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HGLPC Endorses Richards for Governor

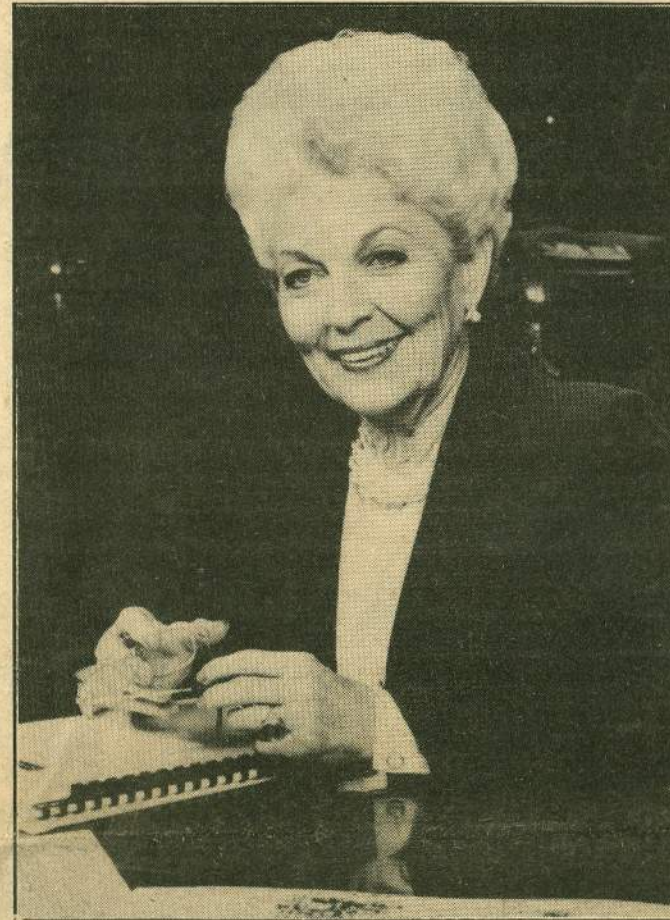
by Harry Livesay

At the Endorsement Meeting of February 21st, the HGLPC overwhelmingly endorsed State Treasurer, Ann Richards in her bid for the Democratic nomination for Governor. Richards, a former Travis County Commissioner, has a long history of support from the Texas gay and lesbian community, beginning with the Austin Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus during her candidacy a candidate for Travis County Commissioner, and later receiving the endorsements of gay and lesbian political organizations in Houston, Austin, and Dallas in her race for State Treasurer.

Richards, who is nationally known for her wit and outspoken humor at the Democratic National Convention in 1988, was the first statewide official to come out

publicly against the anti-gay remarks by Dallas Judge Jack Hampton, and has worked closely with LGRL lobbyist, Glen Maxey, and AIDS Services of Austin. Richards recently served as keynote speaker for the "From All Walks of Life" rally sponsored by ASA earlier this year. Richards feels that, "The federal and state governments have been dismally slow and non-aggressive in responding to the public health crisis of AIDS. I will use the authority of the Governor's office to insist the the Texas Department of Health is aggressive in pursuing funds. I will make appointments to the State Board of Health who believe in civil rights for all people."

Richards has also been an active spokesperson for pro-choice causes in the State of Texas, and served as a speaker and official



Ann Richards

personal lives. Richards will continue such efforts as Governor, "As a County Commissioner and as a State Treasurer, I have insisted on nondiscrimination in state employment, and I will continue to work closely with groups (sic) such as the HGLPC whose mission includes protection of civil rights."

Richards is also endorsed by the Austin Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, Texas Women's Political Caucus, Harris County Democrats, and the Texas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

Vote for Ann Richards, Governor!
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now question my qualifications for a position which, if anything, my experience leaves me overqualified." Hill also has a long history in advocating for prison reform and the rights of prisoners. His accomplishments include organization of the first Gay Pride Week March in Houston in 1976, and serving as Chair of Executive & Coordinating Committees for the First Gay & Lesbian March on Washington in 1979. Hill has also worked as a broadcast journalist, radio station manager, writer, and lobbyist in the Texas State Legislature. Since no Republican has filed in this race, the winner of the March Primary will claim victory for Precinct 1, Place 2.

Vote for Ray Hill on March 13th!



Ann Richards

sponsor of statewide Pro-Life Rally in Austin last fall. During her long public career, Richards has worked to ensure civil rights for all people and to oppose government interference in people's

Lesbian Political Caucus, Texas Women's Political Caucus, Harris County Democrats, and the Texas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

Vote for Ann Richards, Governor! (Note: HGLPC has endorsed a "NO VOTE" position in the Republican Primary for Governor.)

