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Reagan wins; odds improve

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RALEIGH, N.C. — Ronald Reagan, victorious at last, has won time for an effort to rebuild his campaign against President Ford — but he still faces long odds in his quest for the Republican presidential nomination.

Reagan's upset over Ford in the North Carolina presidential primary election Tuesday gave the challenger the comeback he needed to silence suggestions that he withdraw from the White House contest.

Now his task is to capitalize on that victory. It will be a difficult one, particularly during the next five weeks, for the political schedule works to Ford's advantage.

While Reagan was dealing the President his first defeat, Democrat Jimmy Carter was winning another runaway.

His landslide over George C. Wallace

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left the Alabama governor with only the shadow of a campaign. Badly beaten where he once was formidable, Wallace has lost his base and any claim he had to be the campaign voice of the South.

Now that he has handled Wallace, Carter

will have to deal with his national Democratic rivals.

Sen. Henry M. Jackson of Washington is waiting for his in New York, which holds its primary on April 6. So is Rep. Morris K. Udall of Arizona, who also is hard at work in Wisconsin, which votes the same day.

Ford and Reagan meet again in Wisconsin. Early polls there ranked the President a heavy favorite.

Reagan's victory in North Carolina, where Ford also was favored, should help him in the Wisconsin test. But it is not likely to help him enough, and the odds

there are still with the President.

After that, Reagan draws a primary blank for almost a month. He is not running delegates in New York, which will have 154 votes at the Republican National Convention. Nor is he running in Pennsylvania, where an April 27 primary awards 103 GOP delegates.

Reagan said all along he would not quit, insisting his real strength lies in states where Republicans have not yet voted, in

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JIM DOZIER

Incumbents stress utility rates, zoning

Two incumbent councilmen are opposing each other for Place 6 on the College Station City Council in what should be one of the more interesting council races.

Jim Dozier, who now holds Place 6, is being challenged by Place 3 representative Bob Bell on the April 3 ballot.

The situation developed when Bell announced his resignation as councilman, effective March 31, in order to run for College Station mayor.

Councilman Larry Bravenec later entered the mayor's race and Bell subsequently withdrew from the race less than an hour before the filing deadline. Bell then filed for the position held by Dozier.

Bell said he withdrew from the mayor's race because "the energy spent in cam-

paigned by both candidates can be better spent in service to our community."

Bell said yesterday there is "no particular significance" in his filing against Dozier rather than any other councilman.

He had said at the time he announced for Place 6 that he felt his and Dozier's views of a councilman's duties were farther apart than those of the other two councilmen whose two-year terms are up for election.

Bell said he wants to serve a two-year term because he does not want to campaign again next year.

This is the third straight year Bell has campaigned for a position on the council. In 1974 he ran for mayor but lost to present Mayor O. M. Holt by 15 votes. Last year he defeated incumbent Don Dale for Place 3 on the council.

Dozier, 1005 Walton Dr., is an associate professor of finance at Texas A&M. The 52-year-old has a law degree from the University of Texas and a master's degree in business administration from A&M.

Dozier has served on the council for six years, from 1968 to 1972, and from 1974 to the present. He served as College Station city attorney from 1972 to 1974.

The most important consideration facing the city, Dozier said, is to obtain an adequate supply of electricity and water at the most practical rates available.

Other priorities Dozier mentioned were: strict enforcement of zoning ordinances and subdivision regulations; and construction of a community center and bicycle lanes.

