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## INS STOPS GAY SCREENING

Suspected gay aliens will no longer be subject to probing interrogation on their private sexual life by immigration authorities under a new policy announced by the Department of Justice September 10, 1980.

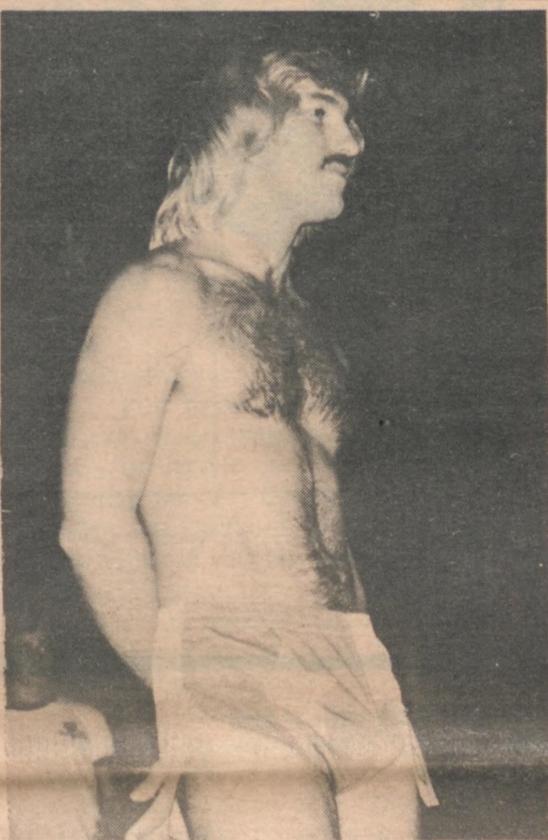
The State Department is expected to bring its procedures into conformance with Justice Department guidelines.

Henceforth, only those individuals who self-identify themselves as homosexual to immigration personnel will be subject to exclusion. Wearing political buttons, T-shirts or other symbols expressing support for the gay rights movement will not be sufficient to trigger inquiry into an alien's sexual orientation. However, a button or other sign which states that the wearer is a homosexual or the identification of an individual as homosexual by a traveling companion would lead to specific inquiry. If the suspected alien answers 'no' to the question, "Are you a homosexual?" he or she will be permitted to enter the United States without further inquiry.

"This decision is the culmination of years of work to bring about more enlightened and sensitive enforcement of the 1952 Immigration Act," commented National Gay Task Force Co-Director Charles Brydon. "Combined with Carter Administration support for Senator Cranston's bill to remove the infamous anti-gay language from the Immigration Act, it is an important practical political victory for the gay rights movement.

"I want to commend the Department of Justice for the humanitarian approach implicit in this decision. The Justice Department has shown consid-

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Jimmer Aiken  
Mr. Texas Blueboy

## PAEZ KILLING... COP INDICTED

Houston Policeman Kevin M. McCoy was indicted in mid-October, 1980, on a charge of criminally negligent homicide in the June 28, 1980 shooting death of Fred Paez, Houston Gay Political Caucus secretary.

Officer McCoy has stated the gun went off accidentally as the two scuffled during an arrest following sexual overtures Paez allegedly made to Officer McCoy.

The indictment is the least serious charge of homicide in Texas, a class "C" misdemeanor punishable by one year in jail and/or a \$2,000 fine. Two policemen were convicted on the same charge in the death of Joe Campos Torres.

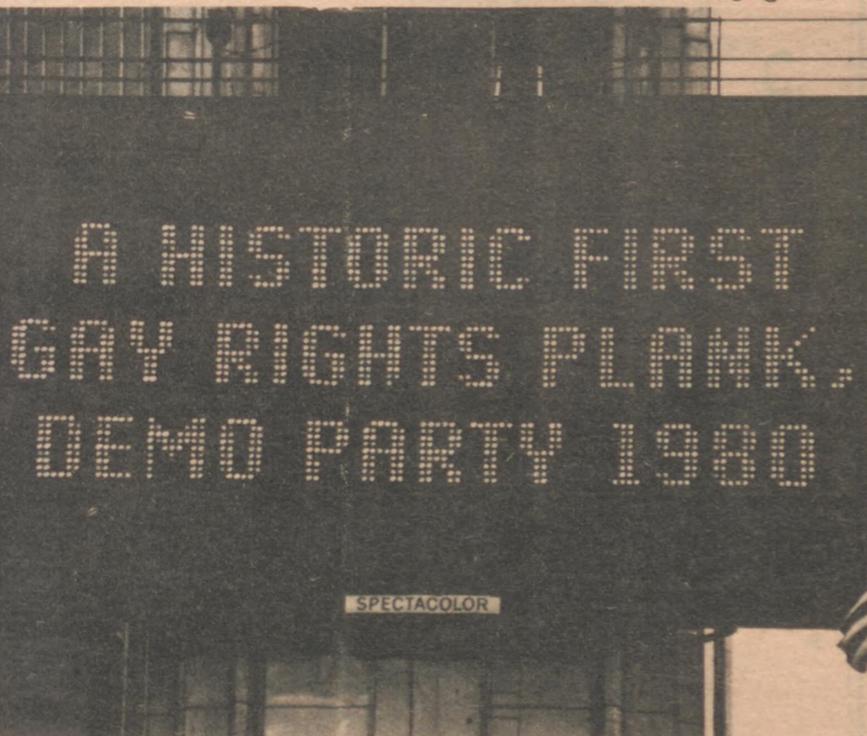
In a lead story October 15, on KPRC-TV, Kevin McCoy said, "There was, on my part as far as I can see, no fault. There was no wrong conduct done by me. It was just simply a routine class 'C' misdemeanor arrest."

McCoy's attorney, Mike Hinton, stated, "The indictment alleges that placing a gun against someone's head causes it to go off and this is simply not true."

Houston Gay Political Caucus President Lee Harrington responded, "We find it unusual that a fellow who believed that, and gave that information out daily, would, in fact, do the very opposite, struggle for the gun as the police report itself said. So we've had difficulty with the whole way this thing came down."

"We feel that what was involved here is an unnatural fear of gay people," Harrington continued.

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Charles F. Brydon

Times Square billboard at Democratic National Convention, August, 1980.

