



election news

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Make the bloc vote count Saturday, May 3



Forty-three candidates in the May 3 primaries sought the Houston Gay Political Caucus endorsement.

43. That's almost the same number that screened with GPC four years ago during the last non-presidential primary. (In 1984, 60 candidates screened, but a presidential year means more candidates). Many candidates can count, and when they tell caucus members the gay bloc vote is crucial in primaries (at least in the Democratic Primary), they're not spouting political rhetoric. In this low-turnout year, the gay bloc vote can literally make or break some candidates.

Consider the numbers. Projections indicate about 75,000 votes may be cast in the Democratic Primary in Harris County. If GPC only turns out 10,000 votes, that's easily enough to get many judicial candidates in three- or four-person races into run-offs. The bloc vote can be the crucial margin in a two-candidate race.

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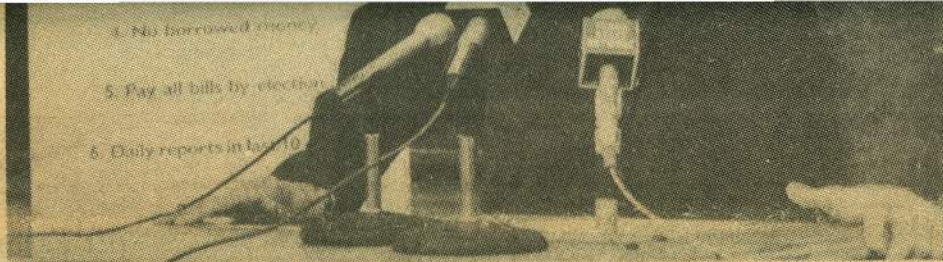
Some of the most intense debate focused on Democratic county chair. The screening committee recommended Rosemary Kennedy. The caucus, voted, however, for Larry Veselka, who has received several other group endorsements, 22-21, then 27-22 on a recount.

It was no contest though for former GPC-endorsed City Council candidate Nikki Van Hightower. She breezed through screening with the highest score, 96 percent, overshadowing opponents Johnny Isbell, 64 percent, and Walt Van Sickle, whose 45 percent was the lowest score.

Some of the most notable no-endorsements involved the race for Democratic nomination for governor. Two years ago, only Houston GPC and the Amarillo gay organization endorsed Mark White, but this year he sought no gay endorsements. The only Democratic candidate who scheduled screening with GPC was Don Crowder, who canceled, saying he had scheduling conflicts.

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John Pouland, above, a candidate for railroad commissioner in the Democratic Primary, blasts his opponents at a press conference. Land Commissioner Garry Mauro, right, another GPC-endorsed candidate, gestures to illustrate a point at a press conference. Mauro is seeking his second term.



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As always, endorsement night found caucus members faced with some difficult choices. In several judicial races, members struggled with selecting the better of two exceptional candidates:

180th District Court — Ruben Guerrero was endorsed over former Baptist minister Ken Lanier.

184th District Court — After much debate, Leonard Roth won out over recently appointed judge Bob Burdette, who was endorsed two years ago.

Criminal Court No. 5 — The caucus rejected the screening committee's recommendation of Sam Alfano for Hannah Chow, an attorney who was endorsed two years ago.

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Bob Musselwhite

"Do not vote" new this year on push cards

By JOE THORNTON

Voters receiving a GPC endorsement card this primary election will notice something new. In non-statewide races where there is more than one candidate seeking the party nomination, and not one of those candidates has sought the GPC endorsement, the endorsement card will indicate "Do Not Vote In This Race."

Caucus members decided to do this only after debating its merits. The major concern was that candidates might take our community's votes for granted. While we all understand that the current political climate makes

the GPC endorsement a liability for some candidates, we are also aware that our support of these people in the past has, in many cases, provided the margin of votes, volunteers, and money needed to get them into office. As proven in the most recent city elections, there are now office-holders who believe that they can publicly disavow political connections with our community but still count on our votes on election day.

This presents GPC and the community with several questions. Do we allow politicians to enjoy "back door" endorsements? Do we believe that people who abandon us

when the "heat" is on at election time won't do it again at other times, with other issues? How do we stop purposeful attempts to damage, if not destroy, the organization and unity the lesbian and gay community has built up over a decade of hard work?

And, don't forget, when a candidate has publicly asked for and received the GPC endorsement, she or he must answer questions about it from the rest of the electorate. Those questions and answers are part of the educational process which we undertake on a constant basis. Candidates having to defend our endorsement is one of our best educational tools.

