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Term limits fails; Gingrich promises issue will return

By JILL LAWRENCE
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WASHINGTON (AP) - The House threw itself into the path of a popular grass-roots movement and slowed the momentum of the new Republican majority by defeating a constitutional amendment to limit the terms members of Congress may serve.

But 10 hours of politically charged debate and a historic first-time floor vote did nothing to put the issue to rest. The spectacle of lawmakers agonizing over their own fates and the intentions of the founding fathers promised to recur throughout the 104th Congress and infuse the next election cycle.

"Term limits will be voted on as the first item in the new Congress if we are the majority," House Speaker Newt Gingrich vowed Wednesday night. "I can assure you it will be a major issue in the '96 campaign."

Republican leaders fell dozens of votes short of the two-thirds majority needed to approve a constitutional

amendment limiting House and Senate careers to 12 years each. The most popular of four alternatives that were voted on Wednesday, it failed 227-204, with Republican Steve Stockman of Texas voting present.

The vote marked the first House defeat of legislation promised in the GOP "Contract With America," the campaign manifesto guiding the first 100 days of the new Republican-majority House.

The White House said it was pleased with the House vote, noting that President Clinton long has been opposed to term limits.

"The president believes the American people can best decide whether elected officials should be sent back for additional terms," presidential spokeswoman Ginny Terzano said from Tallahassee, Fla.

Gingrich blamed the setback on Democrats and accosted them for ignoring the public mood. But it was his own party's Henry Hyde, chairman of the Judiciary Committee,

who implored lawmakers to vote according to their own best judgment rather than opinion polls.

The polls document public support for term limits in the 70-80 percent range, assuring continued attempts to corral resistant legislators. "They may want to wash their hands of it. We're not going to let them," said Bill Pascoe of the American Conservative Union.

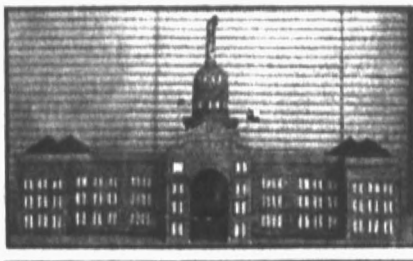
The Supreme Court is scheduled to rule later this year on whether states have a constitutional right to set term limits for federal officeholders, as 22 already have done. Gingrich said GOP leaders will decide after the ruling "what kind of legislation, if any, might be appropriate."

Some term-limits supporters believe there's no need to wait and are promoting bills that authorize states to restrict congressional terms. In the Senate, the 11 GOP freshmen received assurances from Majority Leader Bob Dole that there would be a vote this year on such a bill, which requires only a simple majority to pass.

The lobbying groups behind the amendment drive also are promoting a bill that halts vesting in congressional pensions at 12 years. Today they were unveiling yet another means to their end: legislation to put an advisory referendum on all 50 state ballots in 1996.

The referendum would seek voter views on term limits, a balanced-budget amendment and an amendment requiring a three-fifths congressional majority vote to raise taxes, Pascoe said.

The House floor debate Wednesday was punctuated by sharp bursts of rhetorical gunfire. Opponents spoke scornfully of drive-by legislators, dumbed-down democracy and amateur hour.



GOING TO AUSTIN



Capitol builders

Seventh grade students at Hereford Junior High School have won a trip to Austin next month after their model of the State Capitol, shown at top, won a competition in Amarillo last weekend that was sponsored by the State Preservation Board and Southwest Airlines. Shown displaying their model -- along with other examples of the building -- are: seated, Marisol Trevizo; above, from left, Nick Celaya, Daniel Carnahan, Kerris Montgomery, Shanda Northcutt, Janae Schlabs, Monica Luna, Bryan Cagle and Amanda Frausto.

Local students win contest, trip to see real state Capitol

A group of Hereford youth have earned a trip to Austin next month, where they will be among 10 schools in the state to display models of the state capitol.

Eighteen seventh-grade history students at Hereford Junior High School constructed the capitol model as part of a state-wide competition sponsored by the State Preservation Board and Southwest Airlines.

Students had to build a scale model of the capitol and write a 250-word essay on "What the Capitol means to Me."

The Hereford group competed against Panhandle schools in the airline's Amarillo market region.

Sponsor Carolyn Waters said only four schools participated.

The models were taken to Amarillo last week and judging was held over the weekend.

As winners of the Amarillo regional competition, the Hereford students were given an expense-paid trip to Austin on April 19 to set up their capitol in the lower rotunda of the State Capitol, where they will be on display until April 30.

Mrs. Waters said she did not know if the Austin showing would include a competition among the 10 regional winners or not.

While in Austin, the State Preservation Board will provide lunch

and tours of the Capitol.

In Amarillo, entries were judged on creativity, precision, overall appearance, originality, evidence of entire class participation and originality in use of building materials.

Mrs. Waters said she used a group of seventh grade students rather than one specific class for the project.

Student co-chairs were Daniel Carnahan and Bryan Cagle.

Other participants were: Alfonso Abeyta, Jerry Baird, Josh Briones, Nick Celaya, Amanda Frausto, Jose Garcia, Danielle Garza, Matt Lopez, Monica Luna, Amanda Mendez, Sabrina Mendez, Kerris Montgomery, Shanda Northcutt, Seth Pietsch, Janae Schlabs and Marisol Trevizo.

Resolution honors Claude teens killed in accidents

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - Seven teen-agers from the same Panhandle town killed in two separate traffic accidents were remembered Wednesday as the House unanimously adopted a memorial resolution in their honor.

"Blessed with boundless energy, determination, and compassion for others, these remarkable individuals typified the finest qualities of our state's young people, and, at this time, the members of this chamber would like to take a moment to pay tribute to each of them," the resolution introduced by Rep.

John Smithce, R-Amarillo, states. Jared Wright, 18, and Marcus King, 15, died of injuries suffered Jan. 31. Both volunteer firefighters, the teens were involved in a collision with a train. A third volunteer firefighter, Lee Oles, 16, was injured in the accident.

On Feb. 12, five Claude High School students - Jake Jones, Macy Thomas, Brad Stewart, Anna Doyle and Cheryl Campbell - died when a Jeep Cherokee in which they were riding slid out of control and into the path of a tractor-trailer truck.

Local residents take part in Panhandle Day activities

Panhandle Day in Austin may have seemed like work to some of the 250 Amarillo and area residents who visited legislators at the state capital Monday, but to Hereford's Jeff Torbert it was "a great experience--one that I really enjoyed."

Torbert, local insurance agent, was a "first-timer" for such a trip, accompanied other local residents and officials, including Judge Tom Simons, Mayor Bob Josseland, City Manager Chester Nolen, C of C executive Mike Carr, City Commissioner Roger Eades, Lewis McDaniel and Wes Fisher, past chamber presidents; and Garth Merrick, James McDowell and Frank Barrett.

The group was an hour late flying out of Amarillo due to bad weather, then had lunch at the Capitol Marriott with Rep. John Smithce and Rep. David Swinford as speakers. Gov. George Bush was unable to make the noon meeting.

The Hereford contingent broke into small groups for visits with legislators from across the state. Mayor Josseland, Nolen and Eades made a special visit to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission to discuss interpretation of rules on city water wells.

The TNRCC will confirm results of the session in a few days.

Torbert said he and several others were treated to a tour of the renovated Capitol building by Mrs. Pete Laney, wife of the House Speaker. "She was a great tour guide, down-to-earth and very informative, and then we met briefly with Speaker Laney in his office." The group also watched the Senate in session for a brief period.

A barbecue dinner was held on the south lawn of the Capitol in the evening, with senators and representatives from across the state attending, said Torbert. "We had the opportunity to talk to legislators and remind them of issues which concerned people in the Panhandle," noted Torbert.

Gov. Bush came to the barbecue and made a brief talk, saying "I must have given this speech 500 times since I was elected." He repeated his call for tort reform, increased personal responsibility for welfare recipients, a new juvenile code, and greater local control of public education. "It's helpful to have people come inside the cocoon of politics and make your opinions known," said Bush.

Guilty pleas, probation cases dominate court

Eight defendants entered pleas in 222nd District Court Wednesday. Judge David Wesley Guiley also ruled on two motions by the state to revoke probation of defendants.

Guilty pleas were entered by Chris DeLaPaz, 17, on two charges. He was sentenced to two concurrent terms of 10 years' deferred adjudication on charges of engaging in organized criminal activity and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. He also was fined \$1,500.

On a charge of engaging in organized criminal activity, Jason DeLaPaz, 19, entered a plea of guilty. He was sentenced to 10 years' deferred adjudication. A fine of \$1,500 also was levied.

Mauro Alonso Serrano, 24, of Garland, received a five-year adjudicated sentence and a \$500 fine on a plea of guilty to tampering with a government record.

A six-year probated sentence was given Michael Loyd, 25, who entered a guilty plea to forgery by making. He also was ordered to complete a program at the court restitution treatment center in Brownfield.

Debra Cupell, 39, and Charles Cupell, 44, both of Amarillo, drew probated sentences of eight years each on their pleas of guilty to delivery of marijuana, over 1/4 oz. but under four oz.

On a plea of guilty to burglary of a motor vehicle, Graciela Tamez Martinez, 29, was sentenced to six years' probation and fined \$1,500.

A defendant, Billy Ortiz, 19, charged with indecency with a child, entered a plea of nolo contendere (no contest) and was granted deferred adjudication of five years.

Probation of Jose Limon, originally sentenced to eight years' probation for burglary of a motor vehicle, was revoked. Judge Guiley ordered Limon to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice special alternative incarceration program.

