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TAX PROTESTORS: Ray Britton, spokesman for the Concerned Taxpayers Committee, tosses property valuation notices into a barbecue fire Monday night. The group met outside Odessa City Hall to burn recently received tax notices and drink hot tea in a "Boston Tea Party — Odessa style."

Angry Odessa taxpayers burn notices in protest

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — Angry Odessa taxpayers staged a West Texas version of the "Boston Tea Party" Monday night, burning a barrelful of tax notices to protest a recent property revaluation.

About 100 protesters got a telegram of support from Howard Jarvis, author of California's Proposition 13.

Abilene attorney named to 11th appeals bench



BOB DICKENSON

Charles Robert Dickenson of Abilene, who won the Democratic nomination for the position of judge on the 11th Court of Civil Appeals in the June primary, was named Monday to the court by Gov. Dolph Briscoe.

Dickenson replaces Judge Bryan Bradbury, who resigned effective Aug. 31. Judge Bradbury has served since April 1 when Associate Justice Esco Walter retired.

Dickenson will have no Republican opponent in November.

Dickenson has practiced law in Abilene for 18 years. He plans to resign as a member of the law firm of Wagstaff, Harrell, Pope, Alvis, Dickenson and Erwin Aug. 31 before assuming the bench the following day.

At 45, Dickenson has served as a member of the grievance committee and chairman of the district admissions committee for the State Bar of Texas.

He graduated from Texas Tech in 1954 and received his law degree from SMU in 1957.

The geographic boundaries of the 11th court extend from Lamesa to Stephenville and Seymour to Brownwood, embracing 23 counties, including Howard.

Aggies schedule barbecue Thursday

The Big Spring A&M Club will hold its 25th annual Scholarship Barbecue on Thursday.

The event will take place in the Old Settlers Pavilion in Comanche Trail Park at 7:30 p.m. Price for the meal is \$3.50 for adults and children under 12 eat free.

Guardsmen protecting non-striking firemen

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Rifle-toting National Guardsmen protected non-striking firefighters, and 39 people, mostly striking police officers, were arrested for violating a dusk-to-dawn curfew as Memphis waited out its latest round of labor strife.

But despite the dual strikes by police and firefighters, crime was reported down in the curfew-quieted metropolitan area of 800,000 and fire officials said there was little sign of the widespread arson that marked a firemen's strike five weeks ago.

Most of the 18 fire runs made Monday by fire department supervisors and non-striking members of the International Association of Firefighters were described as minor. During a normal weekday, Memphis records an average 66 fires between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

Guardsmen accompanied the firefighters, as well as standing watch over fire houses and police precinct stations.

The wildcat firefighters' strike showed signs of weakening late Monday, but there was no indication of a quick end to the police strike, now in its fifth day.

A federal mediator failed Monday to get city officials and the Memphis Police Association together in an effort to end the walkout.

Mayor Wyeth Chandler said the strikers were trying to close down Memphis and that the city was taking applications for their jobs. He said the personnel office had received more than 2,000 applications.

Fire department officials said 13 of the city's 48 fire stations were fully manned with both supervisory personnel and nonstriking firefighters.

Fire Director Robert Walker said a steady stream of firemen had called in offering to report for duty. "They called in and said 'We want to come to work,' and we said 'Come on.' It was the greatest message I've had all day."

However, Chandler said striking policemen and firefighters were

trying to talk sanitation workers, city hospital employees and workers of the city-owned light, gas and water division to join them on the picket lines.

The president of the Memphis AFL-CIO Labor Council suggested late Monday a city-wide strike in support

of the striking police and firemen.

"Our unions are prepared to start withholding from all industries and businesses our services for an indefinite period," said Tommy Powell, head of the 60,000-member labor council. "We will not allow the city to run the fire and police unions out."

Lorene Osborne, president of the Memphis Education Association, which represents 5,200 public school teachers in the city, said her union is asking teachers to avoid crossing police and firefighters' union picket lines if they are stationed at the schools.



AID FOR FIRE VICTIM — A Tennessee Guardsman keeps a vigil as a fireman gives oxygen to girl overcome by smoke at a residential fire in Memphis, Monday night. The girl was rushed to a hospital as the firefighters joined a strike underway by the police.

Change could help young male drivers

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Young male drivers, particularly single ones, would do hand springs if the Legislature approves a plan now before the House Auto Insurance Subcommittee.

Chairman Gene Green, D-Houston, said Monday he thinks the subcommittee will recommend abolishing the use of age, sex and marital status as factors in setting car insurance rates.

This would end the rating system that now forces a single male driver under the age of 21 to pay three times the normal rate if he owns his own car.

The subcommittee will vote on its report next month.

Ending age, sex and marital distinctions was endorsed in testimony Monday by Massachusetts insurance commissioner James Stone but was criticized by spokesmen for insurance companies.

"It is time we stopped the practice of deciding a young, male, urban driver is guilty until proven innocent," said Stone, who put a stop to rating distinctions based on sex, age and marital status in his state.

Company spokesmen said the high rates paid by young male drivers are justified by their accident experience as a group. They said a Massachusetts-style rating system would cut rates on 10.5 percent of the vehicles in Texas but raise them on 85.7 percent.

Stone traveled to Texas at state expense as an invited witness of the subcommittee.

The subcommittee proposal would replace Texas' 18 auto rating

categories — based largely on age, sex and marital status — with only five.

There would be separate classifications only for drivers with less than three years' experience, farmers and those who use their cars in business. Inexperienced motorists with driver education would be rated separately. All others — regardless of age — would be in the "standard" classification.

Stone said Massachusetts makes heavy use of merit rating, punishing drivers who cause accidents with additional premiums.

"The individual driving record is the most important variant in premium calculations," Stone said.

Stone said a 12 percent reduction in auto rates this year "is principally a dividend of our new system."

William Huff, senior vice president and general counsel of Employers Insurance of Texas, said young male drivers should be rated separately.

"Assuming that most drivers are licensed on their 16th birthdays, they would have had three years' experience at age 19. The Department of Public Safety figures show ages 19-25 are the peak of accident involvement," Huff said.

He said the draft report makes "a lot of pious statements that the criteria used in our present classification plan are 'socially unacceptable.'"

