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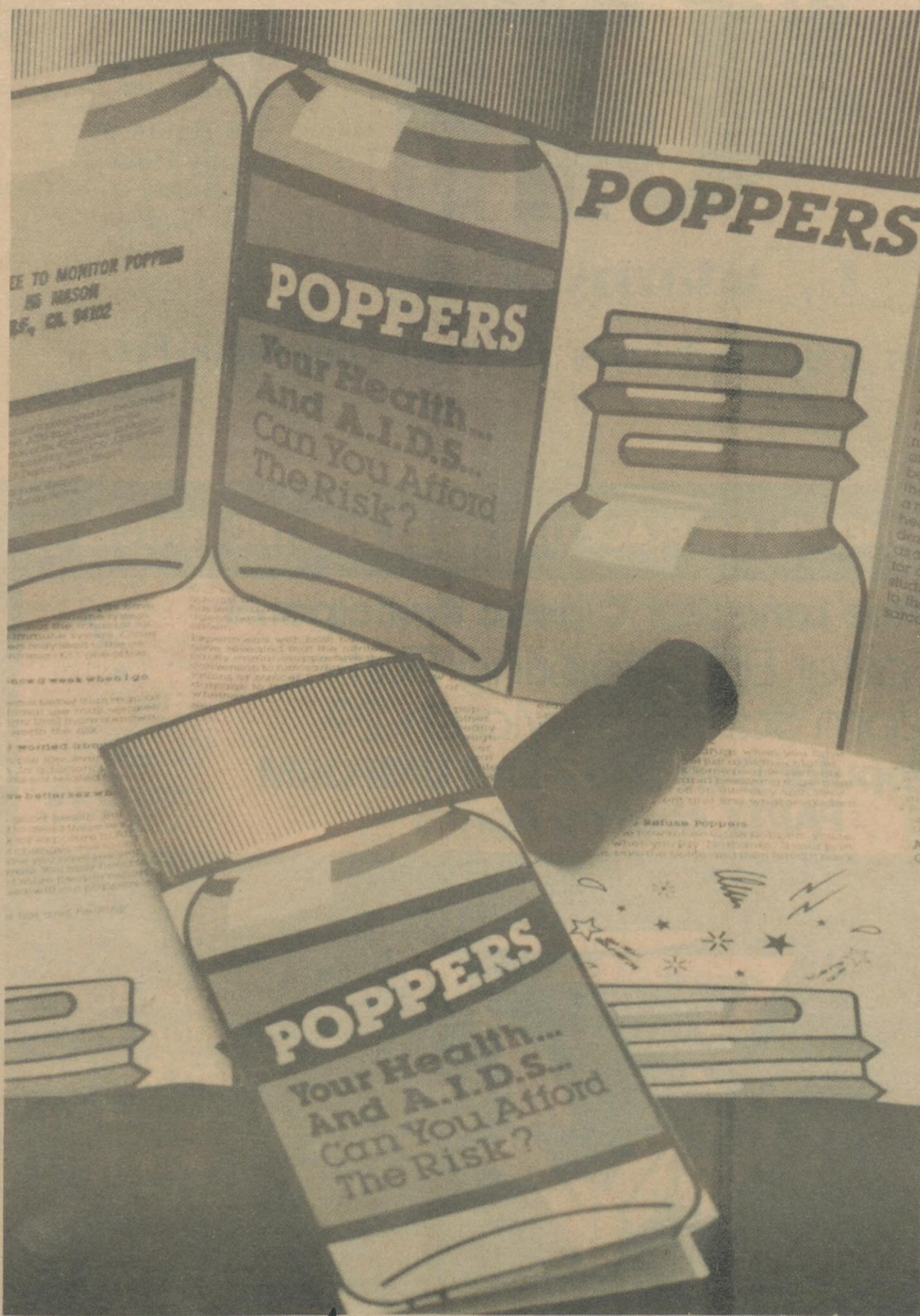
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For many sports minded individuals, Spring often means one thing—softball. This weekend, softball fans will have the opportunity to watch 20 teams from across the country compete in the fourth Lone Star Classic softball tournament.

