

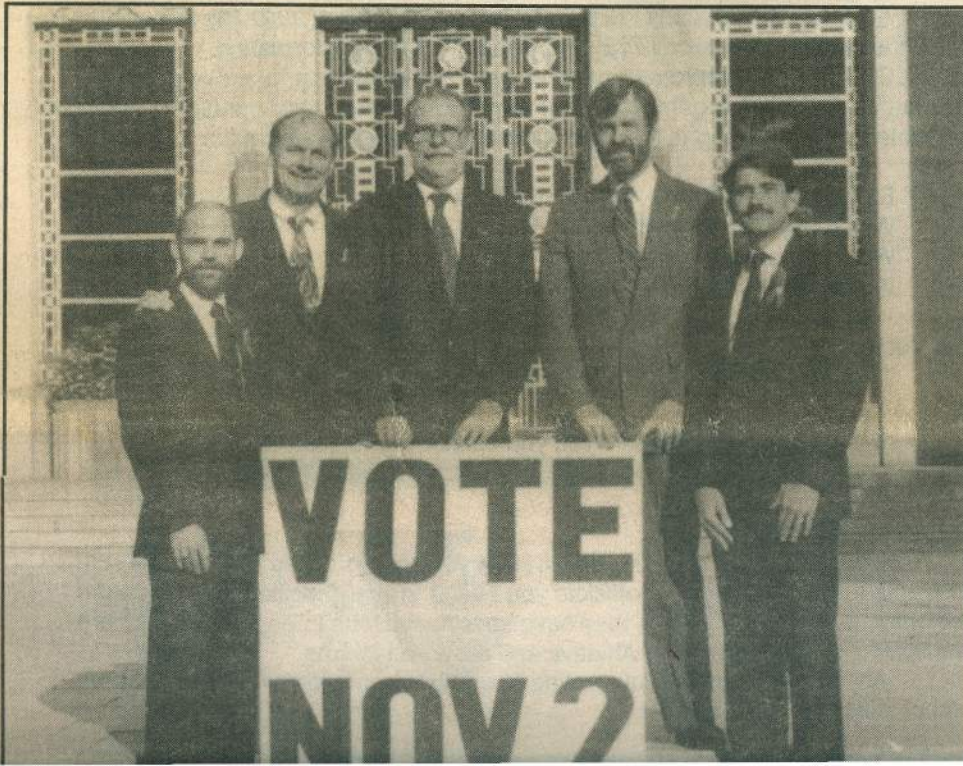
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Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus

General Election—November 2, 1993

Five Gay Candidates Serious Contenders



A seat at the table. A voice in the debate. A vote when it counts. This year's Houston wide-open city elections provide a unique opportunity for gays and lesbians to achieve all three. Five gay men endorsed by the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus are running all-out campaigns for City Council seats in the November 2 election.

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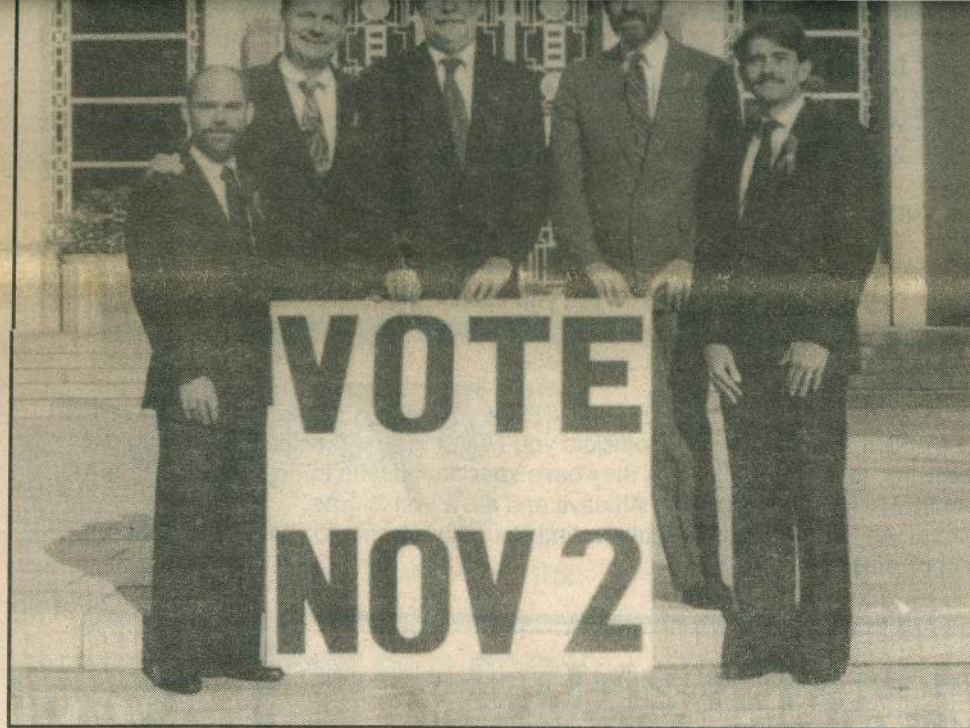
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Candidate photos by Frank Parsley
Houston's five gay candidates represent diverse backgrounds, but they have one message for voters. Poised on the steps of Houston City Hall are (from left) Rob Bridges, Gary Van Ooteghem, Ray Hill, Gene Harrington and Brian Bradley.

