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Opinion

U.S. Senate race still confusing

The State Democratic Executive Committee met this week to certify the results of the May 5 Democratic primary, but left town with the outcome of the U.S. Senate race still as confusing as ever.

If you remember, that campaign ended up in a virtual deadlock between the three major candidates - Sen. Lloyd Doggett of Austin, former Congressman Bob Krueger of New Braunfels and current U.S. Rep. Kent Hance of Lubbock.

Hance surprised most political observers by edging out Doggett as the frontrunner. Most Capitol politicians had considered Krueger the favorite right up to election time.

Hance, the result of the SDEC's canvass of the vote changed things slightly.

After discovering a foul up in Wilacy County tabulations, the SDEC put Doggett ahead with 456,018 votes to Hance's 455,821, and Krueger's 454,578.

That still means Hance and Doggett will face off in the June 2 runoff, but it does upset Hance's front-runner apple cart.

Not to worry, however, because SDEC members say that those "new" figures are liable to change again.

The committee expects updated figures to be received from Dallam County, in the Texas Panhandle to flip-flop the order again.

Which means Hance probably will regain the lead.

But that's not the end of the story.

While Hance and Doggett are fretting over who's going to get to call himself the frontrunner, Krueger is expected to ask for a full recount.

Krueger, who came so close to unseating Republican U.S. Sen. John Tower in 1978, said he would seek only a verification of the vote in only those counties that used voting machines, punch-card ballots and tabulated votes by computer.

Apparently, with all the uncertainty over the totals - and trailing by only a thousand votes - Krueger may feel he cannot afford not to seek a recount.

Meanwhile, the campaign between the two "apparent" runoff contestants continues to degenerate into a one issue race - that issue being illegal immigration.

Most political observers credit Hance's late April media blitz, which zeroed in on that issue, for getting the Lubbock Democrat into the runoff.

Hance pounded, and pounded hard, on the issue of amnesty for those illegal aliens who have been in the U.S. several years.

Now, Doggett has begun to take Hance to task on the very same issue.

Doggett called a press conference to point out that - even though Hance has made his opposition to amnesty the major campaign issue - Hance has not attempted to proffer his own solution to the problem.

Hance countered by releasing a list of amendments he has offered to the immigration reform bill to be debated in Congress this June.

Doggett was not long in counter-attacking again by pointing out that those amendments were not filed until three days after the primary.

Whether we will hear again of any other issues in this campaign - such as inflation, unemployment, foreign policy or any of the dozens of other pressing problems facing the country - seems doubtful at this point.

Direct primary

As for the other major election squabble, the issue of Texas Democrats holding a direct presidential primary for selecting

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
 By Lyndell Williams
 TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

delegates to their national convention apparently has been put to rest, at least until November.

The party's executive committee voted down a resolution supporting such primaries and, instead, authorized state party chairman Bob Slagle to appoint a special commission to study the issue after this year's elections are history.

That commission's study, which will be turned over to the Legislature in 1985, may or may not result in the controversial party caucus system being scrapped in favor of a binding primary.

With Slagle apparently dead set against any change that is not accompanied by a requirement that voters register according to party affiliation - thereby keeping Republicans from crossing over and influencing Democratic primaries - it seems doubtful that the idea will get must support.

But the main backer of the primary idea, Democratic County Chairman's Association president Mel Phillips, says primary supporters will succeed eventually.

While there was some sentiment for the idea among committee members, it was put on the back burner for the sake of party unity and Democratic hopes of getting Ronald Reagan out of the White House and "turn-coat" Phil Gramm out of Washington altogether.

Special session

While the politicians were still slugging it out in the election arena, Gov. Mark White once again failed to set the date for the anxiously awaited special session that is to deal with sweeping education reforms and the governor's \$4.8 billion tax package.

White has been expected to name June 4 as the starting date but, as week follows week, that date is looking less and less likely.

More than one Capitol observer, including at least one source close to House Speaker Gib Lewis, has speculated that the session might never materialize.

Considering the anti-tax hike feelings in the House, that may not be too far-fetched.

Colorado County Courthouse Report

DISTRICT COURT SUITS FILED
 Paul Benton Brock vs. Margery May Brock, divorce; 5-14-84.
 Josephine Clark vs. Joe Fernandez and wife, Elizabeth Fernandez, breach of contract; 5-16-84.
 Ruby Lee Fitzgerald vs. Raymond L. Fitzgerald, divorce; 5-16-84.
 Martha L. Cogswell vs. Dennis J. Cogswell, divorce; 5-16-84.
 Evelyn Marie Wilson vs. Willis Floyd Wilson, divorce; 5-18-84.

