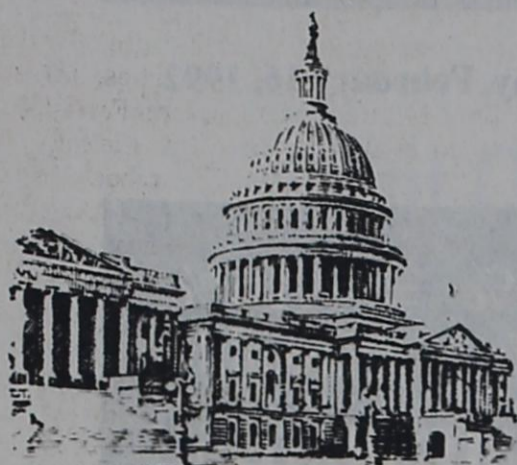


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"Ladder" Your U.S. Treasury Securities for Best Results

In recent months, investors have seen a lot of change and uncertainty in the bond markets. Interest rates dropped dramatically during 1991 and many experts are predicting that the decline will continue. As a result, many individuals are re-evaluating their current investment strategies and making revisions to ensure they're still meeting their goals and objectives.

No one can anticipate the ups and downs of the market. That's why it's so important to build a well-diversified investment portfolio. By spreading your savings among a number of different investments, you can protect yourself from being severely affected by the performance of just one stock or bond. At Edward D. Jones & Co., we strive to help investors develop investment strategies that meet their specific needs. In many cases, U.S. Treasury Securities (notes, bills and bonds) play an important role in those strategies.

Individual investors find U.S. Treasury Securities attractive for many reasons. In addition to offering good returns, they are also among the safest investments available because they are backed by the United States government. In addition, they are state and local tax free and offer regular income on a semi-annual basis.

U.S. Treasuries are available in a variety of maturities, ranging from three months to 30 years. As is true of most investments, the interest rates on the longer-term securities are usually higher than those on the shorter-term investments. However, shorter-term Treasuries give you more liquidity because your money is not locked in for a long period of time. In addition, should you decide to sell your securities before they mature, the price of a shorter-term treasury typically remains more stable than that of a longer-term security.

"Laddering" Gives Investors The Best Of Both Worlds

An investment strategy known as "laddering" allows investors to enjoy the advantages of both long and short-term Treasuries. Here's how it works.

Brian and Lynne Porter had \$40,000 to invest in U.S. Treasuries. They were attracted to the higher rates paid by longer-term Treasuries, but didn't want to lock all their money into a long-term investment because they planned to use some of it for home improvements a few years down the road.

Their solution was to "ladder." The Porters split their investment among two-year, five-year, seven-year and ten-year Treasuries, investing \$10,000 in each. As a result, part of their investment earned the higher rates offered by longer-term maturities and they still had



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money coming due in just two years. When that time comes, the Porters can decide whether to spend their money, or to reinvest it.

Your Edward D. Jones & Co. investment representative can give you a better idea of how "laddering" can help meet your individual investing needs. Call today for more information. ■

Relieve the Tax-Burden With Tax-Free Investments

Congress raised taxes last year, and many experts predict that more increases may be on the way. Regardless of what the future holds, we can all agree that taxes are a fact of life. Everyone is required to pay them. Fortunately, there are still ways that investors can lessen the impact taxes have on their income through tax-free investments.

Tax-free investments allow you to earn interest that is free from federal taxes and, in some cases, state taxes as well. There are many tax-free investments available, one of which may be suitable for your own needs.

Individual Municipal Bonds

Municipal bonds are one of the most popular investments with investors who are looking for tax-free income. They also serve as the basis for other investments offering tax-free income. When you invest in municipal bonds, you're basically loaning money to help finance public projects like highways, hospitals, housing and public education. In return, the issuer of the bond promises two things:

- to return the face amount of the bond at a specified future date, and
 - to pay a fixed amount of interest income until that date. These payments are usually made semiannually.
- Municipal bonds are generally longer-term investments and well suited for

investors who want to lock in regular income with a high degree of safety. These bonds are exempt from federal taxes and, in some cases, state and local taxes as well.

Unit Investment Trusts

A unit investment trust consists of a group of 10 to 30 municipal bonds, which are selected and constantly monitored for credit quality by professionals. Rather than investing in just one or two municipal bonds, a unit trust allows you to invest in several with just one investment.

As with individual bonds, the interest is a fixed amount, but investors have a choice of receiving income monthly, quarterly or semiannually. In addition, the minimum investment required for unit investment trusts is lower than that of individual bonds. Initial investments are usually in \$1,000 increments.

Tax-Free Mutual Funds

Another option for earning tax-free income without investing directly in individual municipal bonds is buying tax-exempt mutual funds.

Like unit investment trusts, your money is pooled with that of thousands of other investors and invested in 30 to 100 municipal bonds. Therefore, you can enjoy the benefits of diversification and professional management.

Investors can receive payments on a schedule that is flexible to meet their needs. Plus, if they so choose, investors can have their interest automatically reinvested in the mutual fund for the added benefit of compounding.

Finally, the minimum investment is low enough to place these funds within the reach of most investors. Most funds will accept deposits as small as \$50, with slightly more required to open an account.

The Tax-Free Portfolio

As you see, each of these methods of tax-free investing is different and offers separate advantages. A well-diversified portfolio of tax-free investments should contain all three. ■

ATTENTION CD Owners

Are you satisfied with the safety and current income you're getting with your CDs and other investments? If not, give your Edward D. Jones & Co. investment representative a call today. We have some attractive investment ideas for you.

Have Lower Interest Rates Cut Your Income?

With April 15 approaching, some people are spending a lot of time and energy searching for ways to reduce their tax bills. Certainly, saving on income taxes is important, but with interest rates as low as they are, saving your income could be even more important.

The steady decline in interest rates during 1991 was good news for new home buyers and other individuals who needed to borrow money. It wasn't such good news, however, for investors.

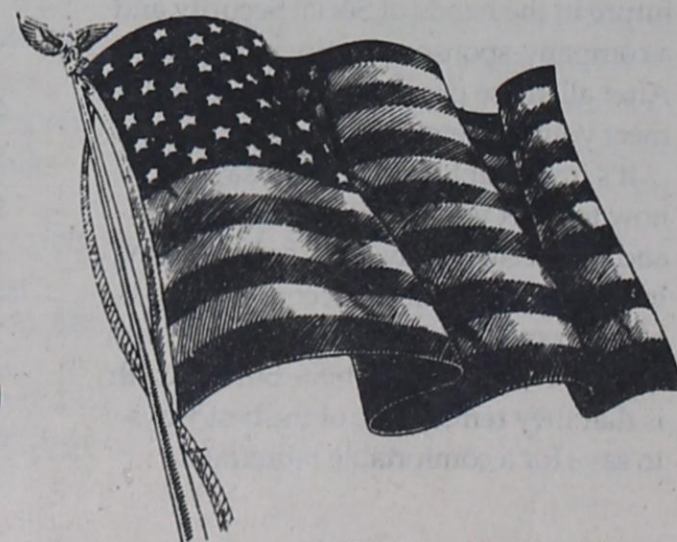
Individuals who rely heavily on income from short-term investments like money market accounts, and Treasury bills and CDs with maturities of one year or less, took a substantial pay cut in 1991.

A \$10,000 one-year CD purchased on Nov. 1, 1990, would have paid 8.10 percent, or \$810, in interest income. By the time that CD matured, however, the rate on one-year CDs had fallen to 5.0 percent. An individual who invested \$10,000 in a one-year CD on Nov. 1, 1991, will earn only \$500 in interest in 1992. That's a 38 percent cut in income in just one year.

Fortunately, there are a number of investment alternatives which still offer attractive rates and dependable income. Individuals can choose from U.S. Government securities, insured corporate bonds, AAA-rated asset-backed bonds and long-term CDs, just to name a few. If taxes are a concern, tax-free municipal bonds may be the solution.

No one can predict where interest rates will be six months, one year or five years from now. That's why a diversified investment strategy that spreads your money among short, medium and long-term investments is so important to your financial security.

Before you reinvest in a short-term CD, call your local Edward D. Jones & Co. investment representative about investment alternatives that offer attractive rates and regular income. ■



Tax-Free Mutual Funds

Get the income you want.
Get rid of the taxes you don't.

If you want to enjoy all the advantages of high-yielding mutual funds, without the burden of federal income taxes, you may want to consider tax-free mutual funds.

