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Independence for taxpayers

Austin--Calling it a "Declaration of Independence for local taxpayers," State Rep. Steve Carriker (D-Roby) Thursday filed H.B. 1776 to grant 100 percent residential exemptions from school property taxes.

"It was a stroke of luck that our bill was assigned the number 1776," Carriker declared. "But the spirit for our tax reform measure reflects the Spirit of 1776."

Carriker's bill and a companion constitutional amendment (HJR 77) by State Rep. Bob Barton (D-San Marcos) replace school residential and personal automobile tax revenues with a one-cent increase in the state sales tax.

"When the state legislature mandates increases in local property taxes, it is the equivalent of

taxation without representation," Carriker declared. "That's what we fought our revolution about in 1776."

"Texas taxpayers are on the verge of revolt because of skyrocketing property taxes," Barton added.

"These bills offer significant relief while providing school districts with more than enough funds to replace those revenues."

"Our projections show that a one-cent increase in the sales tax will more than offset the anticipated loss of revenue by the school districts," Barton said.

If enacted, the legislation will mandate distribution of the additional sales tax revenues to school districts on a per-student basis.

"The beauty of this legislation is that it provides major tax relief for overburdened property

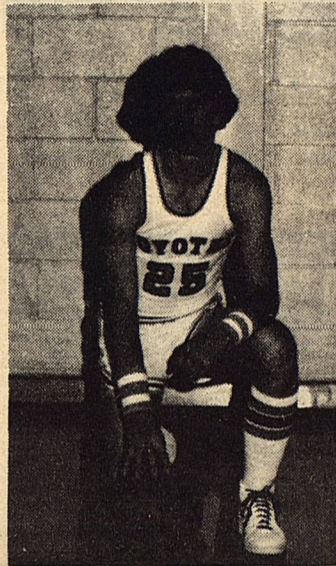
taxpayers. At the same time, it protects school districts from losses in revenues," Carriker said.

If the bills are approved by the legislature, Texas voters will have the opportunity to "win liberation from a regressive property tax" by voting for a more equitable sales tax to help fund education, he added.

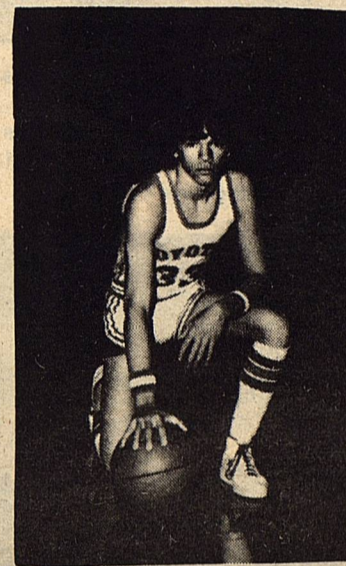
The two bills are the result of a statewide grassroots movement called "Proposition Zero" started by Hays County Commissioner Rafael Gonzales.

Co-sponsors of one or both bills in addition to Carriker and Barton are Billy Clemons of Pollok, Larry Don Shaw of Big Spring, Jim Crockett of Pearsall, L.B. Kubiak of Rockdale, Irma Rangel of Kingsville, Ken Armbrister of Victoria,

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MARK RICE



KEVIN TELCHIK

RICE-TELCHIK PICKS

Mark Rice of Borden County was selected to play in the Texas Six Man Coaches Association All Star Basketball game in Stephenville this summer. Rice, a 6'2" guard, was a unanimous choice for the elite team. Mark, the son of Dale and Edna Rice, averaged 11.7 points and 9.7 rebounds per game to lead the Coyotes.

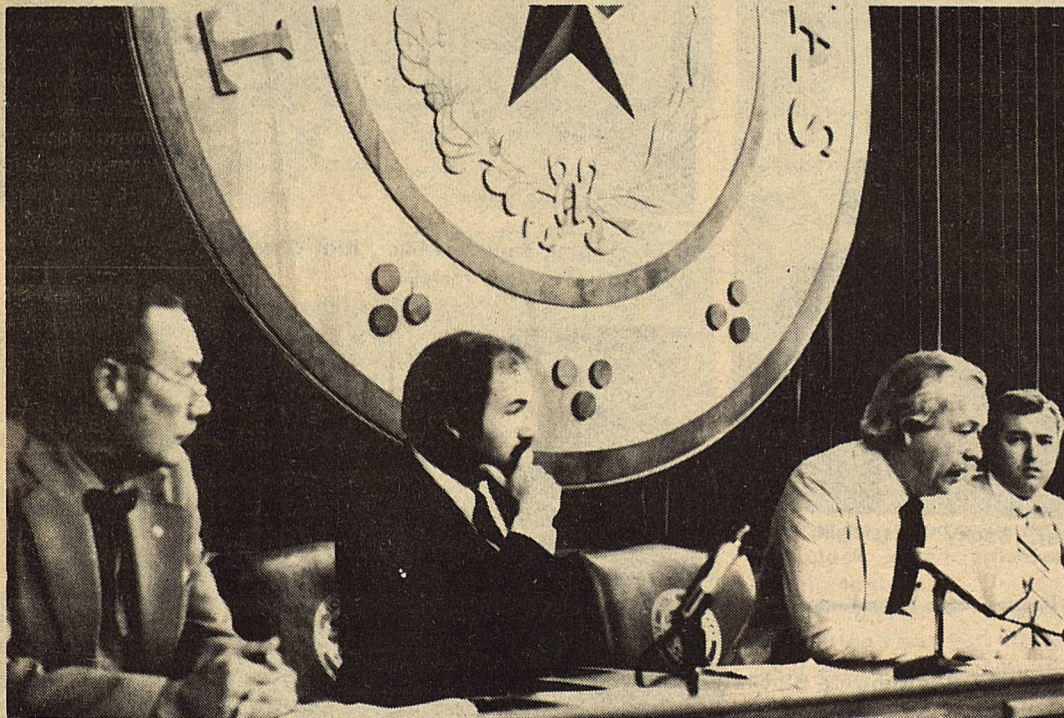
Kevin Telchik, the son of James and Sherry Telchik, was selected as the first alternate from this district. Kevin was the Coyotes floor leader the past two seasons and averaged 6.7 points per game. Kevin, a 5'8" guard, was also recognized for his

