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special edition

Houston Gay &amp; Lesbian Political Caucus

November 1987

## *Bloc vote the GLPC slate November 3*

On Tuesday, November 3, the gay bloc vote will be in the political spotlight.

In 1986, a flurry of judicial endorsements and victories brought the gay bloc vote back from the political never-never land of the referendum and the 1985 city election, in which no candidates screened with Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus.

This year, 20 candidates screened and requested GLPC support. Many candidates who did not seek caucus support are either unopposed incumbents or minor candidates.

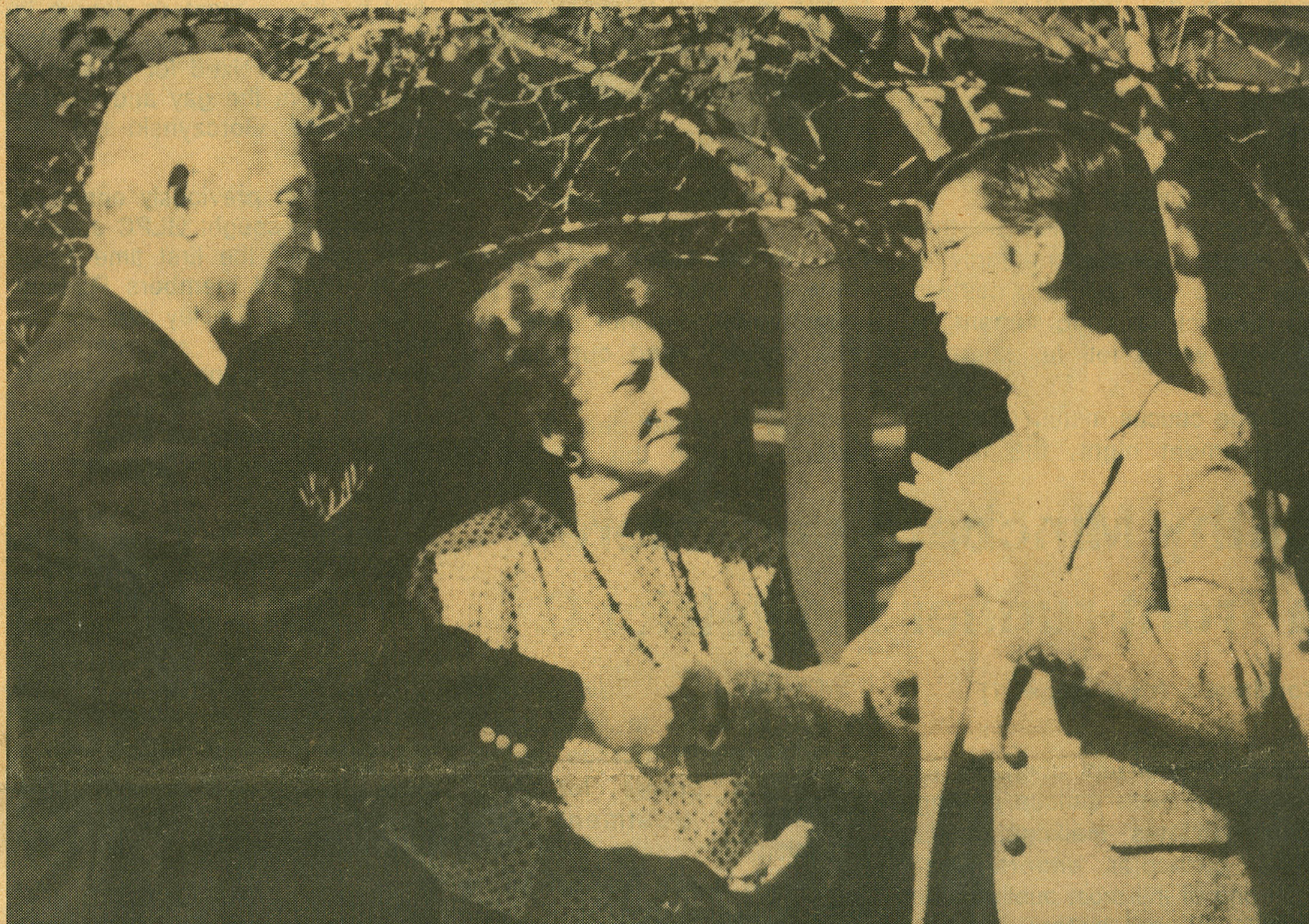
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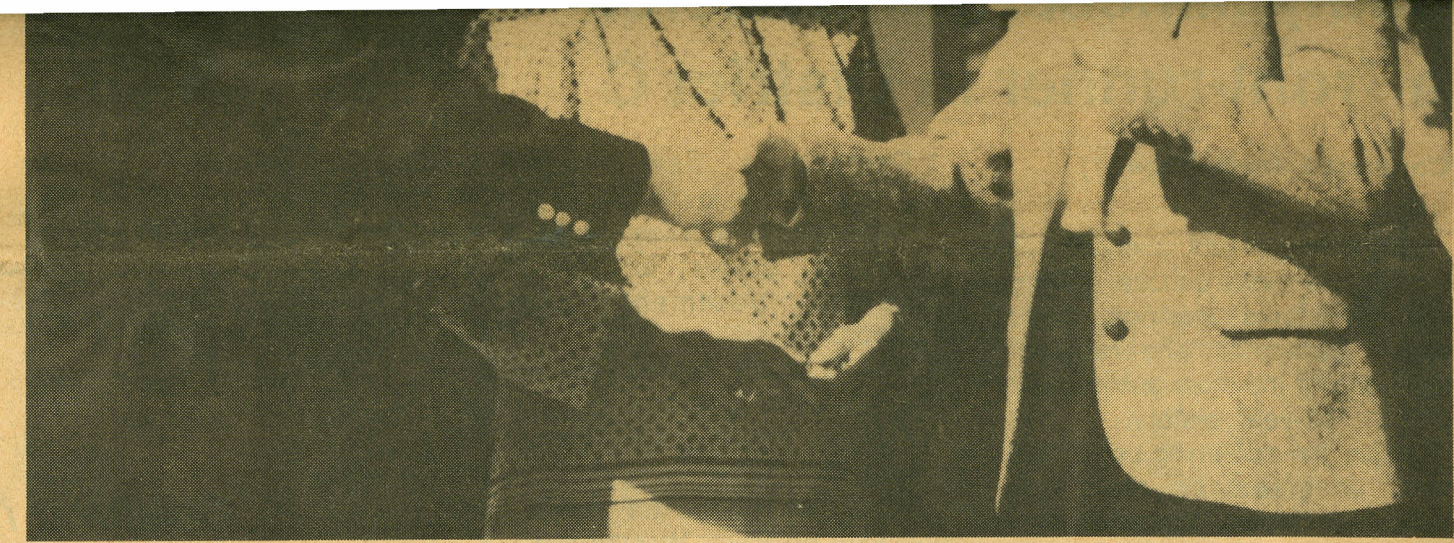
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Thanks to lame-duck city controller Lance Lalor, the most hotly contested endorsement and votes in the November 3 election may belong to GLPC. The gay bloc vote is expected to play a critical role in electing a new City Council representative from District C.