Huff said if the insurance-buying public knew the potential effect of the draft's proposals on most policyholders, "you would find that proposed change to be not only 'socially' but also 'politically' unacceptable."

Focalpoint

Action/reaction: Markets deadline

Q. Why has the Big Spring Herald quit running the livestock market sales from here and surrounding areas?

A. Since the national markets do not come across the Associated Press wire until after noon daily — the copy deadline for the Herald — we depend on other sources to get the livestock markets. On Mondays, area newspapers do not run the markets; it has been an oversight that the Herald has not been publishing the markets on other days. We will try to correct the situation.

Calendar: Demo delegates to meet

TODAY

Howard County delegates and alternates to the State Democratic Convention, Sept. 15-16 in Fort Worth, will meet at 7:30 p.m. today in the county courthouse. Jane Ray, newly elected secretary of the county executive committee, said convention housing will be discussed.

WEDNESDAY

Big Spring football players in grades 9-12 will be issued shoes and socks at the athletic offices of the high school all day.

Offbeat: Vice president of what?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Being an important national politician may be an ego-gratifying job, but for everyone's balloon, there's someone with a pin.

Here is the recollection of a conversation which took place Thursday morning between a federal government telephone operator and an Associated Press reporter.

Operator: May I help you?

Reporter: Hello, can you give me the number for Walter Mondale's office?

Pause.

Operator: Could you spell the last name please?

Reporter: M-O-N-D-A-L-E.

Pause.

Operator: Who is he with?

Reporter: He's the vice president?

Operator: Vice president of what?

Reporter: Vice president of the United States.

Pause.

Operator: You need Capitol Hill information. That number is...

Tops on TV: Stars of Mexico

"Three's Company" stars Suzanne Somers and John Ritter travel south of the border for the CBS special "Festival Of The Stars: Mexico." The show, which will feature a variety of American and Mexican creative artists, airs at 8 p.m. For late night viewing, don't miss the classic, "Destry Rides Again," with Jim my Stewart and Marlene Dietrich.

Inside: Magazine markets

THE AMERICAN MAGAZINE MARKET is becoming dominated by foreign owners. See page 5A.

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Outside: Warm

Warm to hot temperatures with highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s are forecast through Wednesday. Winds will be southerly at 10 to 15 mph today, with a 20 per cent chance of showers tonight.



Latest gifts included:

J. W., Pauline Garrison, memory Mr. Mrs. A. C. Hart Sunday School, Church of God in Prophecy	55
Martha Foster Circle, Wesley U. Meth. Ch.	10
Lella Baird Circle, Wesley U. Meth. Ch.	10
Bethany SS Class, First Baptist Church	25
Golden Circle SS Class, Luther Bethel Baptist Ch.	25
Mr. Mrs. C. G. Miller	40
G. Y. Guthrie	100
Staked Plains Lodge 598, A.F. & AM	100
Bee Zinn, memory of husband, Dr. Houston J. Zinn	50

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(PHOTO BY DANNY VALDES)

RECEIVES ASSISTANCE — Berta Lopez, 73, passenger in a vehicle driven by her daughter, Aurora Hernandez, receives emergency assistance from, left to right, fireman Tony Castillo, and Buddy Owens and Miles Land, both with Emergency Medical Services. Mrs. Lopez, Mrs. Hernandez, and Ernesto Marquez, driver of the other vehicle involved in the accident at 3rd and Benton, Monday were all treated and released at Malone-Hogan emergency room. All three injured persons were from Snyder.

Westside Day Care Center reviewed for Evening Lions

The Big Spring Evening Lions Club heard Mrs. Patricia Lawlis speak about the daily activities and the need for volunteers at the Westside Day Care Center at their regular meeting Monday night. It was ladies night. M.L. Kirby presided. Plans are being finalized for the Lions barbecue held annually just prior to the opening Big Spring High School Steer football game Sept. 15. There will be carryouts available or the barbecue can be eaten there. Tickets can be purchased for \$3 per plate from any Evening Lions Club member or by contacting Squeaky Thompson. Catering will be done by Al's Barbecue.

County tax office

\$81,000 budget gains approval

Howard County commissioners approved a proposed \$81,000 budget for the Howard County Tax Appraisal office at their afternoon session Monday.

The commissioners had earlier refused a proposed \$140,000 budget, saying their maximum acceptable budget for the office was \$75,000. But the new budget was approved as presented by Tax Assessor-Collector Zarah Bednar, with only the comment that the new budget appeared to have been adequately pared.

The budget now faces approval from the Howard College Board of Trustees before it can be put into effect, but the junior college is expected to follow the county's lead.

The other appraisal board agencies have already approved the budget.

In other action, the commissioners did not meet with representatives of Emergency Medical Service, but a meeting is expected sometime this week to discuss continued ambulance service in Big Spring.

The commissioners also appointed election judges and alternates for the upcoming general election.

ELECTION PRECINCT	PRESIDING JUDGE	ALTERNATE JUDGE	PLACE OF ELECTION
1. Emilio Molina	Charlie Merrill		North Side Fire Sta.
2. Jeanette Mansfield			Washington Place School
3. Nan Buske			18th & Main Fire Sta.
4. Billy T. Smith	Mrs. Billy T. Smith		4th & Nolan Fire Sta.
5. James Barr	Mrs. Jack Wolf		Vincent Baptist Church
6. O.R. Crow	Loyd Underwood		Gayhill Community Center
7. Mrs. Clyde Montgomery	Mrs. James Coates		Salem Baptist Ch. Ed. Bldg.
8. L.R. Mundt	Mrs. Thelma Montgomery		Wesley Crest Sch. Bldg.
9. Mrs. David Grant	Mrs. Ray Echols		Coahoma City Hall
10. Mrs. Van H. Gaston	Mrs. L.T. Shoups		Forsan School Bldg.
11. J. Alden Ryan	Mrs. Evelyn Pachal		Centerpoint Comm. Bldg.
12. Jerry Rogers	E.M. Newton		Prairie View Baptist Ch. Ed. Bldg.
13. Larry Shaw	Robert Merrick		Knott Community Center Bldg.
14. Mrs. Alton Underwood			Hull Bldg. behind Wesley Meth. Ch.
15. John Bennett	Jessie Manuel		Wasson Rd. Fire Sta.
16. Wesley Yater	Mrs. W.D. Moore		Res. of Wesley Yater
17. Mrs. Noel Hull			Res. of Noel Hull
18. William Hull	L.L. Chandler		2611 E. 25th St.
19. Cecil Hamilton	Tom Barber		E. Lowe School Bldg.
20. Mrs. Horace Wallin	Mrs. Harold Cain		Jonesboro Rd. Fire Sta.
21. J.D. Jones			Sand Springs Fire Sta.
22. S.C.B. Robert Wheeler	Absentee Box		11th & Birdwell Fire Sta.
			Court House
			Howard County

