Carter, Connally favorites, according to Texas survey

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AUSTIN — President Carter has

the overwhelming support of Texas Democrats and independents while former Gov. John Connally holds the lead among Republicans, a statewide

survey shows.

A Texas Monthly survey of 1,000 registered voters statewide showed Carter leading Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., by 63.8 percent to 28.3 percent.

Carter also was the preferred candidate of independent voters with 43 percent, while Brown and Kennedy both were attractive to only about 13. percent of the independents.

In the first Texas Monthly poll, Carter and Kennedy were running virtually even. Since November,

tial support. Kennedy remained the Democratic choice only of minority groups in the poll taken Jan. 2-6.

On the GOP side, Connally has an impressive 54.5 percent of Republicans and 43.6 percent of independents supporting his candidacy. Ronald Reagan — the leading GOP candidate in recent national polls— is preferred by 27.6 percent of Texas Republicans and native George Bush remains a distant third.

Texas Monthly officials said the poll, based on telephone interviews, was of a large enough sample to give a reliable estimate of statewide opinion with a 3.1 percent margin of

hem before the 6 p.m. Monday Professor's mistake leads to drug arrests

Florida and Texas.

in Lubbock, he said.

LUBBOCK — A Texas Tech proessor flying home from a Florida isiness trip picked up the wrong uit bag and unwittingly involved mself in a cocaine smuggling oper-

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emaining before the filing deadline,

orge Bush is the only Republican

sidential candidate who has qual-

fied for a place on the Texas GOP primary ballot.

Nine other candidates have re-

uested petition forms to collect

ignatures to place their names on the ballots, and Ronald Reagan and

mer Gov. John B. Connally are

onsidered certain to obtain the cessary 5,000 signatures and file

A copyright story last week in the abbock Avalanche-Journal said the isadventure resulted in two arrests Tennessee and the seizure of an stimated \$200,000 worth of caine. It may also have given drug ents a foothold in breaking an exnsive narcotics trafficking operaon in the South, the newspaper

The professor, who requested monymity, described his role in the se as "inconsequential.

Like any weary traveler, the man said he was "disgusted" last week when he arrived at Lubbock Internaonal Airport and found he had pick-

Others who requested the petition forms were Sen. Howard Baker, R-Tenn., Benjamin Fernandez of California, Harold Stassen of Minnesota; Rep. Phil Crane, R-Ill; Austin newspaper columnist John Kelso; Gerald T. DeFelice of Connecticut; and Donald J. McNeil of New Hamp-

"I'm not exactly sure where the mixup occurred," the Lubbock man said, adding that he had changed

planes about four times between

He said that when he boarded his

final flight from Dallas to Lubbock,

he noticed his bag seemed heavier than usual. He decided to inspect it

"I unzipped it a little and it didn't even look like my clothes. I was dis-

However, agents from the Drug Enforcement Administration

couldn't have been happier when the professor showed them 100 small

packets of cocaine which were inside

A day later, the real owner of the bag telephoned the Tech professor. "He just said he had some impor-

tant papers and stuff in there and

deadline to assure themselves of ters. "All the rest are possible. I places on the ballot for the May 3 know all the other people have work-

Bush only Republican candidate on

Texas presidential primary ballot

The petition forms were not mailed to Crane until Jan. 15, meaning he would have only three weeks to collect the 5,000 voter signatures.

Texas Democrats have not yet decided if they will have a presidential

Will Garwood, who was appointed to the Supreme Court by Gov. Bill "I don't think Stassen, DeFelice or McNeil will qualify," said Ann Prestige of the state GOP headquar-through noon Tuesday, although

would lose his job if he didn't get it back" the professor said. "I wanted my bag back too."

The distraught owner made arrangements with the professor and

Lubbock airport officials for the transfer of the bag to Nashville, Tenn. The man did not know,

however, that all of the cocaine pack-

ets inside except one were fakes, and

that an undercover narcotics agent

from Lubbock was accompanying

The Texas drug agent cooperating with Tennessee authorities watched

as two men approached the bag at

the Nashville airport. Both were

vestigation would continue and de-

Tennessee authorities said the in-

Additional arrests are expected,

arrested immediately.

clined further comment.

the newspaper said.

Jack Bower, both of Austin. Two Democratic members of the Supreme Court — Robert M. Campbell and Sears McGee — have filed for re-election and Houston District Judge James P. Wallace, a former state senator, has filed for the Demo-

John Thomas Henderson said in a news release he will file before the

Monday deadline as a candidate for

the Republican nomination to the

Railroad Commission. Henderson

ran unsuccessfully as a Democrat in

Two Republicans have filed for the District 10 congressional seat now

held by Democratic Rep. J. J. Pick-le. They are Radcliffe J. Finley and

cratic nomination to the Supreme Court place being vacated by the re-tirement of Judge Zollie Steakley. Rep. Buddy Temple, D-Diboll, is the only Democrat who had filed by Tuesday for a place on the Railroad Commission. Temple is seeking the place now held by Commission

led a Monday news conference to announce formally his re-election

Commissioner Jim Nugent has said he will be a candidate for election and Jim Hightower already is campaigning against Nugent although neither has paid his filing

The Democrats already are assured of two contested races for

congressional district nominations. Rep. Joe Wyatt Jr., D-Texas, who voluntarily committed himself for alcoholism treatment early this month has filed for re-election and is being challenged by former state Rep. Joe Salem of Corpus Christi. Several others also are reportedly

considering that race.
Paul D. Rich of San Antonio has filed for the District 23 congressional seat now held by Rep. Abraham Kazen Jr. who has filed for re-





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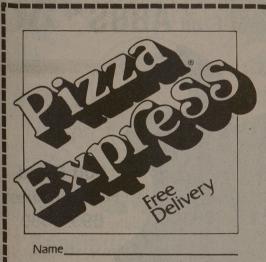
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