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Americans losing interest

Voters going to polls less

WASHINGTON — Despite Proposition 13 fever and the chance to elect 36 governors and 35 senators, Americans are likely to continue a long-running trend and stay home from the polls in droves today.

If the level of voting in the nation's 43 primaries this year is any indication, the turnout this year could be a record low, says Curtis Gans, an expert in voter behavior. "Since the trend toward decreased participation has been continuous since the early 1960s, and since the turnout for this year's primaries showed that the tendency to eschew the polls has not stopped, there is a distinct possibility that less than a third of those eligible will

vote for Congress this year," he says.

A former Democratic party activist and now head of the Committee for the Study of the American Electorate, Gans wants to know why people are consciously refusing to vote and how to get them back to the polls.

He has some thoughts on the matter — and more important, a collection of some startling statistics on the size of America's vast election day yawn.

—Of all the world's democracies, only Botswana has a lower national election turnout, about 35 percent.

—In 35 states that had primaries in both parties this year, 22 had lower turnout rates this year than in 1974 or their most recent nonpresidential year, while only 10, plus the District of Columbia, showed increases. Two others held primaries too long ago to make good comparisons.

—Twenty-six of those states had turnout below 30 percent, 13 were below 20 percent and Kentucky had a primary turnout below 10 percent. Only California and Hawaii had 40 percent-plus turnouts.

—From a high of 63.8 percent participation in 1960, presidential voting has dropped to 54.4 percent in 1976, the lowest since 51.1 per-

cent in 1948, when nonvoting blacks were counted as eligible, and 51.9 percent in 1928. That means Jimmy Carter was elected by less than 28 percent of his countrymen.

—From a high of 46.3 percent in 1962, off-year elections drew 36.1 percent in 1974, the lowest since the war year of 1942 when 32.5 percent voted.

—New Jersey Gov. Brendan Byrne was re-elected in 1977 with less than 15 percent of eligible voters supporting him, and Mayor Edward Koch of New York won less than 12 percent of the eligible vote.

—This year, conservative Republican Jeffrey Bell in New Jersey ousted Sen. Clifford Case in a primary that drew only 11.4 percent of eligible voters to the polls; Iowa conservative Roger Jepsen beat moderate Maurice Van Nostrand in a GOP senatorial primary that drew 12.8 percent participation.

Gans says lower turnouts generally help candidates at the political extremes. This year it's conservatives, in 1972 it was liberals. For example, Sen. Edward Brooke, R-Mass., won his primary battle against a conservative activist because of an unpredicted high turnout.

"If the decline in participation continues, there is every reason to believe that more and more elections will be won by small groups of intense activists and that the public interest as a whole will begin to suffer," he says.

"When the level of participation is so low that single-issue zealots such as those opposed to abortion and gun control can be instrumental in defeating a candidate such as Rep. Donald Fraser in Minnesota or extremists can unseat men like Clifford Case of New Jersey, there is something fundamentally wrong in our political system."

Nonvoters can be lumped into three categories, Gans says: chronic nonvoters, who are poor, uneducated and "living an atavistic existence;" the young, who are not con-

forming to the pattern of increasing their voting as they age; and the dropouts, the estimated 15 million Americans who simply quit voting. Thirty-eight percent of them are people with high levels of education and income.

Why? "I think that there is a whole series of things," Gans says, "the last of which is because in many cases it hasn't made any difference whether they voted or not in terms of the direction of public policy."

"You start off with a sort of massive promissory rhetoric of the early '60s and the emergence of the fact it couldn't all be delivered upon." There was Vietnam and Watergate, he says, Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon. "And they were both dampeners on the image of public leadership."

Also, while the vast body of civil rights, anti-war and environmental activists eventually had an effect on government policy, it was too slow in coming. "For those people who wanted 'freedom now,' the political process has been damnably slow in yielding up results."

"The source of the problem is twofold: it's a public disenchantment with government and political leadership, and the obverse, that the government has been finding it difficult to get its own self untracked to provide a sense of direction in programs and policies to govern the country."

Even the government-cutting, tax-slashing mood scaring incumbents to death has in it the seeds of more disenchantment, Gans predicts.

"The danger of Proposition 13 is that it's not likely, in its implementation, to yield what many people who voted for it thought it was going to yield. It's a nice referendum question but it's not necessarily a good public policy question. So the danger is the next time something like that comes around, the turnout will be again lower."

what's up?

