

Super Tuesday: a weak impact?

By LAURIE DUNCAN
Staff Writer

On Super Tuesday, March 8, 1988, North Carolina and 12 other Southern states holding presidential primaries may be crucial in deciding the Democratic presidential nomination.

But Super Tuesday may not have the strong impact its designers hoped it would for three reasons:

- earlier contests in Iowa and New Hampshire mean presidential candidates will spend more time and money there than in the South;
- voter turnout will be low because the presidential primary will

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be held two months before state and local primaries in all Southern states except Texas;

- the South lacks a politically unifying candidate.

Democratic political leaders want to avoid the party's recent trend of nominating northern liberals who lose the general election to more conservative Republicans, said Thad Beyle, professor of political science at UNC.

The candidate would have to

appeal to southern Democrats, a diverse group, so it is unlikely that Super Tuesday will work, said Merle Black, associate professor of political science at UNC.

"This whole thing is based on the assumption that there's a South," Black said. "There are lots of Southern states, but there may not be a South."

Beyle said a Southerner would probably appear on the final ticket, from either party or from both parties.

So far, no Southern Democrats have announced their candidacy for president.

Presidential hopefuls Rep. Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., former Sen. Gary Hart and Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis have already been campaigning in the South. They have helped elevate the South to such a level that people are paying attention to it, Beyle said.

Beyle said the Rev. Jesse Jackson, popular among Southern blacks but less appealing to white Southerners, may have a "fear impact" on conservative Democrats, who might turn to the Republican party. But Republicans may also lose moderate supporters if Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., seeks the nomination, he said.

Thatcher asks Gorbachev to improve foreign relations

From Associated Press reports

MOSCOW — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher challenged Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev on Monday to produce deeds that match his words about seeking better relations abroad and providing greater freedom at home.

Thatcher took Gorbachev to task specifically on human rights and the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan.

"We will reach our judgments not on intentions or on promises but on deeds and on results," she said of Western leaders.

Cooking-oil case opens

MADRID, Spain — An angry crowd threw stones Monday at defendants emerging from the opening session of the trial in the poison-cooking-oil case that killed at least 584 people six years ago.

Prosecutors say the 38 defendants should serve thousands of years in jail and pay millions of dollars in fines for selling the toxic imitation olive oil.

Juan Miguel Bengoechea, the main defendant, gave the government lawyer vague replies and would not answer questions from private lawyers representing vic-

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tims or their families. The first death was reported in May 1981 from the adulterated rapeseed oil intended for industrial use.

Although Bengoechea told an investigating judge in 1981 he knew the oil was destined for human consumption, he told Prosecutor Eduardo Fungairino on Monday that he was aware of it only after reports of deaths.

Compensation equivalent to millions of dollars is demanded for the deaths and for injuries to 24,922 people.

Dollar's drop worries investors

NEW YORK — A historic plunge in the dollar's value put a scare into bull markets around the world Monday as investors worried about an unrestrained decline in the U.S. currency and the outside chance of a trade war.

The prices of stocks and bonds plunged in Tokyo, London and New York in reaction to the dollar's fall. The U.S. currency hit its lowest point against the Japanese yen since modern exchange rates were established in the late 1940s after World War II.

Marines to replace Moscow guards

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — The Marine Corps, cooperating with the State Department, said Monday it has agreed to replace all 28 security guards at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow with other Marines as a special precaution.

The move follows the disclosure that two former guards are suspected of repeatedly allowing Soviet agents in the embassy late at night in what has been called a critical breach of security.

Meanwhile, Pentagon sources said Cpl. Arnold Bracy, one of the

former guards suspected of espionage, was reduced in rank from sergeant for fraternization with a woman while in Moscow.

The sources, who asked not to be named, previously disclosed that both Bracy and Sgt. Clayton J. Lonetree became involved with Soviet women who worked at the embassy.

The sources said Bracy's reduction in rank came last August, but it did not attract any special attention until investigators began probing Lonetree's activities earlier this year.

The Marine Corps stressed none of the guards currently posted in Moscow is suspected of wrongdoing. But it said in a joint statement with the State Department it would replace all guards sometime in April.

The Marine Corps said the guards would be transferred to the headquarters of their parent command at the Marine base at Quantico, Va., where Bracy and Lonetree are being held.

The State Department said last week it had launched a wide-ranging probe of security procedures in

Moscow along with a new "damage assessment," following the arrest of Bracy, 21, of New York City.

Bracy was arrested two weeks ago and transferred to Quantico on March 24. He is being held in confinement pending a pretrial investigation and the placement of formal charges.

Last Friday, however, the Marines said Bracy's arrest and the continuing military investigation had prompted the lodging of five new charges against Lonetree, bringing the number of counts he faces to 24.

Committee proposes tax hikes to lower national deficit

By MITRA LOTFI
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As an interim step to balancing the budget by 1991, the chairman of the U.S. Senate Budget Committee has proposed a plan to lower the national deficit by raising \$18.5 billion through tax hikes.