TESCO must have more money
Shocking testimony

Harte-Hanks Austin Bureau

AUSTIN — The president of Texas Electric Service Company testified today that his firm must have more money to make costly conversions to alternate fuel for generating electricity. But attorneys for the other side said TESCO is moving too fast away from oil and gas as a generated fuel.

William G. Marquardt told a Public Utility Commission hearing that his company's conversion to lignite and nuclear generation will benefit TESCO customers by assuring an adequate supply of energy in the future.

"It takes six to seven years to build a lignite plant, and 10 to 12 years to build a nuclear plant," Marquardt said. "You've got to plan for the future. You've got to build these plants."

John Bell, general counsel for the utility commission, said the conversion to nuclear and lignite fuels seems to be proceeding faster than is necessary, and that is costing TPL customers.

"The speed with which you are building these plants seems to me to be building a new company from the ground up," Bell said.

Marquardt is the first witness in a hearing on TESCO's request for an additional \$110 million in revenues.

The hearing, which is expected to last two weeks, comes just one year after the PUC granted TESCO a \$44 million revenue hike.

The firm had sought a \$79 million increase at that time and says now that the approved amount was insufficient.

"Our financial situation is deteriorating fast this year," Marquardt testified.

The PUC staff is recommending a \$37 million revenue increase this year.

"I'm convinced that if the commission had granted the full \$79 million TESCO would have come back here seeking more," Bell said.

Don Butler, attorney for various cities opposing the hike under the umbrella of

the Texas Municipal League, told the hearing officer that TESCO deserves between \$21 million and \$22 million more revenue.

The hearing officer, Phil Ricketts, will make a recommendation to the three-member commission after hearing all the testimony. The commission must rule on the rate request within 60 days.

Rignon Edwards recommended

SWEETWATER — Rignon Edwards of Sweetwater has been recommended to be a member of the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation Commission.

The Chamber of Commerce Surface Transportation Committee decided Monday to recommend Edwards.

Gov. Dolph Briscoe is expected to make an appointment to the commission shortly.

Edwards, if appointed, would fill a seat vacated by Charles Simmons of Dallas.

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There's lots and lots of lots for rent! See classifieds, section B-11

Chamber leaders call meeting

The board of directors of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will sit in regular session at 4 p.m., Wednesday in the Chamber's Conference Room.

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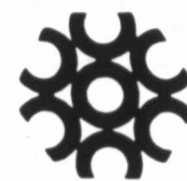
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TV update

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EVENING
10:30 CBS LATE MOVIE
** "Banacek: If Max is So Smart, Why Doesn't He Tell Us Where He Is?" (1973) George Peppard, Anne Baxter. A computer capable of storing all of the world's medical knowledge is stolen from a wealthy hypochondriac.

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Foreigners buying up U.S. magazine market

NEW YORK (AP) — Ach du Lieber! More and more U.S. magazines are speaking with a foreign accent. As profits climb apace and the dollar slackens against other currencies, foreigners are increasingly becoming owners of American magazines.

"The United States is the center of the world for our profession — it's the best place to be," says Daniel Filipacchi, the French publisher of Paris-Match and Oui.

"It's where you can make more money," adds Filipacchi, who is gambling more than \$25 million on a revival of Look magazine as a weekly starting in January. "And it's where you can lose more money, too."

The Magazine Publishers Association has been so impressed by what it characterizes as a trend over the last couple of years that the organization has established a new category for foreign members.

Parents' magazine, with more than 1.5 million circulation, and a number of teen-agers and Rona Barrett publications for children, and Humpty Dumpty and Handy Andy for instance, are now owned by Gunner & Jahr. Largely because of Stern newsweekly, Gunner & Jahr



is Germany's biggest publisher. What's more, the company is launching a U.S. version of the monthly Geo to compete with the National Geographic.

It was a Briton, Vere Harmsworth, whose investment in Esquire enabled Clay Felker to take over that magazine after Australian Rupert Murdoch gained control of New York and New West, forcing Felker out as editor and publisher of those magazines.

This same Harmsworth, who heads Associated Newspapers Group of Britain, has also poured money into the Soho Weekly News here.

Murdoch, of course, broke into the U.S. mass market with the National Star and went on to acquire the New York Post. He acquired the weekly Village Voice as part of the New York magazine deal.

From Canada comes investments by a company controlled by the Toronto Star, which indirectly owns Tiger Beat magazine for teen-agers and Rona Barrett magazine for adults. And Bonnier of Sweden is the new owner of a corporation that publishes magazines for college students.

In addition, two London-

based publishers have staked out bigger pieces of the U.S. market. The Financial Times wants to compete with the Wall Street Journal with a daily international edition, and the Economist hopes to raise circulation here by bolstering its New York staff.

Robert Farley, vice president of the Magazine Publishers Association, says the foreign entrepreneurs "have their own reasons" for investing in U.S. companies.

But he adds his "suspicion" that these reasons center on a more than 20 percent increase in revenues in the industry for two years in a row, bringing the annual total to approximately \$2 billion.

"I think the reason for the trend is that the individual has an extraordinarily high return on an investment if successful," notes securities analyst Ed Dunleavy of Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner & Smith.

Other reasons might be that investors are always looking to expand their markets and that the dollar's weakness makes the United States particularly attractive, Farley says.

Securities analyst Ken Noble, a media specialist with Paine Weber Mitchell Hutchins, agrees with him.