Cathy Minberg, GLPC's overwhelming choice in District C, is counting heavily on a large gay bloc vote to beat four opponents. (Only one of Minberg's opponents, conservative Dr. Dorothy Caram, did not screen.)

Minberg, who is president of the Houston ISD Board of Trustees, goes into the District C race a front-runner because of her gay and lesbian support and votes in the far end of District



**District C candidate Cathy Minberg, right, talks with supporters as she campaigns for City Council.**

C, part of which she represents on the school board.

Former District C Council member George Greanias also has to be considered front-runner in the crowded field for city controller. All four candidates screened, but Greanias won endorsement.

Longtime caucus member Ray Hill faces an uphill battle against incumbent Council member Jim Westmoreland, well-known for his absenteeism at Council meetings. On endorsement night,

Hill easily won the caucus vote.

The third candidate in that at-large race, Herman Lauhoff, also sought GLPC support.

Caucus screening panels interviewed three mayoral hopefuls, including Mayor Kathy Whitmire. No one was endorsed.

The 3-2 margin for "no endorsement" can be attributed to one issue: AIDS.

The caucus vote prompted relatively little discussion on endorsement night, October 7, but apparently the majority

vote reflected months of caucus discussions.

Many caucus members strongly believe the mayor's response to the AIDS crisis has been very little, very late.

