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HOUSTON GAY & LESBIAN POLITICAL CAUCUS

Election Newsletter ▼ November 1996

!MIA CULPA! I'M GUILTY!

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT, PAT GANDY

At times in my life, I have been very depressed and heartsick. I am not today, in spite of all the negative forces out there trying to do evil to us as gay men and lesbians.

I'M GUILTY of being against the forces of the religious extremists who, invoking their unloving and vengeful god, would have us all destroyed. They are only the last cries from a dying breed of humans who would have us believe that the God that created us all is the same god they call upon to eradicate us from the face of the earth. They are tired, vengeful, mean-spirited and hateful people whose vision of this world is not our vision. It is a non-vision built on the shifting sands of hatred, abuse, and irrationality.

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perfect, but those who articulate a vision which includes *us* should be the ones whom we support.

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CALENDAR

Sunday, October 27

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River Cafe

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\$35.00—reservations 521-1000

Wednesday, October 30

7:30 P.M.

HGLPC Congressional Forum

Holiday Inn Select

2712 Southwest Freeway @ Kirby

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I'M GUILTY of wanting a U.S. Senator who does not bait gays. The Democrats have nominated a humble Hispanic man named Victor Morales, who does not take PAC money, who supports allowing gays to serve in the military, and the right of gay men and lesbians to unite in a healthy partnership. Above all, the Democrats have nominated for president the only president who has stood up for and supported with all the powers of his office the Employment Non-Discrimination Act. ENDA failed in a Republican-controlled Congress by only one vote. Victor Morales, along with other new members of Congress, will prevail in this next session and pass the first civil rights bill ever to protect gays and lesbians!

I'M GUILTY of wanting President Clinton to be the president to select at least three new Supreme Court Judges. Better him than Bob Dole and the Christian Coalition. How many Scalias and Thomases can we stand? Not one more, I say! These Bush appointees are disasters to our community!

I'M GUILTY of believing that in all aspects of our lives we must choose between two or more visions. This is an imperfect world and all of us in it are im-

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There are "gay activists" who fancy themselves the arbiters of what is true and correct and who try to punish all of us who try to push the dialogue along with elected officials. There are those who do not know the record and would rather listen to the straight media than to leaders in our own community. This is wrong.

There are past officers of this organization who tell newcomers to this city that the "Caucus" is a dead and ineffectual organization, and so on. Based upon such advice, these newcomers do not participate in the positive life of this organization by helping to increase its effectiveness. This is wrong.

There are those in other organizations who, in working their own agenda, denigrate other organizations whose missions are supportive of our community. This is wrong!

It is the duty of us all to build a more positive attitude within our community, working together to promote the interests of this community to the outside world. Our lives are not over and our mission is not done. There is much yet to do, and to accomplish it, we must work together.

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9:00 P.M. until victory
Election Central
JR's/Santa Fe Bar & Grill
Free

Wednesday, November 6
7:30 P.M.
General Meeting
2200 Albany, Suite 304
Free

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ENDORSED CANDIDATES

Sheila Jackson Lee	U.S. Representative, 18th Dist.
Scott Douglas Cunningham	U.S. Representative, 22nd Dist.
Ken Bentsen	U.S. Representative, 25th Dist.
Gene Green	U.S. Representative, 29th Dist.
Bill Clinton and Al Gore	President and Vice President
Victor Morales	U.S. Senate
Hector Uribe	Railroad Commissioner
Patrice Barron	Texas Supreme Court, Place 1
Eileen Flume	Texas Supreme Court, Place 2
Frank Maloney	Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3
Cynthia Owens	Chief Justice, 14th Court of Appeals
George Ellis	1st Court of Appeals, Place 1
Dalia Stokes	14th Court of Appeals, Place 1
Alma A. Allen	State Board of Education, Place 4
Rema Lou Brown	State Board of Education, Place 7
John Whitmire	State Senate, Dist. 15
Scott Hochberg	State Representative, Dist. 132
Debra Danburg	State Representative, Dist. 137
Ken Yarbrough	State Representative, Dist. 138
Diana Davila	State Representative, Dist. 145
Garnet Coleman	State Representative, Dist. 147
Jessica Farrar	State Representative, Dist. 148
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VOTE TUESDAY, NOV. 5

CAUCUS MEMBERSHIP SWELLS

by Norm Thompson, HGLPC Vice President

Membership in the Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus has experienced a dramatic increase as a result of a recent resolution geared toward moving the organization to a higher level of representing and educating the Houston-Gulf Coast area.

A recently approved measure declared October 1996 a month of free and open membership in the organization, allowing new members to join by designating their own level of financial commitment. A co-responding agreement with the Lesbian & Gay Rights Lobby (LGRL) of Texas also provides for automatic joint membership status of all members of both organizations. In addition to these provisions, anyone not previously a member who attended the 1996 HGLPC Awards Dinner received automatic membership status.

Information concerning the number of members is not being released at this time due to the membership committee's overwhelming task of auditing the database and confirming enrollment procedures. The new measure does not affect the standing rule of qualification requiring a 30-day membership before becoming eligible to cast a ballot in any Caucus election or to vote on any other general business.

1996 has been a year of rebuilding the infrastructure of the oldest gay and lesbian civil rights organization in the south. The "Power Brunch" series, which has focused upon the upcoming mayoral race, has put the city's political movers and shakers on notice that the HGLPC intends to be a major and influential force in shaping the future of Houston. "The explosive growth of the organization's membership base will ensure that the HGLPC is representative of the entire community, with the strength to meet our foes head-on and to take our friends to victory as we continue the work of attaining equal rights for all," said Norm Thompson, Caucus vice-president.

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Dear Friends,

The Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus invites you to attend:

Forum II

Meet your member of Congress.

*Wednesday, October 30, 1996
7:30 P.M.*

*Holiday Inn Select Hotel
2712 Southwest Freeway @ Kirby
RSVP to (713) 527-8695, or
(713) 521-1000*

Free Admission

This event is a project of the HGLPC Membership Committee and the Board of Directors, who proudly offer new members an historic free and open membership on this night in recognition and celebration of Gay and Lesbian History Month.

