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What Is The August 10th Election About?

During the last session of the Legislature, a school finance bill passed which radically alters the way school property taxes are collected and distributed. The bill created 188 county education districts (CEDs) composed of the school districts in each county. Those county education districts will levy a property tax which will be distributed equally among school districts within the county education district. The election to be held August 10 will enable taxpayers in the county education districts to avail themselves of certain exemptions on their homesteads as well as open up the possibility of taxing certain tangible personal property.

What is on the August 10 Ballot?

There will be two elections held that day - a state constitutional amendment election and a school district election (in a few cities, there will be an additional local election regarding local issues).

The state election involves two constitutional amendments: 1) Proposition 1 to allow certain property tax homestead exemptions

and taxation of certain tangible personal property by the county education district; and 2) Proposition 2 which allows the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to issue up to \$300 million in general obligation bonds to fund student loans.

The school district will conduct a local option election on behalf of the county education district concerning issues addressed by Proposition 1. The school ballot will be in three parts: 1) whether to adopt a homestead exemption of 20% of market value; 2) whether to adopt an additional exemption of \$10,000 for the elderly and disabled; and 3) whether to tax non-income producing tangible personal property.

What happens if Proposition 1 fails?

If this constitutional amendment fails statewide, the school district election whereby the VOTERS authorize the exemptions will be disregarded. However, the governing body of the CED might adopt these exemptions under existing provisions of the Constitution.

Does each school district have to approve the three ballot propositions for them to pass?

The result for each question will be added together for the county education district as a whole. If the question fails in one district but passes the CED as a whole, it is still adopted by the CED.

Is a vote against Proposition 1 a vote against taxing tangible personal property by the CED?

Yes, but it is also a vote against voter-authorization for the CED to use homestead exemptions and elderly and disabled exemptions. As stated previously, the CED governing body might adopt these provisions following procedures set up under current law.

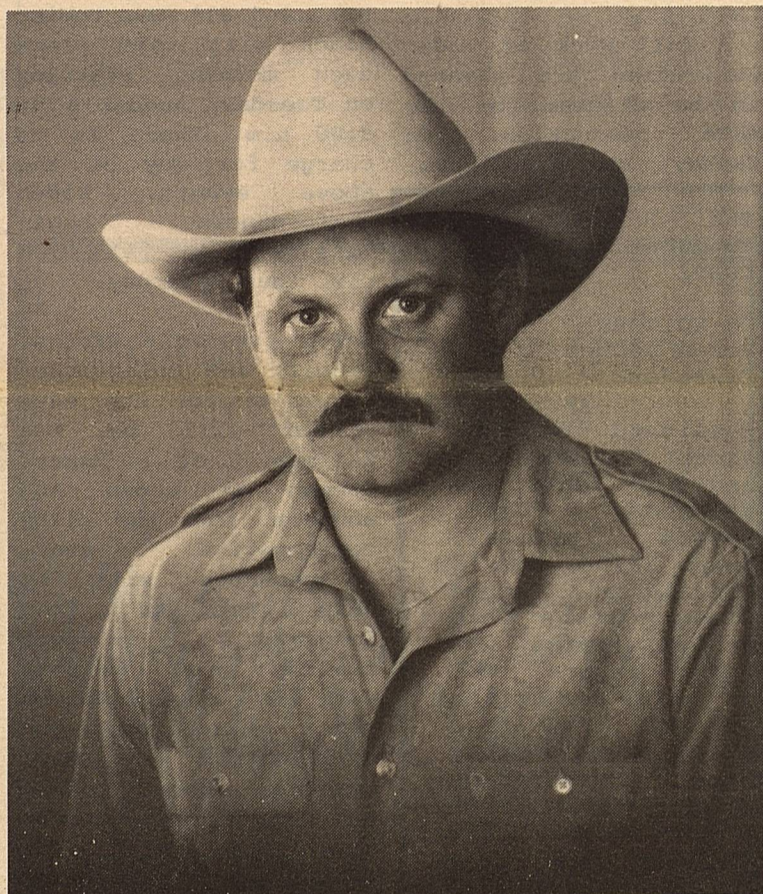
What items would be taxed as tangible personal property?

