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Elementary students sign papers to forfeit television

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CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) - It's a time-honored ritual for schoolchildren across the country: You get home from school, drop your books on the kitchen table, plop down in front of the television. Your mother reminds you to do your homework, but you put it off until "Growing Pains" is over. By then, it's sort of late and you don't get much done.

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For perhaps 90 fifth- and sixth-graders at the Chula Vista Academy of Fine Arts, though, the routine will be very different until the end of the school year. They're

"When you tell children they're not supposed to watch TV during the week, their jaws kind of drop. It's almost like an addiction for some children."

- Mary Helen Berlanga, attorney

signing official contracts not to watch any television or play any video games on school nights.

"We're all going to do it to get our grades up," said the school president, sixth-grader Keith Gardner.

"We're going to do it so we can party later," ex-claimed his classmate, Eddie Rodriguez. "He's a party animal," confirmed fluffy-haired Molly

Cox. Ola Underhill, Chula Vista's principal, says she doesn't expect all 172 of the school's fifth- and sixth-graders to participate, but she's hoping for 50 percent.

"That's a big commitment for students to make," she said. "But I think it's going to improve academic grades.'

The pilot program, which started Monday but is still gaining adherents, is the brainchild of Corpus Christi attorneys Mary Helen Berlanga and Tony Bonilla. Berlanga is a member of the state board of education, and her 12-year-old twins, Monica and David, are sixthgraders at Chula Vista.

To join the program, a student, a parent and a teacher must sign a contract not to watch television on Monday through Thursday nights. Students may watch programs if they're assigned by a teacher, however, and they can tape their favorite weekday shows for viewing during the weekend. At the end of six weeks, students who have complied

with the contract will receive a special identification card and vouchers from at least seven local businesses to redeem for treats such as pizza, hamburgers and milkshakes.

"The reception from the businesses contacted has been exceptional," Bonilla, chairman of the Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce, said. "I think the ultimate objective is for the business community to be full partners with the school system, and this is but one example of the types of things a partner can do.'

The idea, said Berlanga, is to give parents more le-verage in helping their children break what she calls the "habit" of constant television watching. "A lot of parents have complained that their kids will

try to do their homework and watch TV at the same time," Berlanga said. "In some instances, it wasn't be-cause the parent wasn't trying. They tell me, 'I can't do it alone. I try to turn off the TV, and before I know it someone will have turned it back on.'

But Berlanga knows her concept may take some get-ting used to. "When you tell children they're not supposed to watch TV during the week, their jaws kind of drop," she said. "It's almost like an addiction for some

Robert Guerrero, a fifth-grader and enthusiastic participant in the program, says one of his classmates is pretty addicted. "She says, 'No way, I can't do that,' " he said. "She just sits in front of the TV."

Robert, however, has no such misgivings about the program, even though he admits that sometimes he, too, has been known to just sit in front of the television

"I want to improve more," he said. "What encour-aged me about it was getting higher grades." Robert's mother, Diana Guerrero, is encouraged,

too "We've been trying to do that with him for a long time," she said. "But sometimes children pay more attention to outside influences — at least that helps. We hope it will continue even after this amount of time." Program directors and station managers at local tele-

vision stations had mixed views of the program. "I don't think it's necessary," said Dorise Steele, sta-

tion manager and program director at KRIS-TV. Steele said rather than dictating what children should watch, parents and teachers should try to teach children to evaluate programs for themselves. She pointed out that poor judgment can affect what children read or do in their free time, as well as what they watch

Max Sklower, general manager at KIII-TV, agreed that what children do with their time is more important than what they don't do.

Gene Looper, program director at KZTV-TV, also stressed parents' role in children's viewing habits.

'The teacher is assuming the parents' responsibility," Looper said. "But if the parents are willing to go along with it, and the children are willing to go along with it, more power to them.

Roy Hammond, vice president and station manager at public television station KEDT-TV, said that al-though television — public and commercial — offers valuable programs, people watch entirely too much of

"Television is a good addition to what children expe-rience," Hammond said. "But it shouldn't be the only thing they experience.