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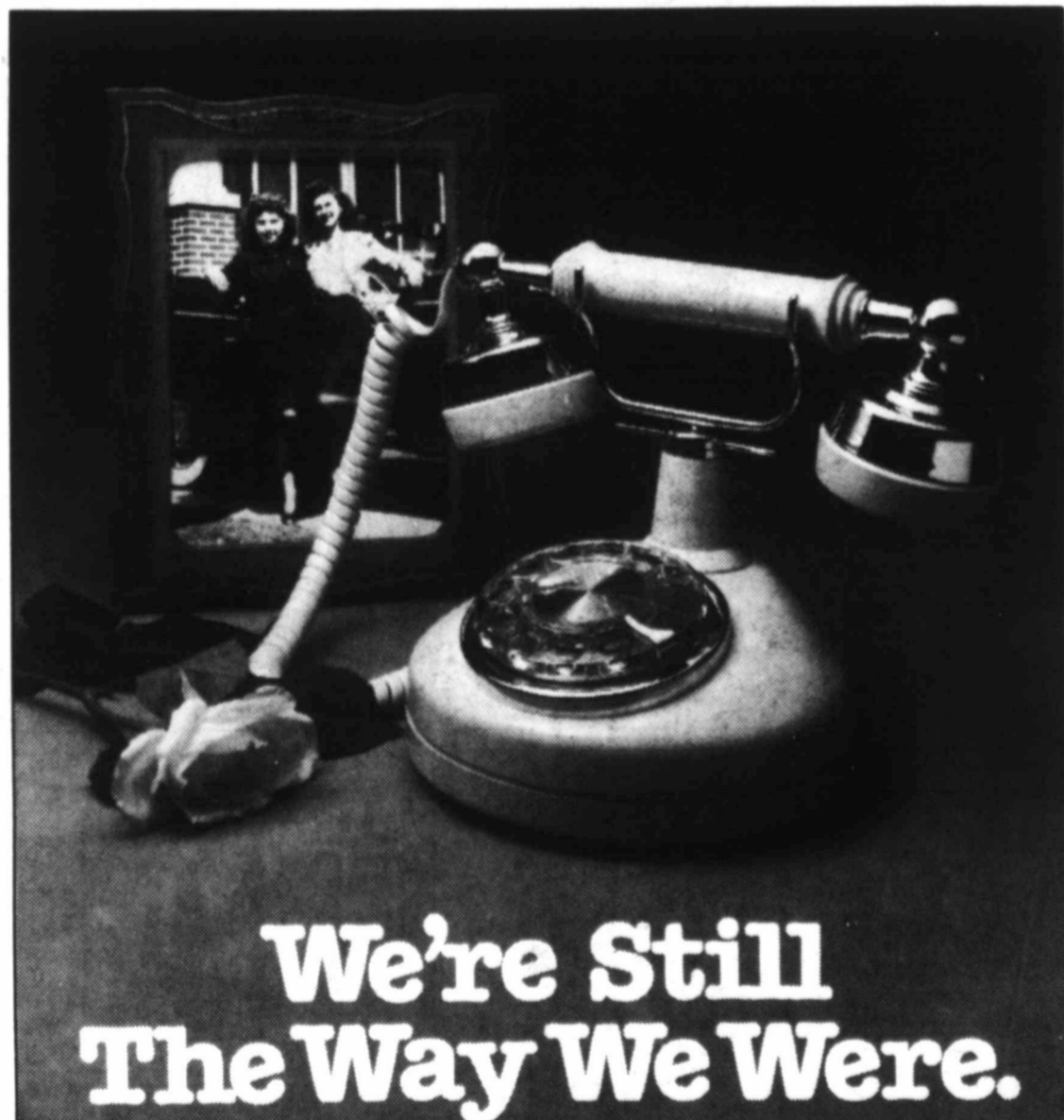


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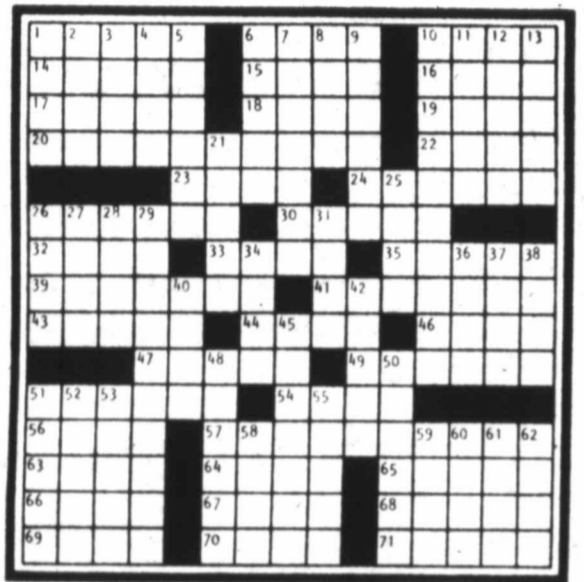
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ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Do something of a constructive nature to show appreciation to those who have done you favors in the past. Be clever.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Take steps to improve your appearance and then make a fine impression on those you are attracted to. Show more devotion to mate.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Good day to make your home more functional, which can save energy and money in the future. Avoid a troublemaker.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) A fine day to complete a project you started long ago. Be alert for unexpected opportunities coming your way.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Find some way to improve any property you have and add to its value. Take no chances with your money at this time.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Relieve yourself of a tension of long standing. Sidestep an opponent who could stand in your way of progress.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Attend to those tasks you have been leaving undone for a long time and gain the right benefits from them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Get together with modern thinking individual and engage in recreations you mutually enjoy. Strive for increased happiness.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Taking part in a civic affair today can add to your prestige. Come to the aid of a friend who needs your help.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Study a new project that is appealing after completing an old one. Do something thoughtful for the one you love.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Check your surroundings and make plans for improvement. Make sure your activities are well organized.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Study your relationships with associates and make any improvements where necessary. Take no risks with your health.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will do well in the engineering field, so be sure to direct the education along such lines. Teach your progeny to understand the true motives behind any undertaking.

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WHY DON'T THEY KNOCK KNEES OR BUMP HEADS?