Perhaps tangible personal property can best be described by what it is NOT: it is not real property; it is not household goods, which are exempt from taxation by the Texas Constitution; it is not intangible property, such as stocks or bonds; and it is not income-producing property. The most obvious targets are cars, boats, airplanes, and RVs.

Where do I vote?

Ballots will most likely be cast on election day at your

Toombs Takes Over As Mitchell County Sheriff



Patrick Toombs has taken over as acting Sheriff for Mitchell County.

Toombs has been with the Mitchell County Sheriff's Department since October, 1989. He was promoted to Chief Deputy in April, 1991. Toombs served as Constable for Borden County from March, 1987 to September, 1989.

He is a graduate of Borden County High School, Western Texas College with a degree in Criminal Justice and Texas Tech with a degree in Animal Business.

Toombs is the son of the late Glenn, former Borden County Judge, and Marge Toombs, who resides in Borden County.

regular precinct polling station, County.

Absentee voting will continue from now until August 6 in the County Clerks office in Borden

Further questions about this election should be directed to the Secretary of State's Elections Division, 1-800-252-VOTE.

1991 AJRA National Finals Rodeo
August 6-10, 8:00 p.m.
Nightly Scurry Co. Coliseum
Snyder, Texas

The Spectacular AJRA National Finals Rodeo and Telecast will bring hundreds of Rodeo fans, and Young rodeo contestants of the American Junior Rodeo Association to Snyder, Texas, August 6-10 to compete in the Junior World Championships for 1991 in the Scurry County Coliseum. This is the 16th consecutive year the Finals have been held in Snyder under the local sponsorship of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce and Board of County Development.

A full week of rodeo activities are planned in the coliseum for the AJRA production. On Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

August 4th, the very young 8 yrs. and under cowboys and cowgirls will compete for the World Championship Barrel Race Saddle for first place, a Buckle for second and the top ten will receive awards jackets. This Barrel Race is the Odgen Memorial World Championship Barrel Race produced in memory of Corky Odgen. On Monday morning August 5th at 10:00 a.m. the AJRA Team Roping Finals take place in the Coliseum. Racing slack will start on Monday night at 7:30 p.m. and all the roping slack will take place each morning starting on Tuesday, August 6 at 9:00 a.m. There is no charge for any of the above events. Rodeo performances begin Tuesday night at 8:00 p.m. thur Saturday.

Top rodeo Professionals and Celebrities returning for the AJRA Finals will be Bob Tallman of Baker, Oregon as Rodeo Announcer for the 11th consecutive year. Co-Announcer will be Curt Robinson from Pendleton, Oregon sharing his talents with us for the second year. Rodeo clowns and bullfighters Rick Chatman, Leon Coffee and Snuffy Chancellor have highlighted the finals for a number of years entertaining the fans with great comedy acts and protecting our young contestants with their awesome abilities as bullfighters. Zolie Vajda will return as TV Producer of the AJRA Telecast on Saturday night for their 6th year, Assisted by Telecast Announcer Bob Tallman. The telecast will take place on August 10.

Championship Awards Presentations to all the Junior World Champions will be held in the Coliseum, Saturday morning, August 10 at 10:00 a.m. The public


SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE

South Plains College has scheduled one-day orientation classes July 30-Aug.22 for all incoming freshmen, transfer students who have less than 30 semester hours and students entering SPC on probation.

About 1600 letters notifying students of upcoming orientation sessions have thus far been mailed, noted Claudine Oliver, director of guidance and counsel-

ing. Students who do not receive a letter should contact the counseling office as soon as possible to get the date for their orientation schedule, noted Mrs. Oliver.

"Orientation is required for our incoming students," said Mrs. Oliver. "During orientation, these students will have the chance to meet with their faculty advisors, work out a schedule of classes and register for those classes." The process also will include information on how to be successful in college, and interest inventory to help pinpoint potential careers, discussion of the college catalog, campus tours, career awareness seminars and

is invited and encouraged to attend the award presentations. Plan to join us in Snyder, Texas for the 1991 AJRA National Finals Rodeo and Telecast. These young contestants of today are the pro's of tomorrow.