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ability to pass the ball and run the fast break.

The other players selected for the game were Kerry Owens from Highland, Jeff Kellner from Ira, and Brete Bedwell from Grady. The other alternates were Gerald Rodriquez from Hermleigh, Gordon Pippin from McCaulley and Kevin Roemisch from Hermleigh. Doug Love from Borden fell one vote short of becoming an alternate.

The schools involved in the selection were all members of the District 2-A football district. Those schools are Trent, McCaulley, Highland, Ira, Hermleigh, Leuders-Avoca, Grady, and Borden County.



PRESS CONFERENCE--State Representatives Jim Crockett, Steve Carriker, Bob Barton and Billy Clemons announce the filing of legislation calling for significant tax relief for local school property taxpayers at the State Capitol.

PRE-SCHOOL EGG HUNT

All pre-school children are invited to hunt Easter Eggs with the Kindergarten Class on Thursday, March 31. The egg hunt will be from 1:30 to 2:00 and refreshments will then be served. School

will dismiss at 2:30 on this day.

All pre-school children are asked to bring 6 eggs and meet in the Kindergarten class.

Borden County School News



U.I.L. One Act Play Cast-Front-Kevin Telchik (Fred Whitworth), Roxie Wolf (Mrs. Persophelous), Tammy Miller (Mrs. Collins). Back-Kim Wills (Bella Crewe), Jennifer Wilson (Jenny Brown), Mark Rice (Arthur Brown), and Jeanette Massingill (Miss Tasker).



U.I.L. One Act Play Alternates and Crew-Front Alternates-Samantha Porter, Cathy York, Tanya Hollis, Kelli McPhaul. Back-Crew-Glen Bacon, Kelly Williams, Kirby Williams and Doug Love.



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U.I.L. Debate-Samantha Porter, Becky Massingill, Doyce Taylor and Bric Turner.



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STUDENTS COMPETING IN U.I.L.

Borden County students began competing in U.I.L. contests this week. Science, Debate, and Journalism will be held in Borden County Schools this week, with the District Meet to be held here next Tuesday. The One-Act Play will travel to Howard College this Friday to compete in District competition.

Students competing this year are:
number sense-Doug Love, Keith Martin, and Glen Bacon.

SCIENCE-Doug Love, Keith Williams, Kevin Telchik

READY WRITING-Jennifer Wilson, Tammy Miller and Kelli McPhaul

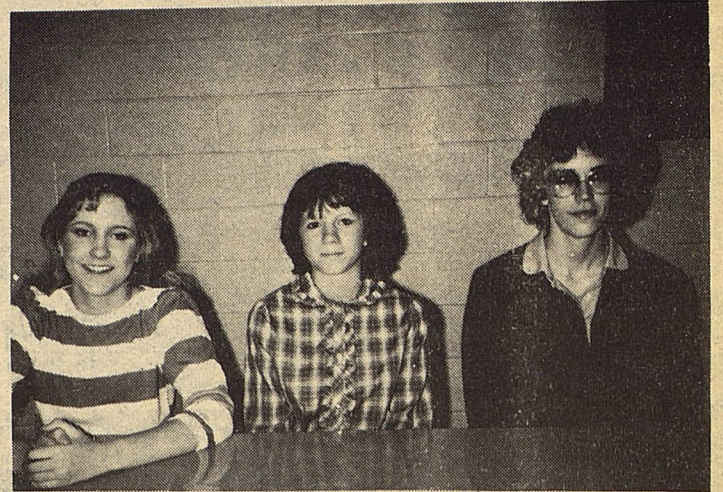
PROSE-Kim Wills, Shana Bradshaw and Jeanette Massingill

POETRY-Jennifer Wilson, Tanya Hollis and Shawna Vaughn

PERSUASIVE SPEAKING-Glen Bacon

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING-Roxie Wolf, Kelly Williams

CALCULATOR-Kevin Telchik, Doug Love, Keith



U.I.L. Feature Writing-Jennifer Wilson, Jeanette Massingill, and Kelli McPhaul.



Headline Writing-Samantha Porter, Becky Massingill and Kelley Lankford.



U.I.L. Typing-Tammy Miller, Kim Wills and Roxie Wolf (alt.) and sponsor, Mrs. Jarrett.



U.I.L. Speaking-Glen Bacon (Persuasive), Roxie Wolf and Kelly Williams (Informative).

