

## Texas redistricting plan upheld

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WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Monday upheld a Texas Senate redistricting plan drawn by a three-judge federal panel in Austin, rejecting an appeal by Democrats to use a map approved by the Legislature.

Republicans are expected to gain new strength in the Senate under the district lines drawn by the Austin judges. The court-ordered map will be used in the November election, but state officials are continuing legal challenges to the plan in hopes of substituting the map approved by the Legislature for 1994 and beyond.

Some election experts say the court-drawn map gives Republicans a chance to win as many as 15 of the 31 state Senate seats, their largest number this century. The GOP now holds nine seats.

Texas Democrats and minorities contend the judges' map dis-

## Supreme Court affirms Lone Star Senate redesign, dismisses appeal

criminate against minorities, a claim that Republicans deny.

The Supreme Court, in a summary ruling on an appeal filed by Texas Democratic Party Chairman Bob Slagle, upheld the redistricting plan imposed by the Austin panel. The justices ruled by a 7-2 vote, with Justices John Paul Stevens and Harry A. Blackmun dissenting, that the court plan was valid.

The ruling, although expected, was immediately attacked.

"It's all partisan pushing and shoving," said Judith Sanders-Castro, an attorney with the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, which contends Hispanics would gain representation under the Legislature's plan.

"We're not going to gain any seats under the (court) plan. Zero,

zip," she said.

Texas Democratic Party executive director Ed Martin agreed.

"The Austin court's plan was drawn by Republicans for Republicans and to claim it was drawn for minorities is an absolute charade and a farce on the system of justice," he said.

"That's what the Supreme Court just approved — a judicial farce."

But Texas GOP Chairman Fred Meyer said the ruling was justified.

"I think the state had given up and so Slagle continued this futile effort to take the vote away from the citizens of Texas," he said.

"The state didn't even join him in it, it was that absurd a petition," Meyer said.

Texas state officials and De-

mocrats have alleged impropriety in the redistricting by James R. Nowlin of Austin, one of the three judges who drew the plan.

They said Nowlin, a GOP appointee, gave Republican State Rep. George Pierce secret access to the court's computer plan so the San Antonio lawmaker could change the boundary of the district in which he is running.

A committee of judges appointed by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals investigated the charges and reprimanded Nowlin, who stepped down from the case in July but admitted no misconduct.

Nowlin has declined to discuss the matter. Pierce denied any wrongdoing, saying he made only minor adjustments to the Senate boundaries.

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales and Secretary of State John Hannah are not contesting use of the court-drawn plan for the November election.

## Health Tips Health center to hold Wellness Fair in MSC

By STACEY GARNER

Special to THE BATTALION

On Wednesday, Oct. 7, 1992 the Health Education Center of the Department of Student Health Services at Texas A&M University will present "REACH FOR GOOD HEALTH," the 1992 Health and Wellness Fair.

This campus event will allow students, staff and faculty at Texas A&M to collect information and learn about health related services offered by campus organizations and community groups. The fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the walkway and Flag Room of the first floor of the Memorial Student Center.

Promoting healthy lifestyles and raising awareness is the fair's goal. The campus and community organizations will provide information on health issues to our college community that can help raise awareness and generate interest in healthy lifestyles. The information and services offered at the fair will benefit all those who attend.

A variety of campus and community organizations will be represented at the Fair. Some highlights include:

Department of Student Affairs - rape awareness and security awareness

HCA Greenleaf Hospital - counseling service information

Texas A&M Emergency Care Team, A.P.Beutel Health Center volunteer opportunities and

blood pressure screening  
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Brazos Animal Shelter - adopting a pet

Health Education Center, A.P.Beutel Center - nutrition and weight control

Texas A&M University Police - personal safety

Center for Drug Prevention and Education - drug and alcohol information

Texas A&M Fitlife - cholesterol screening and blood pressure check (charge for cholesterol)

Health Promotion Program - healthy lifestyle information and screening for hand strength

Westinghouse - relaxation techniques and music

Planned Parenthood - sexual health information and condoms and many others. Form campus and community organizations will be represented.

MSC Hospitality will present a "Just Do It" Athletic Fashion Show at 12:30. Sports, recreation, and fitness attire will be modeled by students. Compliments of area businesses including Academy, Oshman's, BGS Bicycles, MSC Reebok, and Sea U Underwater.

All students, staff and faculty are encouraged to attend and "REACH FOR GOOD HEALTH" on Wednesday, Oct. 7, 1992 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the MSC. For additional information, please contact the Health Education Center at (409) 845-1341.

## Abortion-rights groups list candidates

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AUSTIN — Abortion-rights advocates Monday announced their top 10 state judicial and legislative candidates who they said will protect a woman's right to have an abortion in Texas.

Phyllis Dunham, director of the Texas Abortion Rights Action League, said the endorsements are important because the fight over abortion rights will occur on the state level.

She predicted the U.S. Supreme Court would overrule federal abortion protections which the court has already weakened.

"These TARAL 10 races represent the 10 most important races in protecting the right to choose here in Texas," Dunham said.

Once those federal rights are overturned, Texas' 1898 abortion law will stand, Dunham

said. That law could lead to the imprisonment of women who perform self-inducing abortions, she said.

She said the 1898 statute will immediately be challenged in state courts by abortion-rights supporters, but that it is unknown whether appeals of that case would go to the Texas Supreme Court or the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

The state Supreme Court handles civil cases and generally rules on constitutional questions, while the Court of Criminal Appeals handles criminal cases.

TARAL said it will try to get 250,000 Texans to the polls to support abortion-rights candidates in state races in the Nov. 3 election as part of the National Abortion Rights Action League's mobilization effort.

The national organization has endorsed Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton.

Despite promises by Gov. Ann Richards to veto any abortion restrictions passed by the Legislature, Dunham said she is not sure if the governor's veto would be sustained.

"The Legislature simply is not as pro-choice as the general electorate," she said.

The top 10 candidates endorsed by TARAL include nine Democrats and one Republican.

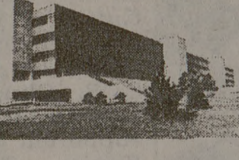
In the court races, the candidates favored by TARAL are Texas Supreme Court Justice Oscar Mauzy; Supreme Court, Place 2 candidate Rose Spector; and Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2 Judge Morris Overstreet.

In the state Senate races, the group endorsed Sen. Bob Glasgow in District 22; Sen. Chet Brooks in District 11; Don Coffey in District 6; Rep. Gregory Luna in District 19; Rep. Jeff Wentworth in District 26; Ronnie Harrison in District 17; and Bob Aikin in District 1.

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