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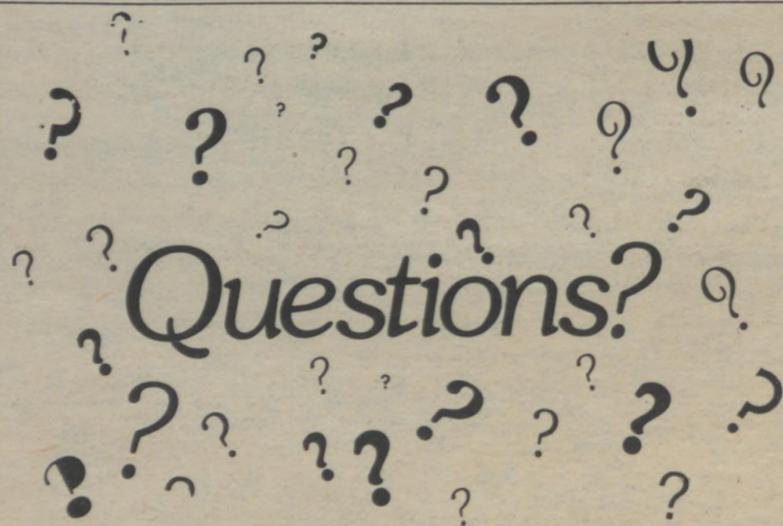
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for Ronald Reagan.

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Presidential candidates and I've finally decided  
who I'm going to vote for. This is strictly my  
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Jimmy Carter has done a lot of good for lesbians  
and gays in a low-key way. Most of it took quite  
a bit of prodding, but he did it. Ronald Reagan has  
hurt us in the past, and I see no reason why he won't  
do it again, especially with the Moral Majority  
helping run his campaign.

Please read the articles on the candidates and  
VOTE for the one you think is best. There's a lot  
riding on this election.

*Jim Olinger*



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## UNITY PROPOSAL

When I, Roy Oakes, was becoming involved in gay life in Austin several months ago, Lynn Aday and I discussed the apparent lack of unity and communication in the lesbian and gay community. We need unity to face the threat from organizations like the Moral Majority. Our recent victories at the National Democratic Convention (which for the first time in history adopted a plank upholding the full rights of homosexuals) and the State Democratic Convention (which upheld the national convention and endorsed repeal of the Texas anti-sodomy law) have demonstrated the power of unity.

We believe much good could come from a league of representatives from each lesbian/gay organization, religious group, business and club in Austin. We see this league as communicative rather than authoritative. It would meet several times a year to assign committees to coordinate community-wide events, like organizing Gay Pride Week, bringing important lecturers and entertainers to town, initiating community-wide fund-raisers, organizing fun activities such as a Halloween or New Years Ball . . . the possibilities are limited only by our imaginations.

Key here is strength through unity. United, we can guarantee our rights as U.S. citizens. United, we are a major political force in Austin. United, we can discover who we are and how we can help one another continue to BE! There are a variety of different organizations and businesses in our community. They cater to different people. We should uphold this variety, seeking to establish a bond among us, not to forge one monopolistic super organization to replace all others.

If you would be interested in discussing this concept, please contact us at the numbers below. We would first like to meet with you personally and hear your ideas and concerns.

We hope to hold a "rough draft" meeting in November or December, 1980, with you and others who are interested in a united community.

Thanks for your support of the lesbian/gay lifestyle in Austin by reading this. We appreciate it and look forward to hearing from you.

In Gay Pride, Roy Oakes, 473-2322, work number 345-5700 (ext. 250) and Lynn Aday, 837-5928.

## GCS PHONE COUNSELORS NEEDED

by Rob Gips

Gay Community Services currently needs volunteer counselors. Duties include telephone and drop-in peer counseling, as well as making referrals to various Austin service organizations, businesses and professionals.

We need mature, service-oriented individuals to work from 6:00 to 10:00 PM one night per week. You'll be performing a valuable service for Austin. Peer counseling is a lot of fun, too!

Interested lesbians and gay men should telephone the GCS office at 477-6699 any evening between 6:00 and 10:00 PM for more information.

## GTE INFOCENTRE HAS LESBIAN/GAY DATA

The GTE Infocentre, a service of General Telephone Electronics, has prerecorded tapes on a large variety of subjects, including homosexuality.

The Austin office of the Infocentre is in Northcross Mall. The tapes may be heard by calling the GTE Infocentre at 458-2576 between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. seven days a week, except holidays. A live operator answers and puts on the requested tape. The gay tapes are S0001, "Female Homosexuality," and S0002, "Male Homosexuality."

Each tape is about five minutes long and features basic information on homosexuality, presented by a psychologist and a member of a lesbian or gay organization.

## MCCA

by Gerry Tarr

November promises to be a month of great changes for the congregation of the Metropolitan Community Church of Austin (MCCA). We are excited about these changes and invite you to join us and share in our growth.

The MCCA Board of Directors rejected the third counter proposal from the Highlands Church of God, 5500 Avenue G, for their church building, because the proposals failed to show satisfactory compromise. After the contract rejection, Highlands' Board of Trustees requested a meeting with the MCCA Board to openly discuss the possibility of future negotiations.

The MCCA Board predicts a change in the church's location within the next month. We have learned that our rent will triple starting November 1 and a one-year lease will be required as of December 1. We will keep you informed of any changes as they occur.

November church activities include the District Spiritual Renewal Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma, October 31 to November 2. The Thursday evening Christian Life Series, led by Wallace Hargrave, will feature "Gay Health Issues," produced by the Gay Nurses' Alliance of Austin. November topics will include "Hepatitis B," "Vitamin C," "Proctologic Problems and the Gay Community," "Female Breast Exams," and "STD - Sexually Transmitted Diseases." The Christian Life Series is open to all and meets each Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

Thanksgiving plans include the traditional "Thanksgiving Dinner with MCC San Antonio." This year is Austin's turn to take salads and desserts to San Antonio. An invitation is extended to our community to join in our celebration of Thanksgiving. For more information please call 477-7747.

