonzales added 17 in the boys' one-sided triumph. Leading the NCA girls in the losing cause were Lindsey Goforth and Sloane Merrick with 7 and 6 points, respectively.

The boys have an 8-3 record on the season, while the girls are 5-8.

Parcells playing a waiting game

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) - Bill Parcells is playing another game three days after the Super Bowl: the waiting game.

Parcells, coming off a Super Bowl loss Sunday night to Green Bay, is waiting for NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue's decision on whether Parcells is free to coach elsewhere next season.

Tagliabue was expected to issue his decision as early as today after presiding Tuesday over a conference call in which Parcells and Patriots owner Robert Kraft aired their contract differences.

"There's nothing. I really can't talk about anything because I don't know," Parcells, rumored to be headed to the New York Jets as coach and general manager, said Tuesday after arriving at Foxboro Stadium.

At issue is a provision added to Parcells' contract in 1996, which the team claims gives it exclusive rights to Parcells' coaching service in 1997.

The Boston Globe reported today that Parcells' attorney, Joel Kozol, argued that the coach's original contract - negotiated with former owner James B. Orthwein in 1992 - supersedes the 1996 amendments.

The newspaper said Kozol contended the 1992 deal allows Parcells to terminate his contract by paying his base salary for his final coaching season as a buyout. Parcells earned \$1.2 million in 1996, and wants to pay that amount in return for complete freedom.

"He'll be taking a big business risk that he can replace that money," Parcells' agent, Robert Fraley, told New York newspaper Newsday.

If the commissioner rules in favor of the Patriots, the team is expected

to ask for compensation - likely draft picks - from a team interested in Parcells. The Jets, who fired Rich Kotite as coach following a 1-15 season, have the top pick in the April draft.

Newsday said today that Kraft asked Tagliabue for a first-round pick to allow any move. However, the newspaper cited a source close to Tagliabue as saying it was unlikely a first-round pick would be allowed as compensation.

"(Tagliabue) feels that that would go against the philosophy of the league," said the source, who believes New York's second-round pick would be a more likely settlement.

Fraley told The New York Times that if Tagliabue ruled in favor of the Patriots, Parcells would be prepared to buy his way out of New England.

"Bill will have to pay a lot of money to be rid of the final year," Fraley told the newspaper.

At Foxboro Stadium on Tuesday, players cleaned out their lockers, but could offer little about the future of their coach.

"He talked to us about the season and just said it was a heck of a season, and he talked about the future of the team," free safety Willie Clay said. "At that time, he gave us no indication he was going anywhere."

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rebounds and keep the streak alive.

"If there is a player in college basketball that deserves to have something like (the double-double streak) continue, it's him," Odom said.

The Hokies (10-9) were held to a season-low point total, and just like every other Wake Forest opponent this season, they were held to under 39 percent shooting. Virginia Tech star Ace Custis, guarded by Duncan most of the game, finished with nine points - his second-lowest total of the season.

No. 9 Louisville 71, DePaul 54
 DeJuan Wheat scored seven of his 20 points during an 11-0 run that spanned the halves, and the Cardinals (17-2, 4-1 Conference USA) scored 25 points off DePaul's season-high 26 turnovers. Wheat hit a 3-pointer at the halftime buzzer, opened the second half with a layup and capped the run with an 18-foot jumper to give Louisville a 36-23 lead with 18:40 to play.

Charles Gelatt had career-highs of 24 points and 16 rebounds for the visiting Blue Demons (3-15, 1-6), who have lost five straight.

No. 16 Michigan 67, Penn St. 59
 Louis Bullock scored 23 points to lead the Wolverines (15-5, 5-3 Big Ten) to their first win at State College since the Fab Five won there in February 1993.

Michigan led 50-37 with 14:21 to

play, only to see the Nittany Lions (8-9, 1-7) close to 51-47 with 7:39 to play. Bullock helped hold off Penn State by making six free throws to close the scoring.

Pete Lisicky led Penn State, which has lost 11 of its last 13 conference games, with 19 points.

No. 20 Xavier 91, Rhode Island 79
 Gary Lumpkin scored 24 points to lead the Musketeers (14-3, 5-2) in the matchup of Atlantic 10 division leaders.

Xavier was 9-of-16 from behind the 3-point arc after going only 12-of-49 from there in their last three games.

Preston Murphy had 20 points to lead the visiting Rams (12-6, 6-2), who were unable to overcome the second-half foul trouble of 7-foot center Michael Andersen.

Baylor 76, No. 23 Texas 72
 Darnold Mannon's 3-pointer with 21 seconds to play snapped the game's final tie, and the Bears (13-7, 2-6 Big 12) went on to their first win over a ranked team since beating Arkansas in 1990.

Doug Brandt led Baylor with 20 points and 14 rebounds, while Patrick Hunter scored eight of his 18 points in the final seven minutes. Reggie Freeman had 24 points for the visiting Longhorns (11-6, 5-2), but he was called for traveling in the final seconds after Mannon gave Baylor the 75-72 lead.

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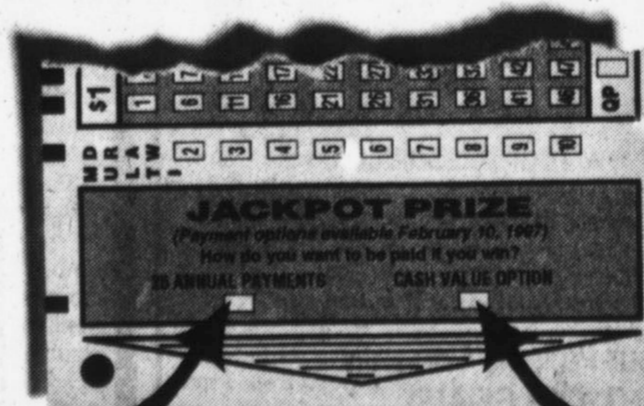
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Toronto wins lopsided tilt; Lakers beat Dallas

By The Associated Press
Toronto and New Jersey came up with record-setting performances. That was good for the Raptors and bad for the Nets.

The Raptors got the most lopsided victory in their two-year history, 120-84 over Portland on Tuesday night. Doug Christie led Toronto with 33 points, tying a career high.

"They just came out and jumped us," Portland guard Kenny Anderson said. "They outshouted us and hit their shots. They did everything right and we did everything wrong."

Meanwhile, New Jersey was held to its lowest point total since joining the NBA in 1976, losing to the Cleveland Cavaliers 84-62.

"We have to get better as individuals and get better as a team," Nets coach John Calipari said.

"Today we took a giant step backwards, and it was a team effort."

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was New York 109, Boston 107; Washington 102, Orlando 82; Charlotte 98, Indiana 97; Detroit 93, Milwaukee 84; Sacramento 91, Minnesota 88; Los Angeles Lakers 102, Dallas 83; Utah 114, Denver 99; Chicago 111, Vancouver 96; and Atlanta 112, Los Angeles Clippers 96.

Bullets 102, Magic 82

At Landover, Chris Webber had 17 points and 14 rebounds as Washington snapped Orlando's four-game winning streak. Juwan Howard had 26 points and 10 rebounds for the Bullets, who won for only the third time in nine games. Anfernee Hardaway scored 22 for the Magic.

Knicks 109, Celtics 107

At New York, Chris Childs made a 3-pointer with 8.4 seconds left - his only basket of the game - and the Knicks beat Boston for the 18th straight time. Allan Houston scored 25 points and Charles Oakley had a season-high 20 for the Knicks, who shot a season-high 58.4 percent from the field. Boston rookie Antoine Walker had 27 points and a season-high 16 rebounds.