Oct. 24 Party to Benefit Gay Candidates

"Take 5" is the name, and theme, of a major fund-raiser/party Sunday, October 24, for the five gay City Council candidates. With just days left to campaign, every day and every dollar is precious. With so many gay candidates running, people are being bombarded with requests for money and volunteer time. That means the most efficient way to get money into all the campaigns for critical advertising and direct mail is one big joint fund-raiser. Of course, that has the makings of a great party/rally/community event.

"Take 5" is just that — with friends, entertainment, food and drinks. It will be held at the Lovett Inn this Sunday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. The Lovett Inn, a mansion turned bed-and-breakfast, is located at 501 Lovett. A \$10 donation is requested.

All proceeds from the event will be divided equally among the five gay candidates. If you prefer, half of your contribution or sponsorship can be designated for a specific candidate. Contributions also may be mailed to the Bayou City Committee, a new PAC formed to raise money for the five gay candidates (P.O. Box 66513, Houston, TX 77266-6513, Carol Clark, Treasurer).

Annis Parker and Jim Owens are coordinating the Lovett Inn event.

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These are not the first candidates from the gay and lesbian community. Annise Parker was endorsed for City Council two years ago and ran a strong race in District C. Current candidates Hill and Van Ooteghem have run serious campaigns before for city and county offices. What is different this year is the impact of sheer numbers. This is an unmistakable statement that "it's our turn."

These candidates will be screened by a multitude of groups, questioned at dozens of candidate forums, and interviewed by the media. They will talk about crime and potholes and garbage pickup, but they'll also talk about AIDS funding, lesbian healthcare, discrimination and domestic partnership ordinances.

Win or lose, they will discuss important community issues, shake up the status quo and decide the outcome of races. Better yet, their diversity of backgrounds and divergent positions on city issues such as zoning make labeling them single-issue candidates impossible.

Some may ask whether the candidates and GLPC turned their political backs on old Council friends.

Community leaders respond: "Where were most Council members when Montrose became the redistricting sacrificial lamb? How many old friends spoke up for us when we were dumped out of home-base District C into District D in an effort to destroy our power base and prevent us from electing one of our own?"

GLPC did endorse incumbent City Controller George Greanias and Council member Ben Reyes.

Welcome to the Warwick !

The gay and lesbian community and supporters will celebrate election night victories at Houston's grandest hotel, the Warwick.

All five gay Houston City Council candidates will host election festivities in the Warwick grand ballroom.

GLPC Endorsements November 2, 1993

City Controller George Greanias

City Council At-Large Candidates

At-Large, 1	Gary Van Ooteghem
At-Large, 2	Ray Hill
At-Large, 3	Rob Bridges
At-Large, 4	Brian Bradley

District Candidates

District B	Roslyn Smith
District C	Robert Wolin
District D	Gene Harrington
District F	Dennis Dougherty
District H	Liz Lara
District I	Ben Reyes

Newsletter Mailed to Targeted Voters

This election newsletter is being mailed to targeted precincts throughout Houston as well as the 9,000-person Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus mailing list.

Mailing labels for households with either two male or two female registered voters were purchased to reach potential supporters in this crucial election. Like political parties and individual candidates, the caucus makes every effort to mail to potential supporters by purchasing mailing labels or voter registration lists and through advertising.

The 9,000-person GLPC mailing list includes those who have requested to be on the list as well as several thousand generic "Concerned Voters" in Montrose-area apartment complexes.

The caucus respects the privacy of gay men, lesbians and supporters who receive this newsletter. Many supporters, however, are not on the mailing list and do not read community publications. Gay men and women also move frequently, which makes maintaining an accurate mailing list extremely difficult and expensive without purchasing the voter labels normally used in other campaigns.

If you receive this newsletter, but do not wish to receive further caucus election newsletters, please contact the office at 521-1000. If you would like your name added to the regular mailing list (or have changed address), please call the office.

New One-Year Move Rule May Send Voters Back to Old Precincts

A new one-year voter registration rule allows registered voters who moved in the past 12 months and did not re-register at their new address to vote in their old precinct.

This major rule change could confuse many voters.

In the last election, registered voters who moved three months prior to registration deadline but did not re-register in their new precinct could vote in their old precinct.

Every voter who has moved in the past 12 months should check to see if they have a blue voter registration card. If the card lists the new address, everything should be set to vote on election day or during Early Voting, which continues through October 29.

If, however, you did re-register by October 3 and have not received a new card, officials advise calling 224-1919 to see if you are registered at your new address.

If you did not re-register, it is still a good idea to call 224-1919 to make sure you are registered at your old address.

Early Voting

Anyone can vote early in Texas at various locations, including Downtown. Check the newspapers or call 755-6965 for Early Voting information.

GLPC urges everyone to vote early to avoid election Tuesday madness. The caucus and also urgently needs many volunteers to hand out GLPC and/or candidate cards at polling places and for other election day activities.