This year, teams from Los Angeles, New York, Atlanta, Boston, Norfolk, Va., Dallas and Houston will play in the tournament, sponsored by the Montrose Softball League.

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*A Follow-Up Report
on Poppers, Medusa
in the Bars*

Most Clubs Continue to Ban Inhalants

*By Connie Woods
Montrose Voice Staff
Reporter*

The controversy concerning the sale and use of inhalants, primarily poppers, continues as some local club owners have banned their sale as medical researchers study the chemicals and their effect on the body's immune system.

Several local club owners suspended the sale of inhalants following a meeting of the Houston Organization of Bar Owners in February after undercover officers entered clubs to see if the laws were being enforced.

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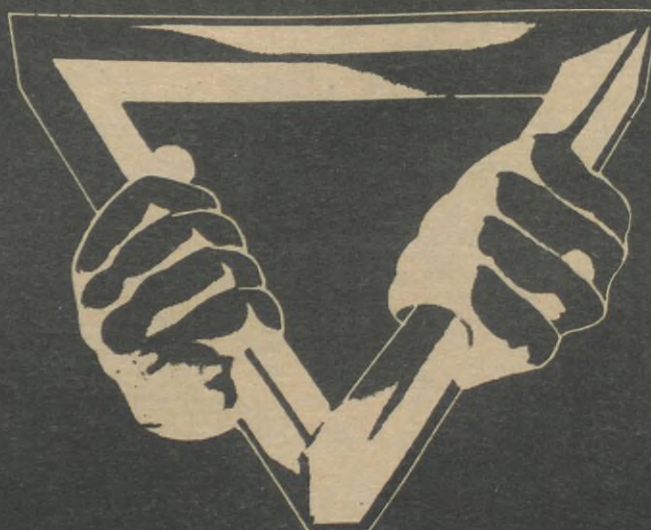
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Activities Scheduled Throughout the Month

It's Almost 'April in Montrose'

By **Connie Woods**
Montrose Voice Staff Reporter

April in Montrose brings more than just blossoming flowers. It brings a blossoming of exciting events as many organizations and groups gear up for a fun month.

It is "April in Montrose," a collection of events to draw people throughout Harris and surrounding counties into the Montrose area.

"April in Montrose" is a cover name for all the activities taking place during the month," said Bob Bagot, a board member of the Greater Montrose Business Guild. "This will be a fun month for everyone. I think it's a good image for Montrose. Some people think only bad things occur here. But we know that's untrue," he added.

The Westheimer Colony Art Festival, one of the biggest two-day events in Montrose, will be held Saturday and Sunday, April 19 and 20. Some 500,000 people are expected to attend the Spring event which

offers art and crafts from all over the country.

As in the recent past, the juried exhibits will be displayed in the Liberty Bank parking lot. However, this year, organizations are planning to return to the days when people walked down Westheimer for more entertainment and art.

"We have established the Adopt-a-Block concept this year," Bagot said. "The business guild and the Neartown Business Association decided that Adopt-a-Block would attract people to the Lower Westheimer area like it was years ago and not just in the Liberty Bank parking lot. We want people to go down the street," Bagot said.

The Adopt-a-Block activities will take place in the 500 and 700 blocks of Westheimer. The two organizations will rent a mobile stage from the city of Houston and provide musical and dance entertainment throughout the two days.

In addition to belly dancers and the Texas Southern University jazz ensemble, featured artists will include such local entertainers as Billie Duncan, Randy Horan, The Sweet Adelines, Sistersong, Abraham and Barbara, and the Montrose Symphonic Band.

The Main Street Theatre, Stages, and the School Boy Revue will also perform during the event.