New & Familiar Faces In State Legislative Races

In the 11th Senate District, Democrat Incumbent Chet Brooks receives the Caucus endorsement for his tireless efforts on behalf of the AIDS Omnibus Funding Bill and AIDS funding and state services. Newly elected State Senator Rodney Ellis of District 13, receives the Caucus endorsement for his "re-election" to the seat recently vacated by Craig Washington. HGLPC member, Representative Debra Danberg, although unchallenged in the primary and general elections for House District 137, has received the Caucus endorsement for her past and continued efforts in the House for gay and lesbian rights and AIDS issues. (Thank You Debra!)

Former Harris County Court Coordinator, Edd Blackwood, has received the Caucus' endorsement for the 138th House

District because of his support of the repeal of 21.06. The Democratic incumbent in House District 139, Sylvester Turner, who believes that Texas in the 1990s, "is a place for all people, black, white, brown, gay, lesbian, and straight.", has received the HGLPC endorsement in that race.

In House District 146, feminist and civil rights activist Phyllis Tucker has received the Caucus endorsement for the Democratic Primary Election. Phyllis is endorsed by the Texas Chapter of N.O.W. Another newcomer, Houston attorney Sam Jackson, has received HGLPC's support in his bid for the Democratic nomination for the House seat in District 146. Jackson faces incumbent Al Edwards in the primary.

The Caucus recommends NO ENDORSEMENT for House District 149.

Friendly Slate in Statewide Races

Texas State Comptroller, Bob Bullock will enter the March Primary with the HGLPC's endorsement for the Lt. Governor's Race. Bullock, who has served as Comptroller for 15 years, states that, "Discrimination in employment based on sexual orientation will not be an issue as long as I hold office." Receiving the Caucus endorsement for State Treasurer is Harris County Treasurer and long-time HGLPC member, Nikki Van Hightower. Van Hightower has served as chief custodian of 1.25 billion dollars in county revenues since her election as County Treasurer in 1986

Incumbent Gary Mauro has received HGLPC's endorsement for his re-election effort to the office of Commissioner of the General Land Office. Mauro has been endorsed by the Austin Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus and the Texas Women's Political Caucus

Jim Hightower takes the HGLPC endorsement into the March Primary for his re-election bid as Commissioner of Agriculture. Hightower, an outspoken "popu-

list" and environmentalist, has a long record of support for gay and lesbian issues states. Hightower is endorsed by Austin Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus and the Texas Women's Political Caucus

The HGLPC endorses former U.S. Representative and ambassador, Bob Krueger for Railroad Commissioner. In the Democratic Supreme Court Races, The Caucus supports Fred Biery for Justice Place I, and Clifton Lee "Scrappy" Holmes for Place 2. In the Democratic State Court of Criminal Appeals elections the HGLPC supports Morris Overstreet for Judge, Place 1, and Charlie F. Baird for Judge, Place 4.

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District 18 Craig Washington (D)

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Governor Ann Richards (D)

NO VOTE (R)

Lt. Governor Bob Bullock (D)

Attorney General Dan Morales (D)

State Treasurer Nikki Van Hightower (D)

Land Commissioner Garry Mauro (D)

Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower (D)

Railroad Commissioner Bob Krueger (D)

TEXAS SUPREME COURT: JUSTICE,

Place1 Fred Biery (D)

NO VOTE (R)

Place2 Clifton Lee Holmes (D)

CRIMINAL COURT OF APPEALS:

Judge, Place 1 Morris Overstreet (D)

Judge, Place 3 Patrick D. Barber (D)

Judge, Place 4 Charles E. Baird (D)

STATE SENATE:

District 11 Chet Brooks (D)

District 13 Rodney Ellis (D)

STATE REPRESENTATIVE:

District 137 Debra Danburg (D)

District 138 Edd Blackwood (D)

District 139 Sylvester Turner (D)

District 145 Phyllis Tucker (D)

District 146 Sam Jackson (D)

District 149 NO ENDORSEMENT(R)

JUSTICE

14th Court of Appeals Ben Levy (D)

County Judge Ray Hardy (D)

JUDGE, COUNTY CIVIL COURT AT LAW:

Number 1 Ed Landry (D)

Number 3 Carolyn Day Hobson (D)

NO ENDORSEMENT(R)

JUDGE, COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT:

Number 4 Lee Wilson (D)

James Anderson (R)

Number 11 David Mendoza (D)

Number 12 Joe Terracina (D)

Number 13 NO ENDORSEMENT(D)

District Clerk Hank Husky (D)

Absentee voting

Absentee voting is continuing through March 9 at Courthouse Annexes throughout the county.

Texas residents will vote for Governor and several state-wide races. They will also select their parties' candidates in a variety of Judicial, StateHouse, and Senate races, and will choose the executive leadership of their local political parties.

All county residents may vote absentee at the downtown Houston absentee voting location, 49 San Jacinto. People also may vote absentee at a branch office in the justice of the peace precinct in which they live.

But since no one has to pretend they're going out of town on election day, March 13, some people have suggested they change absentee voting to "early voting."

Absolutely everyone who registered by February 12th can take advantage of convenient absentee voting.

