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Putting The Social Security Earnings Test To Rest

By Martha A. McSteen

The National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare

When most folks reach the age of 65, they want to leave their jobs and retire. But many senior Americans -- out of either personal preference or financial necessity -- want to remain in the work force.

Unfortunately, they are often in for a shock.

Many seniors don't expect to live on Social Security alone. However, they don't expect to be financially penalized for working either. This penalty comes from an antiquated law still on the books which has its roots in the Great Depression. It was designed to get those age 65 and older out of the work force to make room for the younger generation. While times have changed, this law hasn't.

Take, for example the case of Eloise B., a 66-year-old widow from upstate New York who must work to supplement her modest Social Security benefits to pay her rent, utilities, food and health insurance bills. Yet, because she earned more than \$9,360 last year, part of her Social Security benefits were taken away from her.

Is this fair? Hardly.

The earnings limit is indexed automatically to

the average wage increase and is sure to go up again next year. This year, seniors between 65 and 69 who continue to work will lose \$1 in benefits for every \$3 they earn in excess of \$9,720. But, unearned income -- such as income from stock dividends and other investments -- which can be substantial for upper-income individuals is not affected by the earnings test at all.

Faced with continued double-digit increases in health costs, senior Americans with even moderate incomes are trapped in a Catch 22 situation. If they continue to work they may be penalized through a loss of Social Security benefits. Without the extra income, they often face living near the poverty level.

The truth is the Social Security earnings test hits hardest those least able to afford it.

Fortunately, relief is on the way. On Capitol Hill, Rep. J. Dennis Hastert of Illinois has introduced H.R. 967, the Older Americans' Freedom to Work Act, which would do away with the earnings test. Already, more than 240 of Rep. Hastert's colleagues, Republicans and Democrats alike, have

Browne Elected to Election Advisory Committee

Dorothy Browne, County and District Clerk of Borden County, Texas was recently appointed to be a member of the Elections Advisory Committee. The Honorable John Hannah, Jr., Secretary of State of The State of Texas, made this appointment.

The members of the committee are appointed by the Secretary of State, The Lieutenant Governor, The Speaker of the House of Representatives and 4 members of the Texas Press Associations.

The Elections Advisory Committee works with the Secretary of State in the tabulation of election returns in

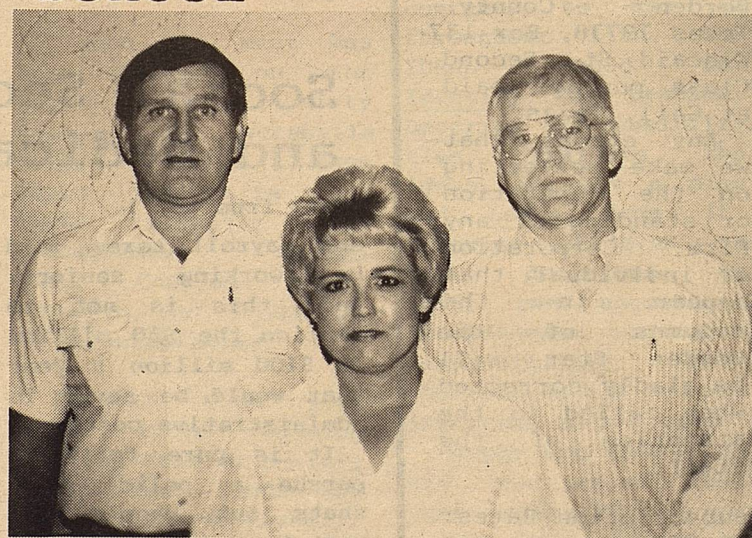
joined him in cosponsoring his bill. In the Senate, similar legislation has been introduced by Sen. John McCain of Arizona with 29 cosponsors.

Opponents of the legislation say repealing the earnings test would cost the Social Security Administration more in added benefits. This is true. But the Social Security Trust Fund this year will generate a surplus on the order of \$70 billion -- many, many times more than this bill will cost. In addition, the extra cost would be offset by new revenues from additional income

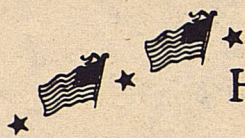
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Austin and newspapers, wire services, TV networks, etc. receiving these results in a timely manner. The committee is required by law to submit a written report after each election to the secretary of state, governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives evaluating elections. the tabulation process and making any recommendations it considers appropriate. Dorothy attended a meeting in Austin on June 17, 1991 where plans were made for the tabulation and reporting of election results for the August 10th and November 5th amendment elections.

Local Constable Attends 20-Hour School



CONSTABLES ATTEND SCHOOL -- A total of 83 constables, their deputies and clerks attended an advanced 20-hour civil process school May 14-17 in Austin conducted by the Texas Justice Court Training Center headquartered at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. Topics covered included executions and orders of sales, writs of reentry and possession, distress warrants, writs, protective orders and mental health warrants. Attending were, left to right, Constable Royce Nance of Borden County, Constable Della Newburn of Lubbock County, Precinct 7 and Constable Skily W. Schuch of Terrell County, Precinct 3.