On the state's motion to revoke probation of Jose Gonzales, Judge Guiley modified terms of probation and ordered Gonzales to the TDCJ substance abuse felony punishment facility. His original sentence was five years' probation on conviction for felony driving while intoxicated.

Daylight Time starts Sunday



Get ready to lose an hour of sleep Saturday night/Sunday morning, unless you go to bed an hour early.

Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 a.m. Sunday, so you should move your clock ahead one hour before you retire Saturday night.

Most of the country (except Arizona, Hawaii, and parts of Indiana) will "spring forward" Sunday morning. We'll get the hour back the last Sunday in October, when we "fall back" an hour to CST.



Diverting traffic

Hereford Animal Control Officer Mark Loyd was pressed into service to direct traffic at 12:07 p.m. Wednesday at the scene of a traffic accident at Grand and U.S. 385. Loyd stood behind his car in the middle of U.S. 385 and moved traffic around the scene. The accident was deemed minor, with no injured people transported for medical care.

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Local Roundup

Rain ends reign

Skies are supposed to turn to partly cloudy Friday after a Thursday night of clouds and a 40 percent chance of rain. Only three degrees separated the high Wednesday, 39 degrees, and the overnight low, 36 degrees. KPAN recorded a .03-inch of moisture during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Thursday. The low Thursday night will be near 30 degrees with east wind, 5-15 mph. Friday's high should reach into the 50 to 55-degree range, with wind becoming southwest 5-15 mph.

News Digest

World/Nation

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LOS ANGELES - Through a limousine driver and a skycap, prosecutors sought to explain one of the most tantalizing mysteries of the O.J. Simpson case: If Simpson is the killer, where did he ditch his bloody clothes? The prosecution suggested Wednesday that Simpson stuffed the clothes in a garbage can near the skycap station just before he left for Chicago the night his ex-wife and her friend were killed.

WASHINGTON - Bonnie and Clyde cries and tries to flee each of the eight times a day that her mother pricks her finger to test her blood sugar. The scenes are agonizing for the diabetic toddler's parents because, they say, the Food and Drug Administration is sitting on a device that could use light pulses to monitor her diabetes painlessly.

OBNIINSK, Russia - Their calculators once clicked out megatons. Now they count their every ruble instead. The scientists who design Russia's nuclear bombs and missiles are on their own downward trajectory these days, and they're getting desperate. But they're also getting a helping hand, from an unlikely corner. A "safety net" financed by old Cold War foes is catching thousands of physicists, engineers and others from Russia's nuclear-weapons workshops just as hard times are pushing them out the door.

State

MEXICO CITY - Graduate student Orson Calderon savored his last Big Mac attack this week, saying an imminent 50 percent increase in the national sales tax would crimp his budget. "I can't afford McDonald's any longer," said Calderon, 24, who finds the 20-peso (\$2.90) price of a sandwich-drink-and-fry combo less appealing now than when it cost about 16 pesos.

ALPINE - Only a single, small quarter note betrays the anonymity of the red alley door. Inside the crowded studio, Michael Stevens crafts high-strung performance art. Guitars. Mandolins. The Cadillacs of their breed, handcrafted from start to finish.

AUSTIN - The House has tentatively approved a bill that environmental activists contend would undermine a state program requiring the use of alternative fuels to help reduce pollution.

AUSTIN - A shortage in proposed funding for state higher education may force the Texas A&M University System to fire staff, limit programs and charge higher fees to students, according to A&M Chancellor Barry Thompson. But Thompson said the prospect of reduced resources will not weaken the system's resolve to keep Texas A&M International University in Laredo from switching to the University of Texas System.

AUSTIN - No one launched a spoon-sized glob of potatoes, but Texas House members did engage in an oral food fight over a bill that opponents said would make it illegal to "say bad words against vegetables."

AUSTIN - Long-distance telephone companies say a compromise between Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. and the state's newspaper publishers falls short of bringing competition to local telephone service.

DALLAS - The case of a Coppas Cove woman originally thought to have committed suicide 17 years ago is getting a second look, as authorities now believe her husband killed her. A Coryell County grand jury was scheduled to begin hearing evidence in the case today.

RICHMOND, Texas - The animals won't be extinct by the end of the week. That's what school officials now say about a threatened expulsion of critics from an elementary school.

AUSTIN - A proposal to repeal the mandatory helmet law for adult motorcyclists crashed in the Texas Senate Wednesday, and its sponsor says the issue likely is dead for the session.

Police, Emergency Reports

Thursday's emergency services reports contained the following information:

HEREFORD POLICE

-- A 41-year-old female was arrested on a Potter County warrant for theft after being stopped for a traffic violation.

-- A 35-year-old male was arrested for driving without a drivers license and failure to maintain financial responsibility. He was arrested after it was reported as possibly selling stolen property. An investigation revealed the items were not stolen.

-- Harassment was reported and charges are pending.

-- A domestic disturbance was reported in the 600 block of Knight. No assault occurred and no charges were filed. After it was determined the major problem was the wife's parents' interference, the young couple decided to stay together and work out their problems.

-- Criminal trespass was reported in the 600 block of Irving. No charges are pending at this time.

-- Burglary was reported in the 600 block of Avenue F, where items valued at \$510 were taken. A suspect was arrested in Amarillo, where he allegedly tried to cash a stolen check at a store.

-- A wallet was taken from a car in the 400 block of East First Street. The wallet and contents were valued at \$35.

-- Burglary of a vehicle was reported in the 600 block of East First. Items taken were valued at \$307.

-- A license plate was taken from a pickup parked in the 100 block of San Obregon.

-- Officers issued six traffic citations.

-- There were three minor traffic accidents.

DEAF SMITH SHERIFF

-- A 22-year-old male was arrested for criminal trespass.

-- A 41-year-old male was arrested for DWI.

-- Aggravated assault with intent to cause bodily injury was reported.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

-- Volunteer firefighters were called out at 12:07 p.m. Wednesday to a traffic accident at U.S. 385 and Grand.

EMS

-- Ambulances on Wednesday ran on three transfers to Amarillo, one transfer to Lubbock and three no-transfers.

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL

Elida Alonso, Gregoria Avila, Infant boy Avila, Inez Cox, Ronald Fetach, Donald D. Henslee, Katherine Hubbard, Margaret McIlvaine, Robert Murillo, Margaret girl Rodriguez, Virginia Rodriguez, Juanita Sifuentes, David Soto and Winfred Warden.



Certificate of appreciation

Mike Harris, right, president of the Crimestoppers board of directors, presents a certificate of appreciation to Steve Bigham. Bigham was honored for his service to Crimestoppers.

Doctors study child who fought off AIDS

By PAUL RAEBURN
AP Science Editor

NEW YORK (AP) - Baffled doctors are struggling to learn how a 5-year-old boy apparently fought off an AIDS infection, and they hope solving the mystery might one day protect others.

Researchers reported today that a Los Angeles boy who was infected with AIDS at birth, and remained so for at least a month, is now free of any sign of the virus.

Doctors cannot be certain the virus isn't hiding somewhere in the boy's body. But his continuing good health is additional evidence that the infection has disappeared, researchers said.

The team that studied the boy was led by Dr. Yvonne J. Bryson, a pediatrician and AIDS specialist at the UCLA School of Medicine in Los Angeles. She believes she has the first carefully documented case of someone casting off all signs of infection.

Bryson said researchers have no explanation. "It's like a miracle to me and a miracle to his mother. It's every mother's dream that their child won't be infected," she said.

The discovery "just opens up a lot of things to look at. Before now, there was such skepticism about the possibility that this could occur," said Bryson, whose findings appear today in the New England Journal of Medicine.

The boy's mother has symptoms but does not yet have remnants of AIDS, Bryson said. The boy and his mother were not identified.

Most children infected at birth get sick during the first three years of life, Bryson said. If the boy were still

infected, he would almost certainly be sick by now, she said.

"Our reaction first was that we must have made a mistake," Bryson said. "I was skeptical, as other people would be."

Bryson has since identified another child who appears to have accomplished the same improbable feat. She said studies are under way to confirm the second case.

Dr. Gene Shearer of the National Cancer Institute said he has seen a few patients resist AIDS infection when exposed to the virus. But he said he hasn't seen patients recover after becoming infected.

He said Bryson's findings "are probably real" and the boy could have developed an immunity to the virus before birth.

Bryson warned AIDS patients, however, not to cling to the remote hope that their infections could disappear. "It's probably a rare event, but it may be more common than we recognize," she said.

She and her colleagues are trying to discover whether the boy's immune system offered him special protection against infection. That could offer clues that could be used to stop AIDS infections in others.

Bryson said the AIDS virus was isolated from the infant at 19 days and 51 days, showing he was infected on each occasion. Further analysis of the genetic material in the viruses showed that both virus samples were identical, meaning the results were unlikely to be due to error.

The boy was later examined using a technique known as polymerase chain reaction, or PCR, which can reveal minute quantities of viral genetic material. The examination failed to find any virus.

Union Pacific drops opposition to merger

CHICAGO (AP) - Failed suitor Union Pacific railroad is dropping its opposition to the merger of Burlington Northern Inc. and Santa Fe Pacific Corp. in exchange for the right to travel on a Santa Fe line.

The agreement Wednesday grants Union Pacific Corp. rights to Santa Fe's line between Abilene, Kan., and Superior, Neb., in order to preserve two-railroad competition at Superior.

Union Pacific's opposition to the proposed merger - which will create the nation's largest railroad - could have slowed the current review of the marriage by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Burlington Northern defeated Union Pacific in a bidding war for Santa Fe in January.

