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PHIL GRAMM

## GRAMM SEEKS U.S. SENATE

U.S. Rep. Phil Gramm, R-College Station, ended the speculation concerning his candidacy by announcing for the United States Senate in 21 Texas Cities during a four-day campaign kickoff.

The Congressman announced in College Station, his home town, Thursday, September 22, traveled to the State Capitol in Austin for a traditional press conference, and then began a four-day campaign swing across the state.

"In the four weeks since our Senator, John Tower, decided to retire at the end of a 2-1/2 decade career of distinguished service, I have visited with hundreds of business, civic and political leaders in private meetings across our state. I have been encouraged to seek the state seat in letters, telegrams, telephone calls and personal conversations by state and national leaders and by ordinary citizens, by people I have known all my life and by people that I have never met before," Gramm said.

After the Tower

announcement Gramm returned to Texas for 10 days to "ask personally for the advice and counsel of those who would have to put up their time, talent and money to make a successful campaign for the United States Senate possible."

Last week Gramm announced a 37-member exploratory finance committee made up of individuals who have played major roles in the campaigns of Senator John Tower, Governor Bill Clements and Republican and conservative Democratic candidates in recent years.

This list includes leaders in a variety of industries including agriculture, oil, law, automobile and banking. The impressive roster named: John Armstrong, rancher; Eddie Chiles, Oil; Ray Hunt, agriculture and oil; Sam Kane, Beef Processors, Inc; and Alan Shivers, Jr., investor. These were among a list of 37 Texans serving on Gramm's Exploratory Finance Committee.

Gramm received telegrams from 15 incumbent U.S. Senators urging him to run. The telegram from Senators Armstrong, Goldwater, Hatch, Warner and others said, "We need your courage and know-how in the Senate. We especially need your expertise in budget and economic issues."

Gramm, a Ph.D. economist, was for 12 years Professor of Economics at Texas A&M University until first elected to the House in 1978. He was co-author of the Gramm-Latta budgets which implemented the Reagan economic program. As the ranking Texan on the Energy and Commerce Committee, he has represented the State's interest on vital oil and gas matters and authored legislation related to energy, health and veterans affairs.

## MONTFORD NAMED TO WATER BOARD

State Sen. John T. Montford of Lubbock has been appointed to the Western States Water Council, succeeding former House Speaker Bill Clayton of Springlake in the policy-making post, Gov. Mark White announced.

The Salt Lake City-based organization makes policy for water planning in western and southwestern states, and Montford is one of three Texas members on the nine-member board.

The appointment will run "during the term of service of this governor," the governor said in advising the council of the replacement of Clayton, who went out of office last year.

"There are a lot of mutual reservoirs and tributaries that the states share and need to cooperate on to ensure optimum development of the water potential in those reservoirs and tributaries," Montford said.

"We also need to establish diplomatic relations with out neighboring states, and we stand a better chance of getting federal assistance with a multi-state endeavor."

Montford led efforts in the state Legislature early this year to get a statewide package of water-related legislation passed and to have several proposed constitutional amendments that were part of the package placed before the voters. The packaged passed unanimously in the Senate but bogged down in the House.



Guest Speaker-Shelly Smith from the West Texas Rehabilitation Center poses with hosts Mr. and Mrs. Warren Beaver and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Phinizy.

## BENEFIT DINNER NETS OVER ONE THOUSAND

A Benefit Dinner was held Tuesday evening, September 20, 1983 at the Borden County School Cafeteria in Gail, Texas with the proceeds going to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene. Approximately 100 persons attended and many who could not attend mailed in their contributions. Two

thousand one hundred dollars was presented to Mr. Shelly Smith, Director of the Rehabilitation Center. Mr. Smith explained to those present about the functions as well as the needs of the center. Music was presented throughout the evening by a talented group of musicians led by Dub Everett of Snyder.

## POTENTIAL DUMP SITES NO LONGER THREAT

Attempts to find land for sale in Borden or Howard counties which would serve as a disposal site for low-level radioactive waste have proved unsuccessful, state officials say.

In line with this, potential land sales have been identified in two other Texas counties west and south of here.

This was the report given by Tom Blackburn, a public relations officer for the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Authority based in Austin.

"There are two areas

where we have found land for sale which meets our criteria," Blackburn said. These potential sites are in Hudspeth County located in far West Texas near El Paso and Dimmitt County located southwest of San Antonio.

Potential dumping sites would comprise approximately 300 acres, agency personnel have indicated.

The search for a waste site area was narrowed in July to 16 counties in Texas including Borden and four neighboring counties.

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# Borden County School News

## BORDEN JUNIOR HIGH LOSES FIRST GAME BY ONE POINT

Borden County Junior High scored early and had two other scoring chances but failed in their efforts. "Our sixth grade boys did a real good job of playing and some surprised me with their aggressive playing", said Coach Frisbie. "Ray Martinez ran well and Will

Phinizy executed the plays as good as any young quarter-back could, plus good blocking up front with sixth grader Cody Cooley at center really helped our inside running game." said the coach.

