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Teachers' raise proposed

United Press International AUSTIN — The Texas Association of School Boards Tueseasier for them to earn even higher salaries.

Association director David Thompson also said school ducting a wide-ranging investiboard members support increases in the sales and motor fuels taxes to generate an addi-

Thompson made the presenday proposed a pay schedule tation to the House Education that would hike annual salaries Committee, which opened a for first-year teachers from series of hearings to coincide \$11,100 to \$15,000 and make it with the Select Public Education Committee headed by H. Ross

The Perot committee is congation into Texas' education system in advance of a special session that is expected to address,

In addition to recommend-

ing higher starting salaries, the school board association also proposed narrowing the gap between steps in various pay classifications.

Thompson said school board members believe teachers should be able to advance to higher classifications based on experience and advanced train-

ing rather than only on degrees.
"We think we place far too much emphasis on the degree alone, particularly those that are not even in your subject field,"

The association's tax plan

tional \$1.1 billion in revenues among other education topics, calls for a 1-cent increase in the teacher salaries. earmarked for education, and a 5-cent hike in the motor fuels tax to be split between education and highways.

With the number of students enrolled in Texas public schools increasing by as many as 80,000 a year, Thompson said there is a need for new revenues.

Chairman Bill Haley, D-Center, who is a member of both the House panel and the Perot committee, said no recommendations would be made until April. The committees are apparently setting the stage for a summer special session of the

Suspected typhoid cause Trinity University salad

United Press International SAN ANTONIO — Tossed alads served at a Trinity University cafeteria may be the source of a typhoid fever outbreak that has struck eight people, health officials said

Tuesday. Dr. Courand Rothe, director of the Metropolitan Health District, said it was confirmed this weekend that another Trinity student has typhoid, bringing the total number of victims to contract the disease to eight the disease to eight.

Seven of the victims are Trinity students. One victim a 28-year-old ophthalmologist's assistant — is not a student, but ate meals on a regular basis at the Trinity cafeteria, officials said.

All eight victims apparently ate tossed salads at the school cafeteria, said Dr. Robert F. Bell, the health district's director of communicable diseases.

"A lot of them ate very little else," Bell said.

Rothe said it was reported

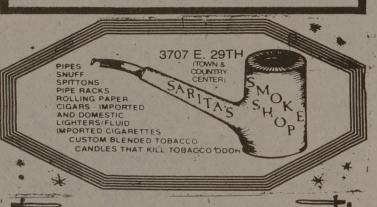
to the health district th non-student frequent the salads at the cafe

"That (the salad) is jus of the angles we though would give special atten-to," Rothe said. Officials also checking food hand a small taco restauran the Trinity campus, hes

So far, at least 85 handlers on and off the ity campus have been but officials have not fied the carrier of thed

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School official says big's not always best

LUBBOCK — Small schools can provide a "magic" because individual students have an identity instead of being lost in the general population of larger schools, small school administrators were told Tuesday.

H. Ross Perot, chairman of the Texas State Select Commit-tee on Public Education, was speaking to the Fourth Annual Conference for Administrators of Smaller Schools.

"We've got schools in our state that are so big that if you're the quarterback and you're not winning nobody knows who you are," Perot said. "We've got to get away from those monster

'Small schools are magic," he said, adding that children recognized for their individualism while growing up frequently are found in leadership roles as

He predicted that within a few years the state would provide the same educational outlets to children living in rural areas as provided to children in urban areas.

"Within five years, in the most remote, modest little schoolhouse in Texas, your math genius can sit down to a

computer terminal," Perot said.
He said gifted students anywhere in the state would have the chance to take college-level courses while still in high school. Meanwhile, he said, the peo-

ple of Texas have to find a way to equalize the amount of money available to various school districts. He said some districts have trouble paying the light bill while other districts build gyms at elementary schools.

'Either we are going to address this as Texans or some judge is going to give us an

Perot said schools need tore a balance to the en put on learning academi ects and the emphasis other school activities. more of the school day devoted to learning train

"We think it's a tad go send your drill team to Kong while school's in: Perot said as an exam educators needed to the school day for lear

He urged administrate school board members ing the two-day confe remember that learning wa fun, but the possession of whil

ledge was fun.
"Let's stop kid
ourselves," he said. "Lea not fun. It's hard work."

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