"Our goal as a coalition of organizations is to raise interest in the redevelopment of the Lower Westheimer area. In the past, people enjoyed walking down the street to see the arts as well as see people. It'll be fun to recreate that aspect of the festival," Bagot explained.

Other events planned for "April in Montrose" are plays and art shows at the University of St. Thomas on April 4. On April 5, *Noises Off*, a British farce, will be presented at the Tower Theater.

The University of St. Thomas will sponsor a 10K run on Saturday, April 5. Also on that day, the University will present "You Must Dance." Bruce Gold Magic and Comedy is slated for Friday, April 11.

The Greater Montrose Business Guild will sponsor a Trash and Treasure Sale, April 12 and 13.

The High School of the Performing and Visual Arts will present a wind ensemble concert on Friday, April 13 and "Night Must Fall," Thursday through Saturday, April 24-26.

The Neartown Home Tour will be Saturday and Sunday, April 26 and 27. The Houston Symphony will present chamber music at the Tower Theater on Saturday, April 27.

The sculpture garden of the Museum of Fine Arts is scheduled to open Thursday, April 15 and Cherryhurst Benefit Alley Sale on Saturday.

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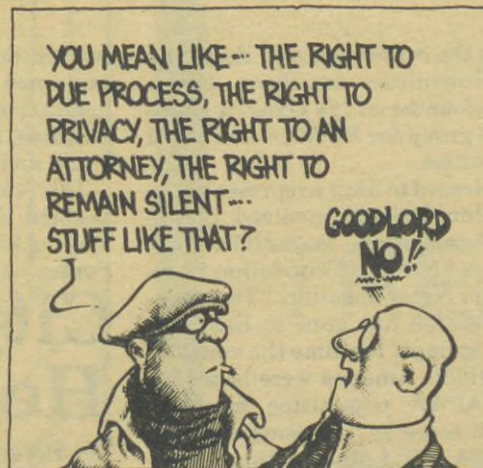
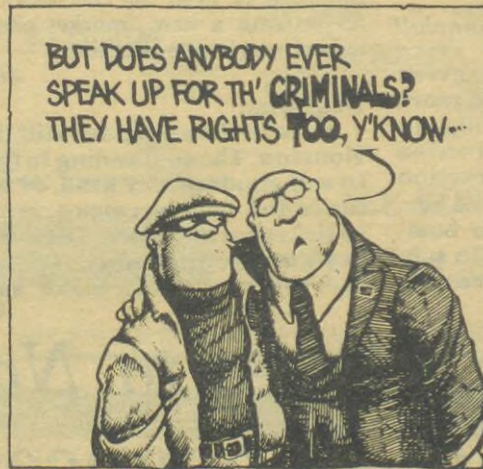
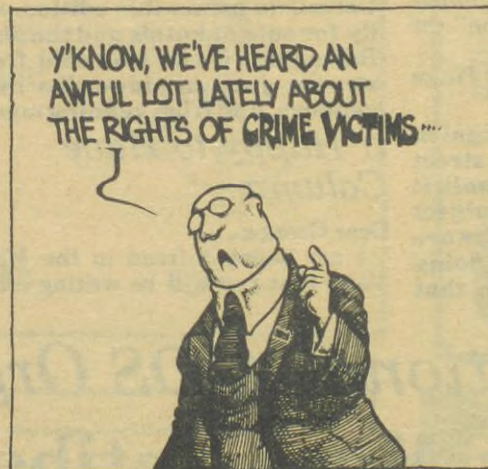
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Coop Demolition; Vendors in the Streets

□ The Chicken Coop Demolition 'Ceremony'

Dear Councilmember Greanias:

I was just a little put off by the hoopla surrounding the demolition of the old Chicken Coop. Although I was not a devotee of that establishment, it seems to me that the media event in which you and Mayor Whitmire participated was staged for the benefit of the Straight Slate types. I'm sure the image of the mayor and Councilman Greanias riding a bulldozer to knock down a "notorious homosexual bar" will play very well among more conservative elements in the city.