Ridenour and passed to David Holmes who out-ran the Ira secondary for the six points. Try for extra point failed as Ridenour was tackled short of the goal line.

Borden County's next Junior High game is at Hermleigh on September 29th at 6:00 p.m.

## PARENTS CLUB

The Borden County Parent's Club met September 15 in the Conference Room. Plans for the Halloween Carnival were discussed. Anyone interested in having a booth at the Carnival should call Nanette Belew at 915-573-7718.

The following are room mothers for 1983-1984: Kindergarten, Carla Hensley; 1st, Beverly Herring; 2nd, Patricia Gass; 3rd, Sue Mize; 4th, Denise Parks; 5th, Shirley Garrett; 6th, Pam Cooley; 7th, Sue Lloyd; 8th, Mary Jon Phihizy

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 6 at 2:30 in the school conference room. Plan now to attend, we need your ideas and assistance.

-s-Denise Parks



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The Coyote Mascot receives Doctors care from Monty Floyd during the pep rally Friday. He is assisted by Harold Barnes and Tammy Miller.

## ALMA MATER

**Borden High School, Hail to thee,  
Long wave red, white and blue.**

**We pledge to you our loyalty,  
Our spirits brave and true**

**We gather wisdom from your halls,  
And learn to honor truth**

**We find that friendship is for all,  
Whatever creed of youth.**

**Then, we pledge our love to Borden;**

**We'll ever faithful be**

**While colors fly, shout to the sky,  
Dear Borden Hail to thee!**

"He who finds himself, loses his misery."

Matthew Arnold

"If a man could have half his wishes he would double his troubles." Ben Franklin

## READ-A-THON TO BEGIN SOON

Mrs. Virginia M. Brackett, Executive Director, South Plains Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, will be at the Borden County High School Auditorium, October 4, at 12:45 p.m. to speak to grades 2 through 6 regarding the 1983 M S Read-a-thon. Mrs. Brackett will explain to those students who have not previously participated, how the read-a-thon works

and what prizes can be won.

In past years, the read-a-thon has been a huge success due to the work of Borden County Elementary students and the support of parents, relatives and friends. Please be assured, if you sponsor a student for five cents to \$1.00 or more for each book he or she reads, the money will be earned for a very worthwhile cause.



The average American eats about four pounds of food a day.

## FHA MEETING

All F.H.A. members and officers met Wednesday, September 14, during lunch in the Home Economics Department. Samantha Porter, President, brought the meeting to order. She discussed the Secret Grandparents program with members. She then handed over the meeting to Mrs. Cooley, F.H.A. Advisor, who discussed the fundraising project for this year. Jeanette Massingill read the minutes from the last meeting. There being no more information, Samantha Porter adjourned the meeting.



JUNIOR HIGH CHEERLEADERS-Top Row L to R-Ralynn Key, Elvira Balague, Kate Phinizy. Christy Holmes, Kim Turner and Kristy Adcock.

## OCTOBER 1983

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# BORDEN LOSES TO HIGHLAND 48-74

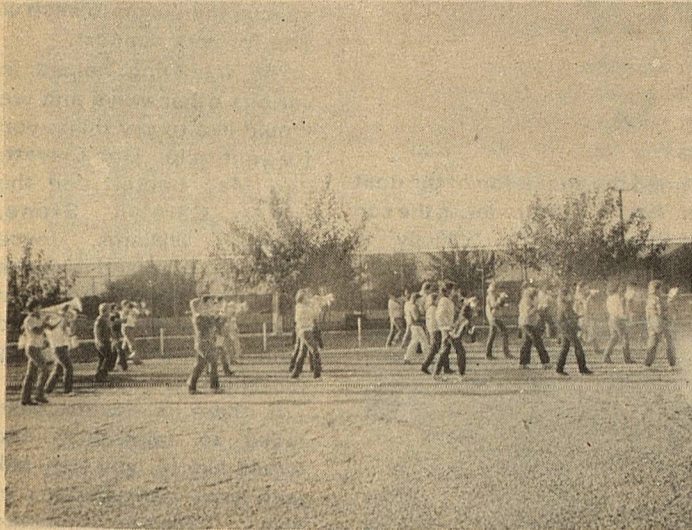
The Highland Hornets, last years state champion, played like champions last Friday night defeating the Borden Coyotes.

"I can not see anyone we have already played beating them," said Coach Frisbie.

Chris Cooley and Dennis Buchanan had good games running with the ball.

Cooley had 20 carries and 223 yards while Buchanan had two scores late in the game. Matthew Massingill and Tommy Soto played well for the Coyotes.

The Coyotes host Ira, an unbeaten team, Friday night at 8:00 in Gail. Ira is 2-0 while Borden County is 1-1 in district play.



The Borden Coyote Marching Band as they practiced last week for the marching contest at the South Plains Fair.