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SCHEDULE:

5:00 p.m. August 9th
Registration & Reception

10:00 a.m. August 10th
Registration Continues

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\$10 - Adults
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If you plan to have lunch please make reservations ahead of time by sending Cost to cover meal by July 20th or as soon as possible.

Afternoon
Meetings & Visiting
Tour of school & etc.

Please contact others and encourage them to attend. There are those who may have been overlooked because of addresses and otherwise. Please help us notify those who may have been left off our mailing list. We want everyone to come and join us for this reunion.

For more information call 806/756-4346 or 806/872-8326 or 915/573-0397 or write P.O. Box 312, Gail, Texas 79738.

class scheduling.

Information on TASP (Texas Academic Skills Program) and Pre-TASP tests will also be provided.

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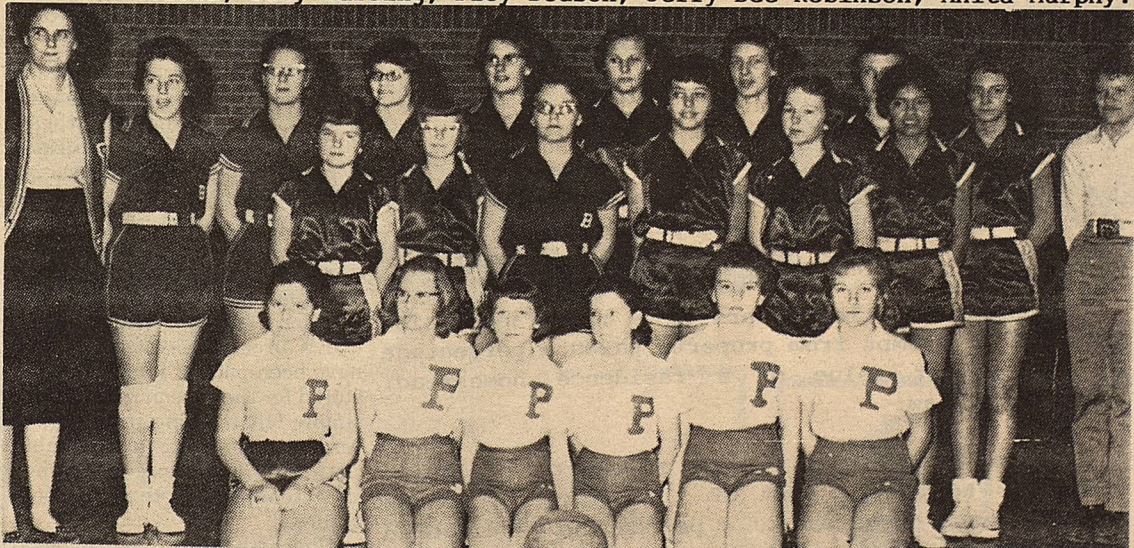
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1957-58 --- 1958-59

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HORSE PROJECT NEWS

The Borden County 4-H Horse Project has met weekly for the past 9 weeks in an effort to increase riding skills and provide an opportunity for county horseman to enjoy and compete with friends and family.

We have enjoyed 23 regular members over this summer, which is the largest group we have had over the past 6 years. These families paid a \$25.00 fee at the beginning of the project and entry fees at two designated point nights and one county horse show, along with sponsoring an open playday and concession in order to assist in sponsoring awards for the county horse show. Members had to participate in at least half of all practice nights to be eligible for awards.

We would like to thank Muleshoe Ranch for donating the meat for our concession and Rube and Sue Smith for bringing D.C. and the goat crew to our playday and county horse show. Also Rube and Sue constructed the halters that were utilized as awards for our county show and we appreciate their efforts also.

Don Cox of Cox Feed in Gail donated 10 sacks of horse feed and this assisted greatly with our awards ceremony too.