Supporters of the Chula Vista program agree that many television programs are uplifting.

"I would assign documentaries," sixth-grade teacher Melba Smithwick said. "If the Discovery channel has something on pertaining to what they're studying, I

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would assign it. One of the sixth-grade rooms has been taping newscasts. Television is fine as long as it's controlled

And both Berlanga and Diana Guerrero said their families plan to spend more time together in other ac-tivities such as board games and sports during the six weeks. Their children, they said, plan to read more and

spend more time on homework. Brandon Viamonte, one of Smithwick's students, said he now has more incentive than ever to study. He'll get \$5 from his parents for every A, and \$2.50 for every B. That's probably worth missing his many favorite shows, like, "The Wonder Years," "The Cosby Show," Roseanne" and "Coach.

Besides, he added world-wearily, "TV drains my

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Greyhound offers free bus coupons

DALLAS (AP) - Greyhound Lines Inc. on Wednesday offered free bus trips through Easter to passengers delayed on Northeas routes in an effort to recapture business lost in the region during

business lost in the region during a monthlong drivers' strike. In New York City, a state judge barred the company from hiring "strikebreakers." Greyhound sad it would appeal the ruling. Greyhound's 6,300 drivers and about 3,000 office and mainte papeae workers wilked off the id

nance workers walked off thej March 2 in a dispute over wage and job security. It has operated on a reduced schedule since then using permanent replacements and union members who cross picket lines.

Judge Diane Lebedeff granted a union request for a temporary restraining order based on an anti-strikebreaking statute passed by New York's City Council in 1962, but never used.

It prohibits a company from bringing in any workers "for the purpose of having such person take the place in employment employees in an industry or e tablishment where a strike of lockout exists."

The judge said Greyhound's offer of a \$2,000 bonus to driven hired during the strike "tends to corroborate the charge that sur

kebreakers are being used." Greyhound spokesman George Gravley said the ruling wouldn't affect the company much. does not interfere with our basic operations ... we don't hire strike breakers," he said.

Dallas-based Greyhound which operates the only nationwide bus system, has been rebuilding its system since the strike began, expanding mainly in the South and West.

Last week, company President Frank Schmieder said the walk-out essentially was meaningless in much of the country. However, he acknowledged that the Nort east, which accounts for about 10 percent of Greyhound revenue, remained a trouble spot. Greyhound said Wednesday

was improving regional service adding hourly departures on Fn days and Sundays from Net York City to Boston, Philadelphi and Washington. It guaranteed seats would be available and buse

would run on-time. "We promise to arrive with 15 minutes of the scheduled arr val time," Schmieder said. "If we

var ume, Schmieder said. "If we don't, we will give our passenger, a coupon good for a free round trip on the same route." The guarantee is good on through Easter Sunday, April 15, and must be redeemed by June 15.

Lobbyists treat legislators to night out

AUSTIN (AP) — Several state legislators got dinner at an elegant

Sponsor calls fancy dinner, restaurant, tickets to a concert by Cher and rides in white stretch lim-ousines paid for by lobbyists, two

Schlueter, former chairman of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, resigned from the Legislature last year.

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newspapers reported Wednesday.

'This is a typical lobbyist function the same thing lobbyists do five nights a week," sponsor Dick Brown told the Austin American-Statesman.

The Dallas Morning News said both lobbyists and lawmakers involved defended the evening out that was paid for by lobbyists for Phillip Morris U.S.A., a tobacco and beer company. The head of a state consumer

group said the incident shows how wealthy special interest groups can command legislators' attention.

The affair was hosted on the opening day of the fourth special session in which lawmakers are scrambling to find ways to pay for a new school finance system. Among the suggestions is an increase in cigarette taxes.