Spring Celebration of Sports

The 5th Annual Austin SportsFest officially begins March 29 and continues through April 16. Austin SportsFest is a project of the Austin Chamber of Commerce and a spring celebration of sports in Austin. It involves 43 different sporting events, held throughout the city of Austin, most of which are absolutely free to the spectator.

Events include the First Annual Heart o' Texas Rowing Regatta on Town Lake in downtown Austin. The finest rowing teams from some of the largest Universities in the midwest use Austin's lake for their early spring training. Competition, which promises to be very exciting, are held March 19.

The Walk Fest is another SportsFest event which invites people to the shores of Town Lake, March 26-27. The American Volkspport Association regularly plans walks in all parts of the nation, and invites all walkers to participate in a self-paced walk.

SportsFest provides sporting fun all weekend long, April 9-10, on Auditorium Shores adjacent to Town Lake. Saturday morning begins early with the SportsFest Marathon and continues throughout both days with the 2nd Annual University of Texas Water Ski Tournament. In the afternoons, the areas of Auditorium Shores are filled with LaCrosse games. LaCrosse is a combination of soccer, basketball and football. SportsFest Autocross, Archery Tournament, State Power Lifting Championships will also be April 9-10, at various locations in Austin.

The final SportsFest weekend sponsors the Austin Classic Golf Tournament, Bicycle Motocross Racing, and the oldest Rugby Tournament in the southwest. Auditorium Shores will be filled with the various SportsFest FunFest activities. The general public will be invited to participate in horseshoe pitching contests, to negotiate an obstacle course, or to race against the clock in an amateur rowing contest.

Final SportsFest events include the Pizza Hut Open Racquetball Tournament, April 29-30 and the Pepsi Challenge 10,000 April 30.

Board Meeting and Menu are on page 4 this week.



U.I.L. Prose Reading-Shana Bradshaw, Jeanette Massingill and Kim Wills.



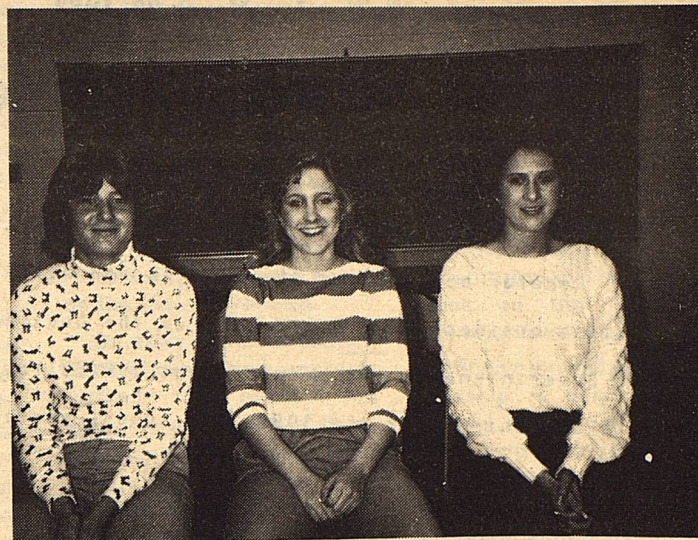
U.I.L. Readywriting-Tammy Miller, Jennifer Wilson and Kelli McPhaul.



U.I.L. Spelling-Dana Gray, Cindy Balague, Samantha Porter and Nancy Martinez (Standing).



U.I.L. Science and Calculator-Kevin Telchik, Keith Williams and Doug Love.



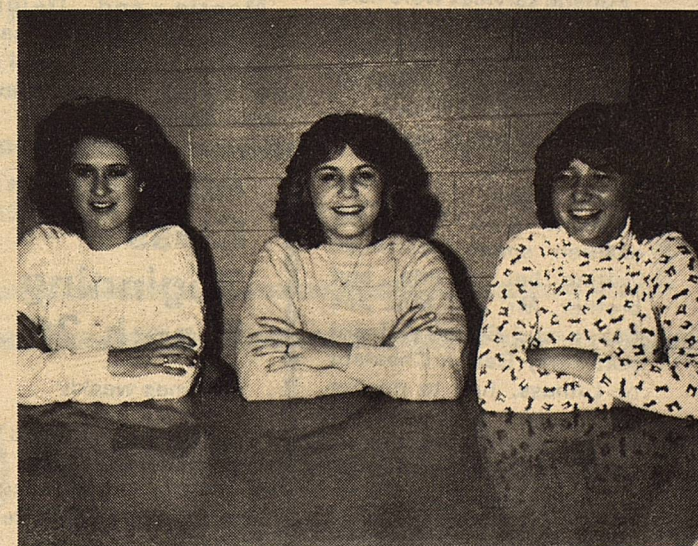
U.I.L. Newswriting-Shawna Vaughn, Jennifer Wilson and Tanya Hollis. Stephanie Stephens was unavailable for picture.



U.I.L. Editorial Writing-Kevin Telchik, Dana Gray and Jennifer Wilson.



U.I.L. Number Sense-Keith Martin, Doug Love and Glen Gacon.



U.I.L. Newswriting-Tanya Hollis, Becky Massingill and Shawna Vaughn

School Board Meets

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District met in regular session on March 21, 1983 at 6:00 p.m.