Tuesday

- PENTAGON AREA HOMETOWN CLUB:** Will meet in Room 302, Rudder Tower at 8 p.m. Rides and car pools to and from northeast and midwest states will be discussed for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. For more information please contact Darrel Westbrook at 845-7103.
- MARKETING SOCIETY:** Will have a speaker from Foley's at 7:30 p.m. in Room 207, HECC.
- PRE-LAW SOCIETY:** Charles R. Dunn, attorney at law, will speak at 7:30 p.m. in Room 504, Rudder Tower.
- PLANT SCIENCE CLUB:** Will have pictures taken for "The Aggeland" in the MSC Lounge at 6:30 p.m. A meeting and a speech on how to get a job will be at 7 p.m.
- RICHARDSON HOMETOWN CLUB:** Will have pictures taken for "The Aggeland" at 7:30 p.m. in front of Zachry. Dues for this semester will be collected.
- PATHFINDERS:** Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 317, Military Science Building. Plans will be made concerning the TAMU-hosted orienteering meet to be held at the Fireman's Training Center on Nov. 18.
- AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERS:** Will have pictures for "The Aggeland" taken at 6 p.m. followed by a meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Room 103, Zachry. A mock interview will be staged by a student and a Texas Instruments Recruiter. Nolan Sutherland from the Placement Center will offer advice on successful interviewing.
- AMERICAN HUMANITIES ASSOCIATION:** Dr. Candida Dunckley will conduct a workshop in Human Relations at 6:15 in Room 211, MSC.
- A&M WHEELMEN:** Aggeland pictures will be taken at 7:30 p.m. in Room 141, MSC.
- THE TRADITIONS COUNCIL:** Will meet in Room 119, Military Science Building at 7:30 p.m. A slide presentation on tradition will be reviewed. All interested students are invited to attend.
- AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERS:** Plans for a field trip will be discussed and Charles L. Waligura will speak on "Conception, Design and Operation — Role of the Process Engineer" at 7:30 p.m. in Room 203, Zachry.
- ENGLISH SOCIETY:** Tom Jordan will speak on "Film Frolics" at 7:30 p.m. in the Basement Coffeehouse.
- TSEA:** Will have pictures taken for the Aggeland at 7:30 p.m. in the Zachry lobby.
- MECHANIZED AGRICULTURE CLUB:** A representative from Ford Tractor Co. will speak at 7:30 p.m. in the Power and Machinery Lab.
- ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY SOCIETY:** Will have pictures taken for "The Aggeland" at 6:45 p.m. at Zachry followed by a speech by Ms. Gustafson in Room 203, Zachry.
- ASME:** C. H. Britt from Monsanto will speak at 7:30 p.m. in Room 102, Zachry.
- AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS CLUB:** Will have officer elections at 7:30 p.m. in Room 108, Harrington.
- BOGART FESTIVAL:** "The Maltese Falcon," the famous story of a group of men who desperately search for a black statuette of a falcon, starring Humphrey Bogart and Peter Lorre, will be shown at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater. "In a Lonely Place," in which Bogart is the key suspect in a murder case being investigated by a wartime buddy turned detective, will be shown at 10 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

Wednesday

- BRIDGE CLUB:** Will play in Room 212, MSC at 7:15 p.m. Everyone is welcome to play.
- HANG GLIDING CLUB:** "Cloudbase," a 33-minute film of hang gliding from 19 sites in the United States, will be shown at 7:30 p.m. in Room 308, Rudder Tower.
- TAMU ROADRUNNERS:** All members are urged to attend this meeting at 7 p.m. in Room 321, Physics Building, to discuss coming events.
- STUDENTS OLDER THAN AVERAGE:** Will meet at 8 p.m. in Room 205, MSC. All students are welcome who are beyond the average age of university students.
- ILLUSTRATORS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS:** Jim Berry from University Studios will talk on "Photo Enhancement" at 7 p.m. in Room 304, Old Engineering Building.
- BOGART FESTIVAL:** "The Treasure of Sierra Madre," the story of three American men who journey into the wilderness mountains of Mexico in search of gold, will be shown at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater. "The Caine Mutiny," in which the crew of the minesweeper U.S.S. Caine is saddled with a paranoid captain whose rule forces the crew to mutiny, will be shown at 10 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