Now don't take me wrong, George. I don't mean to suggest that developments on lower Westheimer are not good for the city and good for Montrose. A new shopping center will do wonders for the area and you deserve credit for the role you played in that development.

My problem, you see, is with the symbolism. Why center the ceremony around the destruction of the old bar and in the process reinforce (however inadvertently) negative stereotypes about the "hedonistic" gay community? Wouldn't it have been a more positive act to have waited a few weeks to celebrate the groundbreaking for the new shopping center? Then, all the images would have been positive and constructive.

Neal Tannahill

Dear Neal:

Your point is well taken. The event would have likely been viewed more positively by everyone living in Montrose had the ceremonies emphasized the new construction rather than the demolition of the bar. It would also have been better business. For Westheimer Village to succeed as a new development, it cannot

afford to alienate the gay residents of Montrose.

On the one hand, probably not too much should probably be made of this. I don't believe that any offense was consciously intended. Most likely, the event was put together by a marketing firm who, with little sensitivity to the area, was searching for an "angle" to use in getting media attention.

On the other hand, there is an important point to be learned from all this. The economic development of Montrose is important to everyone who lives here, gay and straight. Our economic development efforts have to bring everyone in and not keep anyone out. What I hope we all learn out of this is an increased sensitivity to what it means to have a real community in Montrose that moves forward together to meet the community's needs.

□ On Curb-Side Sales

Dear Councilman:

Several years ago I recall the city passing an ordinance against curb-side selling of merchandise. This was passed for the safety of the seller, namely children. Has the law been repealed? I have noticed an increase in the number of kids selling newspapers, even the *Houston Chronicle* advertising a new "market edition" for sale at major intersections.

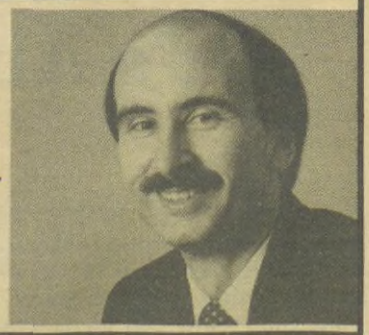
Jim Pierce

Dear Jim:

Sales in the street are still illegal in Houston. Those standing in the street to sell goods of any kind, or to solicit funds for various causes, are subject to ticketing and fines. These rules are designed for the safety of those doing the selling and to make sure that

Ask City Hall

By George Greanias
Houston City Councilman, District C



there are no dangerous impediments to traffic.

Generally, sales and solicitations are also illegal on city sidewalks. However, an exception has been made for newspapers. Section 40-10 of the Code of Ordinances permits the sale of newspapers on city sidewalks or other city property, whether by individual vendors or vending machines. This exception is based on the special role newspapers play under the First Amendment in getting information out to the public.

I also found out that the "Market Edition" is the last edition printed each day. It gets its name because it includes the final quotations for the day from the stock market. The *Chronicle* prints this edition primarily for sale at hotels and the airports. But again, it can't be sold from the streets—just on sidewalks by news vendors, and from vending machines.

□ Happy to Have Column

Dear George:

I am happy to read in the *Montrose Voice* that you will be writing a regular

column in that newspaper.

Rod Happel

Dear Rod:

If you like the idea of this column, be sure to tell Henry McClurg, editor of the *Voice*. Thanks to him you will be able to ask questions about what's going on at City Hall, whether it's something affecting your own neighborhood, all of Montrose, or the city at large. Especially in these tough economic times when we all need to pull together, communication between Houstonians and their elected representatives is essential. Many thanks to Henry for giving you and me this chance to share information and ideas.

Ever had a problem with City Hall? Any city service? Perhaps you're just curious about some aspect of our city government or the services it is required to perform for its citizens. Write "Ask City Hall," c/o *Montrose Voice*, 408 Avondale, Houston, TX 77006. Confidentiality can be maintained if desired. On personal issues, Councilman Greanias will provide a personal answer.