The schedule:

- ▼ Until March 2 : 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., all locations.
- ▼ Saturday, March 3, 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM., all locations.
- ▼ Sunday, March 4, 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM., all locations.
- ▼ March 5-9, 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM., all locations.

Absentee Polling Places:

- ▼ Justice Precinct 1: Courthouse Annex 31, 7300 N. Shepherd.
- ▼ Justice Precinct 2: Courthouse Annex 4, 109 E. Shaw, Pasadena.
- ▼ Justice Precinct 3: Baytown Community Building, 2407 Market, Baytown, or San Jacinto College, North Campus, 5800 Uvalde.
- ▼ Justice Precinct 4: Cypress Creek Branch Library, 6815 Cypresswood, Spring, or Courthouse Annex 3, 121 W. Main, Humble.
- ▼ Justice Precinct 5: Bear Creek Park, Community Center, Bear Creek Dr. at Patterson Road, or Bayland Park, Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet.
- ▼ Justice Precinct 6: Courthouse Annex 9, 1001 S/Sgt. Macario Garcia Dr.
- ▼ Justice Precinct 7: Courthouse Annex 14, 5737 Cullen.
- ▼ Justice Precinct 8: Courthouse Annex 10, 16603 Buccaneer, Clear Lake, or Courthouse Annex 25, 7330 Spencer Highway, Pasadena.

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 District Clerk Hank Husky (D)
 County Treasurer Katy Caldwell (D)

COUNTY COMMISSIONER:
 Precinct 4 Eleanor Tinsley (D)

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE:
 Precinct 1, Place 2 Ray Hill (D)
 Precinct 5, Place 2 Randy Plotkin (D)

DISTRIC JUDGE
 55th Kathy Stone (D)
 Richard Tinsley (R)
 113th Gearldine Tennant (D)
 157th Carolyn Garcia (D)
 182nd Donald Shipley (D)
 185th Carl Walker, Jr. (D)
 190th Wyatt Heard (D)
 209th Michael McSpadden (R)
 NO ENDORSEMENT(D)
 234th Matthew Plummer (D)

FAMILY COURT
 314th John Paul Barnich (D)

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 032 Scott Harbers
 034 Richard Prawitz
 037 Pat Gandy
 039 Brian Keever
 060 Annise Parker
 070 Mary Kay Green
 123 WRITE IN Jon Bourgault
 215 Steve Umoff
 218 Michael Hollier
 252 Kevin McGuire
 570 Richard Arduengo

Republican PARTY
 Precinct: 034 Curtis Wright

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People who moved recently but did not fill out a new card should return to their old precinct to vote.

No card?

If you registered by February 12, but did not receive a card, you can still vote. You must inform your precinct officials that you did, in fact, register by February 12. They are required to allow you to sign a brief affidavit and vote. If they refuse to allow you to vote, call the County Voter Registration Office at 224-1919. Also call that number before election day with any voter eligibility questions.

Anyone who loses their card can vote simply by showing a photo ID.

Missed the deadline?

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Morales is endorsed by the Texas Women's Political Caucus and the Mexican American Democrats.

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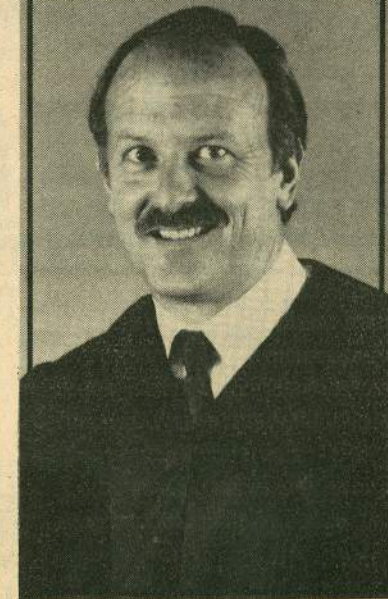
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New Direction or Down the Same Path?

by HLGPC President, Dennis Spencer

Another board election as been held by the HGLPC and new faces are seen in the leadership of the organization, but this does not necessarily mean a change of direction for the group or a continuance along the same political path. The answer depends on the leadership provided by the President and the Board's support of his/her proposals. If there exists a need for change, most Board members will recognize the need to support new and innovative ideas that will have an effect on the direction of the HGLPC.

President's Report

As President, I have set several goals for the Caucus. First and foremost is to regain our organization's prominence in Montrose politics. Recently, several groups have sprung up as the result of philosophical or personal differences with the HGLPC. For whatever reasons, their names and purposes are misleading, while the name of our organization says exactly who we are and which community we serve.