Early Voting hours:

Weekdays: 8-4:30 p.m.

Weekend of October 23-24: 1-6 p.m.

Weekend of October 28-29: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m..

New Voters

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But go ahead and register because you may still vote in any run-off election.

Voting by Affidavit

If you are not on the voter list but know you are registered, you can still vote on election day: Tell precinct officials you live(d) in that precinct and registered according to the rules.. Unless they have specific reasons to doubt you, they are required to let you sign a brief Affidavit and allow you to vote.

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**ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 2ND
LET US MAKE OUR VOICES HEARD!**

Gene •
Harrington
City Council **District D**

Please...

Add your voice to mine on election day

...and never again will we be silent!

Rights are won, not by words on paper, but by people who make their voices heard.

Harvey Milk

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Bradley: "It's Time to Turn Hope into Reality"

At-large City Council Candidate Brian Bradley is easily one of the most active and visible community leaders.

His AIDS and civil rights activism has taken him across the country lobbying and into millions of homes with appearances on national news and talk shows such as *McNeil/Lehrer* and *Opra*. He was even criticized by Rush Limbaugh.

Bradley now wants to devote his energy and honesty to City Council.

"The gay and lesbian community has lived on hope far too long. It's time to turn hope into reality on November 2," the candidate said.

He has earned the respect of many area and state political leaders during his years of political involvement. He met many of those leaders when he served on the Greater Houston AIDS Alliance, which oversaw millions in health care funding. Bradley also has lobbied at the local and national levels for more AIDS funding at the Center for Disease Control for both women's and men's healthcare.

The retired surgical technologist has served on numerous boards:

- AIDS Equity League
- Harris County Jail Citizens Advisory Team Task Force
- Ryan White Council
- Harris County Housing Opportunity for People with AIDS Advisory Committee
- Member of a 10-seat national panel that advises the Department of Health and Human Services on AIDS
- Texas Human Rights Foundation litigant in a suit, on behalf of HIV-positive patients and workers, which is headed for the Supreme Court.

Because of his extensive community service, Bradley was named the Grand Marshal of the 1993 Gay & Lesbian Pride Week parade. In 1992, he received the AIDS Equity League Individual Community Service Award. He also was honored with an accommodation from the Texas House of Representatives for his leadership in the fight against AIDS.

This fall, Bradley impressed the GLPC screening committee with his knowledge of city problems.

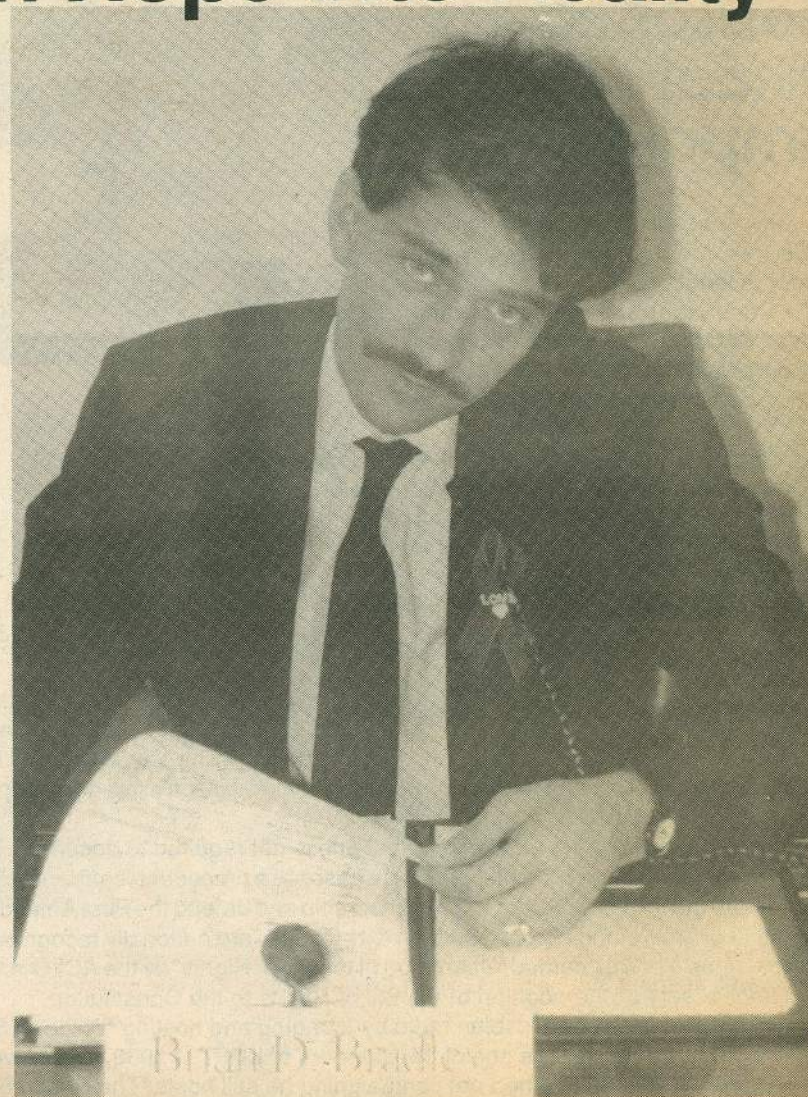
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- Pro victims rights.
- Multilingual communications in the city.
- Unique approaches to gang violence.