Houstonian Elected to National AIDS Organization Conference Denounces Mass Antibody Testing

By Pete Diamond
Montrose Voice Staff Reporter

During the recent National Lesbian and Gay Health Conference and the National AIDS Forum in Washington, D.C., nearly 530 persons attending the conference backed a statement opposing federal recommendations for mass AIDS antibody testing.

The conference, held March 13-15, was sponsored by the National Lesbian and Gay Health Foundation and George Washington University. It included general sessions and workshops covering a variety of subjects both about gay health and AIDS.

The prepared statement denounces the March 14 recommendations by the government's Public Health Service for mass testing of AIDS antibodies. Although the statement received almost unanimous support, some felt it treated AIDS as a gay issue.

The statement, in part, says the "decision to take the test for HTLV-III antibodies must be individual, voluntary, anonymous and combined with counseling and risk reduction guidelines, including safer sex practices."

The ad hoc committee which drafted the response stresses, "(The) test is not a diagnostic device—nor should it be used as one." They add that no proven positive correlation exists between a person knowing their antibody status and changing their sexual behavior. Therefore, they "oppose diverting resources for basic education efforts and counseling programs already proven effective in changing at-risk individuals' behavior toward a mass testing program."

The National Association of Persons with AIDS (NAPWA) also held several

meetings at the conference and elected its executive committee members. Frank Skinner, co-founder of It's Okay, a Houston support group for PWA's, was elected to the committee.

"We are pleased to have a representative from Houston become involved in the National Association to mobilize our PWA's," says KS/AIDS Foundation Executive Director Nate Sebastian. "Traditionally, all attention has gone to East and West Coast groups. It's time the voices of PWA's in Middle America were heard."

As a NAPWA committee member, Skinner will serve as "a resource person for local PWA's and other national committee members. I can channel their interests and if they have a question, I can at least tell them where to go to answer their questions."

It's Okay meets each Wednesday afternoon at the Bering Memorial United Methodist Church, 1440 Harold. In addition to offering support and making themselves available to other PWA's, the group has plans to open a resale shop and design, silkscreen and market their own line of greeting cards.

"It will give us something to do, something productive to live our lives to the fullest without harming anybody else," Skinner says.

Skinner was one of about 10 Houstonians that attended the conference and participated in the various workshops on gay and lesbian health concerns. Most of the more than 160 presenters spoke on AIDS-related topics such as AIDS in the black community, research issues and practice dilemmas concerning ethics and AIDS, lesbians and AIDS, and minority health care for persons with AIDS.

A number of the workshops focused

strictly on gay and lesbian health, and examined gay domestic violence, lesbian health concerns, cocaine addiction and gay men, and eating disorders among lesbians and gay men.

This was the seventh year the National Lesbian and Gay Conference was held and the fourth year for the National AIDS Forum. Although the roots of NAPWA

City Council Dis-Cards Health Proposal

By Pete Diamond
Montrose Voice Staff Reporter

Last fall it became an election issue. Last Wednesday, in the hands of the Houston City Council, it became a dead issue.

The question over whether to issue health cards to food handlers was finally answered March 19, when the Council voted down the proposed ordinance. The vote came after Councilman Larry McKaskle, who had proposed the controversial plan, delayed action on the issue for the past two weeks.

During last fall's election, candidates running under the Straight Slate made health cards a campaign issue. They threatened to launch a petition drive for a public vote on the health cards. By December, however, petition organizers conceded such a drive would not materialize.

Nevertheless, the threat prompted formation of the three-member Council Committee on Communicable/ Infectious Disease Control, headed by Councilman Jim Greenwood. After hearing testimony from about 30 federal, state and local health officials, AIDS researchers and other AIDS experts, the committee recom-

were started three years ago in Denver, Skinner says the organization officially gained national status during the conference.

For additional information about It's Okay, contact Frank Skinner at 529-2416 or the KS/AIDS Foundation hotline number, 524-AIDS.

mended the ordinance not be passed.

