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Surf's Up

Photo by PETER ROCHA

Though Tuesday's rain were needed, it did cause some problems for motorists. This vehicle is seen driving through a large puddle at the intersection of Church and First Streets in

College Station. Tomorrow might not be clear sailing either with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms and partly cloudy skies.

Mondale wins New Jersey, West Virginia

United Press International

Walter Mondale scored big wins in New Jersey and West Virginia Tuesday and looked for enough delegates in California to reach the 1,967 total he needs to defeat Gary Hart and Jesse Jackson for the Democratic presidential nomination.

While Mondale declared he would win enough of the 486 delegates at stake in the final night of 1984's primaries to clinch the nomination, Hart and Jackson renewed their vows not to drop their battle no matter what the numbers showed.

The latest United Press International count of delegates, including projections from fragmentary returns in New Jersey, South Dakota and West Virginia, gave Mondale 1,831, Hart 995 and Jackson 333, with 242 uncommitted.

The former vice president put together the same coalition of labor, the elderly and traditional Democrats that won him other big northern industrial states to sweep New Jersey and West Virginia with ease.

Hart won South Dakota and New Mexico as expected. But that good news might not be enough for the senator from Colorado who shocked the Mondale bandwagon with an upset victory in the season-opening New Hampshire primary back in March.

The biggest battleground was California and its 306 delegates. Network polling said the battle would be close, but NBC projected Mondale would win enough delegates to go over the top, even if Hart won the state.

With 66 percent of precincts reporting in New Jersey, Mondale had 197,657 votes or 46 percent and Hart 131,045 for 30 percent. Jackson had 97,738 for 22 percent.

In West Virginia, Mondale led with 44,854 votes or 53 percent, Hart had 31,490 for 37 percent and Jackson 7 percent.

In South Dakota, with 91 percent of the precincts reporting, Hart had 24,337 votes for 51 percent and Mondale 18,644 for 39 percent. Jackson had 5 percent.

With 68 percent of the vote counted in New Mexico, Hart led with 60,635 votes for 47 percent to Mondale's 44,941 for 35 percent. Jackson had 14,988 for 12 percent.

If Mondale does win enough delegates to claim a first ballot victory, party leaders are expected to clamor for Hart and Jackson to drop out of the race to allow Democrats to unite for the uphill battle against Reagan in the November election.

Appearing before cheering supporters in a St. Paul, Minn., hotel, Mondale spoke like a man who had the nomination locked up.

"To all Americans that want a change in Washington, my message is: the campaign for a better future starts right now," he said. "To all Americans who supported any of the other seven candidates, my message is: I want your support and I intend to earn it."

Hart had little to say about New Jersey without California returns to look at, but repeated that he is not quitting.

Jackson also talked like a man not disposed to quit. "We're not ending the regular season," he said in Los Angeles. "Now the playoffs will be in San Francisco and on to the Super Bowl. It does not yet appear (certain) who will win the playoff nor what the cost of victory will be."

Mondale was so confident of victory he told reporters at mid-evening he was looking forward to several debates with President Reagan in the fall campaign.

NBC said Mondale was faring well among Hispanic voters in California and was doing well in the key Los Angeles districts where the Jewish vote was critical.

Perot pushes for appointed board

United Press International

AUSTIN — H. Ross Perot took his pitch for an appointed state school board to legislators Tuesday, warning all other proposed education reforms will fail unless the unwieldy 27-member board is replaced with business-like management.

The Dallas billionaire, chairman of a blue-ribbon committee whose recommendations led to the special legislative session on education reforms, told House and Senate members the elected State Board of Education had failed to manage Texas' \$8.3 billion a year public school system.

"These are nice people, they're fine people, but I'll just tell you straight up, they've been unable

to manage our system successfully and the buck stops there at the state board," said Perot, who has stumped the state during the past several weeks to drum up support for an appointed board.

"Item No. 1 on our agenda... is to put in top management that can do the job," he said. "We've got to go to the top to clean this thing up. This (education) is the biggest business operation inside the borders of Texas, with no management."

Perot's sharp criticism of the Board of Education comprised much of his 50-minute speech to legislators, many of whom have expressed strong opposition to his proposal to replace the elected board with a nine-member body appointed

by the governor.

Gov. Mark White, House Speaker Gib Lewis and Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby all have endorsed the proposal, but the chairmen of both legislative education committees oppose it.

"There's no management goals, there's no management philosophy, there's no accountability," Perot complained. "Everything you need to run an \$8.3 billion system is missing."

"You bought a ticket to first-rate education, you just didn't get to see the show."

Perot described the post of state board member as a "bottom of the ballot ticket" and said more talented, business-like managers would be available to serve on an appointed

board.

While Perot praised classroom teachers as "the best part of Texas public education," drawing applause from a teacher-filled House gallery, he added: "the dumbest folks in college are studying to be teachers."

His caustic barbs also were aimed at "goofy" vocational education courses, which he described as "a dumping ground for the poor and disadvantaged and slow learners."

