



election news

special edition

Hance gay-baits across the state

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—Kent Hance
(San Antonio Express
April 12)



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Bloc vote on June 2

Hance — Doggett

As one community activist put it: "This is the race we've been waiting for." Not since Frank Mann called gays "odd-wads" during his 1979 City Council race with Eleanor Tinsley has any major candidate had the audacity to gay-bait as openly as Kent Hance.

U.S. Senate hopeful Hance played his anti-gay TV ads in several parts of the state—except Houston, of course—before the May 5 Democratic Primary.

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U.S. Senate	Doggett
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Crt. Crm. Appeals, 3	Thorpe
1st Crt. Appeals, 2	O'Connor
14th Crt. Appeals, 1	Hancock
State Rep. 142	Dutton
Dist. Crt. 127	Trevathan
Dist. Crt. 333	Walters
Dist. Crt. 337	Burdette
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Vote if you didn't; vote if you did, but don't switch

Anyone who registered to vote by May 3 may vote in the June 2 Democratic or Republican Primary Run-offs.

The only registered voters who cannot vote in the June 2 Democratic run-off are those who voted in the May 5 Republican Primary. And vice-versa.

And, of course, if you didn't vote at all May 5 you have another chance Saturday, June 2, again in either run-off.

Unfortunately, GPC has not endorsed any candidates in the Republican run-off. Of the two previously endorsed GOP candidates, one lost (Joseph Agris) and one was unopposed (Sharolyn Wood). Numerous Republican judicial candidates, as well as some additional Democrats, are expected to screen with GPC after June 2.



Heard

Heard enough?

Sheriff's candidate Johnny Klevenhagen has the GPC endorsement. His opponent, Sheriff Jack Heard, learned the value of a GPC endorsement the hard way. Heard also sought gay support in March. Later, he told a TV reporter he wished he had it. On May 6, he probably wished even harder Klevenhagen's gay support would evaporate. After all, about 15,000 of the 28,000 votes Klevenhagen received were produced by GPC. Heard wasted no time trying to cut into that bloc by charging that Klevenhagen had violated the rights of gay inmates in 1979 when Klevenhagen, a former department major, directed the jail. The charge appeared in a Chronicle front page story, just two days after the primary.

This is the same Jack Heard who learned perhaps his most painful political lesson in 1981 when gays rushed to the polls to vote for Kathy Whitmire in response to a full-



Klevenhagen

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Voting questions? call 521-1000

If you have any questions about voting on June 2 call the GPC office at 521-1000. Volunteers will be answering the phone throughout election day to help you with any voting problems, including forgetting where your precinct votes.

Before the election and on election day, you can also call the County Voter

Registration office at 224-1919.

On election day, information may also be obtained from candidates' campaign headquarters, some of which will also offer rides to the polls.

Voters may also contact the Democratic County headquarters (523-9297) or the Republican County office (522-1005).

Moving?

GPC is nothing without its mailing list. The 12,000-plus mailing list multiplies into many more thousands of voters, and those are the numbers that count with elected officials.

So if you move or are planning to move, please call the GPC office at 521-1000 and leave a message. Each newsletter that is returned by the post office costs GPC 25 cents. For the last election newsletter, that added up to about \$400.

Spare a few hours on Saturday, June 2?

If you can hand out GPC endorsement cards, a particular candidate's campaign literature or run all sorts of errands GPC needs you on election day.

Caucus members have traditionally gotten up early to put out candidates' signs at polls, then handed out endorsement cards in the Montrose precincts. Volunteers are also needed to answer the phone at the GPC office and help people with voting problems.

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

Place in the Sun seeks donations

A Place in the Sun, a non-profit shelter for the homeless, unemployed, and down-on-their luck, welcomes a variety of donations to continue its work. Directors Lynn Herrick and the Rev. Gracie Lee say they can use food, clothing, housewares, and, of course money. They also need volunteers to give just a few hours to help with cooking or housework. A specific request has been made for black

matte finish paint.

Herrick and Lee, who've donated their musical talents free of charge at Montrose JAMS and other community events, help unemployed people find work and provide psychological counseling through a volunteer therapist.

Donations may be brought by A Place in the Sun, 704 Fairview.

GPC settles into new office

GPC has been in its new office at 3400 Montrose about a month now.

Formerly located at 4600 Main, the caucus office is used extensively for such political activities as screening candidates and mail-outs.

Known as "the building with Cody's on top," the new location provides ample covered parking and security, along with use of the building's conference rooms.

The caucus will continue to hold its general meetings at the Holiday Inn Central, 4640 Main, the first and third

Wednesday of each month. Board meetings are scheduled the Tuesday before the first Wednesday meeting at the new GPC office, 3400 Montrose, Suite 914.

The GPC mailing address and telephone number will remain the same. Mail should be addressed to P.O. Box 66664, Houston, TX, 77266. The phone is 521-1000.

Endorsement cards and newsletters are available at all gay bars and several Montrose businesses.