Regular business of the minutes and bills was conducted. After routine business, the Board took up the business of teacher contracts. The Superintendent recommended that the following teachers and teacher aids be rehired for the 1983-1984 school year:

Bob Bagley	Jodie Huskerson	Peggy Westbrook
Dave Briggs	Netta Jarrett	Dolores Wolf
Frances Burkett	Lynn Maxwell	Joan Briggs
Nancy Castleberry	Bill May	Janene Day
Dana Cooley	Tana May	Peggy Frisbie
Beverly Copeland	Sue Jane Mayes	Dayla McGuire
Joe Copeland	Tom McGuire	Verna Ogden
Duke Frisbie	Ann McLeroy	Melba Rinehart
Sandra Graves	Shirley McMeans	Sue Smith
Dorothy Gray	Fred Ridenour	Sallie Wilson
Kay Hopper	Doris Steadman	Barbara York
	Lillie Sullivan	

The Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation to hire all the teachers and teacher aids listed above.

The Superintendent's report included a year-to-date financial report, an attendance report, and a personnel report. It was reported that the district was operating within the budget, and also in a sound financial condition. Attendance was reported at 228.

A report was heard from the Textbook Committee. The committee recommended that Harcourt Civics be adopted for 8th grade Civics.

The Board ratified the Textbook Committee recommendation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Home craftsmen say that a good way to thaw a frozen water pipe is with a hair dryer.

In 1896, George Harbo and Frank Samuelson rowed across the Atlantic. They were 56 days at sea.

LOCAL NEWS

Debbi and Lin Smith recently attended a series of lectures in Lubbock.

We were sorry to hear that the brother of Terry Williams of Gail was killed last week in a car accident between Post and Gail.

Maurice Herridge has been working in Snyder lately and has moved into a house over there.

Funeral services were held last Tuesday in Seagraves for Leroy Hamilton. He was the brother of Roland Hamilton of Lamesa, a former resident of Gail.

Gigi Can Jones of Cleburne and her two children spent last week visiting her parents, and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Canon and Chuck. Heard that Terry Canon Cheatam of Lamesa, had to do her visiting with jGigi over the telephone. Seems one of her babies was broken out with the chicken pox.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Smith and Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Farmer have been visitors in Ruidoso lately. Understand that Edna Miller has returned home after a week up there.

The weather has been warm lately and it seemed strange to see the ground covered with snow Sunday morning.

Joe Canon is in the Lamesa Memorial Hospital.

Debbie and Brian Hanks and their daughter, and Marquita Menix were visiting in Mary and Billy's home over the week-end.

Montie and Deidre Smith's daughter, Reagan, has been in the hospital in Big Spring. She returned home Saturday.

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Russia In Trouble

Most discussions regarding the United States and Russia usually center on military strength. But in the crucial area of agriculture and the capacity of each country to feed its own people, Russia is in deep trouble.

"While our exportable food surplus is climbing, the Soviet Union's dependence on imported foods is

growing," says Dr. Bill Black.

"This year Russia will import more than 40 million tons of grain, or nearly one-fourth of all the grain fed to Soviet people and livestock. About one-half of their grain imports will come from the North American breadbasket, mostly from the U.S.," says Black, an economist from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

By comparison, the U.S. will export about three times more grain than Russia's total imports, notes the economist.

Black describes the Soviet Union as a centrally planned economy in which the country's leaders annually plan that their agriculture will produce sufficient food to feed their people and livestock. However, each year their production continues to fall short by a growing amount, with bad weather generally blamed for the deficit.

With 3.7 million people in U.S. agriculture--of which 2.4 million are family farm managers--this nation produced twice as much grain the past year as the Soviet Union with its 26 million farm workers.

"Individual productivity and individual decision-making in the U.S. make all the difference in the world," emphasizes Black. "Our farmers respond daily to market signals and information; they are flexible, adaptive creatures."

In turn, the government makes all the decisions in Russia. Farm workers on collective farms customarily leave their tractors promptly at five o'clock regardless of the circumstances. "This clearly shows that the proprietary initiative of the U.S. farmer is missing," says Black.

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OBITUARY

CHARLES NEELEY JR

Services for Charles Donald Neeley Jr., 23, of 902 Ave. R in Lubbock was at 10 a.m.

Twenty-three year-old Charles Donald Neeley Jr., 23 of Lubbock was killed last Wednesday, March 16 in a one-vehicle rollover 12 miles south of Post.

Services for Neeley were held in Sanders Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Rick Wolfe, pastor of New Home Methodist Church, officiating.

Burial was in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under direction of Sanders Funeral Home.

According to the Department of Public Safety, Neeley was driving a 1974 pickup south of F.M. 669 at a high rate of speed when he failed to negotiate a curve and the vehicle went off the road, rolling several times. Neeley was thrown from his vehicle. Justice of the Peace Dee C. Justice of Post pronounced him dead about 2:20 p.m.

Neeley drove a truck for Texas Tech University.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth; two sons, Charles Donald Neeley III and Christopher; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Donald Neeley Sr. of Lubbock; four sisters, Terry Williams of Gail and Tracy Donnett Scietta, Susan Michelle Neeley and Mindy Lee Ann Neeley, all of Lubbock; and his grandparents, Addie B. Johnson of Lubbock and Marie Pearl and Kenneth Martin of Lubbock.