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Gene Green, D-Houston; and Ken and lawmakers. Armbrister, D-Victoria, plus state Reps. Pete Laney, D-Hale Center; Robert Earley, D-Portland; Bruce Gibson, D-Godley; and Gwyn Shea,

R-Irving, the newspapers reported. Montford, who said he paid for his own ticket and dinner, and Attending the outing were Sens. John Montford, D-Lubbock; Temple Dickson, D-Sweetwater; the relationship between lobbyists

Stan Schlueter, a lobbyist for Phillip Morris, said that about a dozen people, including the lawmakers and their guests, were taken by six limos to dinner at the Green Pastures restaurant in Austin and then to the concert.

Top seats at the concert went for \$36 and meals at Green Pastures "A heavy sigh is per generally run about \$50-\$100 a per-real response," he said.

He said that the representatives

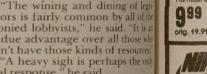
Phillip Morris did not directly dis cuss a proposal to raise the state on cigarettes that Lt. Gov. Hobby and others have mention as revenue for school reform.

But, Schlueter said, his comp is like many others that are concerned about possible tax increase under consideration.

"We talked about a lot of busines but I don't remember specifical bringing up any tax," Schlueter sa "You don't go to dinner or lund without talking about taxes."

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Former POW proves archives incorrect

AMARILLO (AP) — As Japanese bombers soared overhead, Joe Gear watched his ship sail out of Manila Bay in 1941.

After five months of combat and about four years as a Japanese prisoner of war, Gear returned to the U.S. to find his records indicated that he missed the USS Holland. It took 48 years for Gear to convince the Navy

that he didn't miss the boat during the Japanese attack of Manila Bay.

'That kind of made me mad," Gear said. "They thought I was on leave or on the beach drunk, and here I was over in the Navy Yard getting blown away.

Last October U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, notified Gear that the Naval Archives are being updated to reflect that Gear was denied permission to board his ship, the USS Holland, in December 1941

"I just wanted to get something in writing, Gear said. "Somewhere in my records, it says I missed my ship." Gear, now 69, was a sailor in Manila, Phil-

ippines, when Pearl Harbor was bombed on Dec. 1941. The boatswain's mate had been instructed on Dec. 5 to transfer from the USS Canopus, an old submarine tender, to the USS Holland, a newer submarine tender, a ship that was used to service and lend support to submarines.

The sailor went on liberty before reporting to the USS Holland early Dec. 7, as the alarm was sounded signaling the attack on Pearl Harbor and the almost-forgotten two-wave air assault on Manila Bay

Gear was immediately ordered to go on watch in the Cavite Navy Yard, which was promptly wiped out by Japanese bombers. Gear stopped to pick up a U.S. flyer who had been shot down into the bay

By the time Gear returned to the USS Holland, the ship was under way. "They told us to shove off," Gear recalled.

"They weren't going to fool with nobody. They went to Australia. They gave themselves emergency orders.

He was part of a contingent withdrawn from Manila to the Bataan Peninsula to help hold the morale of the U.S. Marines. When Bataan fell on April 9, 1942, he went to Corregidor, where he was captured by the Japanese in May 1942. He was presumed dead and his obituary ran in

the Amarillo Globe-News in May 1942 with a

joint listing of Texas Panhandle war dead. Gear was a Japanese prisoner of war for about four years, until September 1945.

Gear, who now is legally blind and is confined to a wheelchair, was shot in battle and suffer burns from a phosphorus bomb. As a POW, suffered from beri-beri, malaria, dysentery a severe starvation. Gear spent most of his pris time in hospitals and suffered a memory loss th wiped out many of his trials.

Gear was aboard a hospital ship in the Toky harbor when the armistice was signed. The sailor, who had spent most of the post-war years recovering from his prison ordeals, began in the mid-1960s his quest to set the Navy record straight.

Having not spent much time on the USS Holand, it was difficult to find sailors who might have witnessed his denied access to the ship.

"It kind of got to be a challenge to straighter out," he said.

About three years ago, Gear tracked down at Austin man who had seen the incident, but died before Gear could get a statement from him