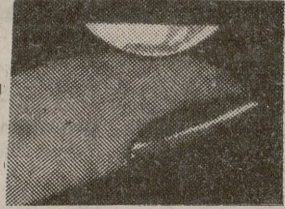


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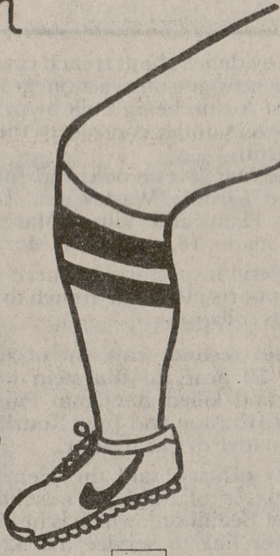
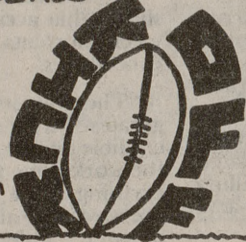
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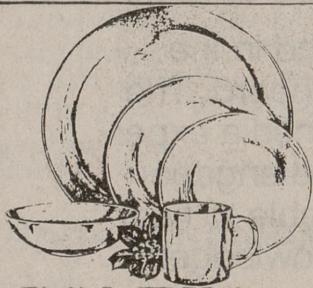
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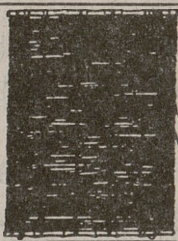


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by Scott McCullar

# AIDS concern didn't turn vote against Whitmire

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Former mayor Louie Welch, with his statements about AIDS, captured most of the pre-election attention in the Houston mayoral race, but incumbent Kathy Whitmire, stressing her business-like approach to government, easily won a third term Tuesday.

"I have not found any hysteria over AIDS," Whitmire, 39, said after the election.

Houston's first woman mayor won another two-year term with 200,788 votes (58.88 percent), to Welch's 138,552 votes (40.63 percent), in a non-partisan field that included six candidates.

Welch, 66, who was mayor for 10 years before retiring in 1974, had insisted that the city's tolerance of homosexuals and the increased number of AIDS cases prompted

businesses and families to stay away from Houston.

His views on acquired immune deficiency syndrome received national notoriety two weeks before the election when he inadvertently said into a live television microphone that one way to halt the spread of the disease was to "shoot the queers."

Welch entered the race after spearheading Houston Chamber of Commerce efforts to defeat a controversial gay rights referendum in January.

"Welch's campaign peaked the day he announced," said Robert Stein, a political analyst at Rice University. "The gay rights issue was not something they (voters) were concerned about in a choice for mayor."

Polls showed that economy and jobs were the top issues. Welch said public health was the top item.

# Mayor says 'divisive issues' resolved

Associated Press

BEAUMONT — The mayor of this Gulf Coast city says the defeat of a proposed recall triggered by a \$20 million investment loss was a victory for the residents who believed in their city government.

Of the 22,700 ballots cast in Tuesday's election, 64.5 percent opposed recalling Mayor Bill Neild and 62.7 percent favored keeping at-large City Councilman Wayne Turner.

"This city can resolve any divisive issues," Neild said. "It's a significant win, not just a little one."

Neild and Turner have been criticized since the city invested \$20 million, or two-thirds of its investment portfolio, in ESM Government Securities in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., which collapsed in March.

The loss forced budget cuts and layoffs of almost 6.5 percent of the city's workforce.

Beaumont and the surrounding Golden Triangle area have been burdened by a recession in the oil industry and unemployment of 13.6 percent, almost twice the national average of 7.1 percent.

Dorothy Collier, a real estate broker who organized Citizens United for Responsible Government, said the recall effort had created a forum for different views.

"I'm disappointed," she said, "but we'll continue to contribute in a constructive way."

The group issued a terse statement Tuesday night, predicting the outcome of the election has given both the present council and

future councils permission to run roughshod over both the city charter and state laws that govern local government actions.

Neild, 48, first elected in 1982, announced earlier this year that he will not seek a third two-year term when his term expires in April.

The Service Employees International Union Local 706, which represents employees at one of the state's largest nursing homes, said the recall might have failed because it was perceived only as a union issue.