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The U.S. House of Representatives voted July 12 by a 342-67 margin to pass DOMA, the infamous Defense of Marriage Act, which certainly does not defend marriage in any way. It only discriminates against lesbians and gay men by defining marriage as the union of a man and a woman. Most constitutional scholars believe that the bill is clearly unconstitutional. The Senate considered the matter, and an attempt by Senate Democrats with the help of the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) to add ENDA to DOMA as an amendment failed 51-49. The Senate Republican leadership led the opposition to ENDA, but several Republican Senators broke ranks and voted with the Democrats. The effort was not enough. Both Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey Hutchison voted against ENDA.

Our lobbyists at the HRC worked diligently to achieve passage of the bill. President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore were on the phone talking to senators

to try to get them to vote for the ENDA legislation. A helicopter was ready to transport the Vice President to Washington from a location in Pennsylvania in case the vote was a tie and his vote was needed to break the tie.

No Texas member of Congress voted against DOMA. Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee cast a protest vote of "present." The rest voted for passage of DOMA. The HGLPC regrets that many of our representatives normally with us on other issues did not believe that the political climate would have allowed them to support us on this critical civil rights issues.

*We are, indeed, all a part—of
either the solution or of
the problem.*

Many people believe that sodomy and gay marriage are issues that run counter to their religious convictions. Texas is still a "Bible Belt" state, and we can be sure that its Republican Party—currently dominated by rock-ribbed zealots of the fanatical Christian Right—will exploit these sorts of issues to try to satisfy the religious extremists in their party.

We are now charged with the task of educating the public regarding our basic civil rights; only then will politicians believe they have the political cover to vote with us. Many members of Congress who vote with us on health, civil rights, and job protection matters will not touch the marriage issue vis a vis our community. Congress has never passed a law which made serious social change without a consensus of the American public.

The recent *one-vote* failure of ENDA should serve to reassure everyone in the gay and lesbian community of the impact which a successful grass roots effort can have upon our most *basic* civil rights. We are, indeed, all a part of either the solution or of the problem.

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REGAIN CONGRESS

GAY RIGHTS MOVEMENT NEEDS TO INCREASE INFLUENCE IN CONGRESS

We in the gay civil rights movement failed to attach the ENDA (Employment Non-Discrimination Act) amendment to the Defense of Marriage Act by two votes in the U.S. Senate.

Victor Morales has promised to support us on ENDA when he is elected to the U.S. Senate. There is every reason to believe that more U.S. Senators who support ENDA will be elected. If that happens and a more friendly House of Representatives is elected, then the bill will more than likely be passed. If it is passed, President Clinton has promised to sign it.

Other members of Congress who have promised to support and vote for ENDA are Sheila Jackson Lee of the 18th Congressional District, Gene Green of the 27th Congressional District, and Ken Bentsen of the 25th Congressional District. These are members of Congress who will probably be re-elected and whom we need to actively support. They have already voted for many of our issues and will continue to do so. They all are committed to protecting Medicare and Medicaid for persons with AIDS. Their opponents are not!

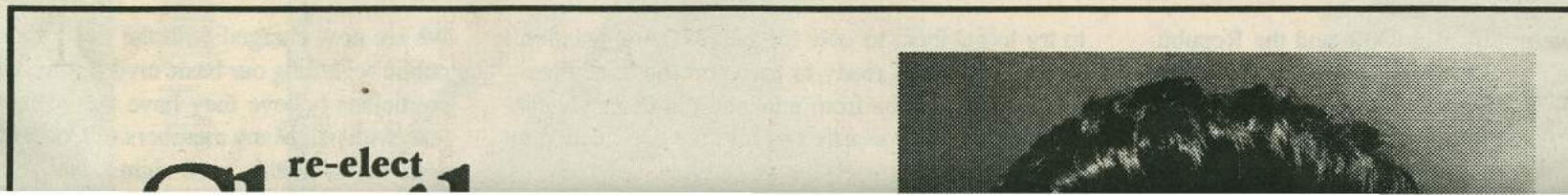
Ken Bentsen of District 25 has the most difficult race. He has a Steve Hotze-backed opponent. A vote for anyone other than Ken Bentsen is a wasted vote. It will just give Hotze-backed candidate John Devine a place in the runoff against Bentsen in December. Hotze, for those of you too young to remember, is a "Christian Coalition friendly person." He has lots of "Gay Baiting" history.

Scott Cunningham is the Democratic Candidate in Congressional District 22. He is a long shot against entrenched incumbent Tom Delay. Scott has our support and we urge all who live in his district to give him a call and help him out.

If the Democrats control Congress this time, we will be in a much better position than we have been the last two years. The party that controls Congress sets the agenda, and we always get heard by the Democratic leadership. The reason President Clinton has made no more appointments of gays or lesbians to high posts in his administration is that such appointments require Senate confirmation, and the Republicans now control the Senate. Trent Lott would let the gay-baiters run rampant on any Clinton appointment who happened to be openly Gay. We cannot afford to have them controlling a committee which is questioning a gay man or a lesbian. It would be a disaster because Senators Gramm and Helms would be in important positions in the Republican Senate leadership.

There are no Republican Congressional candidates endorsed by this Caucus. Clearly here in Texas they are afraid of the *gay* label, and a serious candidate such as Dolly Madison McKenna will not even screen with our Caucus. Fear runs rampant in the Republican Party, now controlled by the radical religious extremists.

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MORE ABOUT THE HGLPC

Goals of the HGLPC

- Getting out the vote within the gay and lesbian community for endorsed candidates and community campaigns.
- Recruiting and campaigning for qualified gay and lesbian candidates for elective office.
- Establishing a political coalition of all Houston minority communities.
- Work towards the passage of a comprehensive Hate Crimes Bill in the Texas Legislature and U.S. Congress.
- Working for the repeal of Texas Penal Code Section 21.06.
- Protecting the integrity of gay and lesbian businesses and neighborhoods.