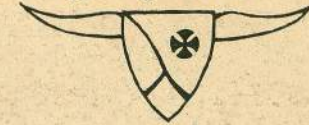
A concerned "grass roots" effort is needed by our membership to organize the ten core Montrose precincts. This should be our first major undertaking. We cannot forget "why" we are here. Precinct organization, which

produces the vital votes for our candidates, is the proven strength of the Caucus. Over recent years, however, we have relied more upon our 14,000 piece mail outs to the community, and the goodwill of the elected precinct judges to produce the desired results. The HGLPC must mobilize a small cadre of precinct organizers, who in turn, could recruit individuals and assist them in getting out the "word" and the "vote". This effort cannot start a week before the election, or on election day. It must be organized and implemented at least one month before the election, with weekly follow-ups. Leafleting, working the polling place, phone banking, and voter registration are all important in this effort. Like the Marines, we need "a few good people" to accomplish this task.

This year is a convention year. Delegate selections at the precinct and senatorial level will be conducted to determine who will represent our community at the state conventions. It is important to us and to our issues that we are properly represented. State rules and platforms are determined and party officials are elected at these conventions. These activities will have an effect on OUR rights for at least the next two years. The decisions made at the conventions may have an effect on the stances taken by the candidates on OUR issues. We must participate to be included. Your participation is voluntary, but vital.

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This is unfortunate. Gay politics is our chief link, not only to the major political arena, but also to the political efforts of other minorities. Such links are essential in achieving any advance in civil rights for gay men and lesbians, as well as such immediate goals as increased AIDS funding and patient care.

Granted, the glitter of a major social affair which raises needed money and mingles the social and political elite of Houston, with at least the social gay elite is, of itself, rewarding. But when such a gathering throws in the likes of County Judge Jon Lindsay with some of the very people he thwarts in behind-the-scene maneuvers, the hypocrisy is self-evident.

When the case of Judge Hampton can stir up gay communities across the coun-

This, the HGLPC is attempting to do and, by its endorsements, seek community support for candidates whose doors and ears are open to our needs and aspirations. Such endorsements are not frivolous or casual.

But the definitive answer for every gay man and lesbian in Houston must be involvement. Democracy, be it Democrats, Republicans or gay, is no stronger or better than the grassroots participation. The broader the base the more considered the decisions. Too often perception of a gay leader or leaders, not acknowledging the ease by which they could make changes. In other words, sitting back and disavowing politics for personalities is the cheapest of cop outs. Be it gay politics or fighting AIDS or any other gay cause, the "closet" is only good for hanging clothes and hiding from one's self. Hanging clothes is at least functional. No persons can truly function in a closet.

Gay political participation is not only a necessity, it can truly enjoyable and certainly most rewarding. And finally, all

is, of itself, rewarding. But when such a gathering throws in the likes of County Judge Jon Lindsay with some of the very people he thwarts in behind-the-scene maneuvers, the hypocrisy is self-evident.

When the case of Judge Hampton can stir up gay communities across the country and brings forth a vow from the Dallas Gay Alliance that such rampant gay-baiting as Hampton's will be rewarded with electoral defeat, the reality that Hampton is assured re-election because of the lack of an opponent, is a major blow to our community and a blaring weakness of those gay political forces in Dallas.

An outraged community deserves better by its leaders. In Houston our political battles are not as clear-cut, but they exist nonetheless. Efforts to redefine AIDS care in Harris County, efforts which aid the county budget, but further undermine proper AIDS care must be addressed now in the political arena, not after the accomplished fact.

It is the function of the Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus to be aware of such issues and address them head-on.

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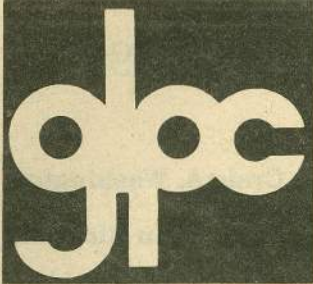
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ELECT ANN RICHARDS

by Harry Livesay

The gay and lesbian community of Texas can effectively alter the future of our state on November 6th, by showing our political and numerical strength at the voting booth and electing State Treasurer Ann Richards as the next Governor of Texas. If elected, Richards will be the second woman in Texas history to achieve the state's highest elected office.

Richards' open and honest support of human rights and the right to privacy has earned her the admiration and respect of gays and lesbians of both political parties. Richards background as a life-long community activist, and her

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Richards' opponent, Clayton Williams, ran early



Ann Richards and Granddaughter Lilly visit with Board

practices by Williams' ClayDesta Bank and the class action suit brought against Williams by borrowers of the institution, are chipping away at the popularity of the "rock bustin'" Midland businessman.

Richards continues to have the commanding lead in metropolitan precincts of Houston, Dallas, and Austin. In the spring Primary Elections, Richards garnered 88% of the vote in the Montrose precincts, and is expected to receive overwhelming support in these precincts on election day, together with massive support of the Oak Lawn and Oak Cliff precincts in Dallas.

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support," referring to the Texas sodomy statute, 21.06, which criminalizes lesbian and gay Texans.