Diversification

Rather than owning one bond, a tax-free mutual fund allows you to invest in a number of tax-free bonds. You can count on a higher degree of security knowing your savings are spread over a variety of bonds, not dependent upon the fluctuations of one or two bonds.

Professional Management

Portfolio management experts monitor your bonds every working day. They watch the bonds for safety, ability to meet interest payments and marketability. They also analyze the marketplace to minimize your investment risk.

You'll generally find that funds pay slightly less income than individual bonds with long-term maturity dates do. That's because the bonds purchased for the mutual fund vary in maturity from very short, paying the least income, to very long, paying the most income. In this way, there are bonds maturing regularly in the portfolio. When the bonds mature, those funds, as well as new funds, are reinvested in bonds offering current interest rates.

Flexibility

Although all of the advantages of tax-free mutual funds are clear, many investors ask, "Why buy a tax-free mutual fund rather than an individual tax-free bond?" There are several reasons. Most individual bonds are issued only in multiples of \$5,000. This means \$5,000 is the smallest investment that can be made, and any additional investments must be made in increments of \$5,000. Most mutual funds accept minimum investments of \$50.00.

In addition, mutual funds give you the options of receiving monthly income, or reinvesting all of your earnings, allowing



them to compound on the same tax-free basis. These options are not available with individual bonds.

Should you decide a tax-free mutual fund fits your investment objectives, do not make your decision based on current income alone. Look at the prospectus. Study the quality of the bonds in the portfolio. This information is found in the report to shareholders and should be made available by the representative offering the mutual fund. Examine the ratings of the bonds in the portfolio.

Remember, the more risk in a bond, the more income it must pay. The fund with the highest income might also offer the highest risk. As with any investment, it's important to get the whole picture before making your decision. Your Edward D. Jones & Co. investment representative can help you select the fund that's right for you and provide you with a prospectus for that fund. The prospectus contains more complete information, including charges and expenses, and you should read it carefully before investing or forwarding funds.

Municipal Bonds: The Value Of Tax-Free Income

With April 15 quickly approaching, tax-free investing is on the minds of many taxpayers. Some of the best tax-free investments available today are municipal bonds. In fact, municipal bonds are one of the last totally tax-free investments available. They are free from federal taxes and, in some cases, from state and local taxes as well.

Despite the attractive features of tax-free bonds, a recent analysis of tax returns by the Public Securities Association reveals that a relatively small percentage of those who could benefit from tax-free bonds are taking advantage of them. These results are particularly surprising since so many states have recently raised taxes, and experts expect other states to follow suit.

Recently, many political leaders, including House of Representatives Speaker Thomas Foley, D-Washington, have raised concerns about the rapidly deteriorating condition of our nation's roads, bridges, schools and other public facilities. State and local governments have traditionally relied on municipal bonds to fund construction and repair of these structures. However, according to the National Council on Public Works Improvements, municipal bonds are currently funding only 40 percent of these projects. Consequently, state and local governments are looking for other sources of revenue to pay for these projects.

To make matters worse, state and local governments are feeling the effects not only of the recession, but also of cuts in federal aid. Many are having trouble balancing their budgets. The serious need for public facility improvement combined with budget deficits points to state tax increases in the near future.

With the possibility of higher state taxes on the horizon, the value of tax-free income could increase, making municipi-

6.60% = 9.16%
Tax-free Taxable
SOMETIMES,
LESS IS MORE.

Tax-free investments mean more income for you. In fact, if you're in the 28% tax bracket, a tax-free bond yielding 6.60% pays as much after-tax income as a taxable bond yielding 9.16%

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pal bonds more attractive than ever to individual investors.

Although the interest rates on tax-free investments are lower than on taxable investments, the most important consideration for investors should be after-tax return. Currently, an individual in the 28 percent tax bracket would have to earn over 2 1/2 percent more on a taxable alternative to equal a tax-free return. When you factor in state tax exemptions, the after-tax returns are even higher.

If higher taxes are the trend for the future, it's to your advantage to find out more about tax-free municipal bonds today. Call your local Edward D. Jones & Co. investment representative to find out how tax-free municipal bonds can fit your individual investment needs.

Saving For Retirement With IRAs

Most people hope to accumulate enough of a nest egg during their earning years to spend their retirement in comfort. A recent survey, however, showed that three out of four people fear they will be forced to lower their standard of living during retirement.

When it comes to your retirement dreams, don't leave the fate of your future in the hands of Social Security and a company-sponsored retirement plan. After all, these programs may or may not meet your retirement needs.

It's important that you start saving now to meet your retirement objectives, and an excellent way to do so is by using Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs). Many people believe IRAs went out with the Tax Reform Act of 1986, but the truth is that they remain one of the best ways to save for a comfortable retirement.

Who Qualifies For IRAs?

Anyone under age 70 1/2 with earned income can contribute up to \$2,000 annually to an IRA. The deductibility of these contributions is determined by two factors: whether you and your spouse are covered by an employer-sponsored retirement plan and your adjusted gross income.

IRA contributions are fully deductible for anyone not covered by an employer-sponsored retirement plan. If you are covered by a retirement plan at work, the deductibility of your contribution is

determined by your adjusted gross income and marital status.

Even if your contribution is non-deductible, the tax-deferred growth IRAs offer makes them a great way to save for retirement. You pay no taxes on your IRA earnings until you withdraw them, and the longer you wait to withdraw your earnings, the larger your IRA can grow. Plus, if you're in a lower tax bracket at retirement, this can substantially reduce the taxes you pay on your IRA earnings.

The table below shows how much of your IRA contribution can be deducted.

ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME		
Single	Married Filing Jointly	Maximum Deductible IRA Contribution
\$0-25,000	\$0-40,000	\$0-2,000
26,000	41,000	1,800
27,000	42,000	1,600
28,000	43,000	1,400
29,000	44,000	1,200
30,000	45,000	1,000
31,000	46,000	800
32,000	47,000	600
33,000	48,000	400
34,000	49,000	200
35,000 & above	50,000 and above	0

IRAs come in many forms, from annuities to mutual funds. Each offers unique benefits to suit your individual needs for growth and safety.

If you're already contributing to an IRA and are enjoying the benefits of tax-deferred growth, you need to monitor your IRA. A regular review of your IRA with your investment representative can tell you if it's working as hard as it can be. Even a small increase in the rate you're earning can make a big difference when you're ready to retire. Take for example, a \$10,000 IRA earning 7 percent today. Assuming all dividends are reinvested, that IRA will be worth \$38,696.84 in 20 years. A \$10,000 IRA earning 9 percent will be worth \$56,044.11 in 20 years. That's a difference of \$17,347.27!

Whether you decide to fund your retirement with an IRA or another diversified strategy that includes more traditional investments, such as common stocks, mutual funds or corporate, government and municipal bonds, the most costly mistake you can make is waiting too long to begin. Providing for a secure retirement is a long-term goal that requires a long-term investment strategy.

Put Off 'Til Tomorrow What You Don't Have To Pay Today

We've all heard the adage, "Don't put off 'til tomorrow what you can do today." However, when it comes to taxes, investments that allow you to delay paying them may mean more dollars in your pocket, both now and later.

Deferring taxes is especially effective if you can delay payment until you're in a lower tax bracket, for instance, when you've retired. Here's an example of how tax-deferral works.

The Smiths and the Joneses decide to begin saving for their retirement by investing \$2,000 on the first day of each year. The Smiths invest their \$2,000 in a taxable investment yielding 9 percent.

The Joneses choose an Individual Retirement Account yielding 9 percent, although they don't qualify for deductible contributions. The chart below shows how the annual \$2,000 investment made by the Smiths and the Joneses will fare over the next 30 years.

IRA. Whether or not these contributions are tax deductible is determined by your adjusted gross salary and whether you and your spouse are covered by a company-sponsored retirement plan. The bottom line is that 80 percent of Americans still qualify for partially or fully-deductible IRA contributions.

Annuities.