Against

- Zoning; borrowing from Metro funds; discrimination; city fraud and waste.



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**Gary Van Ooteghem
Gene Harrington
Robert Bridges
Brian Bradley
Ray Hill**

5 gay candidates have been endorsed for Houston City Council races.
They are seeking 5 different seats with 5 different strategies
in 5 different campaigns...

...1 event will support them all.

Entertainment, snacks, beverages, political gossip and the
chance to celebrate our own candidates.
Proceeds will be divided evenly among the candidates...
If you prefer, you may designate half of your
contribution to a specific candidate.

**Sunday, October 24, 1993
Lovett Inn — 501 Lovett Blvd.
Drop in from 3 to 6 p.m.**

\$10 donation is requested, but all are welcome.
We hope you will consider supporting at the following levels:
\$25 • Voter \$50 • Activist \$100 • Rabble Rouser
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Ray Hill a Seasoned Political Campaigner

City Council At-Large Candidate
Ray Hill's resume in the lesbian and gay community is lengthy:

- Co-founder and president of the Promethian Society (Houston's first lesbian and gay organization) 1968-1969;
- One of the founders of GLPC in 1975;
- Chair of the GLPC board, 1984, president, 1989;
- Co-founder of Houston Pride Week celebrations (first march, 1976 and Town Meeting I, 1978;)
- President/chair of the board of Montrose Activity Center 1986-1987;
- Co-chair Pride Week 1986;
- Grand Marshall, Pride Week Parade 1981;
- Co-founder and executive director, Houston Human Rights League 1976-1982.

In some quarters, Hill's efforts toward preserving Constitutional rights are considered his most lasting work. HILL vs. HOUSTON has become cliché in federal courts. There have been three cases, all successful, including the landmark United States Supreme Court decision rendered in 1987 defining a citizen's freedom of speech to complain of police abuse of another person.

Another case in 1981 established that one is not required to document his or her identity on demand of a police officer. These cases are precedent-setting decisions which still define the law. His efforts to fight censorship and defend the First Amendment in the Texas Legislature and before Houston City Council are nationally recognized for their effectiveness. Hill was named "Champion of the Bill of Rights" by the ACLU in 1991, the 200th anniversary of the addition of the Bill of Rights to the Constitution.

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President's Corner

By Terri Richardson

Lesbian and gay Americans have entered a new era of visibility. Since the 1992 presidential campaign and election, gay and lesbian issues have dominated print and electronic media, from the tirades of conservative TV and radio talk show hosts to the front page of the *New York Times*, the issues most directly related to our lives are being discussed. People have been forced to examine their own prejudices with regard to the fitness of lesbians and gays to serve in the military, the rights of lesbian and gay parents, the choice of an uncloseted lesbian as a presidential appointee, to name but a few. The struggle for equal rights of lesbians and gay men has received unprecedented national attention.

And then we come home to Houston, Texas.

There is no headline set aside for the young lesbian fired from her job in a fast food restaurant because a customer complained she saw her kissing another woman before getting out of her car to report to work. We don't hear Marvin Zindler chastising a prominent Houston apartment complex owner who allows heterosexual couples to rent one-bedroom units, but not gay couples.

The *Houston Chronicle* does not assign an investigative reporter to write about the 40-year-old man who has received exemplary reviews for 18 years as a City employee but who cannot take the two weeks off from work necessary to care for his dying lover, make funeral arrangements, and be afforded the solitude necessary to begin the grief process.

Why?

Because lesbians and gay men have no civil rights in the City of Houston. In our struggle, we have let our friends speak for us in City government. We have enjoyed their company at community gatherings. We have often felt that our telephone calls to their offices were answered politely, even enthusiastically. We have been able to turn to them with our concerns. We felt needed and wanted when they asked us to hold fund-raisers for them, or put yard signs out, or work on their campaigns. Some of them even gave us jobs. But the fact remains that when the Mayor calls the City Council to order, there is no one there to speak for us.

We have an extraordinary opportunity on November 2 to vote for five members of our own community. Seven openly gay candidates (GLPC endorsed five of them) have courageously added their names to the choices we have when we walk into the voting booth. We know them as community leaders who have fought tirelessly for human rights, hate crimes legislation, equality in medical care, non-discrimination in housing and employment, equal representation in city government — the list goes on and on. The Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus endorsed these candidates for City Council, and it is up to each us — whether gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, or progressive straight — to bring our voice to the table.

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☆ Rob Bridges

*Openly Gay Candidate for
City Council At Large Position 3*

**"Our
Time
Has
Come!"**

Community Involvement Quality Leadership

- Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus, former President Pro-Tem
- Montrose Activity Center, credit union committee chair
- Lesbian/Gay Democrats of Texas, statewide co-chair
- Stone Soup Food Pantry volunteer

Agenda for the '90's

- *Municipal non-discrimination ordinance*
- *Adequate funding for HIV-AIDS education*
- *Prioritize women's health issues at Houston City Health Dept.*
- *Prevention of Hate Crimes*

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Bridges One of Community's Most Experienced Leaders

Political veteran Rob Bridges brings years of diverse community activism to his race for City Council At-Large Position 3.