Richards' opponent, Clayton Williams, ran early campaign ads calling attention to Richards' support by lesbian and gay political groups, and referring to Richards as "an honorary lesbian." Williams continues to "gay bait" Richards by reminding voters that unlike Richards, he is "running for the Governor of Texas, not the Mayor of San Francisco." Williams has been quoted on national television stating that "I have no use for homosexuals, and they have no role in the future of Texas."



Ann Richards and Granddaughter Lilly visit with Board member, David Fowler, at the State Democratic Convention in Ft. Worth.

Williams cruelty has been further evidenced by his attempted humiliation of Ann Richards by calling her a "liar" in front of a televised audience recently in Dallas, and his continued innuendos about her 10 years of sobriety.

Even though recent polls have showed Richards behind Williams in voter support, recent evidence of the unethical lending

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BULLOCK IS CAUCUS' CHOICE FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

by Harry Livesay

State Comptroller Bob Bullock has received the Caucus endorsement in his race for Lieutenant Governor against Texas Department of Human Services Director Rob Mosbacher, Jr.

Bullock, who continues to hold a strong lead in state-wide polls, is nationally respected for his efforts to overhaul the state's budgeting process, and has been called by both

Republicans and Democrats alike as "the single most competent person in state government."

Bullock has been a long-time advocate for the abolishment of 21.06, and of every Texan's "guarantee to their right of privacy." Bullock has also been a strong supporter for individual reproductive freedom, and greater funding for AIDS services, and has the endorsement of gay and lesbian organizations in Austin and Dallas, as

well as the endorsements of both the Sierra Club and the Farm Bureau.

The Lieutenant Governor in the State of Texas has the ultimate control over legislative appointments in the Texas Senate, and exerts a great deal of influence in deciding the fate of all bills in the Texas Legislature. Because of his commitment to individual rights and his long and admirable career in state government, we support Bob Bullock for Lieutenant Governor.



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Computer/Mailing List: This ongoing effort maintains and expands the crucial confidential mailing list. Data entry and phone banking work sessions are scheduled during election season.

Voter Registration: This important effort is designed to increase the bloc vote. Volunteers are busy several months before each election.

Monthly Newsletter: The GLPC monthly newsletter, which is mailed to members, needs volunteer editors and writers.

Political Action: The committee, which is coordinated by the political action chair, is involved in such efforts as precinct organizing, coalition building and working as liaisons with elected officials.

Democratic and Republican Committees: Open to anyone in the community, the committees work to elect candidates, convention delegates and are involved in precinct organizing.

To volunteer call the GLPC at 521-1000.

TINSLEY FOR COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT #4

City Councilperson Eleanor Tinsley has received the HGLPC endorsement in her election effort to capture the County Commissioner seat for Precinct #4, long held by political veteran Charles "Squatty" Lyons. Tinsley, who was just re-elected to her 10th term on the Houston City Council, plans to transfer many of her successful civic projects to the county level to benefit the people of Harris County. These programs include

continued development of trade between the Houston area, the Port, and South American countries; crime and drug abuse control through prioritizing of police budgets, more Mounted Patrol units, and fostering growth of the Citizens Assisting Police programs. Tinsley, who has been a strong advocate for community health care, states, "I plan to work with the Harris County Hospital District to insure adequate bed space for persons with AIDS, and to coordinate with private hospitals to insure the same. I am keeping an eye on the Greater Houston AIDS Alliance, and as weaknesses are brought to my attention, I will work with all individuals and community organizations to rectify the problems." Tinsley has a long and admirable history of responsible leadership during the AIDS crisis, joining with the medical community in planning for increased medical care,



fighting against mandatory health cards for persons with AIDS, and supporting the community efforts such as the Stone Soup Food Pantry, Omega House, and the NAMES project, to foster care, compassion, and understanding.

Tinsley has openly welcomed gays and lesbians in the democratic process, beginning with her first campaign for City Council in 1979, and has actively supported ordinances to protect lesbians and gays from unjust discrimination. For her experience, knowledge, and commitment to the people of Harris County, vote for Eleanor Tinsley for County Commissioner, Precinct #4.

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**GLPC MEMBERS PROMINENT
IN COUNTY RACES**

by Larry Lingle

Katy Caldwell, a long-time member of the HGLPC, defeated two candidates in the spring Democratic Primary to become the party's candidate for Harris County Treasurer. Katy, well-known in the Houston business community for her accounting and finance experience, first ran for office two years ago against former Rep. Brad Wright, well known in our community for his vocal opposition to AIDS funding.

Katy is a member of several community organizations, and served as an official judge of this year's Lesbian/Gay Pride Parade. With the unwavering support of her husband Eric, Katy has been a

vice of County Treasurer. With Katy's election to county office, she will be replacing another GLPC member, Nikki Van Hightower.