While many members acknowledge the mayor has done an exceptional job in other areas and many members disagree about the best strategy to increase AIDS funding, the vast majority of active members give the mayor's AIDS program a

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**Hill's the one for council**

Ray Hill, well-known to the gay and lesbian community as a longtime gay activist, is focusing his citywide campaign for City Council on two basic issues: diversification of the economy and human rights.

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**Ray Hill**

**Minberg's experience, record set her apart in C**

Cathy Minberg won the District C endorsement fairly easily, considering the intensity of the five-candidate race.

On endorsement night, she won caucus support by a 2-1 margin, with her three opponents

producing only a handful of votes apiece.

The screening committee endorsed Minberg by a lopsided 8-2-1 vote.

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# AIDS the key issue in two caucus endorsement votes

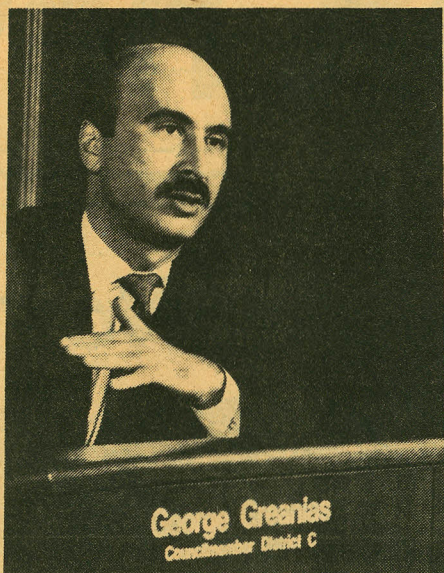
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low or failing grade.

For example, the recently appointed AIDS panel has been sharply criticized by gay and lesbian leaders and people in the community because it does not include any PWA's (persons with AIDS) or representatives of AIDS-related organizations, but does include, for instance, a representative of a mortician's association. (The executive director of the AIDS Foundation was included as an individual, not as an official AIDS Foundation representative.)

It also is widely believed that the mayor screened primarily to help one of her political aides win the District C endorsement, a strategy which fell far short of its goal.

As one caucus member said on endorsement night, the mayor



George Greanias

can screen again when she's sincere about the GLPC endorsement. Another observed, "She doesn't need our support this year."

AIDS also helped determine the endorsement in the District H

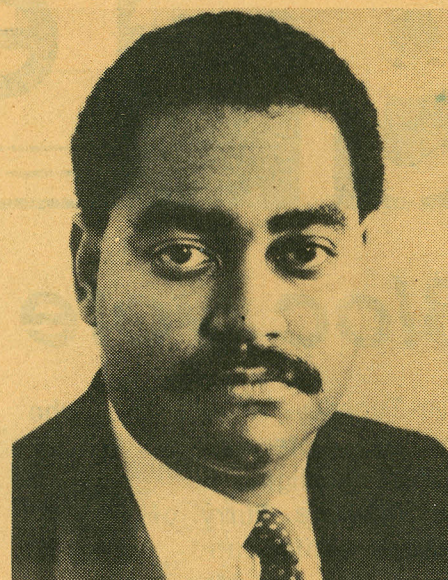
City Council race.

GLPC-endorsed David Sherman will face a strong opponent in incumbent District H Council member Dale Gorczynski, who represents part of the Heights.

Most caucus members considered the incumbent unacceptable because of his much-publicized withdrawal from the City Council committee on health cards and AIDS despite the fact he has a master's degree in public health. The incumbent also has been criticized for distancing himself from the gay and lesbian community. Gorczynski did not screen.

Most other previously endorsed incumbents sought GLPC support this year for the first time since 1983. Council members Rodney Ellis, Eleanor Tinsley and Ernest McGowen Sr. returned for endorsement along with Greanias and Whitmire. Several other previously endorsed incumbents face no opposition and did not screen.

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Rodney Ellis

District III candidate Katherine Bingham, who screened well, also was endorsed. Two of her opponents also sought endorsement.

The first items on the November 3 ballot will be the proposed amendments to the state constitution followed by two statewide referendums. Caucus members endorsed amendments 4, 6, 7, 19 and 22; both state referendums (appointed State Board of Education and pari-mutuel wagering on a county-by-county option); and horse racing in Harris County.

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During the screening committee and endorsement meetings, caucus members explained why they consider Cathy Minberg the best candidate:

## 1. Experience

Minberg has a proven track record of public service:

She is president of the Houston ISD Board of Trustees.

