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State races 'most important'

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AUSTIN — Rep. John Bryant, D-Dallas, Saturday told liberal members of the State Democratic Party that legislative races in 1980 would be more important to Texans than the presidential election.

"I don't care what you feel about Teddy Kennedy, Jimmy Carter or Jerry Brown. The most important races will be for state representative and for state senate," Bryant said.

"I worked very hard for Jimmy Carter and I don't have any friends in high office. It just doesn't trickle down that much."

Bryant, who plans to challenge Speaker Bill Clayton in 1981, also

said he was glad some Democratic legislators were switching to the Republican Party. He said those conservatives who are switching were never really loyal Democrats and simply used the party label to get elected.

"The Democratic Party will be stronger in proportion to the number of imposters we get rid of," he said. "I'm glad to see them go."

The meeting was called by Billie Carr, national Democratic committeewoman, and Ed Cogburn, a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee, to plan strategy for the 1980 elections. But the mood of the participants was

very much pro-Kennedy.

"Ready for Teddy" buttons, campaign literature and "Kennedy, '80" T-shirts were prominent among the crowd. Supporters of all three probable Democratic presidential candidates gave reports on the status of each one's campaign in Texas.

Ken Gjemre of Dallas tried to have discussion of the presidential race deleted from the agenda, claiming the topic was irrelevant.

"(The issue) has no place in our discussions," he said. "Our job is to work for legislation of this state."

A Kennedy supporter, Cliff Reed of El Paso, however, said many of the participants had traveled to Aus-

tin to exchange information on how much support Kennedy has in Texas.

"I came from El Paso because I want to hear how the Kennedy effort is doing in the state," he said.

Ronnie Duggan, publisher of the Texas Observer, said progressives could wrestle control of the state in 1980 by forming a strong coalition.

He said a Kennedy-Carter battle would help local and state races because more liberal voters, especially minorities, would turn out.

"This is the first time we have a chance to win control of the state — from the court house to the state house," Duggan said.

Braniff will buy fuel from Mexico

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MEXICO CITY — Braniff International has signed an agreement to purchase jet fuel from Petroleos Mexicanos, the first time the Mexican oil monopoly has sold jet fuel outside the Mexican borders.

According to reports in Mexico City, the deal was signed Wednesday and involves Braniff purchasing the fuel, using some of it and storing some of it for Mexicana Airlines and Aeromexico flights in the United States.

Pemex will deliver 60,000 barrels of jet fuel, about 2.52 million gallons, per month to Braniff storage facilities in Houston, Los Angeles and San Francisco. Braniff then will supply fuel to U.S. flights of Aeromexico and Mexicana, which

have encountered scattered shortages.

Braniff then can buy whatever fuel remains, at 62 cents a gallon, well under the current price of 79 cents per gallon for U.S. refined jet fuel.

"I would imagine there will be at least 5,000 barrels a month left over for Braniff," a Pemex spokesman said.

A Braniff spokesman in Dallas said the company was pleased with the agreement, but that the estimated \$37,700 per month savings were a drop in the company's fuel cost bucket. He said the 5,000 barrels was less than .5 percent of the 56 million gallons of fuel burned monthly.

'Oilspill' false alarm turns out to be algae

United Press International
CORPUS CHRISTI — The Coast Guard Saturday said what was thought to have been another oilspill drifting off the Texas coast has turned out to be a huge mass of algae.

"It's easy to think this stuff is oil until you can get a good look at it," said Chief Petty Officer Richard Griggs. "On the overflight today, we discovered it is a large concentration of algae."

The mass, 45 miles long and up to 2 miles wide, was spotted by a Coast Guard helicopter Friday and then inspected briefly by another helicopter Saturday morning. It was

thought to have been an oilspill, just 12 miles offshore and threatening the Padre Island National Seashore.

However, officials even then discounted the possibility of the oil being from the blown-out Mexican Ixtoc I well in the southern Gulf of Mexico. The well caused the largest oilspill in world history.

During August tons of the oil from the Mexican well drifted onto Texas beaches, but the seasonal shifting of currents and breezes to the north has pushed the Mexican oil 150 miles south of the mouth of the Rio Grande.

State briefs

Paper challenges closing of pre-trial hearing

United Press International
SAN ANGELO — A San Angelo newspaper has challenged a district judge's decision to bar reporters and the public from a proceeding in a controversial capital murder case.

District Judge V. Murray Jordan closed a "pre-trial hearing" Thursday in the capital murder case of Randy Lynn Wools, 29, of Medina.

Wools is charged with murder in the June 16 stabbing, beating and burning death of a Kerrville ticket taker, 43-year-old Betty Stotts.

Jordan's order was challenged immediately by the San Angelo Standard Times Thursday. The newspaper filed a motion requesting Jordan open the proceedings because they were not of a pre-trial nature.

In its motion, the newspaper contended the hearing could not be of a pre-trial nature since a jury had been selected for the case. Testimony in the case was expected to begin Monday.

Connally says third best he can hope for

HARTFORD, Conn. — Former Texas Gov. John Connally thinks a third-place finish is the best he can hope for in Connecticut's first Republican presidential primary next March.

Connally, during a weekend campaign visit to Connecticut, also said he would be happy to finish third behind Ronald Reagan and probably former CIA director George Bush in New Hampshire's showcase presidential primary next February.

"I think I can even run third if we're tightly bunched," said Connally, acknowledging Reagan's solid organization and strong recognition factor in New Hampshire.

Houston flood claims to approach national total?

HOUSTON — Disaster recovery officials Saturday predicted flood insurance claims from three floods along the Gulf Coast in the past four months almost will equal the total of similar claims paid nationwide last year.

Dale Milford, regional director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, said the more than 16,000 claims his agency expects to pay will total about \$145 million — only about \$9 million less than was paid in 21 major floods in the United States last year.

Milford said the total includes \$15 million in April flood claims, more than \$90 million from Tropical Storm Claudette flooding and a projected \$32 million for claims from flooding in mid-September.

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