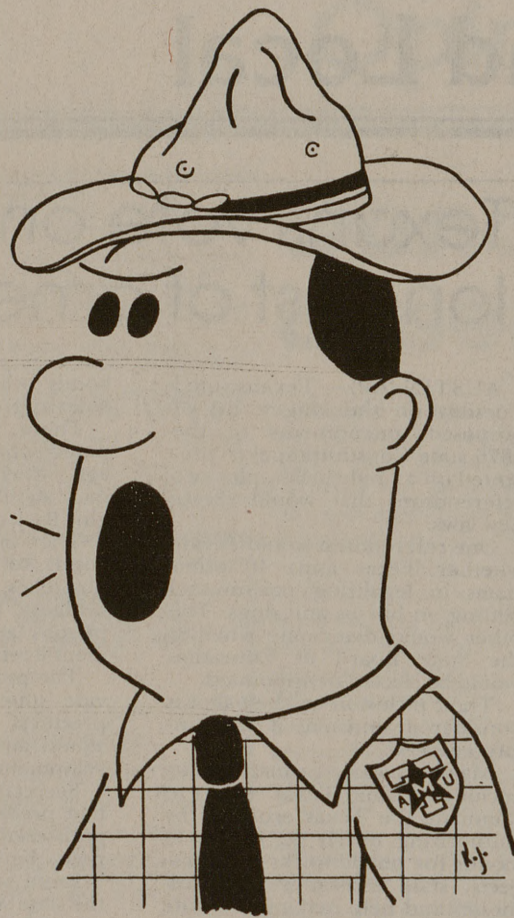


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1987 AGGIE BLOOD DRIVE

November 2, 3, 4 & 5

Commons—10 a.m. to 8 p.m. | SBISA—10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
MSC—10 a.m. to 6 p.m. | Zachry—10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Also on Nov. 6 at MSC — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
"Sponsored by The Aggie Blooddrive Club"
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THE  BLOOD CENTER
at Wadley

Illustration by Kyle E. Jones

HEY AGS! TEAM UP & PULL FOR THE LADY AGGIES!



The Texas A&M Women's Athletic Department and Intramural Sports Department are sponsoring a TUG-OF-WAR competition to be held at half-time of each home Lady Aggie basketball game.

TEAM DIVISIONS: Men's & Women's Independent, Men's and Women's dorm, Corp, Fraternity and Faculty/Staff.

REGISTRATION TAKEN AT THE INTRAMURAL OFFICE
ENTRIES OPEN: Monday, November 2
ENTRIES CLOSE: Tuesday, November 10

★Competing teams will be admitted free to designated basketball games.

Overall winners of each division will receive a championship T-shirt!

COME OUT AND PULL FOR THE LADY AGGIES!

Whitmire runs for fourth term in mayor's race

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Mayor Kathy Whitmire looked for voters to give her a fourth two-year term Tuesday in a low-key contest that pitted her against six politically unknown challengers.

Those trying to unseat the mayor included teacher and consultant Richard "Dick" Dimond, retired minister "Shelby" B. Oringderff, businessman Bill Anderson, refinery operator Mary J. Pritchard, self-employed manufacturer Glenn Edward Arnett Jr. and printer Don W. Geil.

About the only suspense remaining was the size of the anticipated Whitmire victory margin, political analysts said. One poll speculated she could take up to 95 percent of the vote.

A runoff would be required if the leading vote-getter did not receive a simple majority but analysts considered that a remote possibility.

Poll results released last weekend showed Whitmire, a widow, drawing favorable or very favorable ratings from 70.5 percent of voters.

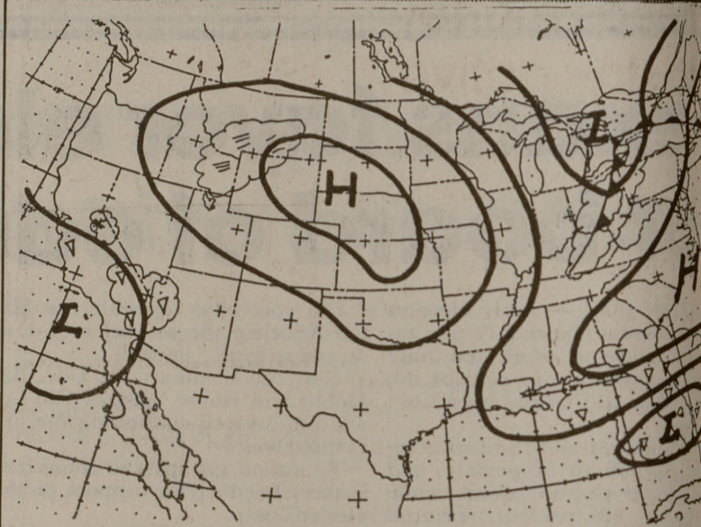
The positive sentiment was higher than two years ago when she defeated by a 3-2 margin Louie Welch, who held the top city job for 10 years until retiring in 1974.

Whitmire and Welch each raised \$1.4 million in a highly publicized contest spiced by a Welch remark on live television that one way to halt the spread of the disease AIDS would be to "shoot the queers."