Have a Safe 4th of July

Fireworks injury nearly 10,000 people every year. A physician at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston says statistics show that many of these injuries are preventable.

"Most injuries from fireworks occur in teenage and pre-teen boys," said Dr. M. Bowes Hamill, assistant professor of ophthalmology at Baylor. "The injuries we most often see, to the hands and eyes, can be prevented by proper, adult supervision."

Children frequently throw firecrackers at each other, causing injury as severe as blindness or deafness when they explode in mid-air near the head. Injuries to the hand and face occur when

fireworks with short fuses go off while they are still being held.

"I recommend that parents take their children to organized fireworks shows, but if they do purchase fireworks, it is important to know how to use them safely and properly," Hamill said.

--Never allow fireworks to be used without adult supervision.

--Never use fireworks in prohibited areas.

--Always place firecrackers on the ground before lighting them.

--Never throw firecrackers.

--Rocket-like fireworks should be launched from the ground, not the hand, and pointed away from people.

--Select an open field away from buildings to launch fireworks.

--Carefully read the instructions and warnings on fireworks.

Hamill says anyone planning to use fireworks should know first aid measures should injuries occur.

Minor burns, the most common injury, should be treated by running cold water over the site immediately. Apply a cold water compress until the pain subsides and cover with gauze or similar material.

If the eye is injured, inspect the area for any foreign object on the eyeball or the eyelids. If it is embedded in the eye, if there is bleeding, if sight is diminished or the pupil is not round, attempt no treatment and take the patient to emergency room immediately. Otherwise, gently rinse the area with clean water until the object is removed.

In the case of an explosion near the ear, perforation of the eardrum is possible. Cover the ear with a clean, dry pad to prevent infection and have a physician examine the area.

A first aid kit is recommended for any outing involving Fourth of July fireworks.

August 10th Election

The Texas Legislature passed legislation that requires Borden County to hold an election on August 10th to vote on two constitutional amendments.

The Borden County Independent School is required to hold elections the same day on the homestead exemptions and personal property taxation.

A contract for holding these two elections as a Joint Election has been made between Borden County and The Borden County Independent School District. Voters will vote in the seven polling places that are used for county elections. A list of polling places will be published at a later date.

As this is a Joint Election, and not a combined election, there will be two ballots. A person may vote a ballot by mail if they are 65-years of age or older; Religious belief prevents them from voting on the day of election; are confined in a jail; disabled; or absence from county on election day and during clerk's regular office hours. If absence from the county is used, the ballot must be mailed to an address outside the county.

Please send your requests for ballots by mail to Dorothy Browne, County Clerk, P.O. Box 124, Gail, Texas 79738. Please state that you would like to vote in the two elections. You may call and request applications at phone number 806/756-4312. Please make your requests as soon as possible to give time to receive the applications, return them and receive your ballots in time to be returned by August 10th.

Absentee voting in person will begin in the County Clerk's office on July 22, 1991. July 11th is the last day to register to vote for the August 10th election.

"Non-Alcoholic" Beer??

The alcohol industry tries to demonstrate its corporate responsibility by marketing "non-alcoholic" beverages. They advertise these products as having the alcohol removed, but not the taste. As it turns out, "non-alcoholic" beer does contain alcohol, up to .5 percent, which is enough to qualify under the federal definition of alcoholic beverage.

One half a percent alcohol is enough, however, to trigger a relapse in recovering

alcoholics, who should abstain from non-alcoholic beer, according to treatment experts. Children should also avoid these beverages so they don't become accustomed to the taste and effects of beer.

Even though these beverages contain alcohol, any age group, no matter how young, may legally purchase, possess, and consume these drinks, just as if they were soda pop.

If the beer industry really wanted to demon-

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Social Security and Medicare

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and payroll taxes paid by working seniors. And, this is not to mention the \$50 million to \$100 million a year that would be saved in administrative costs.

It is pure folly to pursue a policy that shuts out people who want to work and contribute on the economic sidelines. When it was crafted half a century ago, the earnings test was meant to open up scarce jobs for young workers with families to support. Today's business climate is vastly different from the Depression.

It's high time we put an end to an outdated policy that creates such economic and

social harm. All Americans, regardless of age, should have the freedom to work without fear of being penalized and losing hard-earned benefits.

Please! Phone or write your senators and representative. Urge them to support the repeal of this outdated and unfair policy. Every American deserves a chance to live in economic dignity.

Martha McSteen, former acting commissioner of the Social Security Administration, is the president of the 5-million member National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare.

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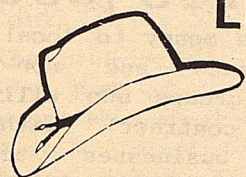
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LET ME GET MY HAT

BY DENNIS POOLE

Plan & Prepare Food For a Safe Picnic

July 4th is time for picnics and cookouts, but also a peak time for food-borne illness.