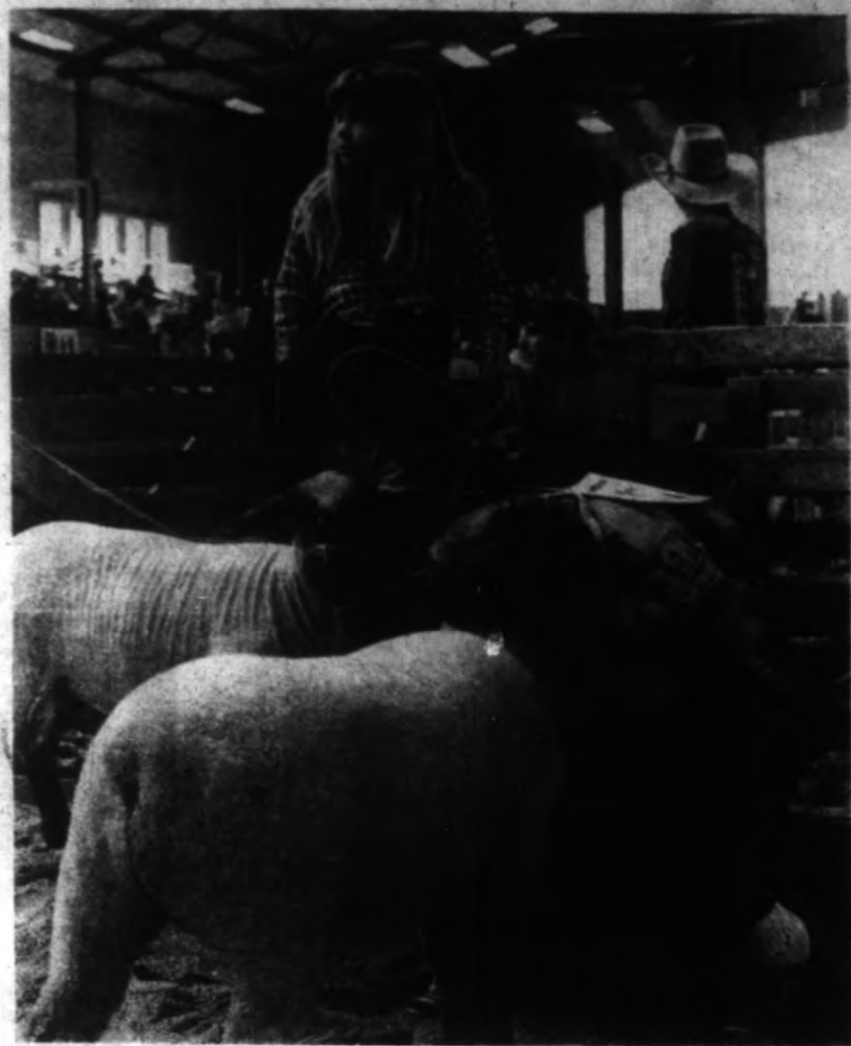
Bell, 33, 1006 Madera Circle, is president of Scott & Davis Enterprises, and hopes to establish a new radio station in Brazos County. He is also an independent contractor, associated with Spearman Homes and Realty.

Bell said the major consideration facing the city is the need to pass the \$5 million capital improvements bond issue.

He also stressed the need to know what the city's source of water and electricity will be for the future and what rates residents will have to pay for them.

Bell said a close watch needs to be kept on how the city grows with regard to parkland dedication and sidewalks.

— Jerry Needham



Staff photo by Douglas Wimshp

Animal friends

Teresa Smalley and Olen Chenault, hugging his lamb, participated in the Brazos County Youth Livestock Show in the Animal Pavilion on the A&M campus. The show ended yesterday with an auction of the animals.

Blowing bubbles pays-off for artists

By KEVIN VANNER

It must be nice to sit and blow bubbles and get paid for it.

That is what Jack Shannon and his younger brother, Jerry, do during working hours.

The bubbles, which appear to be the soapy, floating type, actually are made of hot glass. As the glass cools, it hardens. This waste material is then shattered by tapping the bubbled with a hard object.

"That seems to fascinate people more than anything you can do with glass," says Jack.

The Shannons were hired to make specialized glass parts for the Chemistry Department, but their work expanded and now includes any glass work needed by any department on the A&M campus. They produce glassware for many research projects and will also do work for students who need it.

Although some pieces can be made in four or five minutes, others may take four or five days, Jack said.

The Shannons get the information they need to make their components from the person or department needing assistance, then begin work in a shop equipped much like a wood shop.

The shop is located in the basement of the Chemistry building and contains a glass lathe. The lathe acts like a pair of large hands. It holds large glass objects and rotates them so the heat will be distributed evenly over the surface.

A special type of drill press is used to make holes in the glass. The press has a special diamond bit and is lubricated with

water during drilling. A band saw is used to make cuts in glass parts.

The glass is heated with a two-burner head which helps to regulate the amount of methane gas.

The gas flows through a line containing seven pounds of pressure. Normal gas lines have only a few ounces.

