

# Richards went to California to get out-of-state offerings

HOUSTON (AP) — When the news first broke last week that Democratic gubernatorial candidate Ann Richards had been caught in the San Francisco earthquake while raising money for her campaign, one question quickly popped into many inquiring minds: What was a candidate for the Texas governor's office doing raising money in California?

Richards was doing what all the gubernatorial candidates are doing — trying to finance a highly expensive campaign. By some estimates, this year's race will cost all candidates a combined \$45 million to \$50 million.

That would be the equivalent of a \$3 contribution from every man, woman, child and infant in the state.

Richards, the current state treasurer, is likely to lead candidates in the chase for out-of-state contributions, the *Houston Chronicle* reported Sunday.

"It's a little different for her," Dan McClung, a Democratic political consultant, said. "She has something of a national following that makes it possible for people in Los Angeles or Chicago or New York to pull 15 or 20 people together (for a fund-raiser) because she's an interesting person."

Richards gained national attention as keynote speaker at last year's Democratic National Convention in Atlanta, and she currently has her autobiography on the market nationwide.

On the night before her San Francisco fund-raiser was toppled by the earthquake, Richards gathered 50 people at a private home in Los Angeles for a \$500-a-person affair. Richards, uninjured in Tuesday's temblor, returned to Dallas for an in-state fund-raiser.

During the first half of this year, Richards raised \$391,142 in cash contributions for her gubernatorial campaign. About one-sixth of that total was from out-of-state contributors.

By comparison, her announced opponent in the Democratic primary, Attorney General Jim Mattox,

raised \$644,645 during the period, including \$28,300 from out of state. Almost half of Mattox's out-of-state contributions came from labor unions.

By the time Richards' campaign has concluded, about 20 percent of her money probably will have come from out of state, she said.

"One of the things that's advantageous about that, too, is the opportunity to get to know people out of

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state," she said. "We have reached the point, hopefully, in this state where we realize our economic future is beyond our borders and not just in pulling ourselves up by our bootstraps constantly internally."

Richards said she also hopes that some of her political fund-raising efforts will result in more movies being shot in Texas.

"It's good, clean, solid employment," she said. "I've already started talking to producers, directors, any opportunity I get when I'm in California."

So far, Richards has obtained \$1,000 from singer Barbra Streisand; \$5,000 from television producer Norman Lear; and \$10,000 from "Family Ties" producer Gary Goldberg.

# Ex-mayor may ask for new investigation into death of suspect

MALONE (AP) — The former mayor of this Hill County community of 315 people said he will ask for a federal investigation if a grand jury does as he expects and shrugs off the recent death of a black burglary suspect at the hands of angry residents.

James Oliver King, 24, of Waco was chased into a pasture by several white residents, including current mayor James Lucko, after 68-year-old Emma Piel, a widow, yelled that King had just burglarized the home where she lives alone.

Malone, a town of 350 about 30 miles north of Waco, has no police force. Its only police officer was fired last year because the city no longer had funds to pay him.

When Hill County sheriff's officers arrived at the scene of the Oct. 9 incident, they found Lucko and two other men restraining King with his face down in a dirt

field on the edge of town. As the captors pulled King up so deputies could handcuff him, deputy Coy West got his first look at King's face.

"His eyes were half open, rolled back in his head. He was deceased," West said. "When we first got there, they (King's pursuers) were proud they caught somebody breaking into an old lady's house. After they found out he was dead, they were really shocked."

John Parker, a pathologist with the Southwest Institute of Forensic Science in Dallas, ruled the death a homicide, caused by sustained pressure on King's chest and abdomen, and strangulation.

The office of Hill County Sheriff Brent Button of Hillsboro completed an investigation, and the case has been referred to District Attorney Dan Dent

# Joseph exits runoff campaign against Black

HAMILTON (AP) — Former Rep. Tom Joseph withdrew Sunday from a runoff with Layton Black for the District 54 Texas House seat vacated by veteran Democrat Stan Schlueter.

"After much consideration and discussion with my family and campaign staff, I've decided to withdraw from the runoff," said Joseph, the only GOP candidate in the field of six in Saturday's special election.

Black, 49, got 44 percent of the vote compared to Joseph's 22 percent. Much of Black's support came from the four rural counties in the five-county district.

Joseph, 63, said he and his wife talked "until the wee hours of the morning . . . I just felt like it was a pretty wide gap to close in two weeks' time."