Participants and their placings were:

PEE WEE HIGH POINT

1. Tanner Miller
2. Lindsey Smith
3. Kaci Poole
4. Kyliia Culp
5. Tanner Poole

JUNIOR HIGH POINT

1. Sharla Miller
2. Corey Cox
3. Carey Cox
4. Rana Jones
5. Fernando Baeza

SENIOR HIGH POINT

1. Mandi Herring

The first place High Point in each age group received a buckle and 2nd thru 5th received saddle blankets with their placings inscribed on leather corners.

Also participating in the Pee Wee division included:

Andrianna Baeza
Cheyenne White
Sterling Miller
Clay John Anderson

Kalli Poole
Whitney Anderson
Mikanna Herring

In the Junior division participants included:

Rendee Herring
Shaina Isaacs
Jeffrey Dennis

Reagan Smith
Shelby Isaacs

All participants competed for awards which included stopwatches, halter & lead, buckets, brush, comb, spur leathers, cotton lead rope, soap, feed, dewormer, spurs, roping reins, kid ropes, hoof-pick, curbchain, and leather pieces.

This project is assisted greatly by Jana Underwood, Horse Project leader and Lisa Ludecke who assists with all book-keeping for point night, open playday and county horse show. Each of these ladies donate many hours to assist in helping these horse project participants and we appreciate them greatly.

Congratulations to each participant and a big thanks to all parents who

Letter to the Editor

The amendments that we will be voting on in the special election, August 10th are somewhat confusing. For one thing one of the amendments would allow the taxing agencies access to your home, and your personal property. This is a terrible precedent and I think should be voted against.

Conceivable, the tax gatherer could tax your clothes, jewelry, furniture and/or any household goods. This would also include your car, boat, motorcycle, any recreational vehicle and/or any tangible non-producing property. This is terrible and should not be allowed. Please vote against this issue.

The other amendments are equally confussing. They give certain exemptions on homes but state that the taxing agencies "may give these exemptions" - not

"will give them." It gives the taxing agencies the decision whether or not to do this so I would suggest, at least in the present form that they are written, that they be voted down.

Let me remind you that we are becoming the most taxed state in the union. The sales tax and the property tax rank in the top 10 states in the U.S. At this time, by the time you pay sales, state, and local property taxes, plus your income tax, we will be taxed up to 40% of our income. This must be stopped and by stopping the tax gatherer at your door is a first step. It's time that we as citizens require economy of spending in all of our state and federal agencies and this includes the bloated Texas Education Agency in Austin.

assisted in organizing and implementing this years projects.

Mr. Larry Smith and Hurston Lemons, Commissioners prepared the arena weekly for the horse project practices, point nights, county horse show and playday. With their help and the assistance of Tim Taylor, Cody Cooley, Tommy Cooley, and Alvin Smith, the arena was always in N F R condition.

Thanks again for everyone's assistance and participation.

ABSENTEE VOTING

Absentee voting for the Constitutional Amendment Election and the CED No. 6 Election will be held July 22 through August 6 in the County Clerk's Office in Gail.

Issues on the ballots are:

A proposal to allow voters of a county education district to provide for a tax on non-income producing tangible personal property in the district.

A proposal to allow voters of a county education district to exempt from property taxes a percentage of the market value of a residence homestead, provided by law.

A proposal to allow voters of county education districts to exempt part of the market value of the residence homestead of a person who is disabled or at least 65 years of age.

A proposal to authorize the legislature to allow the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to issue up to \$300 million general obligation bonds to finance educational loans to college and university students.

In the past 10 years, more money has been spent on education in Texas than any other item in the budget and yet according to test scores, this hasn't improved education one bit as a whole. The ratio of administration to students has risen dramatically over the same 10 year period and yet the number of students have not risen that dramatically and test scores have not risen accordingly with the amount of money spent.

Now we are being asked to fund other schools with our tax money which is going to make our taxes in Borden County to rise dramatically. Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock made the statement "When property owners see what their taxes will be Jan. 1, 1992, they will cry out for a state income tax." This is the only thing that career politicians, such as Bullock, see as an answer to every problem - more taxes in order for them to have more to spend. There's got to be a stopping place and we may as well start here by voting those amendments down.