A response to these questions and problems is the "Do Not Vote In This Race" comment on the endorsement card. It is hoped that this will stop candidates from taking lesbian and gay votes for granted, as well as let them know that we expect their public support before, during, and after elections. Your NOT voting in these races is as important to our community and yourself as voting FOR those candidates who have asked for and received the endorsement.

In races where at least one candidate sought an endorsement, but no endorsement was made, the card reads: No Endorsement.

Endorsements putting GPC back on track

By ANNISE PARKER
GPC President

It becomes obvious to many people this time of year exactly what Gay Political Caucus does. One of our most important goals is electing the best candidates to public office. Naturally, that involves a lot of work, from stuffing envelopes to complicated political strategy. Not to mention spending many hours raising the money to keep the GPC office open and to do the necessary political work, like distributing 50,000 endorsement cards that cost about \$700 just to print.

As always, GPC needs money to get out the gay vote, fight discrimination and educate the public. But we need something else just as important: You.

Volunteers are really what keep this caucus going. And, frankly, without the extreme sacrifice from too few people for too long we couldn't have helped elect a fair number of enlightened public officials.

There's no nice way to describe the past two years from GPC's viewpoint. It's been hell — from being dragged into the referendum by the Straight Slate to no endorsements in the past City Council elections. And the worst part, of course, continues to be the AIDS crisis, which has drawn the gay community much closer in a state of siege that threatens our lives and our rights.

We have, however, kept our dignity and a healthy fighting spirit. It has become all too clear what we are fighting. We may have prevailed over the Straight Slate in the City Council elections and on the health card issue. But the anti-gay AIDS legislation popping up like highly organized weeds all over the country is just the

face of the all-out assault on our basic human rights.

GPC has climbed back up to a high point because of so many endorsements in the May 3 primaries. If we work hard, we will have the momentum to accomplish some important goals for 1986:

1. Doubling membership, substantially increasing the pledge program and increasing the mailing list to over 25,000 names.

If we accomplish these goals, we will give the caucus the sound financial base it must have for maximum effectiveness.

Such growth will become reality only if we have the volunteers who will continue to reach out to the gay community and make this caucus far more responsive and representative.

2. A full-time office secretary. We've been fighting an avalanche of phone calls and paperwork with a 10-hour a week staffer. Politics has just gotten too complicated to run an office mostly on volunteer labor.

3. Educational materials, such as brochures, about homosexuality. If we had the money, we could be doing far more to educate the straight community, as well as some members of our own community. Our speakers bureau is being more assertive about speaking engagements, but it needs more educational materials to hand out at meetings and mail to people.

Many of these goals require money, but much can be done with good old hard work. For instance, GPC has numerous committees and ongoing projects that need volunteers.

Finance: This committee, headed by David Fowler, plans and carries out major fund-raisers, such as the upcoming community awards dinner.

Documentation: Patterned after the National Gay Task Force project, the local effort, directed by Sue Lovell, attempts to document discrimination and put victims in touch with community resources that may help.

Economic Response: The committee continues to investigate businesses that may discriminate against gay employees or customers. Mark Stevens heads this committee.

Membership: The new membership boxes appearing in bars are one project of the membership committee. The group, directed by Len Reber, has also conducted some membership surveys. Fresh ideas about increasing membership and fresh volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

Community affairs: Have a community project, such as neighborhood clean-up, that would help people and make the gay community look good at the same time? Bring it to this committee, round up some volunteers and get going. David Fowler is looking for volunteers and ideas.

Programs: GPC is starting to have fairly regular programs, such as the May 21 program about the new Montrose Library. Joe Thornton is open to suggestions for programs.

Mailing list: The 15,000-plus confidential mailing list always needs updating, and workshops are held regularly. Don Hrachovy chairs and organizes this most vital operation.

Voter registration: The caucus has registered hundreds of voters for the primaries. If you've seen volunteers with small white cards and clipboards at bars, you've seen some of their work. Once again, board member Tim Hall has accomplished this crucial task quite successfully.

Monthly newsletter: Part of the caucus' ongoing media work, which includes press releases and press conferences, the monthly newsletter is designed for members and those who've just joined the mailing list. At the moment, the newsletter is looking for a new editor and someone to sell — on commission — ads for the monthly bulletin.