"The merged system will provide U.P. with a stronger challenge, but that's what competition is all about," Dick Davidson, chairman and chief executive officer of Union Pacific

Railroad, said in a statement.

The deal ensures that grain shippers in Superior will have competitive rail service, Santa Fe spokeswoman Catherine Westphal said. Superior currently is served only by Burlington Northern and Santa Fe, she said.

The merger partners also said Union Pacific would get the right to use Kyle Railroad as its operating agent on the affected line.

In a separate statement, Union Pacific said Superior was one of the few locations in which the Santa Fe-Burlington Northern merger would reduce competition.

Union Pacific said it also considered offering competing service between Denver and the Texas points of Amarillo, Plainview and Lubbock, but concluded Santa Fe and Burlington Northern were not in a position to legally grant it rights to track on that line.

America sings blues: new color for M&Ms

NEW YORK (AP) - Announcing a new color that won't melt in your hand: blue.

The results of a two-month campaign to choose a new M&M color were unveiled Wednesday. Blue won easily with 54 percent of the more than 10 million votes cast, beating out pink and purple.

M&M-Mars unveiled its new confection on the 26th floor of the Empire State Building, which was lighted all in blue in honor of the occasion.

"For the first time since M&M plain chocolate candies were introduced in 1941, America has voted for a new color to appear in

the traditional mix," said Pat D'Amato, a spokeswoman for the Hackettstown, N.J.-based company.

Blue will replace tan in bags of plain M&M's; it will replace orange in almond and peanut butter M&M's and it will be added to peanut M&M's without displacing a color.

Bags containing the new blue candies won't be widely available until September.

The announcement came after a campaign that featured appearances by actors dressed as pink, purple and blue M&M's at the Super Bowl and Mardi Gras.

Contract with America sustains major defeat in vote on term limits

By JOHN KING
AP Political Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - In the book version of their "Contract With America," House Republicans offer this simple yardstick: "If we fail to keep our word, we'll deserve to be punished. But we will keep our word."

Or, it turns out, blame the Democrats.

With the demise of term limits Wednesday night, the two most popular items in the GOP's 100-day manifesto have now been defeated in what Republicans promised would be a revolutionary Congress. The balanced budget constitutional amendment had previously cleared the House, only to fall one vote short in the Senate.

Just as they did in that first defeat, Republicans started blaming Democrats even before the votes were cast. In both cases, Democrats could have provided the margin of victory.

But like President Clinton before them, Republicans are likely to learn that playing the blame game won't absolve them in the eyes of voters who bought their promises to change the way Washington works.

"It will undercut any notion that the Republicans are really making things happen," predicts Democratic pollster Geoff Garin.

"This runs the risk of disparaging the entire party and squandering the support gained in the 1994 elections," warned Republican pollster David Hill.

They drew parallels to Clinton's first 100 days. He came to office with enormous goodwill, then got sidetracked on fights over gays in the military and controversial personnel appointments. Then - on Day 92 of his administration - his economic stimulus bill was defeated in the Senate.

"And people began to question

whether he could really get things done, whether he could lead," said Garin.

Clinton is still paying for those doubts. It's too soon to suggest Republicans will pay the same price; a few successes on other priorities in the waning days of their 100-day marathon legislative march - when added to the "contract" provisions that already have passed the House - could limit the damage.

"Term limits is no doubt one of the most fervently supported reforms on the voters' list," said GOP pollster Fred Steeper, who is advising the House leadership. "But people are now most interested in welfare reform. So if they accomplish major welfare changes, they will get a huge plus."

In the welfare debate, the House GOP has done its part, and is awaiting Senate action. The next big House Republican priority is mending fences between Republicans who favor the big tax cuts in the "contract" and those who want deficit reduction first.

This challenge comes at an intriguing juncture for the Republicans. A Times-Mirror Center poll released today shows disapproval of Republican policies and programs on the rise - up from 28 percent in December to 39 percent in a survey of 1,819 adults conducted this past weekend. Most of the increased skepticism is among independent voters who sided with Republicans in November but now are growing wary.

"The principal thing the Republicans have going for them right now is momentum, and if their momentum stalls then some of the criticism the public has about the specific things they are doing will loom larger," said Andy Kohut, the Times-Mirror polling director.

Courthouse Records

COUNTY COURT DISPOSITIONS

State vs. Shannon Wells, criminal mischief; one year-probation, \$100 fine (suspend \$100), \$195 court costs, March 22.

State vs. Pablo Murillo, assault; 90 days in jail, \$195 court costs, March 22.

State vs. Marco Antonio Romero, violation of protective order; 90 days probated one year, \$300 fine (suspend \$200), \$195 court costs, March 22.

State vs. Javier Anes, criminal mischief; 90 days probated one year, \$300 fine (suspend \$150), \$195 court costs, March 22.

State vs. Lisa Martinez, false report to police officer; 90 days probated one year, \$150 fine, \$195 court costs, March 22.

State vs. Mario Badillo, assault; 90 days probated one year, \$200 fine, \$195 court costs, March 22.

State vs. Juan Hernandez, evading detention; 15 days in jail, \$195 court costs, March 22.

JUSTICE OF PEACE COURT

Deaf Smith County vs. Flowers West, delinquent taxes, court costs, \$1,691.67, paid March 2.

Hereford Independent School District vs. Wayne Elliston and James Holmes, delinquent taxes, court costs, \$444.88, paid March 2.

Deaf Smith County vs. Emilio Romero, d/b/a M&M Express, delinquent taxes, court costs, \$411.09, paid March 3.

Deaf Smith County vs. Emilio

Romero, delinquent taxes, court costs, \$1,254.78, paid March 3.

Hereford Independent School District vs. Herminia C. Cano, d/b/a New Visions, delinquent taxes, court costs, \$331.02, paid March 10.

Deaf Smith County vs. Antonio Saucedo, delinquent taxes, court costs, \$357.90, paid March 14.

Deaf Smith County vs. Samuel Barba, delinquent taxes, court costs, \$437.78, paid March 14.

Deaf Smith County vs. Coy House, d/b/a/ Coy's Backhoe Service, delinquent taxes, court costs, \$130.17, paid March 21.

Hereford Independent School District vs. Pat Parker, delinquent taxes, court costs, \$64.60, paid March 22.

Hereford Independent School District vs. Pat Parker, delinquent taxes, court costs, \$60.50, paid March 22.

Deaf Smith County vs. Judy Bodkin, delinquent taxes, court costs, \$412.46, paid March 22.

Hereford Independent School District vs. Eunice Guerrero, delinquent taxes, court costs, \$122.75, paid March 23.

Accidental Injury Treatment Center vs. Victor Manuel Avila, agreed settlement, \$300, March 28.

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) - One ticket bought in East Texas correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The jackpot is worth \$4 million. The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 1, 5, 15, 20, 37 and 41.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Saturday night's game will be \$4 million.

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

8-3-1 (eight, three, one)

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Lifestyles



Traditional Passover items

Carlos Morgenfield, speaking on behalf of Jews for Jesus, will explain what the Jewish Passover and Jesus' Last Supper have in common in a presentation called "Christ in the Passover" at Christ's Church Fellowship on April 6 at 7 p.m. A nursery will be provided. For information call Otto Schaufele at 364-0373.

Great Texas Trash Off

Seven local volunteer groups to participate

People are talking trash again in Texas.

They'll be heard loud and clear on Saturday when some 102,000 Adopt-a-Highway and Keep Texas Beautiful volunteers, including Hereford Beautification Alliance, participate in the tenth annual "Great Texas Trash Off," rearing the Lone Star State for another colorful wildflower season.

In Deaf Smith County, seven groups of Adopt-a-Highway volunteers will be scouring roadways for litter on April 8.

For the seventh consecutive year, members of the Knights of Columbus will participate in the "Great Texas Trash Off." They will be joined by volunteers from the Golden K Kiwanis Club in cleaning up a 2-mile stretch of W. Highway 60.

"Helping make things look a little more decent and causing those driving down the highway to be aware of neatness is rewarding," said Leo Witkowski, who volunteers with both Knights of Columbus and the Golden K Kiwanis Club.

Deaf Smith County Youth Home adopted a 2-mile stretch along E. Highway 60 last year. Romero Ramirez, home supervisor, said, "The kids are giving back to the community in this work and really learn a lot of responsibility, knowing someone has to pick up what is chunked out of

the car window." By contract, the volunteers are scheduled to pick up trash four times a year, but the Youth Home picks up trash once a month.

Since 1991, the Frio Baptist Youth Group has cleaned a 2-mile section on S. Highway 385. Walcott School adopted Highway 214 in 1989 and Hereford Future Farmers of America adopted their section on N. Highway 385 two years ago.

Nutri-Feed volunteers have worked W. Highway 60 for the past two years and Hereford Bi-Product volunteers have picked up trash on a 2-mile stretch of FM 2943 since June 1993.

During this year's all-out clean up campaign, the Hereford Beautification Alliance has targeted "The Wall" on E. Highway 60 for clean-up, paint-

up and readying for a sign to be painted welcoming visitors to Hereford.

Last year marked the largest "Great Texas Trash-Off" to date, with 95,000 volunteers picking up more than five million gallons of litter across the state. This year the groups expect to pick up 7.7 million gallons

of litter statewide.

The Hereford Beautification Alliance is an affiliate of Keep Texas Beautiful, Inc., a non-profit, environmental umbrella group consisting of a network of private citizens, communities, industries, civic groups, schools and government agencies.

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Correction

The Mother-Daughter Tea for young women interested in participating in the 1995 Miss Hereford Scholarship pageant is scheduled for April 9 at 2 p.m. at 124 Oak.

In a previous edition, the date for the tea was given incorrectly. The Brand regrets the error.