MAYBE WE COULD SHAKE HANDS, KNOCK KNEES AND BUMP HEADS

MEETINGS SOMEONE COULD BE MORE EXCITING THAN DOING THE HUSTLE!



JUST OUT OF CURIOSITY, JUNIOR...

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THE SOONER THE BETTER! - OH! THERE ARE OUR OLD FRIENDS, THE LANSONS!

SO GOOD TO SEE YOU, ELSIE! - WE WERE JUST HOUSE-LOOKING!

REALLY? I'M SURPRISED THAT YOU RECOGNIZED US POOR FOLKS!

WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF LETTING FRANK'S STROKE OF LUCK COME BETWEEN US AND THOSE WE LOVE!

GET IN THE CAR, ELSIE!



THERE... I JUST KNOW THAT A STEADY, STRONG MAN LIKE YOU ISN'T SUPERSTITIOUS ABOUT THIS NUMBER...

THERE... MISTER MIGUEL DEL CANON PERDIDO... YOU DON'T MIND THOUGH, IF I CALL YOU MICHAEL CANNON??

I'D LIKE THAT... AS LONG AS THE OTHER MEN DON'T HEAR!

NOT AT ALL... LONG AS YOUR FRIEND NYE ISN'T AROUND, AND MAY I CALL YOU LESLIE?



JUGHHID, DID YE CHOP SOME WOOD AN' PUT IT IN TH' WOODSHED LIKE I TOLD YE?

YES, MA'AM!! I MADE A STACK ABOUT THIS HIGH



IF YOU'RE LODGING THE SHERIFF, WHY NOT MAKE YOURSELF INVISIBLE? OR TURN INTO A SOAP BUBBLE?

SUZY SAYS YOU CAN.

YOU'RE TOYING WITH ME, SUZY. I KNOW IT WAS MAKE-BELIEVE. SHE WOULD HIDE ME.

WHILE OUTSIDE:

AFRAID OLD BUZZ WASN'T THE SCARY SHERIFF?

HAH! THAT'S BARRY BROWN'S HOUSE, I'LL ASK IF SHE'S HAD ANY PROWLERS.



HAVE SOME SUNFLOWER SEEDS, HUGO

DO YOU LIKE THEM?

CHIRP!



Who'd bring t' this cabin what we wreck?

Mr. Smith, Melba! He died two years ago!

It's been vacant since then!

The cabin is now in probate!

Mighty deep in!



WHAT'RE THEY BUILDING DOWN THERE?

THAT'S MY NEW COMBINATION VOLLEYBALL AND TENNIS COURT

HOW DO YOU RAISE THE NET FOR VOLLEYBALL?

WHY WOULD I WANT TO DO THAT?



CONNIE IS GOING TO TALK TO LUDDY-GAN AND SUGGEST THAT HE SEE ME ABOUT HIS HEADACHES; THAT WILL GIVE ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO ALSO EVALUATE HIM FROM A MENTAL STANDPOINT!

THAT'S PROBABLY WISE - BUT I'LL SUGGEST SHE TALK TO HIM OVER THE PHONE!

SHE TRIED TO REACH HIM FROM THE OFFICE; SHE LEFT A MESSAGE FOR HIM TO CALL HER.

IF CONNIE'S DATING SOMEONE TONIGHT, I WANT TO KNOW WHO IT IS!



WHIMPER Z

EEEEK!!

THERE, THERE - I'LL POP DOWN ANY GET YOU SOME HOT MILK

THE SAME OLD NIGHTMARE SHE'S IN THIS ALLEY AND THERE'S A RENTMAN AT EACH END



WHAT'S THE MATTER, SCAMP?

I'M C-C-C-COLD!

BRRRR CHATTER

YOU'RE SITTING IN MY SUN!



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DO YOU ALL SEE THAT HILL OVER THERE?

OUR OBJECTIVE TODAY IS TO CLIMB TO THE TOP OF THAT HILL...

ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS?

NO, CONRAD I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE MEANING OF LIFE IS!

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Marathon swimmer abandons project

ABOARD "BEST REVENGE" (AP) — Diana Nyad, her mouth blistered and tongue swollen after encountering poisonous jellyfish, abandoned her swim before 11 a.m. EDT today and was helped aboard her escort boat to ride the rest of the way to Key West, the Coast Guard said.

She was reported about 85 miles southwest of Key West when she gave up, spokesman Ray Baker said.

Ms. Nyad, attempting to break the open-water swimming record, fell far short of her 103-mile goal.

Earlier, reports from the

marathoner's operations manager had indicated that she had made substantially more progress than the estimate of the Coast Guard.

There was no immediate report on her physical condition after breaking off the swim.

Worried advisers at sea and in Key West considered calling off the swim after Ms. Nyad's tongue and lips began swelling and painful blisters formed inside her cheeks. But the swimmer persisted as she pushed on through a second night.

"She's aware of the medical problem," said operations manager Ken Gundersen as he monitored ship-to-shore radio reports in Key West. "She wants to keep going. They're going to let her."

Gundersen admitted he was concerned the stings might make Ms. Nyad's throat swell shut. He said that would end the swim. He was trying to find a doctor to go to the swimmer by helicopter early today and check her condition.

Gundersen said Ms. Nyad was 60 or 65 miles off the Cuban coast when last heard from Monday night — past the halfway point in the marathon. He said the party had altered its planned course as it tried to cope with waves, winds and the Gulf Stream current.

A second swimmer trying to set a record for open water swimming, Stella Taylor, 46, was reported within sight of shore lights early today in her attempt to swim through 100 miles of shark-inhabited waters from Bimini to Florida.

Ms. Taylor had reportedly stopped taking solid foods, switching to soft drinks only as she battled seasickness, but a crew member said she was "going just as strongly as when she left." The swimmer had to climb out of the water three times Monday because of a persistent shark that eventually was shot.

As Ms. Nyad churned steadily through the sea, the swelling became so severe that her tongue protruded from her mouth, Gundersen said. He said she apparently had been brushed by the poisonous tentacles of a jellyfish.

Her crew sent out an emergency call for peroxide and ammonia to counteract the stings.

Dollar decline continues today

LONDON (AP) — The dollar's tailspin continued today on the world's money markets, with the U.S. currency hitting new record lows against the Japanese yen, the Swiss franc and the West German mark.