Republican and Democratic Committees: Two of the busiest committees in the caucus are the political party organizations. You don't have to be a member of GPC to join one of the committees. During political season, the committees are working furiously to organize precincts, get precinct chairs elected and prepare for the upcoming precinct, senatorial and state party conventions. The Republican Committee, under the guidance of Joe Thornton, has been especially busy trying to make inroads into the Republican Party. Their success is partially reflected in the four names which appear as Republican candidates for precinct judges.

Networking: As much as possible, GPC tries to work with other groups and participate in other groups. For instance, two GPC board members represent the caucus on the Lesbian/Gay Rights Advocates (LGRA) board, the state board which directs our lobbyist in the State Legislature. Each session, GPC is responsible for helping raise several thousands of dollars, our share of the statewide lobbying effort.

The caucus also continues to work with the AIDS Foundation, coordinating our efforts in this most important battle.

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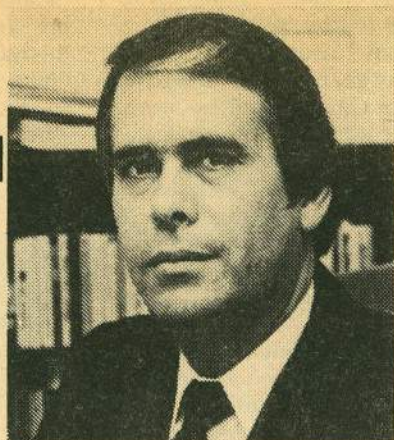
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Vote for Jay W.
BURNETT
for JUDGE
183rd Criminal District Court

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Representative

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Senator

Polumbo, Tony
Representative

Washington, Craig
Senator

Evans, Larry Q.
Representative

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Councilman

Thompson, Senfronia
Representative

Whitmire, John
Senator

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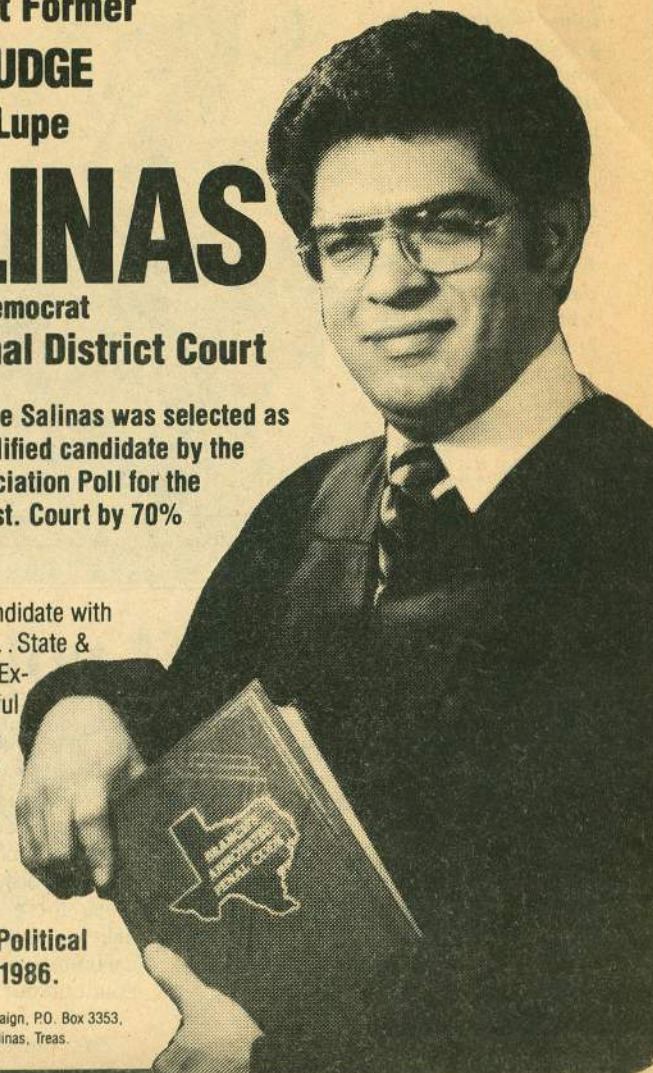
185th Criminal District Court

Former Judge Lupe Salinas was selected as the most well qualified candidate by the Houston Bar Association Poll for the 185th Criminal Dist. Court by 70% of the vote.

