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Capitol halls quiet, campaign trails crowded

State Capitol halls were quiet during the Christmas holidays, but Texas campaign trails were dusty and crowded as presidential aspirants continued to pay lots of attention to the Lone Star State voters.

With a little over two months remaining before the March 8 election, Texas politicians are almost giddy from the early and ardent wooing.

When Texas leaders gave the nod to joining the new Super Tuesday primary over a year ago, their strategy was to lure candidates to Texas early, to pay attention to us early.

To give us clout early.

In 1984 and earlier, New Hampshire was the darling of the candidates, never mind that it isn't much bigger than some West Texas counties. It still got all the early bugs and kisses because whoever came out of its early primary the winner was dubbed the frontrunner and got millions of dollars in free press.

Super Tuesday working

It set the pace for candidates and some seemingly good candidates never really made it past the first curve. Remember Ohio Sen. John Glenn, the former astronaut whose Texas NASA ties were an edge?

Texans never got a chance to vote for or against him, because his campaign chest couldn't hold on for our late primary.

But the strategy behind the Super Tuesday seems to be working even better than expected. Now Texas voters, along with most of the South and a few Yankee states, are the ones which will help dub the frontrunner.

If it's not important, then why has Sen. Albert Gore virtually withdrawn his campaign effort in Iowa to concentrate on Texas and the rest of the south? He and the others are here every week, because a new circuit demands a new plan.

Republicans helped

Super Tuesday also helps Republicans, the theory being Vice President George Bush, a Texan, can build early momentum to ward off challengers.

One possible by-product of the early attention is that state voters may turn out in high numbers on March 8, and Texas voters always have a few surprises for the experts and public opinion manipulators. It should be fun for everyone.

State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams

New SMU evidence

Attorney Gen. Jim Mattox said evidence found by his probe of the SMU football scandal may uncover possible criminal activity.

Mattox gave the evidence to the Dallas County district attorney last week and said he would continue investigating the possible theft of $10,000 from the SMU athletic department.

Mattox, an SMU law school alumnus, also indirectly ripped Gov. Bill Clements who chaired the SMU board at the time of the actions which led to NCAA sanctions and disbanding of the team.

Age limit upheld

A 74-year-old state district judge in Houston must leave his bench this summer after a federal court upheld a state mandatory retirement law.

Judge William H. Hatten is barred from seeking another term this election and must retire next summer before his current term expires. He plans to appeal.

Hatten sued to challenge the constitutionality of the law which forces him off the bench on his 75th birthday in August.

Yarborough surgery

Former U.S. Sen. Ralph Yarborough, the guru of liberal Texas Democrats, underwent a quadruple bypass operation in Austin last week and was in stable condition.

Yarborough, 84, practices law in Austin where he oversees liberal issues and candidates. He served in the U.S. Senate 13 years until he was defeated in 1970 by Lloyd Bentsen.

Yarborough's endorsement is still sought by any realistic liberal hopeful, particularly anyone running for office in Austin.

Judge switches parties

•State district judge Marsha Anthony, Houston, switched political parties last week and drew uncharacteristic responses from both sides.

Anthony won her seat as a Republican, but filed last week as a Democrat seeking a seat on the Texas Supreme Court.

Controversy sprang from the comments of the local party heads:

The Democrats said they did not recruit her, indicating they didn't particularly want her candidacy.

Republicans said it was no loss since she was "going down the tubes" in the Republican primary anyway.

Anthony had the lowest performance rating of 112 Houston judges in an October bar association survey.

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Schools 'can't become scapegoat for society's ills'

Texans like their teachers better than they like their schools.

That's the essence of a recently published report which puts a lot of the blame for the state's illiteracy problem on the public schools.

The controversial report was published by the Adult Performance Level Project through the College of Education at the University of Texas under contract with the Texas Department of Community Affairs. Deborah Stedman, director of Adult Continuing Education at the Texas Education Agency, has said the report is unfair.

State leaders of the 25,000 member Texas Classroom Teachers Association say they agree with many of the report's findings, but also believe additional factors are involved.

"Schools are not solely to blame for the massive illiteracy problem in Texas," Wendell Whittenburg, TCTA president, said. "Other causes that must also be considered are the influence of the family, lack of parental involvement, economic factors and access. While public schools have their share of problems, they can't become the scapegoat for society's ills."

TCTA leaders do agree with report findings that teachers are sometimes victims of the process. They feel the report is accurate in stating that it has become more difficult to teach and harder to maintain the sense of dignity and accomplishment once associated with the profession.