Houston attorney and Caucus member Lee Wilson is seeking election as Judge of the County Criminal Court #4. Wilson, the only candidate for this race that is Board Certified in Criminal Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, is well known for his legal advocacy efforts on behalf of indigent persons with AIDS, and helped organize one of the first legal clinics in Houston to provide free services for PWA's. For their knowledge, experience, and sense of fairness, vote for Katy Caldwell

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"Early Voting" Lets Anyone Cast Ballot before Nov. 2

Political campaigns have gotten rougher, but voting has become much easier.

Anyone can vote early - almost no questions asked - during weeks and weekends of absentee voting. "Early voting" continues through Friday, November 2, in downtown Houston and at the Harris County Courthouse Annex in your area. Anyone can vote at the downtown Houston location, but only residents in a particular Justice of the Peace precinct can vote at that County Courthouse Annex.

All locations will follow the same schedule:

Monday through Friday, October 22-26: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 27, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Sunday, October 28: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Monday through Friday, October 29-November 2: 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Locations are:

All county voters: 4 San Jacinto, in downtown Houston.

Justice Precinct 1: Courthouse Annex, 7300 N. Shepherd, Houston.

Justice Precinct 2: Salvation Army, 103 E. Broadway at S. Shaver, Pasadena.

Justice Precinct 3: Baytown Community Building, 2407 Market,

Justice Precinct 4: Cypress Creek Branch Library, 6815 Cypresswood, Spring; or Courthouse Annex 3, 121 W. Main, Humble.

Justice Precinct 5: Bear Creek Park Community Center, Bear Creek Drive at Patterson Road; or Bayland Park Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet.

Justice Precinct 6: Courthouse Annex 9, 1001 S. Sgt. Macario Garcia Dr.

Justice Precinct 7: Courthouse Annex 14, 5757 Cullen.

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If you are a registered voter, all you need to vote is a driver's license (or voter registration card, if you have it).

If you registered in person by October 7 (October 9 by mail), you are eligible to vote. You can even vote if you do not have a card or your name does not appear on the voter rolls. Just tell the election officials you live in that precinct and registered by the deadline. Unless they have reason to doubt you, they are required to give you a brief affidavit and allow you to vote.

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Any voter eligibility questions can be answered before the election, and



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WHY IS THIS ELECTION IMPORTANT?

by Scott Tillinghast

Why is this election important? Well, we have endorsed a candidate for governor whose opponent has "shouted this information from the rooftops" in order to use our endorsement against her. The opponent's party platform supports the belief that the "nuclear family" is too weak to co-exist with any other family unit, especially ours. Clayton Williams isn't disavowing his party platform either. In fact, he says that we can have a place in his party, but that place is a closet.

If the gay and lesbian community is to continue to have any political influence in Texas, we must turn out the vote in November. Our "get-out-the-vote" effort must permeate our community. That means that each of us must work together to ensure a large and successful voter turnout.

A campaign is effective when many people have a role in the election effort. This effort could mean your on-going presence in a candidate's campaign headquarters, or

something as basic as wearing a campaign button for an endorsed candidate when socializing at a bar or a party. This will help you to "work into the conversation" the importance of this election and the victory of a particular candidate. Another way to effectively help our slate of endorsed candidates is to distribute some pushcards among your friends and neighbors when you remind them to vote.

Not all Republicans believe that the family unit of 1990 is the same "nuclear family" of 1950. In fact, a Gallup poll shows that the Texas sodomy law, 21.06, has the least support among people with the highest income and educational levels: people who, by and large, vote Republican. Our list of endorsed candidates reflects our bipartisan efforts to elect fair, just, and inclusive candidates from both parties to lead Texas into the next century. We can only achieve these victories by an all out effort of the gay and lesbian community at the polls on November 6th.



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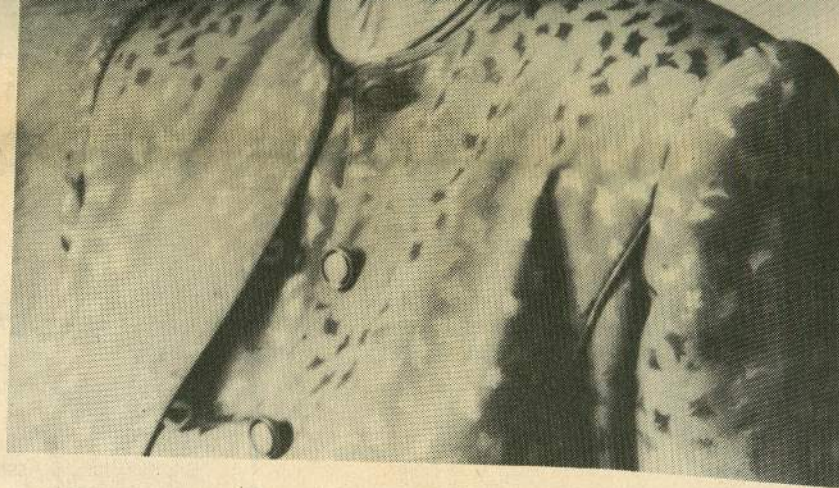
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Bloc voting has changed history. The black civil rights movement, for instance, registered and bloc voted hundreds of public officials into office.