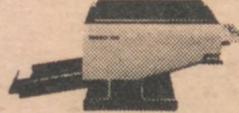
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## ALGPC ENDORSES LOCAL CANDIDATES

The Austin Lesbian Gay Political Caucus has endorsed five local candidates in the November 4 elections. Endorsed candidates are Mary Jane Bode for State Representative 37-B, Jimmy Snell for Travis County Commissioner Precinct 1, Bill Aleshire for County Tax Assessor Collector, Ann Richards for Travis County Commissioner Precinct 3, and Guy Herman for Justice of the Peace.

Mary Jane Bode is being opposed by well-financed Republican Terrell Smith. Bode voted for the repeal of Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code in 1978 and spoke at Texas Gay Conference VI. Snell is running against Republican Willie Tucker. Snell voted to include a sexual orientation clause in the Austin Fair Housing Ordinance. Aleshire, Richards and Herman have responded favorably to the ALGPC candidate questionnaire and are wholeheartedly endorsed. They face token or no opposition in their races.

ALGPC held a "Meet the Candidates" party Tuesday, October 28. Proceeds went to the endorsed candidates and to getting-out-the-vote efforts.

## ALGPC CHARGES COPY SERVICE WITH DISCRIMINATION

The Austin Lesbian Gay Political Caucus has charged Jim and Ginger's Kwik-Kipy with violating Austin's anti-discrimination ordinance after the company refused to print the ALGPC newsletter.

ALGPC co-chair Scotty Scott told CONNECTIONS she took the ALGPC newsletter to Jim and Ginger's late in September, 1980, after obtaining a bid and a promise of next-day delivery over the telephone.

Scott says, "I asked the woman at the counter if there was any problem with the lesbian/gay content and she said, 'I don't know. The owner is a Christian. I'd better check.'"

Scott says after an extended telephone conversation, the clerk told her "The owner says he can't legally refuse service unless the machine is broken. But if you try to have us print it, he'll come down here and break the machine himself." Scott says the clerk also said the newsletter couldn't possibly be ready until the middle of the next week, which directly contradicted what she had been told over the telephone.

"She asked me, 'Are you going to be very upset?'" Scott reports. "I told her, 'I wouldn't feel comfortable leaving it here.'"

Scott then filed a complaint with the Human Relations Commission. "This is a direct violation of Austin's Public Accommodations ordinance," she says. "It expressly forbids discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and this is clearly discrimination."

The ALGPC complaint has been investigated, and the Human Relations Commission is currently negotiating for an out-of-court settlement.

## TEXAS DEMOCRATS OPPOSE ANTI-SODOMY LAW

The Texas Democratic Party officially adopted a gay rights plank calling for the repeal of Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code (the "anti-sodomy" law) at the second session of the Texas State Democratic Convention, which was held in Houston September 26-27, 1980.

The Lesbian/Gay Democrats of Texas (LGDT) and their supporters worked very hard to include the plank, which was rejected at the first Texas Democratic Convention, earlier this year. The victory is a culmination of eight years of work within the party. LGDT leaders credit the Carter Campaign with essential behind-the-scenes assistance in bringing the plank to the floor for a vote.

The LGDT-endorsed candidate for Party Chair, Bob Slagle, won with 60 percent of the vote.

## "DIRTY TRICK" HITS HOUSTON CAMPAIGN

by Jim Olinger

Houston - A "dirty trick" reminiscent of Donald Segretti and the 1972 Nixon campaign has surfaced in the Harris County Attorney race. Several lesbian/gay publications, including CONNECTIONS, received a "news release," purportedly from "The First Universal Life Church of Houston," which implied Michael H. Driscoll, Democratic candidate for the office of County Attorney of Harris County, was a rabid homophobe who would devote all his energy and the resources of his office to the persecution of homosexuals. This is a flat-out lie.

A Houston Gay Political Caucus representative describes Driscoll as a "big gay supporter." Jim Evins, a Houston attorney associated with Driscoll's campaign, characterized the incident as a "crank letter." Evins told CONNECTIONS, "Mike is not given to doing crazy stuff. He and the Gay Political Caucus support each other."

"The Universal Life Church is the original mail order diploma mill," Evins continued. "For \$5, you can become a minister. A Doctor of Divinity and the ability to become a bishop goes for \$20. You can become a Saint for \$50. If you want your cat to be Saint Cat, send them \$50. They don't care."

Evins isn't sure the ULC is even associated with the letter. "We called the church's phone number and got no answer. Their only address is a post office box. We suspect the letter came out of Mike's opponent's campaign. Ron Deere was a member of Young Americans for Freedom fifteen years ago and he's still very conservative. Mike's a pretty devout guy. He goes to church a couple of times a month and this has him upset and annoyed."

It was feared that the letters had been widely mailed, but according to Evins, "It's only surfaced a couple of times so far."

## ANTI-GAY CAMPAIGNER DEFEATED

A candidate who mounted a campaign opposing lesbian/gay rights was defeated at the Texas State Democratic Convention in Houston on September 27, 1980.

David Samuelson, a conservative candidate for Texas Democratic Party Chair, sent letters to delegates from all over the state which criticized the time spent debating lesbian/gay rights at the San Antonio convention in June of 1980. At that time, a resolution calling for repeal of Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code (the "anti-sodomy" law) was narrowly defeated.

Samuelson is a member of the Travis County Commissioners Court who is not running for reelection. Jimmy Snell, endorsed by the Austin Lesbian Gay Political Caucus, is running for the seat vacated by Samuelson.

Described by ALGPC co-chair Scotty Scott as a reactionary with "some following among agricultural people, that's all," Samuelson received one percent of the vote for state Party Chair.

The party plank calling for the repeal of 21.06 passed in Houston, putting the Texas Democratic Party on record as opposing the state's intrusion into private sexual matters.

## AUSTINITES ELECTED TO TOP LGDT POSTS

Three Austinites have been elected to top offices in the Lesbian/Gay Democrats of Texas.

Scotty Scott, current ALGPC co-chair, and Steve Thomas, a former ALGPC co-chair, are the new LGDT co-chairs. Janna Zumbrun, also a former ALGPC co-chair, was elected Treasurer.

The elections were held in Houston during the second session of the Texas State Democratic Convention, September 26-27, 1980.