Kings 91, Timberwolves 88

At Minneapolis, Mitch Richmond celebrated his fifth consecutive All-Star selection with 28 points and nine assists for Sacramento. Minnesota got 25 points and eight rebounds from Tom Gugliotta, who was selected to his first All-Star game.

Pistons 93, Bucks 84

At Milwaukee, Grant Hill scored 22 points and Detroit held its opponent under 100 points for the 22nd straight game. The Houston Rockets are the only team to score 100 points against Detroit this season, in a 115-96 victory on Dec. 12. Glenn Robinson scored 15 points for the Bucks.

Hornets 98, Pacers 97

Glenn Rice scored 30 points, including a pair of clinching foul shots with four seconds left. Reggie Miller scored 26 points for the Pacers, who have lost three straight at home.

Lakers 102, Mavericks 83

Shaquille O'Neal had 31 points and 10 rebounds as Los Angeles won at Dallas. The Mavs, playing without suspended star Chris Gatling, led

51-49 midway through the third period before the Lakers took control with an 18-2 run. Jamal Mashburn scored 26 points for Dallas.

At Salt Lake City, Karl Malone scored 28 points and Jeff Hornacek added 27 as Utah defeated Denver. Hornacek scored 10 points during a decisive 19-6 third-quarter run. Denver's Mark Jackson had 20 points, 12 assists and 10 rebounds.

Bulls 111, Grizzlies 96

At Vancouver, Michael Jordan

scored 28 points and Scottie Pippen added 24 as the Bulls won the matchup between the NBA's best and worst teams. The Bulls have won four straight and 13 of their last 14. The Grizzlies have lost six straight and 11 of 12.

Hawks 112, Clippers 96

Mookie Blaylock scored 34 points and tied a career-high with seven 3-pointers as Atlanta won at Los Angeles. Christian Lactner added 16 points and eight rebounds for the Hawks, who have won 12 of 13.

All athletes should learn from Palmer, still the most popular golfer in game

By RON SIRAK
AP Golf Writer

When Arnold Palmer walks into a room heads still turn. His mere presence sets off a whispered wave of words. "There's Arnie," they say. "It's the king," others murmur.

Nearly a quarter century after his last PGA Tour victory, nearly a decade after last winning on the

senior tour, Palmer remains the most popular player in the history of the game.

The buzz that Tiger Woods created in his few months as a professional golfer has followed Palmer for 42 years, since he won for the first time in 1955.

The true importance of Palmer to

golf far transcends talent. His appeal was based on victories, surely, but it was also based on how he won - in a hard-charging, gambling, go-for-broke style.

Perhaps more important was the way he connected with fans. Palmer's winning smile, easy charm and generosity with his time remain the models for all athletes on how to deal with success and disappointment.

All athletes should learn from Palmer that they are not bigger than the game they play.

All athletes should learn from Palmer that the millions they make come from the ordinary people who watch them play.

All athletes should learn from Palmer that part of the price of success must be paid by never forgetting where you came from.

That's what made Palmer's announcement that he will return to competitive golf when he recovers from prostate cancer surgery such great news.

Every measure of success and satisfaction Palmer has taken out of the game he has given back in the form of autographs, interviews, dinner appearances, charity work and just plain playing.

There have probably been only two golfers in the history of the game who reached outside the sport and appealed to the non-golf fan.

Bobby Jones, the only person to receive two ticker-tape parades on Broadway in New York, was as big in the 1920s as Babe Ruth, Jack Dempsey and Red Grange.

And Palmer, who had the perfect personality and style for the new media of television, captured the nation's imagination in the 1950s and '60s.

Ben Hogan was intriguing. Jack Nicklaus was dominating. But Jones and Palmer were the complete package.

So when word got out that Palmer had cancer, the response from his fans was overwhelming.

"I've got mail from people that is unbelievable," Palmer said last week at Bay Hill Golf Club in his first public appearance since cancer surgery Jan. 15. "From golfers and non-golfers. There is no way I could answer them all."

Palmer stood behind the podium at Bay Hill still as dashing as ever with his white hair standing out in handsome contrast to his tanned, slightly lined face. He paused for a second and searched for just the right words to express how touched he was by the outpouring of affection.

"In some way I would like all the people to know how much I appreciate it," Palmer said. "I want them all to know how much their cards and letters meant to me."

There was a twinkle of amusement in the heart of Palmer's eyes that offset the touch of weariness around the edges.

"I have heard from prostate cancer people all over the United States," he said. "Most of them said their handicaps went down after surgery. So maybe my handicap will go down."

Asking Palmer when he will play competitive golf again is almost like asking him when he will take his next breath. The answer is: As soon as possible.

"I have every intention of being at Augusta," Palmer said about the Masters. "I hope to play. I plan to play."

Palmer won't be able to swing a club again until March 1 and he said it's been more than 40 years since he's gone that long without playing.

"If the doctors are right, and I think they are, I will be playing some competitive golf," Palmer said. "As for when, it depends on my recovery and the state of my game."

That's Arnold. At age 67 he is talking about the state of his game. He has achieved riches that would make even Tiger Woods jealous yet he has no intention of walking away from the game.

"I'm happy," Palmer said about the doctors' assessment that he is likely now free of cancer. "I feel very fortunate."

As should everyone who has had the chance to watch Palmer play. As should everyone who will once again see Palmer's hard, awkward swing with the grimacing, head-ducking follow-through and the knock-kneed putting stance.

All athletes should take note of the reception Palmer receives when he steps onto the first tee at Augusta National in April. They will see the reward for being a nice guy.

O'Neal will start NBA All-Star game on bench

NEW YORK (AP) - Shaquille O'Neal, Karl Malone and Clyde Drexler expect to be All-Stars every season. Tom Gugliotta, Christian Lactner and Eddie Jones, on the other hand, are new to this sort of thing.

Gugliotta, Lactner and Jones made the NBA All-Star team for the first time Tuesday when the Eastern and Western conference coaches each picked their seven reserves.

"Your goal isn't just to make the NBA," said Lactner, an Atlanta forward. "Your goal is to be considered a very good player in the NBA. And for that to happen, you have to be an All-Star."

O'Neal, meanwhile, will be starting the All-Star game on the bench for the first time in his five years in the NBA.

O'Neal was a four-time starter for the Eastern Conference when he was with the Orlando Magic. But the Los

Angeles Lakers center, second in the league in scoring to Michael Jordan, will back up Houston's Hakeem Olajuwon for the West.

"He's a legend in the game," O'Neal said of Olajuwon. "That's fine."

The Nos. 3, 4 and 5 scorers - Malone of Utah, Latrell Sprewell of Golden State and Mitch Richmond of Sacramento - also were picked for the West.

The other West reserves are Drexler of Houston, Gugliotta of Minnesota and Jones, the NBA steals leader from the Lakers.

Gugliotta is the first Minnesota player ever to make the All-Star team.

"I think we've added some legitimacy to this organization with the new management we have and the players we have," Gugliotta said. "Now to have a player named as an All-Star is going to add to it. I think you're seeing a lot of positive things come out, and there's going to be a lot more to come."

The East reserves are Vin Baker of Milwaukee, Terrell Brandon of Cleveland, Tim Hardaway and Alonzo Mourning of Miami, Dikembe Mutombo and Lactner of Atlanta and Glen Rice of Charlotte.

The starters for both teams were announced previously.

