

A&M student group plans local campaign for Barton

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Congressional candidate
Joe Barton

A campaign club dubbed "Aggies for Barton" may not attract votes in Austin, but in College Station this student organization not only draws support, but plans to campaign for Joe Barton, the Republican candidate for the 6th District House seat.

"We are really interested in getting Joe into the primary," said campaign club president Cathy Hay, at the club's first meeting Thursday.

So far, "Aggies for Barton" is the only student organization supporting a candidate in the Congressional race, Hay said.

Barton, who graduated from Texas A&M in 1972 with a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering, said he hopes the organization draws as many people as it can.

"I really just want to get students involved," he said. "Texas A&M students are citizens today. Future leaders of the state are obviously on the campus."

Besides supporting a candidate they all believe in, this organization has another plus, Hay explained. "It gives students a chance to get experience organizing a

campaign," Hay said. Speaking at the meeting, Barton briefly stated what he stands for: "I think I stand for the Texas traditions that made Texas and the United States great."

Barton said the country has some real problems, the most important of which is the \$180 billion deficit. Barton said the deficit could be helped by passing a constitutional amendment to balance the budget and by giving the president a line item veto power — allowing him to take and delete separate items of the same legislation.

Barton then asked the students if they had any issues they wanted to discuss. Several topics such as abortion, Reagan's policies, prayer in school and media involvement in politics were brought up.

Barton said he holds a pro-life view of abortion.

Lawmen looking for Customs officer killer

United Press International

EL PASO — Lawmen are combing the U.S.-Mexico border in search of two men suspected of abducting and killing a U.S. Customs officer, officials said Wednesday.

FBI, U.S. Border Patrol and

El Paso police said they suspect the men are still in the area, while law enforcement agents continue searching for clues in the Eagle Pass, Texas area.

Police said the suspects, Ricardo Cortez and Samuel Olguin, spent Tuesday night with an acquaintance in a down-

town El Paso apartment. But a stake out of the building and search of the neighborhood proved useless, officers said.

Latham's body was found Saturday near Eagle Pass. One of the suspects, Rafael Calderon, 26, was arrested and is in custody in Del Rio.

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Miller named to committee

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Jarvis Miller

Jarvis Miller, former president of Texas A&M, has been named to a special issues committee for Richard Smith, the Republican candidate for the 14th district seat of the state Legislature.

In a press conference Thursday, Smith said the committee was set up to investigate major issues of concern to people in Brazos County.

The committee is divided into five subcommittees which will be studying: municipal and state relations, revenues and spending, energy and criminal justice and education — especially secondary and higher education.

"If I win the seat, I would like to be involved in secondary and higher education and energy," he said. "They're two issues that I have a very deep personal involvement in."

Smith said he feels he has an obligation to the voters to take a stand on certain issues before the March 10 special election. He wants citizens of Brazos

County to know how he feels about issues, he said, and that he cares how the people feel about those issues.

Smith said he wants to make a grass-roots effort to go out into the community and assess the needs of the people.

Miller, who was president of the University from October 1977 to July 1980, was named to chair the subcommittee on revenues and spending.

He is a member of the board of directors at Western National Bank in Bryan.

Texan scheduled for liver transplant

United Press International

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — A 3-year-old Texas boy suffering from a potentially fatal liver ailment was scheduled for a transplant late Thursday at the Le Bonheur Children's Hospital.

Notified Thursday afternoon they had a donor, Jonathon Lehman — who suffers from bilateral atresia, a congenital liver disease — and his parents made quick arrangements to fly to Memphis from their home in Irving.

"They called about an hour ago (and said) they found a suitable donor and they want to do a transplant now," said Olon McClendon, a friend of Jon and Darlene Lehman, shortly after the family left for the airport.

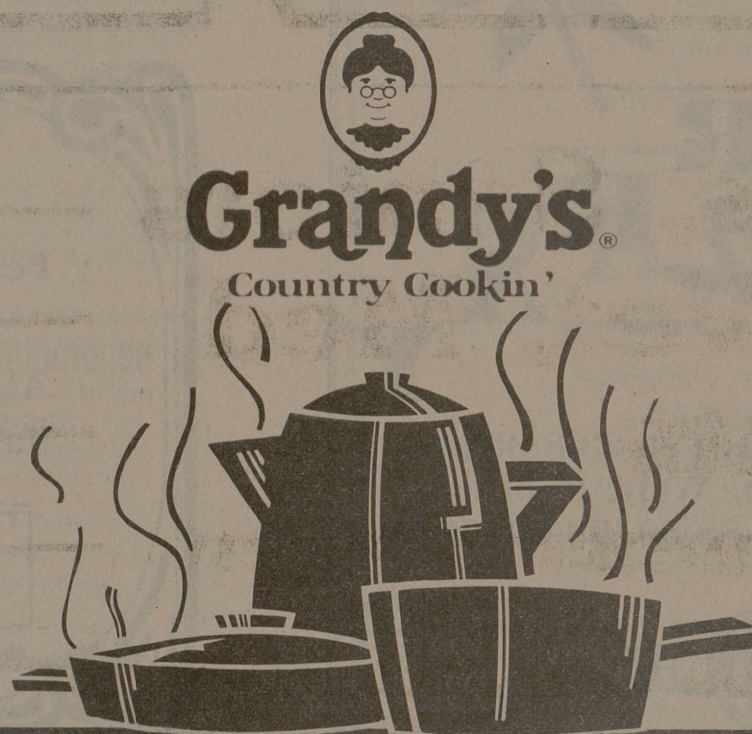
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