CONNECTIONS ARTICLE MAJOR EVIDENCE  
IN BOOKSTORE CASE

Two CONNECTIONS articles have become major elements in a suit by the Austin Police Department to keep money seized in a June 2, 1980 raid on long-time CONNECTIONS advertiser Anarchodillo Slow Burning Books and Papers, a bookstore and head shop.

Owner Gene Berkman was charged with felony possession of marijuana and a civil suit was filed to allow the police to keep the \$6927 in cash found on the Anarchodillo premises.

Members of the Austin Vice Squad joined narcotics officers in the raid on Anarchodillo, the retail outlet of Berkman's Pacific Sunrise Trading Company, which was then located in the New Manor Apartments on Manor Road. It is unusual for vice officers to participate in drug raids. Berkman, who was subjected to sexual harrassment during his arrest, feels the vice squad members came along to see if they recognized him from the gay bars.

"Since I'm not gay and don't drink alcohol, this was just another waste of the taxpayers' money," Berkman says.

The police ransacked the store for two and one-half hours, finally seizing Berkman's personal stash of marijuana and the cash, which had been intended as the down payment on a larger business location at 1712 South Congress.

At the Examiner's Hearing on July 7, 1980, a CONNECTIONS photograph of Berkman in front of an Anarchodillo display was included in the evidence introduced by the defense. Berkman was charged with felony possession of marijuana. Prosecution witnesses admitted there was no evidence to support a dealing charge.



Gene Berkman at new Anarchodillo location, 1712 South Congress.

In what Berkman describes as "a feeble attempt to bolster their admittedly weak case against me," arresting officer Robert L. Chapman apparently attempted to provoke a fight between a police informant known as "Rusty" and New Manor security guards on July 19. This incident was reported in the August, 1980 CONNECTIONS.

Berkman was formally indicted for felony possession of marijuana on September 20, only a few days before the grand jury was dismissed. A pre-trial hearing where Berkman's lawyers would challenge the validity of the warrant, which describes the Anarchodillo store as a "residence," was scheduled for October 21. However, it was continued until November 20, because Chapman had influenza and was unable to attend.

The deposition for the civil suit was held on the morning of September 25. This is a procedure where witnesses are questioned under oath by attor-

neys for both plaintiff and defendant. All statements by witnesses are recorded. Although it is not held in a courtroom or with a judge present, a deposition may be admitted in court.

Assistant District Attorney Ralph Graham first took Berkman's deposition. "He asked me about my business, like where I advertised and I told him CONNECTIONS and FREE TEXAS," Berkman reports. "And he wanted to know about my product lines, suppliers, and things like that."

Then Leon Grizzard, Berkman's attorney, deposed arresting officer Robert Chapman. Chapman denied knowing "Rusty" and refused to answer any further questions about informants, "as per police practice." He stated that no witnesses or informants would be called in the civil case.

Chapman denied being in the area of the Manor Villa Apartments on July 19. "Then my attorney asked Chapman about his name appearing on Rusty's arrest report from that night at Manor Villa," Berkman reports. "Chapman said he had heard someone else had put his name on the arrest report without his knowledge, but he hadn't taken part in the arrest or even seen the report, himself." At this point, Assistant D.A. Graham took Chapman out into the hall and spoke with him for several minutes.

"My lawyer had been referring to the (August) CONNECTIONS article while questioning Chapman," Berkman continues, "and the D.A. asked to read it, so we gave it to him. He apparently reached the point where we turned down a prosecution offer to return part of the money if we didn't contest the seizure, because he turned to Chapman and said, 'He's calling us thieves.'"

"The truth hurts, doesn't it?" Berkman responded.

"I prefer to think of you as extortionists, not thieves," Attorney Grizzard told Graham.

Berkman then told Graham and Chapman, "He's too bought off by the system. You're thieves."

Graham went back to the CONNECTIONS article. When he finished reading it, he took Chapman back out into the hall. "They talked for ten or fifteen minutes," Berkman recalls. "When they came back in, Graham said he would change the witness' answer to the last question. He said Chapman would admit to having been at Manor Villa on the night of the incident with Rusty."

"The District Attorney actually had to come in and change a statement his police witness made under oath," Berkman observes. "That's an excellent indication of the quality of the prosecution's case against me."

Berkman says, "Graham approached my attorney several days after the deposition and offered to settle right then by splitting the money 50-50. Grizzard turned it down flat. He obviously doesn't believe in bargaining with extortionists."

by Jim Olinger



Jim Olinger



Anderson displaying a friendly auto bumper sticker at a rally in Miami

### JOHN ANDERSON

Independent John Anderson has actively courted the lesbian/gay vote, speaking to gay groups and being interviewed by gay publications, such as THIS WEEK IN TEXAS.

Representative Anderson has endorsed a bill which would forbid discrimination due to sexual orientation in housing and employment, especially federal employment.

He opposed Congressman Larry McDonald's first anti-gay amendment to the Legal Services Corporation Bill in 1977. Anderson says, "Congress ought to be ready to enact legislation that would make it clear that the gay community should not be made to suffer discrimination in housing, employment and opportunities in society generally." He further states, "The State has no business interfering in a private, consensual relationship."

Anderson has admitted that he retains much of his conservative philosophy, but insists he has seen the error of many of his early beliefs. He has never specifically addressed his three attempts, in his early days in Congress, to introduce a Constitutional Amendment recognizing "Jesus Christ as the Spiritual Father of our Country."

The latest national polls give Anderson 9% of the vote and he now seems unlikely to carry a single state. An AFL-CIO poll released in mid-October gives him 4% of the vote in Texas, trailing Ed Clark.



*Barry Commoner  
Presidential  
candidate,  
Citizens Party*

### BARRY COMMONER

Barry Commoner is the Citizen's Party nominee. The Citizen's Party philosophy is a combination of socialist and libertarian. Commoner has approximately 1 percent of the vote nationally. He isn't on the ballot in Texas.