For the East, it's Jordan and Penny Hardaway of Orlando at guard, Patrick Ewing of New York at center, and Grant Hill of Detroit and Scottie Pippen of Chicago at forward.

For the West, it's Gary Payton of Seattle and John Stockton of Utah at guard, Olajuwon at center, and Charles Barkley of Houston and Shawn Kemp of Seattle at forward.

There still could be some changes on the rosters. The Rockets learned Tuesday that injuries will sideline Barkley for 10 days and Drexler for two games.

IRS seeks back taxes from Jones

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - The Internal Revenue Service claims Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones and his wife owe \$8.3 million in back taxes and penalties from 1992.

Jones and his wife, Gene, are contesting the matter in U.S. Tax Court, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported today.

Tax lawyers for Jones said that such tax disputes with the IRS are not uncommon and won't affect the team.

An IRS spokesman would not comment on the case, but an IRS lawyer told the newspaper about 95 percent of tax disputes are settled before they reach a tax court judge for a ruling.

The dispute apparently involves differences in accounting procedures, the newspaper reported.

The disputed income involved the sale of 49 percent of the stock in Texas Stadium Corp. to Pro Seat Limited Partnership and dividends from Texas Stadium Corp. and its subsidiaries.

CCS teams gain split at Portales

Community Christian School's basketball teams split a pair of games against Faith Temple Academy in Portales, N.M., Saturday.

The CCS boys scored a 50-45 victory as Chris Hendershot led the way with 31 points against Faith Temple. The CCS girls lost a 54-22 decision. High scorer for CCS was Miriam Wilks with 6 points.

CCS had recorded a 32-28 win over San Jacinto Christian Academy of Amarillo here Jan. 21. Jantzen Louder and Chris Hendershot had 12 points each.

The CCS girls lost a close 34-32 decision to Trinity Fellowship of Amarillo here on Jan. 20. Amanda Bustamante led CCS with 10 points.

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Texas Legislature, 'Republic' on legal collision course

By MICHAEL HOLMES
Associated Press Writer
AUSTIN (AP) - It's a tale of two places called Texas. One has an ornate 109-year-old Capitol, dozens of stately offices and billions of dollars.

The other claims it.

But now, the state of Texas Legislature is firing new legal volleys at the Republic of Texas' claims.

Lawmakers propose - and Gov. George W. Bush declared in an emergency - new penalties for filing false court judgments and bogus liens.

"It is time for the state of Texas to shut down the paper terrorism activities of the self-styled Republic of Texas," said Rep. Will Hartnett, R-Dallas, in introducing one bill.

Hartnett said the fraudulent paperwork has cost taxpayers, courts and the state hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Members of the Republic movement contend that then-independent Texas was illegally annexed by the United States in 1845 and should be its own country again.

"What we want to do is wake the people up and educate the people that Texas lawfully stands as a nation,"

Archie Lowe, the Republic's president, said in an interview.

Gerald Treese, a professor at the South Texas College of Law in Houston, said that regardless of any arguments about the 1845 annexation, there's no question that Texas is one of the 50 United States.

"The problem with their argument is that there was something called the Civil War. Whatever we were - a territory, an island, a state - we agreed to readmittance to the Union as a state. That's not argument. That's just a fact," Treese said.

"That we were at one time a country is unique, is remarkable, is entertaining - but it simply doesn't lead anywhere."

Since 1995, officials say, the Republic has ordered Bush to leave office; asked county sheriffs to go to work for them; told the Internal Revenue Service and other federal agencies to leave the state; and used its own "courts" to issue liens.

Lowe denies that the group is waging a paper war. He said the Republic's only lien was filed against the state seeking "to return to the people of Texas their property."

Asked whether members of the group had filed liens, he replied, "I

couldn't say. There are a lot of patriots out there who are pretty fed up with the way things are going."

The state and federal governments have responded in court.

Attorney General Dan Morales won contempt-of-court citations against the Republic and its officials in October after a state district judge had ordered the group to stop filing fraudulent documents.

U.S. District Judge Lucius Bunton III ordered the arrest of Republic "ambassador" Richard McLaren after McLaren failed to appear in Bunton's Pecos courtroom. Bunton had warned the Republic and its representatives to quit filing bogus liens.

Morales has said that "hundreds if not thousands" of bogus liens are choking the state's property records systems.

Property liens, legal or not, can cause financial and legal difficulties when property owners attempt to sell those properties or list them as assets in other financial deals. Even if bogus, it generally takes court action to remove them.

"It's clogged up county clerks' offices and lots of the courts. It's

been used as a form of harassment and intimidation against anyone with whom they have a disagreement."

The lawmaker said the current state law prohibiting such filings isn't strong enough to prosecute anyone for violating it.

"It's just pure harassment," Hartnett said of bogus liens. "It's to cause people grief."

Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, also filed legislation to make presenting a false court record a crime. He said the bill is being sought by county clerks in his district "who were telling me about the problem they're having with people filing bogus liens."

After a request from Morales, Gov. Bush declared the issue an "emergency," lifting constitutional time limits

so lawmakers can give it quick attention.

Hartnett said it's impossible to know how many phony liens are in the files.

Loew, the Republic's president, said he's not worried about the state Legislature. "They, through actual lawful process, don't exist with respect to the Republic of Texas," he said.

Hartnett said he has no quarrel with the Republic members' opinions, only their actions.

"As long as they don't use violence and as long as they don't file phony court papers, it's pretty harmless. They're entitled to their First Amendment freedom of speech. But they're heading in the wrong direction," the lawmaker said.

Television

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 29

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
2	Movie: The Brave Little Toaster 'NR'	Wolves	Movie: Close Encounters - Special Ed.				(15) Movie: Short Circuit Ally Sheedy.				
3	News	Ent. Tonight	Frasier	Chic. Sons	Newsradio	Men-Badly	Dateline	News	(35) Tonight Show		
4	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	New Explorers			Great Performances		Orpheus in the Real World	Tony Brown	Charlie Rose		
5	Videos	Videos	NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at San Antonio Spurs				Inside-NBA	Clash of the Champions			
6	News	Wh. Fortune	Grace Under	Coach	Drew Carey	Ellen	Primetime Live	News	Seinfeld	Nightline	
7	Fam. Mat.	Bzzz!	Sister, Sis.	Nick Freno	Wayans	Jamie Foxx	News	WiseGuy		Heat	
8	News	Home Imp.	Nanny	Pearl	Coast to Coast		Orleans	News	(35) Late Show		
9	Roseanne	Mad-You	Beverly Hills, 90210		College Basketball Kansas at Texas Tech			Party of Five	Mad-You		
10	College Basketball Providence at Connecticut				College Basketball North Carolina at Duke			Sportscenter	Skiing		
11	Waltons	Highway to Heaven	Rescue 911		700 Club			Carson	3 Stooges		
12	Movie: Canadian Bacon	Movie: The Shawshank Redemption Tim Robbins. ** 1/2 'R'			Movie: Powder Mary Steinburgen. ** 1/2 'PG-13'						
13	(5:00) Movie: Gung Ho	Movie: Virtuosity Denzel Washington. ** 1/2 'R'			Sanders	Tracey	Movie: Natural Enemy Donald Sutherland.				
14	Movie: Hunt-October	Movie: Phantasm III: Lord of the Dead 'R'	Movie: The Crossing Guard Jack Nicholson. ** 'R'	Movie: Nobody Loves Me							
15	Movie: Royal Wedding	Movie: High Society (1956) Bing Crosby. ** 1/2	Movie: Kismet (1955) Howard Keel, Ann Blyth. ** 1/2	Movie:							
16	Dukes of Hazzard	Life and Times of ...	Prime Time Country	Country Dance Invitational	Dallas	Dukes					
17	Wings	Wild Discovery	Discover Magazine	Firepower 2000	Wild Discovery	Discover					
18	Equalizer	Biography	American Justice	20th Century	Law & Order	Biography					
19	HopeGlori	Designing	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: Indictment: The McMartin Trial (1995) ***	Living	Mysteries	Mysteries				
20	FOX Sports News	FOX Sports	NHL Hockey Mighty Ducks of Anaheim at Dallas Stars			Sports	Sports				
21	In the Heat of the Night	Movie: Broken Trust (1995) Tom Selleck. **	Movie: Last Stand at Saber River (1997) Tom Selleck.			Movie:					
22	Doug	Rugrats	My Arnold! Happy Days	I Love Lucy	Munsters	M.T. Moore	Rhoda	Taxi	Odd Couple	Bewitched	
23	Highlander: The Series	Murder, She Wrote	(7:59) Movie: The Member of the Wedding (1997)	Silk Stalkings	Wild Sci.						
24	Bendita Mentira	María la del Barrio	Sentimientos Ajenos	Fuera	Lente Loco	P. Impacto	Noticiero	La Tocado			
25	Air Combat	Century of Inventions	True Action Adventures	Weapons at War	Year by Year	Inventions					
26	College Basketball Northwestern at Wisconsin		NHL Hockey Los Angeles Kings at Colorado Avalanche								

