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Two Texas A&M administrators join Leadership Texas program

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Reporter

Two Texas A&M administrators have been named to participate in a year-long program called Leadership Texas.

Helen Baca Dorsey, director of the Technology Business Development Division of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station (TEES), and Penny Beaumont, assistant deputy chancellor of engineering for the Texas A&M University System, were two of the 83 women around the state chosen to take part in the program.

Leadership Texas is a program that tries to combine continuing education and leadership development with information and discussion of major policy issues in Texas, Dorsey said.

The program was organized in 1983 by a number of women from the Foundation for Women's Resources in Austin who wanted to get women more involved in leadership positions, Dorsey said.

The objective of this group is to

identify and develop women leaders in Texas, Dorsey said.

"Leadership Texas wants to instill in these participants more experience, confidence and understanding about what it takes to be a leader, so that when these people, like myself, go back to our jobs, we will have more resources and networks to fall back on," Dorsey said.

Dorsey, who is working to commercialize university and private laboratory research and to give technical support for new and small technology-based companies in Texas, said that the program will help her in her position at A&M.

"I am meeting women at other schools and at companies that are interested in working with industry," Dorsey said. "This provides me with a network in which I can identify more companies, more individuals and more educational institutions for my own program."

Beaumont agreed with Dorsey and said the program will help them take these skills and be more effective in their jobs at A&M.

"Several of these women are in jobs similar to what I do, which is public relations in engineering, so it is always useful to compare the private and public sector's activities," Beaumont said.

This program, Beaumont said, also helps her get assistance in doing her job.

Dorsey said they both already have made some excellent contacts that will help the engineering program and the TEES' Technology Business Technology program at A&M.

The Leadership Texas program is composed of a cross-section of women that represent all parts of the state, Dorsey said.

"Women are from both the public and private sectors," Dorsey said. "There are people from educational institutions, state agencies, financial and operating companies, as well as some volunteers that are very active around the state."

Beaumont said the program wants to make a real, conscious effort to encourage minorities to participate in the program.

Dorsey said the program will consist of six two-and-a-half-day seminars at different locations around the state.

The seminars are on current issues that are important to Texas leaders, Dorsey said.

The first seminar on "The People and Cultures of Texas" was held Jan. 20 in San Antonio, Dorsey said.

In addition to the seminars, Dorsey said, there is an extensive list of reading on a broad selection of topics program officials feel would be good for anyone who wants to make a change in their community.

Dorsey believes that Leadership Texas will improve the status of women at A&M.

"Ultimately I do believe that this is one way in which women at A&M can be more visible and have a greater impact on the Texas way of life," Dorsey said.

NRC suspends device blamed in radiation leak

DALLAS (AP) — The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has ordered 3M Corp. to suspend distribution of a device blamed for leaking radioactive particles at factories in Texas, Pennsylvania and California, officials said Monday.

Health inspectors began checking for radiation at a dozen plants that use the device.

"The NRC's concern is that, while this doesn't appear to be a great health hazard to workers or to the public, it does represent radiation that has gotten out of control," said Joe Gilliland, a spokesman for the NRC in Arlington.

The NRC ordered 3M to suspend distribution of its air-gun ionizers last week after reports of leaking polonium-210, a naturally occurring radioactive isotope of polonium, at plants in Dallas and Easton, Pa., Gilliland said.

The air guns use polonium-210 to produce small amounts of radiation to neutralize static electricity charges and remove small particles of dust in applications where a high degree of purity is needed. The polonium is encapsulated in tiny ceramic spheres which are chemically bonded to the device.

Polonium leaks were later discovered at a plant in Carrollton and at three sites in California.

Approximately 12 factories that use the air-gun ionizer in Texas will be inspected this week, said Bob Free, an investigator for the Texas Bureau of Radiation Control.

"We're concerned primarily with industries that are making containers for products that are ingested," Free said. "That's the thrust of this first effort."

Polonium-210 is dangerous when taken internally, such as through inhalation or ingestion, but not externally, officials say.

3M spokesman Ted Pickens said the microscopic ceramic spheres 3M uses to encapsulate the polonium are too heavy to be inhaled and pass through the body when ingested because they cannot be absorbed.