Students

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DEBATE-Bric Turner, Doyce Taylor, Becky Massingill and Samantha Porter

HEADLINE WRITING-Kelley Lankford, Becky Massingill, and Samantha Porter

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SPELLING-Dana Gray, Samantha Porter, Cindy Balague and Nancy Martinez, alt.

U.I.L. Typing-Tammy Miller, Kim Wills and Roxie Wolf (alt.)

SCHOOL MENU

March 28-31, 1983

	Lunch	Breakfast
Monday	Meat Loaf Fried Okra Corn Pudding Cornbread Milk	Toast Fruit Juice Milk
Tuesday	Chicken & Spaghetti Shredded Lettuce Fruit Hot Rolls Milk	Biscuits & Bacon Fruit Milk
Wednesday	Fish Sticks Pinto Beans Spinach Hush Puppies Jello Milk	French Toast Fruit Juice Milk
Thursday	Hamburgers Lettuce-Tomatoes-Pickles French Fries Cookies Milk	Cereal Fruit Juice Milk
Friday	No School - Easter Holiday	

COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING

The Borden County Commissioners' Court met on March 14, 1983 at 9:00 A.M. for their regular session, with all members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The current accounts were received and approved for payment.

Bids for motor graders for Precincts No. 1, No. 3, and No. 4 were opened at 10:00 A.M. The bid of \$47,459.00 from Yellowhouse Machinery Company of Lubbock was accepted for Precinct No. 1, this being the low bid. The bid from West Texas Equipment Company for \$88,861.93 was accepted for Precinct No. 4, this being

the only bid that met the specifications. All the bids for motor graders from Precinct No. 3 were tabled.

Plains Machinery of Odessa, Yellowhouse Machinery of Lubbock and West Texas Equipment of Lubbock presented bids to the Court.

A division order on Borden County School land in Martin County was received by the Court and was authorized by the court to sign this order.

The court agreed to ask for bids on a dump truck for Precinct No. 3. These bids will be opened on March 28, 1983 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no other business the court adjourned at 12:00 p.m.



(An Indian snake charmer lures a cobra from its basket.)

DEADLY COBRA WORSHIPPED IN INDIA

Is the deadly cobra blessed with special powers?

The people of India think so. Since ancient times, in fact, the Hindus have worshipped the poisonous cobra as a symbol of one of their gods. A tribe in southern India calls the cobra "Null pambu," or "good snake," according to Ranger Rick's Nature Magazine, the monthly

publication of the National Wildlife Federation.

Because there are so many people and so many snakes in India, people occasionally are bitten by the deadly cobra. But many more are helped by the snake. Cobras prey on the millions of rats and mice which transmit disease and eat grain that is desperately needed to feed the millions of people in India.

Cobra venom is also made into a painkilling medicine that is better and safer than many other medicines. Scientists continue to search for other promising uses of the venom.

The cobra's main use for its venom, however, is self-protection, according to Ranger Rick.

During its vulnerable youth, the cobra is the prey of other predators such as the catlike "civet" or the badgerlike "ratel." Even peacocks will eat young cobras like spaghetti, but all these dangers subside as the young cobra matures and becomes more deadly. Even the famous cobra-killer, the

mongoose, is wary of adult cobras.

To the people of the village Shirala, in west-central India, the adult cobra is cause for celebration, as villagers have "Naga Panchami," or "cobra day," with the snake as the main attraction.

On a day of their monsoon season, when frequent rains soften the earth, the villagers go into their fields and gently dig cobras from their nests and bring them back to the village in large clay pots to await the festival.

On the morning of the

festival, the villagers gather with happy shouts, carrying their pots of cobras to a small shrine where the cobras are let out to be worshipped and given offerings of fruit, rice and flowers. By noon, the celebration will have moved back to the village to continue until nightfall.

When nightfall comes, the worship is over, and the cobras are placed carefully back into their pots. They are released the next day to slither off and protect the villagers' crops by feeding on rats and mice for another year--a cobra's natural duty.

WHAT IS TAX RENDITION?

This public service message from the State Property Tax Board, local taxing authorities and this newspaper explains the process.

Rendition is the method through which a taxpayer reports or lists the taxable property he owned or managed and controlled on January 1 of the current tax year. It is also the means by which a taxpayer is allowed to record his own opinion of what the value of that property should be.

Not every taxpayer is required to file a rendition, but there are important reasons why a taxpayer may wish to do so.

Renditions must be filed: (1) for all tangible personal property used for the production of income; or (2) on any other taxable property if required by the chief appraiser.

Renditions may be filed by any taxpayer who wishes to preserve certain valuable rights.

Even if you aren't required to prepare and file a rendition on your property, there are several good reasons why you should do so:

- As previously noted, by filing a rendition, you have placed into the record your own opinion as to the value of your property.
- You create a responsibility on the part of the chief appraiser and the appraisal review board to notify you if they intend to increase the value of your property by any amount over what you have rendered. Further, you have the right to protest to the appraisal review board either the increase in value or any other decision affecting the taxability of your property.
- For property that is not rendered by the owner, the chief appraiser makes his own

decision on the property's value and places that value on the appraisal roll.

In addition to a rendition, you also may file a special report called a report of decreased value if the value of your property decreased during the preceding tax year for any reason other than normal depreciation. The appraisal office will view the property and verify any reported change in appraised value and its cause and nature.