### ED CLARK

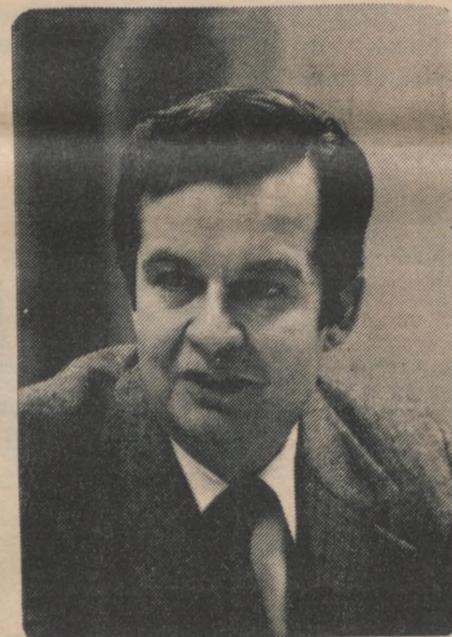
Ed Clark, the Libertarian Party candidate, says, "The right to love the person you want, regardless of gender, seems to me a very basic freedom. I can't understand the mentality of a person who would try to deny that right."

Clark states he is totally opposed to sodomy laws and would repeal them as soon as he was elected. When he was running for Governor of California in 1978, Clark campaigned against the Briggs Initiative.

"I ran radio, television and newspaper ads highlighting my opposition. I insisted that gay people have the same right to teach in the public schools as any other Americans. At the same time, I believe that parents who, however wrongly, don't want gays teaching their children, have a right to select schools of their choice. That's why I've proposed a system of education tax credits to allow more students to choose the kind of school they want."

Clark promises, "As President, I would immediately issue an executive order banning discrimination against gays in the military and other government employment."

Clark also opposes sexual preference discrimination in child-custody cases and in immigration. In fact, he opposes government intervention in almost any phase of a person's private life. "In the White House Conference on Families, for example, you have a situation where different groups feel they have to fight for control of some government program. Instead of toleration and harmony, government encourages political and social conflict."



"I think the principle of equal rights must be extended to all people, gay and straight, tolerant and homophobic. People should be free not only to associate with others, but not to associate with them as well. Thus, I'm opposed to legislation that would force the individual who is prejudiced against gay people to employ them in a private business, rent or sell an apartment or house to them, or allow them into his place of business. Freedom is for everybody."

Essentially, the Libertarian Platform is reducing government intervention in private matters. Clark wants to transfer most government services to the private sector, repeal all laws concerning private, consensual conduct, reduce U.S. military intervention abroad, and substitute private retirement plans for Social Security. "I'm proposing to cut every American's taxes in half and cut government spending at the same time."

Ed Clark has about 3 percent of the vote, nationally. The AFL-CIO poll for Texas, which was released in mid-October, gives him 5 percent, leading John Anderson.

JIMMY CARTER

Jimmy Carter has been endorsed by Janna Zumbun, Steve Thomas and Scotty Scott, all of the Austin Lesbian Gay Political Caucus and Lesbian Gay Democrats of Texas; the Dallas and Houston Gay Political Caucuses; Charles F. Brydon and Lucia Valeska, Co-Directors of the National Gay Task Force; Jim Olinger of CONNECTIONS; and many other lesbian/gay individuals and organizations.

A Houston GPC report on President Carter states, "Gay and lesbian civil rights have made historical advancements through the direct assistance of the Carter administration."

The Carter administration supported Democratic National Platform language affirming non-discrimination based on sexual orientation.

It provided critical support to Lesbian and Gay Democrats of Texas in passing a Texas Democratic platform calling for repeal of 21.06.

President Carter signed into law in 1978 the Civil Service Reform Act prohibiting discrimination against homosexuals in about 95% of all federal civil service jobs.

The Carter administration has formally adopted a position favoring the repeal of the law barring homosexual aliens from visiting this country and the Justice Department will no longer initiate inquiries with foreign visitors about their sexual orientation or preference.

Gay and lesbian organizations now qualify for exemptions and deductions from federal income taxes.

A Federal Communications Commission rule required that broadcasters must meet the needs of significant community groups - including gay and lesbian organizations.

"Human dignity is our inalienable right. Our Civil Rights are on the front line of American politics today. Powerful groups are actively advocating a return to the oppression of the past. These groups are not only opposing legislation that would protect gay rights, they are supporting legislation that would legalize discrimination," the Houston GPC report continues.

"Discrimination is a perversion of our democratic heritage. Discrimination affects our self-image, our ability to secure justice and our ability to earn a living. The struggle for gay and lesbian rights is not a luxury that can be postponed - your dignity, your job and your future are at stake. The gay rights issue is tied to economic issues - what good is a tax cut when you've been fired for being gay or lesbian?"

RONALD REAGAN

A spokesman for the Austin-based Republican Alternative Committee for Texas, who declined to identify himself, claims Ronald Reagan is "the candidate who would protect individual liberties most" and "A gay person should feel twice as secure with Reagan in the White House." He believes that Reagan, once in office, would resist any right-wing attack on the lesbian/gay community.

Reagan's opposition, on human rights grounds, to the anti-homosexual Briggs Initiative in California in 1978, was a key factor in its defeat. Many feel he is secretly sympathetic to gays because of his long association with them in show business.

However, a report released by the Houston Gay Political Caucus concludes, "Reagan's candidacy presents serious problems for those interested in lesbian and gay rights."

Reagan told the Christian Association magazine, "I do not believe society should recognize or accept homosexuality as a so-called 'alternate life-style,'" in 1979.

The January 24, 1980 Los Angeles Times quotes him as saying, "I don't think American society should be asked to accept that homosexuality is a standard which should be held up for acceptance. I just don't believe that, and I'm not going to push for it."

As Governor of California, Mr. Reagan blocked repeal of the state sodomy law for many years by letting it be known that he would veto any repeal bill. He also referred to gays as "sick unfortunates" and dismissed two of his top aides when he learned reporters were about to "expose" them as homosexuals.

Reagan has publicly aligned himself with right-wing religious groups like Moral Majority, Christian Voice and the Religious Roundtable. Former Moral Majority Executive Director Robert Billings is a member of his campaign staff.

Reagan was the only presidential candidate to attend the Religious Roundtable's recent National Affairs Briefing in Dallas. Strong statements against lesbian and gay rights were made at that convention. Reagan is quoted as saying, "I endorse you in what you are doing."