To political insiders, Bridges is probably best known for his tireless lobbying at City Hall during the past three years. A longtime gay/lesbian community leader, Bridges has worn various hats for many organizations. He is a former vice president and president pro-tem for the Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus and has served as committee chair of the caucus Hates Crimes, Redistricting and Zoning committees.

The 36-year-old candidate also chaired the Montrose Activity Center credit union committee and served as post-parade rally coordinator for 1992 Gay/Pride Week.

In other political activities, Bridges was campaign manager for Annise Parker's 1991 bid for City Council, District C. He is currently finishing a two-year term as statewide co-chair of the Lesbian/Gay Democrats of Texas.

Bridges is a professional orchestra musician with the Houston Ballet, Grand Opera and Symphony. He also owns a small business, RBP Music Publishing, and is the former finance manager for a local musical instrument accessories manufacturing company.

Bridges' record of activism extends to his professional activities as well. In 1988, when a musician with AIDS was dismissed from a performance at Second Baptist Church, Bridges successfully sponsored an amendment to the Houston Professional Musician's Association's bylaws to expand its non-discrimination policy to include illness, gender and sexual orientation.

The candidate took time from his busy schedule to discuss his campaign with the GLPC Election News.

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EN: If elected, what is your plan of action?

BRIDGES: My campaign theme is "Back to Basics". Too often, the at-large Council members dump off most of their drudge work on district Council members so they can concentrate on a few pet "glamour" issues they think will catapult them into higher office. We definitely need an at-large member who will spend more time solving problems that affect people on a daily basis, and less time pretending to be a junior mayor.

This greatly affects our community. We're not getting the basic service we're already paying for. We're paying for city health education, and they are *still* spending virtually nothing on HIV/AIDS education. When a hate crime occurs, it needs to be properly documented by the police department. That isn't happening.

EN: Any parting thoughts for Election News readers?

BRIDGES: I'm so proud to be representing our community this election season. We have a unique opportunity to demonstrate our self-respect on Tuesday, November 2. Even if one gay candidate is elected or makes a runoff, each vote cast will be a liberty bell heard loud and clear coast to coast.

Please take time to vote, and be part of the excitement!



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Van Ooteghem – Two Decades of Political Experience

Gary Van Ooteghem has been active in gay and lesbian politics for nearly two decades. His Houston activism began in 1975 when he was fired from the Harris County Treasurer's office for giving a speech on gay rights. He was the Harris County assistant treasurer and comptroller of the Treasury at the time.

During the period 1975-1985 he fought that dismissal in the local federal district court, three times before the U.S. Court of Appeals, and twice before the U.S. Supreme Court. All courts consistently held on Van Ooteghem's side. Based on the outcome of that decision, Harris County can no longer legally discriminate against gay and lesbian employees or job applicants.

Following his dismissal from the county, Van Ooteghem co-founded the Gay Political Caucus (now Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus) and became its founding president in 1975. He also founded and was president of the Montrose Activity Center and founded EPAH (Executive and Professional Association of Houston).

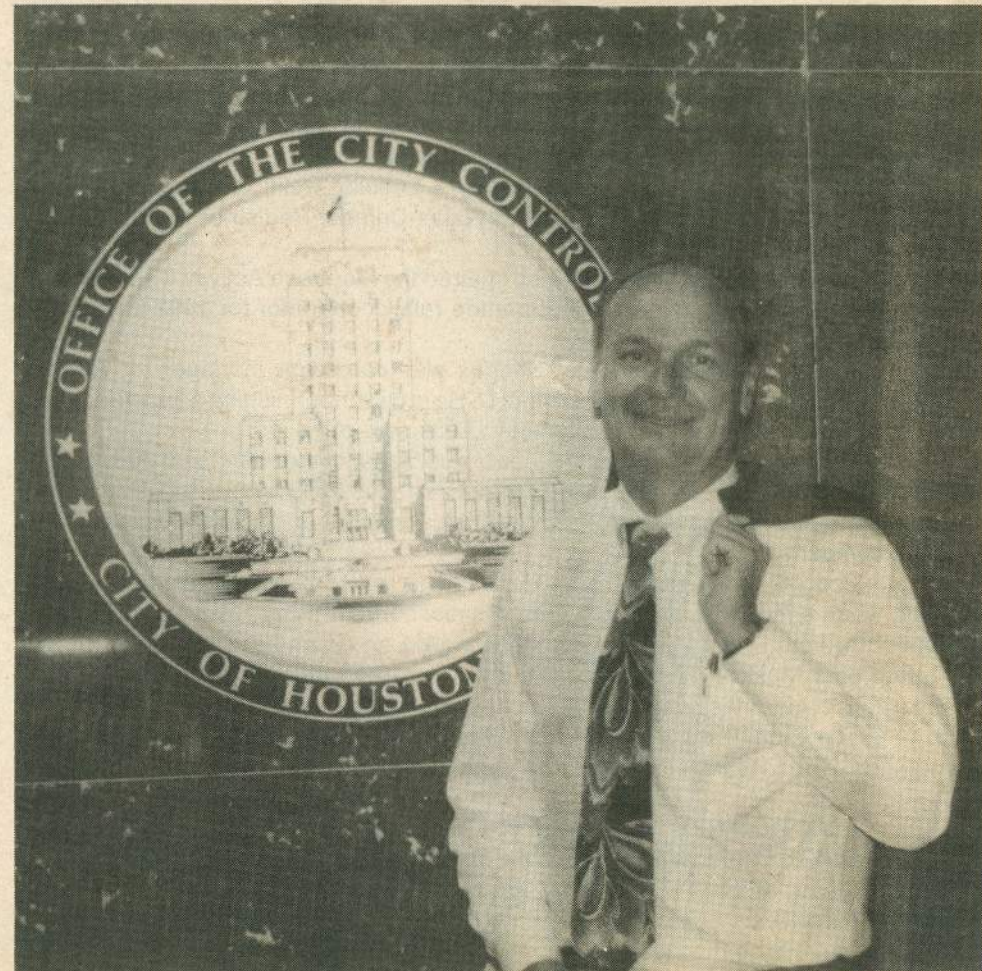
On a national level, Van Ooteghem co-chaired the National Gay Task Force (now National Gay & Lesbian Task Force) and the Gay Rights National Lobby (now Human Rights Campaign Fund).