Renditions and other property reports may ordinarily be filed with the county appraisal district office at any time from January 1 through April 30. This year, since April 30 falls on a Saturday, the deadline is extended by law to May 2, 1983.

Rendition forms for various types of property, as well as other property report forms, are available from the appraisal district office. Your appraisal district can also give you a free copy of the *Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies, Responsibilities* pamphlet which explains exemptions, appeal rights, and other details of the local property tax system in Texas. Or, contact the State Property Tax Board in Austin.



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ANHYDROUS AMMONIA THREATENS SIGHT

Farmers fertilizing with anhydrous ammonia this spring risk serious eye injury and possible blindness unless they wear the proper eye protection warns the Texas Society to Prevent Blindness.

"In 99 Texas counties farmers annually use more than 302,000 tons of anhydrous ammonia," says Jack B. O'Neill, safety chairman of Prevent Blindness. "In the soil, this is great; it can mean abundant crops. But in the eye, anhydrous ammonia can mean pain and even total blindness within minutes."

To prevent this tragedy, O'Neill said that the Society urges that when fertilizing with this potent chemical, farmers always wear chemical type safety goggles with hooded vents and a rim that fits closely around the eye area. A face shield that fits over the goggles is also recommended for maximum protection.

"Anhydrous ammonia is dangerous not only when it is being spread but also when it is being transferred from pressurized bulk containers to smaller tanks," he said. "This process is usually repeated several times a day and a weak point in the hose or a faulty valve or fitting can send ammonia spraying. That is why, when farmers are working with this chemical in addition to wearing eye protection they should also check the hose fitting and connecting equipment on the tanks every day."

"If an accident should occur, however, the eyes must be flushed with the lids held open with fresh water immediately and for at least 15 minutes. No other treatment should be

attempted and salves and ointments must never be applied as they tend to seal in the fertilizer and may only add to the damage."

So that first aid treatment can begin immediately, farmers should always carry a 5 gallon tank of clean fresh water on their truck and a plastic squeeze bottle of water in their shirt pocket, 'Neill continued.

"Do not delay treatment as anhydrous ammonia begins destroying cells and tissues within seconds of contact," O'Neill warned, adding the following general safety tips for working with any agricultural chemicals:
-Study the product's label for correct use and observe listed precautions.
-Thoroughly understand how to operate any equipment prior to use.
-Avoid contact with dust, spray mixes and vapors.
-Always store chemicals in original containers, keeping them tightly closed.

The hazards of working with anhydrous ammonia are dramatically depicted in the film "For the Rest of Your Life." This sixteen minute movie may be borrowed without charge from Prevent Blindness, P. O. Box 20-20, Houston 77001. For a free copy of the Society's brochure "Blinding Facts about Eye Safety on the Farm," send a long self-addressed, stamped envelope to the same address.

The Texas Society to Prevent Blindness is an affiliate of the National Society to Prevent Blindness, the oldest voluntary health agency nationally engaged in preventing blindness through community service programs, public and professional education and research.

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BORDEN

BID NOTICE
Borden County Commissioners' Court will consider bids for the purchase of an automobile for use in the Borden County Sheriff's Department on March 28, 1983 at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the County Courthouse. Specifications may be obtained at the office of the County Judge, 915-856-4391.

BY ORDER OF THE
BORDEN COUNTY
COMMISSIONER'S
COURT

Van L. York
County Judge
Borden County

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BORDEN

BID NOTICE
Borden County Commissioners' Court will consider bids for the purchase of a dump truck for use in Precinct No. 3 on March 28, 1983 at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the County Courthouse.

Specifications may be obtained at the office of the County Judge, (915) 856-4391. More information may be obtained by calling Vernon Wolf, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3, (915) 965-3393.

BY ORDER OF BORDEN
COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS'
COURT

Van L. York
County Judge
Borden County

Your County Agent Says

by Alan Day

FIT BRUSH CONTROL INTO A GRAZING SYSTEM

For chemical brush control to do the best job in increasing forage production and improving rangeland, plan to rest herbicide-treated pastures from grazing.

A no-grazing period of about 90 days after spring application of herbicide for brush control allows desirable forage plants to regain vigor, replenish food reserves, produce seed and encourage seedling establishment, thus improving rangeland. On the other hand, a continuous year-long grazing program does not readily allow for a rest from grazing after a brush control practice.

Good grazing management is necessary to obtain the greatest return from a brush management program. Therefore, a rancher should first develop a sound grazing management program before attempting brush control practices. This should include a planned grazing system to allow no-grazing periods for each pasture.

Special planning is necessary to fit brush control practices into a grazing system to take full advantage of a rest period. A key point in the plan is that a rest from grazing during the growing season, or a major portion of the

growing season, would follow herbicide application for brush control.

In addition to properly sequencing herbicide application and rest from grazing, planning will provide a systematic approach to range improvement over a reasonable period. This enables rangeland to improve progressively over a number of years. Such a systematic approach can allow ranchers to gradually increase livestock numbers to effectively use improved forage production and to spread the investment over several years.

Taxpayer

Alex Moreno of Edinburg, Dick Burnett of San Angelo, Eddie Cavazos of Corpus Christi, Phyllis Robinson of Gonzales, Noel Grisham of Round Rock, Walter Martinez of San Antonio and Arves Jones of El Paso.