Principles of the HGLPC

- To promote and protect the political interests of gays and lesbians.
- To inform and educate the public about gay and lesbian issues.
- To achieve full equality and civil rights for all lesbians and gay men.
- To work toward and promote the common goal of human rights for all people.

The HGLPC is involved in several activities. The Caucus organizes voter registration efforts in communities that support lesbian/gay issues and publishes monthly newsletters to inform voters about important political issues. The group takes political action by endorsing candidates, organizing precincts, educating the community, and taking part in political party activities. The Caucus also responds to issues by activism, phone banking, lobbying, and similar activities. The work of the HGLPC generates an interest in gay and lesbian politics among moderates, conservatives, liberals, heterosexuals, people of color, and a wide array of concerned people.

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by Francisco Sánchez, Jr.

Power Brunch III

**APPLICATION
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A continuation of the HGLPC series focusing upon possible mayoral candidates

*Special Guest
George Grenias
Former Houston City Controller*

*Sunday, October 27, 1996
One o'clock P.M.
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(713) 521-1000*

\$35.00

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 - Past Chair, PROBATE, TRUSTS & ESTATES section
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- ★ Past President, Women Attorneys in Tax & Probate

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- ★ University of Texas - B.B.A., 1968
- ★ Southern Methodist University, 1964-1966

DALIA STOKES - Qualified by SERVICE:

- ★ Board of Directors, Senior Services Department, West University Place, overseeing services for Senior Citizens
- ★ Board of Directors, The Sentinel Club, West University Place
- ★ Founder, West University Classic Car Club
- ★ Houston Bar Association President's Award for Outstanding Service
- ★ Block Captain, Neighborhood Watch Program

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In 1994, too many extremists went to the polls, while moderates stayed home. This created the current imbalance that now exists on the 14th Court of Appeals which has only one Democrat among nine Justices. As a moderate Democrat, I will bring common sense solutions to the complex legal questions that arise in our ever-changing society. Remember, as Edmund Burke once said, "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing". Your vote on November 5th is important!

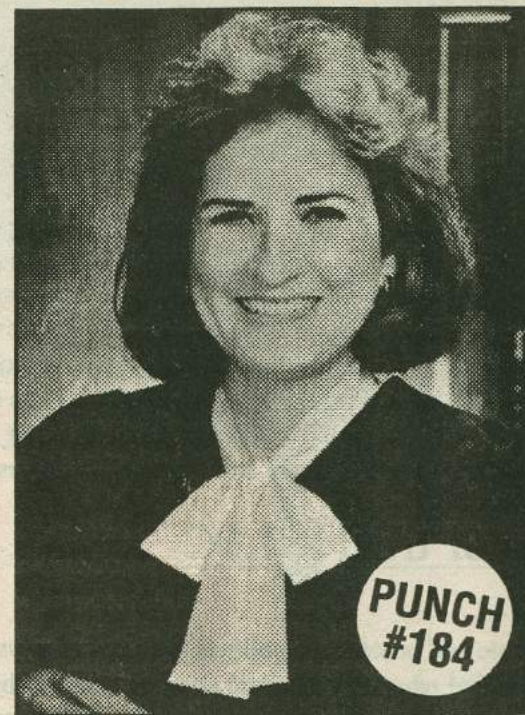
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Garcia began her judicial career in 1986 with an appointment as a Municipal Court Judge and Night Coordinator. In 1987, she was appointed Director and Presiding Judge of the Houston Municipal Court System, becoming the youngest person, the first Hispanic, and the first woman ever to be named to that post. Most recently, Mayor Lanier re-appointed her to an unprecedented 5th term.

As Presiding Judge, Garcia oversees the operation of the largest Municipal Court System in Texas and the third largest in the nation. She is responsible for more than 17 courts, 50 judges, and the processing and filing of more than one million cases a year. Judge Garcia is credited with modernizing the Court's docketing system, with establishing a new Environmental Court at no additional cost the taxpayer and with implementing a Teen Court which received recognition as the Outstanding Juvenile Justice Program in the State by Texas Attorney General Dan Morales in 1993.

Judge Garcia's community record includes positions on over 25 boards and commissions including the San Jacinto Girl Scouts, the Harris County Bail Bond Board, the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee of the Houston-Galveston Area Council, the American Leadership Forum the Houston Area Woman's Center, as well as the Institute of Hispanic Culture.

Despite Many barriers, obstacles and great odds, Sylvia R. Garcia evolved from a young girl picking cotton on a South Texas farm to becoming a respected jurist and Chief Judge of the third largest Municipal Court System in the nation. No stranger to hard work, Judge Sylvia R. Garcia looks forward to the challenges that lie ahead.

CONGRESSMAN GENE GREEN

WHERE HE'S FROM: Congressman Gene Green is a native Houstonian. He has been a member of the State Bar of Texas since 1977.

POLITICAL CAREER HISTORY: He was first elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1973. During his tenure in the House, he served as Majority Whip and later as Democratic Majority Leader. He served a total of seven terms in the House from 1973 to 1985.

In a 1985 special election, Gene was elected to the Texas Senate. During his seven-year tenure in the Senate he served on the Education Committee and was Chairman of the Senate Jurisprudence Committee.

Gene Green was elected to Congress on November 3, 1992 from the 29th Congressional District of Texas. Congressman Green serves on the Economic and Educational Opportunities Committee, the Government Reform Committee, and the Oversight Committee.

VOTING RECORD: Gene Green supports securing the rights of all Americans. Throughout his term in Congress, he has voted and co-sponsored legislation that would ensure that all his constituents and all Americans are represented and treated equally, regardless of sexual orientation.

Congressman Green is a co-sponsor of ENDA, the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which would have made it illegal for an employer to discriminate against an employee or prospective employee based on his or her sexual orientation. He does not believe that anyone should be judged by any factors other than their ability to perform the job. He has maintained this position and voted against banning homosexuals from the military.

