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# Director: Texas commerce has 'exciting' outlook

By Jerry Bolz  
Reporter

Texas has a larger state product than all but 10 nations and two states — California and New York — the deputy director of the Texas Department of Commerce said Tuesday night.

"We're the only state in the nation that has its own foreign policy," Roger W. Wallace said, referring to Texas relations with Mexico.

Texas is going to be an exciting place to live in the next 15 to 20 years, he said.

Roger W. Wallace discussed Texas' position in the world economy at an event sponsored by the Jordan Fellows.

"In terms of exports, Texas is still in a Third World mode," he said. "We want to stimulate the manufacturing and service sectors in the state."

Texas, Wallace said, needs to develop a mass of internationally minded business people.

Bill Luttrell, director of the Office of International Business Development of the TDOC, agreed that Texas will be a center for business in the future.

"Texas has seen almost a seven-fold increase in direct investment, and now has \$37 billion of foreign direct investment," he said.

Texas has many resources that attract foreign money — primarily oil — he said.

The downturn in oil prices showed Texans how they are affected by activities overseas, and that our economy needs to be guided and controlled, Luttrell said.

That is the main reason the TDOC was organized in 1987, he said.

"Because of the large market in Texas, we have always looked inward, especially in manufacturing," Luttrell said.

Foreign direct investment is growing faster than national investment, leading Texas to look to international markets.

"We want to attract foreign investment that will make Texas products competitive in the marketplace and that will stay here. We want quality investment," he said.

TDOC is currently emphasizing growth in petrochemical, manufacturing, biomedics, agriculture and high-tech industries. They are focusing on attracting investment from Western Europe, Canada, Mexico and other South and Central American countries, and the Pacific rim, which includes Japan.

"I look forward to saying I was involved in bringing Texas to where it will be at the turn of the century," Luttrell said.

Both speakers stressed that students interested in international business should travel abroad and learn other languages.

"My recommendation is to get out and travel," Wallace said. "Go abroad, and do it now. Living in a foreign culture is the most important thing for anyone interested in international business."

He commented that the average Peace Corps worker is probably better prepared for the international scene than a Harvard business graduate.

"Developing linguistics will be paramount in developing an edge in international business," Luttrell said. Learning a language well gives a better perspective of how to communicate and do business overseas, he said.

# In Advance

## Students plan anti-apartheid march

Texas A&M's Students Against Apartheid will sponsor an anti-apartheid march Thursday to protest the University's \$4.1 million in investments in companies with holdings in South Africa.

Derek Kalahar, the group's public relations officer, said everyone is invited to join the march, which will begin at 12:30 p.m. Thursday in front of the Systems Administration Building.

Kalahar, a freshman journalism major, said the group is hoping to have several hundred people participate in the march.

"We're hoping for a few hundred, hopefully more than that," he said. "We had one last semester — it was a couple of hundred people. We think we can do a whole lot better this time, because of the publicity generated by the shanty."

The participants will march from the front of campus to the anti-apartheid shanty near the Academic Building, then to Rudder Fountain.

When the marchers reach Rudder Fountain, Kalahar said, there will be several speakers who were invited by SAA to address the issue of apartheid and investment.

# Houston task force to review slayings of elderly people

HOUSTON (AP) — Police have organized a special task force of detectives to review every slaying of an elderly person since the beginning of 1987 in an effort to determine if a serial killer is responsible for any of the 39 slayings.

Police have cleared 18 of those deaths dating back to last year, but homicide Sgt. Sharon Durham said the new task force will examine all of the cases for any common denominators that may have been missed before.

There has been no evidence to indicate a serial killer is involved in the spate of murders of older people, officials said Monday.

There have been 14 such murders in the past year alone.

Durham said that although suspects in some cases may be in jail, they may have associates who use the same methods.

Formation of the task force was announced at the time police reported the weekend arrest and suspect in the killing of 81-year-old Beulah Jolivet.

Jolivet's body was found in a ransacked house April 4.

Deryl Wayne Madison, a 31-year-old prison parolee who recently done yard work and odd jobs, lived, was being held without bail after being charged with murder.

Police allege that Madison killed Jolivet while robbing her home.

