



**Take a trip back in time**



Proud drivers (from left) Melvin Foster, Darla Long, Dana Carr and Joe Minard stand in front of a "trolley" car used by the new Bryan Interurban Trolley System, the first public transportation system in the area since the turn of the century. See story on Page 4.

## Whitmire wins Mayor eases past Hofheinz for 5th straight mayoral term

HOUSTON (AP) — Kathy Whitmire won a record-tying fifth consecutive term as mayor of the nation's fourth-largest city, trouncing former Mayor Fred Hofheinz by a nearly 2-1 margin in balloting Tuesday.



Whitmire

Whitmire and Hofheinz, who held the top city job in the mid 1970s, were the most prominent contenders in the non-partisan election that included four others on the ballot.

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With 82.7 percent of the vote counted, Whitmire had 138,156, or 61.9 percent, to 74,196 or 33.3 percent for Hofheinz.

The other candidates shared the remaining less than 5 percent.

"Tonight the campaign is over. Tonight we have a victory," Whitmire said. "We need to move Houston into a great new decade that is only two months away."

"I don't leave unhappy," Hofheinz said. "We have accomplished something. This is not the end."

Also running for the two-year mayoral post were Rosie Walker, 48, a businesswoman; Greg Rosenberg, 23, a machinist running with the Socialist Party; Ted G. Walker, 54, an attorney; and Shelby Oringderff, 71, a retired pastor and teacher.

Polls taken in the final week before the election showed Whitmire pulling away from Hofheinz and holding a comfortable 59 percent to 15 percent lead with about 20 percent of the voters undecided.

The election marked the second time Whitmire, 43, faced a former mayor. In 1985, she trounced Louie Welch, whose mayoral longevity she is trying to match.

In her most recent election two years ago, Whitmire — an accountant by trade and the first woman elected in a citywide race when she won the controller's job in 1978 — won her fourth two-year term against token opposition.

Hofheinz's father was colorful Harris County Judge Roy Hofheinz, the prime mover behind building of the Houston Astrodome.

Whitmire and attorney Hofheinz, 51, engaged in numerous debates throughout the campaign, with Hofheinz trying to show the incumbent had become complacent in office, lost track of federal money, rewarded supporters with city contracts and lost the support of the police department.

## Texans vote against legislators' pay hike

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas voters Tuesday gave a resounding "no" to the Legislature's request for a 224 percent pay raise, and at least one lawmaker said he wasn't surprised.

"It's a good thing there wasn't a ballot alternative that said legislators' pay should be lowered," Sen. Chet Edwards, D-Duncanville, said.

Edwards, a candidate for lieutenant governor, said lobbyists spending \$1.86 million on lawmakers this year and tricky wording about "limiting" legislative pay combined to doom the proposal.

Proposition 1 on the constitutional amendment ballot would have tripled lawmakers' pay, from \$7,200 a year to \$23,300.

With 72 percent of the state's precincts reporting, the amendment was defeated by a 2-to-1 margin. Those results showed 524,439 votes, or 65.7 percent against, to 273,955 votes, 34.3 percent, in favor.

Proposition 11, which would boost lawmakers' daily expense allowance from \$30 to \$81, also was defeated. The returns showed 54 percent against and 46 percent in favor.

Legislative leaders, including House Speaker Gib Lewis, D-Fort

## Candidates face runoff for Leland seat

HOUSTON (AP) — State Sen. Craig Washington and City Councilman Anthony Hall will face a runoff election in the race to fill the unexpired term of the late Congressman Mickey Leland.

Neither candidate garnered a majority of the vote, sending them to a special election to be called by the governor.

With 92.4 percent of precincts reporting, Washington had a 7.2 point lead with 41.5 percent of the vote, or 24,813. Hall had 34.3 percent, or 20,513.

Hall and Washington, both black Democrats, emerged as front-runners early in the campaign to represent one of Texas' most Democratic and racially

mixed districts until the regular election is held in 1990.

They were followed by state Reps. Ron Wilson and Al Edwards.

A year remains on Leland's unexpired term. Leland was killed Aug. 7 in a plane crash in a remote jungle of Ethiopia while he was on a famine relief trip.

Of the remaining nine candidates, Wilson, D-Houston, was the closest with 4,462 votes, or 7.5 percent of the balloting.

Other Democrats and their vote totals were Edwards, 2,827 or 4.7 percent; attorney Shirley Fobbs, 1,189 or 2 percent; businessman Timothy John Hattenbach, 1,196, or 2 percent; and Lee Arthur Demas Jr., 328 or .55 percent.

Worth, campaigned hard for the pay hike. Lewis has said the low pay of \$600 a month was forcing many qualified House and Senate members to quit the part-time jobs.

But opponents of the pay hike noted that lawmakers meet only 140 days every other year, plus in the occasional special session. Opponents also pointed to the actual language of the amendment, which would strip voters of the ability to approve

future pay raises by tying lawmakers' salaries to the governor's pay, which the Legislature sets.

In addition, the pay raise issue went to voters following months of news reports about lobbyists spending more than \$1.86 million during the 1989 legislative session to wine and dine lawmakers and take them on trips to Europe, Mexico and several ski resorts.

"The message is clear," Edwards said. "Voters won't get serious about a pay raise until legislators get serious about lobby reform. The good news is maybe now we can make some progress in cleaning up the lobby mess."

"Also, it never should have been tied to the governor's salary. That

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## A&M student's attacker may get death penalty

By Kelly S. Brown

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A man serving a 99-year sentence in Huntsville for the 1988 attempted murder of a Texas A&M student is facing the death penalty after being charged with the serial slayings of three Central Texas women.

Montgomery County District Attorney Peter Speers said he will seek the death penalty for Daniel Lee Corwin, who confessed to investigators earlier this year to the 1987 kidnapping, rapes and murders of the three women.