Food-borne illness is a big problem during hot, hazy days because bacteria thrive in temperatures above 60 degrees. More than 25 million cases of food poisoning are reported each year.

Such illnesses can be prevented, by taking proper precautions when food is prepared, stored or transported.

Here are some tips for preparing and packing food safely for outings:

*Keep everything that touches food clean. Stop and wash utensils, bowls and counter tops -- everything that touches food -- between working on each dish. To avoid cross-contamination, never handle raw foods and cooked foods together. When eating outdoors, using disposables is a good idea.

*Use a fork, not your hands to mix meat, macaroni, egg, tuna or green salad. Your hands continually pick up germs that get into fingernails and skin creases. Only vigorous washing with hot, soapy water prepares hands to safely deal with food.

*Cook meat, poultry and seafood thoroughly to kill bacteria.

*Refrigerate foods prepared the night before. Store perishables -- meat, poultry or fish sandwiches, hard-boiled eggs -- in the refrigerator until time to leave on your picnic.

*Giving the ice chest a good washing.

Use baking soda to eliminate odors.

*Use an ice chest to keep foods cold while traveling to the picnic area. Don't pack the chest too full; use enough ice to maintain a temperature of 40 degrees or below. Use shallow containers so food will stay chilled throughout. Keep the cooler in the shade, never in a hot car.

*If bags are used to pack food, use only new, clean ones. Bags that have been used to carry groceries can pass insects or bacteria to foods. Wet or stained bags carry germs.

When planning the menu, remember some foods are safer to take along than others. Certain 'red flag' foods that need special care are moist, protein-containing foods such as dairy products, meats, eggs, poultry and seafood. Fried chicken and hard-boiled or deviled eggs are two foods that pick up bacteria quite easily. Cream pies and custards also may be difficult to transport safely.

Good choices for outings are meat, fish and poultry in cans that can be opened and eaten immediately. Another good standby is peanut butter. Nuts, dried fruits and cereal mixtures, hard cheeses and crackers also are good choices.

Fresh fruits and vegetables go well at any picnic. But be sure to wash them thoroughly before packing to remove any contaminants.

For outings, carry what you plan on eating. Leftovers can be tricky. Eat as soon as possible upon arrival and never leave food out for more than two hours.



SUNSMART

Summer: Skin Cancer's Most Fatal Time of the Year

The American Cancer Society estimates that skin cancer will cause 8,500 deaths. More than 600,000 cases are diagnosed every year, and the most serious skin cancer melanoma is increasing at a rate of 4% per year ("Cancer Facts & Figures - 1991," American Cancer Society).

"People should avoid being outdoors between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. because that's when the

sun's ultraviolet rays are strongest. Also, protective clothing and sunscreen with a sun protection factor of at least 15 should be utilized at all times," said Doris Scales, R.N., at Methodist Hospital's Cancer Center.

Early detection is vital to survival. Some early warnings signals to look for are:

*Change in size or

color of a mole, especially if half the mole does not match the other half.

*Darkly pigmented growth spot

*Scaliness, oozing, bleeding or change in the appearance of a bump

*Spread of pigmentation beyond its border

*Change in sensation, itchiness or pain

Adult should practice self-examination once a month, and if they notice any suspicious lesions promptly visit their physician. Treatments for skin cancer are highly successful if the melanoma is detected and treated early.

Parenting For Prevention

Decisions are a part of every child's life. Teaching good decision-making skills is very important to children. Consider the IDEAL model for making decisions. The goal of IDEAL is to encourage thinking before making a decision. Children can be taught this method early on and continue to use it throughout life. The IDEAL method is: Identify the problem, Describe the possibilities, Evaluate the ideas, Act out a plan and Learn from it. Allowing children to make decisions on their own encourages independence and also responsibility. Both characteristics are important to all ages.

People are coming to the realization that just saying NO is not enough. As parents, we need to encourage assertiveness in our children. Assertiveness is teaching the children to stand up for themselves and to not bow to peer pressure. A child with healthy self-esteem will be better prepared to do that. In family meetings, assertiveness can be practiced by role-playing situations that could occur.

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Take Food Safety To The Grill

If you're planning a cookout, it's better to be food safe than sorry.

Good advice is for cooks to take food safety from the kitchen to the grill. The following tips help prevent food-borne illness:

*If meat or seafood is frozen, allow plenty of time for thawing in the refrigerator at 40 degrees or below. Never thaw meat on the kitchen counter at room temperature. Outer layers of the meat may reach a temperature that promotes bacteria growth before the inner layers are thawed.

*If you marinate the food, do it in the refrigerator. Do not use leftover marinade as sauce on the cooked meat. Marinade may have picked up bacterial from the raw meat that could contaminate the cooked meat.

*Be sure to wash with hot soapy water and sanitize cutting

boards used with raw meat. Use different cutting boards for n than for raw f or vegetables.

Once the meat has been placed on the grill, wash dirty dishes or utensils before using them again. Bacteria on dirty utensils can contaminate cooked meat. Cooking kills bacteria, but foods can be recontaminated.