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Dean's Scholar named at Tech

Texas Tech University's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources recognized its Dean's Scholars during a reception March 24.

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Jim Bret Campbell, from Hereford, a junior majoring in agricultural communications, was a Gold Award winner, receiving a \$2,500 scholarship this year.

Class of 1985 plans meeting

The Hereford High School class of 1985 is going to have a meeting to finalize plans for a class reunion.

The meeting will be Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in the Hereford State Bank.

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Sports

Hereford, Borger golfers to battle for district lead

The Hereford girls' golf team has the opportunity to gain some ground on first-place Borger when Hereford hosts the third of four district golf rounds.

Hereford led after the first round in Canyon but now trails Borger by 12 strokes. The second round was played at the Phillips course in Borger. Now it's Hereford's turn to have the home-course advantage.

The boys' golf team won't play a district round this weekend. They'll play in the Amarillo Relays tournament Friday and Saturday in Amarillo. The boys will play their third district round April 8 in Hereford. The boys and girls will play their fourth and final district round April 12 at Comanche Trails in Amarillo.

In other Hereford High School sports:

--The baseball team has had its Tuesday game against Dumas postponed twice because of rain. The latest date and time is 4:30 p.m. Friday at Whiteface Field--weather and field conditions permitting. The team also has a game against Pampa scheduled at 1 p.m. Saturday in Pampa. The junior varsity teams will play after the varsity as the second game in a doubleheader.

--The boys' track team will compete in the Amarillo Relays Friday and Saturday.

--The girls' track team will run in the Levelland Invitational Saturday.

--The tennis team will play in a tournament in Abilene Friday and Saturday.

While the Hereford girls' golf team can gain some ground on Borger--or even take the lead--it can also virtually clinch a regional tournament berth.

Only the top two teams from District 1-4A get to advance to the Region 1-4A tournament. After two of four district rounds, Borger leads the district with a total of 730 and Hereford is second at 742. Pampa is already a distant third at 792 and Randall is fourth at 800. Barring a disaster, Hereford will earn a spot at regionals.

Hereford's B team, while out of contention, can improve its position in the district standings. The B team and the Dumas A team are tied for sixth at 828. Canyon is fifth at 823. Rounding out the girls' field are Pampa B at 879; Caprock A at 922; Canyon B at 991; and Borger B at 1,015.

On Friday, play will start at 9 a.m. at Pitman Municipal Golf Course.

Injunction could end baseball strike

NEW YORK (AP) - Baseball strike talks resume tonight, a day before a federal judge holds a hearing on whether to issue an injunction that would end the walkout.

"I'll be coming in," acting commissioner Bud Selig said by telephone from Milwaukee late Wednesday night. "It's tentative; we have to firm it up in the morning. But I'm sure I'll be coming."

Philadelphia Phillies pitcher Curt Schilling said he thought the union will move toward the position of the owners, who claimed in court papers filed Wednesday the strike has cost them \$700 million.

Schilling thinks the union's new offer will contain a tax of 30 percent with a threshold of \$49 million or \$50 million. That would have caused six teams to pay a tax in 1994, five more than the players' previous plan but five less than the owners' proposal.

"We'll find out how serious the owners are when we make our counterproposal," Bobby Bonilla of the New York Mets said after the union's executive board concluded its two-day meeting.

U.S. District Judge Sonia Sotomayor has scheduled a hearing for Friday - just two days before the scheduled season opener - on the petition by the National Labor

Relations Board for a preliminary injunction against owners. The NLRB has accused them of illegally changing the terms of the expired collective bargaining agreement before an impasse in bargaining.

The union's executive board voted unanimously Wednesday to end the 7-1/2-month strike if Sotomayor issues an injunction restoring salary arbitration and free-agent bidding.

"If the prior terms and conditions of employment are restored effectively by the injunction, the players will end the strike and return to work," union head Donald Fehr said.

Owners planned a conference call for today to approve the use of replacement players. If players do end the strike, owners could lock them out. But that possibility is decreasing.

"I don't personally know whether there's 21 votes there or not," said Colorado Rockies chairman Jerry McMorris, who is said he's inclined to vote against a lockout.

American League lawyer Bill Schweitzer met in Baltimore with Orioles owner Peter Angelos, who again refused to field a replacement team. The league is threatening to make the team forfeit any missed replacement games.

"There has been mention of the potential penalties that can be

assessed," Angelos said. "My position is that everything the Orioles have done is in the best interests of baseball, in the best interest of Cal Ripken's streak."

In their latest proposal, owners offered to keep basically intact the system of free agency and salary arbitration under the expired deal.

"We're definitely on the same planet," said Eugene Orza, the union's No. 2 official. "We're even in the same continent."

That left the owners' demand for a luxury tax as the primary obstacle, although the union also objects to changes in the owners' revenue-sharing plan and a proposal that teams who release an arbitration-eligible player receive draft-pick compensation if that player signs with another team.

Owners asked for a 50-percent luxury tax on the portions of payroll above \$44 million, which was 108 percent of the average last season. The union proposed a 25-percent tax on the portions above 133 percent,

which was \$54.1 million last year. A tax plan at the level Schilling talked about would be at 120-122 percent of the average.

While teams want the tax to start in 1996 and end in 2000, players don't want the tax to last for more than three years.

"It's movement but it's very, very little," free agent pitcher Orel Hershiser said of the owners' plan, calling it "a baby step."

On Thursday, owners gave Sotomayor a 38-page brief in response to the NLRB's petition.

"If the court issues the requested injunction," the brief said, "the union ... will have a compelling reason to delay further serious negotiations until the late summer or early fall when it is again advantageous to strike the clubs."

Although teams haven't signed any free agents since the union ended its signing ban on Feb. 6, management's Player Relations Committee claimed in the brief that the market hadn't changed.

Pitman to close for parts of 3 days

Because of high school golf events, Pitman Municipal Golf Course will be closed to public golfers for part of the mornings Friday, Saturday and Monday.

Pitman is hosting the girls teams from Hereford and the rest of District 1-4A Friday, so public golfers won't be able to tee off from 9-11 a.m.

Pitman will host high school tournaments that don't involve Hereford teams on Saturday and Monday, so the course will be unavailable from 9 a.m. to about 10:30 a.m. The tournament Saturday is for Class 3A teams, with Class A teams playing Monday.

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High game, women: Sandi Blevins, 193; Betty Taylor, 189; April Hudson, 188.

High series, women: Taylor, 551; Blevins, 540; Hudson, 491.

High game, men: Tracy Minson, 222; Robert Scott, 197; Steve Brock, 194.

High series, men: Minson, 598; Brock, 552; Roy Blevins, 532.

Last-second free throws give NIT title to Va. Tech

By RICK WARNER
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - Overtime in the NIT championship game seems to bring out the best in Virginia Tech. In 1973, the Hokies beat Notre Dame for the title on Bobby Stevens' jumper at the buzzer in overtime.

On Wednesday night, Tech won its second NIT when Shawn Smith made two free throws with less than a second left in overtime for a 65-64 victory over Marquette.

"I figured if I missed them I'd take the blame and if I made them, I'd be a hero," said Smith, voted the tournament MVP following his 24-point, 12-rebound performance in the final.

Smith, only a 67-percent shooter from the line, made 10 of 12 against Marquette. However, the only ones that Tech fans will remember came after Smith was fouled by Faisal Abraham as he went up for a shot under the basket with seven-tenths of a second remaining.

After Smith made his first free throw to tie the game, Marquette called a timeout to make him think about the next one. But Smith came out and calmly sank the second shot.

"He had to step to the line and make them, and he did just that," said Marquette coach Mike Deane.

Looking for a miracle basket, Marquette then inbounded the ball to Anthony Pieper just across midcourt, but he couldn't get a shot off before the buzzer sounded.

It was Tech's second victory over Marquette this season. The Hokies (25-10) won the first meeting in Milwaukee, 57-54, on Jan. 17.

Both teams shot only 38 percent, but Tech was much more accurate from the line. The Hokies made 20 of 26 free throws, while Marquette missed 10 of 16.

"This was one of the ugliest games I've ever seen," Tech coach Bill Foster said. "In a way, it typifies our season. We were able to hang tight, keep it close and do it at the end."

Marquette, which won the NIT in 1970, finished 21-12.

"It was disappointing the way we lost. We're just going to come back stronger next year," freshman guard Aaron Hutchins said.

Hutchins scored the first basket of overtime to put Marquette ahead 59-57, but Tech scored six straight points to take a 63-59 lead.

Marquette countered with a 5-0 run, moving ahead 64-63 on a driving layup by Pieper with 18 seconds left. Tech ran down the clock and Smith was fouled after making a pump fake near the basket.

Deane didn't complain about the call.

"I thought we fouled them," he

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Rockets' Olajuwon, Maxwell both diagnosed with anemia

HOUSTON (AP) - Iron supplements that should aid the anemic Hakeem Olajuwon and Vernon Maxwell can't work fast enough for the sinking Houston Rockets.

The Rockets have not taken the court as a full team since Clyde Drexler arrived from Portland in the Feb. 14 trade for forward Otis Thorpe.

Forwards Robert Horry and Carl Herrera have only recently rebounded from nagging injuries, and Maxwell missed 10 games for punching a fan in Portland. Now Olajuwon and Maxwell could miss two more games apiece because of anemia.

It's been a long time since defending NBA champions have looked so wobbly.

"We're getting more than our share of tough luck," coach Rudy Tomjanovich said Wednesday. "We're going to be in a bit of a hole, but we've come out of deeper holes before."