Free said officials are making the sampling checks to determine if widespread inspections or a product action are necessary, but he would not identify the plants being checked.

3M is also testing ionizers at various industrial locations across the country, said Pickens, in Austin.

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Police charge man of using credit card of dead Odessa man found in dumpster

LUBBOCK (AP) — Lubbock police said Monday they were holding a man on charges he used the credit card of an elderly Odessa resident whose charred remains were found in a dumpster.

Eddie Wayne Roberson, 32, of Amarillo was arrested Wednesday in Lubbock and jailed on \$50,000 bond, police said.

He is accused of using the credit card of Jack Doherty, 84, who was reported missing Jan. 7.

The severely burned body of a man was found Jan. 19 in a trash bin in Lubbock. Police in Odessa and Lubbock were able to identify the victim by comparing the remains with a description of the missing man.

Police said they do not yet know whether Doherty was a victim of foul play, but have questioned Roberson in connection with his disappearance and death.

"We have discussed his

relationship with the man (Doherty)," Lubbock police Sgt. Randy McGuire said.

McGuire said Lubbock police are awaiting autopsy reports and a ruling on the cause of death from Lubbock County Justice of the Peace Bill Ross, and their investigation is continuing.

Dr. Ralph Erdmann of Amarillo, who is performing toxicology tests on the remains, said his report should be given to police Tuesday.

"We didn't see any evidence of foul play," Erdmann said. "But we don't have too many answers."

Erdmann said he was working to resolve inconsistencies between statements given by Roberson and toxicology test results.

Investigators initially believed the victim may have been living in the dumpster and set a fire inside it to stay warm.

Insurance board approves rate increases

AUSTIN (AP) — The State Board of Insurance on Monday approved an average 3.9 percent increase in automobile insurance rates, a change that will mean a \$134 million increase in premiums.

Specific rates for the 52 rating territories in Texas will be released Tuesday, board spokesman Lee Jones said.

The rates vary by territory, type of vehicle and coverage and driver history. Insurance compa-

nies are also allowed to sell auto coverage at reduced rates. According to the board, about 67 percent of the policies now in effect were written at a discount below the board-approved rates.

The average discount is approximately 12 percent.

Board members voted unanimously for the 3.9 percent increase, which goes into effect May 1. The board's staff had recommended a 2 percent increase that would have added \$68 million a

year to premiums. The insurance industry asked for a 10 percent, or \$344 million increase.