Russia

As long as this situation exists, the Soviet Union will continue to depend heavily on other countries for its food and fiber supplies.

The long line of ships that now connect American Farms with Soviet dining tables constitutes a growing economic link between the two countries. This eventually could affect their political relations as well.

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WHAT A HEADACHE!
About 20 million Americans--two thirds of them women--seek medical help for headaches on a regular basis. This is one of the most common problems brought to physicians.

Despite being so common, headaches are often difficult to sort out in terms of a specific diagnosis and treatment program. The majority of headaches are not related to a serious underlying disease.

It is helpful to consider headaches in terms of some five major types.

MIGRAINES

This type of headache is most often confined to one side of the head. Classic migraine consists of early symptoms--such as flashing lights of flickering vision--followed by an initial throbbing headache which later becomes steady or dull.

Most migraines do not occur in this classic form, however.

Instead, they often take the form of "cluster headaches"--so called because they tend to occur in clusters over a period of days, weeks or months. Associated symptoms may include nausea and vomiting. There is solid evidence that the migraine headache occurs when blood vessels in the neck and head expand.

TENSION HEADACHES

This type of headache is caused primarily by contractions of the muscles of the scalp and neck. Treatment includes heat and massage for the involved muscles and simple muscle relaxants.

In persistent cases, underlying emotional factors may require attention, however.

POST-INJURY HEADACHES

Headaches of this type are common following head and/or neck injuries. Sometimes these headaches do not begin until weeks--or even months--after an injury. They generally clear up with time.

SINUS HEADACHES

Sinus headaches should, as a rule, be accompanied by signs of infection, such as local tenderness, fever or mucus discharge, to distinguish them from migraines.

Treatment usually involves an over-the-counter pain reliever or a prescribed decongestant to relieve sinus pressure.

HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE HEADACHES

This type of headache is uncommon and more often associated with the treatment for high blood pressure than high blood pressure. When they do occur, they typically are located in the back of the head, are worse upon arising and generally improve as the day progresses.

PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

Regardless of the exact cause of headaches, two areas of prevention and treatment--identifying and minimizing "trigger" factors and careful drug therapy--are effective for many patients.

The list of factors that can

"trigger" a headache is virtually as long as the list of headache sufferers. Most common, however, seem to be:

-Dietary factors--including changes in patterns, such as fasting or missing meals; specific foods; alcohol or excessive caffeine, or sudden withdrawal from caffeine; food preservatives and flavorers, including salt.

-Hormonal and drug factors--hormones, such as birth control pills, and reserpine, used in treating high blood pressure, sometimes produce headaches.

--Emotional factors--when perfectionists are subjected to stress, they are more likely to have headache problems.

-Environmental factors--including temperature extremes, cigarette smoke, perfume, glaring light and sudden changes in barometric pressure can lead to headaches.

Careful drug therapy emphasizes the need for attention to both proper use--timing and dosage--and potential side effects.

Besides the usual over-the-counter painrelievers, these drugs are commonly prescribed for treatment of various types of headaches.

--Ergot alkaloids, which prevent blood vessels from expanding.

--Anti-depressants.

--Propranolol, a new drug with minimal side effects.

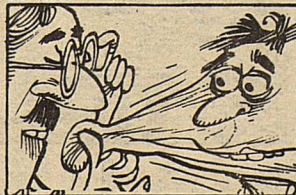
--Diuretics, to reduce body fluids.

If you have frequent headaches, check with your physician. He should be able to pinpoint the cause of your headaches and establish an individual treatment program.

For a list of specialists in headache problems, write the National Migraine Foundation, 5252 North Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, 60625.



Amsterdam police have a special branch whose only duty is to cope with motorists who drive into the canals.



Skin is the body's largest organ, weighing an average of five-and-one-half pounds.

LEGISLATION FOR HOMEOWNERS

Austin--Legislation designed to let homeowners use their equity as collateral on loans for certain purposes was introduced last week by Senator Chet Brooks D-Pasadena.

The legislation would allow homeowners to use the equity, or increased value, in their homes as collateral for such purposes as family medical emergencies, college education, business opportunities or to supplement retirement income. Currently, Texas homeowners are forbidden from using that asset as collateral for a loan except for home improvement purposes.

"It seems ridiculous to me you can finance a swimming pool but not have the ability for financial relief in a situation of catastrophic illness or family education costs," Brooks said.

The enabling legislation prohibits more than one secondary mortgage lien on the property and sets a \$2500 minimum loan

amount. It also provides a secondary mortgage lien may not exceed 80 percent of the homeowner's equity. In addition, the equity could be used as collateral only after both spouses completely understand the transaction through full disclosure and creditors comply with the limitations of the legislation.

In addition to the enabling legislation setting out the restrictions of this financial transaction, a constitutional amendment will allow voters to add a fourth exemption to the homestead exemption for this limited purpose. If approved by the legislature this session, voters would have the opportunity to vote on this measure November 8, 1983.

"I hope these measures will be enacted during the current session to allow Texas homeowners this flexibility on one of the principal assets most families and individuals ever accumulate," Senator Brooks said.

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PIK PROGRAM PROVISIONS REVIEWED

The signup period ended March 11 for the Payment-in-Kind program—a land diversion program designed to bring wheat, feed grains, cotton supplies more in line with demand.