The Rockets have lost four of five games to top Western Conference rivals over the past nine days and appear moving toward a sixth seed in the playoffs, the lowest of any reigning champ since 1970.

Now they're headed down the stretch without Olajuwon or Maxwell, who have somehow come down with the same non-communicable illness.

Olajuwon and Maxwell skipped Tuesday night's 106-96 loss to the Los Angeles Lakers after complaining of fatigue. Both were diagnosed with iron-deficiency anemia by team doctor Jim Muntz.

A patchwork lineup Tuesday night had reserve forwards Pete Chilcutt and Chucky Brown - neither of whom were in the NBA a year ago - attempting to fill in for Olajuwon at center.

"We're really without a center ... When you miss someone like Hakeem, it's a big void," Drexler said.

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YMCA hoop champs

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Spurs stay hot without Rodman

By BOB GREENE
AP Sports Writer

The San Antonio Spurs no longer have the NBA's top green-haired rebounder. Nor the league's best green-haired rebounder.

What the Spurs do have is the league's hottest team, even without the blue-haired Dennis Rodman.

"I think a lot of people thought we would fall off our pace as forward Terry Cummings said. "But our greatest asset and one we've had all season is our depth. We have role players who know what to do to be successful."

"We're a good team now, but we'll be even better when Dennis comes back."

Rodman, noted for his dyed hair almost as much as his rebounding skill, separated his right shoulder in a motorcycle accident. Since his injury, the Spurs have won six straight, running their season-best streak to nine consecutive triumphs. San Antonio has won 28 of its last 32 games, and is 43-9 since Dec. 10. Overall, the Spurs have the best record in the Midwest Division at 50-18.

"Getting the best record is definitely on our minds," San Antonio center David Robinson said. "You can't control things like injuries or motorcycle accidents, but we have a good chance. We just have to continue to keep things going."

On Wednesday, Robinson scored a game-high 30 points and grabbed 16 rebounds to direct the Spurs' 107-84 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers.

"The winning streak is not on our minds," San Antonio coach Bob Hill said. "We're just trying to win one game at a time. We're in great shape right now."

In other games Wednesday, it was Philadelphia 99, Charlotte 81; Miami 101, Washington 97; New York 107, Detroit 97; Indiana 107, Cleveland 96, and Seattle 109, Minnesota 92.

Cummings and J.R. Reid filled in for Rodman as the Spurs set season marks for rebounds and defensive rebounds, and tied their season best for blocked shots. Cummings broke his season high with 16 rebounds and Reid matched his with 13 boards to go along with 14 points.

Cedric Ceballos scored 17 points and Anthony Peeler added 15 for the Lakers, who saw their season-best five-game winning streak snapped.

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said. "It was a gutsy call to make..." Shawn Good had 14 points for the Hokies. Hutchins and Tony Miller scored 15 points each for Marquette, while Amal McCaskill had 13 points and 15 rebounds.

Tech used only seven players, all underclassmen.

"Next year, hopefully this win will provide a springboard for us," Foster said. "We told our kids what a great opportunity this could be and they brought it into it."

Trailing by 10 points early in the second half, Virginia Tech rallied to tie it at 55 on Smith's free throw with 1:59 remaining in regulation.

SuperSonics 109, Timberwolves 92

Gary Payton equaled his career high by scoring 33 points as Seattle defeated visiting Minnesota for the 17th straight time. The victory moved the Sonics into a tie with the Phoenix Suns for first place in the Pacific Division.

Detlef Schrempf added 22 points and Shawn Kemp had 20 points and 11 rebounds, while Isaiah Rider led Minnesota with 19 points.

Heat 101, Bullets 97

Rookie Khalid Reeves scored 11 consecutive points in the final 2-1/2 minutes as visiting Miami handed Washington its fifth consecutive loss.

Glen Rice scored 20 of his 26 points in the second half to help the Heat snap a two-game losing streak and move Miami percentage points ahead of Boston in the race for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Chris Webber had 29 points and 19 rebounds for the Bullets, who led 91-89 before Reeves hit a 3-pointer to put the Heat up for good and begin his late-game scoring binge.

Calbert Cheaney scored 23 for the Bullets.

76ers 99, Hornets 81

Clarence Weatherspoon scored 28 points and Sharone Wright and Dana Barros added 18 apiece as Philadelphia toppled the visiting Hornets, who lost starting forward Scott Burrell for the season with a ruptured right Achilles tendon in the first period.

Jeff Grayer added 16 points for the 76ers, who had lost 10 of their last 11 games and 18 of 22. Shawn Bradley had 10 points and 15 rebounds for Philadelphia, which outrebounded Charlotte 54-28.

Larry Johnson led Charlotte with 22 points.

Knicks 107, Pistons 97

Hubert Davis scored five consecutive points in the final 4 minutes, and Patrick Ewing had 18 of his 28 points in the second half as visiting New York snapped a two-game losing streak and handed Detroit its ninth loss in 11 games.

With New York leading 92-90 with 4:30 to go, Davis scored the next five points to give the Knicks some breathing room.

John Starks added 19 points for New York, while Detroit's Allan Houston scored 32 and Grant Hill had 26 points, 12 rebounds and nine assists. Hill missed his first career triple-double

when Oliver Miller missed a dunk late in the game.

Pacers 107, Cavaliers 96

Reggie Miller's three 3-pointers sparked a 15-4 spurt, giving Indiana the lead for good.

Hogs' coach Richardson still talking about respect

By JIM COUR
AP Sports Writer
SEATTLE (AP) - Nolan Richardson of Arkansas is still talking about respect.

He talked about it over and over during the Final Four week last year before his Razorbacks won the NCAA title by beating Duke.

On Wednesday, he talked about it some more when he and this year's other Final Four coaches - North Carolina's Dean Smith, Oklahoma State's Eddie Sutton and UCLA's Jim Harrick - held a telephone news conference.

"The thing that really irritates me is when someone says I preach respect," Richardson said. "I've never preached respect in my life. I think you earn respect."

If there was any question about Richardson's coaching ability, it was answered in last year's Final Four in Charlotte, N.C. Arkansas beat Arizona 91-82 in the semifinals and Duke 76-72 in the finals.

Richardson, 53, President Clinton's favorite coach, rubbed some people wrong last season when he kept harping that he didn't get enough credit.

A year later, he isn't backing down.

"I will continue to say what I said a year ago, three years ago, five years ago, 10 years ago, 15, this is my 31st year," he said. "I've always felt and I know that I'm not the only one that feels that we do not get credit for our surreal thinking of the game."

Richardson replaced Sutton at Fayetteville, Ark., in 1985. This is the third straight season Richardson's Razorbacks are in the Final Four.

"I get a big kick out of everybody saying, 'Oh, boy, he's not getting respect,'" he told reporters. "That's not what's motivating me. What's motivating me and my team is to play hard and compete hard. That's motivation."

Arkansas and the other three Final Four teams are scheduled to fly into Seattle today. All the teams will practice Friday in the Kingdome.

The No. 6-ranked defending champions bring a 31-6 record into their Saturday semifinal game against No. 4 North Carolina (28-5). The other semifinal matches No. 1 UCLA (29-2) against No. 14 Oklahoma State (27-9).

UCLA is favored by 4 points, North Carolina by 2.

If Richardson wants his due, he's getting it from Smith, North Carolina's 34-year coach appearing in his 10th career Final Four.

North Carolina beat Arkansas 80-74 in the East Regional two years ago.

"We have tremendous respect for the Arkansas program and coach Richardson," Smith said. "I think it should be an exciting game if we can handle their excellent pressure."

All the coaches agreed that any one of the Final Four teams could become the national champion Monday night.

With a 17-game winning streak, UCLA's Harrick sounded the most confident, though. The Bruins lost only to Oregon and California in Pac-10 play during the regular season.

"From my standpoint, we have as good a chance as anybody," Harrick said. "I feel good about it. If you didn't think that, you probably

shouldn't come."

If there is a darkhorse here, it's Oklahoma State, which has the Final Four's most intriguing player in Bryant "Big Country" Reeves and its most intriguing coach in Sutton, the comeback kid at 59.

Reeves is a 7-foot, 292-pound center from Gans, Okla., who scored 24 points on 10-of-21 shooting in a 68-54 victory over Massachusetts in the regional final last weekend at East Rutherford, N.J.

Kansas, not Oklahoma State, was supposed to make it to Seattle from the Big Eight Conference. Sutton, who coached Arkansas to the Final Four in 1978, did a masterful coaching job in coaxing the Cowboys here.

Sutton thought his coaching career was over after his stay at Kentucky ended in an NCAA probation in 1989. His alma mater gave him another chance five years ago.

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B-25 bomber center of special birthday celebration

By DON DRIVER
SAN ANTONIO Express-News
SAN ANTONIO - The B-25 Mitchell bomber was a pile of junk rotting in a San Marcos field when the Confederate Air Force found it nearly 20 years ago and went to work. The spotlessly renovated aircraft—now a veteran of countless air shows and rechristened "The Yellow Rose"—was the center of attention Sunday as CAF members gathered at Stinson Municipal Airport to throw the gal a 52nd birthday party.

City," said CAF Col. Wade Castellanos, the crew chief and flight mechanic. "It gets into your blood to hear those radial engines roar to life."
 More than 100 people gathered in Hangar No. 7 on a drizzly afternoon to fete the World War II-era aircraft that has become a part of their lives.
 "We're all married, but we all have a mistress - and The Yellow Rose is it," summed up CAF Col. Vern Dockendorf, 62, a retired insurance broker and commander of the San Antonio-based Yellow Rose Squadron.