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3.19 cts. 6,500 ⁰⁰	14,000 ⁰⁰	.54 pts	1,225 ⁰⁰	2,300 ⁰⁰	
2.04 cts. 6,575 ⁰⁰	13,500 ⁰⁰	.53 pts	1,095 ⁰⁰	2,400 ⁰⁰	
2.02 cts. 7,750 ⁰⁰	18,000 ⁰⁰	.51 pts	1,225 ⁰⁰	2,100 ⁰⁰	
1.82 cts. 2,575 ⁰⁰	5,000 ⁰⁰	.46 pts	375 ⁰⁰	700 ⁰⁰	
1.85 cts. 1,995 ⁰⁰	4,000 ⁰⁰	.28 pts	315 ⁰⁰	650 ⁰⁰	
1.51 cts. 2,975 ⁰⁰	6,000 ⁰⁰	.27 pts	285 ⁰⁰	500 ⁰⁰	
1.18 cts. 2,325 ⁰⁰	4,500 ⁰⁰	.10 pts	105 ⁰⁰	210 ⁰⁰	
1.18 cts. 2,395 ⁰⁰	4,600 ⁰⁰				
1.17 cts. 1,395 ⁰⁰	2,600 ⁰⁰				
1.09 cts. 2,375 ⁰⁰	4,600 ⁰⁰				
1.08 cts. 2,195 ⁰⁰	4,500 ⁰⁰				
1.09 cts. 1,875 ⁰⁰	4,200 ⁰⁰				
1.12 cts. 1,350 ⁰⁰	4,000 ⁰⁰	2.30 cts	4,900 ⁰⁰	10,000 ⁰⁰	
1.12 cts. 1,305 ⁰⁰	4,600 ⁰⁰	1.22 cts	3,875 ⁰⁰	8,000 ⁰⁰	
1.01 cts. 2,375 ⁰⁰	4,500 ⁰⁰	.90 pts	1,890 ⁰⁰	4,000 ⁰⁰	
1.01 cts. 2,195 ⁰⁰	4,000 ⁰⁰	.88 pts	1,375 ⁰⁰	2,600 ⁰⁰	
1.01 cts. 1,875 ⁰⁰	3,800 ⁰⁰	.51 pts	1,395 ⁰⁰	2,600 ⁰⁰	
.88 pts. 1,350 ⁰⁰	2,800 ⁰⁰				
.91 pts. 1,395 ⁰⁰	2,600 ⁰⁰				
.89 pts. 1,975 ⁰⁰	4,000 ⁰⁰				
.80 pts. 1,890 ⁰⁰	5,000 ⁰⁰				
.80 pts. 2,595 ⁰⁰	5,000 ⁰⁰				
.78 pts. 1,950 ⁰⁰	2,000 ⁰⁰	2.78 cts	13,200 ⁰⁰	26,000 ⁰⁰	
.77 pts. 895 ⁰⁰	2,000 ⁰⁰	2.14 cts	4,980 ⁰⁰	8,000 ⁰⁰	
.75 pts. 875 ⁰⁰	2,800 ⁰⁰	1.44 cts	2,995 ⁰⁰	6,000 ⁰⁰	
.73 pts. 1,025 ⁰⁰	1,900 ⁰⁰	1.23 cts	2,950 ⁰⁰	5,000 ⁰⁰	
.71 pts. 995 ⁰⁰	2,500 ⁰⁰	1.10 cts	3,250 ⁰⁰	8,500 ⁰⁰	
.71 pts. 985 ⁰⁰	2,000 ⁰⁰	1.02 cts	2,075 ⁰⁰	4,000 ⁰⁰	
.70 pts. 950 ⁰⁰	2,800 ⁰⁰	.75 pts	1,275 ⁰⁰	2,400 ⁰⁰	
.67 pts. 1,295 ⁰⁰	1,500 ⁰⁰	.90 pts	2,495 ⁰⁰	8,800 ⁰⁰	
.60 pts. 1,350 ⁰⁰	2,800 ⁰⁰	.89 pts	1,750 ⁰⁰	3,400 ⁰⁰	
.55 pts. 1,050 ⁰⁰	2,000 ⁰⁰	.82 pts	1,575 ⁰⁰	3,000 ⁰⁰	
.58 pts. 795 ⁰⁰	1,700 ⁰⁰	.75 pts	1,485 ⁰⁰	2,800 ⁰⁰	
.53 pts. 780 ⁰⁰	1,800 ⁰⁰	.74 pts	1,095 ⁰⁰	2,000 ⁰⁰	
.54 pts. 795 ⁰⁰	1,800 ⁰⁰	.55 pts	995 ⁰⁰	1,800 ⁰⁰	
.54 pts. 695 ⁰⁰	1,300 ⁰⁰	.47 pts	795 ⁰⁰	1,500 ⁰⁰	
.54 pts. 850 ⁰⁰	1,500 ⁰⁰	.47 pts	625 ⁰⁰	1,200 ⁰⁰	
.53 pts. 795 ⁰⁰	2,000 ⁰⁰	.35 pts	425 ⁰⁰	800 ⁰⁰	
.57 pts. 795 ⁰⁰	1,800 ⁰⁰	.30 pts	475 ⁰⁰	850 ⁰⁰	
.51 pts. 695 ⁰⁰	1,400 ⁰⁰	.23 pts	275 ⁰⁰	500 ⁰⁰	
.51 pts. 795 ⁰⁰	1,800 ⁰⁰	.25 pts	295 ⁰⁰	500 ⁰⁰	
.50 pts. 1,050 ⁰⁰	2,000 ⁰⁰	.18 pts	195 ⁰⁰	400 ⁰⁰	
.50 pts. 795 ⁰⁰	1,400 ⁰⁰	.11 pts	110 ⁰⁰	200 ⁰⁰	
.50 pts. 650 ⁰⁰	1,600 ⁰⁰				
.42 pts. 795 ⁰⁰	1,600 ⁰⁰				
.34 pts. 695 ⁰⁰	1,300 ⁰⁰				
.30 pts. 795 ⁰⁰	1,500 ⁰⁰	2.16 cts	6,295 ⁰⁰	13,000 ⁰⁰	
.25 pts. 795 ⁰⁰	1,500 ⁰⁰	1.83 cts	3,750 ⁰⁰	8,000 ⁰⁰	
.24 pts. 695 ⁰⁰	1,200 ⁰⁰	1.38 cts	3,950 ⁰⁰	8,400 ⁰⁰	
.22 pts. 165 ⁰⁰	370 ⁰⁰	1.37 cts	4,475 ⁰⁰	9,000 ⁰⁰	
.21 pts. 335 ⁰⁰	310 ⁰⁰	.75 pts	1,395 ⁰⁰	2,700 ⁰⁰	
.20 pts. 225 ⁰⁰	310 ⁰⁰	.41 pts	595 ⁰⁰	1,000 ⁰⁰	
.19 pts. 210 ⁰⁰	300 ⁰⁰	.47 pts	795 ⁰⁰	1,600 ⁰⁰	
.18 pts. 185 ⁰⁰	300 ⁰⁰	.33 pts	395 ⁰⁰	800 ⁰⁰	
.16 pts. 165 ⁰⁰	240 ⁰⁰	.38 pts	485 ⁰⁰	900 ⁰⁰	
.14 pts. 165 ⁰⁰	200 ⁰⁰	.28 pts	385 ⁰⁰	750 ⁰⁰	
.12 pts. 165 ⁰⁰	200 ⁰⁰	.25 pts	325 ⁰⁰	650 ⁰⁰	
.10 pts. 118 ⁰⁰	150 ⁰⁰				
.09 pts. 95 ⁰⁰	110 ⁰⁰				
.08 pts. 78 ⁰⁰	100 ⁰⁰				
.07 pts. 63 ⁰⁰	80 ⁰⁰				
.06 pts. 55 ⁰⁰	80 ⁰⁰				
.05 pts. 48 ⁰⁰	70 ⁰⁰				
.04 pts. 45 ⁰⁰	60 ⁰⁰				