Whitmire, who used the office of city comptroller as a stepping stone to the mayor's job in 1981, campaigned on a platform of seeking greater diversity in Houston's depressed oil-driven economy.

"We've been dealing with our economic problems most of the years that I have been in politics," Whitmire said. "I think at this point we are beginning to see some improvements."

Weather Watch



- Key:
- = Lightning
 - = Rain
 - = Ice Pellets
 - = Fog
 - = Snow
 - = Rain Shower
 - = Thunderstorms
 - = Drizzle
 - = Freezing Rain

Sunset Today: 5:34 p.m. Sunrise Thursday: 6:42 a.m.

Map Discussion: Low pressure is moving northeast through the Great Lakes producing scattered showers. High pressure and mild weather dominate the central plains and Rocky Mountains. Low pressure over Florida associated with a tropical depression continues to produce thunderstorms and gusty winds. A weak low near southern California and an associated upper tropospheric low pressure area is causing scattered rain, thunderstorms and mountain snow from San Diego to Lake Tahoe.

Forecast:
Today: Mostly sunny with scattered cumulus clouds. Winds will be light and variable with a high temperature in the low to mid-80s.
Tonight: Mostly clear and cooler with winds becoming northerly at 8 to 15 mph.

Thursday: Clear, cooler and breezy with 15 to 20 mph winds from the north and northeast and a high temperature in the mid-70s.

Weather Fact: Troposphere — the fraction of the Earth's atmosphere from the surface to about 10 kilometers. The troposphere usually is associated with the part of the atmosphere containing nearly all clouds and is responsible for daily weather changes.

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A&M psychologist studies children's learning process

By Larissa-Starr Smith
Reporter

A Texas A&M psychologist is performing research on local preschoolers to learn more about how children learn to label common objects and put those objects in different categories.

"I want to find out everything I can about the natural learning process and how children learn about categories," Thomas Ward, an A&M assistant professor, says.

Ward says parents often will label objects for their children like "look at the doggie." The parent is pointing out an object and using a particular label.

"I've been interested in what children get out of those experiences," Ward says. "What is the child's idea of a dog after that kind of an episode? Is it four legs, fur, a tail or an overall appearance?"

Children understand labels are attached to objects and they also understand the same label refers to categories of things, Ward says.

"If I say 'that's a dog,' I'm pretty sure the child will understand that the dog is a specific instance of a bigger category," he says.

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— Thomas Ward, A&M psychology researcher

"I'm interested in finding out what defines the category for the child and what the child encodes," he says. "I want to know the principles by which children learn these different categories."

Ward uses as an example a child who called everything with wheels a car. The object could have been roller skates, a truck or a skateboard, but to that child they were all a car. Ward concludes the child saw a car and noticed the wheels.

"Is that a general principle?" he asks. "Is that the basic way children learn about categories? Do they focus on a single attribute or on overall appearance?"

Ward investigates how children

separate things into categories and tries to find answers to his question by using imaginary creatures. He uses words that are not in the child's vocabulary as well as objects and labels the child doesn't know and has not experienced.

He shows the child a picture of an imaginary creature and then a picture of another with varied properties, like a different body shape and size.

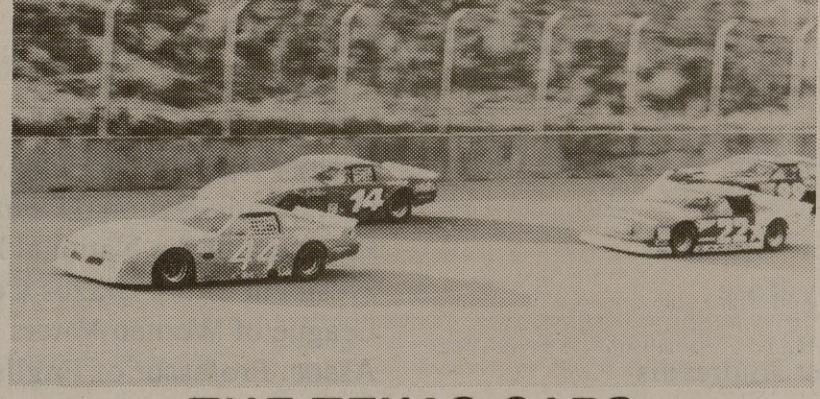
"We find 4- and 5-year-old children tend to focus on a single attribute but not always the same attribute with every child," he says.

"They seem to pay attention to one thing rather than the number and type of legs," he says.

Ward says children between ages of 2 and 6 learn about nine words everyday. This behavior concentrating on a single attribute may help the researchers see how children learn so well, he says.

"The tendency to pay attention to a single attribute may facilitate a child's learning, but it also may lead to errors where the child overgeneralizes by putting objects in a category that they do not belong to," Ward says.

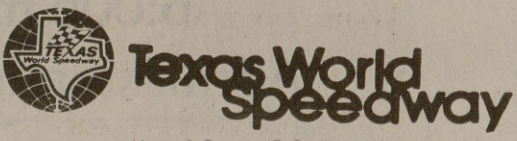
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