In 1993 he voted against the D.C. Appropriations bill. Although this vote entailed what appeared to be a vote against domestic partners, this was not the case. The major issue that caused him to vote against this bill was a concern over abortion funding. Green felt that the Hyde amendment would discriminate against low-income women and would deny them affordable reproductive health care. The Hyde amendment would disallow the use of Medicaid monies to be used for abortions.

In 1995, when the D.C. appropriations bill was again up for debate, Congressman Green voted against the Hostettler amendment. This amendment attempted to strip the District of Columbia's Health Care Benefits Expansion Act that would deny benefits to domestic partners.

COMMUNITY OPINIONS: The Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus endorsed Gene Green. A letter received from the Human Rights Campaign further supported Gene Green. Michael Roybal, Esq. (Chief Legislative Counsel, HRC) wrote: "Houston is well served by Representative Gene Green on Gay and Lesbian issues . . . HRC has forged an important relationship with Representative Green's office and we look forward to his continued support."

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Judge Garcia's community record includes positions on over 25 boards and commissions including the San Jacinto Girl Scouts, the Harris County Bail Bond Board, the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee of the Houston-Galveston Area Council, the American Leadership Forum the Houston Area Woman's Center, as well as the Institute of Hispanic Culture.

Despite Many barriers, obstacles and great odds, Sylvia R. Garcia evolved from a young girl picking cotton on a South Texas farm to becoming a respected jurist and Chief Judge of the third largest Municipal Court System in the nation. No stranger to hard work, Judge Sylvia R. Garcia looks forward to the challenges that lie ahead.

At the time our newsletter went to press, Sylvia Garcia had garnered an endorsement from the Houston Chronicle and is being picked by many pundits as the victor in this race. Sylvia urges all her friends to "please work just as hard as you have been working" because the election isn't over till the polls close on election day. Sylvia is worthy of our support and efforts. Her door is open to all people in our community. She is fair, just, and honest...what more do we want in a public servant? SYLVIA GARCIA FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY!

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In 1993 he voted against the D.C. Appropriations bill. Although this vote entailed what appeared to be a vote against domestic partners, this was not the case. The major issue that caused him to vote against this bill was a concern over abortion funding. Green felt that the Hyde amendment would discriminate against low-income women and would deny them affordable reproductive health care. The Hyde amendment would disallow the use of Medicaid monies to be used for abortions.

In 1995, when the D.C. appropriations bill was again up for debate, Congressman Green voted against the Hostettler amendment. This amendment attempted to strip the District of Columbia's Health Care Benefits Expansion Act that would deny benefits to domestic partners.

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by Lane Lewis



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The HGLPC encourages you to vote for Patrice Barron for Justice, Texas Supreme Court Place 1. We recommend Ms. Barron because we believe she will be fair and impartial to all who appear before her.

Patrice Barron is a former Justice from the Fourteenth Court of Appeals who was defeated in the 1994 Republican landslide, after having been appointed by Governor Ann Richards. Her service was historic, as she was the first woman ever to serve on that nine-judge court. She is also the only woman on the ballot this year for any of the four openings on the Texas Supreme Court.

Barron is a Houston resident. Her law practice is specialized in the area of appeals, and she is Board Certified in that field. She has handled many high profile appeals successfully, including representing Barbra Piotrowski (i.e. the woman Richard Minns allegedly shot), before the Texas Supreme Court. Barron is a 1982 graduate of Tulane Law School and a 1979 graduate of Tulane University. Before opening her own appellate practice, Barron worked at a law firm. She is a member of the Houston Bar Association's civil appellate practice section, a member of the Texas Association of Civil Trial and Appellate Specialists, and a sustaining Life Fellow of the Houston Bar Foundation.



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On January 4, 1996, Fred Mangione was executed. He was never convicted of any crime, never committed an egregious injustice. Mr. Mangione's only crime was that he was gay, which to some Texans justifies murder. His death makes it perfectly clear that Texas is not doing enough to prevent hate crimes.

Since 1988, fifteen (15) Texans have been murdered strictly because of their sexual orientation. Countless others have been beaten, assaulted, robbed, harassed, or discriminated against simply because they are gay. With these numerous cases as evidence, Rep. Garnet Coleman attempted to amend the state hate-crime law to explicitly state that bias or prejudice against Texans based on their sexual orientation would not go unpunished. Unfortunately, that bid failed, but Rep. Coleman will work hard for that change in the next session of the Legislature.

"As a member of the Texas House of Representatives, I fought hard to amend our hate crime statute, and I am committed to continue that fight until the work is done," said Representative Coleman. "Only through an explicit hate-crime law can we end the cycle of hate, and move forward to a better future. By sending the message that crimes against peoples of a group will not be tolerated, we can destroy the archaic belief that some Texans are worth less than others."

Fred Mangione died because of the hatred of a pair who obviously were taught to hate and the indifference of millions. Changing our hate crime law will not bring him back, but it will mean that, perhaps, fewer join him on the sad list of people killed by hate. Please return Garnet Coleman to the Legislature so we can join with him in the fight against hate and indifference, and make a better future for Texas.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DEBRA DANBURG

Debra Danburg is serving her eighth term as a member of the Texas House of Representatives. She is currently serving her third term as Chair of the House Committee of Elections and as a member of the Committee on State Affairs.

She represents District 137, which encompasses Montrose, the Heights, Memorial Park, Greenway Plaza, Highland Village, and now the Galleria and Gulfton areas. She is a native Houstonian and received her undergraduate and law degree from the University of Houston, where she was Student Body Vice-President and Women's Advocate.

In 1993, Representative Danburg was named "Alumna of the Year" by the College of Social Science of the University of Houston, and in 1992, she delivered the College of Social Sciences' commencement address at University of Houston.

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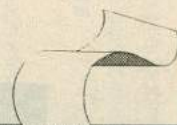
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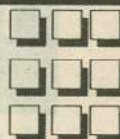
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In response to a question from the audience about whether he would support the federal Employment Non-Discrimination Act, Bob Dole replied, "No, I don't believe in special rights for any minority group."