The plan, proposed by Sen. Law-

ton Chiles, D-Fla., the committee's chairman, would cut the deficit by \$37 billion in 1988. President Reagan's budget proposal would cut the deficit by \$36 billion.

The plan does not specify which taxes would be increased, but Chiles said the committee would not increase income tax rates.

William R. Keech, a UNC political science professor, said by not raising income taxes the plan minimizes the political impact of a tax boost.

Cigarettes, tobacco and energy, however, may bear the tax burden. Although there is no other way to balance the budget, Reagan would certainly veto any plan involving a tax hike, Keech said.

Sen. Terry Sanford, D-N.C., a member of the budget committee, is interested in Chiles' proposal, but he is not in favor of raising the tax on

cigarettes, said Tom Lawton, Sanford's press secretary.

Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., could not be reached for comment.

Chiles' plan would not meet the goal set by the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act to reduce the budget to \$108 billion by 1988, based on Congressional estimates. It would produce a balanced budget by 1991.

Reagan's proposal would not meet the long-term goal of a balanced budget by 1991, but it would reach the target for 1988.

The Reagan administration, claiming it can reduce the deficit to \$108 billion by 1988, has been too optimistic when calculating its budget, said James Wilde, a UNC associate professor of economics.

"The administration has predicted a good, fast-moving economy which brings the revenue projections up and makes things look better," Wilde said.

Reagan's plan would raise money by selling federal assets, such as student loans, reducing the deficit temporarily, he said.

"It would be different than having a tax, which would stay in effect year to year and provide a continuous help to reducing the deficit," Wilde said.

Chiles' proposal also calls for a reduction in federal spending equal to the tax increases.

Medicare costs, energy and environmental programs and aid to farmers would face cutbacks.

"It (Chiles' plan) asks everyone to give a little bit to achieve its goals," Keech said.

Lab Theatre schedules forum for candidates

Candidates for the three-member Lab Theatre producing board will participate in a public forum today from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Room 208 of Graham Memorial.

The board is responsible for all aspects of the theatre's 14-show season, including show selection, funding and student directing.

All students may attend the forum to meet the candidates and ask them questions.

The theatre's election will be held Wednesday, April 1, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the porch of Graham Memorial. Any student who has participated in the Lab Theatre during the past two years is eligible to vote.

'Koala Week' focuses on substance abuse

By JUSTIN MCGUIRE
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Koala is an aboriginal word which means "no drinks." The word's meaning has been taken one step further to mean "no drinks and no drugs" by the organizers of Koala Week, a series of events designed to educate the student body about

substance abuse.

The week's events begin today and will last until Thursday, said Steve Zorn, chairman of the Koala Week planning committee. "Our underlying goal is to educate and increase the awareness level of substance abuse on campus," he said. "We think it's important to have students

learn about drug and alcohol abuse."

Koala Week is being co-sponsored by Student Health Services, Student Government, Inter-Fraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, Graduate and Professional Student Federation, Residence Hall Association, Project Well, WGNC/G105 and the Chaps Center.

The event was held last year as IDRINC (standing for I drink responsibly in North Carolina) Week, Zorn said. The scope of the week was increased this year, he said. "We felt it was important to look into other drugs as well."

"We hope it'll become an annual event at UNC," Zorn said.

Koala Week will kick off today with a screening of the film "Cocaine Blues," followed by a group discussion in the Union Auditorium at 8 p.m., Zorn said. Speakers in the discussion will be former Cleveland Browns head coach Sam Ratigiano and former Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Joe Gilliam, he said. "Blitz in the Pit" will be held on Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This will be a discussion between former football star Mercury Morris

and Drug Enforcement Agent Omar Aleman, about what is going on in drug enforcement and where it is headed, Zorn said.

The forum will show the differing views on drug enforcement held by the two, Zorn said. "Mercury Morris served a three-year prison term for cocaine," he said. "He'll show more of an 'I've been there' view."

The Koala Carnival will be held on Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Pit. It will include several participatory booths like the koala toss, koala darts and the koala drug wheel of knowledge, designed to educate students about drugs. "Before participating in any of the booths, you have to answer a drug trivia question," Zorn said.

Also included in the Koala Carnival will be "convince a koala," a panel of former UNC athletes who will hear arguments about how to "say no" from students.

G105 will very likely broadcast live from the Pit during the Carnival, Zorn said.

Amendment may have effect on protesters

By REBECCA NESBIT
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Rep. Joe Hackney has decided to present an amendment to the General Assembly that would make it harder for UNC-System students arrested in campus demonstrations to escape prosecution in court.

On March 13, Orange-Chatham District Attorney Carl Fox proposed the amendment to Hackney, who represents Orange and Chatham counties.

If Fox's amendment is passed, the number of UNC administrators who have the authority to verify in court that Fordham ordered student protesters to leave school property would be expanded to include Donald Boulton, vice chancellor for student affairs; Fred Schroeder, dean of students; Robert Sherman, UNC director of security services; and Maj. Charles Mauer, chief security officer for University police.

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