She has been elected twice from her far-Southwest Houston district, the second time without opposition. She has served on the school board six years.

Minberg is the only candidate in the race who has been elected to public office.

A strong supporter of Superintendent Joan Raymond, Minberg began working several years ago to replace the former top school administrator, Billy Reagan.

## 2. Platform

During screening and on endorsement night, Cathy Minberg demonstrated that she is extremely sensitive to and familiar with issues that are important to the gay and lesbian community. Her published platform includes pledges to:

- \* Demand a new health director sensitive to AIDS issues;

- \* Aggressively pursue federal and state grants for AIDS research, treatment and education.

- \* Create a city position for an AIDS education director;

- \* Provide housing for needy persons with AIDS;

- \* Fight to retain the police substation on lower Westheimer.

## 3. Independence

Many screening committee members and caucus members have concluded that Cathy Minberg is the most independent candidate.

## 4. Electability

Minberg is conducting a well-financed campaign managed by a highly respected campaign staff.

Minberg's endorsements include the Houston Federation of Teachers, Houston Apartment Association, and the firefighters and the Houston Police Patrolmen's Union (dual endorsements).

Her Greater Houston PAC endorsement was accompanied by a \$25,000 matching contribution.

A former high school biology teacher, Minberg has a doctorate in educational administration, with a specialization in public finance.

She also serves on the board of the Jewish Federation, First Republic Bank Braes Bayou and the Westland YMCA.

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# HISD candidates Ellis, Bingham support Raymond

By JOE THORTON

Quality education for young people is vital for the future of our city. A reputable educational system helps keep and attract business to the city.

Our community should be especially concerned about the quality of education. Schools play an important role in teaching tolerance for different people. They may be called upon to provide factual information about human sexuality and personal health.

We have worked for years to ensure that no young person can reach adulthood in the United States without being aware that there are men and women who are gay and lesbian and bisexual.

Our community has a responsibility to ensure that, as they grow up, young people are properly instructed. In 1987, people born in 1969, the year of the Stonewall Riots that started the modern gay rights movement, turn 18.

Two candidates for the Houston ISD Board of Trustees have been

endorsed by GLPC. Both Katherine Bingham and Melody Ellis have pledged to work to end the disunity that plagues the board. Both are strong supporters of Superintendent Joan Raymond. Both have pledged to bring concerns of the gay and lesbian community to the school board.

The screening panels for both candidates were impressed with their sensitivity to community concerns and their credentials. Bingham had studied HISD policies regarding students and teachers with AIDS. Ellis, when asked how she would respond to an attack because of a GLPC endorsement, replied, "If they didn't get it, that's their tough luck."

Katherine Bingham, District III candidate, stresses that she is "parent-involved in education." She became extremely interested in improving the quality of all HISD schools when her daughter enrolled in kindergarten.

She has an extensive background in counselling and social work and was director of the Foster Grandparents program

Ellis



Bingham

for Sheltering Arms.

Melody Ellis, District IV candidate, is the legislative liaison for Texas Southern University. She taught in HISD for five years and has a doctorate in business education.

Ellis, the sister of City Council member Rodney Ellis, has been endorsed by U.S. Rep. Mickey Leland, who represents Montrose.

## Hill focuses on economy, rights

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Hill faces incumbent Jim Westmoreland in the race for City Council At-Large Position 1.

He is, of course, best known as a strong advocate of gay and lesbian rights.

Increased funding for AIDS education and services is one of his top priorities.

The longtime civil rights advocate also stresses that Houston must work much harder to eliminate discrimination against gay men and lesbians as well as blacks, Hispanics, Asian Americans and other minorities.

His campaign, however, is not limited to civil rights.

The 47-year-old candidate stresses the need to encourage small business.

Hill also believes Houston can do far more to attract moviemaking to the city and make better use of the downtown warehouse district by offering tax abatement as an incentive to development.

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**City Council At-Large**

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# Sherman campaigning to represent the Heights

District H City Council candidate David Sherman believes services to the Heights district can be managed more efficiently.

The 10-year Heights resident will face incumbent Dale Gorczynski on November 3.

Sherman says one way to improve city services in the Heights is to work harder for federal money, such as Community Development Bloc Grants.

He also stresses the importance of raising the level of service by improving the morale of city employees. This can be done, he says, by "listening to city employees and managers, not just department heads."