Carter, Reagan shake hands after finish of televised debate

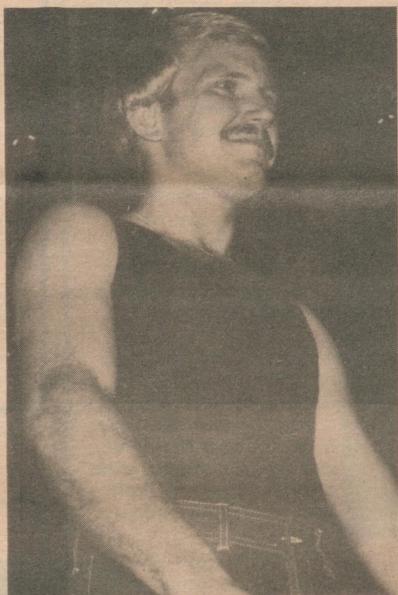


**GAY  
VOTE  
'80**

By  
Jim Olinger



Judges (from left): Jim Lynch, Blueboy Executive Director; Carmen Ford, Austin Model; Bruce Eden, former Mr. Gay Texas.



# MR. TEXAS BLUEBOY

TEX'S COLORADO STREET BAR  
OCTOBER, 1980

Photos by Carr Strong



Finalists (from left); Second Runner Up Ronny East, Mr. Texas Blueboy Jimmer Aiken (from Austin) and First Runner Up Jim Jones.



# SWIMWESTER



Carr Strong



Carr Strong

Comic Robin Tyler performed to a three-quarters capacity crowd in Hogg Auditorium on October 4. Her appearance was sponsored by several Austin organizations, including Gay Community Services.

2724 CLUB

A little piece of San Francisco has appeared in Austin with the coming of the 2724 Club. This is a private club (membership: \$2 per year) which is offering its members the finest in gay male pornography.

Owner Gene Saxon is showing six hours of first-rate gay films each night on the club's video player. The tapes usually start with several ten-minute Colt shorts.

These are followed by features of such caliber as L.A. Tool and Die, El Paso Wrecking Company, Wet Shorts, and Hot Trucking. Gene has a virtually unlimited source of tapes. The movies change every Tuesday and the above titles are the November playlist.

L.A. Tool and Die is Joe Gage's most recent film. But, his new movie is almost ready for release and Gene hopes to have it in by the end of the month. The big-screen television is also scheduled to arrive in late November.

Along with its comfortable viewing lounge, the 2724 Club features a spacious play area with booths, an orgy room and the only sling in Travis and several adjoining counties.

Admission for an entire night is only \$2, with full in-and-out privileges. "The two dollar admission is the only fee," Gene stresses. "The booths are free, the sling is free and the movies are free. There are no quarters or anything." The club also sells soft drinks, poppers and lubricants. Poppers are on sale for \$2 through November.

The 2724 Club is open from 8:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. seven days a week at 2724 Guadalupe, phone 476-CLUB.



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POPE OPPOSES MARRIED LUST

Pope John Paul II has stated that "a man commits adultery in his heart by looking lustfully at any woman, even his wife."

During his homily at the Vatican early in October, 1980, the pontiff remarked, "the sin is in the act of a man looking lustfully at a woman. Marital condition is immaterial."

Me

and you.

The delight of being in love  
masquerades as love itself

and insecurities

cleverly disguised  
in smiles  
and pleasant  
conversation

gnaw away at feelings  
(the termites of a love affair)

And I am left empty

My heart exposed to itself  
afraid to touch its own insides  
becomes a breeding ground  
for anger . . .

Bill VanPatten



Jim Olinger

The Mustang Band, who have been appearing every other Friday at the Red River Crossing, will return on Friday, November 7.

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"It causes someone to become very emotional. Therefore, we have another Houston killing where there are two parties; one of them a police officer and the other one dead."

"The grand jury should be commended," Harrington said. "They acted courageously since in Houston it is not popular to rule against the police."

Officer McCoy has been released on his own recognizance until the trial begins. He is also suspended from the police force, with pay, pending the outcome of the trial.

It was the gay community and the Houston GPC which pressed for the grand jury investigation into the Paez shooting.

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## INS STOPS SCREENING - continued from page 1

erable sensitivity toward the right to privacy of all people by this decision. This is vital to lesbians and gay men. We believe the decision has created a standard that should be a hallmark for all government policies concerning gay people."

"Of course, I am disappointed that we have been unable to convince the Justice Department to abandon enforcement of this obnoxious law altogether," commented Don Knutson, Legal Director of Gay Rights Advocates.

"As a practical matter, however, today's decision is very close to total victory. No longer will any alien be subjected to interrogation, harassment or exclusion because of his or her private sexual conduct. Visas will be issued and access to this country assured regardless of one's sexual orientation."

"We expect to promptly challenge in the courts the remnants of the exclusionary policy which would deny entry only to those who make unsolicited and considered statements regarding their homosexual orientation. We remain confident that that challenge will succeed."

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## ORGANIZATION FORMED TO OPPOSE "MORAL MAJORITY"

Norman Lear, producer of "All in the Family," has founded an organization to oppose the lobbying efforts of right-wing religious groups, such as Christian Voice and Moral Majority.

The new organization, which is named "People for the American Way," is buying television ads opposing the fundamentalist attempts to control our government. One commercial features a born-again, southern housewife saying "my preacher and I don't tell people how to vote, and no government is going to tell us how to worship."

Lear is currently backing the organization with his own money. Present efforts are geared toward November 4, but he says the organization will continue after the election.

"People for the American Way" is buying the television time for its commercials on individual stations. All three networks have rejected them as "too controversial."



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LOVE SCOPE November

by Brannon Duane

Happy Birthday, Scorpio!

Here's a little astrological insight into the Scorpio man:

Scorpio's smoldering sensuality shows in his eyes and draws men to him because they sense his sexual power. However, the powers he possesses are rarely appreciated or understood. His life is based on sexual quantity, but quality is what he wants. The scorpion has the ability to inflict pain, but watch out, Scorpio. Your poison can sting you, too! Only by love freely given can you keep this man.

The Scorpio takes his image seriously and works hard to create the desired effect. Never play games with him if he says "no."

If you really want to turn a Scorpio on, a solitary trip in the country can intensify his emotion, making for some of the hottest sex anyone could want. If you love the Scorpio man, be prepared for passion, but not peace!

