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By Scott McCullar



# New Orleans mayor meets stiff challenge

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NEW ORLEANS — Ernest Morial, the city's first black mayor, fought off a stiff challenge from white conservative legislator Ron Faucheux Saturday to claim a second term.

With 99 percent of the vote counted in unofficial returns, Morial stretched an early wafer-thin lead to a solid win with 53 percent of the vote — 97,365 votes to 86,020 for Faucheux.

"It is a victory for our city," Morial said in a victory speech to thousands of supporters chanting "Go Dutch Go" at a downtown hotel.

his tough law-and-order record in the Legislature, race failed to become a major issue.

Although New Orleans had a majority black population, more whites than blacks were registered to vote.

Morial, 52, the first black to serve as a Louisiana judge and legislator since Reconstruction, needed to win about 15 percent of the white vote to win.

Lured by the paper-thin margin separating the candidates and by summer-like weather, voters turned out heavily in all sections of the city. Voters in

Faucheux's east New Orleans suburban strongholds waited more than two hours in some cases to cast ballots. Heavy black turnout also was reported, with lines in the racially mixed uptown section also long.

Morial made history in 1977 by defeating Joseph V. DiRosa to become the first black mayor of New Orleans. In the reelection effort, Morial said he sensed victory early election day — even if a narrow one.

"We've got a beautiful day," said Morial. "We'll see a large voter turnout, and we think that's good."

# Cavalry building new barn

by Robert Curlin  
Battalion Reporter

The 32 horses in Parsons' Mounted Cavalry will have a new home April 17, when Cavalry members cut the ribbon on a new 48-stall horse barn.

"We don't have any stables now — just a feed shed with a cover to get them out of the rain," Cavalry Commanding Officer Kenny Ray said.

Construction on the barn be-

gan around the first of January, Ray said. The barn is located on FM 2818 one mile north of FM 60.

The Abercrombie family, owners of Houston's Pin Oak Stables, donated the barn to the Cavalry last year in order to make way for an office building that was under construction, he said.

Cavalry members went to Houston to tear the barn down,

and as a service project, the local National Guard drove down to haul the pieces back to College Station.

Billy Bryant of Beaumont made an \$8,000 donation to the project, Ray said. The total cost of constructing the barn is \$8,600, he said.

The Cavalry members have done most of the labor on the stables, Ray said, and the structure itself is complete, lacking

only electrical work.

The electrical layout for the stables was designed by Bill McCune, an agricultural engineering professor, Ray said.

Wilfred Truax of San Antonio is donating all of the electrical materials for the hook-up, Ray said.

Since the barn is on Texas A&M property, it will be powered by the University physical plant.

# Theory says individualism based on belief structures

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DENTON — Two Texas researchers believe the basic differences between people are not skin color, age or sex, but values.

"This is the first psychological theory that attempts to describe the psychological state of every person in the world," former North Texas State University government professor Don Beck says. "It strips away skin color, sex, age and says that the basic differences between people are value system differences."

"These are belief structures, not value content, I'm talking about. The concept doesn't describe what people value, but how, so that Madalyn Murray O'Hair, the Austin atheist, has

the same very absolutist belief structure as the Ayatollah Khomeini in Iran. Only the content is different."

Beck and his colleague, Dudley Lynch, believe there are seven basic value systems, stretching from the reactive system seen in newborn infants to the existential system displayed by people who drop out of society to pursue individualistic interests and alternative lifestyles.

"Each of these mindsets has a brain program," Beck said. "Some see the world as a jungle, others as a giant stock market. Different mindsets tend to see different things in the environment."

Holding up a poster advertis-

ing a meditation clinic, he explained that the sign would mean one thing to a person on level seven where the concern in personalistic and self-discovery is highlighted and something entirely different to a person on level four (the absolutist mindset).

"All people filter the world in certain given ways," said Lynch, a psychological consultant who heads Brain Technologies Corp.

The researchers said the fascinating thing about the value systems model is that it can be applied to individuals, groups and even entire nations.

For instance, they placed President Reagan's value system

somewhere between levels four and five.

"He often talks at the fourth level (absolutist), but he often acts pragmatically (at the achievement level five)," Beck said. "In the case of the air traffic controllers, however, he acted absolutely and I think the result was a major catastrophe. It will take years to rebuild the system."

The researchers, who worked as consultants for the air traffic control system, had forecast serious value system conflicts years before the strike.

Beck and Lynch, who often act as management consultants, said many on-the-job conflicts are the result of value system differences.