"To much of the public," the report said, "teachers are the school." The first, and often only, point of contract, they tend to receive blame for any shortcomings of the system.

"While it is true that individual teachers can exert a positive impact on their particular classes and inspire those students who aspire to learn, their efforts are overridden by irrelevant and ineffective curriculum, unreasonably limited resources, generally inept and politicized administration and minimal support from parents," the report said.

TCTA leaders also agree with the report's findings that the problem with the education system lies not in poor teaching, but rather in what is being taught. According to project director Jim Cates, the consensus of those surveyed was that teachers need more input in saying how subjects should be taught and what should be taught.

Cates said it was during the personal interview phase of the project that staff learned that Texans tend to respect teachers more than they do the schools themselves. "It appeared to our interviewers to be more a statement of perceived fact than a mere nostalgic recollection when respondents gave credit to individual teachers for having provided inspiration and the caliber of instruction which enabled achievement. Even, or perhaps especially, in cases of marginal or limited achievement, an early teacher was often cited as the enabling force."

In addition to interviews and analysis of current research related to functional illiteracy, project staff surveyed 10,000 randomly selected Texans by mail to determine citizen perceptions regarding the problem of functional illiteracy in Texas.

Drugs affect driving

Many drugs other than alcohol can affect the mental and physical skills needed for safe driving, such as marijuana, stimulants, depressants, hallucinogens and other prescription or non-prescription drugs.

Marijuana, a mind-altering drug, affects a wide range of skills needed for safe driving. Reflexes are slowed, causing drivers difficulty in responding to sudden unexpected events. Also, a driver's ability to "track" or stay in the lane through curves, to brake quickly and to maintain speed and the proper distance between cars is affected. Normal levels of driving performance are not regained for several hours after smoking a single marijuana cigarette even though the user's "high" may no longer be felt.

Tranquilizers can affect driving skills by slowing reaction time, thus interfering with eye-hand coordination and judgment. Driving skills are most impaired in the first hour after a tranquilizer is taken. Other sedative-hypnotics, such as sleeping pills and barbiturates, may produce the same effects which can last up to 14 hours.

Stimulants, like speed and cocaine, generally make people more alert but only for a short time. Later they may cause nervousness, dizziness, loss of concentration and visual problems. Stimulants may cause drivers to overestimate their abilities. This can lead to taking unnecessary chances on the road.

Non-prescription drugs which are purchased over-the-counter, such as cold tablets, cough syrups and allergy remedies, may contain antihistamines, alcohol or other compounds that can be dangerous for drivers. Read drug labels, and pay attention to warnings such as "may cause drowsiness" or "do not operate machinery." Responsible drivers need all warnings about possible side effects of both prescription and non-prescription drugs.

Any drug you take, whether prescription or non-prescription, will affect your driving skills. Safe driving requires an observant eye, a steady hand and a clear mind. Safe drivers are drug-free. For more information please call the Colorado Valley Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse, Inc. at 968-9585.

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For more information call 1-800-252-5555

Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

6½% For sales made in the county

Sales Not More Than	Tax	Sales Not More Than	Tax	Sales Not More Than	Tax	Sales Not More Than	Tax
.07	00	5.46	35	10.84	70	16.23	1.05
.23	01	5.61	36	10.99	71	16.38	1.06
.38	02	5.76	37	11.15	72	16.53	1.07
.53	03	5.92	38	11.30	73	16.69	1.08
.69	04	6.07	39	11.46	74	16.84	1.09
.84	05	6.23	40	11.61	75	16.99	1.10
.99	06	6.38	41	11.76	76	17.15	1.11
1.15	07	6.53	42	11.92	77	17.30	1.12
1.30	08	6.69	43	12.07	78	17.46	1.13
1.46	09	6.84	44	12.23	79	17.61	1.14
1.61	10	6.99	45	12.38	80	17.76	1.15
1.76	11	7.15	46	12.53	81	17.92	1.16
1.92	12	7.30	47	12.69	82	18.07	1.17
2.07	13	7.46	48	12.84	83	18.23	1.18
2.23	14	7.61	49	12.99	84	18.38	1.19
2.38	15	7.76	50	13.15	85	18.53	1.20
2.53	16	7.92	51	13.30	86	18.69	1.21
2.69	17	8.07	52	13.46	87	18.84	1.22
2.84	18	8.23	53	13.61	88	18.99	1.23
2.99	19	8.38	54	13.76	89	19.15	1.24
3.15	20	8.53	55	13.92	90	19.30	1.25
3.30	21	8.69	56	14.07	91	19.46	1.26
3.46	22	8.84	57	14.23	92	19.61	1.27
3.61	23	8.99	58	14.38	93	19.76	1.28
3.76	24	9.15	59	14.53	94	19.92	1.29
3.92	25	9.30	60	14.69	95	20.07	1.30
4.07	26	9.46	61	14.84	96	20.23	1.31
4.23	27	9.61	62	14.99	97	20.38	1.32
4.38	28	9.76	63	15.15	98	20.53	1.33
4.53	29	9.92	64	15.30	99	20.69	1.34
4.69	30	10.07	65	15.46	1.00	20.84	1.35
4.84	31	10.23	66	15.61	1.01	20.99	1.36
4.99	32	10.38	67	15.76	1.02	21.15	1.37
5.15	33	10.53	68	15.92	1.03	21.30	1.38
5.30	34	10.69	69	16.07	1.04	21.46	1.39