Black, a rancher and banker in Goldthwaite, could not immediately be reached for comment.

Joseph said he considers Black, like himself, to be a fiscal conservative and "probably would have fought it out" against any of the other Democrats.

"But Layton is a good conservative, and the people have spoken," he said. "They're just not ready for a Republican. But I am happy they will be represented by a conservative, and I congratulate Layton on his victory."

"I'm a very conservative man," said Joseph, a rancher, attorney and retired businessman who represented Waco in the Legislature from 1951-1958. "This race would have cost the taxpayers a lot of money, and I like to practice what I preach. So I decided to pull out."

Joseph's withdrawal means there will be no runoff and Black will be sworn in for the special session of the Texas Legislature that begins Nov. 14. A runoff probably would have been held on Nov. 7, the same time as the state amendment election.

Schlueter, who held the seat since 1976, headed the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee for several years and rose this year as chairman of the Calendars Committee.

Joseph said he spent most of his campaign trying to get the "city vote" in Bell County, home of the three largest towns in the district, Killeen, Belton and Temple.

"I carried Bell County pretty handily, but . . . he carried all four of the rural counties by a landslide, and that's what gave him the strong margin of victory. In a runoff, nobody knows what would happen, but I just felt like I didn't want it to be a city vs. rural fight."

"It became of great concern to me that the runoff had the potential to become something that would become divisive in the district, and I do not want that under any conditions," Joseph said.

By his stepping aside, Joseph said, Layton will be able to line up a staff and prepare himself for the coming special session.

On Saturday night, Black gave credit for his high percentage to his campaign volunteers who include "a Lampasas judge, some ladies in the dress shop, a kid from Tarleton" and the "regular people" who urged him onto the campaign trail.

He said he carried the rural vote because he reflects the common people of the district.

# Oil drilling activity creates mini-boom

HOUSTON (AP) — Drilling activity in the area southwest of San Antonio has surged in the past five months, creating a mini-boom in Dimmet, Zavala, LaSalle, Frio and Atascosa counties.

Some of the rigs going up consist of drilling holes that are vertical for a few thousand feet, then suddenly shift into a horizontal direction

when the targeted geographical formation is reached.

Industry experts believe horizontal drilling could make billions of barrels of additional oil reserves economical to develop and produce at prices as low as \$12-\$15 a barrel. The United States has estimated remaining oil reserves of about 35 billion barrels. This is only about a 10-year supply at the current production rate of more than 3 billion barrels a year.

The Baker Hughes Inc. weekly rig count shows an average of eight rigs drilling in the five counties from June through September, compared to only two for the first five months of the year. So far in October the rig count has averaged 13.

The target formation in the Southwest Texas wells has been the Austin Chalk Trend, a geological zone that crosses East, Central and Southwest Texas. It was widely used during the boom of the late 1970s and early '80s, but activity fell off sharply from a combination of low oil prices, complex geology and declining production rates.

The Austin Chalk formation is a very dense limestone, Robert Berg, geology professor at Texas A&M University said. It lacks the large pores and cracks where oil and gas typically accumulate in other formations.

Geologists and engineers believe that in the Austin Chalk and certain other geological formations, they can extract oil and gas more efficiently, at a lower cost and in greater volumes with horizontal wells. They also believe they can extend the life of existing oil fields.

Consultant Philip Crouse of Dallas compared the new technology to the development of the semiconductor in the computer industry.

"It's like a prairie fire. It will expand through our industry," Crouse said.

# Wham! Batman costumes scarce for Halloween

DALLAS (AP) — Holy shortage, Batman!

Managers of Dallas-area costume stores say they are swamped with requests for Batman and Joker get-ups following this summer's blockbuster movie, but red tape involving copyrights is keeping the Caped Crusader's uniform off of trick-or-treaters.

"The problem is, he (Batman) doesn't exist," Howard Hale, manager of the MagiCland on Forest Lane in Dallas, said. "The supplier hasn't been able to keep up with the demand."

Because the Batman logo, under copyright by DC Comics, had to be sorted through, costume makers didn't have time to mass-produce Batman and his arch-villain The Joker.

MagiCland was lucky to get three adult Batman costumes during the summer as the movie was bringing in revenue at top speed, Hale said. One has been sold and the two others are reserved for Halloween by two men who ordered them this summer.

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