Bloc voting is one reason cities such as Chicago, New York and San Francisco have equal rights protection that includes gay men and women, and cities such as Houston and Dallas do not.

For 14 years, Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus has worked hard to increase the community's bloc vote. This year, GLPC will mail its carefully considered endorsements to thousands more supporters and will spend far more on advertising and precinct efforts.

But each piece of the bloc costs money. For example:

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We have a chance to make history this session," Maxey predicted.

Unfortunately, history can be expensive.

You will have a chance to help make history possible on November 3, when Eiserloh will be the guest at a reception hosted by Houston LGRL board members Pat Gandy and Sharon Stone. The reception will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and will include a barbeque buffet.

Invitations have been mailed. If you did not receive an invitation, \$25 tickets will be available at the door before the reception. Everyone planning to attend the reception must RSVP by calling Sharon Stone at 623-6081.

Eiserloh is a 1990 graduate of the University of Texas Law School. While earning honors during law school, Eiserloh founded University Lesbians, a 150-member organization dedicated to lesbian issues. She was inducted into the Friars Society, UT's oldest and most prestigious honors society, for her work in founding University Lesbians.

Eiserloh also served as co-chair of the Law and Graduate Students for Gay and Lesbian Concerns.

Before joining LGRL, Eiserloh did research and legislative drafting for Administrative Law Judge Tom Henderson of the Texas General Land Office.

The LGRL board is composed of representatives from organizations throughout the state, including the Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus.



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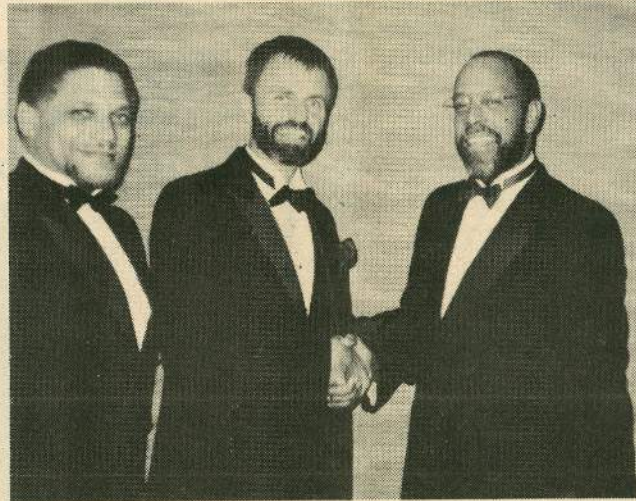
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Congratulations to my son, Gene Harrington



The 1990 Winner of the GLPC Bayard Rustin Civil Rights Award

May you follow the leadership of the past recipients,
Mickey and Craig.

Love,
Mother

P.S. Have you met any nice girls lately?

STATE-WIDE RACES REFLECT SLATE OF FRIENDS

by John Livesay

Endorsed candidates seeking the state's top posts reflect a slate of "friendly faces" to the lesbian and gay community, beginning with long-time GLPC member and supporter, Harris County Treasurer Nikki Van Hightower. Van Hightower, who has served as chief custodian for \$1.25 billion of Harris County revenues, was responsible for the development of the first computerized financial reporting system for all Harris County accounts.

Nikki, founder and former Executive Director for the Houston Area Women's Center, is a strong advocate of individual rights and reproductive freedom, and has been recognized by the Ladies Home Journal, the B'nai B'rith, and the National Association of Social Workers for her outstanding community achievements. For State Treasurer we endorse Nikki Van Hightower

schools open and state services in operation during the state's worst economical crisis.

Morales supports the right of privacy, and would be a strong and supportive ally in the fight against 21.06. Like Ann Richards, Morales has been "gay-baited" by his Republican opponent, J.E. "Buster" Brown, whose reactionary remarks have also criticized Morales for having the endorsement of the Texas AFL-CIO! For his experience, his legislative record, and political integrity, Dan Morales is our choice for Attorney General.

The GLPC supports the re-election of incumbents Jim Hightower for Agriculture Commissioner, and Garry Mauro, Land Commissioner. Both Hightower and Mauro have lengthy and strong ties to the lesbian and gay community of Texas, and have both been vocal proponents

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State Representative Dan Morales is endorsed by the Caucus for the office of Attorney General. Morales is a strong supporter of minority concerns, specifically in educational and economic opportunity, and was responsible for the passage of the 1987 Texas Revenue Package that kept Texas

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Congratulations

Judge John W. Peavy, Jr.
246th District Court

JUDGE

Court of Criminal Appeals

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Elected By All Of Harris County



CAROLYN GARCIA

Judge, 157th District Court



- ✓ Understands the litigation crisis affecting the public and is committed to preventing abuse of the process.
- ✓ Has 20 times more civil court experience than her opponent.
- ✓ Endorsed by police, firefighters, teachers, doctors and Houston bar associations.