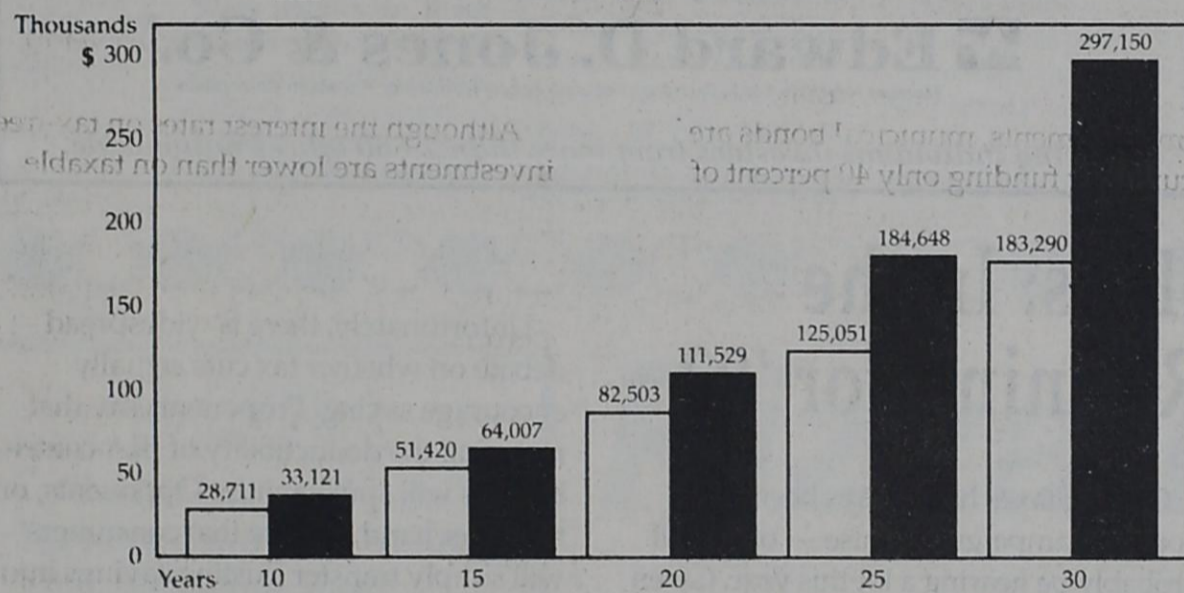
Annuities are life-insurance contracts that allow your money to compound tax-deferred until you retire. Although annuities have no set maturities, they usually must be held one to 10 years to avoid early surrender charges.

There are two types of annuities, fixed and variable. The major difference between the two is that fixed annuities guarantee a specific rate of return and are insured by insurance companies. The rate of return on variable annuities, on the other hand, is dependent upon the

IRA VS. TAXABLE RETURNS

Assumes 9% annual rate of return and \$2,000 annual contributions for an investor in the 28% federal tax bracket

□ Taxable returns at 28% ■ Tax-deferred IRA returns



SOURCE: Capital Research and Management company

At the end of the 30 years, the Smiths' \$2,000 annual investment has grown to \$183,290. On the other hand, the Jones' \$2,000 annual investment has grown to \$297,150, a difference of \$113,860!

Even if the Joneses choose to withdraw their \$297,150 in one lump sum at retirement and pay the federal taxes of \$66,562, they will be left with an after-tax nest egg of \$230,588. Remember, the Joneses did not receive deductions for their annual contributions, therefore, the taxes they will owe upon withdrawal are less than if they had made deductible contributions. That leaves the Joneses with \$47,298 more than the Smiths' taxable investment. That is what tax deferral can do for your investment dollars.

There are a number of vehicles that allow you to take advantage of tax-deferral. Each offers different features and benefits. Here's some basic information about some of the more popular investments that allow your money to grow tax deferred.

Individual Retirement Accounts

IRAs are an excellent way to save for a comfortable retirement. There has been much confusion surrounding IRAs, but the fact is anyone under age 70 1/2 with earned income can still contribute to an

market and therefore varies. Because of this, variable annuities can offer greater returns than do fixed annuities. Also, variable annuities are not insured, as are fixed annuities.

If you believe tax-deferred income may benefit you, meet with a professional to discuss your financial needs and investment goals. You may find that it really does pay to put off until tomorrow what you don't pay today. ■



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Is the Stock Market A Good Place To Spend 1992?

Many individual investors welcomed the new year with some not-so-new questions. Where is the stock market headed? Will this be a good year to invest?

Successful investing depends on a long-term strategy that includes high-quality equity investments, not on timing the highs and lows of the market.

If you're considering the reasons not to invest in 1992, consider the reasons that kept others from investing in years past. It can be a costly decision. For each year, we've listed what \$10,000 invested in common stocks* then would have been worth at the end of 1991.

- January 1,
- 1971 -Protests, demonstrations, Cambodia, Kent State - nothing is stable including the market. **\$100,491**
 - 1972 -When the market drops 29 points in one day, I drop out. **\$87,979**
 - 1973 -The Dow topped 1000 for the first time. We're due for a crash. **\$73,957**
 - 1974 -OPEC is in control. Nixon won't be for long. **\$86,670**
 - 1975 - This is the worst market in 40 years. **\$117,611**
 - 1976 -New York City almost went bankrupt and we're wearing WIN buttons. **\$85,758**
 - 1977 -Coffee is \$5 a pound. Inflation is killing the economy. **\$69,268**
 - 1978 -You can't make anything in this market. It's barely moved in two years. **\$74,631**
 - 1979 -No economy can stand interest rates this high. **\$70,060**
 - 1980 -Iran is holding America hostage. I'm holding on to my money. **\$59,150**

- 1981 -Chrysler needs \$400 million and I'm supposed to invest in the market? **\$44,660**
- 1982 -The recession has started and it could be bad. **\$46,952**
- 1983 -Ten percent unemployment and banks are failing. I knew it would be bad. **\$38,642**
- 1984 -The Dow is over 1250. It's an all new high and I missed it. **\$31,557**
- 1985 -There haven't been this many bank failures since the '30s. **\$29,707**
- 1986 -The federal deficit is over \$200 billion. **\$22,567**
- 1987 -A 2,000 Dow is ridiculous. I know I've missed the boat. **\$19,024**
- 1988 -Where were you on Black Monday? I was out of the market. **\$18,082**
- 1989 -There's talk of bailing out the S&L's. I'm bailing out. **\$15,522**
- 1990 -The 80's may be over, but high-yield bond problems aren't. **\$11,796**
- 1991 -We're days away from war with Iraq. There couldn't be a worse time to invest. **\$12,175**

You can probably think of a reason not to invest in 1992. But think about this instead. Equity investments are the cornerstone of most successful investment programs. A buy and hold strategy that emphasizes diversification still offers tremendous values to investors, despite short-term fluctuations in the market. It was true in 1970, and it's true today, the stock market is a good place for long-term investors. ■

* Based on the S&P 500. Assumes reinvestment of dividends.

Personal Line of Credit

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The Full Service Account:

A Valuable Tool At Tax Time

Tax time can be a real headache if you are not prepared for the paperwork involved. That's why it's important to keep good records all year long. Good record keeping can mean the difference between a smooth or rocky tax season for you. However, keeping your financial records straight and organized all year long is often easier said than done.

Edward D. Jones & Co. has a tool that can help you manage your money better and keep record keeping simple. It's called the Full Service Account. The Full Service Account (FSA) combines a money market and a brokerage account, all in one.

You won't believe how convenient the Full Service Account is. We'll handle virtually all the paperwork involved with your investments. For example, we'll hold your registered bonds and stock certificates so you don't have to worry about getting a safety deposit box. And when you leave your securities with us, they are protected up to \$10 million.

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SEPs Mean Good Business for Small Business Owners

No one said running a small business is easy. It takes a lot of hard work, time and planning. The same is true when it comes to saving for retirement. Fortunately, there is a retirement plan designed specifically for small business owners that can help them get the most out of the dollars they've worked so hard to earn.

You've heard of Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs). With an IRA, you can make contributions of up to \$2,000 each year. These grow tax deferred and may qualify as a tax deduction. But, as the name says, IRAs are designed for individuals. If you're a small business owner, you need to think of yourself and your employees.

If you don't yet, you should know about the Simplified Employee Pension (SEP). The SEP is designed specifically for the small business owner with one or few employees. It allows business owners to contribute up to 15 percent of annual compensation for retirement savings. Every dollar you contribute is fully tax deductible and grows tax deferred. That means you're not only saving on taxes today, but also for retirement tomorrow.

Once you decide to implement a SEP, you'll realize the additional advantages almost immediately. You don't have to file any additional forms with the IRS so you can continue to devote all the time you need to your business. The plan is also flexible to fit your individual needs. Depending on your business, you decide whether or not to make a contribution and how much you want to contribute.

Lastly, but very importantly, a SEP can make your business even more

attractive to your employees. If they are over 21 years of age and have worked for you at least three out of the last five years, then they are eligible for the SEP. As a business owner, you must contribute the same percentage of annual compensation for each of them as you do for yourself, but every dollar you contribute for your employees qualifies as a tax-deductible business expense for you.