Vote for the Only Candidate with
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GPC endorsements

MAY 3 DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

Governor
Land Commissioner
Agriculture Commissioner
Railroad Commissioner
Judge, Ct. of Crim. Appeals, 1

State Rep. 142
State Rep. 147
District Judge, 180th JD
District Judge, 183rd JD
District Judge, 184th JD
District Judge, 185th JD
District Judge, 295th JD
District Judge, 309th JD
District Judge, 314th JD
Judge, Cty. Court at Law 2
Judge, Cty. Court at Law 3
Judge, Cty. Crim. Court 3
Judge, Cty. Crim. Court 5
Judge, Cty. Crim. Court 9
Judge, Cty. Crim. Court 11
Judge, Cty. Crim. Court 14
Judge, Cty. Probate Court 4

County Treasurer
County Surveyor
County Commissioner, Pct. 2
Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1, Pl. 2
Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2, Pl. 2
Harris Cty. Democratic Chair

Precinct chairs:

Precinct 16
Precinct 32
Precinct 33
Precinct 34
Precinct 37
Precinct 38
Precinct 39
Precinct 60
Precinct 123
Precinct 446

MAY 3 REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

State Rep. 125
State Rep. 127
State Rep. 130
State Rep. 133
State Rep. 150

NO ENDORSEMENT

Garry Mauro
Jim Hightower
* John Pouland
Rusty Duncan

William Gaston Leland
Larry Evans
Ruben Guerrero
Jay W. Burnett
Leonard M. Roth
Lupe Salinas
Frank O. White

* Doug Warne
Juanita Jeys
Eugene "Gene" Goldgar
Carolyn Day Hobson
NO ENDORSEMENT
Hannah Chow
Alfred G. "Al" Leal
Dennis W. Craggs
Angel Fraga
* Sheila Jackson Lee

Nikki R. Van Hightower
NO ENDORSEMENT
DO NOT VOTE IN THIS RACE
Laurence (Larry) Wayne
DO NOT VOTE IN THIS RACE
Larry R. Veselka

John David Devers
Scott Harbers
Carmen Pollock
Leland G. Marsters Jr.
Max Todd
Rosemary Scott
C. Brian Keever
Aileen McMurrer
Darryl M. Young
Bob Meyer

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GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

Q. What exactly does GPC do with the money it collects?

A. Just like everyone, we have bills to pay. The Gay Political Caucus spends about \$600 monthly in basic office expenses: rent, phone, copies, stamps.

As a political organization, one of GPC's most important goals is electing the most progressive candidates. That gets expensive: The election newsletter and GPC endorsement cards cost over \$4,000. We still have the run-off elections in a few weeks and the November general elections.

GPC also pays several thousand dollars each year to support the statewide gay rights lobbyist in the State Legislature who has been effective in stopping anti-gay legislation.

Q. What could GPC do with more money?

A. Your money is especially needed in these areas:

- Full-time office secretary to keep up with a mounting workload of paperwork and phone calls.
- More educational materials to improve the self-image of lesbians and gay men in the gay community and improve our image in the straight community.
- Ads for political candidates supportive of the gay community and to clarify political issues.
- To aggressively pay off past debts.

Q. How can the gay community support GPC?

A. Besides volunteering just a few hours a month, and voting for GPC-endorsed candidates:

- Enroll in the "Pay the Bills" Pledge Program. As little as \$5 is automatically deducted from your checking account each month. This is the best way to ensure the caucus operates on a sound financial basis.
- Join GPC. Just fill out the form below, and you can charge it to Visa or MasterCard if you wish.
- If you can't afford this much, perhaps you could put \$1, \$2 or \$3 in the enclosed envelope and return it. That would

Precinct 33
Precinct 34
Precinct 37
Precinct 38
Precinct 39
Precinct 60
Precinct 123
Precinct 446

MAY 3 REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

State Rep. 125
State Rep. 127
State Rep. 130
State Rep. 133
State Rep. 150
Judge, 183rd JD
Family District Judge, 309th JD
Judge, Cty. Crim. Court 2
Judge, Cty. Crim. Court 4

Judge, Cty. Crim. Court 6

Judge, Cty. Crim. Court 13
District Clerk
City Surveyor
County Commissioner, 4
Justice of the Peace, Pct. 8, Pl. 2

Precinct Chairs:
Precinct 33
Precinct 34
Precinct 37
Precinct 431

* Indicates Targeted Race

Carmen Pollock
Leland G. Marsters Jr.
Max Todd
Rosemary Scott
C. Brian Keever
Aileen McMurrer
Darryl M. Young
Bob Meyer