As 1940s-era music crooned in the background, CAF members and visitors swarmed around Rose to sip punch and munch on birthday cake. The aircraft, with a smiling cowgirl painted on its nose, is annually flown to about 20 air shows across the nation in the CAF's mission of historic preservation.
 "Our purpose is to maintain the airplane so people can see it and understand what happened from 1941 to 1945," Dockendorf said. "It was probably one of America's darkest hours and one of its finest hours at the same time."

The squadron is in the process of acquiring a second B-25 that currently is in Midland.
 "The Devil Dog," as that CAF aircraft is known, is scheduled to arrive later this year, as part of the squadron's plan to build a museum in San Antonio featuring six to eight World War II-era aircraft.
 Rose's birthday also was a chance for the CAF squadron to seek donations to help preserve its rare aircraft - and fix the hangar's leaky roof.

"You see them in the movies but, seeing a B-25 up close and personal, it's a pretty awesome piece of machinery," said Col. Bruce Senft, vice commander of the 37th Training Wing at Lackland Air Force Base, who dropped by to view the bomber. "It's a well-maintained airplane," the F-4 fighter pilot said. "It's neat to see one that's still operational."
 There were around 10,000 B-25s made during the war, but only 37 are known to still exist worldwide - and not all of them are in flying condition, Castellanos said.
 Rose never saw combat, but was used in the United States to train pilots, navigators and bombardiers.

"This is more tame than the original nose art," Castellanos said. The squadron does have a cutout black bikini that's taped onto the painting upon request, he said.
 The aircraft was discovered in 1976 and purchased for \$12,500, recalled CAF Col. Jack Skipper, 74, a retired airline pilot who flew B-26 bombers during World War II.

Think you're funny? HAHA! Let others know with a laugh track

By FRAZIER MOORE
AP Television Writer
NEW YORK (AP) - Big sitcom night tonight, with laughs aplenty. Maybe even yours.
 The folks who create sitcoms like "Seinfeld" and "Mad About You" (not to mention duds like "Martin" and "Living Single") aren't taking any chances. Why not? Consider the two laws of sitcoms:
 - Laughter is contagious.
 - Lack of it is deadly.

where the writers meant for laughs to be.
 Here is a bona fide example of sitcom give-and-take. The laugh track indicates the punchline:
 "Miss me?" "As much as I miss my acne!" HAHHAHAHA.
 You're out in the kitchen looking for a snack. Not to worry if you miss an exchange like "I handle small, fragile antiquities;" "Please, I'd rather not discuss your bathing rituals." The laugh track (HAHAHAHAHAHA) acts as your proxy.
 Where does that leave you when the TV is switched off? As the Bard wrote, all the world's a stage. As you go about your business away from the tube, you're just as much an actor as Jerry Van Dyke or those women on "The Mommies." In this comedy you call life, you deserve a little backup, too.

the all-purpose, portable, personal laugh track.
 You're trying to impress a date with your cleverness and your joke falls flat. You press a button on the Laugh-Pak. Instantly, her ears are ringing from the laughter of amused multitudes.
 Or maybe you hurl a zinger at your husband, something about not only does he have a spare tire around his waist but it needs a retreat. Never mind that your wisecrack doesn't make any sense. Just push the "Gotta" button on your Laugh-Pak, and out comes a resounding "Woooooowoooo!" You've scored a bull's-eye.
 You say something tender and loving to your child. Of course, he's not listening. With the press of a button, the Laugh-Pak emits an appreciative "Awwwwwwwww."
 For the cost of a Laugh-Pak, you are spared the obligation to be truly clever and engaging. The people with whom you come in contact are spared the obligation to listen and react to you.
 It's a good deal all around. Sort of like watching the typical TV sitcom. With Laugh-Pak, you get the last laugh.

Enter the laugh track, which is the most important component of the typical sitcom.
 Maybe the sitcom laugh track you hear on your TV contains the recorded sounds of a studio audience that are rendered sufficiently giddy to laugh at almost anything.
 Or maybe a laugh track consists of canned audience responses dubbed in after filming is complete.
 The laugh track is the Wonderbra of mirth. It transforms comedy that would play as thin as Kate Moss into something that purports to be voluptuously funny.
 Remember, the laugh track is not there to make you laugh, or make you think what it's applied to is genuinely funny. It's there to mark each place

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Newly developed computer detects cancer doctors miss

By DANIEL Q. HANEY
AP Science Writer
NEW ORLEANS (AP) - Like a spelling checker that helps writers find typos, a newly developed computer is spotting breast cancers that doctors miss when they read mammograms.

Rather than take the place of radiologists, this tool is intended to be a backup. And if it works as well as early testing suggests, it may find about half of the malignancies radiologists would otherwise miss.

"It's like a second opinion," said Dr. Maryellen L. Giger of the University of Chicago, one of the developers. She discussed the development Wednesday at an American Cancer Society conference.

The computer - called an intelligent mammography workstation - has been used to analyze more than 1,000 breast X-rays since November and will be put into regular use on an experimental basis at the University of Chicago next month.

She said the technology has been licensed to a private company, which

hopes to introduce a commercial version later this year. It will probably cost about \$100,000.

Dr. Barbara Smith of the Breast Health Center at Massachusetts General Hospital said the technology should be useful, especially for analyzing the mammograms of younger women. Such mammograms are often difficult to interpret.

A mammogram is an X-ray used to screen for breast cancer. Fibrous tissue looks white, while fat appears black.

"The picture can be a snowstorm, and what they are looking for is a grain of salt," Smith said.

In typical screening programs, only about five cancers are found for every 1,000 patients. Because of the difficulty of reading the X-rays, 10 percent to 30 percent of tumors are missed.

Giger said her group has had the computer read the mammograms of women whose cancers had been overlooked, and the machine found half of them.

About one-third of cancers are

missed because they simply do not show up on the X-ray film. However, in perhaps 60 percent of them, the tumor is there but the radiologist fails to notice it.

Giger said the computer can serve as a fallback in these cases where "the malignancy can be seen by the human eye, but the human eye missed it."

She said the tool may be most useful in helping radiologists who do not routinely interpret large numbers of mammograms.

Although the computer appears to be about 85 percent to 90 percent sensitive in spotting cancer, its major drawback is a high false positive rate. On each mammogram, it typically points out one or two benign growths that it suggests are cancerous.

Giger said these false positives usually appear obviously noncancerous to radiologists, who make the final decision about whether women should have biopsies to check out suspicious-looking lumps.

Giger said similar computer systems are being developed to help doctors read chest X-rays.

Congressional Chili Cook-off title finds way back to Texas

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Congressional Chili Cook-Off title has been returned to what many consider its rightful home: Texas.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, on Tuesday night recaptured the crown that had eluded chili-loving Texans since 1990 when a fellow Texas senator, Phil Gramm, prevailed. In the ensuing years, the title was held by lawmakers from Florida, Virginia, Minnesota and Nevada.

Coming down firmly on the side of beans in the heated debate over whether chili should be meat-only or not, Mrs. Hutchison sauntered to victory over 10 other competitors. Among the vanquished were two Texas Democrats: Reps. Chet Edwards of Waco and Pete Geren of

Fort Worth.

The concoction, entitled "Kay's Shadywood Showdown Chili," was prepared with the help of Hutchison staffer Natasha Moore of Pasadena.

The victory makes Mrs. Hutchison the first Republican woman champion in the annual cook-off's 18-year history. The judges at the Congressional Club event included Navy Secretary John Dalton and Marine Corps Commandant Carl Mundy.

Kay's Shadywood Showdown Chili

2-1/2 lbs. ground sirloin
2 eight-ounce cans tomato sauce
2 medium yellow onions, diced
2 green peppers, diced
1 16-ounce can kidney beans
water
2 tbsps olive oil

salt, pepper, garlic powder
4 tbsps mole sauce
4 tbsps chili powder mix
Saute half the onions and peppers in 1 tsp olive oil. Add salt, pepper, garlic to taste. Brown meat separately, leaving in chunks; drain fat. Add onion and pepper mixture to meat. Add 3 tbsps mole sauce to mixture. Transfer to large pot. Add tomato sauce, 2 cans of water, 3 tbsps chili powder. Bring to a boil. Add remaining tsp mole sauce, if desired. Simmer one hour. Season and stir occasionally.

Saute remaining onions and peppers in 1 tsp olive oil. Add to pot, along with drained beans. Add final chili powder to taste. Heat another 15 minutes and serve with favorite fixings.

To Your Good Health

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Can very old people get anorexia? I visited a quite old relative who suddenly has had loss of appetite. — J.L.

ANSWER: Under any circumstance, anorexia is, as you describe it, an absence of proper nutrition. We hear most often of the anorexia nervosa form, a psychological variant most noted in young people that reflects an overweening desire for thinness. Elderly patients have their own types and causes.

In very old people, nutrition lack most often occurs from such factors as underlying chronic illness or medication taken for long periods. A particular medicine might produce mouth soreness, for example, and that is bound to affect the older patient's food intake. Absence of dentures, or ill-fitting ones, can contribute more immediately.

Alcoholism, too, affects more elderly people than we might care to admit. And for any older people living alone, a simple lapse of memory or lack of food preparation enthusiasm can contribute to poor nutrition. Economic factors can weigh heavily in low nutrition among some older patients.

Physicians treating the elderly are becoming increasingly sensitive to all those possibilities.

Depression is a complication of many of those illnesses to which age is heir, and it can exist unrecognized amid general nutritional decline and

unexpected weight loss. If your aged relative has not been examined lately, now might be a good time.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am 64 and am having a ringing in my ears — which while tolerable is a nuisance, an annoyance. My doctor tells me it's part of aging. He says nothing can be done. I went to an ear specialist, who said there was nothing organically wrong. But he offered no help in eliminating my problem.