Spokeswoman Doris Smith filed the recall petitions at the time the union was striking against the Schlesinger Geriatric Center, complaining Neild had been insensitive to the plight of Beaumont workers.

# CS council selects two new judges

By SCOTT SUTHERLAND  
 Staff Writer

The College Station City Council met Wednesday in a special emergency session to select two judges for the Municipal Court. Phillip Banks, former assistant municipal judge, was selected as new municipal judge.

Kathleen Reidel was selected assistant municipal judge. Banks was named acting municipal judge in September, after former Municipal Judge Claude Law was named Brazos County Court Law Judge.

Davis replaced Judge Ruffino, who was named to a created district court by Gov. White.

Banks was at a jury selection and was unable to attend swearing in ceremony held after meeting.

Reidel was at the meeting and sworn in immediately after the council announced the appointments.

After reciting the oath, Reidel said she was eager to get started, joked that the court docket was ready a "mile long."

Banks and Reidel both have a law firm in College Station.

As municipal judge, Banks has jurisdiction over traffic citations, city ordinance violations, C misdemeanors, and penal code violations such as petty theft and criminal mischief.

Banks and Reidel will begin new banks today.

Neild insisted he had no private labor negotiations.

The union said Neild's and Turner's support of City Manager Nollenberger and the economic repercussions of the lost \$20 million investment in ESM prompted the call.

In the moderately light turnout, a proposal to raise the minimum wage to \$4.10 an hour by 16,540 to 5,858. Residents opposed the salary cap proposition by a vote of 15,176 to 6,880.

In another election issue, stirred the black community protest, voters opposed by a vote of 17,227 to 5,294 the renaming Martin Luther King Jr. Park back to Spur 380.

# A&M group wants campus, B-CS interaction

By JEAN MANSAVAGE  
 Reporter

The Student Y Association's Youth Fun Day, a program promoting interaction between Texas A&M students and the community, is banking on the high visibility of Fish Camp to get attention and volunteers for advisers.

Three hundred children in third through fifth grades in elementary schools in Bryan-College Station will assemble March 8 on Kyle Field for activities that are a cross between the Junior Olympics and the Anything Goes games, says Judy Hutchings, Youth Fun Day chairwoman.

Such semi-competitive games as a tortilla toss and an egg-in-the-spoon relay will be fun for children, she says.

"We're trying to develop Fish Camp for a day," she says. "These children are the college students of the future."

Using the Fish Camp enthusiasm approach, the Student Y hopes to get the counselor-type student in-

*"There is truth to the idea about feeling good by giving of yourself. We're basing the program on the fact that each kid needs a hug and so does each college student."*

Judy Hutchings, chairwoman of Student Y Association's Youth Fun Day.

volves as youth fun advisers, she says.

"The advisers provide support for the children along the course lines, at the finish lines and act as mediators throughout the day," Hutchings says.

Advisers can grow from the experience, she says.

"There is truth to the idea about feeling good by giving of yourself," Hutchings says.

"We're basing the program on the fact that each kid needs a hug and so does each college student," she says.

Adviser applications are available in 208 Pavilion and are due at 5 p.m. Nov. 20.

The Student Y is seeking a 1-3 ratio of advisers to children, she says.

Advisers should enjoy working with children and realize that they may have to handle conflict between children, Hutchings says.

They will be expected to promote Youth Fun Day and attend all mandatory meetings, she says.

Adviser positions are open to all students and they do not have to be Student Y members, she says.

Because Youth Fun Day is a new program, the adviser's input in planning will be important, Hutchings says.

"During Fun Day, advisers will be asked to go with the flow and have a

good time with the children," Hutchings says. "The advisers are the strength of the program."

She said her goal is to make Youth Fun Day like Fish Camp, a home hold name. She says she believes with a good staff the program can get a good start this year and grow in the future.

"Youth Fun Day offers good chance to do something good for the community other than adding money to the economy," Hutchings says.

"We're involving students and advisers to create a better environment in Bryan-College Station," she says.

Donna Bantfield, Student Y president, says Youth Fun Day offers a good opportunity for A&M students to interact with younger students.

"The Bryan-College Station gives A&M students so much," Bantfield says. "This program gives students a chance to repay the in a new way."

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