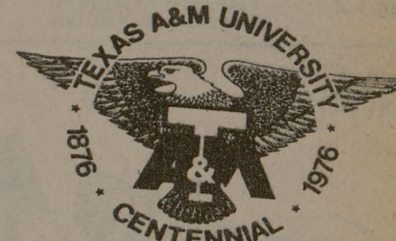


Partly cloudy with thunderstorms this afternoon and tonight. High today in mid-80s, low tonight in upper 60s, high tomorrow in upper 70s. Precipitation probability 30 per cent today, 50 per cent tonight and tomorrow.



Ford, Reagan split votes

By DAVE GOLDBERG
Associated Press Writer

Ronald Reagan has scored another key triumph in his quest for the Republican presidential nomination, but President Ford has come up with a victory of his own. Frank Church, meanwhile, has scored an upset in his Democratic primary debut.

Reagan continued his recent string of successes by capturing Tuesday's Nebraska primary, his second victory outside the Southern and Southwestern states that are supposed to be his strongholds. Ford, however, gained a split on the day by winning decisively in West Virginia.

Church, running in his first primary, upset Jimmy Carter in Nebraska and provided some hope for Democrats who want to stop the former Georgia governor from sweeping to the nomination. Carter won the party-run primary in Connecticut, but by a narrow margin over Rep. Morris K. Udall.

In the day's other Democratic contest, Sen. Robert C. Byrd, a favorite son, won in West Virginia with almost 90 per cent of the vote over Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace, the only other candidate on the ballot.

These were the figures in the key races:

✓ In Nebraska, with 97 per cent of the vote counted, Reagan had 110,846 votes, or 54

per cent, to 92,833 or 46 per cent, for Ford. In the separate race for the state's 25 nominating delegates, Reagan led for 17 and Ford for eight with 41 per cent of the vote in.

✓ In West Virginia, with 80 per cent of the vote counted, Ford had 67,467, or 56 per cent, to 52,201, or 44 per cent, for Reagan. The race for the 28 delegates was separate and they are by law nominally uncommitted.

✓ In the Nebraska Democratic race, with 97 per cent of the vote, Church had 66,693 or 39 per cent of the votes to 64,810 or 38 per cent, for Carter. Church led for 15 delegates to eight for the former Georgia governor with 63 per cent of the

count in. Nebraska has 23 Democratic delegates.

✓ In the party-run Connecticut primary, Carter finished with 35,415 votes or 33 per cent to 32,959, or 31 per cent, for Udall. Sen. Henry M. Jackson, of Washington, who was backed by Gov. Ella Grasso and many party leaders, was third with 18,632.

✓ Connecticut's 51 nominating delegates will be chosen later under a complex system of apportionment. Tuesday's results project out to 17 for Carter, 15 for Udall, 5 for Jackson and the rest uncommitted, but that could easily change.

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In West Virginia, with 79 per cent of the vote counted, Byrd had 246,601 or 89 per cent to 31,968 or 11 per cent for Wallace.

Reagan, who won key primaries in Texas and Indiana with the help of Democratic crossovers, noted that such switching is not allowed in Nebraska.

"This confirms my support is not a Wallace vote," he said. "Nebraska is a legitimate test in the Republican party."

Reagan's campaign manager, John Sears, said the Nebraska triumph had given the challenger's campaign a boost.

(See Ford, Page 6.)

Tunnel may get federal funds

By LEE ROY LESCHPER JR.
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Local officials will apply early next month for federal funds to build a pedestrian-bicycle tunnel under University Drive, a highway department engineer said yesterday.

D. D. Williamson, local planning engineer with the Texas Highway Department, said the proposed tunnel under University Drive (Northgate) is part of the joint city-university bike path plan that Bryan and College Station will submit to highway officials in Washington.

Williamson said the tunnel would be be-

tween parking Lot 50, south of University, and the married student apartments north of the street. He did not pinpoint an exact location.

The bike path program that Bryan and College Station will submit is now being consolidated from separate plans developed by the two cities and the A&M Traffic Panel. The plan then faces approval by a steering committee of both cities' mayors, the district judge and representatives of the university and highway department before it is sent to Washington.

The money for the project is part of \$8 million allotted for special bikeway demonstration projects across the nation,

Williamson said. He didn't know how much a tunnel under University Drive would cost.

The project would be financed by 80 per cent federal funds, with the remainder coming from local sources. Both cities and A&M are spending a lot of money on bike paths already, Williamson said.

He explained that heavy bicycle and pedestrian traffic along South College Ave. and across University Drive is the main reason for considering the tunnel.

"We hope to offer students the alternative of using Cavitt St. instead of South College Ave.," Williamson said. "South College Ave. is not the best place in the world

to ride a bicycle, with cars driving 45-50 miles per hour.