President Clinton, when asked the same question, smiled, then said, "Yes. Emphatically."

—from the second Presidential Debate, Oct. 16, 1996

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Representative Danburg has served on the House Appropriations Committee. She is past chair of the Subcommittee on Budget and Oversight of the Committee on Cultural and Historical Resources and was the first woman member to be appointed to the Committee on Business and Industry. She has twice served on the Criminal Jurisprudence Committee and is the first woman to be appointed to the position.

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This year there is a clear choice for gay men and lesbians. We will support President Clinton, who has done more for our civil rights than any other president in the history of this nation.

Has he done everything that we wanted? No. Will he do everything we want in the future? No. Clearly, though, what he has done is important, and in politics you reward those folks—not the people who have fought us every step of the way, and will not even take our money, much less some of our ideas!

President Clinton has:

1. Increased spending for HIV/AIDS research and for Ryan White. His leadership has been invaluable.
2. He personally saw to it that Newt Gingrich and the Robert Dornan gay-baiters did not get their way and kick HIV-positive military personnel out of the service.
3. He personally led the attempt to attach ENDA (Employment Non-Discrimination Act) as an amendment to the DOMA bill.
4. He signed an executive order which forbids U.S. government agencies from using homosexuality as an excuse to deny security clearances.
5. He signed an executive order which makes it impossible to use homosexuality as an excuse to fire a person employed by the Federal Government.
6. He worked with the Human Rights Campaign to defeat anti-gay initiatives in Oregon, Idaho, and Maine.
7. He appointed a National HIV/AIDS Advisory Committee to help make national policy. Tom Henderson, a Texan, serves on this committee.
8. He has appointed over 100 gay men and lesbians to administration jobs, including Roberta Achtenberg and Bruce Lehman, the first in our community to be nominated by a sitting president who required confirmation by the Senate.
9. He changed U.S. policy to grant political asylum to people who fear persecution in their home countries because of their sexual orientation.

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To help us work together in a more effective manner, I am calling for a meeting, a summit of all political, social, and economic organizations in this city for December 14th for an initial planning session, that we may begin to resolve our differences, creating a united community without sacrificing our particular basic functions and missions. We can and should do this. The time is past for childish amusements and petty arguments.

We are on the threshold of great things and if we do not seize the moment we will be left to fend for ourselves without mercy. Our fear should not be of those who openly hate us but those who want to keep us silent and without voice in our own community. These should be our greatest fears—silence, and those who entreat us to silence!



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These are not insignificant matters. Several at least have been on our agenda since the 30s, and he is the first U.S. president to help us. He deserves our thanks for the help. He has earned our vote for his efforts. Our disappointment over his ability to grant what we wanted on the gays in the military issue is still there, but he got what he could out of the issue without totally surrendering to the Gingrich-Doman crowd. Remember, even our own Barney Franks said that this was the best deal we could have gotten under the circumstances.

Our disappointment over his signing the DOMA bill is real, but he made a valiant effort to attach ENDA to it. No president will do 100% of what we want. As a matter of fact, we did not bring up the DOMA issue. The Republicans did it to try to divide us from President Clinton, because they knew he would have to sign it or else this whole presidential campaign would be a debate about gays. We could not win that argument, and certainly it would have been a negative in the eyes of most Americans, who do not understand our "marriage" issues but who will support the politicians who vote for employment non-discrimination issues.

As mature political beings, we must understand how the system works, keep pushing for all our issues, accept the losses, and work to re-elect those who at the most will help us and who at the least will not hurt us. The Caucus understands this, and thus we urge you to actively support Bill Clinton for President of these United States.

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DIANA DAVILA STATE REP., DISTRICT 145

Diana has long been a leader in her community. Growing up down the street from Ripley House Community Center, she began working at age fourteen as a volunteer Spanish teacher for officers in the Houston Police Department. During her two terms in office, Diana has cited education and the overall needs of children as her priority. She also strongly believes in empowerment through participation, and works to involve communities in the educational and political arenas by giving them a sense of ownership in such processes.

Diana was one of the first members of the legislature to co-sponsor the Hate Crimes Bill. Diana has committed to supporting during the upcoming legislative session a Hate Crimes Bill that enhances penalties for hate crimes motivated by race, ethnicity, religion, disability, and sexual orientation. Diana believes that changing the current statute will make the law less vulnerable to a constitutional challenge and will protect Texans.

Throughout the last legislative session, Diana was a vocal proponent of increased funding for HIV/AIDS services. In her work with a bill that is designed to alert expectant mothers who may be at risk of HIV infection about available treatment, Diana included language that increases the availability of this important information and protects the mother's privacy.

Diana opposes initiative and referendum legislation that would allow that process in Texas. The referendum process was used in California to pass Proposition 187, and has been used nationwide to pass anti-gay and anti-immigrant policies proposed by extremist groups.

Currently Diana serves on the House Human Services Committee, which oversees welfare and reha-

the importance of increasing the level of HIV/AIDS funding. Jessica also added amendments to an HIV/AIDS testing bill that protected the individual's right to privacy. Jessica will continue to work to ensure that mandatory HIV/AIDS testing never becomes a reality in Texas while she promotes HIV prevention and education programs.

Jessica also supported a bill that increases the compensation available to victims of violent crimes. Victims can now receive up to \$25,000 for health care and other benefits. This issue is important because "household members" can also be eligible for compensation—including gay and lesbian couples.

Jessica was appointed by Speaker Pete Laney to serve on the House Committee on Corrections and on the House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence. The Committee on Corrections has jurisdiction over the incarceration and rehabilitation of convicted felons, correctional facilities, and several state agencies. The committee also oversees the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. The House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence has jurisdiction over criminal law and procedures. The committee also affects local agencies like county and district attorneys.