MEMBERSHIP/MAILING LIST

Last Name	First	Middle
Street Address		
City	State	Zip
Phone		
☐ Pledge program at _____ per month		
☐ \$15 GPC membership		
☐ \$25 GPC/National Gay Task Force		
☐ Mailing list		
Mail to: GPC P.O. BOX 66664 Houston, TX 77266		

Elect

ALICE TREVATHAN
Judge

**KEEP
JUDGE**



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- ★ Lawyers preferred Alice Trevathan over runoff opponent 37 to 1 in Houston Bar Association Poll
- ★ Voters preferred Alice Trevathan over runoff opponent by over 3 to 1 in May 5th Primary
- ★ Harris County Democrats and Area 5 Democrats endorsed Alice Trevathan
- ★ Harris County Judicial Qualifications Committee rated Alice Trevathan the only qualified Democratic candidate

ENDORSED BY GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS

Democratic Candidate for Judge, 127th District Court

Pol. Adv. paid for by Alice Trevathan Campaign, John E. Williams, Treasurer, 1018 Preston, Second Floor, Houston, TX 77002, 222-6331



The Popular Choice

**ELECT
JUDGE**

**ELINOR
WALTERS**

**TO THE 333rd
CIVIL DISTRICT COURT**

**LED THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BY LARGE
MARGIN OVER ALL OTHER CANDIDATES**

***Selected 3 to 1 over any Democratic opponent
by the Houston Bar Association***

Endorsed by the Harris County AFL-CIO (COPE) Teamsters, Gay Political Caucus, Harris County Women's Political Caucus, Area 5 Democrats, Houston Baptist Pastors & Ministers Fellowship, Council of Asian American Organizations, Harris County Judicial Qualifications Committee, Jewish Herald Voice and Bay Area Bar Association.

Paid For By The Elinor Walters Campaign, Ronald D. Krist, Treasurer,
17050 El Camino Real, Houston, TX 77058

☐ \$15 GPC membership

☐ \$25 GPC/National Gay Task Force

☐ Mailing list

GPC

P.O. BOX 66664

Houston, TX 77266

KEEP JUDGE BOB BURDETTE



**337th
Criminal District Court**

ENDORSED BY

THE GAY POLITICAL CAUCUS

- ★ Experienced as Judge for 337th Criminal District Court
- ★ Proven ability as an attorney
- ★ Graduate of Baylor Law School
- ★ Preferred as Judge by 2 to 1 margin over all opponents by Houston Bar Association
- ★ Endorsed by over 17 organizations

Pol. Adv. by Judge Bob Burdette Campaign,
Susan Burdette, Treas. 10631 Del Monte, Houston, Texas.

Chow, O'Connor face uphill fights

On May 5, gay Democratic voters accounted for about 18 percent of the county turn-out. The gay Republican vote is still too difficult to estimate.

An even greater vote will be needed Saturday, June 2 for such tough contests as County Civil Court at Law No. 3. GPC-endorsed Hannah Chow, with 29 percent of the primary vote, must catch up with front-runner Carolyn Day Hobson, a black attorney whose previous Council campaign helped her garner 37.5 percent. Chow, a prominent member of the city's Asian-American community, is the first

Chinese-American to seek elective office in the state.

Another uphill battle finds Michol O'Connor trying to overcome the name recognition of former DA Frank Briscoe for the judgeship of the 1st Court of Appeals, Place 2. Briscoe got some of that name recognition in 1975 and 1977 when he ran for mayor. He may be remembered for this statement after losing the 1977 contest: "I don't know whether I am too conservative for the city of Houston or whether Houston is too liberal for me."

O'Connor, a woman, has worked

with the gay community and was instrumental in writing and passing the rape-as-assault bill, which toughened state rape laws.

A slightly stronger May 5 turn-out could have saved Alice Trevathan and Judge Lupe Salinas the trouble of run-offs. Trevathan, (127th District Court) and Salinas (339th) both received about 49 percent of the vote.

State Rep. El Franco Lee, endorsed by GPC, leads into the run-off with Carl Walker Jr., as does Harold Dutton. Dutton, running for State Rep. 142, goes against William Leland.

Elinor Walters, also endorsed by GPC two years ago, carries a narrow lead over Moses Sanchez into the race for 333rd District Court.

An even narrower lead—1.5 percent—has GPC-endorsed Bob Burdette trailing Richard Moore in the 337th District Court run-off.

On May 16, GPC endorsed three more candidates:

Roy Greenwood, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2.

Thomas Thorpe, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3.

Warren Hancock for 14th Court of Appeals, Place 1.

Candidates count on GPC volunteers

"Volunteer for a candidate? What?" people often say. "I can't do that. Don't they pay people to mail out things and call people?"

You can do it, quite easily. And you'll be thanked for it, often by the candidate. And you'll probably enjoy it.

All you have to do is give a few hours before June 2. Some candidates desperately need volunteers to fold, put on labels, run errands, make signs and call people to get out the vote. No

prior experience is required.

To make the volunteer effort more effective, GPC has organized a team for each candidate. If you'd like to be on a particular team—meaning you'll be called when you're needed—leave your name and number at the GPC office (521-1000). Or call one of the candidate's headquarters listed below. Not all candidates have headquarters.