# HIGH SCHOOL PEP RALLY

Robin Hood gave the team talk at the last pep rally. "I think we have a decent chance against them," he said. Kim Turner received the spirit stick for showing the most spirit at the last pep rally. Coach Frisbie gave the pep talk. He believes the Coyotes playing the state winners (Highland) from last year early in the season will be to the teams advantage.

Small footballs and candy were thrown to out-reached hands of the Coyote fans. A skit sponsored by the cheerleaders included Coyote Mascot, Kelli McPhaul, Dr. Monty Floyd, Harold Barnes and Tammy Miller. Dr. Floyd did surgery on the mascot to give it (and the team) more spirit and strength to face Highlands Hornets.



JUNIOR HIGH TWIRLERS- D'Lynn Lloyd and Kandy Belew.

# JUNIOR HIGH PEP RALLY

David Holmes gave the team talk. Cheerleaders Ralynn Key, Elvira Balaque, Kate Phinizy, Christy Holmes, Kim Turner and Kristy Adcock performed for their first pep rally of the year, along with twirlers D'Lyn Lloyd and Candy Belew.

Coach Frisbee gave the pep talk.



REACHING FOR CANDY-

Picture on the left shows students at the last pep rally reaching for candy thrown to them by the cheerleaders.

GO BLUE!!



The Kindergarten Class toured the school last week and a few of them easily took charge at the Board of Trustees' Table in the Superintendent's Office. They are Tye Parks, Levi Garrett, Roy Clayton, Erlinda Martinez and Sandy Brummett. Shown with them are Mr. James McLeroy and Mrs. Beverly Copeland

## School Lunch Menu

October 3-7, 1983

	Lunch	Breakfast
Monday	Meat Sauce & Spaghetti Vegetable Salad Fruit Hot Rolls Milk Salad Bar	Buttered Toast Fruit Milk
Tuesday	Lasagna Green Beans Cole Slaw Jello & Fruit Hot Rolls Milk Salad Bar	Blueberry Muffins Fruit Juice Milk
Wednesday	Barbecued Beef Pinto Beans Lettuce Wedge Pudding Milk Salad Bar	Biscuit & Sausage Fruit Milk
Thursday	Hamburger Steak & Gravy Mashed Potatoes English Peas Fruit Hot Rolls Milk Salad Bar	Cinnamon Toast Applesauce Milk
Friday	Hamburgers French Fries Lettuce & Tomatoes Brownies Milk Salad Bar	Cereal Fruit Juice Milk

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## TEACHERS ASSOCIATION BEEFING UP REQUIREMENTS

Austin--The Texas State Teachers Association wants to make it tougher to become a teacher by beefing up course requirements in Texas colleges of education and extending preparation for teaching to a five-year degree program.

TSTA President Dale Young told members of the Select Committee on Public Education, meeting in Austin this week, that many Texas universities offer instruction to prospective teachers which is not necessarily relevant to daily classroom teaching experiences.

The 95,000 member teachers' organization proposes that colleges of education revamp teacher education programs to improve academic training and provide more time for professional teaching preparation through a five-year study program with longer experiences in student teaching and internship.

The TSTA plan would place student teachers in school districts under the supervision of a master teacher for one year prior to certification. Student teachers would be salaried during the internship.

Other suggested course requirements would include more academic classes in the major and minor fields plus instruction in critical thinking, problem solving and creativity, human growth and development, learning theories, decision-making and communication skills.

In other testimony, a Brownwood principal, Don Martin, also speaking for TSTA, said he believed most Texas superintendents and coaches are ready to support higher academic standards for students and would be willing to tie stiffer minimum achievement levels to participation in extracurricular activities.

Speaking to the merit pay issue, James Butler, executive secretary-treasurer of TSTA, cautioned against hasty implementation of this type of compensation plan.

"TSTA will support a plan that is directed toward the goal of attracting and retaining excellent teachers," Butler said, "But we see no reason for optimism in any of the merit pay schemes currently being tried or proposed in Texas."

TSTA is supporting an

across-the-board raise of 24 percent for all Texas teachers.

Butler said his organization was willing to discuss the possibility of using some kind of merit pay plan which would eliminate opportunities for abuse, favoritism, dissention and which would not be offered in lieu of competitive entry level salaries.

He said a good merit pay system must provide the opportunity for career development for all teachers through a progressive "career ladder" concept.

"All teachers should be able to volunteer the evidence of advanced level teaching skills that would enable them to move up in the teaching profession hierarchy," he said. "This is opposed to a pyramid approach whereby only an arbitrary and predetermined small percentage of teachers can ever be designated 'master teachers'."

Other TSTA proposals called for improvements in teacher and administrator evaluations and in-service training, restoration of grade integrity and teacher authority, and stricter discipline policies statewide.

## DAWSON COUNTY DECLARED DISASTER

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has declared Dawson County a natural disaster area eligible for federal assistance. The declaration includes cotton losses as well as pasture, range and feed crop losses.