Sincerely yours,
John R. (Rich) Anderson

HOME WORKS

How To "Iron" Clothes Without The Iron

Here's an interesting wrinkle in fabric care: Using your dryer as a substitute for ironing clothes!

You can do it, say Whirlpool home economists, if your dryer has a Tumble Press Cycle. This special feature tumbles items that are dry but wrinkled for about 10 minutes in heated air, then switches to room-temperature tumble for another five to 10 minutes.

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CDL License Required

DPS Director Colonel Joe Milner cautions that the Texas truck and bus industries are going to find themselves without properly licensed drivers on April 1, 1992 if they do not contact their nearest DPS Driver License office to schedule commercial driver's license (CDL) testing as soon as possible.

The DPS began issuing CDL's on September 17, 1990. However, as of March 29, 1991, only 50,000 CDL's had been issued (an average of

370 licenses a day). "Texas has approximately 962,000 commercial drivers who must be tested before their current license expires or April 1, 1992, whichever date comes first," Colonel Milner said. In order to license the remaining 912,000 CDL drivers before the deadline, DPS must average testing and issuing licenses to 3,648 drivers each working day.

More than two-thirds of the drivers hold Class A and B licenses that will not expire

until after the April 1, 1992 deadline. However, after that date the drivers cannot legally drive a commercial motor vehicle without a CDL. The drivers will be given credit for each full year of validity on their present Texas driver's license when obtaining a CDL. The cost of the CDL is \$40. There is no fee for making application or taking as many tests as are necessary to qualify for the CDL.

"Drivers operating vehicles exceeding 26,000 pounds, or transporting hazardous

materials, must obtain the new CDL," Colonel Milner indicates. Also, drivers who drive buses designed to carry 16 or more passengers (including the driver must have a CDL. Drivers of school and church buses are included. Exempt from the CDL requirements are farmers (when they are driving within 150 miles of their farm), military personnel, recreational vehicle drivers, emergency vehicle operators, and fire fighters when operating fire-fighting vehicles or equipment.

"The DPS can test at the truck or bus company

if the company has at least 15 drivers available for testing," Colonel Milner said. The DPS official believes that the DPS Driver License offices will have long lines of commercial drivers waiting to be tested as the April 1, 1992 deadline approaches if CDL test scheduling is not increased immediately.

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Topics ranging from boll weevils to budgets will be discussed this week as a veritable onslaught of cotton industry officials descend on Dallas and San Antonio for a number of different meetings.

According to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. (PCG) there will actually be four separate meetings held during the week of July 29. Three in Dallas and one in San Antonio.

The full week of meetings is indicative of the numerous important items scheduled for discussion.

Perhaps the most complicated of these meetings will be the Cotton Incorporated meeting in Dallas. The

purpose of the meeting is to develop a budget for CI's upcoming fiscal year. The Cotton Board will ratify the final budget at a separate meeting. The challenge facing the CI Board will be to develop two separate budgets in order to have an appropriate one ready to be submitted to the Cotton Board after the Cotton Research and Promotion Referendum results have been announced. The fact that the referendum's outcome will not be announced until around August 23 makes formulating the two budgets necessary.

"The work we do in Dallas will be important to the entire cotton industry," explains PCG President Larry Nelson. "In addition to the

proposed CI budgets the Texas Caucus will be held Friday to select new representatives and alternates to the NCC, CI and the Cotton Board."

The caucus will begin at 1 p.m., Friday, August 2, and voting representatives of certified producer organizations from Texas will find several positions up for reappointment. Besides the regular representatives and alternates that are due for reappointment this year Texas will see the addition of several new positions. The new positions will increase Texas' level of representation in two of the three organizations. Texas gains two delegate positions to the NCC and one Director position on the CI Board.