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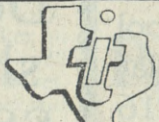
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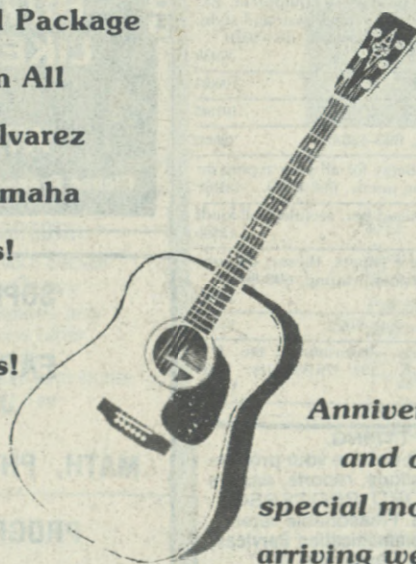
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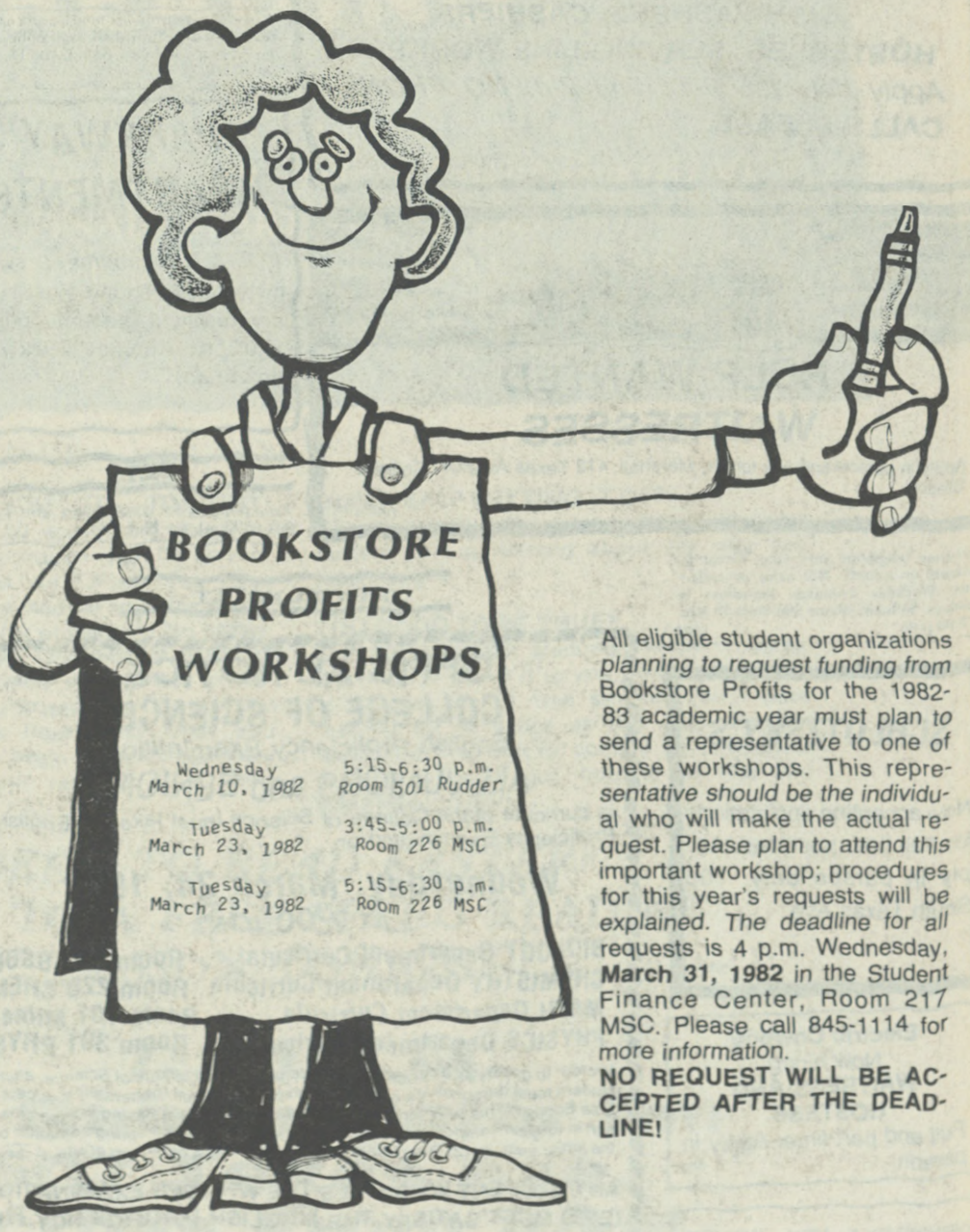
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