Although your contributions are a nice benefit to your employees and can help you maintain those quality employees you value, some business owners make the comment, "My employees would rather receive a bonus over a contribution to their retirement." A SEP contribution is a better solution because it will cost you less and your employees will actually receive more.

As you can see in the chart below, by paying your employee a \$2,000 bonus, you must pay \$153 in Social Security taxes and your employees receive \$541 less than you intended. Since taxes are deferred on SEP contributions, your employee receives all of the \$2,000. The employee still has access to the money at any time. Of course, he or she would be responsible for any taxes or penalties owed for early withdrawal.

Most business retirement plans must be set up by the business' year end. SEPs, however, don't have to be established or funded until the business' tax filing deadline, including extensions. That means you still have time to claim that extra tax deduction for the 1991 tax year.

Call your Edward D. Jones & Co. investment representative today to find out how the SEP can work for your employees, your business and you. ■

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IRAs: In the Running for '92

Cutting taxes has always been a popular campaign promise — one we'll probably be hearing a lot this year. Given today's sluggish economy, members of both major political parties see the promise of a tax cut as a way to gain voters' favor in 1992 and to encourage savings.

Both political parties are proposing to cut taxes by expanding the tax breaks allowed on Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs). As you may recall, the Tax Reform Act of 1986 declared 27 percent of Americans ineligible for the tax breaks offered by IRAs.

Despite the fact that IRAs still offered tax-deferred growth of earnings, most savers abandoned IRAs, including many people who were still eligible to deduct all or part of their contributions. Less than 6 percent of Americans made deductible contributions to IRAs in 1990, according to the Internal Revenue Service. This compares with 1985, when 16.2 million taxpayers saved \$38.2 billion in IRAs, representing nearly one-third of the total amount saved by American households that year, according to the Wall Street Journal.

The various proposals currently under consideration differ, but there are some common themes. Among them are allowing some deductibility of IRA contributions for all Americans or, alternatively, permitting tax-free withdrawals. Another proposal calls for allowing penalty-free withdrawals for things such as a first-time home purchase, college tuition and medical bills.

Unfortunately, there is widespread debate on whether tax cuts actually encourage saving. Proponents say that restoring the deductibility of IRA contributions will spur savings. Opponents, on the other hand, believe that consumers will simply transfer existing savings into IRAs to take advantage of the tax break. In that case, the impact on the U.S. savings rate, the worst among the industrialized nations, would be a wash. To confuse matters further, several studies by well-respected economists support both points of view.

Then, there's the growing budget deficit. Despite the fact that both IRA proposals include financing provisions, the general consensus is that any tax cut will make the budget deficit wider, at least in the long run.

No matter how the political dust settles, IRAs remain a great way to save for retirement, even in their present form. An estimated 58 percent of working taxpayers are still eligible to deduct their entire \$2,000 annual contribution; another 15 percent can take at least a partial deduction.

Even if your contribution is not deductible, you pay no taxes on your earnings until you withdraw them. The longer you wait to pay taxes, the bigger your savings can grow.

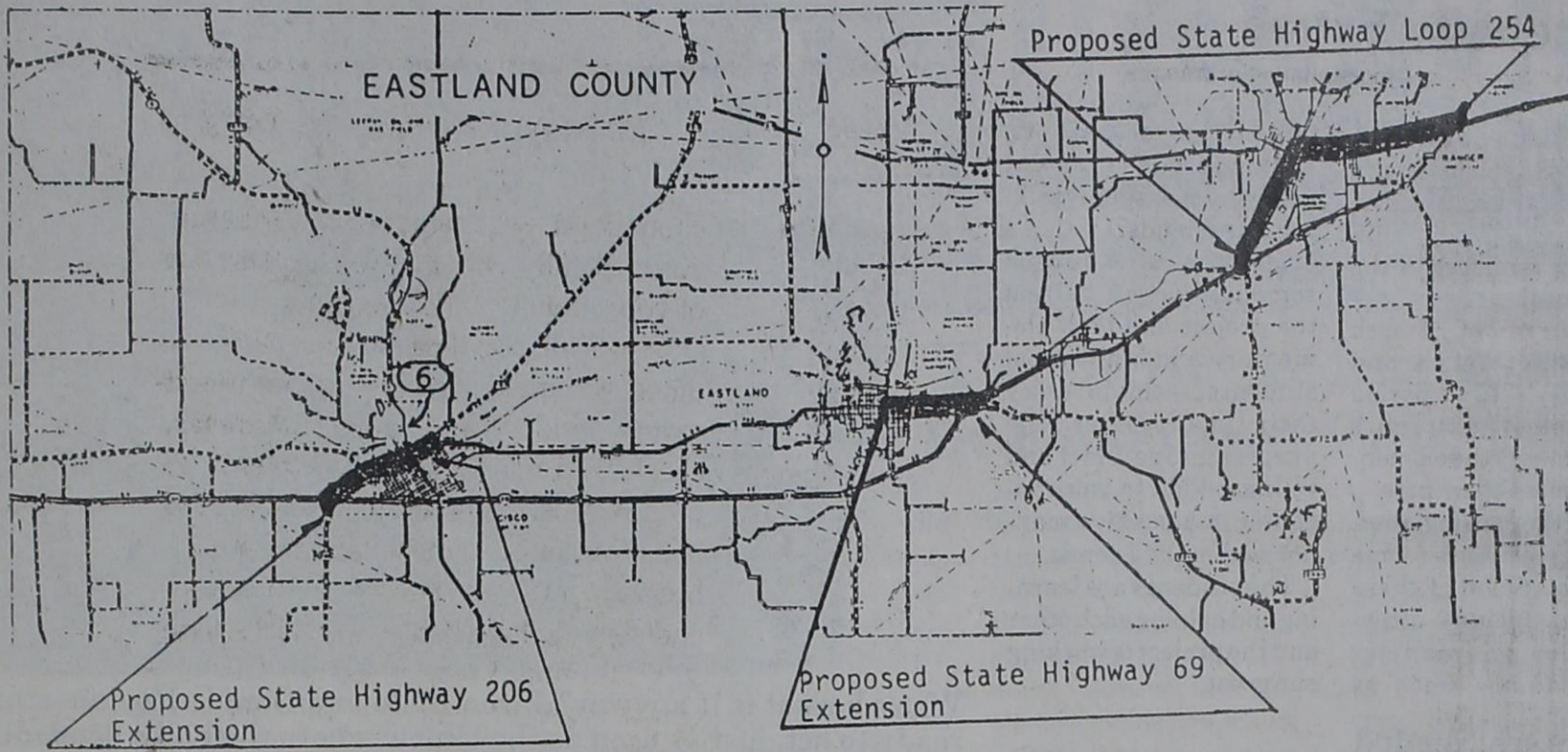
Many people also find themselves in a lower tax bracket at retirement. If so, when you do begin using your retirement savings, your after-tax return will be greater.

Too many working taxpayers are neglecting IRAs because they don't understand them. Don't let misunderstanding or misconceptions derail your chances for a financially secure retirement. ■

RETIREMENT PLAN CONTRIBUTIONS VS. THE BONUS SYSTEM

	Wage or Bonus System		SEP/IRA System	
	Employee Benefit	Employer Cost	Employee Benefit	Employer Cost
Employee: Mike Smith	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Federal Tax Withholding: 15%	-\$300	—	—	—
State Tax Withholding: 3.4%	-\$68	—	—	—
City Tax Withholding*: 1%	-\$20	—	—	—
FICA Withholding: 7.65%	-\$153	+\$153	—	—
TOTAL BENEFIT	\$1,459	\$2,153	\$2,000	\$2,000

*If applicable



Agriculture Viewpoint

by M. Davy Vestal

SMALL GRAIN FERTILITY

As the rains continue across the area, I've continued to notice widespread leaching of nutrients from the soil.

This leaching affects both the nitrogen and phosphorus levels in the soil and consequently will effect the growth of the grain.

One indicator of this affect is the pale green color of both wheat and oats in the area. If the weather permits and allows for top dressing of these crops, farmers should consider the addition of extra nitrogen and phosphorus.

However, this application must be made before jointing occurs, which is usually late February. Once jointing occurs, additional nitrogen will do very little to increase yield potential. Jointing may be delayed a couple of weeks this year due to the rainy warm periods we've been experiencing.

Weeds may be a problem with this years grain crops as well. You may want to check in to adding with your top dressing a herbicide such as Glean, Ally or Express to help control weeds such as henbit and mustard.