Overall Texas will be selecting representatives to fill a total of six NCC delegate and alternate positions, three CI Director and alternate positions and

nominations for two Cotton Board member and alternate positions. PCG will be represented at the Caucus by its current President Larry Nelson of Tulia.

In addition to the meetings concerning the beltwide organizations there are also going to be two meetings of primary interest to Texas. The first is a meeting of the Texas Cotton Producers (TCP) in Dallas August 1-2. The second is the Texas Ag Forum in San Antonio July 29-30.

Topics expected to be discussed at the TCP meeting are an evaluation of proposed budget cuts by State Comptroller John Sharp that would abolish the Texas Food and Fibers Commission and move all pesticide regulation authority out of the Texas Department of Agriculture. Also to be discussed are boll weevil eradication and a review of the CI State Support Commit-

tee's activities to date.

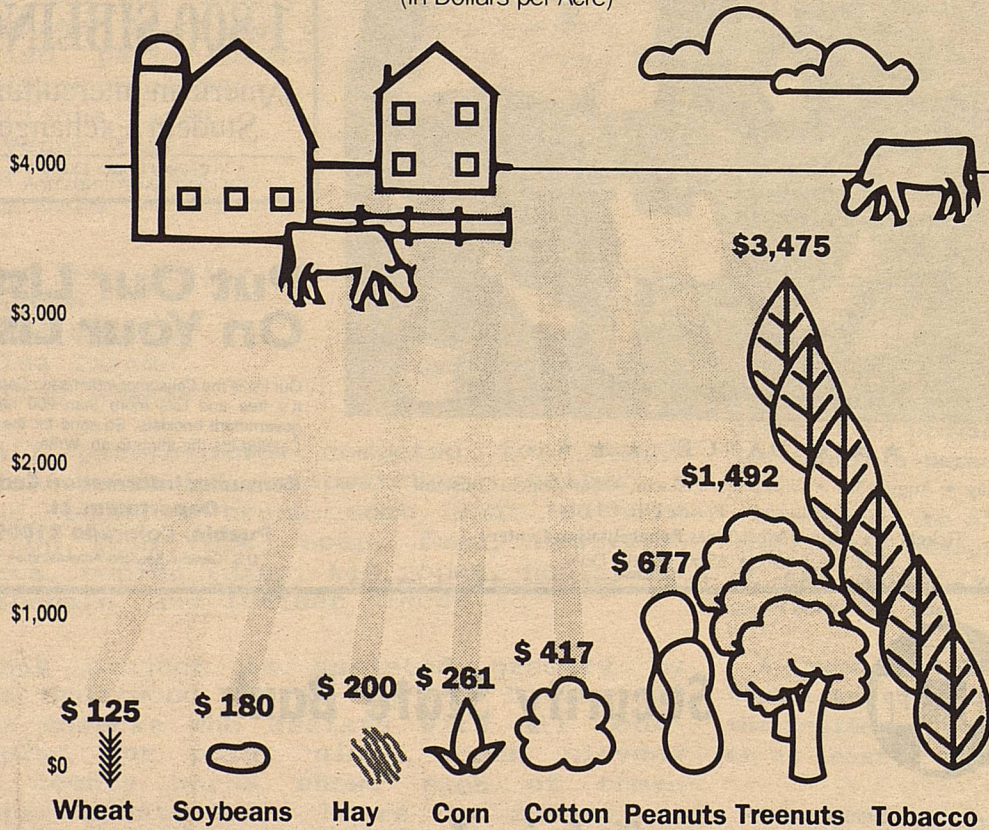
TCP is made up of representatives from the nine producer organizations that represent Texas cotton farmers.

Also being held on Monday, July 29, is the Texas Agricultural Forum in San Antonio. The meeting is being held concurrently with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service (TAEX) Specialists' Association Annual Meeting. Discussion will deal mainly with the economic situation that currently exists in Texas. The impact of alternative taxing policies on Texas commercial agriculture, a Budget update from a representative of the State Comptroller's office, and a discussion of TAEX's direction and responsibilities to the citizens of Texas are some of the topics scheduled.

