

In Advance

Poll shows voters want new policies

HOUSTON (AP) — Most voters want a change of direction when the next president takes over the White House, a new poll indicates.

Respondents to a recent *Houston Post-Gallup* poll indicated by a nearly 3-to-2 margin that they would like the next U.S. president to pursue policies different than those followed by President Ronald Reagan.

The poll also showed only 30 percent of voters age 50 and older favored a continuation of the policies followed by Reagan, the oldest man ever elected president.

Forty percent of the youngest group of voters, 18-29, supported continuing Reagan's current policies, the poll showed.

In other areas, the poll indicated 60 percent of voters responding favored cuts in military spending in order to lower the federal deficit.

The poll also showed that support for the Strategic Defense Initiative, Reagan's space-based missile defense system, has waned.

In December 1986, 52 percent of those polled favored developing the nuclear weapon shield; in the current poll, support dropped to 37 percent.

In a poll taken in July, only 16 percent of respondents said they favored a tax increase. In the most recent poll, 27 percent indicated they were willing to pay more taxes in order to reduce the deficit.

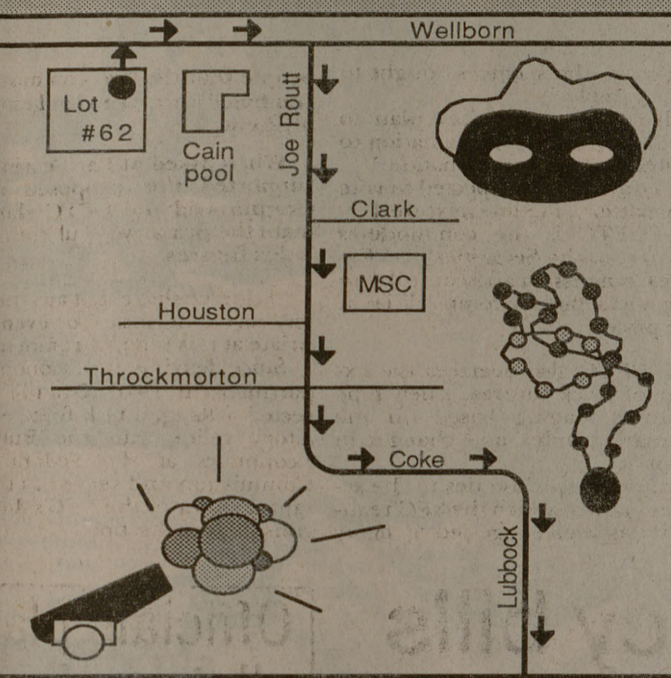
The poll's results were based on telephone interviews with 1,210 registered voters nationwide between Jan. 22-24. The poll had a margin of error of 3 percent.

Responding to the question of whether they would like to see the next president continue Reagan's policies, 34 percent answered yes, 58 percent answered no, and 8 percent did not know.

In October 1986, 36 percent answered yes, 57 percent answered no, and 7 percent did not know.

Asked which party was likely to bring the most prosperity to the nation, 42 percent said the Republicans, while 35 percent said the Democrats. Forty-one percent said their personal financial situation had improved in the last year, while 28 percent said it had declined.

Parade route for Texas A&M Mardi Gras



Graphic by Susan C. Akin

OCA brings Mardi Gras to Texas A&M

By Jamie Russell
Staff Writer

For some students, Mardi Gras will be celebrated in New Orleans, but for those who cannot make it to New Orleans, the second annual Mardi Gras at A&M, sponsored by Off-Campus Aggies (OCA), will begin at 6 p.m. Friday.

"We, OCA, thought it would be fun to have a Mardi Gras here for those students who can't go to New Orleans and, at the same time, involve the community, especially the kids," Katherine Kaminisky, co-chairman of the parade committee, said.

A parade through campus, beginning at the MSC and ending at the Commons, will kick off the evening with the traditional Mardi Gras beads and floats among the attractions.

Bret Powell, director of Mardi Gras at A&M, said the parade will limit traffic on some campus streets (see map).

OCA is optimistic about the turnout this year as well, he said.

OCA adviser Nancy Thompson said many organizations are involved in the festivities.

"About 20 organizations have entered floats in the parade," Thompson said.

Some of the other organizations include "The Voices of Praise," a gospel singing group; resident hall advisers (RHA) and the Brazos Animal Shelter, to which all proceeds from A&M's Mardi Gras will go.

The floats will be judged at 5:30 p.m. by a panel of four. The judges include Jo Hudson, Student Activities Office program adviser; Scott Mendell, president of OCA; Doug Beall, head yell leader; and Pat Thomason, Corps commander.

This year's Mardi Gras king is Judson "Old Army Lou" Loupot, with Reveille V as queen.

The celebration includes a dance at Graham Central Station to begin around 8 p.m.

Man serves remainder of jail term at home

HOUSTON (AP) — For 70 days, Domingo Martinez Saucedo's home was his jail.

"This wasn't so bad," he said Tuesday, upon being freed from a special electronic ankle bracelet. "But I've been waiting for this day."

Saucedo had been sentenced to three years in prison for drug abuse and still must complete two years of parole.

On Dec. 1, the 43-year-old Saucedo became the first Texas Department of Corrections inmate allowed to serve the remainder of his jail time at home, using the device.