What say you? — C.H.

ANSWER: Constant ear ringing can drive the best of us up a wall. You did the right thing and got an examination from an ear specialist. Nevertheless, you are still adrift in the conventional wisdom that surrounds the subject. Check your medicines. Often, those suffering most from ear ringing are found to be heavy users of aspirin or aspirin-containing medicines.

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Hints from Heloise

Dear Readers: Recently, I asked you, my readers, what the oldest thing in your makeup cabinet or drawer was. Boy, did you respond! After sorting through hundreds of letters, here are the top 10.

10) 60-year-old box of rouge — Margaret O'Donnell, Belpre, Ohio
9) 60-year-old tweezer-scissor — Dorothy Rich, Royal Palm Beach, Fla.
8) 63-year-old rabbit's foot — Honey Daly Aiello, St. Marys, Pa.
7) 64-year-old hand-held mirror — Betty O., Grandville, Mich.

6) 65-year-old silver embroidery scissors — Grace Marks, Hooks, Texas

5) 66-year-old tweezer — Mary Vogt, Weyauwega, Wis.

4) 70-year-old cuticle set — Mrs. Leona Johnson, Atlantic, Iowa

3) 75-year-old nail buffer — B.Y., Colorado Springs, Colo.

2) 76-year-old gnarled, arthritic fingers! — Mary Ellen Wilson, Tupelo, Miss.

And the oldest item is a 97-year-old silver mirror — Glenda Alter, San Antonio, Texas

Many, many thanks to all my wonderful readers who took time to send me a note! As always, you're the best! — Heloise

COOKING BROTH
Dear Heloise: I've learned many hints from your columns. One that I've discovered is a real help in removing fat from broth and cooking juices: Add sufficient ice cubes to the hot liquid and watch the fat solidify in no time.

It can all removed with a slotted spoon in a jiffy, a real boon to the cook who's in a hurry. — Janice Kehoe, Portsmouth, Ohio

Great hint! This will sure come in handy when making soups. I have compiled a pamphlet with some great soup recipes. To receive a copy, please send \$2 and a long, self-addressed,

stamped (55 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Soup, PO Box 795001, San Antonio TX 78279-5001. — Heloise

MUDDY NO MORE
Dear Heloise: If loved ones can't take the time to remove greasy or

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It's comical, but it does the trick. — Kathi, Fords, N.J.

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Alternative fuel program endangered

AUSTIN (AP) - The House has tentatively approved a bill that environmental activists contend would undermine a state program requiring the use of alternative fuels to help reduce pollution.

The measure, approved with a voice vote on Wednesday, was passed in the Senate earlier this month. It faces final House approval before it can go to Gov. George W. Bush for consideration.

At issue is the Texas Alternative Fuels Program, which requires certain state agencies, local mass transit authorities and school districts to convert specified percentages of their fleet vehicles to run on natural gas or other approved alternative fuels.

The program includes time periods by which the entities must convert their fleets.

The plan affects about 100 school districts, state agencies with more than 15 vehicles and the cities of Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, Austin, El Paso, Fort Worth, Corpus Christi, Laredo and Port Arthur.

The bill by Rep. Mark Stiles, D-Beaumont, would eliminate the list of approved alternative fuels and allow any fuels to be used that meet federal clean air standards. Stiles said that would include vehicles that run on reformulated gas and low-sulphur diesel.

The bill also would extend the time periods for compliance. Stiles said the measure would

provide greater flexibility to the entities involved in the program while saving them money.

But opponents of the bill said reformulated gas and diesel fuels do not go as far in helping reduce pollution as natural gas and other alternative fuels.

"The idea of having diesel on a list of alternative fuels is patently absurd," said Ken Kramer, state director of the Sierra Club. "Diesel is certainly not a cleaner-burning fuel."

Rep. Senfronia Thompson, D-Houston, unsuccessfully tried to kill the bill with an amendment that would have deleted all of the new standards.

"Why should taxpayers of this state subsidize the purchase and operation of vehicles that spew out this deadly diesel exhaust into the air?" Ms. Thompson said.

"If we're going to be serious about the environment, why are we doing this? We're going to be

U.S. businesses staying in Mexico, ride out crisis

By **DAVID E. KALISH**
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - Three months into a currency crisis that has sent Mexico's economy nosediving, many U.S. businesses have adopted a strategy rejected by fleeing financial investors: Staying put.

To ride out the economic storm, some companies have flown in executives experienced in coping with soaring inflation and interest rates. U.S.-owned factories in Mexico are cutting costs to offset lower profits. Other firms are loaning money to their cash-strapped Mexican distributors.

By digging in, companies with substantial investments in the third-largest U.S. trade partner hope to keep sales and profits from eroding as quickly as Mexicans' spending power. Some companies predict a rebound in just a few years.

"The only stories in the newspaper are places closing," said Douglas Lamont, a professor of international business at the Kellogg Graduate

School of Management at Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill.

"But for the most part ... American firms are trying to ride the storm out."

So far, much of the publicity has centered on the exodus. U.S. mutual fund managers and other foreign investors, an important source of Mexico capital, have hastily retreated from Mexican bonds and stocks as the peso plunged about 50 percent vs. the dollar since the financial crisis erupted on Dec. 20.

Since it now costs twice as many pesos to buy the same amount of dollars, the price of U.S. goods sold in Mexico has soared and forecasts now call for a 40 percent inflation rate this year.

The government has pushed interest rates sharply higher to try to bring back investors, but this made many consumer and business loans unaffordable. And the national sales tax will rise from 10 percent to 15 percent on Saturday.

To be sure, the worsening economic situation in Mexico has disrupted foreign business interests. Automakers have scaled back production. Big American retailers have scrapped expansion plans until the future becomes clearer.

But many firms appear to be sticking it out. A survey of 35 companies with Mexican operations, conducted by Technomic Consultants International, showed that 23 had expansion plans before the peso's tumble. More than 40 percent of those said they were proceeding as planned.

Three-quarters of the polled companies said they see "tough" times in the near-term but 80 percent were optimistic about the three-to-five year outlook.

Technomic, a Northbrook, Ill.-based consultant to companies in Mexico, said it conducted the survey from mid-January to mid-February by telephoning senior executives at 35 client firms, including 33 U.S. and other foreign companies and two Mexican companies.

"For all the setbacks and inflation Mexico is having, they still have a huge middle class, and it's a country of great long-term promise," said John Endean, vice president for policy at the American Business

Conference, a Washington-based group of company chief executives.

"The simple answer ... is businesses are going to ride it out because they still believe Mexico is retaining its central promise."

One U.S. business strategy: Toughening the criteria for choosing U.S.-made products for sale in Mexico, since the weakened peso has made many imported items too expensive for Mexicans.

For example, Kmart Corp., the Troy, Mich.-based retail chain, said it has stopped shipping some U.S.-made goods to its four Mexico stores.

But one imported brand, Kmart's Colored Classics cotton bedsheets, made the cut even though it costs more than domestically made sheets. Kmart spokeswoman Teri Kula said it is a good seller because it is made with a better quality material.

"The price may be higher than what we sold it at a year ago, but it's still a very, very good price compared to what you're getting compared to what you'd get for a non-imported item," Kula said.

Ralph Wilson Plastics Co., a Temple, Texas-based maker of decorative overlays for furniture and counter tops, said it is lending money to its Mexican distributors so they can still buy the laminates.

"They can't get loans nowadays. We are becoming their bank for the near future or foreseeable future, for our product," said Lou Maspero, vice president of sales and marketing. Ralph Wilson is a unit of Deerfield, Ill.-based Premark International.

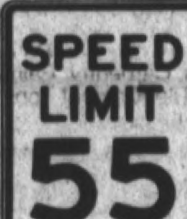
Lamont, who also is a consultant to companies in Mexico, said that several large U.S. companies have brought in teams of their executives from operations in other developing nations that also have experienced currency troubles.

But companies with under \$100 million in sales in Mexico, owning perhaps just one factory in Mexico, "are learning by doing," he said. One method is to try to boost factory efficiency by scrapping unneeded assemblyline steps, he said.

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Mar	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

GRAIN FUTURES

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May	1.15	0.00	1.15	1.15
Jun	1.10	0.00	1.10	1.10
Jul	1.05	0.00	1.05	1.05
Aug	1.00	0.00	1.00	1.00
Sep	0.95	0.00	0.95	0.95
Oct	0.90	0.00	0.90	0.90
Nov	0.85	0.00	0.85	0.85
Dec	0.80	0.00	0.80	0.80
Jan	0.75	0.00	0.75	0.75
Feb	0.70	0.00	0.70	0.70
Mar	0.65	0.00	0.65	0.65
Apr	0.60	0.00	0.60	0.60
May	0.55	0.00	0.55	0.55
Jun	0.50	0.00	0.50	0.50
Jul	0.45	0.00	0.45	0.45
Aug	0.40	0.00	0.40	0.40
Sep	0.35	0.00	0.35	0.35
Oct	0.30	0.00	0.30	0.30
Nov	0.25	0.00	0.25	0.25
Dec	0.20	0.00	0.20	0.20
Jan	0.15	0.00	0.15	0.15
Feb	0.10	0.00	0.10	0.10
Mar	0.05	0.00	0.05	0.05
Apr	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
May	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Jun	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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Hard times of Depression prepared Texas man for war

One of state's most decorated soldiers fought through Italy, Normandy landing

By BOB TUTT
Houston Chronicle

HUNTSVILLE, Texas - Terrible lower back pain tormented 1st Lt. M.B. Etheredge as his company briefly pulled back from the front lines in the Anzio beachhead in Italy. "Oh, God, I was so miserable," he recalled, "and I asked a doctor to take a look at me."
The doctor found that an inflamed cyst was causing his pain and told Etheredge, "I don't see how the hell you stayed in that damn wet foxhole. You should go to the hospital."
But the doctor explained that wasn't possible. He would have to lance the cyst himself, then send Etheredge back to his company as quickly as possible.
After five months of bloody fighting, stalemated Allied forces finally were on the verge of breaking out of the Anzio beachhead and moving on Rome, 35 miles away. Commanders wanted no one hospitalized who might possibly be available for this action.