*Always wash your hands after working with raw meat or poultry. Handle raw foods and cooked foods separately. Use clean dish towels or pot holders for handling cooked foods.

*Cook meat thoroughly to kill bacteria. If you like steak rare or medium-rare, remember that all bacteria may not have been killed if the food was not cooked thoroughly.

*After cooking, eat as soon as possible and refrigerate any left-overs.

Obituary

**V. J. Coleman
1907-1991**

Services for V.J. Coleman, 83, of Ackerly were held at 4 p.m. Tuesday, June 18, 1991 in Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring with the Rev. Walter Driver, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Ackerly, officiating.

Burial was in Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring under direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Coleman died Sunday, June 16th, at 7:20 p.m. in Comanche Trail Nursing Care Center.

He was born Nov. 29, 1907 in Haskell. He married Louise Haney on

July 4, 1925 in Anson. He moved to Ackerly in 1926 where he operated a hotel, grocery store, lumberyard and butane company. He later operated a grain elevator and was a rancher for many years. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Ackerly and was a longtime chairman of the board. He was a active member of the Airstream Club. He had been a member of the Ackerly Lions Club and was a trustee at McMurry College at one time.

Survivors include his wife, of Ackerly; a son, Dudley Ray Coleman of Ackerly; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials to First United Methodist Church of Ackerly.

Would You Know If You Were Having A Heart Attack?

A heart attack can strike anyone at anytime. The pain of a heart attack varies for each victim - it can be intense for one person yet milder for another. A heart attack is often misinterpreted as "indigestion."

Heart attack victims have a better chance of survival if they recognize early warning signals of a heart attack and seek medical attention immediately. The warning signals of a heart attack are:

*Uncomfortable pressure, fullness, squeezing or pain in the center of the chest for more than two minutes.

*Pain may spread to the shoulders, neck or arms.

*Severe pain, dizziness, fainting, sweating, nausea or shortness of breath may also occur.

*These signals are not always present. Other times they subside and then return.

Atherosclerosis, which is the cause of heart attacks, can be slowed by decreasing risk factors.

"If you want to reduce your chances of having a heart attack, you have to change your lifestyle. Reduce cholesterol and saturated fats in your diet, reduce your daily stress, exercise regularly and - most importantly - quit smoking," said Cyndi Rohrer, director of The Centre of Cardiac Rehabilitation and Fitness at Methodist Hospital.

For more information about heart disease, contact your physician or The Center at (806) 793-4386

Small Business Administration -- Tree Planting Project

College Station - Texas cities and towns should be shadier, cooler places to live in the future, thanks to a new grant program announced by Governor Ann Richards. The federal program provides matching grant money to plant trees on land controlled by state or local government. Texans are already planting trees in record numbers, and this grant program gives even more support to their efforts.

Texas is eligible to receive as much as \$998,000 from the Small Business Administration. The state will distri-

bute the money to local governments and non-profit groups who will then contract with small businesses to plant trees on public property.

To be eligible for the matching grant, local groups must provide at least 25% of the total project cost from non-federal sources. Because the amount of funding Texas receives is contingent upon local support, projects that receive 45% or more of their support from non-federal sources will be given higher priority. Local contributions to

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Local Church Named Top Ten

The Vincent Baptist Church has been named one of the top ten churches in Texas for numerical increase in enrollment for 1989-90.

The Sunday School department was named to tenth place in numerical enrollment gain in churches with 1989

enrollment of 1 to 100.

In recognition of this achievement, Vincent Baptist was awarded a certificate.

This recognition is based on statistics from 1989 and 1990 Uniform Church Letters submitted by the church.

Certificate of Recognition

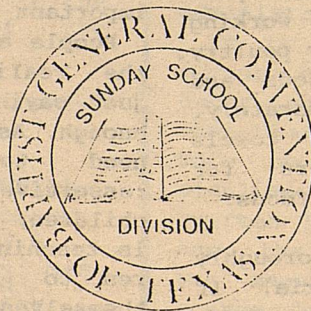
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Thanks those of you who planned and attended our retirement party. It was a lovely occasion, and I enjoyed visiting with each of you.

I am grateful to you students, parents and faculty members who made my years of teaching at Borden County so pleasant and rewarding. I could not have chosen a better school system

Sincerely,
Dolores Wolf

Tree Planting

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the project can include the cost of trees and supplies, site preparation, planting and three years of maintenance.

The Texas Forest Service is administering the program on the state level. Deadlines set by the Small Business Administration leave very little time to pull proposals together. Completed applications must be received by the Texas Forest Service by July 8th. Communities, counties, or special interest groups that would like to apply for a tree-planting grant should contact Edwin Barron, with the Texas Forest Service immediately at :

Texas Forest Service
100 Research Parkway,
Suite 200
College Station, Tex.
77843-2136 or call
(409)845-2641

TEXAS

It's Like A Whole Other Country.