PEANUT SHORT COURSE

The Central Texas Peanut Short Course will be held Wednesday, February 19th at the DeLeon City Hall. The program is being coordinated by the Eastland and Comanche County Extension Crops

Committees. Schedule of events:

9:00 a.m. Registration and View Exhibits.
9:25 a. m. Morning Moderator-Rick Taylor.

What the Peanut Farmer Should Know About His Product-John Takash, Vendor Assurance Coordinator M&M Mars Co.

Manufacturers Viewpoints-Ken Hold, Proctor & Gamble.

BREAK
Weed Control Changes in 1991 and Water Management in Peanuts-Dr. Ed Colburn Extension Agronomist.

Product Update from Sponsors.
NOON Lunch-Catered by Cook's Fish Barn.

Afternoon Moderator-Philip Lewis.

Peanut Innoculants, Seeding Rates and Maturity Application-Dr. George Alston Extension Agronomist.

Disease and Nematode Update-Dr. Chip Lee, Extension Plant Pathologist.

Program Updates-Ross Wilson, SWPGA.

Peanut Quality Show Awards Presentation-Bob Whitney and Davy Vestal, County Extension Agents-Ag.

Private Applicator Certification.

Please pre-register by contacting the Eastland County Extension Office at 629-1093.

Bargains in Office Supplies at The Rising Star

Sheriff's Department Report

The following are now cases investigated by the Eastland County Sheriff's Office.

On February 8, assault in Eastland which was unfounded.

February 7, vehicle theft north of Cisco is being investigated.

February 9, assault and family violence in Carbon, inactive.

February 9, assault and family violence in Eastland, incident.

February 10, criminal mischief in Ranger, under investigation.

February 11, missing person in Ranger, cleared.

Bailey Smith In Revival At First Baptist Church In Eastland

Dr. Bailey Smith, one of Southern Baptists' foremost evangelists, will lead a revival at First Baptist Church Eastland, Sunday through Wednesday, February 23-26. Services will be held at 7 p.m. nightly and at noon Monday through Wednesday with lunches served.

Monday night will feature a hotdog supper for all children grades 1-6. The balloon man will be back to entertain the children with his Bible stories told with balloons.

Tuesday night will be a community wide, family bar-b-que with Pete Rodgers and the Outlaws providing music during the meal. Wednesday will be a pizza dinner for all youth in grades 7-12. All evening meals will be served at 5:45 p.m.

Highway 80 Phased Out; New Names For Roadways

Are you tired of changes-just looking for some place where everything stays the same?

Then hold on to your hat-some more changes have already taken place!

Historic old Highway 80 does not exist any more. Yes, the roadway still remains, but the signs say something quite different. A lot of signs are going to be change on I-20, too, as soon as the ground dries enough to replace them. These new signs will reflect the changed numbering of roadways here.

The changes in Highway numbering were devised in Austin by the State Department of Transportation (a new name for them, too) and sent by letter to the local office of DOT.

A memorandum dated November 5, 1991 from an Austin official stated,

in part:

"This is to inform you that the application for the elimination and removal of portions of U.S. Highways 80 and 180 in Texas was approved by the Executive Committee of AASHTO on October 12, 1991.

"The removal of U.S. Highway 80 in Texas will be from the New Mexico State Line southward and eastward on the I.H. 30/U.S. 80 Interchange in Dallas. The removal of U.S. Highway 180 in Texas will be I.H. 20 in Hudson Oak eastward to the U.S. Highway 80/I.H. 30 Interchange in west Fort Worth."

More details on these numbering changes show that they will affect Cisco, Eastland and Ranger in Eastland County. Rising Star and Gorman will

have no changes.

In Cisco a section of approximately 1.8 miles from I-20 north westward to SH 6 will be transferred from U.S. 80 and State Highway No. 206 from southwest of Coleman northerly via Coleman, and Cross Plains will link with SH 6 in Cisco.

Eastland will also notice differences. The road called Highway 80, between Eastland and Cisco, will now be called SH 6. At the Courthouse SH 6 will turn south (Seaman Street and go the usual route of this highway.

State Highway 69 will come in from Highway 183 northwest of Eastland and turn east at the Courthouse, running approximately 1.8 miles from there to I-20 east of Ranger, a distance of approximately 5.5 miles.

This mileage is all transferred from Highway 80.

There will probably be some confusion with these changes, and new ad-

1991 Recapitulation of Criminal Cases & Collections

Criminal cases filed from March 5, 1991 through December, 1991

117 convictions and fined

23 Deferred Dispositions Granted

39 Attended DDC School

15 Cases dismissed

7 Warrants issued

3 Cases of Community Service

9 Cases transferred to County Court

3 Laid fines out in jail

16 cases pending - various reasons

Read The Classifieds

dress to phase in. Time will tell how much improvement the new numbers make in the system.

Collections for 1991

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Wildcat Tales

Journalism Class Rising Star High School Junior Cat Tracks

by Christy Hughes

It was obvious from the very start of this game that the junior Cats wanted to end this season with a win. They hustled throughout the game, came from behind, and defeated Panther Creek with the final score being 25-23.

At the end of the first quarter, the score was tied, 7-7. Panther Creek then outscored the Cats 7-4 and 7-6 in the second and third quarters.

Things were not looking good for the Cats, but in the fourth they managed to score eight and held Panther Creek to two. Scoring for the Cats were Robert Hollis, 12; Michael Perales, 6; Jeremy Hall, 4; and Landon Ratliff, 3.

The Cats have had a great season and are looking forward to track. Thanks to all of the supporters and the cheerleaders who stood behind the guys all season!

Dear Marie

I have a big problem, my best friend. He's been doing things like speeding and collecting D.W.I.'s and M.I.P.'s. My parents say he's a walking death machine and a bad influence. They also say that I shouldn't hang around with him. How can I please my parents and him too?

Trapped

Dear Trapped, There's an old saying "you can't please everyone all of the time." Try talking to your friend, find out why he does all this stuff. Don't ride with him anywhere. Tell your parents how you feel. If he is really your friend, he will respect your decision...

Elementary Extras

by Michelle Ferbrasche

The Rising Star Elementary has been doing a project that involves students making pals with the older students in the high school.

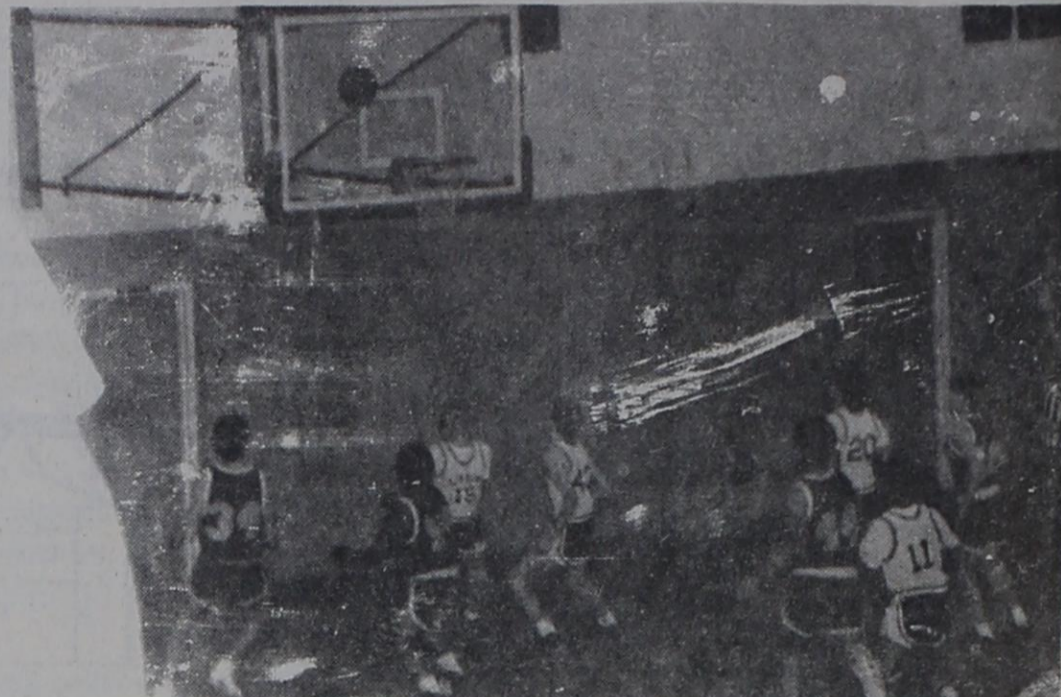
Two days out of each week, Mrs. Webb's and Mrs. Ivey's first period high school students travel down to the elementary to meet their pals.