After the Dade County (Florida) gay rights referendum defeat in the late 1970s, he chaired the (anti-) Anita Bryant March here in Houston, still the largest civil rights march ever in Houston or Texas.

Professionally, Van Ooteghem has been a CPA for the past 20 years. He is the former chief financial officer of one of the institutions in the Texas Medical Center. He also chaired the medical center's Committee on Parking and Mobility where monorail (not Metro's version) and people-mover systems were under study for the central campus. Before that, the at-large candidate served as president of one of the companies in the Joe Russo Companies group.

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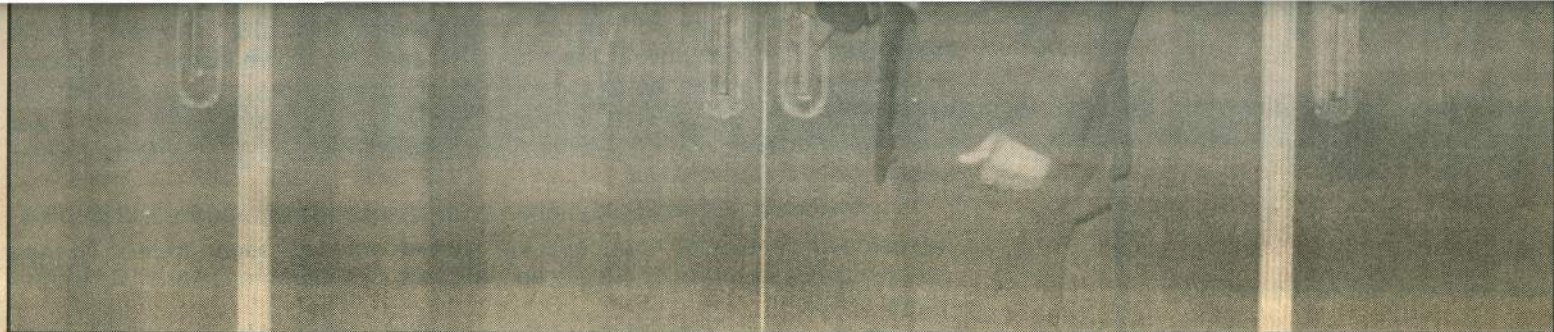
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Gene Harrington has walked through the doors to the City Council chambers many times, but in 1994 he would like to use the same door as other Council members.

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By Rob Cavanaugh

"For over half a century, I have been a gay man and I have had many progressive straight friends speaking up for my rights," says District D City Council Candidate Gene Harrington. "But 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code renders me a criminal in my own state, my President has codified discrimination in the United States Armed Forces and proclaims it honorable, my community has no federal, state or local protection against discrimination and, as a person with HIV, I have fared little better."

In addition to his well-known efforts on behalf of the gay, lesbian and HIV communities, Harrington is uniquely qualified to serve District D, having secured a diverse base of support. Part of that support was built at Texas Southern University, where law professor Harrington has taught numerous African-American political leaders.

In addition to GLPC and the Mexican American Democrats, U.S. Rep. Craig Washington and City Council member Ben Reyes have publicly endorsed him. All the more remarkable considering he's out to unseat an incumbent Council member.

Harrington's campaign is also encouraged by the numbers and voting patterns in District D, which is 54% African-American.

Although many African-American, Hispanic and Anglo leaders have had the courage to champion our issues - Harrington cites Mickey Leland and Craig Washington, among others - he wonders what our community has to show for it.

"My own city has seen one of the worst examples of homophobic cowardice with the defeat of the 1985 Gay Rights Referendum."