AIDS is not spread through the handling of food, experts testified, and an attempt to control the disease by instating health cards would not only be ineffective, but costly.

In an interview several weeks ago with Councilperson Eleanor Tinsley, who sat on the committee with Greenwood, she said the first step in considering a plan to deal with something such as AIDS, is to "acknowledge the problems involved and see in what manner we can meet the needs that arise." She added that in the case of AIDS, "a disease we don't really know a lot about," research should be "the primary thrust" for the federal government.

When the committee presented its findings to the City Council, one of their recommendations was for the city to provide better public education about AIDS, including how to prevent further spread of the disease. Another recommendation the committee proposed is an ordinance that would allow city health officials to close establishments where anonymous, unsafe sex, which might spread AIDS, is said to take place.

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Participated in Houston's First Major Gay March

MCC Evangelist Brings Message Back To Houston

By Pete Diamond
Montrose Voice Staff Reporter

Ten years ago, America was in the height of the gay rights movement. New gay and lesbian organizations were forming, gay political and civil rights milestones were being set and Anita Bryant was singing the "evils" of homosexuality.

In 1977, Houston had its first major gay pride march. Led by a group of bold individuals dedicated to pursuing gay rights, including Rev. Troy Perry, founder of the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC), Rev. Jeri Ann Harvey, then pastor of the Houston Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection (MCCR), and gay activist Ray Hill, thousands of people turned out in support of equal rights for gay men and lesbians.

"The fear was incredible," Harvey recalls. "Anita Bryant was in town that night and we made it a point to march right past her hotel. The anger at all the things we were being called was more than our fear."

Despite threats by the Ku Klux Klan that they would stage a counter-demonstration near City Hall, the first major gay pride march took place. "That march was history-making in Houston. I

was proud to be part of the march," Harvey says smiling. She recalls holding her Bible in the air at one point during the march and saying, "God doesn't make junk and no one is going to make junk out of us."

Although Harvey says "we forget sometimes today that that's been a short time ago," many changes have taken place over the past nine years, both for Houston and for the woman who helped lead that march.

Today, Rev. Elder Jeri Ann Harvey is one of seven international leaders of the Universal Fellowship of the Metropolitan Community Church (UFMCC) who serve as spiritual advisors and leaders for the MCC denomination. Last October, after serving as pastor of the Los Angeles MCC for eight years, Harvey resigned her post to devote her time to evangelism. "As an (MCC) elder my duty is to be a pastor, an evangelist and a spiritual leader. I have had a call on my life for evangelizing for a long time," she says.

Harvey explains that while exchanging the one pulpit she had in Los Angeles for the nearly 230 MCC churches worldwide is "a little scary," it is also rewarding. "(I like) talking about Jesus, meeting all the different people, seeing lives changed and seeing churches grow in faith and numbers."

"We're growing so fast and the need for us is so particularly acute, especially during the AIDS crisis. We're one of the most extensive helping hands to persons with AIDS," Harvey says, providing support not only to PWA's, but their spouses and families as well. "We believe God can cure and we want to show that. AIDS is not God's condemnation of this community. It is not that God put this on us, but that He will take it away from us."

As a further show of their support to persons afflicted with AIDS, Harvey says a national prayer vigil for PWA's has been scheduled for the first weekend in September. Each of the MCC's seven international leaders will be in one of the nation's seven major cities which are facing the highest numbers of AIDS cases.

When the MCC church was started 18 years ago, Harvey said people were needed to start new MCC churches and stay with them as they grew. She became familiar with MCC in the early 1970s when her lover heard about the church's "right of holy union," which she explains is "a blessing of a relationship between two people of the same sex."

"When I went in there I knew that was what I wanted. It was a place where God was accepting of who I was... I knew that beyond a shadow of a doubt and within two years of that I became a pastor." After serving as a pastor in Oklahoma City for two years, Harvey moved to Houston in 1976 and became pastor of the MCCR where she stayed for an additional two years.