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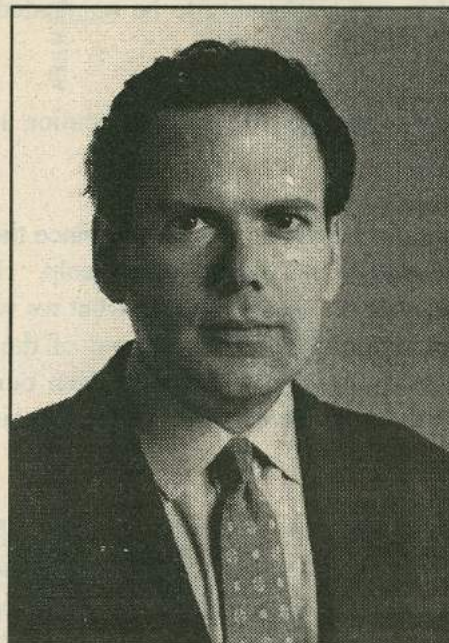
Ms. Farrar was first elected to the Texas House of Representatives in November of 1994. She was instrumental in passing a legislative package consisting of three bills which encourage the City of Houston to turn tax-delinquent property into low-income housing for development by nonprofit corporations. She was directly involved in repealing the spousal privilege in cases of family violence, prohibiting the use of polygraph tests with rape victims, and strengthening penalties for hate crimes.

Jessica co-sponsored the Hate Crimes Bill and addressed her colleagues of the floor of the House on

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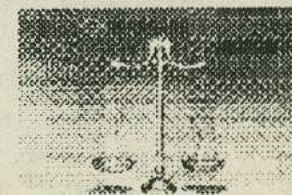
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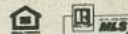


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by Jay Seegers

To the average Texas voter, judicial races are among the most unexciting of all races on the ballot. As a result, most Texas voters will walk up to the voting booth on November 5 with little or no knowledge about any of the judicial candidates. Studies have shown that this lack of knowledge causes many voters to refrain from voting in some, or even all, judicial races. This is distressing, considering that the actions by members of the judiciary have a greater impact on the lives of average citizens than actions taken by holders of almost any other office. This is especially true for members of the gay and lesbian community. It is for this reason that the HGLPC encourages all members of our community and those individuals who care about our community to do their part in electing an open and fair-minded judiciary by casting informed votes in this November's judicial races.

To assist our community and friends of our community in casting informed votes in November's judicial races, the HGLPC Political Action Committee invited all judicial candidates who will appear on the ballot in Harris County to appear in person to answer questions about issues that are important to our community. Specifically, the HGLPC PAC Screening Committee questioned judicial candidates extensively regarding their knowledge of, and opinions about, court cases like *Bowers v. Hardwick*, in which the United States Supreme Court upheld a Georgia statute that outlawed homosexual sodomy, and *Romer v. Evans*, in which the Supreme Court overturned a Colorado law that sought to repeal all state and local laws protecting gays and lesbians. The HGLPC PAC also asked judicial candidates whether, if elected, they would institute a formal written policy prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation in their offices. Finally, the HGLPC PAC asked judicial candidates to discuss their views about what, if any, protections the United States Constitution provides to combat discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Based on their responses to the Screening Committee's questions, the HGLPC PAC is proud to have endorsed the following judicial candidates in the November election:

Patrice Barron.....	Justice, Texas Supreme Court, Place 1
Eileen Flume	Justice, Texas Supreme Court, Place 2
Frank Maloney.....	Judge, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3
George Ellis	Justice, 1st Court of Appeals, Place 1
Cynthia Owens	Chief Justice, 14th Court of Appeals
Dalia Stokes	Judge, 14th Court of Appeals, Place 1
Carolyn Day Hobson	Judge, 61st Civil District Court
Jana Ivey	Judge, 129th Civil District Court
Elinor Walters	Judge, 215th Civil District Court
Cynthia Rayfield.....	Judge, 338th Criminal District Court
Dale Gorcynski.....	Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1
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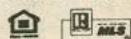


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KEN YARBROUGH STATE REP., DISTRICT 138

Ken Yarbrough was elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1990. In 1990, he served on the Labor and Employment Relations and Urban Affairs Committees. When re-elected in 1992, Speaker Pete Laney chose Ken Yarbrough, a second term House Member, to be Vice-Chairman of the Licensing and Administrative Procedures Committee. When re-elected in 1994, he served again as Vice-Chair of the Economic Development Committee and as a member of the Licensing and Administrative Procedures Committee. In addition, Ken was the only member of the Harris County Delegation chosen to become a member of a special select committee on Veterans Affairs.

Ken Yarbrough has four (4) children and three (3) grandsons. He is a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church. Ken's civic activities include: member of Shady Acres Civic Club, Meadow Lea Civic Club, Brazos Valley Private Industry Council, Harris County AFL-CIO, sustaining member of the Texas Democratic Party, Greater Heights Chamber of Commerce, North Loop Optimists, life member of The National PTO, life member and active committeeman of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

VICTOR TREVINO, A FRIEND OF THE LESBIAN & GAY COMMUNITY

Precinct 6 Constable Victor Trevino has been a long-time friend of the Houston gay and lesbian community. Throughout his public service, Constable Trevino has been an advocate of underrepresented communities. His willingness to address critical issues about public safety and community protection at the county level, Trevino has earned him a reputation of hard work and integrity.

Constable Victor Trevino immigrated to the United States in 1958. He became a Houston Police Officer in 1976 and served thirteen years before being elected as constable for Precinct 6 in 1988.

Victor graduated from Austin High School in H.I.S.D. He also attended San Jacinto Junior College, Southwest Texas State University's Crime Prevention School, the Federal Bureau of Investigation Communication School, and Lockheed Corporation Management School. Constable Trevino received his degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Houston.

Victor is married to Silvia Rodriguez Trevino, who is presently a Houston Police Officer. Together they have three children: daughter Carolyn and sons Victory III and Thomas. Nephew, Michael, is also part of the Trevino family household.