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J.R. "Bob" Musselwhite

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Jack Marvin
Curtis Wright
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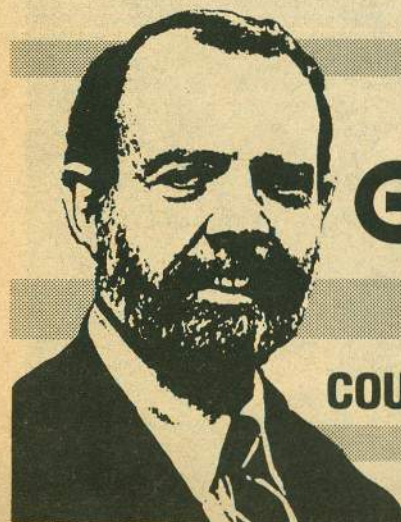
- ☐ Monthly deduction for pledge program
 - ☐ \$10 limited income membership
 - ☐ \$25 regular annual membership
 - ☐ \$40 two-year membership
 - ☐ \$45 one-year GPC membership and first-year membership in National Gay Task Force
 - ☐ \$65 two-year GPC membership and first-year membership in National Gay Task Force
 - ☐ \$75 Supporting member
 - ☐ \$1,000 Lifetime member
- Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Account No.: _____

Signature: _____
Card Exp. Date: _____

Would you like to be added to the GPC Republican Committee mailing list? ☐

Would you like to be added to the GPC Democratic Committee mailing list? ☐

Would you like to be added to the AIDS Foundation mailing list? ☐



ELECT
Eugene "Gene"
GOLDGAR
JUDGE
COUNTY COURT AT LAW
NO. 2

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14 candidates for precinct chairs

The names of 4 Republican and 10 Democratic candidates for precinct chair — a record number — appear on this endorsement card.

The precinct chair's name appears far down the ballot, but his or her ballot position has nothing to do with the amount of work performed. These 14 candidates have been blockwalking and mailing to the voters. So, please take the trouble to check your endorsement card in these precincts and vote for precinct chair.

The Republican candidates are:
33 Jack Marvin

34 Curtis Wright
37 David Bowers
431 Paul Simmons

The Democratic candidates are:

16 John David Devers
32 Scott Harbers
33 Carmen Pollock
34 Lee G. Marsters Jr.
37 Max Todd
38 Rosemary Scott
39 C. Brian Keever
60 Aileen McMurrer
123 Darryl M. Young
446 Bob Meyer

GPC moves office, meets at Holiday Inn

Houston Gay Political Caucus has moved its office to save money. The new office, located at 900 Lovett, Suite 101, costs \$150 less a month than the previous space. We are now located in the same office complex as Montrose Counseling Center, the Texas Human Rights Foundation and State Rep. Debra Danburg.

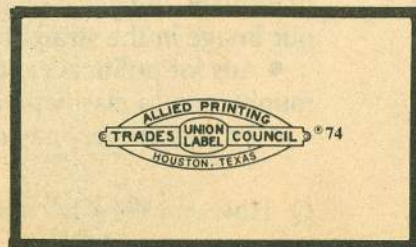
Board meetings are conducted at the new office at 7:30 p.m. the second Wednesday. These meetings are open.

Caucus meetings are held at the central

Holiday Inn, 4640 Main (near Sears), the first and third Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Like any office, the caucus office always needs supplies. If you can donate any supplies, such as typing paper, they are greatly appreciated. We also need:

A file cabinet
Materials for shelves
A computer desk
A letter-quality or near letter-quality computer printer (IBM compatible)
A small refrigerator



Volunteers needed on election day

If you can spare just a few hours on election day, you can help by handing out GPC endorsement cards, a candidate's literature, answering phones, calling voters or running errands.

Caucus members also traditionally stay up late or rise quite early that morning to place candidates' signs in the Montrose precincts.

If you'd like to help, call the GPC office at 521-1000 and leave your name and phone number.

Campaigns

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presided over County Criminal
Court 5 since its creation and will*

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Campaigns need volunteers

These are some of the candidates who have made specific requests for GPC volunteers to distribute literature, build and deliver yard signs and help with mailings.

Targeted races:

Sheila Jackson Lee, 4428 N. Roseneath, 741-5414, Elwyn Lee.

John Poulard,
3033 Chimney Rock, Suite 610,
783- 8845, Steve Ashy.
Doug Warne, 880-2390, Miriam Riskind.

Other races:

Hannah Chow, 4711 San Jacinto, 526-1439, Debbie Blanton. Juanita Jeys, 221 Norfolk, Suite 525, 524-8110, George Dillard.