The price of gold, reflecting the dollar's weakness, soared to new highs of \$216.125 an ounce in early trading in Zurich and \$216 in London. The previous highs, on Monday, were \$213.625 in Zurich, \$214.625 in London and \$215.25 in New York.

The British pound broke through the \$2 level for the first time since March 5, 1976. It rose from \$1.9797 in late trading Monday to \$2.0020.

The French, Italian and Belgian exchanges were closed for the Assumption Day holiday.

In Zurich, the dollar was quoted at 1.5545 Swiss francs at midmorning, down sharply from the previous low of 1.5810 Monday.

In Frankfurt, the battered U.S. currency was trading at 1.9172 German marks, another sharp drop. And it was the fourth day in succession of new lows for the dollar against the mark and Swiss franc.

In Tokyo, the dollar plunged to 181.80 yen, 2.50 yen below the previous low on Aug. 2, and closed at 182.85.

"If you think this is low, wait until next week," said one Tokyo trader.

The dollar has been suffering a crisis of confidence on the world's money markets as the United States has continued to build up massive foreign trade deficits and to turn in a generally disappointing economic performance.

Weather

Pecos area has 1.35 inches rain

By The Associated Press
Scattered showers and thunderstorms were forecast today across a vast section of Texas after a roaring thunderstorm dumped heavy rain in the Pecos area Monday night.

Rainfall at Pecos amounted to 1.35 inches, forecasters said, noting that the activity associated with the Pecos rainfall died out during the early morning hours.

Forecasters called for scattered showers and thunderstorms to break out during the afternoon and evening in East Texas, eastern sections of the Panhandle, Northwest Texas east of the Caprock and in the mountains of Southwest Texas.

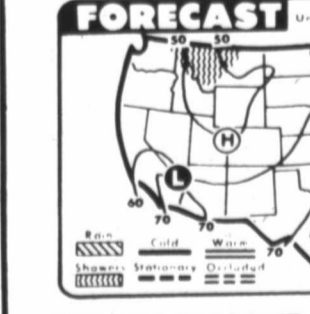
The remainder of the

state was to have clear to partly cloudy skies and continued warm temperatures. Highs were to be mostly in the 90s with extremes ranging from the upper 80s in the Panhandle to near 105 in North Texas.

Skies were mostly clear early today with a few patchy clouds reported in South Central Texas. Temperatures were mostly in the 70s with extremes ranging from 61 at Marfa to 83 at Wichita Falls.

Some early morning temperature readings included 68 at Amarillo, 76 at Texarkana, 80 at Austin, 75 at Lufkin, 74 at Houston, 81 at Corpus Christi, 80 at Brownsville, 81 at Del Rio, 77 at San Angelo and El Paso and 78 at Lubbock.

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WEATHER FORECAST — The National Weather Service forecast for today until early Wednesday predicts showers for most of Wisconsin and parts of Iowa, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan. Showers are also forecast for parts of Washington, Idaho and Montana.

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Sets an example

Grandmother gains her degree

By EILEEN McGUIRE
Family News Editor

Loud whistling and lots of applause marked the graduation day last May of Frances Weems, a local 72-year-old grandmother who decided to set an example for her children and grandchildren by finishing high school.

After a 55-year absence from the classroom, Mrs. Weems enrolled in Howard College's G.E.D. program to make up the semester of high school she lacked. Enrolling and graduating with her was her granddaughter, Joan Keeton Cohn.

"I never thought about going back to high school until my granddaughter did," Mrs. Weems said. "I had always wanted all of my children and their children to finish high school so I decided to show them all that it could be done, even at my age."

Age has never deterred Mrs. Weems from anything she wanted to do. She jogs each morning, is an active member of the YMCA Health Club and swims often in the Y's pool. She spent a month substituting for her grandson on his paper route, and has



PHOTO BY DANNY VALDES

YOUNG AT HEART — Frances Weems, 72, displays her high school diploma, earned from Howard College last May after deciding to set an example for her grandchildren. The "Young At Heart" award she was presented with a graduation couldn't describe this "try anything once" lady better. Recently, she even tried out her grandson's skateboard.

and their four children. The youngest child 2-year-old Rachel, rooted louder than anyone in Mrs. Weems' graduation audience.

Little Rachel and the other young members of Mrs. Weems' family have helped keep her young, she said. After raising four sons and her daughter, she raised two grandchildren and now enjoys doing things with the younger Browns.

Her overall attitude and rapport with students and instructors at the college won her the "Young In Heart" award at her graduation.

"There was no generation gap," she said. "It was just like it was when I was a child. It brought back a lot of good memories of my old school days."

Raised on a farm in Louisiana, Mrs. Weems used to milk eight cows each morning, then walked five miles to a simple country school. When she graduated to high school, she rode horseback the eight miles distance into town. Occasionally, her brother would take her in a buggy, but her usual school attire was a riding habit.

"At that time, there were only 11 grades," she said. "I finished the 10th and half of 11th when I quit to get married. My mother wanted all her children to do two things — finish high school

and go to church." "I wanted the same for my children so when my granddaughter suggested I finish high school with her, my daughter said 'you made me finish, now it's your turn.'"

Getting back into the swing of studying presented no problem to Mrs. Weems who has kept up with education by helping her children and grandchildren with their homework.

She was already a self-taught speed-reader before taking it at Howard College and her life-long love of math kept her ahead of students in her algebra class. The other class she took was English.

Among the things she learned at school, was the value of education. "Children have so much more opportunity now than we did and the quality of education is so much better. I never want to stop learning. I enjoy everything about it."

Another thing she learned is how valuable a hometown college is. She liked her instructors so much she crocheted each one a shawl.

"Howard College is a first-rate college," she said. "And we're lucky to have it here. I want to encourage all young people to attend their hometown college before going off somewhere else."

"It makes no sense to have to adjust to college and living away from home at the same time when they can do their adjusting to college right here at home."

Finishing high school is no longer Mrs. Weems only educational ambition for her grandchildren. She'd like to see them all graduate from college.

"All of my sons graduated from high school in the service. One of them started college after getting out and he told me 'high school's okay, but when you go to college you discover that you don't know anything.' This he said after having been around the world several times."

