

what's up?

Monday

PANHANDLE HOMETOWN CLUB: Will have a meeting at 8 p.m. in Room 230, MSC.

MSC ARTS COMMITTEE: Presents "Cousin, Cousine," at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

LECTURE: There will be an oceanography and biology graduate lecture by Barrie Dale at 3:30 p.m. in Room 112, O&M Building.

ECONOMICS LECTURE: Israel Kirtzner will give an economics lecture at 3 p.m. in Room 401, Rudder Tower.

BAHA'I CLUB: Invites everyone to "Peace Corps Presentation," at 7:30 p.m. in Room 504, Rudder Tower.

TAMU SCUBA CLUB: Will discuss oil rig dives. Today is the last day to sign up for the Christmas vacation Florida diving trip.

CROSS COUNTRY: The men's team will run in the SWC Meet at Fayetteville, Ark.

VOLLEYBALL: The women's team will play at Texas Lutheran in Seguin.

Tuesday

AG ECO CLUB: Will have a Halloween party with a costume contest, prizes and beer at the Quonset Hut from 8-12 p.m.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD: Is sponsoring a trick-or-treat for UNICEF. All who would like to participate should meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 701, Rudder Tower. From there they will leave to go trick-or-treating in the community. Refreshments will be served at 9:30 p.m.

BAHA'I CLUB: Welcomes everyone to a film strip presentation of Baha'i Club objectives at 7:30 p.m. in Room 504, Rudder Tower.

PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST: Will be held at Rudder Fountain at 11 a.m. Everyone is invited to enter the contest.

UNIVERSITY LECTURE SERIES: Chancellor Jack K. Williams will speak on "The Code of Honor: Duelling in the Old South," at 8 p.m. in Room 601, Rudder Tower.

AGGIE CINEMA: "Psycho," Alfred Hitchcock's classic of terror and suspense involves a young couple fleeing from embezzlement charges. The couple is stranded in an out-of-the-way motel run by a lunatic. The movie will be shown at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

Wednesday

POLITICAL FORUM: Presents Earl Butz, Former Secretary of Agriculture. Butz will speak on "Agriculture-Where Politics and Economics Clash," at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater. Admission is 25 cents for students and 50 cents for non-students.

BAHA'I CLUB: Invites everyone for a free International Dance and Food at 7:30 p.m. in Room 231, MSC.

MANAGEMENT SOCIETY: Will have a speaker on assertiveness training. The upcoming field trip will be discussed at 8 p.m. in Room 206, MSC.

2 amendments could cut taxes

United Press International
AUSTIN — Two constitutional amendments being submitted to voters Nov. 7 could save money for suburban homeowners and those who install solar or wind powered energy devices on their homes.

If voters approve Amendment No. 4, one of the nine proposals on the long ballot, the Legislature will be authorized to exempt from property taxes any solar or wind powered energy devices Texans use in their homes.

The constitution currently permits exemptions for government owned property and church property and authorizes special home-stead exemptions for persons over 65, but requires payment of property taxes on all other property.

The move to exempt solar and wind powered energy devices was prompted by the shortage of natural gas and oil, the most popular fuels for home heating and a key ingredient in generation of electricity by utilities in the state.

Backers of the amendment say the tax breaks could encourage homeowners to invest in solar energy devices such as water heaters, which would reduce the drain on remaining natural gas resources.

Opponents contend, however, the exemption would merely shift the tax burden to other taxpayers since local governments are not likely to reduce expenditures because of the new exemptions.

Amendment No. 8 would expand the authority of water districts, known in some areas as municipal utility districts, to permit the districts to spend tax revenue and issue bonds to provide fire fighting services to areas they serve.

The districts currently are limited to providing water and sewer services, and many of the subdivisions they serve are outside city limits and have no fire protection.

As a result, fire insurance rates for the suburban areas are higher than in areas which have municipal fire protection.

Biggest impact of the amendment would be in Harris and adjoining counties, where about 425 of the state's nearly 1,000 water districts are located.

A House committee studying the problem concluded fire insurance rates outside cities could be significantly reduced by allowing water districts to install water lines sufficient to serve fire hydrants, and for the districts to provide fire fighting services.

Although some of the areas served by water districts have volunteer fire departments, constitutional restrictions prohibit the districts from installing fire hydrants on their water lines, making firefighting difficult.

Opponents contend residents of water districts already face high taxes and should not have to bear the additional burden of financing firefighting operations by the district.

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U.S. - Soviet policy still emerging, Russian says

United Press International
MOSCOW — To one of the Soviet Union's top "Americanologists," Jimmy Carter's policy toward Russia probably won't emerge until after the Nov. 7 elections.

"I don't regard President Carter as weak president," said Georgi Arbatov, director of the Institute on U.S.A. and Canada Studies in a recent interview. "But he has not proved himself to be a strong president, either."

Arbatov, an alternate member of the Communist Party Central Committee, is said to compete with Anatoly Dobrynin, Soviet ambassador to Washington, in assessing U.S. political developments for the Kremlin.

A frequent visitor to the United States, Arbatov said he and his colleagues find Carter's Soviet policy full of vacillations with no firm direction. This, he said, probably was not unusual for a new president. "My colleagues and I recently

made a study of American presidents and how long it took for their policy toward the Soviet Union to emerge," he said.

He said it usually took about two years, "through the midterm elections of the first term, for the administration's policy to become clearly defined."

Soviet leaders are worried, he said, that the ambiguity of Carter's policy has permitted conservative U.S. politicians to grow in influence. The critical test will be whether Carter can persuade the Senate to ratify the new, but still incomplete, U.S.-Soviet pact to limit strategic arms.

If the Senate approves a SALT treaty, Arbatov said, the atmosphere of mutual relations will improve substantially and progress can be expected in other areas. Should it be rejected, mutual ties will suffer badly.

"If SALT fails," Arbatov said, "it shouldn't, in principle, prevent progress in other areas. But it would

be unhealthy and I don't know how long the readiness on our side to work for improvement of relations would last."

Arbatov denied the Soviet Union wants to build up a presidential challenger for 1980 — namely Sen. Edward Kennedy, D.-Mass. — because Carter has been difficult to deal with.

Kennedy recently visited Moscow and conferred with President Leonid Brezhnev.

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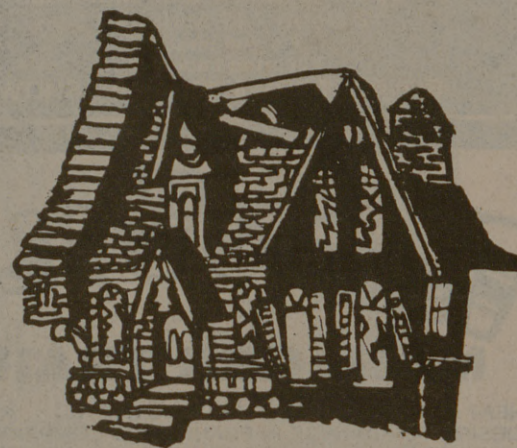
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