GPC volunteers are known as the best in the city—a fact not easily forgotten by officeholders.

Lloyd Doggett	2016 Main, Suite 111	739-1232
Johnny Klevenhagen	3030 Louisiana	520-4500
Hannah Chow	4711 San Jacinto	526-1439
Harold Dutton	4223 Lyons	674-2005
El Franco Lee	4118 Fannin	521-0057
Alice Trevathan	1018 Preston, 2nd floor	524-1686
Elinor Walters	2009 Willow Wisp/Seabrook	474-5074

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GPC-endorsed Lloyd Doggett, considered to be one of the best legislators the state has produced, is cut in the mold of State Treasurer Ann Richards and Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower. Both support him.

The state senator is a strong advocate for consumer rights, small business, the environment, and the rights of all minorities, including gays. His list of endorsements includes virtually every progressive group in the state, among them numerous gay organizations.

Klevenhagen for sheriff

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page homophobic newspaper ad and a last-minute homophobic mailgram. There is no proof Heard had anything to do with the ad or mailgram, and he denies any connection. The gay community, however, still strongly associates those two pieces of literature with Heard's unsuccessful mayoral campaign.

Klevenhagen, who has 20 years experience in law enforcement as well as a master's degree, actively sought gay support and thanked gay voters for helping him into the run-off. He has pledged, among other things, to improve jail conditions and shorten response times.

The Gay Switchboard
529-3211

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KEEP JUDGE LUPE SALINAS

**339th DISTRICT COURT
DEMOCRAT**



*Paid for by the Judge Salinas Campaign Committee, P.O. Box 3353,
Houston, Texas 77253. R.V. Holland, Jr., Treasurer.*

EL FRANCO



FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

*Let's
WIN
Again*

JUNE 2ND.

*I appreciate the Houston Gay Political Caucus
endorsement. I need your support and vote.*

El Franco Lee

Paid for by the Committee to Elect El Franco Lee County Commissioner

• J. Kent Friedman, Treasurer

Elect **Johnny Klevenhagen**



The Klevenhagen Family
J.J. - Carolyn - Johnny - Kara

FOR A FULL-TIME SHERIFF

- 20 Years Law Enforcement Experience with Harris County Sheriff's Dept., Retired at Rank of Major
- Bachelor of Science Degree in Police Administration, University of Houston
- Masters Degree, Sam Houston University
- Graduate of National Institute of Corrections
- Member of Board of Directors of Nation Eye Foundation.
- President of Former Texas Rangers Association & Museum
- FBI National Academy

★ **EXPERIENCE** ★ **EDUCATION** ★ **INTEGRITY**

Paid for by R.W. Duncan, Treas., P.O. Box 79653, Houston, TX 77279



**Vote Saturday,
June 2**

Democrat Michol O'Connor will be a fair and honest judge for the citizens of our county. She is widely respected in our legal community as a leader, author, and trial lawyer. Her credentials are commitment, experience and integrity.

- Assistant United States Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice
- Assistant District Attorney
- First Court of Appeals, Briefing Attorney
- Chair, Administration of Justice Committee, State Bar of Texas
- Director, Young Lawyers Association
- Who's Who in American Law
- Who's Who in American Women



Michol O'Connor for
1st Court of Appeals Judge

Michol O'Connor has qualifications, integrity and commitment. The other candidate just happens to have the same last name as a former Texas Governor. For the sake of our judicial system, we hope you'll choose qualifications over a famous name.

MICHOL O'CONNOR

for

JUDGE, 1st COURT OF APPEALS

Paid political advertisement by O'Connor Campaign • Warren Burnett, Treasurer

THANK YOU!



THANK YOU!

for giving me another opportunity to be your candidate for Judge.

*Your Democratic generosity, and
vote, have given me a spot in the
run-off election, June 2.*

*Your vote in the run-off election
will be doubly appreciated.*

Hannah is a practicing attorney in the law offices of Jimmie F. Y. Lee; legal counsel to the Council of Asian American Organizations and the Asian Community Support Services Center. She is an active member of the Houston Bar Association, the State Bar of Texas, the American Bar Association, the University of Houston Downtown Humanities Board and the Chinese Baptist Church.

Hannah is a graduate of Milby High School, the University of Houston and the South Texas College of Law.

Admitted to the Texas Bar in 1975, Hannah's ability as an attorney has earned the professional respect and admiration of Houston's legal community. Admirers among her peers agree that Hannah is an excellent choice for Judge.

Your vote for Hannah Chow will help nominate a respected, highly qualified jurist, a credit to the Party Ticket in November, and ultimately, an outstanding County Court Judge.

HANNAH

CHOW

FOR JUDGE, COUNTY CIVIL COURT NO.3

Hannah Chow Endorsements

Harris County Democrats
Jewish Herald Voice
Harris County Hispanic
Political Caucus
Gay Political Caucus
Council of Asian American
Organizations
Houston Baptist Pastors
and Ministers Fellowship
Southwest Chinese Journal

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Hannah Chow is the first woman of Chinese descent to be admitted to the Texas Bar and the first Asian-American to seek judicial office in Texas.