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the Texas coast in addition to a spectacular fireworks display, kick-off auction, paintings, sculpture, glass work, and pottery by more than 125 exhibiting artists from Texas and surrounding states, a non-stop jazz festival, food and entertainment all on the festival grounds in front of Rockport Harbor, also known as the Rockport Ski Basin. Contact Terri Lee at the Rockport-Fulton Area Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 1055, Rockport 78382 (800/242-0071).



SATELLITE TV SPECTRUM

BY TONY IMPARATO

Lots to Enjoy, but Move Your Dish First!

News Alert

Before you do anything else this week, familiarize yourself with adjusting a satellite dish. Due to FCC requirements, satellite G1 must move one degree to the east, beginning June 21, 1991. It will gradually drift for a period of one week until it reaches its new location at 133°W.

Realigning a dish is easy and usually can be done with a remote control. Most satellite equipment manufacturers offer technical hotlines in case you can't find, or have trouble with, your owner's manual. And be sure to check current satellite TV publications for helpful hints.

If you don't wish to perform this job yourself, make an appointment with your satellite dealer before they get booked up.

Because the transition of G1 takes a week, the final adjustment should be performed after the 28th of June. However, a slight adjustment on the 24th or 25th will give you better performance at midweek and serve as a dress rehearsal.

Specials

VH-1 is on tour with Whitney Houston now through July 29. In addition to live, backstage, coverage and Whitney's interview on *One to One* (7/4), one lucky viewer will win a trip to her concert in Paris, aboard the Concorde. Sweepstakes info for the July 20 drawing is available on VH-1 and at participating music stores.

Carol Burnett narrates, sings and voices some of the characters in *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* (HBO, 6/22, 27).

A two-part special about reporters working in Nazi Germany, *The Nightmare Years*, recreates chilling reality (WGN, 6/24-25).

The *World of Audubon* series explores the controversial issue of livestock overgrazing on public lands in *The New Range Wars* (TBS, 6/24, 29).

Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson, Kris Kristofferson and Johnny Cash are the *Highwaymen Live* (Disney, 6/26). The quartet performs greatest hits and discusses music and their lives.

Tom Selleck hosts *A User's Guide to Planet Earth*, a documentary which tests viewers' knowledge of ecology (A&E, 6/27). Morgan Freeman, Susan Sarandon and Rosanne Barr star.

Country music's Randy Travis and Tammy Wynette tell viewers how they overcame troubles to become superstars in *What I've Learned* (The Learning Channel, 6/28).

Dwight Yoakam and George Strait's latest videos help make up the top ten hits on CMT.

Club MTV kicks off a hot concert/dance tour in Milwaukee on July 3. Guests include C+C Music Factory.

Dinah Shore: A Special Conversation with Burt Reynolds reunites the popular couple for 90-minutes of warm and revealing discussion (7/10, Nashville Net).

Movies

Corbin Bernsen, Amanda Pays and John Glover star in a psychological thriller with a sense of humor, *Dead on the Money* (TNT, 6/23).

Turn back the clock and *Take Me Out to the Ballgame* with Gene Kelly, Frank Sinatra and Esther Williams in Busby Berkeley's turn-of-the-century musical (Disney, 6/30).

Ten years ago, press secretary James Brady stepped into the path of a bullet intended for Ronald Reagan. Beau Bridges portrays Brady in the courageous story of triumph over tragedy, *Without Warning* (HBO, 6/24, 27).

Would you buy a used car from Robin Williams? Tune in for laughs and thrills as he plays the title role in *Cadillac Man* (Showtime, 6/25, 28).

The nation's leading film critics, including Roger Ebert and Stephen Schiff review their favorite films in a month long *Critics' Classics* celebration (AMC). The festival, which plays through July 28 features Hitchcock's *Suspicion* (6/24), the 1923 version of *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* (6/28) and *Citizen Kane* (7/9).

After five years, Eddie Murphy and Nick Nolte are back together—fighting each other and everything else in the way in *Another 48 Hours* (Cinemax, 6/20, 30).

The Marlene Dietrich festival on the Movie Channel (6/27) features eight classics, including *Blonde Venus*, *Shanghai Express* and *Dishonored*.

Sports Corner

Coverage of the most prestigious event in tennis begins with *Wimbledon '91* (HBO, 6/24).

Big bucks for bowling on the PBA tour at the \$125,000 *Oregon Open* (WABC, KUSA, 6/29).

ESPN Sunday Night baseball features Angels vs. Tigers (6/23) and Dodgers vs. Braves (6/30).

And, *The St. Jude PGA Golf Classic* tees off on WBBM (6/29-30).

Tony Imperato covers the television industry from Los Angeles. For specific times and satellite channels, please check your satellite listings.

Thank You

I want to thank everyone that attended the retirement party given for Dolores, Beverly and me for coming. Thanks to the hostesses for hosting a "Great" party.

I appreciate the gifts and cards I received. I'm still receiving cards in the mail. I appreciate all the best wishes extended to me -- both verbally and in writing on the cards.

The party just reaffirms what I've always known -- the people of Borden County are very special people.