Since then, he has worn two white rings around his ankle with a monitoring box that sends signals to corrections officials through his home telephone.

Under the program, Saucedo was able to leave the home only for his truck-driving job and other special exceptions.

"In the beginning it was not so good. Everybody would get up at 6:30 and go somewhere," the father of eight said. "I'd just sit here and watch TV movies. The first few weeks I went crazy on TV."

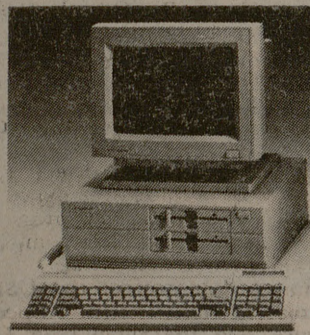
"This program was all right for me because I got a job and had my family to support me."

"When you go to TDC once, you don't want to go back. Some guys do it and go back, I just don't know how they can. That place is awful."

The monitor was provided by Program Monitor Inc., a Dallas company that contracts with state and county agencies to provide home electronic surveillance. Other Texas probationers, parolees, juveniles and prison inmates also have been handled by the company, company president Richard Grinter said.

The company charges between \$7 and \$11 per day for the monitors or other surveillance devices. Jails and prisons cost between \$30 and \$45 per day, officials estimate.

Parole officer Lana Rhodes, who is handling Saucedo's case, says five other inmates released after Saucedo have completed their at-home terms in Harris County.



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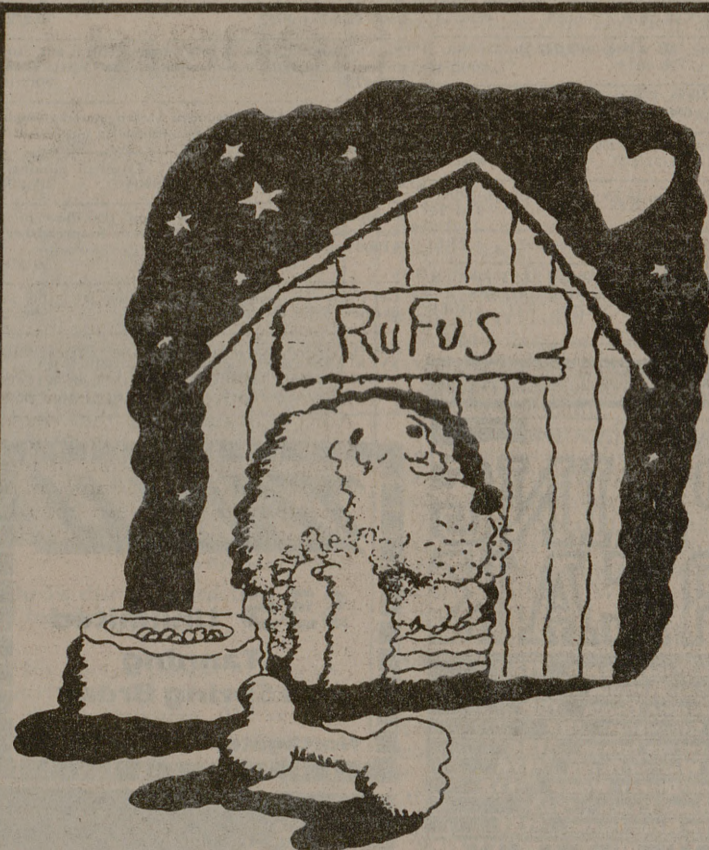
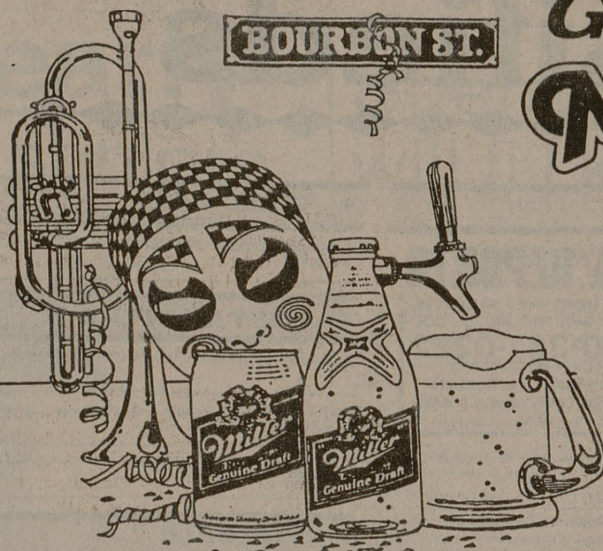
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Dick's not a very happy boy. Dick didn't think. He didn't go to Post Oak Mall, Jane did. With 130 shops Dick could have gotten Jane just about anything from a jumbo cookie from Chocolate Chip Cookie Co., to a "How To Improve Your Mate's Memory" book. If Dick were really romantic, he would have treated Jane to dinner at Casa Ole, maybe Swensen's Ice Cream for dessert. Or he could have surprised her with roses from Flowerama. Want to stay out of trouble? Easy. Just run, Dick (and Jane) run to Post Oak Mall. We're open Sunday afternoon, 12:30-5:30, so you don't have to be in the dog house Sunday Night.



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