



# Bear Briefs

The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

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## From The President's Desk

As a social club, we usually concern ourselves with what might be happening this coming weekend or plan for an event three or four weeks down the road. Well, there comes a time when the entire community has an issue that **must** be addressed and this is one of those times.

You have probably read in the paper recently that the Texas Department of Health is contemplating making drastic cuts in the HIV/AIDS medication program (ADAP). At a hearing at the capitol on Thursday, January 16, more than 200 persons attended to

voice their comments.

"I do not know how to explain to our patients that their lives cost too much," said Wayne Bachman, Director of the Montrose Clinic in Houston.

"I never dreamed I'd have to beg to live," stated Sharon Thomas, ADAP client.

These were just two of the numerous statements made to plead the case not to cut spending for drug treatment with People with AIDS.

We've been asked to join other area organizations to try our best to thwart any efforts to reduce assistance. One of

those ways is to write to our U.S. Senators in Washington—Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn with a message to urge their support of the Letter of Resolution from Sens. Clinton and Schumer for \$162M in emergency appropriations for ADAP. Use your own words and here are the addresses:

Email Sen. Hutchison at: <http://hutchison.senate.gov/e-mail.htm>

Write Sen. Cornyn at: Senator John Cornyn, 85 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-4305.

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## Officer Nominations Needed!

Please submit your nominations for President, Vice President, Treasurer and

Secretary to Scott Coleman, our current Secretary no later than March 13, 2003.

No nominations means **no club!**

## Upcoming Events — Mark Your Calendar

### March 7 — 9, 2003

LUEY (Let Us Entertain You) in Houston, free weekend sponsored by the Houston area bars. Visit [www.lueyweekend.com](http://www.lueyweekend.com)

### March 27 — 30, 2003

The Dallas Bears host their annual Texas Bear Round-Up. Always a fun weekend. **Hurry** and make your reservations now. Visit [www.tbbru.org](http://www.tbbru.org)

### April 12, 2003

Toga Party at Steve Rison's house—dress as your

favorite Roman and bring something for the buffet table and your own drink if you don't want keg beer or soft drinks.

### April 26, 2003 at 7pm

Heart of Texas Bears Fifth Anniversary Dinner, catered at Steve Rison's house. Cost will be \$15 per person and RSVPs are a **must** (to Scott Coleman, Secretary)

### May 16 — 18, 2003

Bear Watch IV in Galveston, TX. For more information, log on to

### HoustonAreaBears.com

The HOT Bears will be hosting a cocktail party.

### Sept. 12 — 14, 2003

Cowtown Leather Men run at Buzzard's Peak (\$60 by Aug. 1st). More information and applications at: [cowtownleathermen@hotmail.com](mailto:cowtownleathermen@hotmail.com)



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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
						<b>1</b> 10a: Bears Day Out Breakfast (Austin Diner, 5408 Burnet Rd)
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7p: Bear Bar Crawl at 'Bout Time (9601 N. I-35)	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 4-8p: Bear Bust (Chain Drive, 504 Willow Street)	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  <i>Valentine's Day</i>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7p: Cowbear Steak Night (Rainbow Cattle Company, 5th and Lavaca)	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 7p: Bears Night Out at Hill's Café (4700 South Congress)	<b>28</b>	

**Bears Night Out:** Since we couldn't get in during the holiday season, we decided to rebook this restaurant for February.

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