REAL ESTATE DEED TRANSFERS
 Margaret Ford to Olivia Nichols, 1 acre, A.B. Kerr Survey, 9-30-83.
 Quit claim deed, W.B. Sampson to Olivia Nichols, 1 acre, A.B. Kerr Survey, 9-30-83.
 Deed, Henry J. Hajovsky et ux to Jerry L. Hargrove, lot 8, Hajovsky Subdivision, 4-25-84.
 Deed, Henry Herder et ux to Steve A. Svetlik et ux, 0.914 acres, Henry J. Hajovsky Five League Survey, 4-9-84.
 Gift deed, Reginald Ammons - to Sharon Ammons, undivided interest to-wit, 84 acres, S.B. Raymond Survey, 4-25-84.
 Gift deed, Reginald Ammons to Gale Ammons

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED
 David Lee Huber, 28, of Columbus and Marie Jones Bennett, 30, of Columbus; 5-14-84.
 B.C. Wendell Ward, Sr., 51, of Eagle Lake and Virginia E. Ward, 32, of Eagle Lake; 4-16-84.
 Manuel Alvarez, 49, of Columbus and Maria H. Villarreal, 34, of Columbus; 5-17-84.
 Ernest S. Dean, 73, of Talbot, TN and Edna M. Whisker, 57, of Knoxville, TN; 5-18-84.

COLORADO COUNTY COURT ACTIVITY (May 1984)
 Donald Jack Grissom, an address of an Eagle Lake attorney, plead guilty to driving while intoxicated filed 3-13-84. He was fined \$580 plus court costs and placed on a one year probation period in lieu of 60 day jail sentence.
 Lydia Contreras, an address of a Houston attorney, plead no to contendere to harboring a runaway child filed 3-20-84. Court finds defendant guilty. She paid a fine of \$250 plus court costs.
 Rosendo R. Rodriguez, II, an address of a Schenburger attorney, plead guilty to driving while intoxicated filed 4-3-84. He was fined \$650 plus court costs and was granted one year probation, in lieu of a 90 day jail sentence.
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Good feelings
 Letter to the editor

moderately left his Sunday afternoon on the fire, arrived with his son at my car, determined which belt was needed, drove to his auto parts store to get it. After another fifteen minutes of cheery conversation he had the belt on and I was on my way back to Houston.

You can see why I left East Bernard with good feelings about such a friendly place. I may not be able to repay Mr. White directly but perhaps I can be of similar help to a stranger in the big city.

Yours Sincerely,
 Georgia Hitchcock, D.D.S., Houston

Veterans Library new summer hours
 Veterans Memorial Library in Garwood will be opening at its new summer hours beginning June 4. The library will be open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9-11:30 a.m. The facility will be closed May 28 in observance of Memorial Day. Let's enjoy the summer with a book! We hope you will come in and see us.

Eagle Lake, one of Texas cities praised for cleanup

By Governor Mark White
 With the cost of litter pickup on Texas' highways totaling almost \$20 million last year, noted Governor Mark White, elementary school students in Commerce found an innovative way to advertise the importance of keeping their community clean and attractive.

A local grocery provided the children with 3,000 grocery sacks to decorate with pictures illustrating the theme, "A Beautiful Commerce Begins With

Me." The colorful sacks were returned to the store, and shoppers carried home both their groceries and a reminder to help beautify their town.

Since 1969, more than 60 Texas communities have been singled out to receive the Governor's Community Achievement Award for taking energetic steps to clean up and beautify their own backyard.

This year's six winning cities, picked from different population categories, are Commerce, Eagle Lake, Lake Jackson, Lubbock, Pearland, and Tom Bean. The beautiful Texas Council will honor these cities at its annual meeting June 20-22 in Greenville.

Texas, who take pride in their state, recognize that litter and abandoned dilapidated buildings are unattractive, lower surrounding property values, and can create a public health hazard.

Litter also discourages tourism - our state's second largest industry. With the attraction Texas holds for new industry, increased tourism and population growth, we must tackle the problem of litter and other local beautification challenges through public education programs, Governor White explained.

Cities winning the 1984 Governor's Community Achievement Award succeeded through a variety of innovative approaches that caught the public's imagination and inspired a community to roll up its sleeves and tackle major beautification programs.

Tom Bean, population 811, came up with a catchy cleanup slogan - "Pick up what you can and can what you pick up" - and combined its anti-litter campaign with downtown building renovation.

Eagle Lake's farmers donated their trucks to haul more than 600 loads of debris, junk appliances and trash to disposal sites. Church groups helped the elderly clean up their property, and the city-wide beautification effort complemented new landscaping of the Eagle Lake city square.

Pearland's aggressive beautification effort decreased litter by 50 percent as measured by a photometric index, and Lake Jackson citizens met the cleanup challenges of last year's record-breaking freeze by twice replacing destroyed trees and plants. Lake Jackson's city government has demonstrated its commitment to beautification by passing ordinances on tree preservation, litter abatement, and landscaping and green space requirements for new developments.

Programs to control littering are not costly and their effectiveness depends on the level of voluntary community support. While pedestrians and motorists are blamed for the high way litter problem, studies reveal that the majority of litter originates from improperly covered home garbage cans, open business trash-bins, uncovered trucks, and poorly maintained loading docks and construction sites.

For information on how your city can organize a beautification program, contact the Governor's Office of Community Leadership at (512) 475-4210.

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