Today, Harvey is pursuing her "evangelistic program" of "preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ and his inclusive love all over this country." In her extensive worldwide travels, Harvey conducts what she calls "spiritual renewals." These are three days of intensive preaching and socials which "some people come out (of) shocked and surprised," she says.

"We challenge people to stretch and grow. We believe in divine healing and gifts of the spirit. It can be awesome and frightening. But we've seen miracles in every church we've got, including one man in Houston whose AIDS has gone into remission."

Harvey, who brought her spiritual renewals to the New Freedom Christian Church March 21-23, says she is proud of the faith shown to her by those who attended the church's special weekend ser-



The Rev. Elder Jeri Ann Harvey, one of seven international leaders of the Metropolitan Community Church, was in Houston recently conducting a spiritual renewal at New Freedom Christian Church (Pete Diamond photo)

vices. Although the church, which is located in the Heights, has a congregation of only 13, Harvey said more than 75 people attended the Saturday evening service. "(But) bigger does not always mean better," Harvey says. "Some small churches have more faith than our bigger ones."

The New Freedom Christian Church is currently petitioning to become a MCC church, according to Harvey. "It was not started out of anger but of a need. Now they have a need to be a part of the UFMCC." She hopes gay men and lesbians will not be afraid of having another MCC church in Houston and that they will be supportive of the four-year-old church. It should be recognized not as a division of the Houston MCCR, but as new growth, she says. "We feel the MCCR is having her first baby and we want to congratulate her."

Harvey believes God's love is all-inclusive, but she says there are many people who do not believe this. "I'm willing to fight for it (the inheritance of God) and be heard everywhere. I don't want one more lesbian or gay man to die or to come close to death without knowing that God loves them."

In her efforts to let people know they are loved and accepted by God, Harvey brings a touch of humor. While she admits it occasionally shakes some people up, she says they do remember what she preaches. "Laughter is for me one of the greatest healers God gives us," she says.

In fact, Harvey says her favorite picture of Jesus Christ, especially at Easter, is one where He is laughing. "He's still laughing. The cross (the Crucifixion) was not the end but the beginning. That's the Jesus I love. He laughs a lot with me and sometimes He laughs a lot at me."

A native Oklahoman, Harvey feels many people who live in the South, especially in those states known as the Bible Belt, have a mental attitude about religion and gays that is different from anywhere else in the country. Furthermore, she believes many of the conflicts that will arise in the future over bigotry and AIDS will be fought in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Regarding Houston, Harvey says, "Any city that can have a referendum vote, that shocked me to see black brothers and sisters and the Ku Klux Klan joining forces against other Christians who they love, and then can turn around and elect someone (Mayor Kathy Whitmire) over an overwhelming bigot (mayoral candidate Louie Welch)... gives me a whole lot of hope for the integrity of Texas and the future of our community."

She cites a verse from her Bible: "The spirit of God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted. He has sent me to bind up the broken hearted. To proclaim liberty to captives..." Harvey believes this is her statement of purpose in life, her goal, a cause to which she will be an obedient servant.

"I have had a lot of things taken away from me because of who or what I am. One thing that no one can take away is my salvation or the love Christ has for me," she says. Recalling a friend she had while growing up who asked if gay men and lesbians will ever be accepted for who they are, Harvey says, "In my 52 years there is more acceptance than I ever would have dreamed of. We have made tremendous progress. No matter what they call us or accuse us of, God is on our side."

Letters

On GPC Screening Process

From David Adams

This letter is in regards to your recent article concerning the Gay Political Caucus' candidate screenings.

I was aggravated when I read about the new resolution stating that in contested races in which no one seeks the GPC endorsement, the words "Do Not Vote in This Race" will be printed on the GPC endorsement cards.

The reason given for the new resolution, according to Mr. Hill, is to encourage candidates to seek the GPC endorsement.