Mrs. Weems hasn't quite made up her mind about what she's going to do with her diploma, but she has a few ideas.

"I'm going to frame it," she said. "And then maybe I'll start college."



Fling with Minor A Serious Matter

DEAR ABBY: About a year ago my wife seemed to turn frigid, and last week I learned the reason why. She's been having an affair with a friend of our son's!

My wife is 38 and very well built, and this kid is 16 and big for his age. (He was 15 when it started.) He hung around our house a lot, but I always thought he came over to see our boys. (We have three, ages 10, 12 and 16.) It never dawned on me that something was going on until I saw my wife kissing him goodbye in the yard. Then she said, "I love you." (I read her lips.)

I had a long talk with her and she admitted that she was having an affair with this kid, but she said she still "loved" me and it was only a harmless little fling. (How "harmless" can it be if they are having sex?)

I told her I didn't want to see that boy around our house anymore. Should I tell his parents? What should I do now? We've been married for 18 years. I'm 39 and have never been unfaithful in my life. We had a wonderful marriage until she started fooling around with this kid. Please advise me.

CAN'T SLEEP IN VEGAS

DEAR ABBY: You can't tolerate an extramarital affair, whether you call it "fooling around," a "fling" or whatever. Nowhere in your letter do you say that your wife has agreed to stop seeing this boy. If she insists on seeing him, you should insist that she get counseling. And remind her that she is contributing to the delinquency of a minor!

DEAR ABBY: Lately I've been finding a lot of stuff in my mailbox that has not been sent through the mails. I'm referring to religious tracts, political propaganda, all kinds of advertisements, and even business cards soliciting business for house repairs, real estate, etc.

I don't want my mailbox cluttered up with all this junk, and I would like to put a stop to it. There ought to be a law against it!

CLUTTERED MAILBOX IN L.A.

DEAR CLUTTERED: There is! It is illegal to use a mailbox for anything except mail for which postage has been paid to the U.S. Postal Service.

And to put a stop to it, simply gather all the unstampable material that has been placed in your mailbox, and give it to your postman with your complaints and my compliments!

DEAR ABBY: Someone wrote to ask what you would think of a woman who would take a job as a live-in housekeeper for a single man, and you replied, "I couldn't care less. But if I were to give it one moment's thought, I would assume that the housekeeper was KEEPING—not PLAYING—house."

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Ex-pot smoker advises teens

By Robert Wallace, Ed. D.

Dr. Wallace: I am a 16-year-old girl and I hope you can help me with my problem. My former boyfriend now has a steady girlfriend but I still love him and want him back desperately. Last September his girlfriend went out of town so I invited my "ex" to a party at my house. At the party I became pregnant by him. I now have a baby boy and named him after his father. I thought for sure he would come back to me after all this, but he hasn't. He still has his girlfriend.

I will admit he does come by to see the baby and occasionally gives me money when I need it but I want more from him. I need him. I'd like your help. — Sandy, San Diego, Calif.

Sandy: I am using your letter as an example of what not to do when you're trying to bring back a lost love. Girls — read this and learn. Sandy, you've done everything possible to get your ex to return and he hasn't. Learn from this. Your primary interest should be in the health and welfare of your infant son.

Children enjoy fruit
Nursery-school-age children enjoy such fruits as orange sections, cantaloupe, citrus juices, pared or unpared apples and dried fruits for snacks, reports a foods and nutrition specialist. They enjoy raw vegetables like carrot sticks, turnip sticks and green pepper slices, says Frances Reasonover with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The Texas A&M University System. Other favorites are graham crackers, toast sticks and plain or hard whole wheat crackers, she adds.

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FRAMED FREE — A small girl swings by one hand on a rings apparatus on a playground of a Santa Monica, Calif. beach recently. California children have enjoyed complete freedom this summer from the constraints of summer school which was cancelled due outbacks since the passing of tax reform Proposition 13 in the spring primary.

Farm — Farming industry 'sound', officials say

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some producers in important farming areas remain vulnerable to further setbacks but "the overall financial health of the industry appears sound," the Agriculture Department says in a midsummer look at farmers' pocketbooks.

The department has been predicting for months that net farm income this year may reach \$25 billion or \$26 billion, a 25 percent boost from the \$20.1 billion in 1977.

High livestock, dairy, fruit and vegetable prices, some improvement for grains and a relatively mild 6 percent gain in production expenses are mainly responsible, the department has said.

But debt was on the minds of the farmers who brought their grievances with federal policies to Washington last winter.

Farmers' returns as a percentage of their assets had reached 10.3 percent in 1973 before dropping last year to an estimated 2.3 percent, the lowest in two decades, the new study said Monday.

In March, a check by the department of financial institutions in 12 states found "that about twice the normal number of farmers were having credit problems, although relatively few farmers were in serious difficulty."

The new report concludes that beginning farmers and those who used record grain prices in 1973 and 1974 to invest in more land and new equipment were hurt worst by the following four years of inflation, lower prices, drought and higher costs.

But even many of those, it said, were able to use the inflated value of their land to refinance short-term debts.

New federal programs and increased export demand have improved farmers' cash flow since then "and the improvements should be sustained ... into 1979," the analysis said.

"Generally, farmers seem to be in a good equity position, particularly established farmers who have benefited from rising real estate values," it added.

The report also said that increases in farm families' incomes from all sources, on and off the farm, have nearly kept pace with the sharp rises in total farm debt.

Debt has increased 33 percent in 30 months, but debts and the value of assets have risen hand in hand since 1968, it added.

Among the types of farms rated as improving but still vulnerable were south-western Oklahoma cotton, wheat and beef farms, cotton and sorghum operations in the High Plains of Texas and Mississippi Delta cotton farms.

The report noted that credit burdens and relief are not shared equally by all farmers.

Those with sales of more than \$100,000 represent only 6 percent of the farms but almost half the debt and 31 percent of the assets, it reported. They also have 60 percent of the sales.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most persons involved in the current battle in Congress over sugar price-support legislation focus publicly on producers' needs or the effects on consumer prices.