The confessions are the subject of hearings in the 359th District Court in Conroe, where it's being decided if the confessions will be admissible as evidence. Speers ex-

pects jury selection for the trial to begin by mid-January.

Corwin's criminal record goes back to 1976 when, as a juvenile, he was charged with a 1975 aggravated rape of a Bell County woman. He was released on parole in 1985 after serving nearly 10 years of a 40-year term for the crime.

Three years after being set free from the Texas Department of Corrections in Huntsville, Corwin kidnapped an A&M student from a parking lot near Olsen Field at mid-day on Oct. 20, 1988. He then forced her to drive south of College Station to Lick Creek Park, where he tied her to a tree, raped her and cut her throat.

Somehow, the young woman

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## Vandals leave mark on SAA shanty

By Mia B. Moody

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Vandals of the Students Against Apartheid shanty, behind the Texas A&M Academic Building wrote, "KKK," "White supremacy" and "Long live racism" on the walls of the small, unstable structure.

Members of SAA said they will not remove the shanty, which was built Sunday by five SAA members. They want to show that racism is not only in South Africa, but also at A&M, Irwin Tang, president of the group said.

Tang, a sophomore political science major, said the attack on the shanty is only a shadow compared to attacks on blacks in South Africa.

"The people of color in South Africa have no rights,"

Tang said. "They have been in a state of emergency since 1986, which means the government can do anything it pleases to them."

Irwin said that although the shanty, built of materials taken from trash bins and vacant lots and junk yards, looks unsteady and unsightly to students, it may be better than the actual houses of black South Africans because it is built out of stronger wood.

This is not the first year the shanty has been vandalized. Last year someone put dead white doves in it and wrote, "There will be no peace until all niggers are dead."

"These sort of actions hurt me and others deeply, but the pain we feel is only one 100 millionth of the pain people feel in South Africa as a result of private and public racism," Tang said.



Photo by Jay Janner

This racist graffiti appeared on the SAA shanty. The group said they have no plans to dismantle the structure.

## East German gov't resigns amid unrest

BERLIN (AP) — East Germany's government resigned Tuesday amid growing nationwide unrest, a continuing exodus of thousands of its people and pleas from within the Communist Party for a sweeping top-level shakeup.

Also on Tuesday — one day after the government introduced a proposed law promising up to 30 days of travel to the West — a parliamentary committee rejected the measure and urged a new law allowing unrestricted stays abroad.

The 44-member Council of Ministers resigned jointly, government spokesman Wolfgang Meyer said. The cabinet, led by 75-year-old Premier Willi Stoph, has little power and implements policy made by the Communist Party's ruling Politburo. Stoph and several other ministers also are Politburo members.

"We appeal to the citizens who intend to leave our republic to reconsider their step once more," said a statement issued by the outgoing cabinet. "Our socialist fatherland needs everyone."

Since early Saturday, more than 28,000 East Germans have fled to the West through neighboring Czechoslovakia. They arrived in West Germany on Tuesday at the rate of 120 an hour.

The government will remain in office until Parliament elects a new Council of Ministers, Meyer said. He did not say when such an election would occur.

## A&M profs receive rewards for superior teaching

By Mia B. Moody

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Twenty-nine Texas A&M faculty members received 1989 college-level Teaching Excellence Awards from the Association of Former Students based on nominations by Student Councils and Faculty Advisory Committees of colleges.

Recipients, chosen for their superior teaching techniques, preparation skills and commitment to the learning process, received checks for \$2,000 and framed certificates, Ann Pittman, assistant to the dean of faculties said.

"This program is not designed to be a popularity contest," Pittman said. "Rather, it is used to give recognition to those teachers who maintain the high expectations of their students and who add academic rigor to their courses."

Winners of the 1989 Teaching Excellence Award are:

- College of Agriculture and Life Sciences:**
  - Ronald J. Newton — associate professor of life sciences
  - James O. Sanders — associate professor of animal sciences
  - Joe D. Townsend — associate professor of agriculture education
- College of Architecture:**
  - Donald B. Austin — professor of landscape architecture
  - John O. Greer — professor of architecture
- College of Business Administration:**
  - Jeffrey S. Conant — assistant professor of marketing
  - John C. Groth — professor of finance
  - Asghar Zardkoobi — associate professor of management
- College of Education:**
  - Paulette T. Beatty — associate professor

- of interdisciplinary education
- Robert S. Hurlley** — professor of health and physical education
- College of Engineering:**
  - Kai Chang — professor of engineering
  - John L. Junkins — professor of aerospace engineering
  - Thomas U. McElmurry — visiting professor of aerospace engineering
  - Dan L. Taylor — senior lecturer in chemical engineering
- College of Geosciences:**
  - J. Richard Giardino — associate professor and head of geography
  - F. Dale Morgan — associate professor of geophysics
- College of Liberal Arts:**
  - James C. Bradford — associate professor of history
  - Robert A. Calvert — associate professor of history
  - Sylvia A. Grider — associate professor of history and anthropology

- Robert D. Newman** — associate professor of English
- Library:**
  - Hal Hall — associate professor of library science, Sterling C. Evans Library
- College of Medicine:**
  - Hung Che — assistant professor of internal medicine
  - Jerome P. Trzeciakowski — associate professor of medical pharmacology
- College of Science:**
  - Karl J. Aufderheide — associate professor of biology
  - Duncan S. McKenzie — assistant professor of biology
  - Richard P. Schmitt — associate professor of chemistry
  - Roger A. Smith — professor of physics
- College of Veterinary Medicine:**
  - Thomas N. Craig — professor of veterinary microbiology
  - William C. McMullan — professor of veterinary large animal medicine