When they get together, they pair off to do some activities. Some of these activities include drawing, coloring, reading, making things, such as

valentines for parents, walking around to look at things, or just simply talking like friends.

There has already been some positive results from the project and both elementary and high school students seem to enjoy their time together. The purpose is to get older and younger kids to work together in a positive manner and make friends.

The students are learning and helping each other and the project is working out great.



Who's basket is it anyway? Jason Bible and Donnie Horton stand ready to act, just as soon as they know where the ball's headed!! The boys tried hard, but lost to Novice 45-32.

Addresses Needed Class of 1952 Planning Homecoming Reunion

Anyone who attended Rising Star High School as a freshman in September 1948 or any of the following years with the Senior Class of 1952 is invited to a 40th reunion during the 1992 homecoming activities. There were 42 students during that four years and 23 of them graduated in May 1952.

We would like for all of our classmates to attend the reunion, which will be held Friday evening before homecoming day at the home of Weldon and Arla Hill. We're planning a chuck wagon supper.

Those we do not have addresses for are Melva

Bailey, Bailey Baker, Billie Jean Carter, Lanny Garrett, Johnnie Ruth Johnson, Bonnie Hogan, Lajuanna Morgan, Kathryn Morrow, Jack Tyler, Rovis Tucker, Jo

Ann Westerman, Julia Benson, Patricia Oakly, Mary Bible, Bernice Kinser, Winona Lawson, Edward Adams, Norman Barton, Charles Leonard, Frankie McDaniel, Roy Morris, Freeman Roberts and Dean White.

Anyone having the address of one of these classmates, please send it to Patsy Haynes Hicks, P.O. Box 559, Woodsboro TX 78393 (512-543-4573).

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Wid's Wide World of Wildcats

by Wid Keeling

The Wildcats are in the playoffs. The Wildcats will play Lohr for first place in district at Santa Anna to break a tie between the 6-2 teams.

The team is really looking forward to getting revenge on Lohr after the last game between them. There was a likely hood

of a three way playoff but Novice fell to Paint Rock. That is a very important step in the Cats winning district. The Cats do not have to play Novice again in a tie breaker.

I hope you will follow the Wildcats in their quest for a bi-district championship.

Incredible Edibles

by Inga Williams

February 24-28

MON: Lunch: Burritos, salad, crackers, fruit, milk. Breakfast: Scrambled egg, toast, juice milk.

TUE: Lunch: Steak, potatoes, green beans, rolls, jello, milk. Breakfast: Biscuits, juice, milk.

WED: Lunch: Beans, potato cubes, coleslaw, cornbread, cobbler, milk. Breakfast: Bacon, toast, juice, milk.

THU: Lunch: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, corn, rolls, pudding, milk. Breakfast: Pancakes, juice, milk.

FRI: Lunch: Chili dogs, fixings, French fries, cookies, milk. Breakfast: Sausage gravy, biscuits, juice, milk

Davitorials

by David Fisher

Hello reders. This week's topic is the Jackson family. They are really dysfunctional. In the beginning, they were all one big happy, afro-ed, black family. The Jackson Five were turning out hits left and right. There was a problem. Janet. She was left out of the five. Even though she was regularly featured in their videos, they never actually accepted her as one of their own. Janet finally got a job on Good Times. This was the beginning of the end of the Jackson Five.

Michael finally decided to break away from the rest of the family. He turned out his own hits. He was turning himself into the King of Pop. Hits like "Beat It", "Bad", "Dirty Diana", "Off the Wall", "Thriller", and "Man in the Mirror". This was when he was accepted in his family.

instead of dark brown. His brothers make fun of him regularly. His new video, "Black or White", was slightly gross. He grabbed himself over and over and beat the crud out of a car. I do not support Michael. He has been rude to his family and been an ego-maniac. He dresses in white shirts now and acts like he would like to be white. At least he is out of that admiral-dressing stage. Well, that's all for now. I'll see you next week.

Update on Construction

by Laura Rankin

The roof decks was finally completed this week. The roofers will begin Tuesday.

Abilene Glass and Mirror will also start work Tuesday. They will be setting the glass for windows in the new building.

The crane on the site Friday was used to raise the high roof joists over the auditorium.

Dale Murphree, construction superintendent, projects seeing the seniors of 92 graduating in the new auditorium.

Stuteville's Stats

by Emily Stuteville

The Junior Lady Cats wrapped up their season with a win and a loss. They beat the Abilene Christian Pantherettes 29-12. It was a great offensive game for the Lady Cats. They passed and shot well, scoring the most total points of the year in this game. Point totals are Tianay Chambers, 11; Amy Collins, 10; Angelia DeLong, 4; Kristie Collins, 2; Melody Fisher, 2.

They experienced defeat when they went up against the Panther Creek Pantherettes. Panther Creek had a definite

size and age advantage. However, the Lady Cats tried hard and played good defense, but the Pantherettes' offense was too strong and they received a tough loss. The final score was 34-8. Scoring for the Lady Cats were Tianay Chambers and Amy Collins, 4 each.

The Lady Cats will now begin to prepare for track. All are excited and looking forward to even more success.

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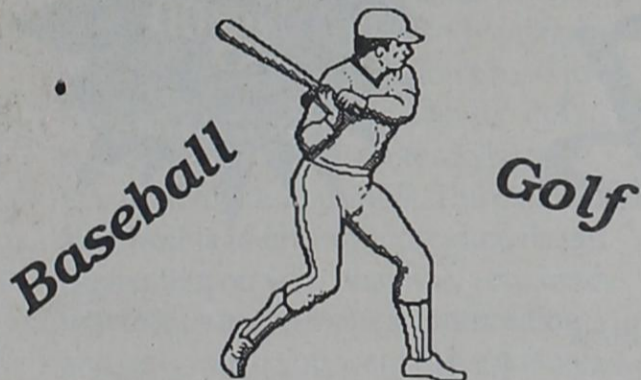
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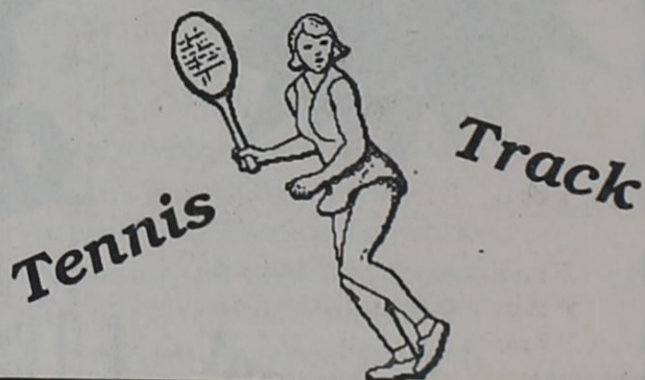
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Delta Kappa Gamma Meets

The Beta Upsilon Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met on Saturday, Feb. 8, at the fellowship hall of the Daugherty Street Church of Christ in Eastland. The group is composed of women educators from Eastland and Callahan counties.

The Delta Kappa Gamma birthday luncheon was catered by Patti Dolen.

Guest speaker Nancy Malloy was introduced by Vice President Patti Dolen. Mrs. Malloy spoke on the topic "Fostering A More Caring World." She shared her background and some things she had accomplished in the field of education. She challenged members to find ways of reaching out to others in the community.

A brief business meeting was conducted by President Kathi Stapp.

Those present were as follows: Eastland: Mildred Turner, Linda Boose, Opal Little, Lois Marshall, Imogene Hawn and Cynthia Bilby; Cisco: Lois Whitaker, Miriam Bledsoe, Evelyn Kirk, Ruth Stewart, Bernice Carter, Louise Taylor, Lela L. Lloyd, Mildred Tankersley, Ruby Lee Pirtle, Carolyn Page-Broughton, Olga Fay Parker and Hellen Hathaway; Cross Plains: Azalee Womack, Billie R. Loving, Marie Stambaugh and Juanita Shaw; Rising Star: Sibyl Sears; Baird: Kathi Stapp; Ranger: Mary Jane Little, Jill Page, Ilene Beck, Dorothy Fisher, Lorene Oliver,

Marie Mahaffey, Betty Johnson, Marilyn Jackson and Marilyn Henderson.