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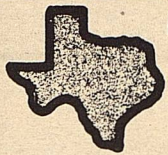
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Alfonso's Yearly Routine

I found Alfonso Valadez from his sign.

Painted in red and green on a white piece of plywood, the sign shows a stylized slice of watermelon and bears the beckoning words, "melons ahead." It leans against a utility pole on the east side of U.S. Highway 385 about two miles north of the Needmore cotton gin in Terry County on the Texas high plains.

Alfonso is in his late twenties. Standing almost six feet tall, he was bareheaded and wearing jeans and a blue plaid shirt when we met last weekend. The little toe from his right foot was showing through a worn place on the side of his blue canvas shoes. He's been coming to the Texas South Plains for the last six years to hoe cotton.

"Watermelons are a little on the side for cash," Alfonso explained to me. "We bought 'em from South Texas, from Rio Grande City. Friends grow 'em down there."

The fruit stand where I visited with Alfonso stood in a corn patch a little in front of a modest grey stucco house behind which was a corrugated sheet iron implement shed and three elm trees. The "stand" itself consisted of little more than a wooden sun shade with open sides on four spindly legs. Beneath it were three tables groaning under their heaps of melons.

Each summer Alfonso leaves home in the Rio Grande Valley to travel to the Texas high plains to hoe cotton. It is part of his yearly routine. Usually he comes with relatives.

"I come to work with my brother-in-law and his family," he said. "We're hoeing cotton, cleaning the cotton fields." Unless they are hoed, the fields

can become clogged with weeds, strangling the growing cotton plants. No machine can remove the weeds so well as a trained worker with a hoe.

Alfonso spends his summers away from home hoeing cotton and peddling melons. "We migrate up here," he said, adding, "We'll go back down there August 30th, I think."

When he returns home to Rio Grande City, Alfonso will spend the autumn packing local produce in wooden crates for shipment around the United States. "I work in a packing shed .. lettuce and tomatoes. I work about three months in September, October, November and December," he explained.

When I asked what he did with his time the rest of the year, he replied, "I go fishing. That's all."

Each year Alfonso looks forward to leaving home for his three months on the high plains. "I like the weather. South Texas is much hotter than West Texas," he reported. Alfonso also likes the people in Terry County: "They're nice people up here. They treat you well. They're not prejudiced."

As he sat on the base of an old school desk beside his tables laden with melons, kicking the reddish brown dirt with his right foot, I asked Alfonso what he does for fun when he is so far away from home. His only reply was, "Sometimes we go to Lubbock ... to the movies. That's all."

I gave Alfonso a five-dollar bill for one of his largest melons and headed south on U.S. 385. As I drive, I thought to myself about his yearly routine of hoeing cotton and packing produce half the year

DID YOU KNOW ?

Bananas: Some Surprising Facts

Here are a few facts about bananas for which you may be ripe:

- The outer color not only identifies this favorite fruit, it tells you how ripe the inside is and how best to use it.

- When the peel is green-tipped, the banana is firm and has not completed ripening. Then, it's

and then fishing and lounging around the rest of the time.

I think Alfonso may have the right idea.

right to use as a vegetable in cooked combinations.

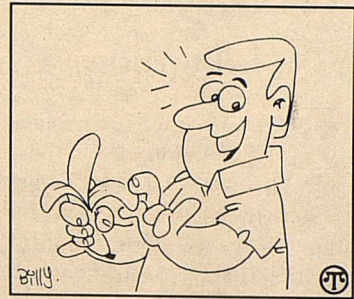
- As a banana ripens to bright yellow it develops the fruity aroma that says it's ready to eat straight from the peel.

- The appearance of brown spots on the skin reveals that the starches inside have converted to natural fructose sugar. This sweetness and the smooth texture means it's best for baking.

- The bright outer peel also keeps the edible inside of the banana clean and sanitary to carry in your pocket, purse or lunch bag, ready for instant eating.

Next time you pick a banana from the bunch you might thank Mother Nature for her perfect con-

tainer design. Remember too, that bananas are a great value, usually the lowest cost, year-round fruit in the produce department.