7½% For sales made in city

Sales Not More Than	Tax	Sales Not More Than	Tax	Sales Not More Than	Tax	Sales Not More Than	Tax
5.10	01	5.53	41	10.86	81	16.19	1.21
.33	02	5.66	42	10.99	82	16.33	1.22
.46	03	5.79	43	11.13	83	16.46	1.23
.59	04	5.93	44	11.26	84	16.59	1.24
.73	05	6.06	45	11.39	85	16.73	1.25
.86	06	6.19	46	11.53	86	16.86	1.26
.99	07	6.33	47	11.66	87	16.99	1.27
1.13	08	6.46	48	11.79	88	17.13	1.28
1.26	09	6.59	49	11.93	89	17.26	1.29
1.39	10	6.73	50	12.06	90	17.39	1.30
1.53	11	6.86	51	12.19	91	17.53	1.31
1.66	12	6.99	52	12.33	92	17.66	1.32
1.79	13	7.13	53	12.46	93	17.79	1.33
1.93	14	7.26	54	12.59	94	17.93	1.34
2.06	15	7.39	55	12.73	95	18.06	1.35
2.19	16	7.53	56	12.86	96	18.19	1.36
2.33	17	7.66	57	12.99	97	18.33	1.37
2.46	18	7.79	58	13.13	98	18.46	1.38
2.59	19	7.93	59	13.26	99	18.59	1.39
2.73	20	8.06	60	13.39	1.00	18.73	1.40
2.86	21	8.19	61	13.53	1.01	18.86	1.41
2.99	22	8.33	62	13.66	1.02	18.99	1.42
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3.39	25	8.73	65	14.06	1.05	19.39	1.45
3.53	26	8.86	66	14.19	1.06	19.53	1.46
3.66	27	8.99	67	14.33	1.07	19.66	1.47
3.79	28	9.13	68	14.46	1.08	19.79	1.48
3.93	29	9.26	69	14.59	1.09	19.93	1.49
4.06	30	9.39	70	14.73	1.10	20.06	1.50
4.19	31	9.53	71	14.86	1.11	20.19	1.51
4.33	32	9.66	72	14.99	1.12	20.33	1.52
4.46	33	9.79	73	15.13	1.13	20.46	1.53
4.59	34	9.93	74	15.26	1.14	20.59	1.54
4.73	35	10.06	75	15.39	1.15	20.73	1.55
4.86	36	10.19	76	15.53	1.16	20.86	1.56
4.99	37	10.33	77	15.66	1.17	20.99	1.57
5.13	38	10.46	78	15.79	1.18	21.13	1.58
5.26	39	10.59	79	15.93	1.19	21.26	1.59
5.39	40	10.73	80	16.06	1.20	21.39	1.60

Volunteer firemen

TOP PHOTO: Firemen pictured are, front row from left, past mascot Chuckie Stephens, Pete Canaris, Gene Jones, Ronnie Miller, Sonny Spanihel, T.J. Smith, Mickey Kochwelp, Darrell Gertson, new mascot Todd Mathews; second row from left, Johnny Prazak, Buddy Mascheck, Sam Pirtle, Michael Rucka, Gary Glaiser, Ray Obenhaus, Bobby Joe Marsalia, David Baird; third row from left, Lupe Almanza, Chris Sommerlatte, Howard Wilkerson, Jeff Argo, Stacy Mueller, Jim Billings; back row from left, Ray Ullrich, Thurston Webb, Gary Tise, Bryan Johnson, Melvin Stancik, John Brasher, Harold Raabe, Chuck Stephens.