Opportunity Knocks Again For Medicare

Anyone who didn't sign up for Part B Medicare medical insurance during the initial enrollment period, or anyone who dropped Part B coverage, now has the opportunity to enroll during the annual general enrollment period that runs from January 1 through March 31, according to Glyn Hammons, District Manager in Abilene. Part B medical insurance helps pay for doctor bills, outpatient hospital services, durable medical equipment, and certain other medical items and services not covered by Medicare's Part A hospital insurance.

"Medical insurance protection will begin on July 1 for new enrollees," Hammons said, "regardless of whether they sign up in January, February or March. The basic monthly premium this year is \$31.80. And there is a ten percent increase in the premium for every year a person could have been enrolled in Part B, but wasn't."

Anyone who waits past March 31 to make a decision will also have to wait until next year to sign up.

If you have questions about the open enrollment period for Part B medical insurance, you can call Social Security's toll-free

'Bugsby' To Show At Majestic Theatre In Eastland Feb. 21-24

Hollywood has always been fascinated by the flamboyant - by boldness, by figures of intrigue. And, we might add, by people who live in an atmosphere of danger.

Such was the case of the legendary Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel, who was

number 1-800-888-1770. If you want to sign up for the coverage, contact our Social Security office. The phone number is 915-698-1360.

It's important to know that there is also a Qualified Medicare Beneficiary program that helps low-income Medicare beneficiaries by paying their Medicare premiums, deductibles and coinsurance. If you think you might be eligible for this program, contact the people at Texas Department of Human Services for more information.

sent west by Mayer Lansky and Charlie "Lucky" Luciano to seize control of the West Coast rackets. His charm and unpredictable behavior quickly made him a favorite among movie stars, sports figures, motion picture executives - and a starlet nicknamed 'The Flamingo,' Virginia Hill.

"Bugsy," a movie based on the last years of Siegel's life, will open at the Majestic in Eastland on Friday, Feb. 21, 7:30 p.m. It will show through Monday, Feb. 24 at the same time each evening. Tickets will be \$3 at the box office, with the picture rated R.

Academy Award winner Warren Beatty plays the title role of "Bugsy" Siegel, with Annette Benning co-starring in the role of Virginia Hill. This is a TriStar Pictures release directed by Barry Levinson.

Beatty is also a producer of "Bugsy," along with Mark Johnson and Barry Levinson. The large supporting cast has a number of outstanding players.

Bugsy Siegel has been called "the gangster who invented Las Vegas," and was once described by J. Edgar Hoover as "the most dangerous man in America."

"But I think it was his relationship to Hollywood that interested me the most," says Beatty. "He was infatuated with Hollywood to a degree unlike any gangster before or since. I think he would have rather been a movie actor than anything else."

Siegel risked the fortunes of his underworld partners - as well as his own life - to complete the Flamingo Hotel (named after Virginia) 10 miles from the nearest building in downtown Las Vegas.

Set in the 1940's most of "Bugsy" was filmed in Los Angeles and at the Culver City Studios.

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Fishing Outdoors

by Terry L. Wilson

Johnson and Gary Horton, 5 fish, 22.12; 2nd-Tom Oliver and Faron McCain, 5 fish, 13.20; 3rd-N/A, 5 fish, 12.46; 4th-Stiles and Davis, 5 fish, 12.26; 5th-Trevor Romens and Gary Carr, 5 fish, 12.25 and 6th-James Fullen and B. J. Johnson, 5 fish, 11.72. Gary and Jimmy also had the big bass of the day weighing 6.49. This was one of 3 fish over 6 pounds these two anglers landed. Other area teams who caught an excellent limit were, Bud Wood & Butch Willingham, Chuck Burgess and Tommy Maynard, Bob and Joe Bob Moore. These teams all had over ten pounds of fish.

ing to be less than ideal with few bites. So the weather changed for the worse for Sunday with cloud cover and wind. Anticipation was low with these changes for any improvement of the fishing.

The final 3:45 weigh-in proved an old saying, "Just when you think you understand fishing, it will change." The top 6 finishers were 1st-Jimmy

The top producing bait was a white spinner bait. Jimmy and Gary reported that there fish fell prey to this bait but with a specific method applied.

After visiting with a number of local anglers, Jimmy and Gary can safely lay claim to the heaviest 5 fish stringer to date from Colorado City Lake.

Congratulations not only to Gary and Jimmy, our other local teams and all the teams for an excellent job.

A vote taken after weigh-in has changed the remaining schedule for Anglers Choice. March 8 will be fished at Lake Amistad instead of Proctor. This is due to the high water still prevalent. Proctor will now be the final event August 2.

Before we leave the Anglers Choice news I want to apologize to you the readers and Jimmy and Gary for not having a photo of their once in a lifetime catch.

Through a special new state law, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is launching a unique and innovative program to draw on the talents of retired game wardens. Law enforcement division officials say the Special Game Warden Commission Program will provide a pool of experienced officers that could quickly be called into temporary service as needed by the executive director. For example, participants could be called in to help with disasters such as floods or hurricanes and to fill in temporary gaps created by vacations or job vacancies.

must have served honorably for at least 20 years, must attend new in service training and undergo performance evaluations each year. Staff expect as many as 20 veteran officers may apply for the program in 1992.

While similar law enforcement reserve programs exist at state and local levels, this is the first program of its kind to focus exclusively on retired peace officers. The program was established by HB 1578 of the 72nd Texas Legislature.

Terry L. Wilson

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Low-Income Working Families Eligible For Cash From The IRS

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"Many families miss the opportunity to receive this tax credit because they don't make enough money to owe taxes, so they don't file an income tax return," said Joyce Cavanagh, family economics specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "Also, people don't know the EIC is available or how to file for it."

It is believed that more than 12 million families now qualify for the EIC. It is available to working parents who earned an adjusted gross income of less than \$21,250 in 1991, and who have at least one child who has been living at home for more than six months, Cavanagh said. Both married and single parents can qualify.

The EIC is a refundable credit, she said, which means that eligible working families can receive it even if they owe no federal income tax or have no income tax withheld from their paychecks. Those who owe no income tax receive a check from the IRS in the amount of their credit.

"If a family does owe income tax, the EIC reduces the amount of taxes owed," Cavanagh said. "If the family's credit is greater than the taxes owed, the family's tax bill will be reduced to zero and the IRS will send the family a check for the remaining amount of its EIC."

To receive the EIC, a person must file a federal income tax return, either 1040 or 1040A, and a new form called "Schedule EIC." A taxpayer can fill out both sides of the form or fill out only the first side and allow the IRS to complete the rest and calculate the credit.

Cavanagh said that those families who use the "married couple filing separately" status should check with the IRS to see if they qualify to receive the EIC.

The amount of refund families receive, according to Cavanagh, depends on how much income was earned and whether they qualify for two extra EIC benefits that are now available:

- The basic EIC for 1991 for families with one child is worth a maximum of \$1,192. The maximum is \$1,235 for those with more than one child. Most families who earned between \$6,000 and \$13,000 last year should receive at least \$1,000.

- Families with a child born in 1991 can receive an extra benefit of up to \$357.

- Families that pay at least part of the premiums for a health insurance policy that includes health care coverage for a child may receive an extra credit of up to \$428.

Low-income parents with a foster child also may qualify for the EIC, Cavanagh said. However, the foster child must have lived with the family for that entire year.

More information on the EIC and free assistance is available in most areas at Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) clinics, Cavanagh said. Call the local IRS office or (800) 829-1040 to find out the location of the nearest VITA clinic in your area.

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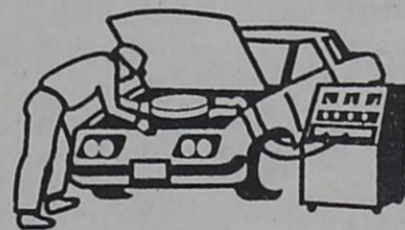
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District Lines Are Announced By Representative John Cook

State Rep. John Cook of Breckenridge has issued the following statement to this newspaper to help clarify the new district boundary lines.