THURSDAY JANUARY 30

	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
2	Pooh	Mermaid	Wonderland	Umbrella	Groundling	Pooh Cmr.	Ducktales	Care Bears	Dumbo	Wonderland	GummiBr
3	Today			Leeza		Geraldo Rivera	Sunset Beach	Days-Lives			
4	Writers	Writers	Sesame Street	Puzzle Place	Mr Rogers	Storytime	Reading	Arthur	Barney	Lamb Chop	
5	B. Hillbillies	Bewitched	Little House	3's Co.	Mama	Griffith	Griffith	(05) Matlock	Movie:		
6	Good Morning America			Live -- Regis & Kathie Lee	Caryl & Marilyn: Friends	Medicine Woman	News				
7	BugsDaffy	Animaniacs	Woody	Bewitched	Griffith	Empty Nest	Geraldo Rivera	News			
8	This Morning			Ricki Lake	Price Is Right	Young and the Restless	News				
9	Quack Pack	Bobby	Mask	Peter Pan	Fox After Breakfast	Step-Step	Mr. Cooper	K. Copeland	Paid Prog.	Gunsakota	
10	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Final Four		
11	Highway to Heaven	Waltons		700 Club		FIT TV	Rescue 911	Movie:			
12	Movie: Capt. Nuke-Bomberboys	Movie: One Foot in Hell Alan Ladd. ** 1/2	Movie: A Month in the Country ** 1/2 'PG'	Movie: Look-Talking							
13	Movie: Club Paradise Robin Williams. **	Movie: Fast Forward John Scott Clough. ** 'PG'	Movie: Modern Problems Chevy Chase. Movie:								
14	Movie: (05) Movie: Background to Danger ** 1/2	(15) Movie: Back From Eternity (1956). Rod Steiger **	Movie: The Alphabet Murders (1966)								
15	(Off Air)	VideoMorning		Dallas		Aleene's Crafts	Wildhorse				
16	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Assignment Discovery	Home Matters	Housemart!	Start	Interior Mot.	Home			
17	Columbo		Lovejoy Mysteries	New Mike Hammer	Quincy			Equalizer			
18	Baby Knows	KidsDays	Sisters	Debt	Our Home	Main Ingrid.	Handmade	Living	Our Home	Designing	
19	FOX Sports News	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	NHL Hockey Mighty Ducks of Anaheim at Dallas Stars				Sports			
20	Scooby Doo	Flintstones	Flintstones	Gilligan	Gilligan	Knots Landing	CHIPS			Thunder	
21	Looney Tunes	Rugrats	Busy World	Rupert	Muppets	Allegra	Gullah	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Busy World	
22	Mighty Max	Sonic	Murder, She Wrote	Movie: D.O.A. (1988) Dennis Quaid, Meg Ryan. **	Major Dad	Major Dad	USALive				
23	Giros T.V.	El Chavo	Chepstrino	Papa Solt.	Dr Perez	Dos Mujeres Un Camino	Bajo un Mismo Rostro				
24	Classroom	History Showcase	Real West	Timeless Land				Crusade			
25	Flex Appeal	Bodyshape	Crunch	Training	Flex Appeal	Crunch	Gotta Sweat	Fitness	Flex Appeal	Bodyshape	Sports Babe

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2	Movie: Gay Purr-ee (1962) Robert Goulet	Weird Al Yankovic	Movie: The Great Outdoors Dan Aykroyd.	(05) Movie: Ice Castles ** 'PG'							
3	News	Ent. Tonight	Friends	Single Guy	Seinfeld	Naked Truth	ER	News	(35) Tonight Show		
4	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Antiques Roadshow	Mystery!			Discovering Women	Computer	Charlie Rose			
5	Videos	Videos	Movie: Big Trouble in Little China (1986) **			(05) Movie: I'm Gonna Get You Sucka (1988) ** 1/2	Movie:				
6	News	Wh. Fortune	High Incident		Movie: Freejack (1992) Emilio Estevez, Mick Jagger. **	News	Seinfeld	Nightline			
7	Fam. Mat.	Bzzz!	Movie: Bloodsport (1988) Jean-Claude Van Damme. ** 1/2	News	48 Hours	News	(35) Late Show	Heat			
8	News	Home Imp.	Diagnosis Murder	Moloney							
9	Roseanne	Mad-You	Martin	Single	New York Undercover	Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Mad-You	Cops	Real TV		
10	Sportsctr.	College Basketball: Mass. at G. Washington			College Basketball Cincinnati at Louisville		Sportscenter				
11	Waltons	Highway to Heaven	Rescue 911		700 Club		Carson	Carson	3 Stooges		
12	Movie: Captain Nuke	Movie: The Demolitionist Nicole Eggert.	(35) Movie: The Scarlet Letter (1995) Demi Moore, Gary Oldman. 'R'	Movie: Lord							
13	Movie: Bye Bye, Love Matthew Modine. *** 'PG-13'	Movie: Mercenary (1997) Olivier Gruner, John Ritter. 'NR'	Inside the NFL	Tracey							
14	Movie: Trapped-Para.	Movie: Kiss of Death David Caruso. *** 'R'	Movie: Vampire in Brooklyn *** 'R'	(45) Movie: Mo' Money 'R'							
15	Movie: Neptune's Dtr.	Movie: Abbott & Costello-Hollywood	Movie: Rita Rita (1942) Bud Abbott. ** 1/2	(15) Movie: Grand Central Murder (1942)							
16	Dukes of Hazzard	Championship Rodeo	Prime Time Country	Today's Country	Dallas			Dukes			
17	Wings	Wild Discovery	Movie Magic	Next Step	Cronkies Remembers	Wild Discovery	Movie Magic				
18	Equalizer	Biography	Ancient Mysteries	Unexplained		Law & Order	Biography				
19	Celebrity Weddings	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: Fatal Vows: The Alexandra O'Hara Story (1994)	Living	Mysteries	Mysteries					
20	FOX Sports News	FOX Sports	NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at Houston Rockets	College Basketball: Ariz. at Wash. St.							
21	In the Heat of the Night	Movie: The Sacketts (1979) Tom Selleck. ** 1/2	Movie: The Sacketts (1979) Tom Selleck. ** 1/2	Movie:							
22	Doug	Rugrats	Alex Mack	Happy Days	I Love Lucy	Munsters	M.T. Moore	Rhoda	Taxi	Odd Couple	Bewitched
23	Highlander: The Series	Murder, She Wrote	Movie: Almost an Angel (1990) Paul Hogan. ** 1/2	Silk Stalkings	Duckman						
24	Bendita Mentira	María la del Barrio	Sentimientos Ajenos	Bienvenidos Permiso	P. Impacto	Noticiero	La Tocado				
25	Combat at Sea	Century of Inventions	Civil War Journal	Automobiles	Year by Year	Inventions					
26	Strongest Man	Winter X-Games			Auto Racing	NHL 2Night	NBA 2Night				

Names in the News

NEW YORK (AP) - Brad Pitt has nothing good to say about the new film "Devil's Own," even though he's the star.