Marty Clayton, a Borden County native serving as an aide in Senator Bentsen's Washington office, said a letter dated Tuesday from Block to Governor Mark White reads, in part, "Based upon information provided in the Disaster Assessment Report and other supporting information recently received, we have determined that production losses sustained in Dawson County are sufficient to warrant a secretarial natural disaster determination. By copy of this letter we are notifying FHA administrators to immediately make EM loan assistance to eligible farmers in Dawson County."

Clayton said the cotton declaration would allow farmers who anticipate at least a 30 percent loss to complete the necessary paperwork before harvest but the actual application could not be filed until after the harvest is complete at the actual loss computed.

If such is the case, Clayton said farmers who can receive loans from private banking institutions would also be eligible for FHA loans at a floating interest rate based on the cost of money. Those unable to obtain other loans would be

eligible to apply for FHA emergency loans at an eight percent interest rate.

The Bentsen aide added, "The only advantage is they can get the paperwork out of the way. It doesn't actually make any money available right now."

He said the declaration no longer makes farmers automatically eligible for loans to assist with future crops, as that portion of the program has been delisted. "They can still apply," he said, "but it won't be automatic. It would be based on the same criteria whether there was a disaster or not."

Clayton further noted an "extremely significant" side effect of the declaration is that it automatically creates a disaster declaration for Dawson County through the Small Business administration.

"Between PIK program and the drought, a lot of your agriculture related businesses are probably suffering a big drop in cash flow," noted Clayton.

He said to his knowledge the row crop disaster declaration for Dawson County prior to harvest is the first such declaration for any county in Texas. He said the Secretary of Agriculture was only recently given the authority to make such a declaration and that a few counties in Illinois—which he said are not in as bad a condition as Dawson County—have been given the pre-harvest disaster declaration.

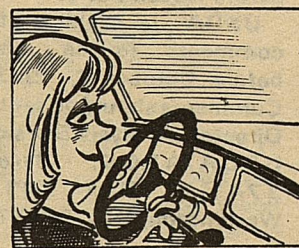
## COUNTY TREASURER ATTENDS CONFERENCE

Melissa Ludecke, Borden County Treasurer along with some 175 other Texas county treasurers attended the 35th Annual Texas County Treasurers' Conference in San Angelo, September 20-22, 1983. The Conference was the conclusion of a highly productive year for Texas county treasurers under the leadership of President Bill Melton, Dallas County Treasurer. The agenda included headline speeches from State Treasurer Ann Richards, Attorney General Jim Mattox, Secretary of State John Fainter, and House County Affairs Chairman Gary Thompson, as well as financial and educational discussions and workshops.

The County Treasurers' Association was instrumental in the passage of four bills during the 68th Session of the Texas Legislature, including HB 570, the county treasurers' continuing education bill which requires 20 hours of classroom training in the duties of county treasurer each 24 months. The

organization also published the new Texas County Treasurers' Procedures Manual in cooperation with the V.G. Young Institute for County Government, a part of the Texas A&M System. The Manual, which was reviewed by the assembly in a special session of the Conference, contains guidelines to the operation of the office and has been placed as permanent volume in each Texas County.

County treasurers are striving to become more knowledgeable of finance, management, governmental accounting, and computerization, and to become an even more vital part of county government by providing the proper check and balance system for county finance. They anticipate 100 percent attendance at their Texas A&M Seminar in April to meet the educational requirements of HB 570 which will assist county treasurers in operating their offices to the maximum benefit of the citizens of their counties.



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## 4-H Builds On Past Work

4-H has a proud 75-year heritage that forms the basis of this year's National 4-H Week theme, "4-H: Building on Experience."

National 4-H Week, October 2-8, is a special time for 4-H members and leaders to promote the nation's largest youth organization and to bring some recognition to its contributions.

Over the years millions of 4-H'ers have gained valuable leadership experiences and learned practical skills that have improved their quality of life.

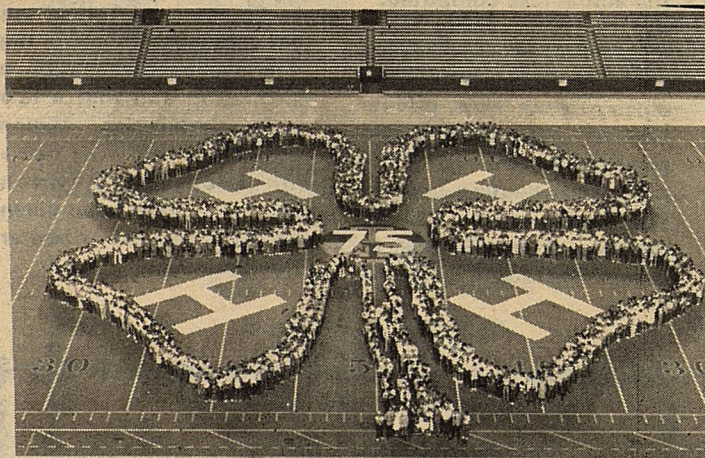
Today almost five million youth across the nation between the ages of 9 and 19 are gaining valuable learning experiences through 4-H—187,000 of those are in Texas. The Texas 4-H program reaches boys and girls through more than 2,000 community based clubs and another 900 short-term project groups.