Doris Steadman

PUBLIC NOTICE

Texas Utilities Electric Company ("TU Electric"), in accordance with the rules of the Public Utility Commission of Texas, hereby gives notice that it has filed a Notice of Intent to file an application for a certificate of convenience and necessity for approximately 2,172 MW of new generating capacity to be comprised of: one 620 MW combined-cycle combustion turbine generating unit scheduled for operation in 1997, at an estimated expense of \$476,285,000; one 620 MW combined-cycle combustion turbine generating unit scheduled for operation in 1998, at an expense of \$429,917,000; one 650 MW pulverized coal generating unit scheduled for operation in 2000, at an estimated expense of \$1,327,503,000; and approximately 272 MW of simple-cycle combustion turbine generating units scheduled for operation in 2000, at an estimated expense of \$195,451,000. All of the estimated expenses include an Allowance For Funds Used During Construction. In accordance with the Public Utility Commission's Substantive Rule 23.31(h)(3)(A), the locations for these generating units have not been finally determined; however, it is presently anticipated that the proposed generating units will be located at existing TU Electric generating plant sites.

Persons with questions about these projects should contact Dick Ramsey of TU Electric at (214) 812-4069. Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon action sought, should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, at 7800 Shoal Creek Blvd., Austin, Texas, 78757, or call the Public Utility Commission Public Information Office at (512) 458-0256, or (512) 458-0221 for the telecommunications device for the deaf. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding will be 60 days after the final publication of this notice.

A complete copy of the Notice of Intent is on file with the Public Utility Commission of Texas at the above address.

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Erratic Weather Takes Toll on Young High Plains Cotton

If it isn't one thing, it's another. That might well be the motto of Texas High Plains cotton farmers, who have seen recent rains, high winds, and hail inflict serious damage on young cotton plants.

Heavy thundershowers the first week of June, accompanied by winds as high as 70 miles an hour, blowing sand and hail have producers assessing their fields to see if they must replant. In Gaines County, the state's top producer of cotton, hail severely damaged 15,000 to 20,000 acres.

"We started with a relatively dry season that precluded planting of most of the dryland acreage," said Dr. James Supak, Texas Agricultural Extension Service cotton agronomist.

The counties around Lubbock that he serves, dubbed, "the work's biggest cotton patch," this year were slated to plant some 3.7 million acres of cotton, about 40 percent of it irrigated. The area annually produces half the state's crop and about 20 to 25 percent of the nation's cotton.

The dryland crop should be planted by May 20 for best results. But at the end of May almost a million acres was either unplanted or being planted without adequate soil moisture, in hope of showers to germinate the seed.

Most of the irrigated acreage got planted in a timely fashion and got off to a pretty good start. Then came several days of cool weather that slowed development and in some cases caused problems with seedling disease.

Going into June, without a general rain across the area, the crop was beginning to

make good progress.

Then came the rains, generally sufficient to allow germination of dryland cotton. But for already emerged young plants, the accompanying winds, sand and hail took their toll. The moisture and cooler, cloudy conditions stimulated a resurgence of seedling disease.

"Right now we have a lot of fields that just a few days ago looked pretty good and now are showing the effects of windburn, wet weather blight, some seedling disease damage, and a lot of plants are dying," the agronomist said.

The heaviest wind and sand damage is on the younger cotton.

"These young seedlings are just more vulnerable to that kind of damage," he said, adding that they also are the plants showing the most seedling disease problems.

Older cotton, up for about six weeks, is getting into "that woody stage that resists seedling disease damage," Supak said.

"But it's still susceptible to the kind of wind and hail damage we had last week."

Sunshine and warm weather are needed to dry the land and allow farmers to do some tillage to aerate the plants and stabilize the fields to prevent further wind and sand damage, the specialist said.

Farmers have to carefully assess their fields, Supak said.

"They're going to have to make that tough decision whether there's enough stand left out there to keep, or whether the crop should be replanted."

TOUR TEXAS

JULY '91

It's Like A Whole Other Country.

July 1 - Schlitterbahn Waterpark, New Braunfels. The biggest water park in Texas is getting bigger! Schlitterbahn or "slippery road," located between San Antonio and Austin, is opening an additional 25-acres, making this the largest tubing park in the country and the only one where some of the thrills are created by natural river rapids. A free tram will transport you the short distance between the 65 acres of water recreation and resort facilities. Children's water playgrounds, speed slides, a giant hot tub, a 1000-foot-long slow river ride and a new tube surfing ride (the first of its kind in the country), will be added to the already existing Congo River Ride, Family Wave Pool, 17 water slides, 7 major tube chutes, Polywog Pond for children, paddle boats, swimming pools, arcade, gift shop and more. For fees and times, contact Schlitterbahn Water Park, 305 W. Austin St., New Braunfels 78130 (512/625-5510).

