

Mayoral primaries

Koch running for third term in New York

Associated Press

New York Mayor Edward I. Koch was the overwhelming favorite in a Democratic primary against five challengers Tuesday, while Detroit Mayor Coleman A. Young was expected to handily win a non-partisan primary in the nation's sixth-largest city.

The flamboyant Koch, 61, spent about \$5.5 million, or five times as much as all his challengers combined, as he sought a third consecutive term.

City Council President Carol Bellamy, 43, and Assemblyman Herman D. Farrell Jr., 53, were the principal challengers.

They accused Koch of favoring wealthy constituents and developers over the poor, while dividing the city along racial lines. Farrell made edu-

cation the central issue of his campaign, while Bellamy focused more on jobs and housing.

Koch was elected mayor in 1977 after serving four terms in Congress, and was re-elected by an overwhelming margin in 1981, when he ran on both the Democratic and Republican tickets.

Young, 67, Detroit's first black mayor, had amassed \$2.3 million in campaign funds for the primary, which narrows the field of 13 candidates to two for the Nov. 5 general election.

His advertisements touted accomplishments of his 12 years in office, including a revived waterfront, a revitalized downtown and the hiring of 1,500 police.

His chief opponent, Thomas Barrow, claimed the mayor emphasized

downtown development at the expense of neighborhoods plagued by crime and neglect.

Young, 67, received money and endorsements from Detroit's civic, union and business leaders and many black residents, who comprise 63 percent of the city's population.

Snow removal, style and support for neighborhoods were the issues in the Buffalo primary, where two-term incumbent James D. Griffin, 56, faced five challengers.

After a January blizzard, the majority of the city's streets were not opened for almost a week.

In Bridgeport, Conn., the state's largest city, two-term incumbent Republican Leonard S. Paoletta was being challenged by William Sorrentino, who has made similar bids in the past.

Pickens to restructure company because of soft market conditions

Associated Press

RUIDOSO, N.M. — Independent oilman T. Boone Pickens says soft market conditions are behind his decision to restructure his Mesa Petroleum Company of Amarillo to a limited partnership.

"I don't see any price increases for our crude," the nation's second-largest independent oil operator said.

"As a matter of fact," he said, "I see a lower price."

Pickens, addressing the Independent Petroleum Association of New

Mexico Monday, predicted the current soft market for oil and natural gas would last until the early 1990s.

Those circumstances, combined with the fact most oil has been discovered in the lower 48 states and a lack of a market for natural gas, "should force the oil and gas industry to restructure," he said.

"I don't want to see oil and gas go the same direction," Pickens said.

Mesa filed a prospectus with the Securities and Exchange Commis-

sion Sept. 3 calling for the reorganization of the company.

If shareholders approve the change during a meeting in December, Mesa's oil and gas properties would be transferred to the partnership and shareholders would become partners.

Pickens said the move is the best way to share cash flow with stockholders at a time when it does not pay to spend money aggressively seeking new reserves.

Man arrested for helicopter bank robbery

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A 44-year-old man was arrested Tuesday on charges alleging he and four others used a stolen helicopter to swoop down and rob a rural Texas bank of \$20,000, authorities said.

William J. Gross of Houston was accused of participating in a July 20, 1984, heist at the Valley View National Bank in the North Texas com-

munity of Valley View, FBI agents said.

U.S. Magistrate George Kelt temporarily denied bond and set a detention hearing for Friday.

Gross, who is unemployed, was arrested after his name was found in an address book allegedly belonging to Marvin Rodgers, accused of engineering helicopter robberies in

Texas, Louisiana and Nevada, agents said.

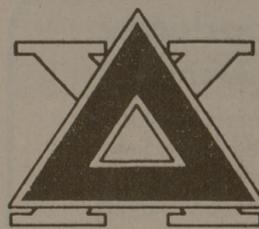
Rodgers was arrested in Houston last month and later transferred to Las Vegas, Nev., to be tried in an Overton, Nev., holdup.

Three others have admitted they participated in the robberies and are serving prison terms.

Gross was charged in a federal complaint with armed bank robbery.

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