"We can't prohibit bikes on South College," he said. "We'd like to." Not all reaction to the tunnel has been favorable.

"We've had a lot of apathy because of problems with lighting the tunnel at night and there's always the problem of coeds using it after dark," Williamson explained.

He said the tunnel and bike paths around and through Hensel Park would be the first phase in a three or four phase project.

"There's lots of little elements we can add in," he said. "We're going to try to make it a balanced project. Then we have to sell it on a national basis."

Gas company says prices to level

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Natural gas prices are leveling off as they approach those of heating oil, the board chairman of a Houston-based gas distribution company testified Tuesday.

That, said Jackson Hinds, board chairman of Entex, Inc., is the only solution he can imagine for the rising cost of natural gas and gas-generated electricity.

Hinds testified at a joint hearing of the House committees on ways and means, state affairs and natural resources, which are trying to determine whether there would be any point in a special legislative session this summer on utility costs.

Gov. Dolph Briscoe has said he would call a special session only if the leadership of the two houses can agree on legislation that could reduce costs by at least 10 per cent and could pass.

"Do you have any solutions?" Rep. Joe Hanna, D-Breckenridge, asked Hinds.

"What I think is, gas is worth as much as oil on a BTU heat (natural) producing basis. I have seen gas prices level off as they reach the price of oil for the same amount of BTUs," Hinds said. He added that a product, such as

natural gas, is worth what it brings on the open market and "the least interference with that mechanism, the better."

Hinds said the high price of natural gas and electricity in the areas served by Lo-Vaca Gathering Co. result from the fact that every bit of gas provided by Lo-Vaca is "new gas" since the company has no reserves acquired in the past when natural gas was cheap.

"Ultimately, the Houston consumer is going to find he is paying the same kind of price as the Central Texas consumers," asked Rep. Milton Fox, R-Houston.

"Ultimately, yes," Hinds said.

Witnesses who advocated that the state limit what producers can charge for gas quickly ran into hostile questioning from some members of the panel.

Jim Boyle of the Texas Consumer Association was the first to propose state regulation of natural gas prices.

"Who is making the big profits?" asked Rep. Tom Schieffer, D-Fort Worth.

"The gas producers are making the lion's share," Boyle replied.

Schieffer said federal price regulation had reduced the availability of gas. "It's a commodity that is not there any

more," he said.

Doyle Hines, manager of the Guadalupe Valley Electric Cooperatives, Inc., also proposed temporary state price regulation through Sept. 1, 1980.

Hines suggested the average intrastate natural gas price of December 1975 plus 50 per cent as a standard. This would yield an average price of about 94 cents, compared with the current price of nearly \$2 per 1,000 cubic feet of gas sold on the intrastate market.

Rep. Joe Wyatt, D-Bloomington, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, suggested that price regulation would violate a Texas constitutional prohibition against state interference with contracts.

Hines got a big hand from the audience when he replied, "What about our contract that was interfered with by the railroad commission?"

The commission decided more than two years ago to let Lo-Vaca charge more than its contract rates for natural gas, passing its gas purchase costs on to consumers.

Harry Whitworth, general counsel for the Texas Chemical Council, said price regulation would "sharply curtail" gas supplies, discourage conservation of gas and delay the conversion to less expensive fuel sources such as coal.

A&M students with children

Day-care center being organized

A day care center is now being organized for the benefit of Texas A&M University students with children.

Details are being discussed with the College of Education to provide course credit for students participating in the program. Educational programs will be under the direction of specialists in Early Childhood Education and each group of 10-12 children will be taught by a full time teacher.

A hot lunch program will be administered with the aid of the Department of

Food Technology. Other participants in the day care program are Environmental Design students and the Personal Counseling Service.

Reports indicate that the center may be housed off-campus initially, but will remain within walking distance of the University. The facilities are expected to be expanded as additional funds become available. The center expects to be accepting children by the fall semester.

All interested students are asked to fill

out a TAMU Day Care Center survey form. These can be obtained in the Memorial Student Center 216 at the Day Care Center desk or Student Government office. Forms should be returned to MSC 216, ATTN: Day Care Center, TAMU 77843. The forms are only information gathering devices and there is no obligation attached.

Additional information is available from Nelda Bravo at 845-3051 (1-5 p.m.), David Scarfe at 693-9374 or 845-6131, or Janice Nute at 693-2918.

IRS tax credit worth \$1.5 billion

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — First the bad news: the IRS is looking for a couple of million Americans. Now the good news: the IRS wants to give them some money.