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office. We must nominate a
winning candidate to keep this
important County Court
in the Democratic column.*

*Your vote for
Hannah Chow for Judge
in the Democratic Primary,
Saturday, May 3rd, will nominate
a highly respected, qualified jurist
who will be a credit to the
Democratic Ticket and the winner
we need in November.*

HANNAH
CHOW
FOR JUDGE COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT 5

Pol. adv. pd. for by the Hannah Chow for Judge Committee,
Raymond Lew, Treasurer. 4711 San Jacinto, Houston, Texas 77004



Panels screen, caucus endorses

Some caucus members dedicated many evenings and weekends during March to one of GPC's most important and most interesting activities: screening candidates. GPC doesn't need to boast that it has one of the — perhaps the best — questionnaire in the city. Candidates' sweaty palms and hours of coaching some of them take attests to that.

Every one of the 43 candidates that sought the GPC endorsement for the May 3 primaries submitted a written questionnaire, explaining about their campaign staffs, contributions, expected endorsements and other information. Then most of them met face to face with a small panel of caucus screeners — whatever members volunteered to screen that day — and were scored on a series of questions pertaining to their office and gay rights. At the end of each screening, panel members asked any other questions they might have. Each panelist scored individually, then an aggregate score was tabulated for presentation to the full caucus.

A panel of attorneys met separately to dis-

cuss the candidates, and this information was reported first to the screeners, who met to decide who they would recommend to the caucus. Both these reports were then presented to the full caucus for consideration.

A separate process pertained to party offices. Candidates for county party chairs were screened by the Democratic and Republican committees of GPC, and a recommendation was taken to the full caucus. The committees also presented slates of candidates for precinct judges.

The candidates had a final chance to sway the caucus on endorsement night with a one-minute speech and by working the crowd. However, when it was time to vote, only caucus members were allowed to remain for the discussion. Each race was considered individually, with the panel recommendation usually accepted — but not always.

Additional candidates may screen in May for run-offs, and more screenings are expected to be scheduled before the fall general elections.

Election Central at Chutes bar

Join your friends in the community to celebrate election victories Saturday, May 3, at Chutes, 1732 Westheimer. Watch the returns at GPC's Election Central beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Admission is \$3, with proceeds benefiting the caucus. It will be happy hour until midnight, with 25-cent draft beer all night.

Televisions will be scattered throughout the bar, including out on the patio. Numerous candidates have already indicated they'll drop by later in the evening.

Voting questions? Call 521-1000

If you have any questions about voting on Saturday, May 3, call the GPC office at 521-1000. Volunteers will be answering the phone throughout election day to help you with any voting problems, including locating your polling place. Lists of polling places are published either Friday or Saturday in both local newspapers.

Before the election and on election day, you also can call the County Voter Registration office at 224-1919.

On election day, information also may be obtained from some candidates' campaign headquarters.

If you need a ride to the polls, contact the GPC office and we will try to assist you.

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Bagneris endorsed for SDEC

Many gay and lesbian voters support party nominees year after year, but have little knowledge of the inner workings of each political party and their structures. The Republican and Democratic parties in Texas work all year to influence and elect their candidates and to refine party ideology.

Each party is run by an Executive Committee overseen by the state chair. These executive committees carry on the fund-raising and organizing work for each party.

This year, an openly gay man has declared his candidacy for the State Democratic Executive Committee from Senate District 13, which includes the Heights and Montrose. Larry Bagneris, former president of the Gay Political Caucus and former chair of Houston Gay Pride Week, will be running to fill the Executive Committee seat formerly held by Houston City Councilmember Anthony Hall. The SDEC seat is for a two-year term and will be voted on at the Texas State Democratic Convention June 28 in Austin by the elected state delegates from SD 13.

Bagneris has been an extremely active Democratic Party supporter for over a decade. He became the first openly gay delegate to attend a National Democratic Convention when he represented SD 13's

Kennedy supporters in New York City in 1980. He has served as a senate district and state delegate from Montrose for the past four primary conventions. In addition to his political and party activities, he formed and has chaired Houston's Gay Pride Week Parade since 1979 and was a founding member of the Gay Hispanic Caucus, now known as Gay and Lesbian Hispanics Unidos. He has served on the board of directors of the National Gay Task Force.

The Gay Political Caucus endorsed Bagneris in his bid for the SD 13 seat at the April 16 general meeting.