Thursday

- POLITICAL FORUM:** Wayne Peveto will speak on "Tax Reform — Fact or Fantasy?" at 12:30 p.m. in Room 206, MSC. Peveto is a state legislator from Orange who has always worked diligently to change the system. He was ranked as one of the Top-10 legislators in Texas by Texas Monthly magazine.
- GREAT ISSUES:** "Human Rights and Soviet-American Relations" will be the topic of a debate by Robert Kaiser and Melor Strua at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater. Kaiser is a former Soviet Union correspondent for The Washington Post and Strua is the chief correspondent in New York for the Soviet newspaper Ezvestiya.
- PRE-LAW SOCIETY:** Will have Aggeland pictures taken at 7 p.m. in Zachry. All members should plan to be present.
- TAMU RUSSIAN CLUB:** Will meet at 7 p.m. to make preparations for a Thanksgiving dinner. The meeting will be held in Room 305AB, Rudder Tower.
- AGGIE PLAYERS:** Presents "J.B." at 8 p.m. in Rudder Forum.
- CEPHEID VARIABLE:** "The Magic Sword," the world famous legend of St. George and his battles with evil sorcerers, dragons and witches will be shown at 8 and 10 p.m. in Rudder Theater. St. George and his magic sword, Ascalon, prevail against all odds in this enjoyable tale from the world of fantasy.

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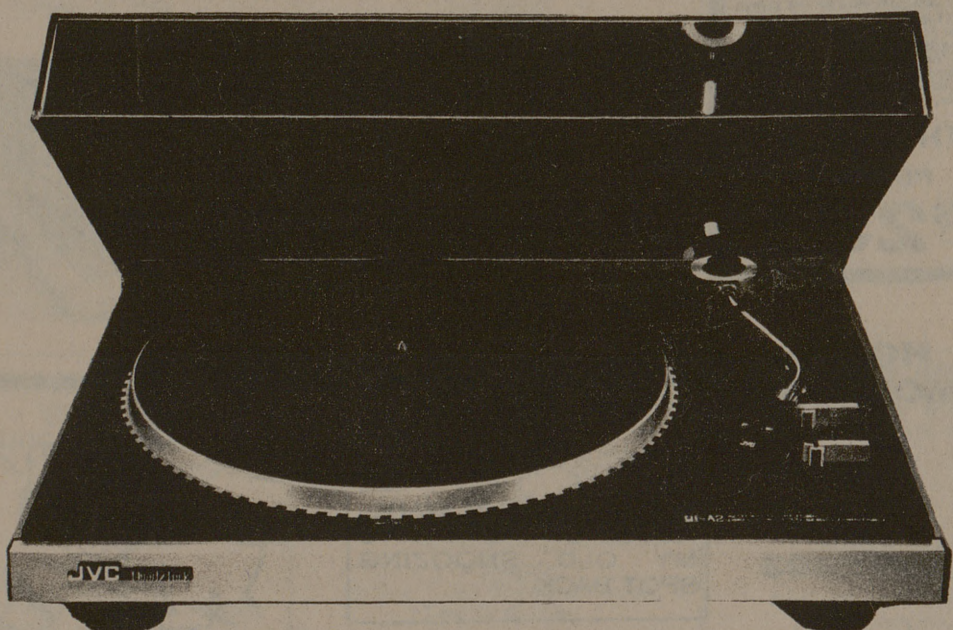
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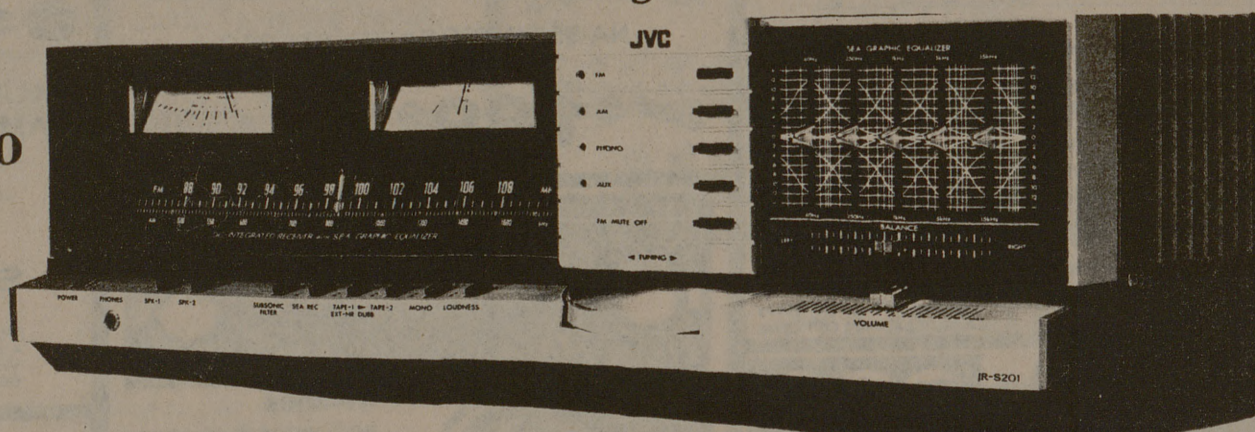
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