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1,890 ⁰⁰	4,000 ⁰⁰		2,995 ⁰⁰	6,000 ⁰⁰	
1,375 ⁰⁰	2,600 ⁰⁰		2,950 ⁰⁰	5,000 ⁰⁰	
1,395 ⁰⁰	2,600 ⁰⁰		3,250 ⁰⁰	8,500 ⁰⁰	
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6,295 ⁰⁰	13,000 ⁰⁰		2,275 ⁰⁰	4,800 ⁰⁰	
3,750 ⁰⁰	8,000 ⁰⁰		2,295 ⁰⁰	4,300 ⁰⁰	
3,950 ⁰⁰	8,400 ⁰⁰		2,435 ⁰⁰	4,800 ⁰⁰	
4,475 ⁰⁰	9,000 ⁰⁰		2,675 ⁰⁰	5,200 ⁰⁰	
1,395 ⁰⁰	2,700 ⁰⁰		2,095 ⁰⁰	4,000 ⁰⁰	
595 ⁰⁰	1,000 ⁰⁰		1,695 ⁰⁰	3,200 ⁰⁰	
795 ⁰⁰	1,600 ⁰⁰		1,495 ⁰⁰	2,800 ⁰⁰	
395 ⁰⁰	800 ⁰⁰		1,150 ⁰⁰	2,200 ⁰⁰	
485 ⁰⁰	900 ⁰⁰		665 ⁰⁰	1,200 ⁰⁰	
385 ⁰⁰	750 ⁰⁰		325 ⁰⁰	500 ⁰⁰	
325 ⁰⁰	650 ⁰⁰		95 ⁰⁰	200 ⁰⁰	

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6,300 ⁰⁰	1,200 ⁰⁰	1.21 cts
2,900 ⁰⁰	6,000 ⁰⁰	1.10 cts
2,095 ⁰⁰	4,000 ⁰⁰	1.01 cts
1,475 ⁰⁰	3,000 ⁰⁰	.79 pts
985 ⁰⁰	2,000 ⁰⁰	.79 pts
1,395 ⁰⁰	2,600 ⁰⁰	.62 pts
		.60 pts
		.52 pts
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