4-H'ers are engaged in

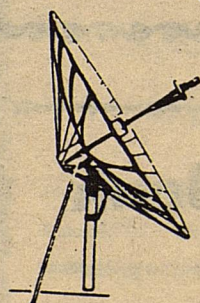
some 50 different project areas in which they gain lifelong skills through the program's

"learning-by-doing" concept. These projects had their beginning 75 years ago when special Corn Clubs were organized for boys in Jack County. First focusing on such traditional areas as crop and livestock production and canning and sewing, 4-H projects now deal with a wide range of subjects, including small engines, rocketry and veterinary science—even the use of computers.

The 4-H program is conducted in each state through the Cooperative Extension Service and is backed by the state's land grant university (Texas A&M University for the Texas program) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Some 22,000 adult and teenage 4-H leaders shoulder much of the responsibility for the 4-H program in Texas.



2,300 Texas 4-H Club members and sponsors form a giant clover on Kyle Field at Texas A&M during the 1983 State 4-H Round-up.



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# ASCS News

by Jerry Stone

## 1984 WHEAT PROGRAM

Target price....\$4.45 per bu.  
National Loan Rate....\$3.30 per bu.  
No advance deficiency payments. Sign up will be Jan. 16 through February 24, 1984

Planting cannot exceed 70 percent of farm base.

PIK will be offered on not less than 10 percent nor more than 20 percent of the base.

PIK compensation for the farm shall be determined as the PIK acres times the effective yield, times 75 percent. Wheat for PIK will not come from CCC stocks. Producers in PIK must furnish their own PIK from outstanding loans of 1984 wheat placed in the loan. PIK producers with no loans and harvest no wheat will not receive PIK.

CUA must equal to 42.86 percent of the planted and PIK acreage. CUA must be cropland certified to small grain or row crop in 2 of the last 3 years.

No offsetting or cross compliance in 1984.

1984 base will be the average planted and considered planted wheat in 1982 and 1983.

## COMMENTS ON COTTON PROGRAM

Plans are to announce the 1984 cotton program on or before November 1.

USDA is asking for comments to be made before October 4, 1983. Comments should be sent to Director, Analysis Division, USDA-ASCS, Room 3741-S, Box 2415, Washington, D.C. 20013.

## FAILED ACREAGE

Please remember to report any acreage that has failed and will not be harvested before destroying evidence of the crop. For those of you that have already reported failed acreage and that has been destroyed please let us know as soon as possible.

## ASCS REQUIRES FARMERS TO OBTAIN LOANS ON 1983 COTTON FOR PIK

Cotton producers in

Borden County who are eligible to receive their payment-in-kind from Commodity Credit Corporation stocks will have to obtain price support loans on their 1983 production to satisfy 40 percent of their PIK needs. The other 60 percent will come from cotton already in CCC's inventory.

The loans will then be redeemed and sold to the CCC for PIK. Producers who have no 1983-crop cotton for harvest or those who had insufficient cotton for harvest to satisfy their PIK needs will receive their PIK from CCC stocks.

Under the special purchase program for cotton, the CCC acquired about 780,000 bales of cotton, which when added to the present inventory, is not enough to meet needs for the PIK program.

Further details on 1983 cotton loans for PIK may be obtained from the county ASCS office.

## LIST OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS IS POSTED FOR ASC COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

A list of the names of all known eligible persons to receive ballots in the upcoming annual ASC committee election is available in the county ASCS office. Farmers WILL BEGIN nominating candidates on October 6.

ASCS, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is responsible for farm program administration. On the local level, ASCS operates under a farmer-elected committee system. This year's elections will be by mail ballot between November 25 and December 5. Voters may also get ballots at the County ASCS office.

Anyone who meets the following requirements is eligible to vote in these farmer committee elections: any individual of legal voting age with an interest in a farm as owner, tenant, or sharecropper who is eligible to participate in any ASCS program.

Several general provisions relate to ASCS voter

eligibility. Any person under legal voting age can vote if he or she runs a farm, and a legal guardian who runs a farm for a child can vote for the child. The spouse of an eligible voter is also eligible to vote. No person can be denied the right to vote because of race, sex, age, color, religion, or national origin.

A person may cast a ballot in any county in which he or she is an eligible ASC voter.

## CONSERVATION ACRES

Farm program participants are reminded to protect their conservation use acreage.

To qualify for full program benefits, farmers are required to maintain their idled cropland through normal control measures for insects, weeds and erosion. This is a very important program requirement and farmers who fail to maintain control measures could lose payments, and other program benefits.