To be able to support Bagneris in his election, every gay and lesbian voter who votes in the Democratic primary in Senate District 13 is encouraged to attend the Democratic precinct conventions at 7 p.m. May 3. The convention will be held at your regular polling location. Volunteer to attend your Senatorial District 13 convention May 17. At that convention, delegates will be selected to attend the state convention in Austin, where the SDEC will be voted on by the SD 13 delegates present. You can also write letters of support to your friends who are serving as delegates. Please contact the GPC office at 521-1000 after May 5 to receive delegate lists for your precinct.



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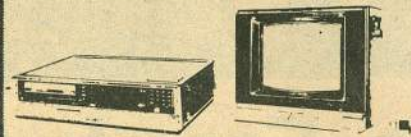
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Calendar

Election season is the busiest time of year in the caucus, with many members volunteering for candidates. But members are also busy planning fund-raisers. Here are some of the events on the GPC calendar for the next two months:

May 3:	Republican and Democratic Primaries, Precinct meetings Election Central at Chutes
May 7:	GPC meeting (Holiday Inn, 4640 Main)
May 14:	GPC board meeting (900 Lovett, Suite 101)
May 17:	Political party senatorial conventions
May 21:	GPC meeting (speaker to discuss new Montrose library)
May 26:	(Tentative) A Memorial Day picnic in the park
June 4:	GPC meeting
June 11:	GPC board meeting
June 18:	GPC meeting
June 21:	GPC awards dinner during Gay Pride Week
June 27-29:	State political party conventions
June 29:	GPC annual celebration in Spotts Park during Gay Pride Week

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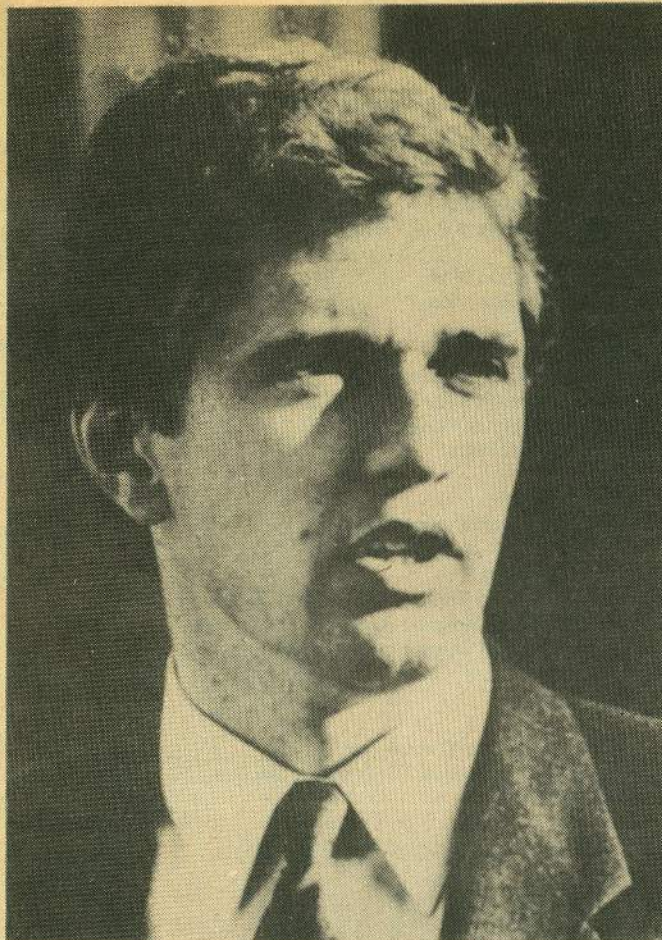
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A native East Texan, now a Dallas attorney, John has worked in the Texas Legislature and in both houses of the U.S. Congress, most recently as a policy advisor to Sen. Hart.

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<i>Honorary Member</i>	Northwest Bar Association Pasadena Bar Association
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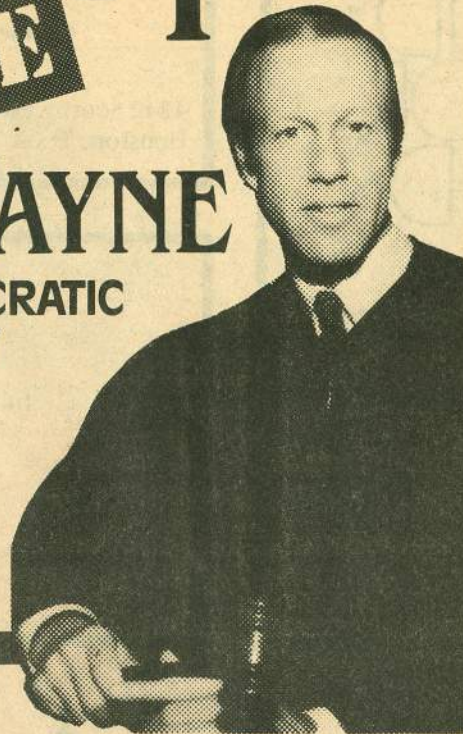
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New Montrose Library to be discussed May 21

