

Hopefuls Get Set for Super Tuesday

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WASHINGTON — Hoping for a Super Tuesday worthy of the name, George W. Bush and Al Gore campaigned on opposite coasts Monday in parallel pursuit of the victories needed to settle their parties' nominating struggles.

"Rest is for another day," said Gore's rival, Bill Bradley. And on the eve of a virtual nationwide presidential primary with contests in all regions of the country, all sides seemed to agree on that.

Republican John McCain said he sensed a backlash developing against campaign commercials aired by Bush and "his sleazy Texas buddies" in New York and elsewhere.

The front-runners, Bush and Gore, both courted Jewish voters as they tai-

lored their message as much to the general election as Tuesday's primaries.

"Tolerance can never be assumed, and it always must be taught," Bush said in an appearance at the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles, where he also stressed his support for "a safe and secure Israel."

Gore, in New York, told a Jewish organization he would be a "good and helpful and loyal friend" to Israel if elected to the White House.

Public opinion polls had Gore ahead of Bradley virtually everywhere. Bush's position wasn't as commanding,

although he led McCain in the polls in several key states, including Ohio, Maryland, Georgia, Missouri and in the winner-take-all competition for 162 California delegates. McCain's strength was in New England, and he and Bush battled fiercely in New York.

Bush and McCain girded for elections in 13 states in all, 11 primaries and two caucuses, with 613 delegates up for grabs. Democrats had contests in 15 states and the American Samoa, 11 primaries and 5 caucuses with 1,315 delegates in play.

Aides said the Bush campaign was making 2 million get-out-the-vote calls in nine states in the Super Tuesday line-up.

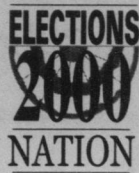
Beyond that, though, the Texas governor's high command was looking ahead. They said he will try to raise as

much as \$10 million in the coming weeks for use against the Democrats. They also said there have been informal discussions about expanding his team of advisers for the fall campaign.

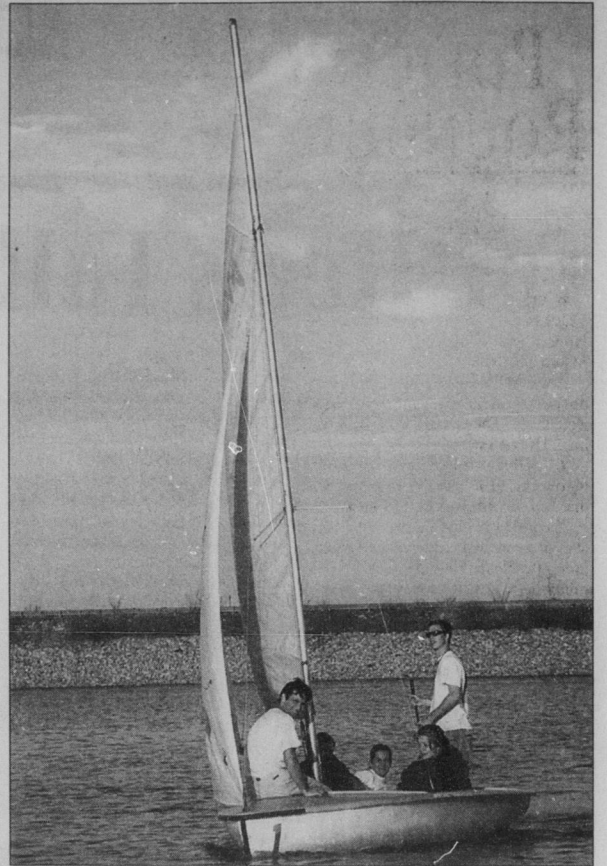
McCain, upset about privately sponsored environmental ads, announced at day's end that he had filed a complaint with the Federal Election Commission alleging that the ads were illegally coordinated with Bush's campaign.

Gore told the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations that in his administration the United States would be "a good and helpful and loyal friend to Israel."

He signaled support for moving the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem and hinted broadly he would look with disfavor on any attempt by the Palestinian Authority to declare an independent state.



THE HIGH SEAS



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The UNC sailing club takes advantage of the warm weather Friday afternoon with a cruise on Jordan Lake. Karl Schmid, a freshman physics and astronomy major, skippers a 420, a two-person racing boat.

Local Officials Support Democrats, McCain in Race

By Theresa Chen
Staff Writer

If the preferences of town officials reflect how North Carolina will vote in the May 2 presidential primaries, then Republican John McCain can rest easy, while the Democratic nominees might want to load up on more ammunition.

Twelve members of the Chapel Hill Town Council, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen and the Orange County Board of Commissioners responded differently as to who they would like to see in the White House this November. The results were spread fairly evenly for the Democrats, but the Republican votes

were heavily slanted in McCain's favor. On the Republican side, McCain took four votes while George W. Bush and Alan Keyes each received none.

Democratic votes were distributed with two officials backing Al Gore and three backing Bill Bradley. Three officials said both candidates were equally qualified.

"I hope Al Gore wins because I think his policies that he's pursued under the Clinton administration are the ones the country needs," said Commissioner Moses Carey.

For Alderman Jacquelyn Gist, choosing between the Republican primary candidates was like choosing the lesser

of two evils. "I want McCain to win because Bush scares the hell out of me," she said. "He has all of his father's bad points, and the arrogance just blows me away. The way Texas handles crimes involving young people disgusts me."

However, Gist's opinion was not shared by voters in the state of Washington. In its Feb. 29 Republican primary, Bush captured 58 percent of the vote, leaving McCain and Keyes with 38 percent and 2 percent of the remaining votes, respectively.