About 24,000 cropland acres in the county have been diverted from crop production to conservation uses through the 1983 farm programs. ASCS is checking farms to see that these acres are being properly maintained.

## AVAILABLE HAY

Livestock producers who need to buy or sell hay and other roughage for their livestock may want to contact the agricultural stabilization and conservation service.

The agency is making an all-out effort to collect and disseminate information concerning the need for or the availability of hay in the area.

Although drought conditions this summer created many hay shortages, some areas are known to have a surplus of hay or other roughage.

Federal agencies, state departments of agriculture, hay dealers and other sources will be contacted for the names of producers who have surplus hay for sale. The listing will be maintained in the county ASCS office for interested persons to review.

X-rays of the *Mona Lisa* show that there are three completely different versions of the same subject under the final portrait.

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# CAPITOL UPDATE

*John Tower*  
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As most of you undoubtedly have heard, I have decided not to seek another term in the Senate. This was an extremely difficult decision for me to make, because representing Texas in the Senate is the highest honor and the most satisfying experience I can imagine. I will be eternally grateful to have had the opportunity to have served you for nearly a quarter of a century.

However, I believe I should leave office at the end of this term. I am still enthusiastic about my job and at the height of my productivity. In my view, it is fitting for me to step aside while this is the case.

I look forward to the opportunity to come home to Texas -- the best place on this earth.

Let me also emphasize that I have much work to do before I leave office in January 1985. Texas faces many problems, and I intend to work as vigorously as ever to help find solutions for them.

The South Texas area still needs federal assistance to help it recover from the severe economic problems caused by Mexico's financial crisis. Farmers in West Texas need more help for the problems caused by severe drought. Our cities face mass transportation problems which will require federal help in solving. These are only a few of the problems with which I will be actively concerned in the coming months.

Many important legislative issues will come before the Senate during the next year and a half. We must bring federal spending under control. We must search for creative approaches to national problems, offering longterm solutions which involve efficient and appropriate use of federal resources.

As chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, I will continue to be actively involved in the effort to ensure that we rebuild our national defense capability.

Additionally, all four of my state offices -- in Austin, Houston, Dallas and Lubbock -- will continue to function as they always have until the day I leave office.

Thus, it is still extremely important to me that you let me know what you think about the issues facing Congress. I still need the benefit of your views in making decisions. And I hope that you will continue to get in touch with me any time I can be of help to you on a federal problem.

Remember, I only announced that I do not plan to seek an additional term. I certainly plan to do my utmost to serve the needs and aspirations of my fellow Texans every single day I am privileged to serve as your Senator.

—8/31/83

## UCSC DIRECTOR ELECTION

An election for a director to serve in Zone 5 on the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District Board is scheduled for 7:30 P.M., THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13th IN COMMISSIONER'S COURT MEETING ROOM AT THE BORDEN COUNTY COURTHOUSE announced by Leon Sterline, Chairman of the Board. ZONE 5 OF THE DISTRICT INCLUDES ALL OF BORDEN COUNTY SOUTH OF U.S. HIGHWAY 80.

State law decrees that to be eligible to vote in a soil and water conservation district director's election, a person must own agricultural land within the subdivision where the election is being held. The person must also live in a county all or any part of which is in the district and the voter must be 18 years old.

Legal qualifications state that a candidate for the office of a soil and water conservation district director must own land in

the zone he represents, be 18 years of age and be actively engaged in farming or ranching. He must also live in a county all or part of which is in the district.

The purpose of the Upper Colorado SWCD is to promote sound soil and water conservation programs on farm and ranch lands within the district and to serve as a voice for farmers and ranchers on conservation matters and other issues affecting private property rights of land owners.

The district board of directors coordinates the conservation efforts of various local, state and federal agencies and other organizations and has authority to enter into working agreements with these governmental agencies and private concerns to carry out its purposes.

All conservation programs managed by the district are of a voluntary nature to the land owner or operator.

## (Dump Site)

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Since that time, protests have been raised by concerned citizens as well as elected officials.

When asked if agency officials were no longer considering the local area as a potential site, Blackburn said "If we could find land for sale which meets the criteria, these counties would of course still be considered."

As part of the requirement for such a sale, however, he noted that all rights to the land must be acquired, both surface and mineral.

The "mineral" stipulation, he indicated, had considerably narrowed the sale possibilities for such oil-producing counties as Borden.

"At this point, we're not very optimistic," he said regarding a possible land sale in this or adjacent counties.

Others under consideration by the agency included Scurry, Garza, Howard and Mitchell in addition to Knox, Baylor, Haskell and Throckmorton Counties.

Earlier indications were that the agency had hoped to have a final site selection by the middle of October. Blackburn said Monday it will now likely be after Jan. 1, 1984 before this decision is reached.

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### Invitation To Bid

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BID NOTICE  
 Borden County Commissioners' Court will accept bids for one Water Tank Trailer for use in Precinct No. 3.