The new Montrose Branch Library will be the subject of a presentation by Carol Brown, assistant chief of Branch Services at the Houston Public Library, at the May 21 GPC meeting. Brown created the plan for the new branch.

A branch library in the Montrose area has been in the planning stages for several years. Initially, the new branch was to have been on Richmond, but after learning of the possible availability of the Central Church of Christ

property, the original plans were delayed. Two years of negotiations recently ended, and the new library will be at the Montrose Boulevard location.

This program is a presentation of the Membership Committee of Gay Political Caucus, and is expected to be the first in a series of programs of general community interest. GPC meets on the first and third Wednesdays of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn-Central, 4640 Main.

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It's too late to register to vote in the Saturday, May 3, primaries, but there will almost certainly be run-offs in several of the hotly contested races. So, go ahead and register immediately, and you may be eligible to vote in the run-off.

To vote May 3, you must have registered 30 days in advance. You don't have to have your voter's registration card, but you should be on the precinct list. To make certain your name appears on the rolls, call the Voter Registration Office at 224-1919. If you moved within 30 days of the May 3 primaries and did not change your registration, you are still eligible to vote in your old precinct.



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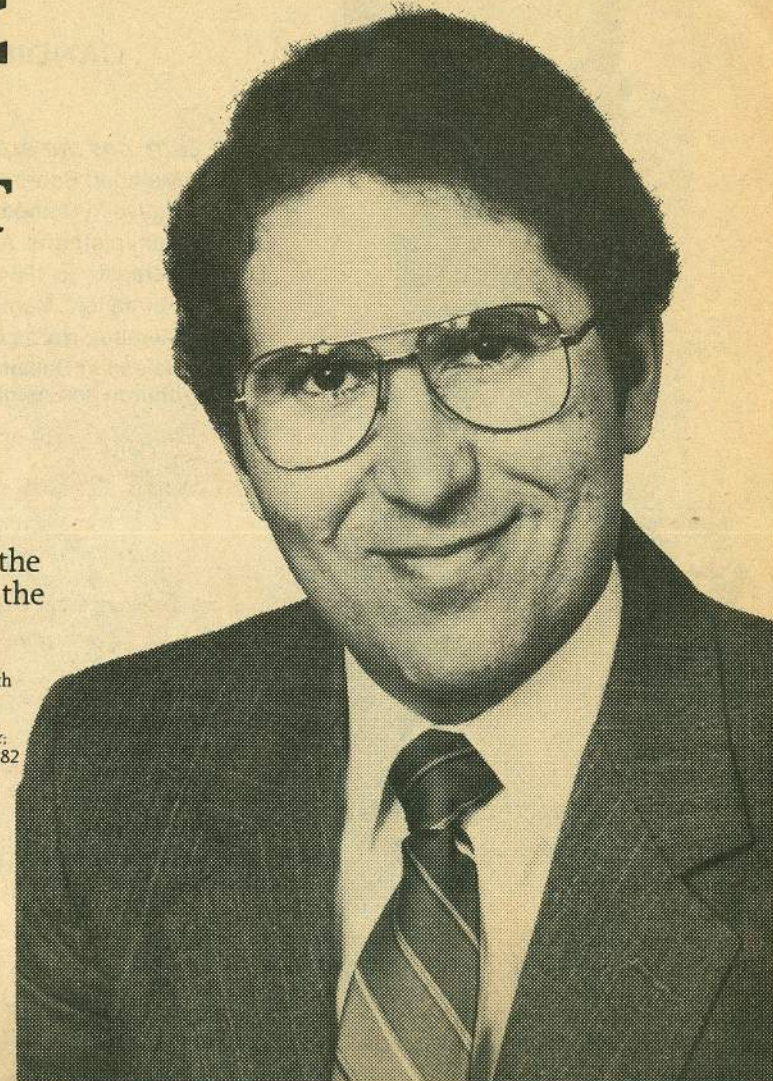
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