The former city health department employee also believes it makes "good business sense to be pro environment." For instance, he suggests the city spend more time enforcing litter laws than ticketing roller skaters. Billboards also should be restricted.

Sherman, 36, describes himself as an independent who is free of undue influence from outside the district.



David Sherman

He says he became especially concerned about the incumbent's actions when Gorczynski voted to create a tax on gas, electric and telephone service.

On endorsement night, Sherman told the audience he is aware of the concerns of gay and lesbian voters. "And I remain opposed to all forms of discrimination."

A member of the Heights Association, Sherman has a degree in political science and has done volunteer work in several campaigns.

## GLPC endorsements

Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus endorsements are listed in the order they appear on the November 3 ballot. City candidates are not listed until Page 9.

### Constitutional Amendments:

**Vote FOR: 4, 6, 7, 19, 22**

### State Referendums

**Vote FOR: 1 and 2**

### Local Option Election: FOR

#### City Election

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| City Council, Dist. B    | Ernest McGowen  |
| City Council, Dist. C    | Cathy Minberg   |
| City Council, Dist. D    | Rodney Ellis    |
| City Council, Dist. H    | David Sherman   |
| City Council, At-Large 1 | Ray Hill        |
| City Council, At-Large 2 | Eleanor Tinsley |
| City Controller          | George Greanias |

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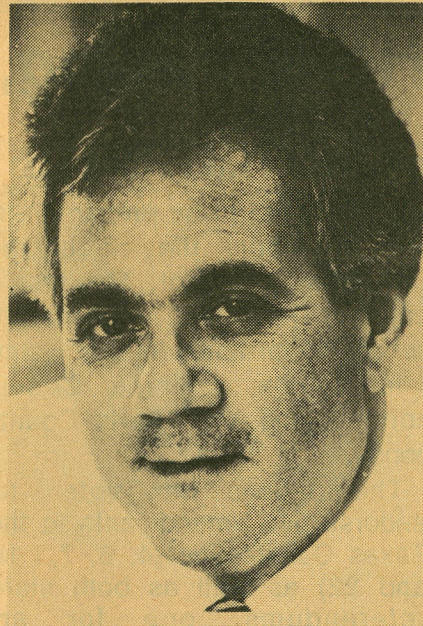
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## Openly gay U.S. Rep. Barney Frank to speak at GLPC gala



Rep. Barney Frank

U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, the prominent openly gay representative from Massachusetts, will be the featured speaker at the annual gala GLPC dinner.

You are invited to spend "An Evening Among Friends" on November 21 at the downtown Hyatt Regency.

Sponsors for the evening are U.S. Rep. Mickey Leland, City Council member Eleanor Tinsley, State Rep. Debra Danburg, State Sen. Craig Washington and Judge Michael McSpadden.

Frank, a Democrat, became the second U.S. representative to disclose his homosexuality, in his case, when he responded honestly to a reporter's question.

Frank, a fourth-term member of the House, has been instrumental in removing sexual orientation as an official barrier to U.S. immigration.

Tickets are \$45 and are available through GLPC board members. They also may be charged to Visa and MasterCard and ordered by calling the GLPC office, 521-1000. Sponsor tickets are \$100.

PWA's are invited to attend the dinner for \$25.

Dress is black-tie optional for the 7:30 p.m. dinner. A social hour begins at 7 p.m.

Frank will be the guest at a reception the evening before the dinner. Sponsors are invited to attend free. Other tickets are \$15.

## *The price is rights*

Like many people in this tough economy, Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus has cut expenses. We still have monthly bills, such as office rent, phone, copies, stamps, insurance - about \$500.

As a political organization, one of GLPC's most important goals is electing candidates which best represent the interests of gay men and lesbians. That gets expensive. This election newsletter and endorsement cards cost about \$2,500.

The gay bloc vote is our most important asset - the only voice politicians listen to. When the bloc vote is challenged, GLPC has to raise extra money for ads and other publicity to ensure a strong bloc vote.

GLPC and this region also has been assessed more than \$12,000 as its share of the ongoing statewide lobbying effort in the Texas Legislature. This year, Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby (LGRL) prevented any anti-gay legislation and won more than \$3 million in AIDS funding.

GLPC also has long-term financial commitments that need to be met.

Here's how you can help your caucus.