Activity during the final week of signup was heavy because of last-minute applications. The PIK program offers farmers an amount of commodity for reducing acreage by a larger amount than called for under previously announced acreage reduction programs.

With the ending of signup, comes the beginning of other major PIK program activities. Farmers who signed up contracted to receive specific bushels or pounds of the commodity they would have produced on PIK acres. These commodities will come from the grain reserve, regular loan or Commodity Credit Corporation stocks.

Farmers entering the program with outstanding reserve or regular price support loans will draw their PIK entitlement from these loan stocks. "They cannot forfeit or redeem their commodities under loan and then draw additional commodities from CCC stocks. Loans which mature before farmers receive their payments-in-kind will be extended and storage will be paid from maturity until receipt of the PIK.

Producers who signed up also indicated the percentage of their established base that they wish to divert under PIK. This amount ranged between 10 and 30 percent of their base and cannot be changed from the percentage indicated at signup.

Payments-in-kind will become available during the normal harvest period. In

order to give the farmer marketing flexibility, the CCC will pay storage costs from the availability date of payment-in-kind to redemption of the commodity not to exceed five months from the availability date.

FARMERS REMINDED OF CONSERVATION USE REQUIREMENTS

Farmers who are participating in payment-in-kind or other 1983 land diversion and acreage reduction programs are reminded that conservation use acres must be eligible crop land which meets certain requirements.

Farm program participants agree to devote cropland taken out of production to approved conservation practices to protect the land from soil and water erosion.

Conservation use acres must have been devoted to row crops or small grains in two of the last three years. The land may not be harvested, and grazing is not permitted between March 1 and August 31, 1983, except for the following exception, grazing will be permitted only on winter wheat planted before the announcement of the payment-in-kind program. PIK acreage will have to be acreage that would have been planted in 1983.

Approved conservation uses include annual, biennial, or perennial grasses and legumes, volunteer stands other than weeds, small grains and crop residue from use of no till, or minimum till practices. "Farm program participants are required to establish such practices as soon as possible after the normal planting period for spring crops.

FOREIGN - OWNED AGRICULTURAL LAND

Foreigners who have bought or sold U.S. Agricultural land are reminded to report the transaction within 90 days to the county agricultural stabilization and conservation service.

The reporting requirement stems from the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act of 1978.

All foreign individuals, governments, or legal entities are required to report their agricultural land holdings, acquisitions and dispositions. Failure to report could result in a fine of up to 25 percent of the property's fair market value.

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Thailand Gets Cotton Credit

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced a \$30 million blended export credit package for Thailand to purchase U.S. cotton and soybeans.

The package covers purchases of 57,000 bales of cotton worth \$20 million, according to the National Cotton Council

For the second week in a row, Russia led export sales of U.S. cotton with a purchase of 88,000 bales. Net sales for the week ended March 10 increased by 193,600 running bales for the marketing year 1982-83. Besides Russia, the major buyers were Japan, 12,500 bales, and South Korea, 11,900.

REGULATE NATURAL GAS FOR IRRIGATION?

Austin--Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower and Attorney General Jim Mattox today joined state Sen. Bill Sarpalius (D-Hereford) and Rep. Larry Don Shaw (D-Big Spring) in calling for the regulation of natural gas used for farming purposes.

In a Capitol news conference, the four officials said the traditional practice of exempting only farm use of natural gas from regulation allows gas pipelines to overcharge some customers and makes others live with an unstable pricing set-up that makes even short-term planning difficult or impossible.

Sen. Sarpalius introduced a bill on Thursday that would place regulatory authority over utilities selling natural gas for farm use under the Texas Railroad Commission.

"These are utility companies that already are regulated by the Railroad Commission on their service to businesses and homeowners," Hightower said. "We're simply saying that our farmers should have the same right as other customers to contest gas company rate decisions.

This bill is a response to complaints and requests I got from beleaguered farmers throughout my campaign last year. We're not asking the gas companies for any more justification for their rates than they're already required to give their commercial and residential customers.

"We're talking about simple fairness and plain old democracy here," Hightower said. "With no regulation, our farmers are getting willy-nilly rate increases by the companies.

The farmers simply get a higher bill in the mail--no warning, no explanation, no recourse. Maybe some of these increases are necessary, but at least a farmer ought to have the same right of review and appeal that other citizens get.

"And we're not talking about peanuts here. A farmer like Ray Sneed up around Dalhart, for instance, uses about 3,500 m.c.f. (thousand cubic feet) a month when he's irrigating. Last November, his gas bill had a notice printed on it saying, "Effective with this bill your gas rate has been increased by 2.954 cents per 100 cubic feet." that adds up to a sudden jump of 30 cents per m.c.f., which cost Mr. Sneed an extra \$1000 out of his pocket. Even worse, the increase wasn't announced in advance--this was an increase on gas he had already used, and there wasn't a thing he could do about it. Overall, his gas company raised his rates a total of 70 cents per m.c.f. in 1982.

"Tommy Fondren, a cotton farmer from Lorenzo, Texas, saw his gas rates go up 25 percent over the past year. And on top of that, if his cash flow situation makes it necessary for him to wait a day or two past the due date before he pays his bill, he gets socked with an 11 percent late charge. This extra charge amounts to \$1,500 or more on every single quarter section of land he irrigates, and that's just for being late on one month's bill. Utilities are not allowed by the Railroad Commission to assess late charges on their other customers."

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