Harrington suggests a lack of leadership on the part of progressive straights who have been supportive of our issues is not to blame for a lack of progress. Rather it is time for our community to produce and support our own leaders.

"No human rights struggle in history has been won by oppressed people waiting for others to obtain their rights for them - Rosa Parks would still be seated at the back of the bus had she chosen to wait for some well-intentioned white person to offer her a front row seat."

"For over 25 years, as I have fought for dignity and equality for all people, Gene Harrington has stood with me!

I would be honored to have him as my City Council member."

U.S. Rep. Craig Washington

Gay and lesbian activists who have had the opportunity to participate in numerous community events and projects know well the quote from the late Harvey Milk that Harrington has adopted as a personal creed: "Rights are not won by words on paper but by people who make their voices heard."

Houston's gay and lesbian community, with five candidates, has the opportunity to make their voices heard loud and clear in the November 2 election. A fact not lost on Harrington - "Let historians look back on November 1993 and report that, for gay and lesbian Houstonians, the second Stonewall revolution began."

Bob Wolin Impresses Screening Panel

District C candidate Bob Wolin discussed many issues in depth, including those affecting the gay and lesbian community, when he screened with GLPC this fall.

The attorney was formerly involved with civil rights legislation when he worked for the state of New Jersey.

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Greanias for City Controller, of Course

He is Houston's most trusted politician, year in and out, according to *Houston Press* readers.

He started his career in Montrose a decade ago with a close victory in the District C Council race, often thanking the gay community for the hard-working volunteers and vote margin that made it possible.

He is certainly an independent voice as city controller, unafraid to confront the mayor and entire City Councils over pay-as-you-go city funding. He explains complicated city issues on his public access TV show in terms most people can understand.

He is, of course, George Greanias.

Public servant, politician. Former Rice professor. Playwright. Attorney. GLPC-endorsed candidate for city controller.

GLPC-Honored Reyes Seeks Re-election

Ben Reyes, a political survivor second to none, is being supported by the caucus largely because of his leading role on Council in the fight against AIDS.

The veteran Council member was honored at the 1993 annual GLPC dinner for his work for the gay and lesbian community and pledged to continue the fight.

At 16, Smith Wanted to be on Council

Roslyn Smith was born and raised in District B.

Her community affiliations include Police Positive Interaction Program, Acorn, TSU Branch for the Association of Child Education, Kashmere Garden Multi Service Center Advisory Board, Northeast Concerned Citizen Civic Club and East Houston Civic Club.

"I feel that I am the best person to represent District B," she said. "I have lived in this community all my life and have seen...a massive increase in (illegal) drugs and drug related crimes and youth dropping out of the system. I have wanted to be a City Council member since I was 16 years old, and now more than ever, we need change! I believe I can be a catalyst to unite our community on a more positive level."

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Caucus Studies Zoning, But Neither Endorses Nor Rejects It

Appearing on the November 2 ballot will be a referendum question about the zoning ordinance drawn by City Council.

Pro-zoning forces are hoping current public opinion will hold firm (slightly over 50% in favor of zoning) while zoning foes hope for an upset in hopes Council will abandon the current plan.

GLPC involved itself in zoning during the ordinance drafting phase earlier this year. The caucus zoning committee held a special open town meeting on zoning, coordinated by zoning committee chair Rob Bridges. The meeting was attended by gay/lesbian business owners, social service providers, homeowners and other interested community members. City Council member Jim Greenwood, the leading zoning proponent, was on hand to answer questions and take suggestions.

The caucus also had a general meeting on zoning with Houston Planning Department Director Donna Kristaponis. After a question and answer period, GLPC members debated taking a public position. Opinions ranged from violent opposition to fervent support to bland apathy.

Ultimately, GLPC members adopted the caucus' zoning committee recommendation:

"...After carefully combing through the complete zoning ordinance, the committee could find nothing that could be used as a tool to specifically discriminate against the gay/lesbian community. Neither could we find any specific benefit that advances our civil rights mandate as set out in the mission statement of the Caucus. Therefore, we recommend that the Caucus not make a public endorsement, either for or against the zoning ordinance."

For more information about zoning, you may contact the Houston Planning and Development Department at 247-1870; the Houston Homeowners Association (pro-zoning lobbyist group); or the Houston Property Rights Association (anti-zoning lobbyist group).

Dougherty, Lara Endorsed in Districts F and H

District F candidate Dennis Dougherty is concerned about the City's use of Metro funds for construction and special projects.

"It is inappropriate and fiscally wrong," he said. "The funds are being diverted and spent like an individual would abuse credit cards. The city must live within its budget and stop the use of creative accounting systems."

An accountant, Dougherty owns a company providing consulting and support services to individuals and small businesses.

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District H endorsed candidate Liz Lara has a history of active community

involvement spanning 15 years.

She is a former member of the Democratic National Committee (DNC); former vice chair of the Hispanic Caucus for the DNC; a sustaining member and former Executive Committee member of the Harris County Democratic Party; past secretary of the state Mexican-American Democrats; and former chair of the Harris County MAD. Lara is currently election judge for Precinct 707.

Lara describes her political philosophy as one of inclusion and education. "New ideas and new people are important to keep pace with our growing and changing society," she said.