Eastland County, Texas:

22nd Texas Senatorial District for 73rd Legislative Session: (as detailed under the Court Ordered Redistricting Plan)

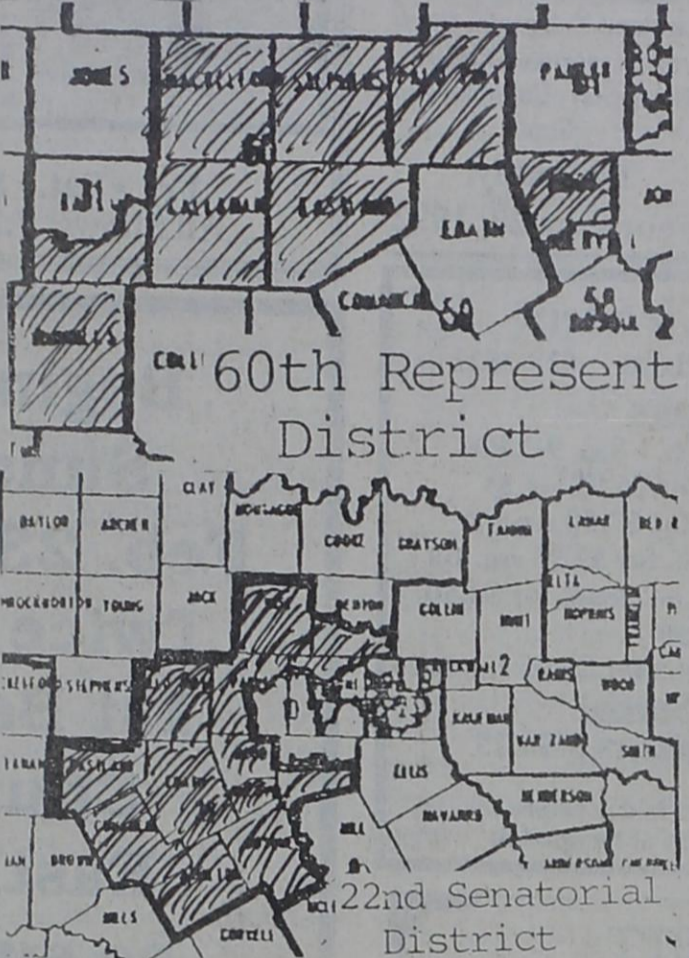
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60th Texas Representative District for 73rd Legislative Session: (as detailed under the Court Ordered Redistricting Plan)

Eastland, Shackelford, Stephens, Palo Pinto, Hood, Callahan, Runnels and Southern Taylor.

The 73rd Legislature will convene in January, 1993 at which time

new senators and representatives will be sworn in to office. Those senators and representatives who will be serving their respective districts in this session will be responsible for the period from 1/93



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Property Tax Relief For Flood Victims

Eastland County property owners who suffered losses due to the recent flooding in late December of 1991 may qualify or be eligible for property tax relief for the 1992 year. The deadline to apply for assistance is April 1, 1992.

Your damaged or destroyed property, the property owner should contact the Eastland County Appraisal District. The office is located on the second floor of the Eastland County Courthouse and the telephone number is 629-8597.

Brag Corner



Kristina, 6



Katrina, 4

Butler's Beauties

Parents are Johnny and Cindy Butler, of Rising Star; Grandparents are Jimmy and Lorene Cotton, also of Rising Star, J.C. and Jettie Butler, of Abilene and Shirley and Roy Paintiff, of W. Virginia. Great-grandparents are Edna and Kenneth Carr, of Oklahoma. Great-great-grandmother is Ovella Stone, of Oklahoma.



Mitchell Anthony Childers is the five year old son of Dr. Charles and Barbara Childers of Guam. His grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Victor Childers and Ms. Maxine Bowden, all of Rising Star. Mitchell and his parents will be returning to Texas in June

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Kokomo Benefit Stew Supper To Be Held Saturday

The Kokomo benefit stew supper will be held Saturday, February 22, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Kokomo Community Center Building. The supper will be sponsored by Kokomo Extension Homemakers Club. Tickets will be \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children.

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Lake Leon Residents At Commissioners Court

Eastland County Commissioners Monday had a Courtroom full of area residents, many of them from Lake Leon.

James Greer, spokesman for the group, told of flood damage at the Lake in December, and offered suggestions on what could be done.

"We're here for support - trying to do something about the Lake," Greer told the Commissioners.

He outlined a plan to put a culvert (or culverts) just below the dam.

"The culverts should be the same height as the horn - some kind of safety devices as an overflow," he said.

"Austin' sees no reason why we can't do it," Greer added.

There was some discussion about who owned the land around the Lake.

Pct. 1 Commissioner Richard Robinson said the Eastland County Water Supply District owns an easement at 1385 ft. sea level, the water line set for the Lake.

Pct. 2 Commissioner Calvin Ainsworth suggested that Greer and the Lake Leon group talk to the State Highway Department, which owns property along an FM Rd. near the Lake.

Comm. 4 Reggie Pittman said: "The dam needs a bigger spillway." He asked why people at the Lake couldn't get a FEMA Grant for flood control.

Several Commissioners replied that before any Grant was approved the Water Supply District would have to approve the plan.

Greer said that he and his family were rescued (Dec. 22) at the Lake by the Fire Department.

"Thousands of dollars were lost by people out there," he stated. "It's time for us to work together."

County Judge Scott Bailey brought out a copy of the document that created the Eastland County Water Supply District.

"It was originally created for the City of Ranger," he said.

Greer was asked if there was a high water mark on his property. He said when he built his home he didn't know anything about it.

"It's not on my deed," he stated.

Several other Lake residents told of damages by the flooding. Comm. Ainsworth estimated \$500,000 in damages to individual property, with 150 homes, cabins and small trailers flooded.

Judge Bailey com-

mented that a long-range damage was the lowering of the value of property in the flood-prone areas.

Greer was advised that he would need to consult with engineers, work out a plan for flood control, and present this to the Eastland County Water Supply District Board.

"It's up to the Water Board," Robinson said. "They're elected like we are."

"We want you to stand behind us and help us," the Commissioners were told.

On other matters, Probation Officer Randall Logan, told the Court that the Eastland County Probation Department had been offered a Performance Award Grant of \$86,976 from the State.

Within two weeks he would need to submit a plan to the State on how the Department would spend the money, Logan explained.

"They intend for us to use the money for alternatives to locking people up," he said.

Comm. Richard Robinson said: "I have expressed reservations about this before."

Robinson indicated that this plan might put more obligation on the county than it appeared to.

Logan replied that Eastland County was fortunate to be offered this Grant - not many area counties were getting it. He said the awarding of the Grant was based a lot on the performance of the Courts here.

"We should thank Judge Wright and Judge Bailey for wisdom in handling cases," he said.

Logan reviewed plans for use of the Grant money here. It would be dedicated to development and expansion of the Probation Department and also for substance abuse treatment, he said.

He mentioned that the old jail might be remodeled and put into use, and that parole officers might be supplied with a location in Cisco.

The Parole office in the Courthouse might move into a larger location.

Jim Cockburn Is New RJC Registrar

Dorothy Speer, Registrar at Ranger Junior College for the last 22 years retired effective January 1992 and turned over the seal of the school to Jim Cockburn.

Cockburn's title is now Registrar and Associate Dean of Admissions. For the past 15 years, Cockburn has been associated with RJC as Counselor and Test Administrator.

The new title was delivered to him by President Joe Mills on Friday, February 7 and he officially took office on Monday, February 10.

Jim was born in Olney, Texas and graduated from Olney High School. He attended Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Music. He went on to complete his Master's Degree in Education Counseling and Guidance.

Cockburn began his teaching career as a band director at Throckmorton High School. He then went into the Army where he served on active duty for two years. After he completed that task, he again took up the pace to once again teach band, which he did in Rotan and Jayton.

Cockburn became associated with Ranger in 1977, when he agreed to serve as counselor at Ranger High School and Ranger Junior College. He did this on a part-time basis, splitting his time between both campuses.

In 1979, he incorporated Carbon High School in this set up, and traveled to all three campuses on a weekly basis. In 1981, he became the full-time Counselor at Ranger Junior College, a position he has held until his recent promotion.

Along with his counseling duties, he also taught psychology. This aspect of

his job he has enjoyed. He remembers with great pride that he taught three of his children psychology and there is one more who will graduate from high school in May.

In addition to this rather tight schedule, Jim finds time to serve his country through the Army Reserve where he is presently ranked a Lt. Colonel. If that is not enough to keep him busy, he is also a very loving family man.

He and his wife Lyndell have four children; Michael, a radio broadcaster in Eastland; Teresa; Chris

and Sean, who is soon to finish high school.

Cockburn also claims one daughter-in-law (thanks to son, Chris) and one on the way.

He enjoys music as a hobby and is a member of the Big Country Brass Quintet which plays concerts all over this part of Texas.

When asked if he will change any aspect of the Registrar's office, he replied, "I will be working to computerize the entire office and hope to have this completed as soon as possible."



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