Bids will be opened October 10, 1983 at 10:00 A.M. More information may be obtained by calling Vernon Wolf, County Commissioner, Precinct No. 3, 915-965-3393.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT

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in Nolan & Borden Counties, will be received at the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Austin, until 9:00 A.M., October 13, 1983, and then publicly opened and read.

The State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78Stat. 252) and the Regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (15 C.F.R., Part 8), issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that the contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder without discrimination on the grounds of race, color or nation origin, and further that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color or national origin in consideration for an award. Plans and specifications including minimum wage rates as provided by Law are available for inspection at the office of Billy E. Vernon, Resident Engineer, Big Spring, Texas, and at the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction Division, D.C. Greer State Highway Building, 11th and Brazos Streets, Austin, Texas 78701. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS  
OF PROPOSED  
**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**  
SPECIAL ELECTION  
NOVEMBER 8, 1983

**PROPOSITION NO. 1  
ON THE BALLOT**

House Joint Resolution 91 proposes a constitutional amendment which requires a county with a population of 30,000 or more to be divided into not less than four nor more than eight justice of the peace precincts. A county with a population of 18,000 or more but less than 30,000 shall be divided into not less than two nor more than five justice of the peace precincts. A county with a population of less than 18,000 shall be designated as a single justice of the peace precinct or, upon a finding of necessity by the commissioners court, shall be divided into more than one justice of the peace precinct but not more than four. The amendment provides further, that in any precinct in which there is a city with a population of 18,000 or more, two justices of the peace shall be elected. The amendment allows a justice of the peace, constable or commissioner to continue in office until the expiration of his term, although a change in precinct boundaries results in the officer no longer being a resident of the precinct for which he was elected or appointed and allows a justice of the peace or constable to continue in office until the expiration of his term even though a change in precinct boundaries results in the abolishment of the precinct or more than one justice of the peace or constable serving the precinct. Vacancies in the office of justice of the peace or constable that result from a precinct boundary change shall be filled by the commissioners court until the next general election. The amendment would take effect on January 1, 1984, and counties with populations of less than 30,000 and with more than four justice of the peace and constable precincts would have until January 1, 1987 to comply with the amendment.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing fewer justice of the peace and constable precincts in counties with a population of less than 30,000 and providing for continuous service by justices of the peace, constables, and county commissioners when precinct boundaries are changed."

**PROPOSITION NO. 2  
ON THE BALLOT**

House Joint Resolution 105 proposes a constitutional amendment which would limit a homestead in a city, town or village to a lot or lots amounting to not more than one acre of land, together with any improvements on the land.

The constitutional requirement that, at the time of designation, an urban homestead not exceed ten thousand dollars in value without reference to the value of any improvements on the land would be eliminated.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment replacing the limitation on the value of an urban homestead with a limitation based on size."

**PROPOSITION NO. 3  
ON THE BALLOT**

Senate Joint Resolution 1 proposes a constitutional amendment that authorizes the Legislature to enact legislation that permits representative associations of agricultural producers to collect refundable assessments on their product sales to be used solely to finance programs of marketing, promotion, research and education relating to those products. It provides, further, that adoption of the proposed constitutional amendment will bring into effect Senate Bill 607, Acts of the 68th Legislature, Regular Session, 1983, with rejection of the amendment resulting in Senate Bill 607 having no effect.

The proposed constitutional amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the advancement of food and fiber production and marketing in this state through research, education, and promotion financed by the producers of agricultural products."

**PROPOSITION NO. 4  
ON THE BALLOT**

House Joint Resolution 30 proposes a constitutional amendment which authorizes the Legislature to enact laws to provide for the succession of members of the Legislature in the event of enemy attack and allows the suspension of procedural rules imposed by the Constitution in the event of, or immediate threat of, enemy attack. The amendment empowers the Governor, after consultation with the Speaker of the House and the Lieutenant Governor, to suspend the constitutional requirement that the Legislature hold its sessions in Austin and allows the suspension of procedural rules by the Governor issuing a proclamation in which the House of Representatives and Senate concur by resolution approved by a majority of the members present. Suspension of the constitutional rules may not exceed a period of two years under a single proclamation; however, the Governor may renew the suspension by issuing a new proclamation concurred in by the House of Representatives and the

Senate through a resolution approved by a majority of the members present.

The amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing statutory provisions for succession of public office during disasters caused by enemy attack, and authorizing the suspension of certain constitutional rules relating to legislative procedure during those disasters or during immediate threat of enemy attack."

**PROPOSITION NO. 5  
ON THE BALLOT**

Senate Joint Resolution 12 proposes a constitutional amendment that authorizes the Legislature to enact legislation providing for the use of the permanent school fund and income from the permanent school fund to guarantee bonds issued by school districts. The amendment provides, further, that the Legislature may appropriate part of the available school fund for administration of the permanent school fund or of a bond guarantee program established pursuant to the amendment.