They and others privately consider the battle "the dirtiest game in town" among farm bills, because of the number of high-paid corporate lobbyists, interests that are never mentioned and compromises reached in secret that are only ratified in public.

On Monday, Rep. William F. Lederer, D-Pa., went public on that aspect before the Ways and Means Committee's trade subcommittee, which is drafting its sugar bill today along lines suggested by the administration.

The major competition to the Carter administration's approach — the favorite in the Agriculture Committee — was drafted by "parochial and selfish interests," partly at taxpayers' expense, he said.

Lederer said that Michael McLeod, then Senate

Ridin' fence — Couldn't get out of Dallas

with Marj Carpenter

People who learned that I had just returned from London commented, "I saw in the news that there was a lot of confusion in the London airport. Did you have trouble getting out of there?"

Well, my answer has to be, "I had no trouble at all getting out of the London Airport. All of my trouble was in getting out of Dallas.

In London, there were a large number of people on stand-by, trapped at Gatwick. They were sleeping on benches and on the floor. The airport was serving food three times a day and showing movies and everybody was doing the best they could.

I was thankful I didn't have a stand-by ticket and got on the plane and flew off

into the horizon on to Dallas.

Now that was something else. I would like to be able to say that DFW was a hospitable working, efficient operation. And maybe it usually is, but that day for a couple from Odessa and myself, it was a nightmare.

When the original reservations were made there was a two hour and ten minute span between the Braniff and Trans Texas reservations.

For some reason, known only to Trans Texas, they later shortened that — maybe to make it more interesting — to one hour and 35 minutes. Everybody agreed that this was no problem and left plenty of time to disembark and go

through customs.

I started worrying about it early because I needed to get to work the next morning. I asked a stewardess on the overseas flight about it. "No problem. They always connect, and we have a customer representative to help you," she said smiling.

The other couple relaxed, but I had a nagging worry about it. Maybe because I needed to get on home worse than they did.

When we disembarked, we approached the customer representative after much pushing and shoving and using eight precious minutes to get there. She snapped, "Don't bother me until you get your luggage and get through customs."

We asked if they could help us get through faster. "No, but we have a van to take you to the other plane." Big deal.

Braniff had been 30 minutes late. It took 27 minutes to even see our baggage. That left 13 minutes. We tugged all the baggage up to customs. The man in front of us had bought scads of Wedgewood, brass trays and half of England. There went six more minutes.

It took only a minute and a half for us to go through since we were obviously so distraught. I had too much baggage. The other couple had way too much.

We pulled and tugged and wheezed and shoved our way to the van. There were no cars and no porters. There were three minutes left. "We told them to wait," the van

driver said happily. He drove to the other terminal. He made no effort to help as we went through the same pushing, tugging, wheezing, collapsing routine. We got there to see the plane wheeling down the runway.

"Too late," the Trans Texas ticket girl said happily. "No, the only other flight tonight is full. We can place you on standby," she said delightedly.

When we asked if she could contact Braniff to try to get us to Love Field where we might catch Southwest, she pointed to the pay phones and said "There's the phone."

The man from Odessa called and went into a lengthy discussion about who should have done what. I watched the clock move to 5:30 p.m.

I crept off to a phone and called Southwest. They said their late flight was full and they had one seat at 6:30 p.m. I told them I'd take it. "You'll have to buy a new ticket," he stated. "I'm out of choices," I stated. The attendant where I was standing sneered, "You can't possibly get there in time."

"I can try," I said. And with the help of one fine taxi driver who made it from one airport to the other in record time in five o'clock traffic, I made it.

So don't ask me if I had trouble getting out of London, it was Big D that did me in — out in a city where upon occasion, I really enjoyed ridin' fence.

Farm markets

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Cattle and calves, 1000; slaughter cows steady. Slaughter bulls not tested early. Feeder steers 1.00 lower, steer calves steady. Feeder heifers and heifer calves 1.00-2.00 lower. Demand moderate. Trading fairly accurate.

Slaughter cows, Utility 2.3 34.00 36.00, cutter 31.00 36.00.

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Feeder heifers: Choice 300-500 lbs 55.00-60.00, Good 300-500 lbs 53.00-59.00.

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Better check it out — Benefit rules changed

A Social Security benefit paid to the spouse of a worker who retires, becomes disabled or dies will be stopped or reduced if the spouse also gets a pension from his or her own public

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Bids will be received for removal and preparation of all deceased Big Spring State Hospital patients, and burial of indigent patients at the facility cemetery. Bids will be opened at 1:30 p.m. Monday, August 28 in room 216 of the Administration Building. For further details contact George R. Collier, Business Manager, Box 231, Big Spring, Texas 79720.
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employment not covered by Social Security, Don Minyard, manager of the local Social Security branch office said Saturday.

The change in law took effect for husbands and widowers applying for spouses' benefits beginning in December 1977, but wives and widows were given a 5-year grace period until December 1982. As a result, women who become eligible for a public employee pension from their own work in non-covered employment, such as the federal civil service, before that date will not have a Social Security spouse's benefit offset.

Both husbands and wives who were receiving spouses' benefits before December 1977 are not affected by the change. Also, a worker who is eligible both for a Social Security benefit based on his own work record and is eligible for a government pension will continue to be eligible for both payments with no offset.

Under prior law, wives and widows did not need to prove dependency on their husbands in order to receive spouses' benefits, but husbands and widowers had to prove dependency on their wives.

The Supreme Court struck down this distinction as unconstitutional in March 1977, thus requiring that the Social Security administration pay benefits both to wives and husbands of workers without regard to whether the spouse was dependent on the worker. This decision resulted in a windfall Social Security benefits for those spouses who also receive retired worker pensions in non-covered public employment.

In an effort to overcome the increased costs of benefits resulting from this decision (about \$500 million in 1978, for example), congress enacted the offset provision. This requires that the spouse's benefit be reduced by the amount of the public employee pension for which the spouse is eligible.

For example, if the spouse gets a public employee pension of \$200 a month, that pension would completely offset any Social Security spouse's benefit of up to \$200 a month. But if the Social Security spouse's benefit was \$250, the spouse could get the \$200 public employee pension and \$50 of the Social Security spouse's benefit, for a total monthly benefit of \$250.

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