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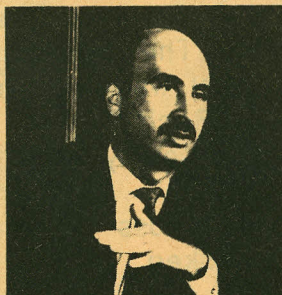
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## Horse racing, board, amendments top state ballot

Voters need to be prepared and patient when they see the November 3 ballot: The first 8 pages are filled with state constitutional amendments, state referendums, Harris County horse racing and Harris County bonds.

The caucus has voted to endorse five amendments to the Texas Constitution (4, 6, 7, 19 and 22) as well as both state referendums, one for an appointed State Board of Education, the second for the legalization of pari-mutuel betting on horses and greyhounds on a county-by-county option.

GLPC also officially endorses the local option proposition which allows horse racing in Harris County.

### Constitutional Amendments:

**No. 4** authorizes "the legislature to provide assistance to encourage economic development in the state."

This allows the Legislature to create programs as well as make loans and grants for economic development and diversification; elimination of unemployment and underemployment; stimulation of agricultural innovation; promotion of agricultural enterprises; and development of transportation and commerce.

\$100 in bonds at any one time to promote the production, processing and marketing of agricultural products produced primarily in Texas by small businesses.

**No. 7** provides for the "issuance of general obligation bonds to finance certain local public facilities."

Under this program, up to \$400 million in general obligation bonds would be loaned to local governments to buy, build, repair, equip or plan public facilities, including parks.

**No. 19** authorizes the issuance of \$500 million in general obligation bonds to establish a superconducting super collider fund. The fund would provide economic incentives for the research facility as well as land grants to the U.S. government.

**No. 22** is designed to make last-minute appointments about as lame as the governor who makes them. It would authorize the state Legislature to limit the terms of gubernatorial appointees to state or district offices if appointments are made on or after November 1 of the last year of the governor's term, and the governor is not re-elected.

### Statewide Referendums:

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It stipulates that any bonds paid for by taxes *must be approved by the voters in the city or county seeking funding.*

**No. 6** authorizes the Legislature to "provide for state financing of the development and production of Texas products and businesses."

This would allow the Legislature to establish three separate development funds.

1. Product development: up to \$15 million in general obligation bonds as seed money to aid in the development and production of new or improved products in Texas.

2. Small business incubator fund: up to \$10 million in general obligation bonds to set up a fund to foster and stimulate small business.

3. Agricultural fund: up to

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#### Statewide Referendums:

**No. 1:** "The State Board of Education shall be composed of members who are appointed from districts instead of elected..."

Members are elected now.

**No. 2:** "The legalization of pari-mutuel wagering under the Texas Racing Act on a county-by-county local option basis."

Voters across the state are being asked if they favor legalizing pari-mutuel betting in Texas on a county-by-county local option basis.

Next on the ballot is that local option "legalizing pari-mutuel wagering on horse races in Harris County."

The local option for greyhound dog racing does not appear on the Harris County ballot because it will be available in only three Gulf Coast counties, including Galveston County.

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## Volunteers needed now for election

The election falls on a Tuesday this year so it will be harder to vote, and to get volunteers.

Volunteers are especially needed by candidates right through election day. The caucus also could use as many volunteers as possible to hand out endorsement cards at the polls. The most critical need is 7-9 a.m. and 5-7 p.m.

The caucus also needs help putting up candidate yard signs and blockwalking for candidates the final weekend before the election, Oct. 30-Nov. 1.

Everyone is invited to blockwalk in Montrose beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 31. The group will meet at 900 Lovett, Suite 101.

Blockwalking is as easy as handing candidate information to people or leaving it on their door. Volunteers usually work in pairs and are given maps and lists of registered voters.

Candidates need help at their headquarters with such tasks as yard sign distribution, mail-outs, phone banking and general office work.



Cathy Mincberg

Cathy Mincberg, Dist. C:  
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Ray Hill, at-large City  
Council: 521-1000 (leave  
message)

David Sherman, Dist. H  
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Melody Ellis, HISD (4)  
522-2292, 5100 Dowling

Kathy Bingham, HISD (3)  
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George Greanias, city  
controller  
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## Keep sending voter cards

It's too late to register to vote in the Tuesday, November 3, election.

It may not be too late to register to vote in possible run-off elections that may be set in late November.

So, go ahead and fill out a card and return it as soon as possible. Another voter registration

deadline is coming up in February because of Super Tuesday in March, when presidential candidates and party primaries are scheduled in numerous states.