Lara advocates comprehensive neighborhood zoning.

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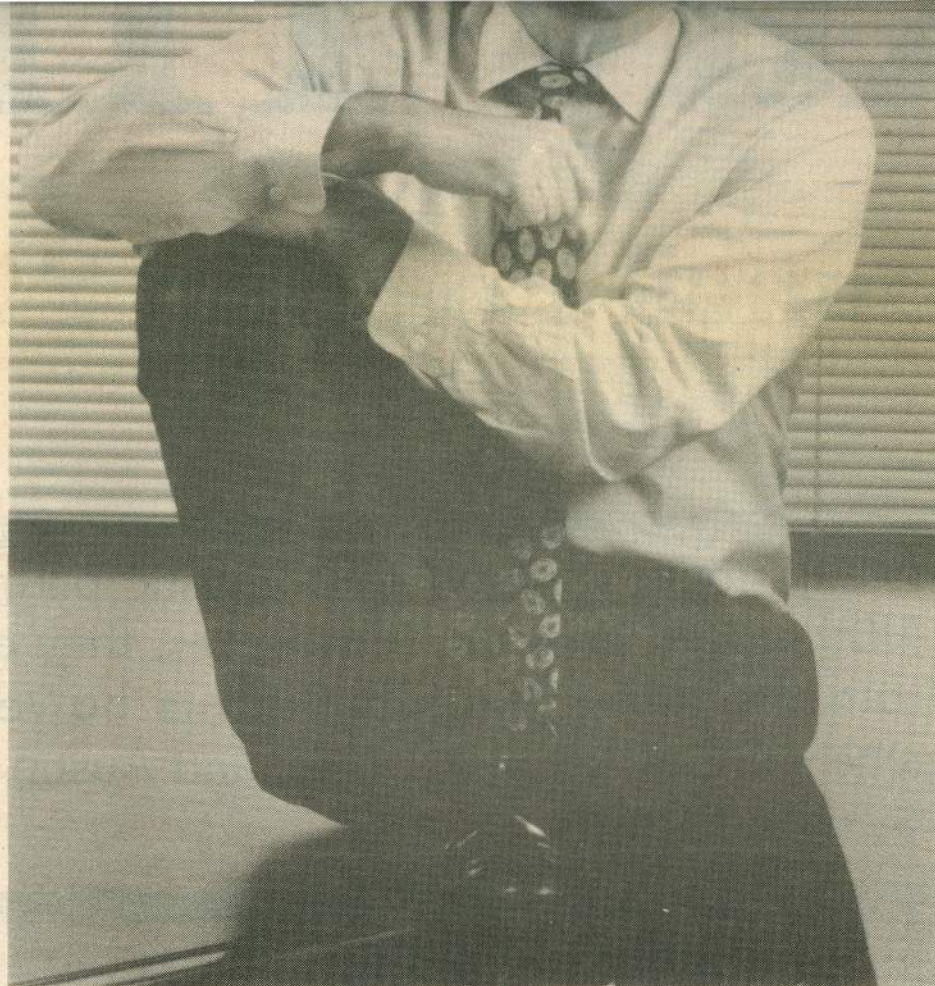
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Our "**Friends**" on City Council talk about domestic partners, increased city funding for HIV/AIDS related projects; Sometimes, they even drop us a few token crumbs from the table. The sad truth is however that Houston continuously lags behind San Antonio, Dallas, and Austin in its addressing of Gay/Lesbian/AIDS concerns.

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Warning: DO NOT VOTE for These 2 School Board Candidates

GLPC did not endorse in any Houston ISD races because no candidates screened. Members, however, voted to advise the community *not* to vote for Claude Jones, a La Rouché supporter running for District 5. Jones was the center of controversy several years ago when he was elected chair of the Harris County Democratic Party.

Members also urge people not to vote for District 7 candidate Greg Vint, who is, according to a reputable source, associated with anti-gay activist Dr. Steven Hotze.

Community Calendar

AIDS WALK-A-THON '93, benefitting AIDS social services and education, begins with registration at 8 a.m. Sunday, **November 7**, at the Sabine Street Bridge. Call 626-WALK.

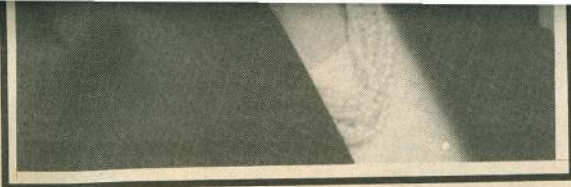
AN EVENING OF ELEGANCE, November 13, benefits The Agora (the new gay/lesbian public relations group). Entertainment by Cindy Freedman, silent auction and raffle. Dress is, of course, casual yet elegant. Free valet parking at a grand home in Memorial. Tickets, \$15. For more information, call 729-4267. Also watch *Out in Houston*, the Agora's new monthly TV show on the Public Access Channel.

GLPC ENDORSEMENT MEETING, November 3 - Endorsements in the run-off City Council races will be made at the regular November Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus meeting. 7:30 p.m. Stouffer's Hotel, Greenway Plaza.

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