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July 3-4 - 4th of July Celebration, Ozona. Ozona celebrates the Crockett County Centennial from July 1-7, however, 4th of July fun festivities kick off Wednesday evening with heaping bowls of ice cream and a hilarious male bathing beauty contest at the rodeo arena. Don't miss old-fashioned fun on Thursday in the historic town square with a morning parade, arts and crafts, foods, games and a variety of contests for all ages. Apple pie-baking, beard-growing, husband-calling and pet contests, stick horse races, fireworks display and a family street dance are sure to disturb the Ozona! Contact Nancy Moore with the Ozona Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 1135, Ozona 76943 (915/392-3737).

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July 3-6 - 62nd Texas Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo, Stamford. Visit this town, located 40 miles north of Abilene, and you'll see the spirit of the Old West come

alive as cowboys and cowgirls of all ages compete in Reunion Arena at the greatest amateur rodeo — no rodeo pros allowed. Children can compete in the Little Britches Rodeo. A barbecue lunch, chuckwagon dinner and late-night breakfast each day will help keep you in the saddle. Visit the Western art and Bit, Spur and Western Collectible shows. Satisfy your palate at the chuck wagon and barbecue cookoffs, then dance each night at the Pavillion. See breakaway and slack-roping competitions, barrel races, fiddlers contest and the grand parade. Contact the Stamford Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 1206, Stamford 79553 (915/773-2411 or 3614).

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July 4 - Ice Cream Festival and Fireworks Display, Brenham. Ice cream, ice cream we all scream for ice cream! You, too, can enjoy a delicious variety of flavors in the land of Blue Bell Creameries, as well as brass band, carnival, arts and crafts, a noon barbecue and fireworks display at this day-long independence celebration on Washington County Fairgrounds. To get the "scoop," contact the Brenham Chamber of Commerce, 3145 South Austin, Brenham 77833 (409/836-3695).

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July 4-6 - Freedom Festival, Seguin. More than 100,000 will visit the fairgrounds to enjoy live country and Hispanic bands from the area, dance, visit food and arts and craft booths, and enter a 5K run, volleyball, softball, horseshoe and washer tournaments, watch the downtown parade, and "ooh" and "ahh" at the fireworks display. Prepare your recipe for the Classic Chili Cookoff on Saturday at Riverside Park. Contact the Seguin Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 710, Seguin 78156 (409/254-3500).

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July 4-7 - Texas Jazz Festival, Corpus Christi. You can never get enough of all that jazz. This annual event continues to attract the best musicians from across the

nation. Enjoy free clinics and concerts, festival cruises and a Sunday morning jazz mass, or just treat your ears to an afternoon of great music from concert stages surrounding the Watergarden at the north end of the bayfront. For schedule and information, contact P.O. Box 424, Corpus Christi 78403 (512/878-1757).

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July 4-7 - 4th of July Pari-mutuel Horse Races, Fredericksburg. Race to the Gillespie County Fairgrounds, where more than 12,000 spectators will bet on thoroughbreds and quarter horses from around the country. Bring your boots for the Saturday evening dance with music from Skip Ewing, and the Sunday music showdown. Contact Gillespie County Fairgrounds, P.O. Box 526, Fredericksburg 78624 (512/997-2359).

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July 5-7 - Borderfest, Laredo. Bring your old amigos and make some new ones at this lively fiesta just across the border from Old Mexico. Fill your weekend with food, games, dancing, arts and crafts, mariachi music, a kiddie park and much more on the civic center grounds. Contact Borderfest, P.O. Box 1359, Laredo 78042 (512/722-7611).

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July 5-7 - Hot Air Balloon Race, Mesquite. Rise to the occasion and join more than 50 balloonists and 250,000 spectators from around the world at this unique event on the outskirts of Dallas. Paschall Park will be filled with arts and crafts, food booths, live musical entertainment, and an eerie, spectacular glow as the balloons fire up at dusk. Races begin Saturday at 6:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Don't miss the Sunday morning balloon mass ascension. Admission is free. Contact the Mesquite Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 850115, Mesquite 75185-0115 (214/285-0211).

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July 6-7 - 22nd Annual Rockport Art Festival, Rockport. Art, art and more art! Enjoy the charm of

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Courthouse News

WHEREAS, On the 10th day of June 1991, the Commissioners' Court of Borden County, Texas, convened in Regular Session at the regular meeting place thereof in the Courthouse in Gail, Texas, the following members of the Court being present and participating, to-wit:

VAN L. YORK	COUNTY JUDGE, Presiding
FRANK CURREY	COMMISSIONER, Prec. #1
LARRY D. SMITH	COMMISSIONER, Prec. #2
VERNON WOLF	COMMISSIONER, Prec. #3
HURSTON LEMONS, JR.	COMMISSIONER, Prec. #4
DOROTHY BROWNE	COUNTY CLERK & EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Constituting a quorum, when the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes of the meeting of May 28th, 1991 were read. Commissioner Currey made a motion to approve said minutes as read. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

Voting For: Commissioners Currey, Smith, Wolf and Lemons

Voting Against: None

BIDS ACCEPTED

Bids for the purchase of a new truck and a new distributor were opened in open Court on May 28th, 1991. A motion was made by Commissioner Currey to accept the bid from Wilson Motors of Snyder, Texas for the purchase of the new truck and to accept the bid from Associated Supply Company, Inc. of Lubbock, Texas for the purchase of a new distributor. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Voting For: Commissioners Currey, Smith, Wolf and Lemons

Voting Against: None

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED

Current accounts were examined. Motion was made by Commissioner Currey to pay said accounts. Commissioner Wolf seconded the motion.