Caucus volunteers registered several hundred voters in September before the October deadline and expect to sign up voters throughout Montrose before the February deadline.

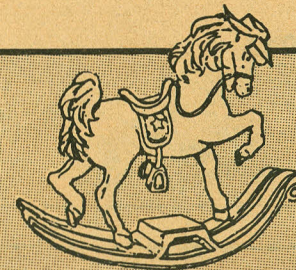
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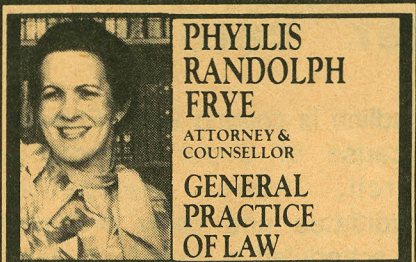
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Relax and watch the returns with friends. Some of the GLPC-endorsed candidates are expected to drop by.

Admission is free.

The lodge, which is being renovated, is scheduled to open November 14.

## Voting questions?

### Dial for help

Before the election, you may contact the Harris County Voter Registration Office at 224-1919. They will be glad to answer any question about your eligibility to vote. If you registered, but have not received your card by election day, call the county. If you have lost your card, you will have no trouble voting as long as your name appears on the voter rolls. Just take your driver's license for proof of identification.

On election day, you can call the county, or the GLPC office, 521-1000. Volunteers will be staffing the caucus office phone all day to answer questions about voting, including which precinct you vote in.

If you moved during the month before the election, you are still eligible to vote in your old precinct.

Lists of polling places will be published either the day before the election or election day in the Houston Post and Chronicle.

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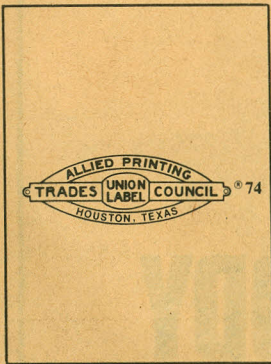
Meetings are open to everyone, (although only members vote), and people are encouraged to bring praise and criticism to the caucus. GLPC can't represent the best interests of the community on the political front without input from many gay men and lesbians.

Caucus leaders often speak with leaders throughout the community and to other groups. The caucus also is in the midst of completing a lengthy survey of membership. The best way, however, to express your ideas or see exactly how the caucus runs is to attend a meeting or event.

Except for special meetings, GLPC normally adjourns about 9 p.m.

GLPC board meetings also are open. The board, composed of four officers and nine board members, meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at the caucus office.

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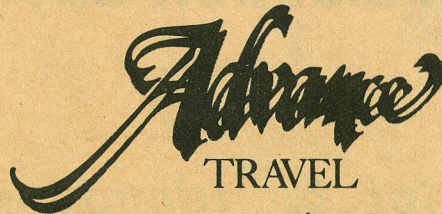
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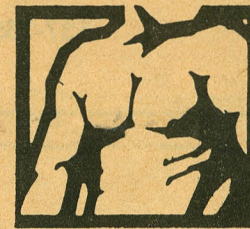
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The caucus wants to include everyone on its mailing list. So, if you move, call the GLPC office at 521-1000 and leave a change

of address. You also can put your new address on the membership form and return it.

Election newsletters are not always forwarded. And when they are returned, it costs the caucus about 25 cents. Because so many gay men and lesbians move so often, some returned mail for a particular mail-out has cost the caucus several hundred dollars.

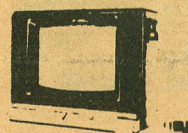
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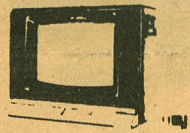
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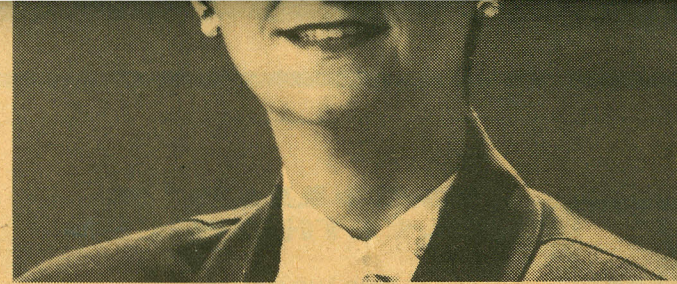
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