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Texas candidates speak nesses are suffering greatly from ris-

By The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Texas Railroad Commission candidate Jon Newton says federal control of natural gas sold within Texas would be disastrous to the state's

Newton, a Democratic hopeful, said such intrastate federal regula-tion would cause a loss of \$7 billion in

personal income and 36,000 jobs over the next decade. Texas families, farms and busi-

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as primary approaches ing utility costs," Newton said Tuesday in Austin, "but we are only fooling ourselves if we think that the federal government will give us any kind of lasting relief by imposing

new controls."
Newton said nationwide deregulation of natural gas is "our only real hope of fairness for the people of

Lane Denton, another Demo-cratic candidate for the commission, said Tuesday in the Dallas-Fort Worth area that he had been endorsed by the Texas Association of

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Community Organization for Reform Now. He told the political action committee of ACORN that he supports the lifeline utility rate structure and believes that "lifeline rates would be ordered for utilities by the Railroad Commission.'

Denton said he opposed large user discounts for big corporations, banks Wives campaign and industries.

In campaigning for the U.S. Senate, U.S. Rep. Alan Steelman, a Republican candidate, told a Pampa audience Tuesday that he will continue to fight efforts to repeal the Hatch Act, concerning political activities of federal employes.

"It would open the door for politi-cal bossism," Steelman told a luncheon of area Republicans.

Can you imagine an Internal Revenue Service auditor investigatng tax fraud while running for elected office and asking for political contributions in the same community?" he said.

Steelman said he would vote to sustain President Ford's veto of the Federal Employees' Political Activities Act of 1975.

Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Tex. seeking re-election, announced that Atty. Gen. John Hill had endorsed his favorite-son presidential candi-

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tion to the Democratic National Convention in New York," Hill said. 'A vote for Bentsen delegates May 1 is a vote to guarantee Texas an influential role at the convention.'

until husbands return

The names of Betty Ford and Nancy Reagan will not be on the Re-publican ballot in Texas' May 1 Republican primary, but they are carrying the bulk of campaign work for their husbands this week in Texas.

President Ford and former California Gov. Ronald Reagan, who have campaigned in Texas in recent weeks, will be back next week before

Mrs. Ford picked up a citizens band radio handle as "First Mamma." She has carried the Ford message to the Rio Grande Valley and Corpus Christi next. After spending the night in Corpus Christi, Mrs. Ford will campaign today in San Jacinto.

Mrs. Reagan arrived Tuesday afternoon in Denton, greeted campaign workers in Waco and proceeded to Odessa, where she spent the night. She planned appearances today in Odessa and Kerrville before going to San Antonio later this after-

In Harlingen, Mrs. Ford was met Tuesday by a group of Mexican-American dancers. She clapped as she listened to the Mexican Hat



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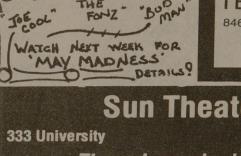
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insists it was just a coincidence that he made John Connally's law partner a federal judge a few weeks before

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"It obviously was designed to enhance the candidacy of Senator Bentsen when he was a viable candidate," he said.

Dance. She also visited an elemen-

sented her a Bicentennial scrap-

book. In Corpus Christi, she at-

tended a private reception and cam-

paigned at a shopping mall.

Mrs. Reagan told campaign work-

ers in Waco that her husband's can-

ers in waco that her husband's candidacy was "healthy for the Republican party." She said a victory for Reagan in the Texas primary would mean the GOP presidential nomination could "possibly go down to Kandon Circumstalla".

Mrs. Reagan will participate in the Fiesta Week ceremonies in San An-

HOUSTON — Democratic can-

didate Jimmy Carter says the Texas

presidential primary statute is a

year was getting a slate of delegates on the ballots in Texas. It required a major campaign, a lot of money, a lot

The biggest challenge we had all

Carter says statute

to aid Bentson

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tonio tonight.

Senator Lloyd Bentsen, D-Tex. now is running as a favorite son candidate in the May 1 presidential primary but has withdrawn as a candidate in other states.

A presidential primary statute should be designed to encourage full participation by all candidates," Carter said. "Fortunately, the Texas Legislature had the good judgment to put a 'self-destruct' clause in the statute after this one primary. Carter also said voters should be

permitted to vote for a candidate by name instead of for a slate of convention delegates committed to his can-

"It is a very difficult procedure for voting," he said. "It has been ex-plained to me but I still don't under-Carter left the Pennsylvania pri-

mary campaign to make the one-stop Texas trip. After a fund-raising breakfast, he returned to Pennsyl-vania for Tuesday's election.

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In Washington, President Ford the upcoming Texas primary.
In fact, the President said, he

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