Working temperatures of the glass may get as high as 3,272 degrees Fahrenheit (F), but normal working temperatures are between 1,652 degrees and 2,192 degrees F.

When the Shannons finish an object it must be put into an annealing oven. The oven heats the piece and then lets the glass slowly cool. This procedure tempers the glass and prevents weak spots.

The work is sometimes frustrating, say the Shannons.

"We've worked two or three days on a big chunk of glass, then lost it all in one fell swoop."

Breakage can occur from heating or cooling the glass too quickly or from dropping a bead of sweat onto the glass, said Jack.

"We've had people not get out the door while going out."

Jerry said this was frustrating, but "it's kind of funny, too, to see the look on their face."

Jack came to A&M in 1961 after working in the glass shop of Dow Chemical Co. since 1951. He started to work for Dow in Dallas and finished in Freeport, Texas.

Jerry came to help his brother in the A&M glass shop in 1962.

The Shannons said that they get enough glass work during the day and do not make things with glass while off duty.

"We try to drink out of plastic glasses at home," said Jack.

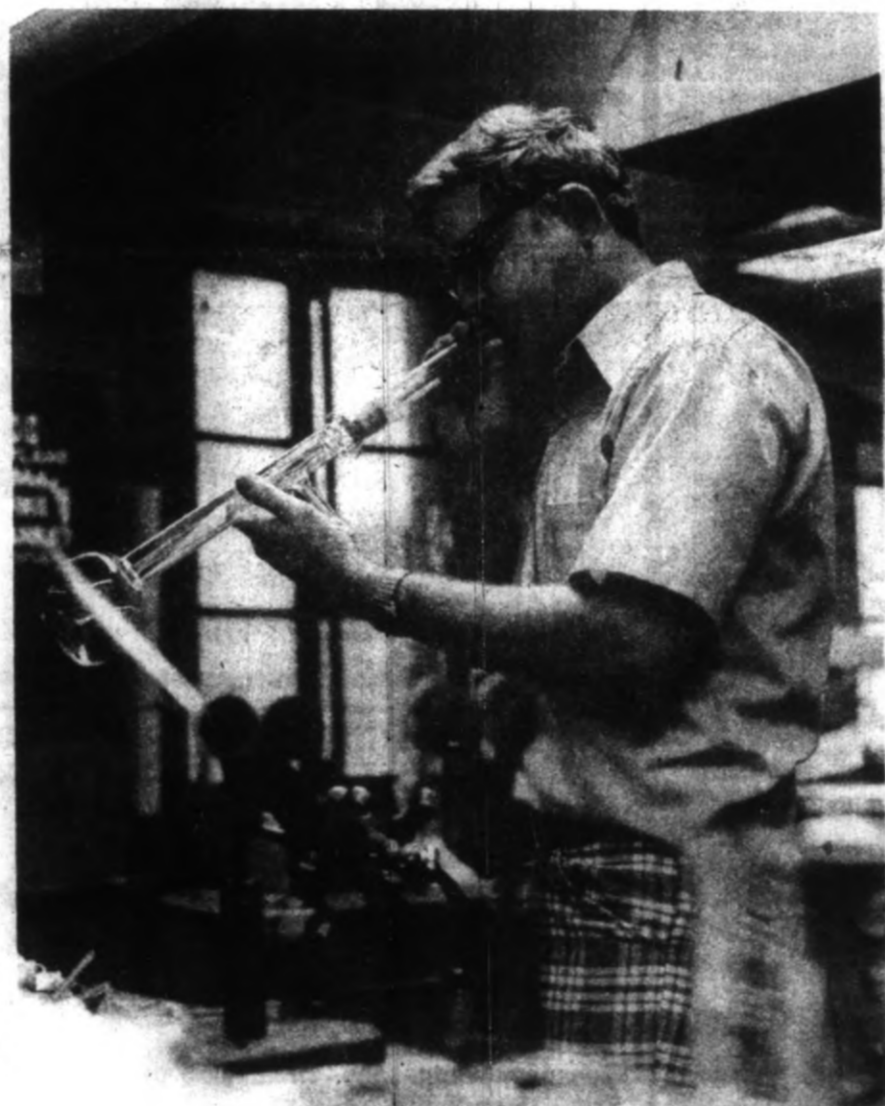


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BLOWING BUBBLES
Jerry Shannon is one of A&M glassblowers

British, WWII field leader dies

ISINGTON, England — Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, Britain's top field commander in World War II and considered by many the greatest British military leader since the Duke of Wellington, died early today after many months of failing health.