ARIES (March 21-April 20):

Be on the lookout for a tall, good-looking cowboy early in November. This macho-man may want to go for a hike and partake in your favorite sport - sex al fresco. At month's end, be careful of secret love affairs. Attachments with mysterious or peculiar features may surround them.

LIBRA (September 21-October 20):

Your month is full of romantic ventures from beginning to end. Sex will be open and free for you all month, with no holds barred. You'll have it in a variety of places and positions. No need to be shy or coy, just get it out and get it off!

SCORPIO (October 21-November 20):

Although this is your birthday, the month may not go well for you as a whole. Those sexy eyes will get you a lot of fun early on, but a secret romance may lead to unhappiness by the end of the second week. You use your sexual magnetism as a tool and sometimes a weapon, but this may backfire. By November's end, you may find yourself making love in some strange places. Have a good one!

SAGITTARIUS (November 21-December 20):

A new love affair may affect your reputation on the first of November, possibly because a secret comes out into the open. Sex is truly a recreation for you and variety is what you like. Looks like a good night for group sex around the middle of the month and again towards the end. There could be a couple of wild nights at the baths. Since you are always ready for sex, this should prove to be a "hot" month for you.

CAPRICORN (December 21-January 20):

While you do not have recreational sex on a regular basis, you'll find a Wednesday night out the very thing to help satisfy your strong sex drive. In mid-month, you may use sex for personal gain, but by the end of November you will probably have sex with several new people, just for fun. These could be long-term tricks, who will make out with you for a long time to come.

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 20):

While your lust will not be very strong in November, your curiosity about what's zippered will motivate you into a good month. Anonymous sex is your thing, and "baby," this is your month for it. Don't be shy about fetishes. With your curiosity, it can make for a fun romp in the hay. "You'll try anything once!"

TAURUS (April 21-May 20):

Romance will come into your life around the first. The passion deep within may find its way out. By the end of November, you may find yourself snuggled up before the embers of the fireplace, enjoying a powerfully romantic evening. You will have wild sex in an exotic situation with this beautiful stranger. Don't forget the men of your past. Something new may come out of something old.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

The first may bring an all-night gabfest or telephone call. By the third, you may find difficulty or disappointment in a romantic involvement. Romance will make you happy on the 17th. It could stimulate your wildest fantasies. Your overall month will be very sexual, with many men in your life. A secret love affair may be in store.

CANCER (June 21-July 20):

Cruising will be easy for you in early November. You really pick up on the right vibes from men, but you may be too reticent to make the first move. Make your needs known, so your likes and dislikes in bed do not interfere. Your powerful sex drive will be met with trips to the bars and baths. Beware of quarrels. Love instead! One "hot" evening may lead to a lot more.

LEO (July 21-August 20):

The power of your sometimes overwhelming love will pay off during the first week. A good-looking man, introduced by friends, may lead to love at first sight (known as the hots!). Depart from your conventional sex role (usually the top man) and follow his lead. Watch your flirtatious nature during the end of the month. It may build ego, but it could cause the end of something beautiful.

VIRGO (August 21-September 20):

The first of November proves difficult for romances. A man will come into your life in the middle of the month, but your too-serious sexuality may not let you enjoy the recreation of his body. By month's end, a little creative work on your part could lead to a fun night in the shower!

PISCES (February 21-March 20):

This month can be confusing for you. You are looking for a lover and disappointment seems to be in store. Take heart, however. You'll have been with a new man this month. The relationship may last, if you don't take sex or love too seriously. Be prepared for some tender and intimate nights. Just don't let your romantic ideals get out of hand.



"No, Senator, I told you day care center!"

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## PHOTOGRAPHS ALAN POGUE

OCTOBER 25 – NOVEMBER 25

BOIS D'ARC GALLERY

in the Brazos Bookshop  
803 Red River

CONNECTIONS is proud to welcome Alan Pogue to the ranks of our contributors. Alan is a professional photographer. He is 34 and has been working in Austin for eight years. His work has been published in several magazines and collections. He's that slender guy with the long, long black hair, dark beard, and camera you see everywhere.

The opening of Alan's first one-man show on Saturday, October 25, got a rave review in the next Monday's *Images* in THE DAILY TEXAN. The piece almost did the pictures justice. The show will continue through November 25 at the Bois D'Arc Gallery, in the rear of the Brazos Bookshop, 803 Red River. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

### HOUSTON COPS

WHO CARES ABOUT LOVE POEMS?  
A SEA RAGES  
AGAINST THOSE OF US  
HIDING BEHIND SACCHARIN VERSE  
FANS OF DIANE ROSS  
AND THE DIVINE

FREDDY PAEZ IS DEAD,

AND THERE IS A LIMP BODY (slump)  
WITH NO ONE WAITING FOR IT  
FALLING IN THE PARKING LOT  
ITS HEAD (crack)  
SLAMMING AGAINST  
GRAY-BLACK ASPHALT

AND THE BLOOD TRICKLES FROM HIS HEAD (red)  
FROM HIS EAR (crimson)  
FROM HIS MOUTH (scarlet)

BY THE TIME THE SIRENS ARRIVE  
IT IS THICK AND PURPLE (puddled)  
NO LONGER IN HIS BODY

FREDDY PAEZ IS DEAD,

REFLECTED IN THE STICKY PURPLE  
WITH PALE MOON CASTING SHADOWS  
ARE FACES

YOU  
ME  
FRIENDS  
GAY

PEERING OUT AT THE WORLD  
MOUTHING WORDS  
SOUNDLESS  
BUT INCRIMINATING

FREDDY PAEZ IS DEAD,

FRIDAY NIGHTS COME AND GO  
BARS SWELL LIKE PREGNANT GUPPIES  
EYES FLASH ON AND OFF AT BULGING BICEPS  
BULGING CROTCHES  
POPPERS PASS