Constable Trevino's dedication to his community and commitment to public service have earned him the support of the HGLPC and other groups. Constable Victor Trevino is a Democrat and has been a party activist before and during his term. His partnership with the gay and lesbian community have led to his endorsement this and past years.

SENATOR JOHN WHITMIRE CONTINUES TO SUPPORT GAY & LESBIAN ISSUES

Senator John Whitmire served as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice during the 73rd Legislature and is a member of the Nominations, Intergovernmental Relations, and State Affairs Committees. Since 1983, Senator Whitmire has represented Senate District 15. Prior to being elected to the Senate, Senator Whitmire served five terms in the Texas House of Representatives.

He authored S.B. 1067, the Penal Code Revision, which imposed tougher penalties on convicted felons as well as S.B. 532 which created a new system of State Jails.

In his position as Chair of the Criminal Justice Committee, Senator Whitmire led the fight to try to get Section 21.06 of the Penal Code removed from S.B. 1067. The State Senate actually removed the anti-sodomy statute but the Texas House refused to do the same. Senator Whitmire spoke eloquently against keeping 21.06 and worked successfully in the Senate to get it omitted. The bill went to a conference committee and 21.06 remains in Texas law. His influence and effectiveness are large factors in his success in the legislature.

Originally from Hillsboro, Texas, Senator Whitmire's family moved to Houston where he graduated from Waltrip High School. He went on to earn a BA in Political Science from the University of Houston and attended the University of Houston's Bates College of Law. He was admitted to the bar in 1981 and is a practicing attorney who lives and works in Houston.

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A.B. CHAMBERS IS A DEPENDABLE CONSTABLE FOR PRECINCT 7

Constable A.B. Chambers has served Precinct 7 for the past twenty-two years. A dedicated public servant, Constable Chambers said that he has "always appreciated the support of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus in the past," and continues to look forward to working with the our community.

Constable Chambers was appointed as the first black Deputy Constable in Texas, and has over thirty-one years in law enforcement experience. Through his precinct, Constable Chambers provides Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) at three area schools, coordinates a school truancy patrol, and was the first constable in Harris County to use laser technology instead of radars. He was also the first area constable to use the Selection Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) to specialize in drunk-driver apprehension and accident investigation. Constable Chambers is particularly proud to be the first Harris County law enforcement official to set up DWI sobriety checkpoints.

Aside from having an aggressive law enforcement program, Constable Chambers is very involved in his community. He has served as president of the Houston Business and Professional Men's Club, board member of the Houston Citizen Chamber of Commerce, and Chairman of the Sam Houston Bay Area Boy Scouts of America fundraiser. Constable Chambers has also been a member of the Harris County Council of Organizations, Greater St. Paul Baptist Church, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship Committee; in addition, he sponsors Little League baseball and football teams.

Constable Chambers has always been accessible to the gay and lesbian community, and he continues to be interested in important issues that affect safety in our neighborhoods.

**Alma
ALLEN**

for
State Board of Education
Seat 4

Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus Survey

Please help us tailor our organization to your needs by answering the questions below. Feel free to leave any question blank. If any question does not provide an option that reflects you or your interests, feel free to write in your own answer.

1. How would you rank the following HGLPC and HGLPC PAC activities from 1 (most important) to 10 (least important)?

Use the same rank number for activities you consider equally important.

- ☐ Screening and endorsement of candidates
- ☐ Response to anti-gay/anti-lesbian discrimination in the Houston area
- ☐ Educating elected officials on gay and lesbian issues
- ☐ Media relations
- ☐ Updating the membership on the status of gay and lesbian issues
- ☐ Educating the general public on gay and lesbian issues
- ☐ Educating the membership of the political process
- ☐ Coordination with other lesbian and gay organizations in Texas
- ☐ Coordination with national organizations
- ☐ Coalition building with other minorities in the Houston area
- ☐ Other _____

2. How would you rank the following gay and lesbian political issues from 1 (most important) to 10 (least important)?

Use the same rank number for issues you consider equally important.

- ☐ Repeal of the Texas sodomy statute
- ☐ Enactment of hate crimes legislation targeting lesbian and gay victimization
- ☐ Legislation affecting gay and lesbian marriage
- ☐ Gay and lesbian adoption and child custody issues
- ☐ Employment nondiscrimination
- ☐ Gay and lesbian partnership benefits
- ☐ Housing nondiscrimination
- ☐ AIDS issues and legislation

9. What would increase your attendance to membership meetings?

10. Do you affiliate yourself with any political party? (check one)

☐ Democratic ☐ Republican ☐ Libertarian
☐ Other _____
☐ None

11. Are you affiliated with any other community organizations?

Yes No

Which one(s)? (Include social, political, cultural, athletic, educational, or any other type)

12. Do you read any gay or lesbian periodical publications?

Yes No

Which one(s)? (Include local, statewide, national, and international publications)

13. In which of the following activities would you like to become involved? (check all which apply)

- ☐ Block walking and phone banking to increase voter turnout
- ☐ Voter registration
- ☐ Precinct organization
- ☐ Working on political campaigns
- ☐ Candidate screening
- ☐ Speaker's bureau
- ☐ Phone tree
- ☐ Mailouts
- ☐ Fundraising
- ☐ Petition circulation
- ☐ Donating to political campaigns
- ☐ Meeting with elected officials
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- ___ AIDS issues and legislation
- ___ Lesbian health issues
- ___ Transgender issues
- ___ Other _____

3. Are you a member of the Caucus? Yes No Former member

4. Are HGLPC annual dues of \$30: (circle one)

Too low Too high About right?

5. Are monthly membership and board meetings: (circle one)

Too frequent Too infrequent About right?