The movie is a disaster, Pitt says in the Feb. 3 issue of Newsweek. He said he finished filming only because a Columbia Pictures executive threatened to sue him if he quit.

"It was the most irresponsible bit of filmmaking - if you can even call it that - that I've ever seen. I couldn't believe it," Pitt said. The soon-to-be-released thriller stars Pitt as an IRA gun runner who befriends an Irish-American New York cop played by Harrison Ford.

The original script was tossed and the revamped version was a mess, Pitt said.

"This script that I had loved was gone. I guess people just had different visions and you can't argue with that. But then I wanted out and the studio head said, 'All right, we'll let you out. But it'll be \$63 million for starters.'"

So says Mark Hamill who played the totheaded Jedi warrior in "Star Wars," "The Empire Strikes Back" and "Return of the Jedi."

"I always wanted Luke's hair to change. When he became a Jedi he should have lost the floppy look and gotten a buzz cut," he says in the March issue of Spin magazine.

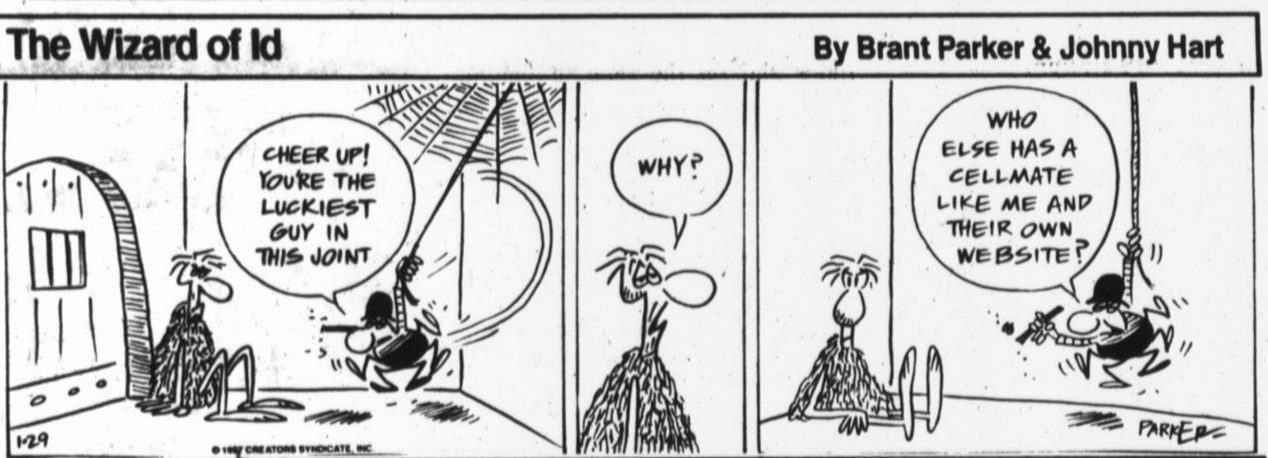
NEW YORK (AP) - Luke Skywalker may have been a box office superstar and an intergalactic hero, but his hair ... well, that was less than stellar.

A digitally enhanced, 20th anniversary edition of the "Star Wars" is opening in theaters on Friday. More "Star Wars" movies, "prequels" to the original trilogy, are expected to open in 1999.

Comics

The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



Marvin

By Tom Armstrong



Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Barney Google and Snuffy Smith

By Fred Lasswell



Deductions complicate system, offer savings in higher tax-brackets

By DAVE SKIDMORE
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - Tax-reform advocates denounce deductions because they complicate the system and push tax rates higher. But taxpayers looking to save money cherish them.

The higher your tax-bracket, the better they are. A taxpayer in the 28 percent bracket, for example, saves \$28 for every \$100 deducted; in the 15 percent bracket, \$15.

The first step is to figure out whether you need to itemize your deductions on Schedule A of Form 1040 or whether it's better to take the standard deduction.

If your itemized deductions total more than your standard deduction - and they probably will if you have a home mortgage and pay state income tax - then itemize.

This year, for married couples filing a joint return and qualifying widows and widowers, the standard deduction is \$6,700. For single people, it's \$4,000; heads of household, \$5,900, and married people filing separate returns, \$3,350.

If either you or your spouse were age 65 or older on Jan. 1 or were blind at the end of 1996, check your instruction booklet, or see Publication 501. You're eligible for a bigger standard deduction.

Some deductions may be limited if your income was more than \$117,950 (\$58,975 married filing separately).

A few deductions, such as health insurance for the self-employed, moving expenses, Individual Retirement Account contributions and alimony paid are taken on the front of Form 1040. Get them whether or not you itemize. Most of the rest, you list on Schedule A.

Here's an overview:

MEDICAL AND DENTAL EXPENSES: You can deduct out-of-pocket medical and dental expenses and health insurance premiums for yourself, your spouse and your dependents. But you can deduct only the amount that exceeds 7.5 percent of your adjusted gross income (line 32 of Form 1040).

Deductible expenses include hospital, doctor and dental fees; prescription drugs including insulin and birth control pills, and certain home renovations such as the addition of a wheelchair ramp or removal of lead-based paint. If you're self-employed, you can count the 70 percent of health insurance premiums that you weren't able to deduct on the front of Form 1040.

You can't deduct health insurance premiums if they've already been shielded from tax through an employer-sponsored cafeteria plan. Premium payments listed in box 1 of your Form W-2 weren't shielded and can be deducted.

You can't deduct the cost of health club membership, smoking cessation and weight loss programs, non-prescription medicine and surgery for purely cosmetic purposes.

Publication 502 has the details.

TAXES: State income taxes and local real estate taxes are deductible. Annual personal property taxes, such as those charged on cars and boats, also are deductible if based on the value of the vehicle but not deductible if based on weight. Sales taxes on personal (as opposed to business) purchases aren't deductible, neither are trash pickup fees, water and sewer bills and fees and fines.

INTEREST: You generally can

deduct all of your home mortgage interest if the loan totaled \$1 million or less and was used to buy, build or improve your home. You also may be able to deduct interest on home equity loans of up to \$100,000, for any purpose. If any of your loans were taken out on or before Oct. 13, 1987, you might be able to deduct more.

Most lenders will send you a Form 1098 detailing how much you paid in 1996. See Publication 936 for more information.

You can deduct "points" - advance interest - you paid to buy a home, if charging points is the general practice of lenders in your area. You also can deduct points paid on your behalf by the seller of the home you purchased. However, points paid to refinance a mortgage generally must be deducted over the life of the loan.