Washington voters were also very generous to Al Gore that day. Gore took 65 percent of the popular vote, over Bradley's 34 percent and Lyndon LaRouche's 1 percent.

Some local officials said they preferred candidates who were neither Democrats nor Republicans.

Council member Joyce Brown said

she was supporting Green Party member Ralph Nader.

"I appreciate the things he's done and the awareness he's raised on many critical issues in the country," she said.

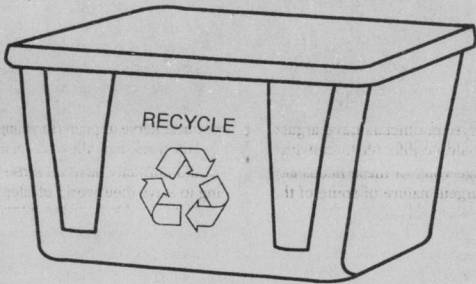
When asked her opinion on the Democratic candidates, Gist said she would like to see women in the White House. "If Hillary was president and Tipper was vice president, or vice versa, wouldn't that be great?" she said.

Gist said the Democratic candidates were both good people, but she had yet to decide between the two.

As of yet, it is still too early to decide how candidates will fare in this year's primaries. Today's group of 16 primaries and caucuses, known as Super Tuesday, could be the deciding factor.

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4 p.m. - An interest meeting will be held in Union 224 to learn more about APPLS paid school-year internships.

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Wednesday

6 p.m. - Management and Society will hold a meeting today in Union 210.

The speaker will be Linda Renzuilli. She will discuss "Everything you need to know to successfully complete the management and society major."

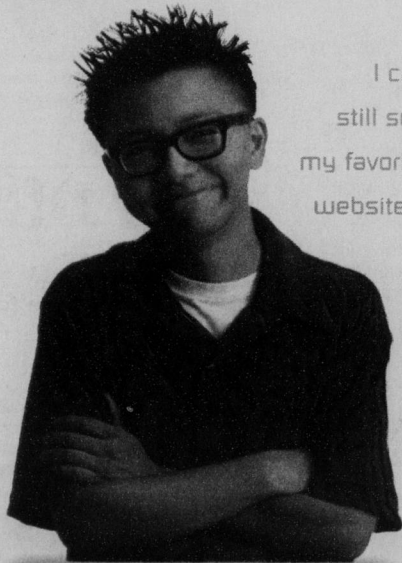
6 p.m. - UNC junior Erika Hamilton will be on hand to discuss her photography exhibition, CUBA!, at a reception in the Union Art Gallery.



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Council Plans Hearing On Waste Station Site

By Nishant Garg
Staff Writer

Residents' increasing frustrations have prompted the Chapel Hill Town Council to call for a public hearing to potentially eliminate the possibility of a landfill transfer site on the Greene Tract.

The Greene Tract is a 60-acre site near Purefoy Drive that has been mentioned as a possible site for a waste disposal transfer. Residents near the existing Orange County Regional Landfill voiced their concerns to the council Monday night about contaminated water supplies and persistent odors.

Yonni Chapman, who lives on Umstead Road, said that if a landfill transfer site was approved, residents near the landfill would be taken advantage of by town officials. "People in that community are not wealthy and powerful," he said. "Therefore, they have been abused and taken for granted."

Chapman said the delay in reaching an agreement was due to a lack of communication with residents in the area during the entire procedure.

"I am not satisfied," he said. "People in the community, near the landfill, should be compensated for what they have endured for 30 years."

The operation of the landfill has been the cause of political gridlock since the site was opened in 1972.

In recent years, the battle has intensified as residents have pushed harder to

get the county's three municipalities to address the issue.

Judy Nunn Snipes, who lives adjacent to the landfill at 1621 Genestu Drive, said she was frustrated by what she perceived as a lack of expediency. "We would like to feel reassured that this neighborhood will be protected," she said.

Council member Joyce Brown proposed in a letter to the mayor and the council members that the Greene Tract should be kept largely as a natural state with selected areas used for a mixture of low- and moderate-income housing for single residents and families.

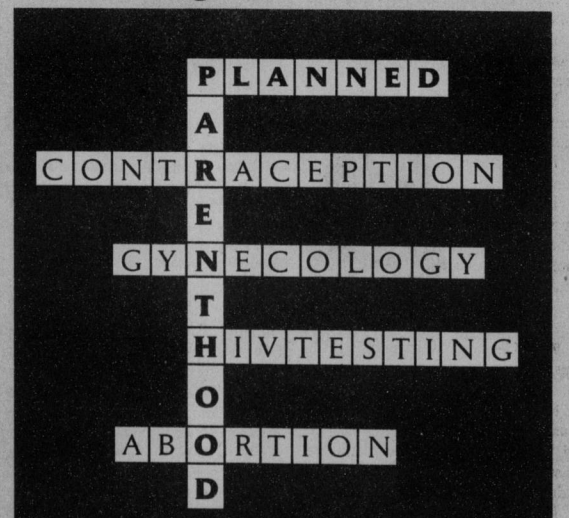
"We have not gone on with full community involvement in the Greene Tract," she said. "We need to hear from the local residents. The last public hearing was a dramatic turnout."

Brown proposed the council send out mailings to alert residents about the next public hearing, which will be held March 27. "We need a sensitive mailing list to inform the people who are concerned," she said. "People need to know about the possible impacts of the Greene Tract."

However, Mayor Rosemary Waldorf said the council should tailor the mailings to target those with a vested interest in the proposal. "The mailing list has to be informative rather than a legal notice so that the people are not misled."

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