Voting For: Commissioners Currey, Smith, Wolf and Lemond

Voting Against: None

COUNTY AGENT

Mr. Dennis Poole, County Agent, visited with the Court

RESOLUTION

The following Resolution by the House of Representatives of Texas, is hereby placed of record:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The citizens of Borden County will mark an important milestone in the proud history of their community when they commemorate the centennial of the county's organization with a gala communitywide celebration on June 1, 1991; and

WHEREAS, Created by the Texas Legislature in 1876 and named for early Texas patriot Gail Borden, Jr., the West Texas county was opened to settlement by cattlemen extending their ranching operations northward from Howard County in the 1880's; and

WHEREAS, Other settlers soon followed, and by 1890 the region's population had increased to the point that a petition for organization was granted and the town of Gail was selected as the county seat, thus marking the beginning of Borden County's political history; and

WHEREAS, Their hardy and independent characters formed by the land and steeped in the traditions of farming and ranching, Borden County residents today are proud heirs of their forebears' indomitable spirit, and the community's centennial celebration on June 1, 1991, is indeed an occasion worthy of special legislative recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 72nd Texas Legislature hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of the organization of Borden County and honor all of its fine citizens as they proudly celebrate a century of progress and achievement.

Counts

H.R. No. 1081

Gib Lewis
Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1081 was adopted by the House on May 27, 1991, by a non-record vote.

Betty Murray
Chief Clerk of the House

LEGAL NOTICE

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf to advertise for bids for the construction of a building to be used by the County Agents, said bids to be opened July 8, 1991 at 10:00 a.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Voting For: Commissioners Currey, Smith, Wolf and Lemons

Voting Against: None

County Judge, Van L. York absent after lunch

APPRAISAL BOARD

Mr. Terry Pipkin of Thomas Y. Pickett Appraisal Company, stated that he enjoyed working with Borden County and hoped it would continue in the future. Mr. Pipkin also presented information on computer systems that, if purchased, would be used in the Tax Office and Appraisal Board Office.

Commissioner Currey absent after 2:50 p.m.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolf at 3:45 p.m. to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and approved unanimously.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES READ AND APPROVED THIS THE 24TH DAY OF JUNE, A.D. 1991.

Parenting

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Families can brainstorm appropriate ways to be assertive (i.e., using "I" messages - I don't want to ..., being firm, using eye contact, good posture and being confident).

Decision-making skills and assertiveness are two more things parents can teach their children that will help prevent substance abuse.

"Non-Alcoholic" Beer

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strate how responsible it is in drug marketing, advertisements would warn that Sharps or O'douls is not for children or alcoholics.

(Newsnotes Newsletter as printed in Idea Net News, Cartlville, IL, January 1991)

CLASSIFIED

WORK WANTED: Will do house cleaning. Call: Dorothy Wilson 806/756-4474

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the construction of a 64' x 40' steel Office Building will be received at the office of the County Judge at the Courthouse in Gail, Texas, until 10:00 a.m. July 15, 1991 and then publicly opened and read.

A cashier's check or bid bond acceptable to the court in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid price as a guarantee bidder will be required. The bidder will enter into contract within ten days after notice of award of contract to him. A performance bond will be required with the signing of the contract.

Plans and specifications are on file and may be examined at the offices of the County Judge and the County Clerk at the courthouse in Gail, Texas.

The Commissioners' Court reserves the right to accept the bid they feel is best and the right to reject any and all bids.

BY ORDER OF THE BORDEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

BY: Van L. York
County Judge

Date: June 17, 1991

IN RE: § IN THE COUNTY OF
§
THE ESTATE OF W. L. WILSON, JR., §
§
DECEASED § BORDEN COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE INDEPENDENT EXECUTRIX

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF W. L. WILSON, JR., DECEASED:

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of W. L. WILSON, JR., Deceased, were issued to me, the undersigned on the 17th day of June, 1991 in the proceeding initiated below by signature hereto which is still pending, and I now hold such Letters. All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered as an Independent Administration, are hereby requested to present same to me respectively, at the address below given, before suit upon same is barred by the General Statutes of Limitations, and before such Estate is closed and within the time prescribed by law. My office and business address is as follows, to-wit:

PAMELA WILSON GASS
1501 East Third Street
Big Spring, Texas 79720

Pamela Wilson Gass
PAMELA WILSON GASS
Substitute Independent Executrix of
the Estate of W. L. Wilson, Deceased
under Cause No. 315, pending
in the County Court of Borden County,
Texas

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