At 88, Montgomery was one of the last surviving commanders of the war against Nazi Germany, and not many of the others escaped his biting criticism. He died at his home in this Hampshire County hamlet 50 miles southwest of London.

The Defense Ministry said because Montgomery was a Knight of the Garter, his funeral will be held in St. George's Chapel, in Windsor Castle, with full military honors. The date was not immediately announced.

The cause of death also was not announced. But Montgomery had been confined to his bed for some time, and his son David said last weekend, "He is an old man, and he's very tired."

A peppery, austere soldier who carried a Bible on his campaigns and neither drank, smoked nor used profanity, Montgomery turned the tide of the Nazi advance with his victory in 1942 over Field Marshal Erwin Rommel at El Alamein, in the Egyptian desert. He followed this with a 2,000-mile sweep to Tunis which in three months drove the Germans and Italians from North Africa.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, the supreme allied commander, had his disagreements with Montgomery but still praised him as "one of the greatest soldiers of the war... a figure who will live always not only in British but in world history."

Eisenhower got harsher treatment from the man he called "dear Monty." In memoirs published in 1958, Montgomery criticized Eisenhower's leadership in the closing phases of the war and in the postwar period.

Knighthood during the war, Montgomery was made a viscount in the first New Year's honors list after the end of the war. He took the title Viscount Montgomery of Alamein in honor of his first great victory.

In postwar service, he was chief of the Imperial General Staff from 1946 to 1948 and then spent seven years as the North

Atlantic Treaty Organization's deputy allied commander in Europe. He retired from active duty in 1968 after 50 years of service, the longest continuous duty for a British officer.

Bus runs to begin in B-CS

Beginning this summer, College Station bus patrons will no longer have to wait outside the U-Tote-M at Eastgate, the present city bus terminal, for the arrival of their buses.

Sam J. Enloe Jr., local agent for Greyhound Lines Inc. and Central Texas Bus Lines Inc., announced yesterday that Greyhound will lease a 750-square foot building that will be built to serve as the new College Station bus station.

He declined to name the building's owner.

The building will be located on Nagle Street, north of University Drive, between the General Telephone substation and B&B Grocery.

The bus station will be in operation by mid-summer, Enloe said. It will provide package pickup and delivery, baggage checking, ticket sales and a waiting room.