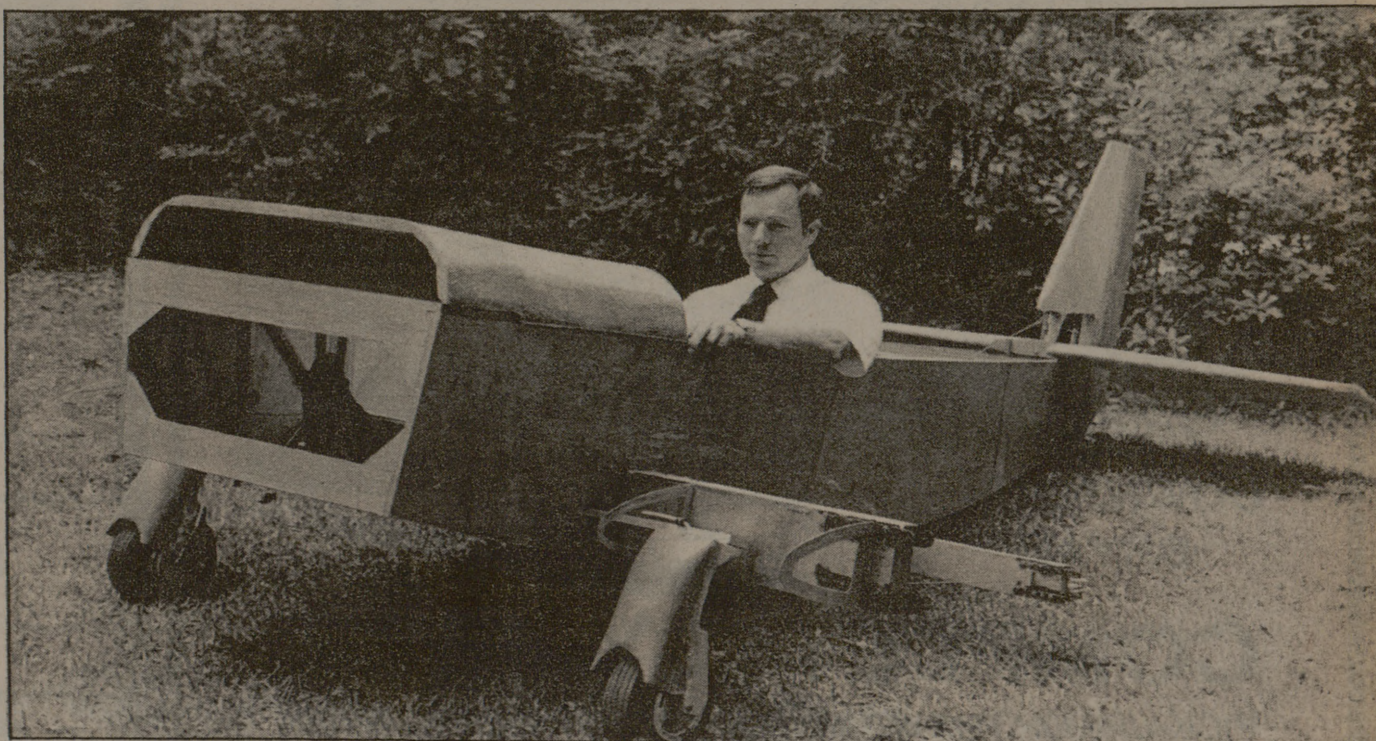
The Internal Revenue Service says more than two million Americans might be eligible for a cash windfall from the government, but haven't applied for the money under a special tax credit available to taxpayers who earned less than \$8,000 in 1975.

The IRS had expected up to three million people to qualify for payments of up to \$400 but the service said its figures show that only about one-tenth of that number, or 300,000 individuals, have filed a tax form to receive the money.

A total of \$1.5 billion was set aside to pay to those claiming the credit.