The constitutional amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing use of the permanent school fund to guarantee bonds issued by school districts."

**PROPOSITION NO. 6  
ON THE BALLOT**

House Joint Resolution 1 proposes a constitutional amendment which would permit the Legislature to provide for the garnishment of wages to enforce court-ordered child support payments. The garnishment remedy would not be available for other purposes.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment allowing the Legislature to provide for additional remedies to enforce court-ordered child support payments."

**PROPOSITION NO. 7  
ON THE BALLOT**

Senate Joint Resolution 14 proposes a constitutional amendment that authorizes the Veterans' Land Board to provide for, issue, and sell general obligation bonds of the State of Texas in an amount not to exceed \$800 million to provide financing to veterans of the state. The amendment requires that three hundred million dollars of the state bonds be dedicated to the Veterans' Land Fund. The Fund is to be used to purchase land to be sold to veterans under such terms, rules and regulations as may be authorized by law. The amendment creates the Veterans' Housing Assistance Fund and requires that \$500 million of the state bonds authorized by the amendment be dedicated to the Fund. The Veterans' Housing Assistance Fund will be utilized by the Veterans' Land Board for the purpose of making home mortgage loans to veterans for hous-

ing within the state and for the administrative costs of administering the fund and issuing the bonds. The amendment provides, further, that if there is not money in either the Veterans' Land Fund or the Veterans' Housing Assistance Fund available for payment of principal and interest on the general obligation bonds issued pursuant to the amendment, then money coming into the Treasury in each fiscal year is appropriated in an amount sufficient for payment of principal and interest due in that fiscal year.

The proposed constitutional amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment for financial assistance to veterans and to authorize the issuance of \$800 million in bonds of the state to finance the Veterans' Land Program and the Veterans' Housing Assistance Program."

**PROPOSITION NO. 8  
ON THE BALLOT**

Senate Joint Resolution 1 proposes a constitutional amendment that authorizes political subdivisions to exempt veterans' organizations from ad valorem taxation on their property. The amendment requires that the veterans' organizations be chartered by the United States Congress, be composed of members or former members of the United States Armed Forces, and be organized for patriotic and public service purposes. The amendment provides, further, that political subdivisions may exempt fraternal organizations from ad valorem taxation on their property. The amendment requires that the fraternal organizations be organized to perform and be primarily engaged in charitable or benevolent functions. The Legislature would be authorized to enact laws that prescribe eligibility requirements for fraternal organizations to benefit from the exemption and to pass legislation limiting the types or amount of property owned by a fraternal organization which may be exempted from ad valorem taxation.

The proposed constitutional amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize taxing units to exempt from taxation property of certain veterans' and fraternal organizations."

**PROPOSITION NO. 9  
ON THE BALLOT**

House Joint Resolution 70 proposes a constitutional amendment to authorize the Legislature to provide, by local or general law, a method by which judges of statutory courts with probate jurisdiction may be assigned to any other statutory court with probate jurisdiction and to any constitutional county court in any county in the state.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for assignment of judges of statutory probate courts

to other statutory county courts with probate jurisdiction and to county courts."

**PROPOSITION NO. 10  
ON THE BALLOT**

Senate Joint Resolution 17 proposes a constitutional amendment that authorizes the Legislature to enact laws which would allow a city or town to expend public funds to relocate or replace sanitation sewage laterals on private property if done in conjunction with the replacement or relocation of sanitation sewer mains serving the property. The amendment requires that the law authorize the city or town to affix a lien on the private property, with the consent of the owner, to cover the costs of the replacement or relocation of the sewer laterals on the property. The lien may not be enforced until five years have expired since the date the lien was affixed. The amendment provides, further, that the law require that the costs of the replacement or relocation of the sewer laterals on the private property be assessed against the property with repayment to be amortized over a period not to exceed five years and at an interest rate provided by law.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit a city or town to expend public funds and levy assessments for the relocation or replacement of sanitation sewer laterals on private property."

**PROPOSITION NO. 11  
ON THE BALLOT**

Senate Joint Resolution 13 proposes a constitutional amendment that would change the Board of Pardons and Paroles from a constitutional agency to a statutory agency and would eliminate the Governor's power to revoke paroles. The Legislature would be authorized to establish the Board of Pardons and Paroles and to require it to maintain records of its actions and the reasons for its actions. The amendment would empower the Legislature to enact parole laws. Constitutional language specifying the qualifications and terms of office for members of the Board of Pardons and Paroles is eliminated. The constitutional language governing the composition of the Board of Pardons and Paroles and the manner of filling vacancies on the Board is eliminated.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to change the Board of Pardons and Paroles from a constitutional agency to a statutory agency and to give the board power to revoke paroles."

*Estos son los informes explicatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitución que aparecerán en la boleta el día 8 de noviembre de 1983. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llamar al 1/800/252/9602 o por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12887, Austin, Texas*