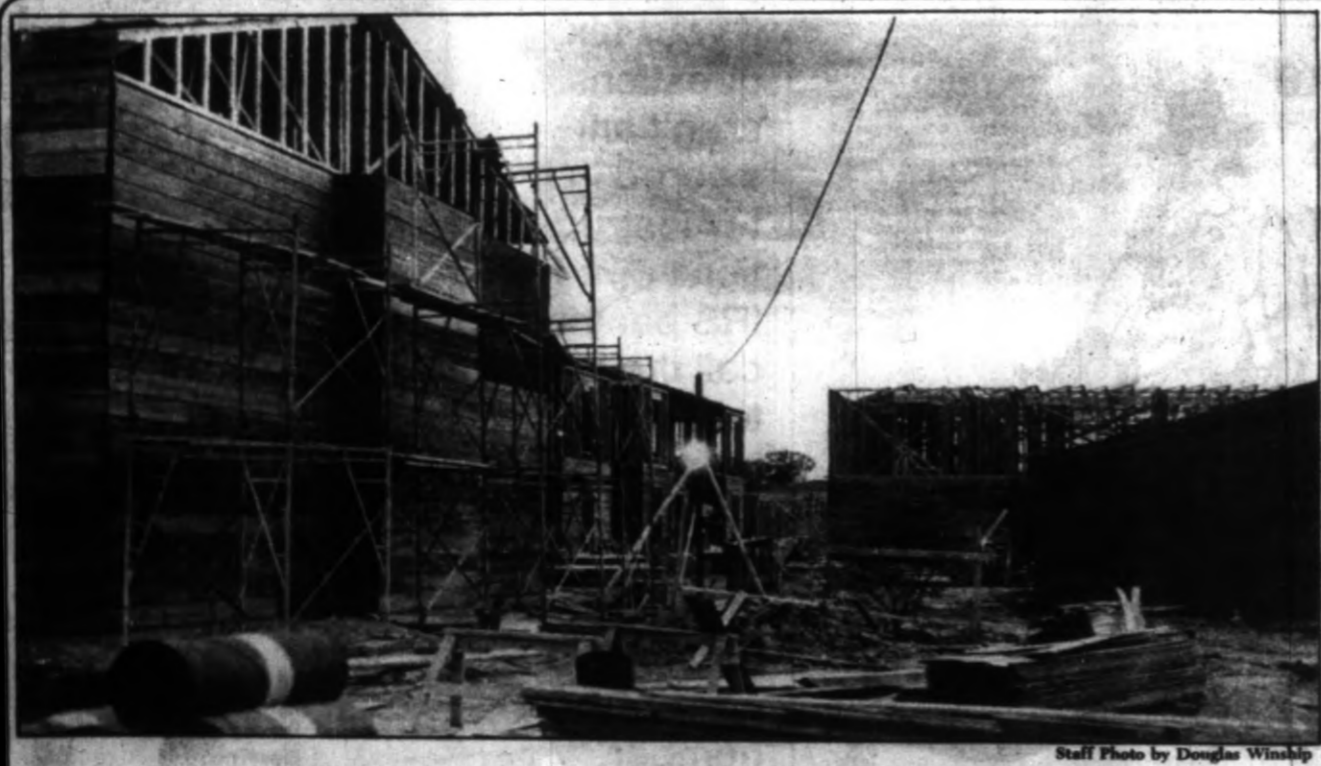
"Bus traffic has increased to where we thought a bus station in College Station was necessary," Enloe said.

Thirty per cent of the bus line's local passenger and freight volume originates in College Station, much of which is generated by Texas A&M University.

"We wanted a more centralized location and a more complete bus service in lieu of only a passenger pick up and delivery service in College Station," Enloe said.

The new bus station will be serviced by 14 daily bus routes. There are six buses south, six north and two west.

Joe Scamardo



Staff Photo by Douglas Wimshp

APARTMENT COMPLEXES CONTINUE TO SPROUT UP IN AREA
Apartment units comprise 60 per cent of available housing in College Station

Apartment industry revising lease policies

By STEVE GRAY and SUZANNE DEATHERAGE

Trends in the local apartment industry affect the lives of many students. More than 15,000 students searched through approximately 3,000 apartment units in College Station this year.

Five years ago, there were only 1,800 apartment units in College Station. Today, the 3,000 units make up almost 60 per cent of existing housing. There are 1.4 apartments for every house in College Station.

When students begin hunting for apartments for next year, they'll find three growing trends.

First, many apartment owners will offer nine month leases next year.

Second, increasing electrical rates are causing owners to install meters in individual apartments. Many tenants will then be paying their own electricity bills.

Finally, because of the inconvenience of renting furniture, a few apartment owners are offering only unfurnished apartments.

Semester-long leases are convenient for students but costly for apartment owners.

Second of a four-part series dealing with the housing situation for students in Bryan-College Station.



"Apartment owners won't go for the (semester leases)," said Dr. Roy Hann Jr., president of the Bryan-College Station Apartment Association.

Hann said semester leases provide owners with only eight months income each year. Income during the summer and Christmas breaks drop considerably because of low occupancy but expenditures remain about the same, owners say.

Robert Martell of Martell Properties compared the seesawing occupancy rates of local apartment complexes to a feast and famine.

"What you really need is a constant rate," said Martell. Converting from semesters to trimesters would be a sure although extreme solution, he said. Such a calendar revision would keep student population and housing demands at a constant level year-round.

Nonetheless, the construction market in Bryan-College Station remains ripe for apartment developers. University officials have said there are no plans to construct additional on-campus housing. They contend that the private building industry will accommodate the increasing enrollment figures.

College Station has experienced a 15 per cent annual growth rate over the past five years and the number of building permits for apartments has risen likewise. Complexes continue to sprout up, seemingly overnight, in the rapidly expanding south-east side of the city.

Next to the University, apartment con-

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