Personal interest isn't deductible. But interest incurred for investment purposes, such as on a margin account at a stock broker, is. Publication 550 explains.

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS: Contributions of money or property to qualified charities are deductible. These include churches and synagogues; non-profit schools and hospitals; groups like the Salvation Army, Red Cross, Goodwill Industries and scouting organizations. Expenses you incur when serving as a volunteer also may be deductible.

You can't deduct the value of blood you donate or contributions to individuals, lobbying or political groups, or contributions made in exchange for raffle and lottery tickets.

You must obtain a written acknowledgment for all charitable contributions of \$250 or more. A canceled check isn't good enough.

If you get something in exchange for a contribution, such as dinner or a sweat shirt, the value must be subtracted from the amount of the contribution. If your contribution was more than \$75, the charitable organization must give you a statement stating you can deduct only the amount exceeding the value of the goods or services you received.

You must attach a Form 8283 if you claim a non-cash contribution over \$500. See Publication 526.

If you donated stock to a private foundation after June 30, you can deduct its full market value, rather than the original cost of the stock.

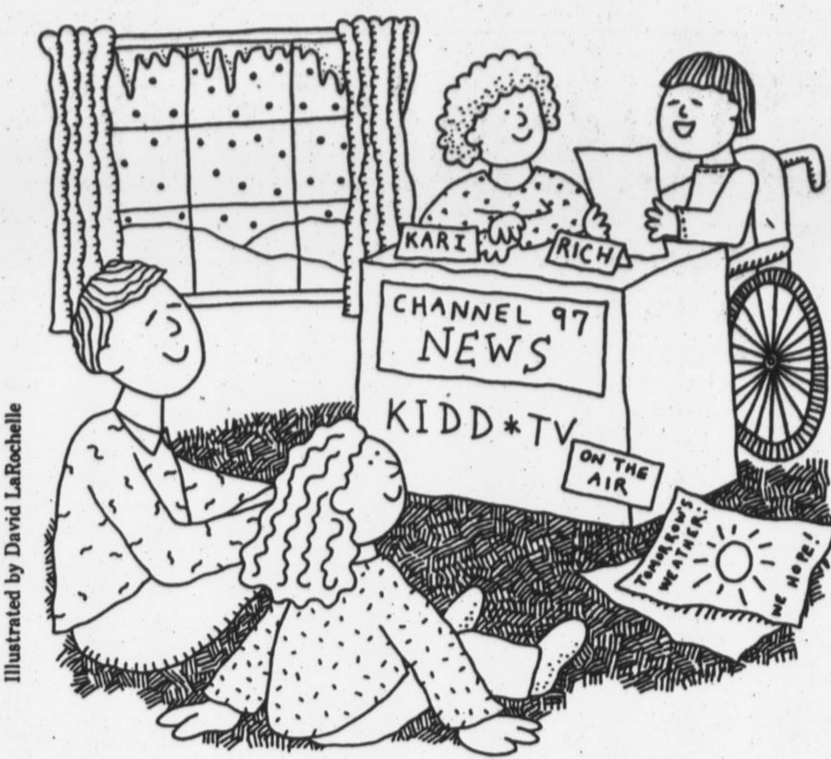
CASUALTY AND THEFT LOSSES: Losses that aren't covered by insurance from theft, disasters, storms, fires and accidents are deductible. You need to fill out Form 4684. Publication 547 explains the rules. Publication 584 is a workbook to help you list your damaged goods and figure the loss.

MOVING EXPENSES: Moving expenses are subtracted from income on the front of Form 1040. You'll need Form 4782, from your employer, and Form 3903. Your new workplace must be at least 50 miles farther from your old home than your old job was. See Publication 521.

JOB EXPENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS: You can deduct a variety of expenses to the extent that, when combined, they exceed 2 percent of your adjusted gross income. These include: unreimbursed employee expenses for travel, education, professional publications and tools; union dues; tax-preparation fees, and safe-deposit box rental.

For job expenses, you may need to fill out Form 2106 or the simpler, 12-line Form 2106-EZ. See Publication 529.

SELF-EMPLOYED HEALTH INSURANCE: The self-employed can deduct 30 percent of the cost of their health insurance, up to an amount equal to their net profits and other earned income. On 1997 returns, the amount will rise to 40 percent.



Illustrated by David LaRoche

Creative ideas can help chase away cabin fever

Cabin fever hits our family around this time every year. We need a little extra push to get outdoors or to try something new. I'm glad when the kids eventually come up with an activity to snap us into action.

If the winter doldrums have landed in your home too, here are some creative twists to simple ideas that might be just the medicine you're looking for while planning some weekend family fun.

* Turn off the TV and create your own family network. Find a big box and set up a news anchor desk. Get all ages involved in producing the headlines, weather and sports reports of the previous week's family, school, church and community activities. With your high ratings, the kids will be encouraged to plan next week's programming too. Let them

create their own silly sitcom complete with ads! "Air" it prime time at a weekend gathering of friends and relatives.

* Make and illustrate a little book of expressions, a great exercise in visualizing the meaning of words. First, brainstorm common phrases and clichés with your children. Some examples:

"It's raining cats and dogs."
"She's green with envy."
"I'm so hungry I could eat a horse!"
"He's a chip off the old block."
"There's a fork in the road."
"Shop 'till you drop!"

Write each expression on a sheet of paper, then draw a picture to illustrate the phrase. When you have several pages, string them together to make a book. Keep on the lookout for more expressions to add to the collection. You'll discover them on billboards, in newspaper ads and in your storybooks.

For extra fun, make up your own stories, using the illustrated expressions.

* Change the message on your telephone answering machine. Let your children come up with some clever ideas.

Watch "Donna's Day with Donna Erickson" premiering this month on your local PBS station.

Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: I find I am running out of storage space for my baking needs.

So I can eliminate one bulky item, how can I make self-rising flour? — Janet Lantner, Spring, Texas

You can make self-rising flour by simply combining all-purpose flour, salt and baking powder. To make 1 cup of self-rising flour:

1 cup minus 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt

You can double or triple the amounts depending on how much self-rising flour you need for the recipe. — Heloise

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Dear Heloise: When putting kitchen utensils in a drawer, put them in with the handle toward the back of the drawer and the "working" end of the spoon, tongs, spatula, etc., toward the front.

No more rummaging through the drawers for the right tool — one look and you find the utensil and pull it out. (You know how all those handles look alike!) — Peg Baldwin, Vero Beach, Fla.

BUN BREAD
Dear Heloise: It seems like my husband and I can never eat an entire bag of hamburger buns. To keep from wasting the buns, I place them in the freezer.

Whenever I fix a pasta dish, I thaw the buns, butter them, sprinkle with garlic salt and bake. Not only do we enjoy eating our garlic "bun bread," but we also feel better knowing that the buns are not wasted. — Stephanie Brown, Henderson, Ky.

Who says garlic bread has to be from a loaf? My mother used to do the same with hamburger/hot dog buns. I loved them. — Heloise

Before figuring taxes, find out who must file

By DAVE SKIDMORE
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - Before figuring out your taxes, you will want to tackle an almost-as-daunting task: figuring out whether or not you must file.

The rules are complex and depend on the interaction of such factors as income, age, marital status, whether you have children and whether you're someone else's dependent.

Even if you're not required to file, you may want to anyway, if you can claim the earned income credit or are owed a refund.

Publication 501 and your tax package have details, but these are the basic filing thresholds:

SINGLE: \$6,550 in gross income if younger than 65 on Jan. 1, 1997, and \$7,550 if 65 or older. This includes divorced, legally separated and many widowed people.

HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD: \$8,450 if younger than 65 and \$9,450 if 65 or older. This status, which carries a lower tax rate than single status, is for unmarried people who provide a home for an unmarried child or grandchild or a dependent married child or grandchild, parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew and most in-laws. Their parent need not live with them but any other relative must. Some married people who lived apart from their spouse during the last six months of 1996 also are eligible.

MARRIED, FILING JOINTLY: \$11,800 if both spouses are younger than 65, \$12,600 if one spouse is 65 or older, and \$13,400 if both spouses are 65 or older. If you file jointly but lived apart at the end of the year, the threshold is \$2,550.

MARRIED, FILING SEPARATELY: \$2,550, any age.

QUALIFYING WIDOW or widower with dependent child: \$9,250 if younger than 65, \$10,050 if 65 or older. To qualify, your spouse must have died in 1994 or 1995, you must not have remarried in 1996 and you must have paid over half the cost of keeping up a home for yourself and a dependent child who lived with you all year.

DEPENDENTS: The thresholds are lower for dependents and vary depending on marital status, whether or not the dependent is blind or 65 or older and on the type of income

involved, earned or unearned. Children younger than 14 on Jan. 1, 1997, don't have to file separately if their parents include their income in their own by using Form 8814.

The child's income must have come entirely from interest and dividends, the income must be less than \$6,500, and the child must have had no tax withheld from income and made no estimated tax payments.

This could be an expensive option, though, because with a few exceptions the child's earnings will be taxed at the parents' top rate. That could be as high as 39.6 percent; the child's rate could be as low as 15 percent.

If you've determined you must file, then you must choose a form. Everyone can use Form 1040. But there are two simpler forms, 1040A and 1040EZ, for people who don't itemize deductions and whose income was less than \$50,000 after subtracting their exemption and standard deduction.

To use the 1040EZ, you must have no dependents and your filing status must be single or married filing jointly. Also, you must be younger than 65 and not blind, you must have had no more than \$400 of interest income, and the rest of your income must come entirely from wages, salaries, tips, scholarships and unemployment compensation.

You can use the 1040EZ to claim the earned income credit if you did not have a qualifying child. You can't use it if you received advance earned income credit payments through your employer.

The 1040A allows more income sources than the 1040EZ, adding to the list: pensions, annuities, Social Security benefits, Individual Retirement Account withdrawals, interest in excess of \$400 and dividends.

Unlike the 1040EZ, the 1040A allows you to deduct IRA contributions, claim the credit for child care expenses and the credit for the elderly and disabled. You can also use it to claim the earned income credit.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that Deaf Smith County Hospital District of Hereford, Deaf Smith County Texas, will receive bids for the following 2 door freezer with side by side doors, Anaditho Exterior/Interior, 115 volt, with no R-12 Freon unit.

Bids will be received until 12:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 12, 1997 in the Administration Office of Hereford Regional Medical Center, 801 E. 3rd St., Hereford, Texas.

All bids will be read aloud at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 13, 1997 in the Board Room of Hereford Regional Medical Center. For more information, please contact Jim Robinson, CEO at (806) 364-2141.

The Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive all formalities for the best interest of the Hospital District.

'Hank the Cowdog' books keep bills paid on Erickson's ranch

By SARAH HORNADAY
Associated Press Writer
John Erickson grew up dreaming of becoming a rancher. He got his wish, but it's a dog that keeps the bills paid on Erickson's Texas Panhandle ranch.

In addition to being a rancher, Erickson, 53, is the author of 45 books, including the "Hank the Cowdog" series, a set of children's books about a cowdog who defends the ranch against all kinds of critters while solving mysteries.

It's not the career to which most Perryton residents aspire.

"I have always enjoyed writing, but I never sat around dreaming of becoming a writer. I dreamed of becoming a rancher," Erickson said.

"We figured writers came from everywhere else," he said of the rural town 120 miles northeast of Amarillo.

The books Erickson couldn't fathom interesting readers outside of the rural reaches of the Panhandle can

be found in more than 10,000 school libraries. He's sold more than 2 million copies of Hank books.

"When it started showing up in schools around Dallas ... Dallas is a way cosmopolitan place," Erickson said. "I was surprised they could relate to the stories. I wasn't writing for a suburban audience."

The cowdog's current adventure, "The Case of the Dancing Cowboy," is now in newsstands - not bookstores.

"The Dancing Cowboy" is an 11-part book that began publication in the Austin American-Statesman on Jan. 21. The book is available to any newspaper at no cost.

"It's an unprecedented gift to children's literacy," said David Pego, director of educational services at the American-Statesman. "Hank fans have come out of the woodwork this month. I hope this will be repeated in other newspapers. It's encouraging children to read newspapers. And

that's what we - as an industry - need."

"The Dancing Cowboy" is Erickson's version of recycling. The story is half of a Hank book he didn't like. Instead of throwing it all away, he kept the half he liked.

The story was too short to publish as a book, so he's offered it through newspapers hoping children might get interested in reading both newspapers and books.

"We got nothing out of it," Erickson said. "We're like everyone else in print. There's children today who can't read or don't want to read and that has serious implications."

Hank first appeared in The Cattleman magazine, when Erickson wrote a series of 12 stories on humorous anecdotes about ranching. Two of the 12 were fictitious accounts of Hank the Cowdog.

Erickson wrote for 15 years - with his manuscripts routinely rejected by New York publishers - before he started his own publishing company,

Maverick Books, to print the 1982 book "The Devil in Texas."

He had several short stories published, but "The Devil" was his first book. He would never have published it had he not been working so hard to promote his stories.

Erickson went to rodeos, Future Farmers of America banquets, Lions Club meetings and similar functions to read his books. The stories that got the biggest reaction - from adults and children - were those involving Hank.

"They told me, 'You should do more with the dog,'" Erickson said.

Hank the Cowdog has become its own industry. Aside from traveling to schools across the nation, Erickson writes the books, records audio books and contributes to a quarterly "Hank Times" newsletter as part of the character's fan club.

"(Writing) is part of my seven-day-a-week pattern," Erickson said. "I don't feel quite right if I don't. I've been doing it for the last 29 years."

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three I's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

1-29 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Jan	69.42 69.25 69.30 -17 70.40 55.70 1.228	Mar	275 277 274 274 1/4 + 1/4 284 1/2 256 122.345
Apr	69.20 69.10 69.15 + 11 70.40 55.70 1.231	May	277 274 274 274 1/4 + 1/4 293 239 63.828
May	69.35 69.20 69.25 + 10 69.77 57.75 2.907	July	271 272 270 270 1/4 + 1/4 293 239 63.828
June	70.50 70.40 70.50 + 27 70.40 59.80 4.020	Sept	267 268 266 266 1/4 + 1/4 305 255 9.089
July	73.45 73.30 73.45 + 82 73.00 64.00 3.381	Dec	287 288 286 286 1/4 + 1/4 310 249 43.792
Aug	74.65 74.50 74.65 + 97 74.40 65.40 3.208	Mar	274 274 272 272 1/4 + 1/4 285 261 2.495
Sept	74.25 74.10 74.20 75.15 + 97 74.40 65.40 3.208	July	281 281 280 281 1/4 + 1/4 215 269 1.817
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Nov	75.45 75.30 75.45 + 1.02 76.90 67.95 2.777	Est val 48.000; vol Mon 64,265; open Int 311.837; +2.947	
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CATTLE-LIVE (CME) 16,000 lbs., cents per lb.		SOYBEANS (CBT) 5,000 bu., cents per bu.	
Feb	64.90 64.87 64.90 + 60 64.25 60.15 20.935	Mar	749 725 744 749 1/4 - 1/4 820 643 74.704
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Aug	74.80 75.00 74.40 74.75 - 22 75.00 66.00 1.445	Sept	267 267 267 267 1/4 - 1/4 602 228 24.178
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METAL FUTURES		FUTURES OPTIONS	
GOLD (Cme, Div NYM) 100 troy oz., \$ per troy oz.		CATTLE-FEEDER (CME)	
Jan	357.40 357.40 357.40 + 3.30 353.20 353.20 0	Strike	
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Apr	357.40 357.40 357.40 + 3.30 353.20 353.20 0	Price	
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Aug	357.40 357.40 357.40 + 3.30 353.20 353.20 0	87	
Oct	357.40 357.40 357.40 + 3.30 353.20 353.20 0	88 1.30 2.17 2.42 0.80 0.75 1.00	
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SILVER (Cme, Div NYM) 100 troy oz., \$ per troy oz.		91 0.80 1.45 1.45 0.70 1.48	
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Playing a tune

