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Kemp defends Reagan's tax policy

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Americans can vote for either "an era of limits" under Jimmy Carter or "an era of potential" under Ronald Reagan in the Tuesday election, Republican Congressman Jack Kemp said Thursday.

The congressman from New York spoke to 300 persons in Rudder Theater, promoting the Reagan-Bush ticket. Reagan had reportedly considered Kemp as a possible running mate before he selected Bush.

Kemp, 45, said Americans can re-elect Jimmy Carter, whose administration will continue redistributing the nation's wealth and increase taxes, or they can elect Reagan, who will expand the economy with increased entrepreneurial capitalism.

Kemp is co-author of the Kemp-Roth tax bill, which Reagan endorses. That bill calls for a 30 percent tax cut over a three-year period.

The congressman described his bill as a "micro-economic tax cut" that is "not at all radical." He said the gradual tax cut would repair five years' damage to the current tax system.

He said Carter's administration taxes success, pro-

ductivity and savings while subsidizing welfare and unemployment.

"If you tax a factor of productivity, you get less of it," he said. "If you subsidize it, you get more. We keep getting more welfare, more unemployment."

Kemp said that while Reagan says government causes inflation, Carter claims that consumers cause inflation.

"The chief mascot of Carter's administration is the scapegoat," he said. Several such one-line attacks on Carter aroused laughter from the crowd of mostly Reagan supporters.

"There's no energy shortage," he said quietly. "It's just a lot of red tape and Mickey Mouse information from the Department of No Energy."

Kemp responded eagerly to one particular question. "How do you think the Chargers will do this year?" a student asked.

"I'm for the Bills," Kemp quipped.

Kemp played quarterback for the Buffalo Bills and then for San Diego Chargers prior to beginning his political career.

Kyle Field's old turf not just pitched out

By BELINDA McCOY
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All of the used Astroturf pulled up this year in the re-carpeting of Kyle Field did not go to waste in a trash bin. Instead, it was sold.

Who would want to buy used Astroturf?

Associate Athletic Director Wally Groff says a large portion of the old turf was purchased by the Astro-dome Corp. The corporation will use it in the Astro Hall for stock show exhibitions.

"The concrete floors will be lined with the Astroturf ... for the cow-shows, so they won't be slippery anymore."

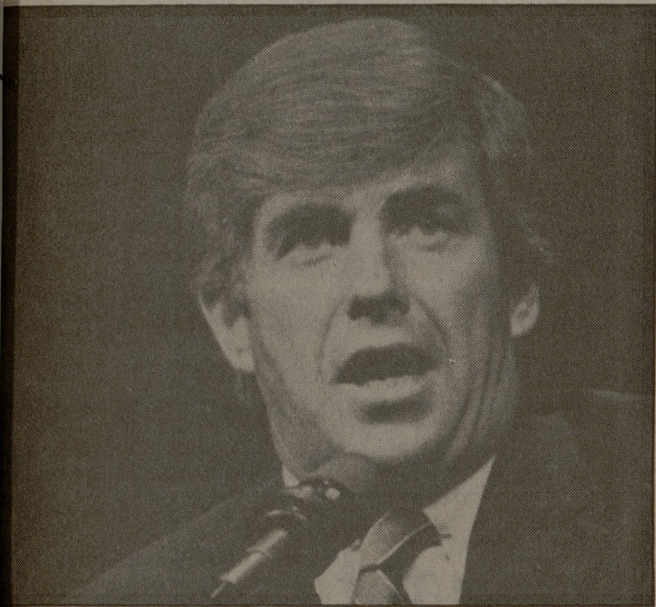
The used artificial turf was also sold in strips to several individuals.

One of those individuals was former student Keith Langford, now a Houston businessman. Langford bought the strip of turf that had the round T-A-M logo on it. He wanted to put it around the swimming pool at his home at Medina Lake, near San Antonio.

One local business bought a quantity of the turf and is now selling it doormat size, with the T-A-M emblem, for \$25 a square. The owner said the mats are being bought mostly by A&M alumni and their families as keepsakes.

But, she said, the turf squares are not being used as doormats.

"Some are framing them, some are even using them as table decorations to set their punch bowls on."



Staff photo by Jeff Kerber

Rep. Jack Kemp, R-N.Y., says Americans can choose between Carter, who will continue increasing the nation's wealth and taxes, and Reagan, who will expand the economy. The congressman also endorsed the Kemp-Roth tax bill, of which he is co-author.

Brown criticizes Barron on bonds

By STARR MOORE
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The Republican candidate for county attorney, Jeff Brown, took another shot Thursday at the incumbent, John M. Barron Jr.

At a press conference he called, Brown charged the county attorney with failing to collect an estimated \$1,500 in bond forfeiture money.

Brown said he has discovered at least 60 cases where bond money has been transferred from the sheriff's department to the county budget.

"Once a bond has been forfeited, the county attorney representing the state and representing the interest of the people has the obligation and responsibility to make sure that bond is collected and brought into county coffers," Brown said.

However Barron, contacted later Thursday, said the money can be collected at any time and that the bond forfeitures are nothing to get upset out.

He said the money is in the county treasury in most cases and that it is only a matter of transferring the

funds. The county has certainly not lost the funds, he said.

"In the last nine months, I've been more interested in prosecuting cases than in collecting money," Barron said. The money is available for collection after arrest warrants are issued but not served. If they are not found after a year, their bonds are forfeited by the county court at law judge.

Barron added the judge has not ordered forfeitures in "a while."

Brown said the 60 outstanding bond forfeitures that he has discovered date back to March of 1978.

Brown did say Barron had collected 20 bonds and transferred the money to county funds, but Brown does not know where the \$20,500 is or why the judge has not ordered bond forfeitures in 18 months.

Sheriff Bobby Yeager said there are 24 forfeitures in his records that were ordered by the former county court at law judge Bradley Smith.

He said the county attorney must file a civil suit in county court to recover the amount of the bond. Then, the judge must order the sheriff to transfer the funds to the county.

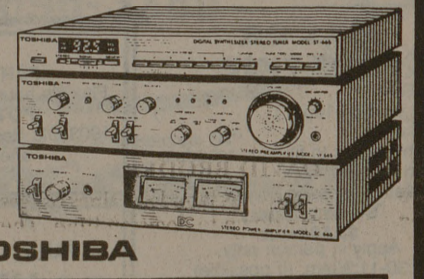


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