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Momentum swinging toward Hart

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Gary Hart said Wednesday "people know who I am" now and contributions are pouring in after his upset victory in New Hampshire, while Walter Mondale went South and challenged the Colorado senator to debate for the vote-rich Sun Belt. The first-in-the-nation New Hampshire primary was the last hurdle for Sen. Alan Cranston of California who dropped out of the race Wednesday, telling a news conference in Concord, N.H., "I know the difference between reality and dreams."

"I cannot hide my disappointment

that I won't be the Democratic nominee for president," the 69-year-old Cranston said.

Another New Hampshire also-ran, former Gov. Reubin Askew of Florida, said in Miami he was pondering his situation and would have a major announcement later in the week.

Hart, passing through Boston en route to Denver, told reporters, "We're going to be campaigning hard in Massachusetts" for the March 13 primary. "We think this is a good state for us."

Reminded that Mondale also said Massachusetts is a good state for him, Hart, who will begin a Southern

swing Thursday, joked, "That's what he said about New Hampshire."

Mondale was back on the trail for the "Super Tuesday" states, which include Georgia, Alabama and Florida, with a promise to try harder to get his message across.

The former vice president told reporters in Atlanta that Hart had said he might actively contest only one Southern state, and added: "that's not good enough. In my opinion a potential presidential nominee of the Democratic Party cannot write off a major part of our country."

If Hart makes a serious challenge in the South, he said, "I'm confident

that when the people of the South see the contrast between us, I'll win."

Joking and maintaining good humor about his stunning loss, Mondale tried to quash any interpretation that he represents the politics of the past. "My whole purpose is to serve the future," the former vice president said in Boston before beginning his long tour through the South. "If I haven't been communicating that effectively, then I will."

Mondale campaign manager Jim Johnson told reporters Mondale now considers Hart his main rival but remains confident he will win the nom-

ination and plans no fundamental changes in his campaign.

Mondale admitted defeat to a mob of supporters, telling them that "I won one, and lost one," referring to his victory last week in the Iowa caucuses. He predicted that in the 25 primaries coming up in the next three weeks he would defeat Hart.

With 100 percent of the total vote reported, Hart had 39,062 votes or 40 percent; Mondale, 27,710 or 29 percent; Sen. John Glenn, 12,041 or 13 percent; civil rights activist Jesse Jackson, 5,280 or 6 percent; former Sen. George McGovern, 5,145 or 5

percent; Sen. Ernest Hollings, 3,583 or 4 percent; Sen. Alan Cranston, 2,087 or 2 percent, and former Gov. Reubin Askew of Florida, 1,023 or 1 percent.

Those percentages would translate into 10 delegates for Hart and eight for Mondale.

Mischief making conservatives organized a campaign to have independents write in Reagan's name on the Democratic ticket and he got 5,032 votes — putting him ahead of three Democrats. Reagan had only token opposition on the Republican side.

Two men charged in theft

By SARAH OATES
Staff Writer

Two men were jailed Wednesday in charges of stealing Texas A&M computer equipment valued at more than \$30,000 from the Blocker building early Wednesday morning.

College Station Police Lt. Greg Lewis, investigating a confidential tip that a burglary was going on, said the two men were seen carrying computer components wrapped in canvas mailbags out of the building.

The men were identified as Roy Owen Worthington, 36, a wrestling coach for the College Station Parks and Recreation Department, and Henry Samuel Campbell, 45, a salesman for the Aplo Music Co. of Houston. Lewis said the men made six trips back and forth as they loaded the components into a station wagon parked on the northeast side of the building.

He said that after the components were loaded into the car, Campbell got into the station wagon and Worthington got into another car. The two men then drove off campus, Lewis said.

College Station police pulled the men over as they drove through the 800 block of University Drive, he said. The University Police were called to the scene.

Lewis said he saw computer keyboards in the front seat of the station wagon, and several components partially covered by a quilt in the back.

Four Texas Instruments computers, including four disk drivers, four display terminals, four keyboards and four printers were recovered.