He pushed for passage of a more equitable school financing system, a pre-kindergarten program for disadvantaged and non-English-speaking 4-year-olds, and an end to extracurricular activities that take class time away from academics.

More than 12,000 registered for summer school

By KARI FLUEGEL

Reporter

Despite rain and lines that sometimes reached around Wofford Cain Pool, 12,996 students registered for summer school Monday.

The Registrar's office estimates that with the students who will enroll late, or students who take classes off campus for resident credit or co-op students, the total registration for the first summer session will be between 13,500 and 14,000, Associate Registrar Don Carter said Tuesday. Students who did register Monday

may have noticed a change in registration compared with previous years. This year, students were alphabetically divided into six groups instead of the five groups used before, a system that pleased the Registrar's office.

"We were able to get a smoother student flow," Carter said.

After the initial influx of students was over, the student flow leveled off and remained constant for the rest of the day, he said.

"I think from a logistical stand-

point — in other words moving students from point A to point B to point C — it worked very well," Carter said.

The number of card packets prepared for registration is based on the number of students enrolled during the Spring or have indicated that they will be attending the summer session. Students then are divided alphabetically into six essentially equal groups.

"We didn't notice any skewing of the alphabet," Carter said.

The groups are rotated each summer session each year so that each group is first once every seventh registration. Students with last names beginning with A through C went first this session and students with D through G will go first next session.

One snag in the procedure for many students was being blocked from registration by financial obligations, a problem that Carter said is of the students' own making.

About 99 percent of the students blocked had been notified of their

debts, Carter said. Students are blocked from registration for financial reasons in the Fall and Spring, and Summer is no exception, he said.

One difference in summer registration is that there is no preregistration. Carter said this is because of the lack of time the Registrar's office has before summer school and because of student unknowns.

During the Spring semester, the registrar's office must organize pre-

registration, commencement and final grade reports.

Because many students do not know until after they receive their final grades whether they will attend summer school, they could not preregister.

Preregistration would also be impossible for students not registered during the spring semester. Many students who attend summer school are entering freshmen or graduate students, Carter said.

Ceremonies honor war dead

D-Day 40th anniversary remembered

United Press International

UTAH BEACH, France — The 40th anniversary of D-Day grew Tuesday into an event nearly half as big as the 1944 invasion, with thousands on hand for ceremonies honoring those who died on the battlefields of Normandy.

The solemn commemorations and re-enactment of battles were attended by crowds of an estimated 60,000 war veterans and tourists visiting the French province for the June 6 anniversary.

Seven heads of state, including President Reagan, were to gather at Utah Beach Wednesday for the main ceremony to remember the largest amphibious landing in history, when 6,939 ships and 1,682 aircraft crossed the English Channel with 135,000 men.

The landing turned the tide in favor of the Allies.

Normandy villagers festooned their houses, shops and town halls with Canadian, British, American and French flags.

Thousands on Normandy's now peaceful shoreline watched a dozen members of the U.S. 2nd Ranger Battalion scramble up white cliffs at Pointe du Hoc, repeating a feat their predecessors performed 40 years ago under machine-gun and mortar fire from concrete bunkers.

Morris Webb of Miami, Fla., said only 89 of 244 of his comrades made the beaches alive. A pistol on his hip deflected a piece of shrapnel, saving him from injury.

"I lost three or four of my closest buddies on those boats," he recalled. "There were 5-foot waves that

swamped a few of the landing craft. They never had a chance to make it in and give it a go."

French and American officials laid a wreath before a monument atop the cliffs. The monument was the first in France to slay World War II American servicemen.

At St. Mere L'Eglise, 150 members of the U.S. Airborne 82nd Division and 30 British paratroopers planned to reenact an ill-fated parachute drop. In 1944, Americans parachuting behind Nazi lines landed in the fog-shrouded village and were slain by German snipers.

Many visited the American memorial graveyard, where 9,386 simple white crosses and Stars of David line green fields on the bluffs over Omaha Beach.

In West Germany, Chancellor

Helmut Kohl told the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung that he had no desire to attend the D-Day events, denying reports he had requested an invitation.

Alois Mertes, minister of state, warned the United States, Britain and France against turning the anniversary of the Allied landing into a "day of estrangement" that would make West Germans feel like "the nation of the guilty."

Germans from the 6th Paratrooper Regiment laid a wreath Monday at an American memorial service and then chatted and shook hands with Americans they battled on the beaches during the invasion.

In Moscow, the Soviet press Tuesday dismissed the D-Day invasion as a minor operation that had no decisive effect on the war.

In Today's Battalion

Local

• "Secession and the Union in Texas" is a new book on Texas history written by Texas A&M University history professor Walter Buenger. See story page 7.

State

• Dallas school officials are investigating to determine if teachers helped some third-grade students cheat on their achievement tests. See story page 8.

National

• President Reagan lunches with the Queen Elizabeth at Buckingham Palace, then meets with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. See story page 3.