6. What do you like most about HGLPC?

7. What do you like least about HGLPC?

8. What would make membership meetings more interesting?

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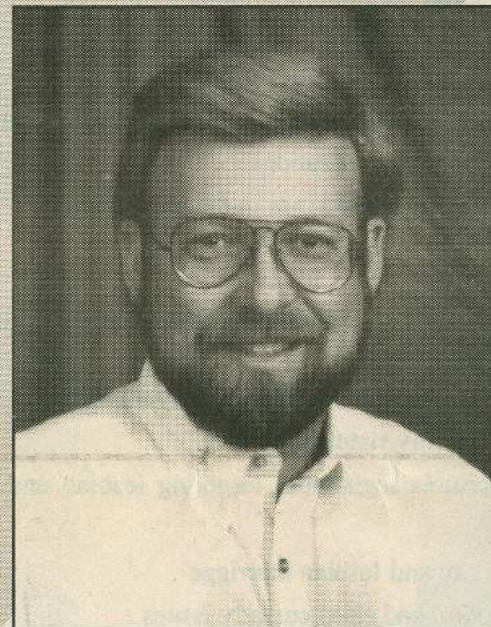
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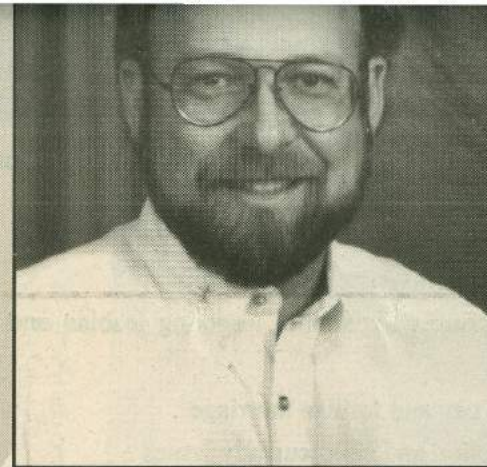
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REP. HOCHBERG AND HATE CRIMES BILL

Representative Scott Hochberg introduced the Hate Crimes Bill in the 74th Legislature and has pledged to continue supporting amendments to the current law that will include sexual orientation. Scott's proposed changes would also increase penalties against those who commit hate crimes. The Hate Crimes Bill failed by two votes but garnered tremendous support due to Scott's tireless effort.

Scott Hochberg is serving his second term as State Representative for District 132 in southwest Houston. The district includes the Texas Medical Center, Rice University, the Astrodome, and neighborhoods in Southamptton, Southgate, Hiram Clarke, Meyerland, Maplewood, and Fondren Southwest.

Scott was recognized as one of the best legislators by Texas Monthly magazine and by the Texas Observer. He was also honored by Speaker Pete Laney and Governor George Bush, who jointly appointed him to represent the legislature on the board of the Texas Department of Information Resources.

In addition to his work in education, his legislative accomplishments include simplifying enforcement of deed restrictions, tightening controls over poorly managed apartment complexes, enacting civil and criminal penalties for reckless discharge of weapons within cities, and strengthening prosecution of skinhead groups and other who commit hate crimes. An advocate of open government, he is one of several legislators who successfully worked to make all legislative actions and state agency rules accessible on the Internet.

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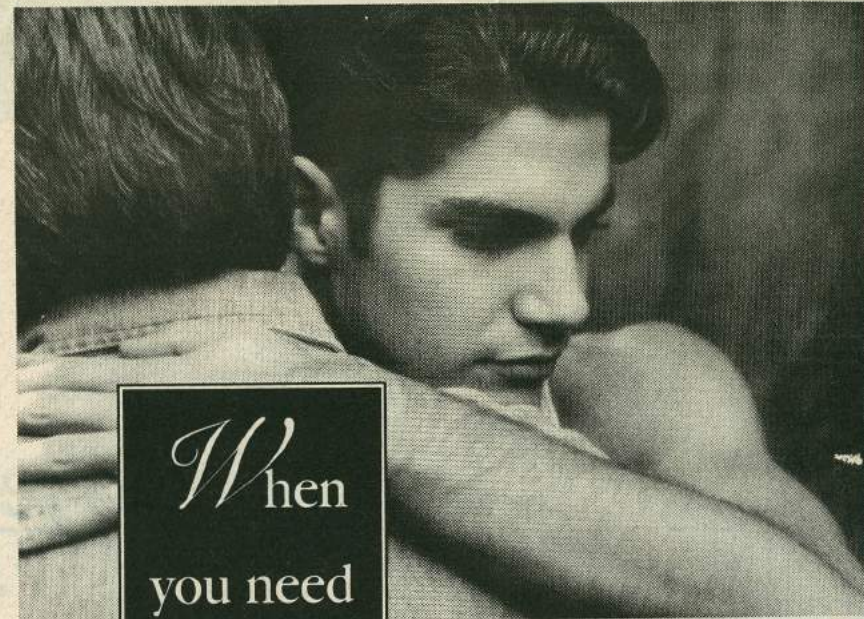
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Sheila Jackson Lee	US Rep., Dist 18
Scott Douglas Cunningham	US Rep., Dist 22
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Gene Green	US Rep., Dist 29
Hector Uribe	Railroad Commissioner
Patrice Barron	Tx Supreme Ct., Pl 1
Eileen Flume	Tx Supreme Ct., Pl 2
Frank Maloney	Court Crim Appeals, Pl 1
Alma A. Allen	St Bd Education, Pl 4
Rema Lou Brown	St Bd Education, Pl 7
George Ellis	1st Ct Appeals, Pl 1
Cynthia Owens	Chief Justice 14 Ct Appeals
Dalia Stokes	14th Ct Appeals, Pl 1
Sylvia Garcia	Harris Cty Attorney
Bruce Marquis	Harris Cty Sheriff
Fred Stockton	Harris Cty Comm. Prec 3
John Whitmire	St Senate, Dist 15
Scott Hochberg	St Rep, Dist 132
Debra Danburg	St Rep, Dist 137
Ken Yarbrough	St Rep, Dist 138
Diana Davila	St Rep, Dist 145
Garnet Coleman	St Rep, Dist 147
Jessica Farrar	St. Rep, Dist 148
Jack Abercia	Harris Cty Constable, Pct 1
Victor Trevino	Harris Cty Constable, Pct 6
A. B. Chambers	Harris Cty Constable, Pct 7
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