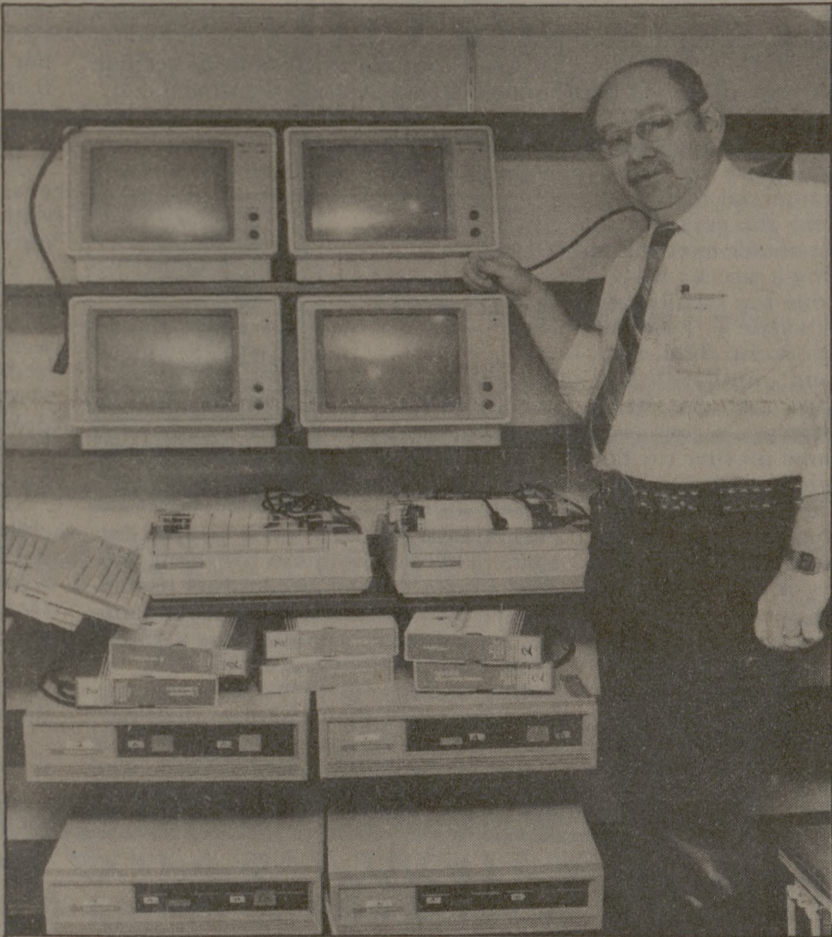


Photo by JOHN RYAN

Detective Bill Wade, of the Campus Police is shown here with some of the computer equipment recovered in an attempted theft from the Blocker Building.

Two of the printers were Diablos. Several computer manuals also were recovered.

Bob Wiatt, director of security and traffic for the University Police Department, said the equipment is worth more than \$30,000.

"We are certainly going to look at these two characters in previous computer thefts on campus," he said.

Campbell and Worthington were in the Brazos County jail Wednesday morning. Bond was set for each at \$10,000 surety or \$400 cash.

Student credit hoax costly

By MARK F. LISH
Reporter

Students tempted by advertisements guaranteeing credit cards without the hassle of credit checks or income requirements, may find the "unconditional moneyback guarantee" is something less than that.

A consumer alert by Attorney General Jim Mattox, dated Feb. 3, warns that many people have lost money to companies making such guarantees.

On the same day, The Battalion ran an ad paid for by First National Bancard of San Jose, Calif. which offered "the easiest, fastest, and most certain way for students to get a MasterCard...all for just \$30." The ad said there was no risk involved because of "First National's Guarantee: if you should fail to get a MasterCard

after following the simple step-by-step instructions, you will receive a full refund."

Mattox writes that many guarantees apply only if the instructions mentioned in the ads are followed explicitly. The instructions, which usually are received after an initial investment of about \$30, often request an additional \$300 for an account at the bank issuing the card. The \$30 is refunded only if a second check has been sent and credit is denied.

The Battalion attempted to contact First National Bancard's advertising manager, Ivy Daniels, at the company headquarters in San Jose to find out more about the offer stated in the advertisement. Daniels' answering service said he was unavailable for comment.

The Better Business Bureau in San Jose said it tried to contact First

National Bancard in August to establish an informational file on the company, but the company never responded.

"I don't think I can call it a fraud," Dan Usiak, Texas A&M legal adviser, said Thursday. (Feb. 16) "They tell you what your rights and obligations are. They just put it in fine print and hope you don't read it." Usiak said that legal action can be taken only if an ad is proven to be fraudulent.

For those intent on getting a credit card, Attorney General Mattox writes, "If you have an extra \$300 to put into a savings account, you could probably get a bank to issue you a credit card."

Banks in Bryan-College Station contacted by The Battalion say they don't issue credit cards unless credit references are provided. Their advice to students: get one through your parents.

Trudeau stepping down

United Press International

OTTAWA — Canada's flamboyant prime minister, Pierre Elliott Trudeau, announced Wednesday he was retiring after nearly 16 years in office.

"The experience of being leader of our great party has been one of the joys of my life. But I now feel this is the appropriate time for someone else to assume this challenge," Trudeau said in a letter to Liberal Party President Iona Campagnolo.

Stepping down as leader of Canada's Liberal Party automatically means Trudeau will leave the post of prime minister. It was not clear when the resignation would take effect.

The news of Trudeau's decision broke as his staff was summoned to

an emergency meeting. Trudeau then left his office and went to his official residence to inform his three sons.

Asked why he picked Wednesday to resign, he said:

"Why today? Well, because it's a good day," Trudeau told reporters outside his Parliament Hill office. "It's the first day of the rest of my life."