Several members of the Community Christian School band were practicing for a band competition. Here, tenth-grader Toby Duncan plays a tune on his trumpet. Duncan is a member of the school's symphonic band.

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock has asked lawmakers to review the state's school funding law and look for a fairer way to pay for public education.

Bullock said the so-called Robin Hood law that purported to take from rich school districts and give to the poorer districts actually takes from some relatively poor districts.

Under the law, 91 of the 1,044 school districts in Texas must share an estimated \$350 million in taxes with needy school districts. But, according to statistics used by Bullock, 54 of those 91 school districts have per-capita personal income below the state average of \$19,716.

"This pokes a hole in the idea that many so-called rich districts are filled with rich people. Property wealth that can come from a major industry, a plant or oil wells does not always mean the people are rich."

"That is as good a reason as any to re-examine the state's Robin Hood school funding law. It's good evidence that the system is not the fairest way to fund education," Bullock said.

Lottery Profits for Education

Bullock's spokesman, Mike Hailey, said the lieutenant governor supports the idea of dedicating lottery profits to the funding of public education.

In a nutshell, Hailey said, about

60 percent of the net lottery proceeds go to education now, with about two-thirds of that going to public education and the rest to higher education.

If the projected \$2.7 billion in 1996-97 lottery profits goes to education in the 1998-99 biennium, the other programs currently receiving 40 percent would need another \$1.1 billion to be funded at the proposed budget bill level.

"The Legislature could just make the shift or it could come up with an additional \$1 billion to keep Peter happy."

"One way or another, education would get the state's take on the lottery as lots of Texans have presumed it would all along," Hailey said.

7 of 10 Played Lottery

The Texas Lottery Commission reports that seven out of 10 adult Texans bought at least one lottery ticket last year.

The twice-weekly Lotto Texas game was the most popular.

The Victoria area topped all other areas in lottery participation with 79 percent of adults buying tickets.

Water Law Rewrite Filed

Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, R-Lake Jackson, has filed a rewrite of Texas water law that has no provision overhauling the rule of capture.

The rule lets landowners pump as much water as they wish, regardless of its effect on neighboring wells.

Brown predicted, however, that lawmakers would debate the rule of capture as part of a broader reappraisal of state water law, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported.

Related issues expected to be raised include:

- Transfers of water from one river basin to another;
- Drought planning and conservation;
- Financial assistance to small water systems;
- State bonding authority;

- Surface water management; and
- Water resource studies.

Slamming the Slammer's Door

Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, filed a bill last week that would make it harder for state prison inmates to be released early.

"We're going to slam the revolving door in Texas prisons," said Whitmire, chairman of the Senate Criminal Justice Committee.

If passed into law, the legislation would discontinue the 1977 "mandatory supervision law" that automatically frees some inmates before they serve their full sentences. The system rewards inmates with credits for good behavior.

"Automatic release based on a mathematical formula is nuts...and must be stopped," Whitmire said.

Other Capital Highlights

■ Gov. Bush has named three nominees to the University of Texas System Board of Regents. The nominees are: Tony Sanchez, a Laredo oilman, civic leader and philanthropist; Patrick Oxford, a lawyer from Houston; and A.W. "Dub" Riter, a retired bank chairman from Tyler. The appointments, all for six-year terms, are effective Feb. 1, subject to Senate confirmation.

■ Legislation aimed at halting the Republic of Texas' use of phony court judgments and property liens could get quick attention from the Legislature. Gov. Bush has declared the issue an emergency, which means constitutional time limits are waived and lawmakers can take up the measure immediately.

■ Texans licensed to carry concealed handguns would no longer face charges of trespassing for carrying their guns on public property under a bill filed by Sen. Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena. Patterson, author of the 1995 handgun bill, said concealed-gun bans established by local governments and state agencies are illegal because the Texas Constitution says only the Legislature can regulate the "wearing of arms."

New evidence may benefit plaintiffs in Simpson trial

By MICHAEL FLEEMAN
Associated Press Writer

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — The timing was superb: Just as O.J. Simpson's photo expert was swearing that a shot of Simpson in Italian designer shoes had to be fake, up pop 30 photos taken at the same place on the same day — with Simpson wearing the same blazer, same slacks, same shoes.

The plaintiffs had rested their case. The defense had Robert Groden on the stand, where he would state that the single frame of Simpson striding across grass at a 1993 football game in Bruno Magli shoes was bogus, that the negative showed clear signs of tampering.

The 30 new frames from a second photographer were a bombshell.

The late evidence, which the plaintiffs introduced to try to impeach Groden's expert testimony, echoed the startling moment near the end of Simpson's murder trial when the defense played audiotapes of police Detective Mark Fuhrman muttering racial slurs.

Whether new evidence will benefit the plaintiffs in this trial to the degree

the tapes aided the defense in the first trial is, for now, an open question.

Both episodes point to the importance of new evidence, especially when it comes at an opportune time.

Plaintiffs in the wrongful death trial brought in a host of new evidence, from the shoe photographs to angry diary entries of Nicole Brown Simpson.

Attorneys also introduced references to Simpson's failing a lie-detector test, a secretly recorded police tape of the Simpsons after an argument, details of Simpson's police interrogation, testimony on the rarity of carpet fibers, and evidence about the Bronco chase.

The defense had new hands to play as well. Simpson, of course, took the stand for the first time to emphatically deny he was the killer. And police criminalist Dennis Fung, questioned about apparently new details in a photograph of a crime-scene glove, blurted out that the evidence glove might have been switched with another. He later retracted the statement.

The new evidence generally fell

into three categories: material available for the murder trial but bypassed for tactical reasons (the Bronco chase); items ruled inadmissible by the criminal trial judge (Ms. Simpson's writings); and evidence that has arisen since the first trial.

For the most part, it tended to help the plaintiffs. For instance, Ms. Simpson's letters and alleged statements in a phone call to a battered women's shelter bolstered the plaintiffs' theory of motive; Simpson's statements to a police detective during the Bronco chase underscored the plaintiffs' contention Simpson had a guilty conscience.

It was evidence from the last category that most helped plaintiffs in the wrongful death trial.

The 30 photos, discovered over the Christmas break, were taken by E.J. Flammer and depicted Simpson at a 1993 Buffalo Bills football game, the same game where he was photographed by free-lancer Harry Scull.

The new photos, analysts said, not only served to place Simpson at the crime scene, but also attacked his credibility since he had denied wearing such "ugly" shoes.



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