The banana peel, a perfect package, is biodegradable.

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If You Want to Play, You've Got to Pay

by Jack C. Peterson

Keep an eye on what's happening in Washington, D.C. these days. Members of Congress are trying to find new ways to pay for their elections. One popular approach that has been suggested would take your income tax dollars directly out of the Treasury to pay for election expenses. This would surely necessitate a tax increase to pay for all the other programs that would go unfunded. Frightened that this move would strike taxpayers as a very bad idea, the Senate has now thought of a new approach to raise taxes: taxing the PACs. This alternative sounds pretty easy as a "quick fix" until you think about it.

Political action committees (PACs) were the much heralded reform born in the post-Watergate years. The theory was that a large number of citizens could pool their resources to help the candidates they liked get elected to Congress. This is how it has worked, and worked well, for nearly two decades. In fact, PACs have not been part of any campaign finance scandal in their 20 years of existence. Today, people who share every conceivable philosophy and interest have come together to form their own PACs. And the good part is that, if you want to know which groups supported which candidates, the Federal Election Commission has been formed to gather that information and will provide it to you at no cost.

Now Congress wants to tax the PACs to pay for its elections. Taxing political participation would force PACs to pay for congressional elections twice—once from the voluntary contributions PACs may offer candidates and again when the PAC tax dollars are put into a fund from which candidates may receive "public" or taxpayer funding regardless of their position on the issue.

Congress should continue to work on reforming the way campaigns are funded. It should use the disclosure requirements for PACs as a model by requiring full disclosure of the source and amount of all funds spent on elections. What Congress should not do is tax political participation. Congress should work to encourage political participation, not drive it away.

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JOINT ELECTION NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL)

To the Registered Voters of the County of Borden, Texas:
(A los votantes registrados del Condado de Borden, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on August 10, 19 91, for voting in a special election to for the purpose of adopting or rejecting the proposed Constitutional Amendments as submitted by the 72nd Legislature, Regular Session.
(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 10 de Agosto de 19 91, para votar en la Elección Especial para pro. la 72ª Legislatura, Regular Session.)

LOCATIONS OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

No. 1 (Plains) at Plains Community Center
No. 2A (South Gail) at Gail Courthouse
No. 2B (Ackerly-Vealmoor) at Vealmoor Election Building
No. 3A (Murphy) at Murphy Election Building
No. 3B (Fairview) at Fairview Election Building
No. 4A (North Gail) at 4-H Exhibit Building
No. 4B (Snellings) at Don A. Jones Residence
Absentee at County Clerk's Office, Gail Courthouse during normal office hours.

No. 1 (Plains) en Plains Community Center
No. 2A (South Gail) en Courthouse de Gail
No. 2B (Ackerly-Vealmoor) en la sitio de votacion Vealmoor
No. 3A (Murphy) en la sitio de votacion Murphy
No. 3B (Fairview) en la sitio de votacion Fairview
No. 4A (North Gail) en 4-H Exhibit Building
No. 4B (Snellings) en la residencia Don A. Jones
Para los que se encuentran ausente, para el dia propuest pueden votar en oricina del County Clerk en Gail, Texas durante las horas normales.

Absentee voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at
(La votación en ausencia en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en)

County Clerk's Office (oricina del Secretatio del Destrito y Condado)

(location) (sitio)

If the county clerk is not the absentee voting clerk, the information in the block is required.

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on July 22, 1991 (date)
(entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 22 Julio, 1991 (fecha))
and ending on August 6, 1991 (date) (y terminando el 6 Agosto, 1991 (fecha))

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a)

Dorothy Browne
(Name of Absentee Voting Clerk)
(Nombre del Secretario de la Votación En Ausencia)
P. O. Box 124
(Address) (Dirección)
Gail, Texas 79738
(City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el)

August 2, 1991
(date) (fecha)

Issued this the 17th day of July, 19 91.

(Emilitada este día 17 de Julio, 19 91.)

Van L York
Signature of County Judge (Firma del Juez del Condado)