An autopsy showed she was stabbed, strangled and beaten to death.

Homicide Sgt. Ronnie Dooker said Madison was arrested after he learned that he had sold property taken from the victim's home.

# Boulter gets Republican Senate nomination

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas voters put the finishing touches on the November ballot Tuesday, with Amarello Congressman Beau Boulter defeating businessman Wes Gilbreath in their runoff for the Republican U.S. Senate nomination.

Gilbreath conceded about 9:30 p.m. Three-term Democratic Sen. Lloyd Bentsen congratulated Boulter and said he looked forward "to running against him in the fall."

Republicans also were completing their ballot for a Railroad Commission seat, where former state Rep. Ed Emmett held a commanding lead over Dallas petroleum engineer P.S. "Sam" Ervin, a former Democrat. With 55 percent of the vote counted, Emmett led 63.6 percent to 36.4 percent.

In the GOP race for a Texas Supreme Court seat, Dallas appeals court Judge Nathan Hecht outpaced Houston lawyer Ronald Block, 59.1 percent to 40.9 percent.

Democrats decided all their statewide primaries on March 8, and the Republican Senate race garnered most of the attention during the runoff campaign.

With 55 percent of the vote counted, Boulter led with 64.1 percent of the vote to Gilbreath's 35.9, according to the Texas secretary of state's office.

Gilbreath, 59, a millionaire, had said he was ready to spend \$750,000 to win the nomination. Boulter, 46,

# Brazos County gives Sims commissioner nomination

In Brazos County's only primary runoff Tuesday, Randy Sims, of Bryan, was elected to be the Republican nominee for precinct 3 county commissioner.

Sims defeated L.G. Crum, of College Station, with 56 percent of the 1,800 votes cast in the Brazos County GOP runoff.

In statewide GOP runoffs, local voters supported Houston businessman Wes Gilbreath to challenge U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen in the general election, giving him 54 percent of the vote; but early statewide returns showed Rep. Beau Boulter leading.

For the GOP nomination for a seat on the Texas Railroad Commission, Brazos County returns matched early returns from around

the state, with Ed Emmitt winning a substantial victory over Sam Ervin. Emmitt received 65 percent of the vote in Brazos County.

In the GOP runoff for a seat on the state Supreme Court, the choice of Brazos County voters apparently wasn't the statewide favorite. Local voters gave Ronald Block 64 percent of the vote, but Texas returns had Nathan Hecht leading Block.

Statewide Democratic runoffs attracted less than a third of the number who turned out for the GOP vote with 486 local Democrats casting ballots.

Brazos County Democrats supported John Welch as their U.S. Representative nominee for district 6.

picked up the endorsements of the other two primary candidates who failed to make the runoff, Milton Fox and Edwin "Ned" Sneed.

The Hecht-Block court race will finalize the Republicans' "reform slate" for the fall election. The GOP is contesting five for Supreme Court seats with two candidates — Chief Justice Tom Phillips and Justice Bar-

bara Culver — running as incumbents, having been appointed by Gov. Bill Clements.

Clements vowed Tuesday night to work for the entire GOP ticket this fall, saying Texas truly has become a two-party state.

"I feel good about the Republican chances in November," Clements said. "I feel good about our Republi-

can ticket. I support the ticket."

The governor also predicted results for his party this fall.

"Texas is a two-party state. It's an all-time high. The growth of the party is clear. The momentum building. The victories are coming. The November election: George Bush is going to be our party's presidential nominee. George Bush run very hard and very smart. Texas," Clements said.

In other runoff races, a congressional nomination was being decided.

Panhandle Republicans will close early race between former arillo Larry Milner and Bob Pampa for the U.S. House seat vacated by Boulter. Democrat state Sen. Bill Sarphalis last month.

In one of two Democratic attorney Wayne Walker of Houston were running neck-and-neck for a chance to face incumbent Rep. Tom DeLoach.

In the 6th District, contractor "Pat" Kendrick of Joshua, former John E. Welch of Maricopa incumbent Rep. Joe Barton.

State legislative races decided Tuesday included one Democratic Senate race and seven Democratic House races, plus Republican House contests.



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