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now available indicates which wines would benefit from aging and which are at their best drinking stage now. To obtain a in Texas primary elections

United Press International AUSTIN — The gains are not lashy but Republican Party officials GOP activity in areas of the state pelieve political campaigns across the state demonstrate substantial growth in the GOP.

Connally, George Bush and Howard Baker — on the May 3 Republican "We're anticipating a primary elec-tion in every county. This will be the Connally, George Bush and Howard primary ballot and the presence of first time that's ever happened

the state's first Republican governor where no one has ever been labeled

Republican. "At the present time we have The prospect of a hot race between four leading Republican presidential prospects — Ronald Reagan, John state chairman Chester R. Upham.

In 1976 when Texas law for the first time allowed parties to conduct binding presidential preference primaries and the state became a critical battlefield for Reagan and then President Gerald Ford, primary elections were conducted in only 175 of the 254 counties because GOP offi-cials could not find local residents willing to organize and ballot as Republicans.

'We got much more participation at the county level than I think we've ever had before," Upham said. GOP ballots for nomination to loc-

al offices across the state will be longer and in many cases include names of individuals formerly elected to office as Democrats.

"We're enjoying more turnout in more places than ever before," Up-ham said. "We hope to double our representation in the Legislature." Republicans now hold only 24 of the 150 seats in the Texas House of Representatives and five of the 31

Senate spots. Three of the current GOP law-

1979. Of that three, Sen. Bill Braecklein, R-Dallas, opted not to seek reelection and one of the two representatives, Rep. Clay Smothers, R-Dallas, is relinquishing his seat to run for Congress.

Upham, however, said Republicans expect to retain their present seats and gain 20 to 30 new House members and possibly seven sena-

We're targeting about eight to 10 Senate races and hope to win seven of those as a minimum," the GOP party chairman said. "We've had excellent recruiting. We're targeting 25 to 30 House races and expect to elect 20 to 25.

Upham said the number of candidates running for the Legislature on the GOP ballot has jumped consider-ably. The 107 House candidates who filed this week represent a 29 percent increase from 1978 showings, he said.

"Even more significant," he said, "is that this year we have contests in 20 House districts. In the 1978 primary the GOP had opposing candidates in only 12."

On the Senate side Upham re-ported 21 candidates seeking the GOP nomination in 13 of the 16 districts up for election. "In 1978 we had seven state Sen-

nomination is worth someth you can run for office as a Rep and win. Upham credits Gov. Bill ments' 1978 election upset come Texas' first Republica executive since Reconstruction part of the increased interesti

ate candidates in six district

one contest," he noted. "The sion is unmistakable. Office

have become aware that the

ning on the GOP ballot. "I think Gov. Clements' ance has given us credibility. ham said. "And we have two homegrown candidates runn president in the primary."

The attraction of the GOP idential primary contest for vote especially since Democrats have even decided whether to put presidential contest on their Ma ballot at all - was a key factor fluencing some candidates ton Republicans rather than Demon

And it has encouraged a number liberal Democrats such as Rep. h Waters, D-Houston, who is de enging conservative Sen. Jack(D-Houston, in hopes of benefit from an exodus of conservative

ters from the Democratic to the publican primaries.

Boxer denies saying Carter used him in Africa United Press International WASHINGTON — Muhammad Ali denies that he said President Car-

Force Base Sunday, looking t and speaking almost in whispen Carter's request, he traveled to African nations to seek support the president's campaign to box the Olympics. He said the trip was "75 perce

uccessful," and he would do it age

if Carter asked him. Last week, Ali suggested is administration might have been a ing him, after reporters in Tanz criticized him for seeking Afric support when the United States in failed to back black boycotts aimed South Africa.

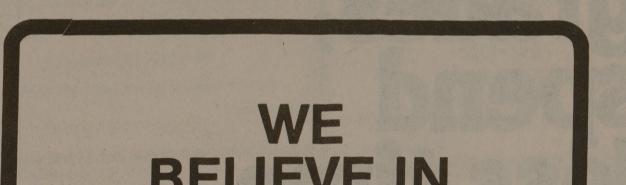
Ali was quoted at the times saying he would tell Carter the "what you want the Africans to do something you wouldn't do h

"Maybe I'm being used to a something that ain't right," he sa But Sunday, Ali told U.S. repe ters, "I didn't say the Carter admi nistration was taking advantage me. I wouldn't say that about m president."

Ali declined to talk about the trip in detail, saying he would have t report to Carter first.

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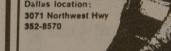


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