Trudeau recently met in Moscow with the Soviet Union's new leader, Konstantin Chernenko, as part of a series of visits to world capitals on a self-styled international peace mission aimed at nuclear disarmament.

Speculation had been rife for months that Trudeau, 64, who has been Canadian prime minister for all

but nine months of the last 16 years, was preparing to step aside.

No clear successor has emerged. Trudeau has said that he would remain as prime minister until a leadership convention could be held.

Conservative Party Leader Brian Mulroney was informed of Trudeau's resignation while on vacation in Florida and his press aide, Bill Fox, said Mulroney had no immediate comment. It was uncertain whether he would return.

Trudeau can count among his major achievements creation of a new constitution with a Charter of Rights, official bilingualism for Canada, creation of a national oil corporation and a national energy policy.

Car bomb wrecks apartment in Beirut, 3 killed, 43 injured

United Press International

BEIRUT, Lebanon — A car bomb tore apart a Beirut apartment building Wednesday, killing at least three people and wounding 43 others, only hours after Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger made a surprise visit to the capital.

President Amin Gemayel was welcomed with a 21-gun salute in Damascus by Syrian President Hafez Assad to discuss the cancellation of Lebanon's May 17 troop withdrawal accord with Israel.

Gemayel, battered by Syrian-supported Moslem rebels and with U.S. support eroding, was reported ready to cave in to Syrian demands for the cancellation of the May agreement that had ended Lebanon's state of war with Israel.

Weinberger, after a visit to London, helicoptered from Cyprus to the 6th Fleet off the Lebanese coast to thank U.S. Marines for what he called "the toughest and I suppose one of the most miserable tasks that has ever been assigned."

Weinberger also made a quick unannounced trip to the U.S. Embassy

along the Beirut waterfront to see the Marines who remained behind after the withdrawal of the U.S. contingent in Lebanon's multinational peace-keeping force.

Less than three hours later, the blast of a 100-pound car bomb roared through the heart of west Beirut. No one immediately claimed responsibility for the blast.

"There was a massive explosion, the biggest I have heard," said a woman who asked not to be identified. "I was standing in the kitchen and the blast blew me to the floor. There was glass flying everywhere. My mother and I were lucky not to be killed."

The blast blew glass and debris for blocks and sent huge clouds of smoke billowing into the sky. The fronts of two high-rise buildings were destroyed. Dozens of smashed cars littered the streets.

The radio station of the Sunni Moslem rebels, Mourabitoun, said the bomb ripped open the front of an 11-story apartment building, killing three people and wounding 43 others, police said.

The car bomb was only the most spectacular attack in a day of shelling and shooting that saw ambulances racing through the streets and burning gas tanks lighting up the sky in Christian east Beirut.

Another three people died and 20 were wounded in unusually heavy shelling on both sides of the "green line" that divides Christian east Beirut from the Moslem west, police said. Witnesses saw a 5-year-old child with shrapnel wounds in the head and neck.

Christian radio reported shelling of east Beirut both by the rebels in the other half of the city and in the mountains overlooking the capital.

Druze Moslem shelling from the mountains also hit the last Lebanese army stronghold in the mountains, Souk Al Gharb, and along the Christian-populated coast stretching north from Beirut.

Moslem rebels in west Beirut fired in the air to celebrate Gemayel's first visit to Syria since taking office 17 months ago. He was met at Damascus airport by Assad who ordered the 21-gun salute for the Lebanese leader.

A Lebanese government source said the Gemayel-Assad talks would deal mainly with the "Lebanese-Israeli troops withdrawal agreement and a suitable way to abrogate it."

The agreement, brokered by Secretary of State George Shultz, gave Israel military and political concessions in return for an Israeli promise to end the occupation of south Lebanon.

It amounted to a peace treaty — the only Arab country other than Egypt to sign a formal accord with Israel.

There was immediate reaction from Christian leaders who have warned against cancellation of the accord signed in the aftermath of the Israeli invasion. Israel also has warned against canceling the agreement.

"I am still attached to my position and oppose the abrogation of the May 17 agreement ... if it is not conditional on the withdrawal of Syrian troops," said Christian militia leader Fadi Frem, who had earlier warned the cancellation would "ignite" the Christian community.

In Today's Battalion

Local

- A used-bicycle auction will be held Friday morning at Rudder fountain to benefit "Operation: Mop-Up." See story page 5.
- For students who'd like to vote absentee in the March 10 election and don't feel like driving to city hall, State Rep. Candidate Richard Smith is financing a shuttle bus system to get you there. See story page 6.
- "Leverage," a board game designed by an Aggie, is currently being sold by Milton Bradley. See story page 3.

State

- Braniff Airlines is scheduled to be back in the sky today with many new changes. See story page 8.

Nation

- A Louisiana man went to the electric chair Wednesday, but not before proclaiming his innocence for the last time. See story page 5.