Personal counseling numbers clarified

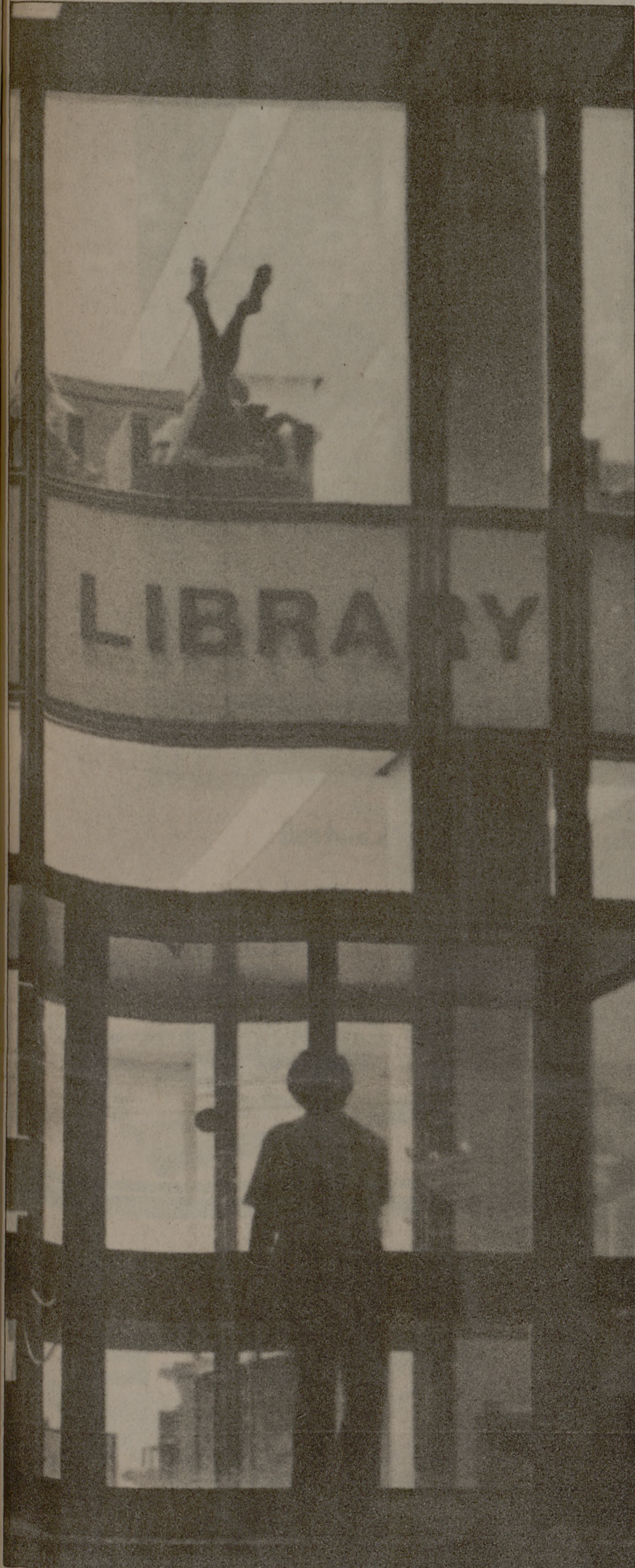
The University Personal Counseling Service is open from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Emergency cases only are accepted from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. Calls for emergency counseling are handled by the University Health Center (845-1511), the University Police (845-2345) or dorm resident advisors. Between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, the service can be reached at 845-4427.



Staff photo by Roger V. Messersmith

Airplane made with instructions from a kit

Dr. Charles Powell tries out the cockpit of the single-engine airplane he is building. When completed, the plane will be capable of attaining speeds of up to 180 miles per hour and will be able to seat two persons. The plane is made of wood and foam which can be sculptured. See story on Page 4.



Staff photo by Kevin Vanner

Late-night study sessions

Late night trips to the library are one more sign of finals week. The library, which is open 24 hours a day during finals week, has reported larger than normal crowds as students continue last-minute preparations.

Italy, Greece shaken

Tremors hit 2 areas

Associated Press

UDINE, Italy — New earth tremors shook quake-ravaged northeastern Italy before and after midnight, frightening survivors of last week's disaster, injuring several people and bringing down more small buildings.

Earlier in the evening, a severe quake centered in the Ionian sea jolted Zakinthos and other Greek islands and parts of southern Italy. Thousands on Zakinthos spent the night in the open, but no casualties or damage was reported.

Nine tremors were recorded in the Friuli region of northeast Italy that was devastated by the killer quake last Thursday. A woman was injured in Braulinz di Trasaghis when a house fell, and injuries were reported to several other persons. Many one-story and two-story buildings

weakened by the big quake and more than 50 aftershocks collapsed in Maiano, Venzone, Osoppo, Moggio Udinese and Peonins di Trasaghis.

The tremors were also felt in Venice, Trieste and Padua, but no damage or casualties were reported in those cities.

In Vicenza, 75 miles southwest of the destruction area, many of the 100 prisoners in the local jail climbed to the roof and demanded to be freed to insure their safety. Despite warning shots from the guards, the convicts refused to return to their cells, and police surrounded the jail.

Many of Udine's 90,000 residents were spending the night at home for the first time in six nights. When they felt a particularly strong tremor just before midnight, they rushed back to cars, tents and other makeshift shelters.

The toll from Thursday's quake remained at 914 dead, more than 3,000 injured and about 80,000 homeless. About 400 persons are not accounted for.

As national leaders of the ruling Christian Democrats and their Communist rivals bickered over the adequacy of the government's relief measures with an eye to the national election June 20, rival local political leaders joined hands to create a single body to coordinate relief work.

But Loris Fortuna, a Socialist member of Parliament, warned that the parties would soon be fighting over allocation of the relief funds.

Friday, last day ID photos taken

Student ID card photographs will be taken through Friday for students who did not have the photo taken during pre-registration.

The photos will be taken 8-12 a.m. and 1-5 p.m. each day in the Old Exchange Store. A student whose photo has not been taken will not receive an ID card when he pays his fees this summer.