Life members

LEFT PHOTO: Lifetime members of the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department who were recognized at the firemen's banquet held recently include, from left, Louis Muzny, Lawrence Tate, Albert Pustejovsky, Henry Kretzschmar and Wilfred Wick.

Melissa Wilcox joins business fraternity at SWT

Melissa Wilcox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilcox of Eagle Lake, was initiated as a member of the Delta Omicron Chapter of Phi Chi Theta Professional Business Fraternity at Southwest Texas State University on November 18.

Melissa is a junior business student, majoring in Computer Information Systems. She is serving as secretary of the Southwest Texas student chapter of the Data Processing Management Association as well as recording secretary for Phi Chi Theta.

Hardin seeks

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Bandera, Real, Kerr, Gillespie, Mason and Kimble counties. Voters in all 21 counties in the district will select a Democratic nominee for the November 1988 general election for the post.

Hardin served on the board of the Lamar Consolidated Independent School District in Fort Bend County for 15 years and currently is vice chairman of the Region 4 Education Service Center in Houston. He also serves on the Rosenberg/Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce education committee and is past president and a life member of the Gulf Coast Association of School Boards.

Manager-owner of Beasley Lumber Co. in Beasley and chairman of the board of FirstBanc Savings Association in Missouri City, Hardin is a World War II Naval Air Corps veteran. He graduated from Lamar High School in Richmond and attended the University of Texas at Austin.

He is 1987-88 president of the Rosenberg Rotary Club, and director and past president of the Fort Bend County Fair Association since 1965.

Hardin is married to Maxine and has four children: David, Susan, Marcia and Russell.

Hardin's candidacy for the State Board of Education is based on his many years of local and regional school board experience and on his belief of "being responsible to the educational needs of our children."

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Garwood/Nada news

by GEORGIA MICHALKA

City Cafe in Garwood to open

There weren't a lot of calls with news this week. Everybody seemed to have a lot of plans for Christmas. There were a lot of people who either had company in their homes or left town to visit. We hope you had as nice a holiday as we did.

We did get a call from James and Mary Till however, with some news the whole community has been waiting for. On Saturday morning we visited the cafe to take a peek at what has been going on. For about the last three weeks the Tills have been busy as bees renovating the building. Inside, their labor was very evident. The first thing to catch our eyes was that a new floor has been poured over the old one. New "wildlife" paneling could also be seen rising from behind the power tools, sawdust and lumber. The big change was toward the rear, where the kitchen area has been completely remodeled.

Mary told us that although there is still much to be done, they plan to open the cafe to the public on January 4. The business will continue as the City Cafe and be managed jointly by the husband and wife team. Hours will be from 6 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Breakfast will be served each morning and the immensely popular coffee bar will return for early customers. Mary promises a variety of delicious home-cooked lunches for the noon crowd with short orders available during the day.

James and Mary seem determined to keep their opening date despite the task before them. The walls will sport several coats of fresh paint. Two new bathrooms are not quite completed. New lighting has to be installed and furniture in the dining area moved in. James hinted that they have benefited a great deal with help from Mark, George, and Margie Genzer along with their family.

It looks like the new city cafe will have a lot going for it. The new owners seem willing to give the hard work necessary for success. It will carry on with a family tradition that we have come to expect and there are certainly plenty of anxious customers waiting. Once again our community will have a place where its citizens can meet and share the pleasures of a small-town cafe. We wish the Tills good luck in their venture and thank them for the service they will provide to our community.

Christmas

On Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. Chester Rasmussen, Jr. of Wharton along with their children Christopher and Courtney hosted a Christmas dinner. Their guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Terry Lanier and their daughter Michelle; Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lanier and their daughter Alyson; Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Lanier and their daughter Kelli; and Mrs. Joe Mendell.

On Sunday, December 27, the M.G. Laniers returned the favor by hosting a dinner at their home in Garwood. They enjoyed having their family as guests for the afternoon.

Birthdays

December 31—Jason Gallagher; January 2—Alexis Bunge and Carl Wied; January 3—Chriss Schiurring and Daniel Braden; January 4—Herman Popp; January 5—Daryl Pierpzyca, Rachel Weishuhn, and Cody Cranek; January 7—Mary Schoelmann, Duane Korenek, and Connie Cranek

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