AND EVERYONE (in a frenzy)  
CONDENSES LIVING  
INTO THREE NIGHT TIME HOURS

FREDDY PAEZ IS DEAD,

Bill Van Patten

## ORGANIZATIONS

- Austin Lambda AA Center . . . . . 1403 East Sixth  
6:30 - 10:30pm nightly . . . . . 472-0336  
Austin Lambda . . . . . 603 West Twelfth  
7 - 10pm nightly . . . . . 478-8653  
Austin Lesbian Gay Political Caucus . . 603 West Twelfth  
P.O. Box 822, Austin 78767 . . . . . 478-8653  
Gay Community Services . . . . . 2330 Guadalupe  
6 - 10pm nightly . . . . . 477-6699  
Gay Nurses Alliance of Austin . . . 1010-B Romeria Drive  
Austin, Texas 78757 . . . . . 453-0816  
Holy Trinity Church of Austin . . . . 1606 South Congress  
. . . . . 447-7359  
Law Students for Human Rights . . . . 2500 Red River  
Austin, Texas 78712 days: 471-5151 ext. 210  
nights: 477-3141  
Metropolitan Community Church of Austin...614 East Sixth  
. . . . . 477-7747

# CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 1980

- Sat Nov 1 8:30pm, Austin Lambda lesbian dance  
10pm-2am, free STD screening by Gay Nurses Alliance of Austin at Private Cellar
- Sun Nov 2 10pm, Miss Gay Austin finals, Austin Country
- Mon Nov 3 6:30pm, Austin Lambda planning meeting, open to all
- Tue Nov 4 ELECTION DAY The Dallas and Houston Gay Political Caucuses endorse Jimmy Carter and Walter Mondale for President and Vice-President. The Austin Lesbian Gay Political Caucus endorses Mary Jane Bode for State Representative 37B, Jimmy Snell for Travis County Commissioner Precinct 1, Bill Aleshire for County Tax Assessor Collector, Ann Richards for Travis County Commissioner Precinct 3, and Guy Herman for Justice of the Peace.  
7pm, Austin Lambda lesbian pot-luck supper
- Fri Nov 7 9:30pm-1:30am, The Mustang Band performs at the Red River Crossing
- Sat Nov 8 Austin Lesbian Gay Political Caucus benefit garage sale, 5005 Avenue G. To donate items, call Donna Johnson, 452-2876.
- Sun Nov 9 8pm, Austin Lambda Second Sunday gay men's dance  
10pm, Amateur night, Austin Country
- Thu Nov 13 6:30pm, Austin Lambda coordinators meeting
- Fri Nov 14 8:30pm, sixth annual Costume Gala for women, benefiting Bookwomen, 4700 Grover. Live music by Sunday's Song, all woman dance band from San Antonio. \$3 donation. Cash bar.
- Sat Nov 15 Austin Lambda giant yard sale, all day  
8:30pm, Austin Lambda lesbian coffee-house. Music of Melanie DeMore.  
10pm-3am, free STD screening by Gay Nurses Alliance of Austin at Club Baths
- Sun Nov 16 Austin Lambda giant yard sale, all day. (Tentative) ALGPC and Austin Lambda fundraiser dinner, Sweetish Hill. Entertainment by musicians Marce Lacouture and Lisa Rogers. Tickets \$18.00
- Mon Nov 17 6:30pm, Austin Lambda planning meeting, open to all
- Tue Nov 18 7-10pm, Austin Lambda workshop for lesbians and gays in the closet at work
- Fri Nov 21 12 midnight, Gay Nurses Alliance of Austin meeting. Call 453-0816 for location.
- Sat Nov 22 8pm, members-only beer bust at the 2724 Club. No memberships sold this day.
- Sun Nov 23 7pm, Austin Lambda gay men's pot-luck supper
- Mon Nov 24 6:30pm, Austin Lambda coordinators meeting
- Tue Nov 25 7:30pm, Austin Lesbian Gay Political Caucus meeting, Austin Lambda
- Thu Nov 27 MCCA Thanksgiving Dinner with MCC San Antonio, in San Antonio. For more info call 477-7747.  
6pm, Austin Lambda community Thanksgiving supper. Bring side dish.
- Sat Nov 29 10pm-2am, free STD screening by Gay Nurses Alliance of Austin at the Austin Country

## weekly events

WEEKLY EVENTS IN NOVEMBER '80

- Sunday 9:45am, Affirmation gay adult Sunday school class, Room 323, University United Methodist Church  
12 noon and 7:30pm, worship services at Metropolitan Community Church  
12 noon-3pm, Champagne Brunch with Bunch, Austin Country  
1pm, liturgical services, Holy Trinity Church  
3-7pm, T-dance, Austin Country  
6:30pm, free C&W dance lessons, Red River Crossing  
7pm, T-dance, Tex's Colorado Street Bar. Free draft beer.  
8pm, Dignity liturgy. Call 477-6699 for location.
- Monday 7:30pm, Austin Lambda lesbian mothers meeting (childcare)  
8-10pm, Austin Lambda gay men's awareness session. Everyone welcome.  
85¢ bar drinks and free draft beer, Tex's Colorado Street Bar  
11pm, male dancers, Austin Country, with Nicole, MC
- Tuesday 85¢ bar drinks, Tex's Colorado Street Bar  
25¢ draft beer, Red River Crossing
- Wednesday 5:30-6:30pm, Austin Lambda meditation instruction  
7:30pm, MCCA worship service

- 7:30-10pm, Austin Lambda therapy group for gay men
- 9pm, 35¢ well drinks all night, Tex's Colorado Street Bar
- Thursday 7:30pm, MCCA Christian Life Series  
8-10pm, Austin Lambda lesbian awareness session  
10pm, Showtime at Austin Country
- Friday 85¢ bar drinks, Tex's Colorado Street Bar  
7:30-10pm, Austin Lambda game night  
8pm, GCS personal awareness group, GCS office  
8:30pm, CCAA bowling, Brunswick Capitol Bowling Center, 5700 Grover

### LOCAL LIBERTARIANS ANNOUNCE POSITIONS

Three local Libertarian candidates have sent CONNECTIONS statements on their positions on lesbian and gay rights.

The candidates are Michael Grossberg, who is running for Place 10 of the United States House of Representatives, Jake Pickle's seat; and Jeff Hummel and Robert Chiles for the Texas House of Representatives, Districts 37-D and 37-B.

All three believe in equal rights for all individuals, regardless of sexual preference. They support repeal of all laws concerning consensual sexual relations and state that all levels of government should be strictly prohibited from discrimination based on sexual preference.

They also oppose any anti-discrimination ordinances as another infringement on individual liberties. "The right to associate is also the right not to associate - for any reason whatever."

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