So two days after his cyst was lanced, Etheredge returned to his outfit, K Company, 30th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division. And two days after that, on May 23, 1944, he joined it in helping crack open the German lines.

Etheredge, then 29, was on his way to becoming one of the most decorated Texans during World War II, receiving three Silver Stars, two Bronze Stars and two Purple Hearts. He had earned his first Silver Star through gallantry in leading his platoon in combat action on the night of May 12-13, 1944.

He won the second Silver Star that May day in the Anzio sector. He was

the junior officer in his company but vaulted into its command after its other five officers were killed or wounded. His citation saluted him for rallying the company after it had come under heavy fire and suffered high casualties.

Although wounded by shrapnel in one leg, it said, he led the company "by running, creeping and crawling under steady small arms fire." A member of the company, Robert P. DeJardin, described Etheredge's actions as "one of the most heroic displays of courage" he witnessed in combat.

"M.B., knowing it would take a miracle to inspire K Company's men to shake off being shellshocked and scared, jumped up, turned his back to the enemy and shouted, 'Let's go get the sons of bitches! Follow me!'" DeJardin related. "The men of Company K jumped up shouting a 'rebel yell' and charged into the enemy fire behind M.B."

When he had moved the company about two-thirds of the 800 yards to his battalion's objective, the citation noted, Etheredge "calmly ordered his fatigued men to take a 10-minute break to strengthen them for the final assault."

"We were so weak, we were falling down," Etheredge recalled, "and I knew we had to rest a little bit."

Then the company resumed the attack and captured the objective, a crossroads area known as Ponte Roto.

By the time the company reached Rome 12 days later, DeJardin remembered, its complement had fallen from 200 enlisted men to 35 and from six officers to only Etheredge.

When the regiment sent a captain to take command of the company, its members successfully petitioned to have Etheredge retained as their commander.

Leroy Lewis, then a member of K Company, spent 20 years in the Army. He remembers Etheredge as "one of the best officers I ever served under. Everybody had confidence in him. If he said he wanted you to do something, everybody knew it was right."

Etheredge had won a battlefield promotion from 2nd lieutenant to 1st lieutenant just about two weeks before the Anzio breakout. Maj. Richard H. Neddersen, then regimental executive officer, recommended that Etheredge get a second battlefield promotion to captain.

"M.B. was a great officer," Neddersen said. "He always did everything he wanted everybody else to do, only he did it better."

At first the regimental commander balked at promoting him but changed his mind after seeing Etheredge lead his men in another attack.

Etheredge, who lives at Huntsville, collected his third Silver Star after the 3rd Infantry Division joined in the invasion of southern France in August 1944.

In combat he suffered wounds on five different occasions, taking hits in the hand, wrist, shoulder, leg and buttocks. He said he received Purple Hearts for only two of his wounds because the other three were never officially recorded at an aid station.

A severe case of trench foot ended the war for him later that year. His feet became so badly swollen he couldn't

walk. He was in for a long, painful recuperation.

The Great Depression had toughened Etheredge, just as it did so many other World War II fighters. A son of a pioneer Texas family, he grew up near the East Texas town of Weldon in Houston County. "We were cotton farmers," he said, "and we lost our farm, our mules, everything."

His senior year in high school in 1932-33 came in the heart of the Depression. To go to college, he needed to graduate from an accredited high school. Weldon's high school wasn't accredited, so he arranged to go to Pasadena's high school.

He lived in space over the high school's gymnasium and washed dishes at a cafe for meals and a dollar a week.

"I went to work at 6 in the morning and washed dishes until 8. Then I went to school," he said. "At 5:30 I went back to the cafe and usually washed dishes until about 8:15. On Saturday and Sunday I worked 10 or 12 hours a day."

At midterm the man who ran the cafe had to give Etheredge's dishwashing job to his son-in-law, who had been laid off at the Sinclair refinery. But the cafe owner told him: "I'll tell you what, son. You just stay here, and I'll feed you and let you finish high school."

Etheredge said he declined this generosity because he knew the cafe owner just barely got by. He enrolled at the high school in Huntsville, about 40 miles from Weldon, eked out a living and graduated that spring.

Going to medical school was his ambition, he said, "but I really had no chance to do it." After majoring in biology at Sam Houston State Teachers College (now Sam Houston State University) in Huntsville, he

taught school in Sugar Land. Then, at age 26, he became Texas' youngest school superintendent, at Damon in Brazoria County.

He joined the Army as a private after the United States entered World War II but was sent to Officers Candidate School. His overall efficiency rating as an officer serving in the 3rd Infantry Division was a remarkable 47.9. A perfect rating would have been 50. The Army pressed him to remain in the service, but he declined. He did enter the Texas National Guard and attain the rank of colonel.

After the war he was elected to three terms as a state representative. He did graduate work in education at the University of Texas and served as a professor of education at Sam Houston State for 31 years. He also found time to open two banks and develop land.

One of his greatest satisfactions as a wartime company commander came from helping redeem a soldier who was returned to the unit after deserting in Italy. This sullen soldier was confined to a small bullpen but was compelled to join in training for the invasion of southern France.

One morning he refused to fall out.

In front of the whole assembled company, Etheredge confronted him in the bullpen. "I told him to get up, but he just sat there. I grabbed him and pulled him up and told him, 'Put on that pack or I'm going to whip you until you do.' So he put it on and fell in."

He said he was communicating to the whole company that "we all had a duty to serve, and if you didn't serve, you were lower than a damn snake."

Later, as the company waded in to the French coast on the invasion day, Etheredge stepped in a hole and went under the water. The delinquent soldier reached down and pulled him up, then led the way through a German minefield on the shore.

"From then on he was a perfect soldier," Etheredge said, "and I had his record wiped clean."

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Groups join forces to oppose peat mining

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MINDEN CITY, Mich. (AP) - The Minden Bog is a huge, deep field of soggy moss, grasses and woody plants in Michigan's Thumb region. It's dotted with scrubby, hardy shrubs and patches of birch trees bent by the fierce wind.

It hardly seems a setting to inspire impassioned emotions. But a proposal by a company to mine the bog for its peat has created a rare alliance of environmentalists and farmers, scientists and hunters. They call Minden Bog a crucial and irreplaceable part of the environment.

"It's like a weird beauty you have to appreciate," said Don Kulish. He and his two brothers own 40 acres next to the bog. They grew up exploring it for blueberries and hunting in the adjacent state game area.

Texas-based Michigan Peat Co. wants to mine peat from 2,819 acres of the bog - about 4-1/2 square miles - over the next 40 years. The company admits to having harvested peat from more than 850 acres of the wetland since the 1950s.

Michigan Peat's application for a permit that would retroactively approve its mining operations and allow the expansion is pending before the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

The company's proposal is the largest wetland permit application ever in Michigan. Besides the state, the federal Environmental Protection Agency also is involved in reviewing the proposal.

"It's precedent-setting," said Robert Zbiciak, the DNR's Bay City district supervisor. "It has ramifications for peat mining operations all over" the country.

The debate about Minden Bog has emphasized the value of peat bogs,

a kind of wetland that takes thousands of years and a glacial climate to form.

"To say we're going to destroy that in 40 years is a travesty of massive proportions," said Carol Misseldine, executive director of the Michigan Environmental Council, a 22-group coalition. "They are critically important."

Bogs are habitats for hundreds of species that can exist only in their highly acidic and nutrient-poor conditions. For example, carnivorous plants like the sundew and Venus-fly trap reside solely in some peat bogs.

"In the United States, they are one of the few large landscapes we have left that are completely natural," said Don Saber-Langendoen, the Midwest regional ecologist for The Nature Conservancy.

Bogs also act as sponges that play an important role in preventing erosion, controlling floods and maintaining groundwater levels, while keeping toxic heavy metals out of water supplies.

"We have lost a lot of them," said Jill Bubier, a wetland biologist at McGill University in Montreal. "We're screwing them up like we've screwed up the rainforests."

Experts said the Minden Bog - about 20 miles southeast of Bad Axe - is the largest peat bog left in the southern half of Michigan's Lower Peninsula.

"It's a relic of southern Michigan that was all once like this," said local environmentalist Fred Fuller.

The DNR says Michigan Peat's project would destroy more than half of what remains of the bog. The company says it would affect only 9 percent.

"No wetland will be lost under the present proposal," the company said in its July 1994 application. "Only a change in habitat will occur, providing more diversity."

Jon R. Thompson, Michigan Peat's vice president and general manager, said the project also would provide additional jobs and related economic benefits in the region, but he would not estimate how much. The company already is Sanilac County's third-largest employer, providing about 100 jobs, he said.

Michigan Peat officials say Minden Bog is important to them because their most valuable product, sphagnum peat used in nurseries and gardening, can

be found only in bogs that have not yet been drained.

Last December, the EPA disagreed with Michigan Peat's argument that its business is entirely wetland-dependent and stipulated that if a permit is granted, it could carry several conditions.

Michigan Peat has indicated a willingness to accept conditions attached to a permit. "We'd be foolish not to discuss" a conditional permit, Thompson said.



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