by President Dennis Spencer

When the current administration of the GLPC took office, five goals were set by the Board to be achieved in 1990. These goals, both internal and external, were a return to the basic element of our organization, political action. They are:

1. A return to grassroots political organization by rebuilding precinct organizations, reestablishing political alliances, and increasing gay and lesbian participation in the political party process.
2. The re-organization of the candidate screening process.
3. The continuation of the monthly newsletter and timely distribution of our organization's information.
4. The planning and execution of a well-organized election effort to insure a large gay and lesbian voter turn out on election day.
5. The realization of a successful 15th Anniversary Banquet featuring a na-

tionally-known keynote speaker, with an audience representative of the broad spectrum of our community.

All but one of these goals have been realized. We will only know on November 6 how effective our efforts have been in getting out the vote to support our endorsed candidates in the General Election. We have a little over two weeks to accomplish this vital effort and I ask all of you and your friends to join us in accomplishing this important task.

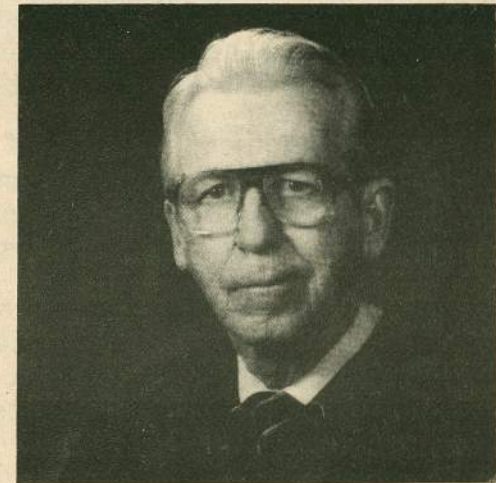
In a recent poll conducted by "Public News," the GLPC was chosen as the outstanding volunteer organization in Houston. Additionally, our Caucus received the "Best Non-Professional Award" for our entry in the 1990 Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade, along with numerous certificates and commendations of appreciation from various community organizations throughout the year. All of this, together with our efforts in

the selection of over 75 delegates to the state political party conventions, would indicate that 1990 has proven to be a successful year for the Caucus.

Thank you all for your past hard work and support. The best is yet to come! I look forward with much confidence to our community's future.

#1 JUDGE

- ★ Cases Disposed Of
- ★ Number of Convictions
- ★ Number of Years of Pen Time Assessed
- ★ In Houston Bar Poll



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NEWS

"1990 will become known in the political history of Texas as the year the State Republican Party not only wrote off the gay and lesbian vote, but also made a deliberate party strategy of gay-baiting.

First, the state Republicans wrote into their platform not only opposition to the repeal of the Texas sodomy law (21.06), but called for its enforcement. Then, under the heading of "family values," they condemned the gay and lesbian lifestyle as abhorrent to society in general.

This was only the beginning. The Republicans, fielding their strongest across-the-board state slate, decided to field a joint strategy to maximize the apparent strength at the top of their ticket. And this included attacks in every state-wide race accusing the Democrats of accepting gay and lesbian support. The voters were then left to conclude what evil this attached to Democratic candidates. At the same time President Bush extended credibility to the gay and lesbian lobby in Washington by officially inviting them to two White House bill signing ceremonies. But state Republicans apparently missed the implied inconsistency.

Sadly, a significant number of gays and lesbians will probably still vote for these same Republicans. This must rank near the top as a form of self-hatred. Granted, we should not become one-issue voters, but at the same time rationalizing away this total hostility from the Republicans would challenge even the most fertile minds in our community - and such minds surely have already rejected this form of political self-abuse.

On the other hand, Ann Richards repeatedly has assured the gay and lesbian community of fair treatment and equal access (strangely, when our enemies hear this, it becomes "special treatment" and "promoting homosexuality"), Bob Bullock has privately met with groups of gay leaders, and other statewide Democratic candidates have openly accepted gay endorsements.

One school of thought in the gay ranks is that this seemingly more desperate gay-baiting is actually evidence that even in Republican ranks, the issue is no longer so clear cut. If such were the case, there would be counter-evidence of a more middle-of-the road approach, and such does not seem forthcoming. While the continuing efforts of the HGLPC and others will undoubtedly aid gay-endorsed candidates, real change within conservative Republican ranks can only be achieved through the actions of the small but influential ranks of conservative gays. While we know of one such wealthy gay contributor to the right wing who reversed his views when he actually read the Republican platform, he appears to be the exception.

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So 1990 is decisively more our year than any time in the past. Never have the candidates been more clear-cut; never have our votes meant more. A strong gay and lesbian vote will not only measurably increase our currency in Austin, it will send a clear message to the gay-baiters that "their horse won't ride any longer in Texas." For once, our future rests with us and no one else. We must capture the moment and all opportunities which lie ahead for us."