I, for one, am not going to let a group of individuals tell me who to vote for and whom not to vote for just because they feel ineffective.

The fact that the GPC is telling us not to vote for anyone in a particular race is not only absurd, but childish.

So a few feelings were hurt because no one wanted to associate with the GPC in the recent past. So now if you don't want to seek their endorsement, they are going to take all the gay votes away.

I do not feel that any political candidate should succumb to this political blackmail. The gay vote in Houston is strong and if the GPC is trying to weaken it by telling us not to vote, then they are doing a good job.

I, for one, am going to vote for the candidate that will best service our community and its needs whether the GPC likes it or not.

It is unfortunate that a political organization that, in the past, we were able to rely on for guidance and information has taken this course of action to appeal to its own sense of worth.

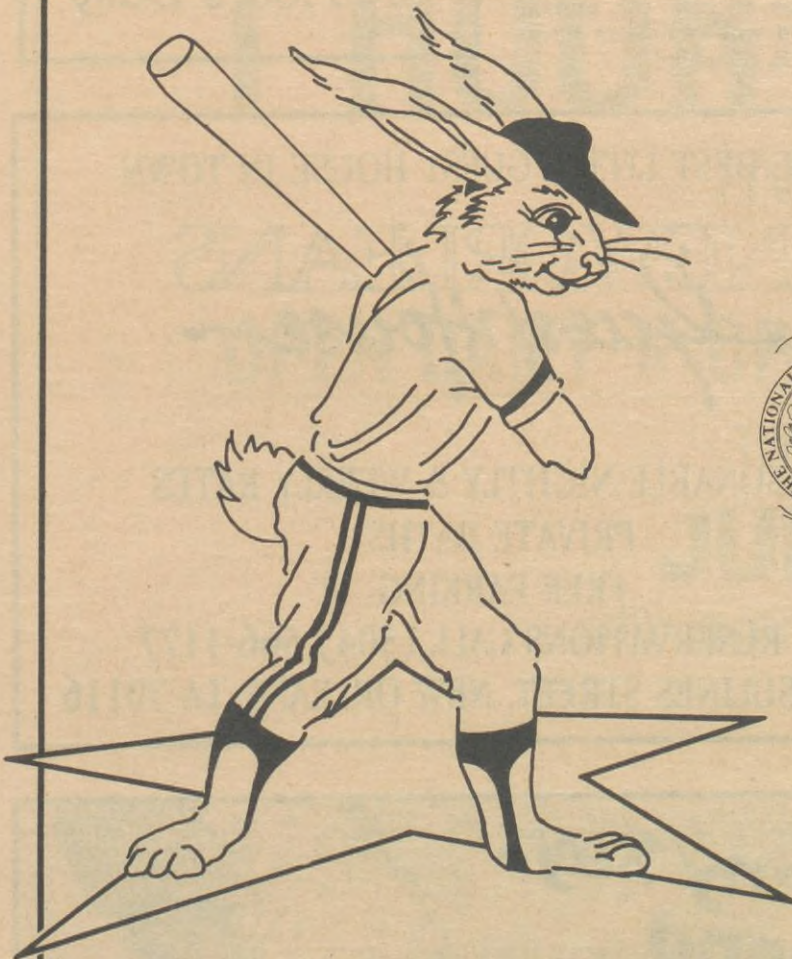
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Police Officers Address Business Guild

By Connie Woods
Montrose Voice Staff Reporter

Two Houston police officers from the Lower Westheimer Police Community Center spoke to members of the Greater Montrose Business Guild at its regular meeting, Wednesday, March 26, at the Backstreet Cafe.

"The community center offers a convenience to the neighborhood," Officer Stephanie Watson told the group. It has been effective because people know the police are there. People will just walk in to find out what to do about filing reports or just to find out what's going on," she added.

When asked if the police presence has caused a decrease in crime in the area, Officer Nathan J. McDuey said he believed it has been effective. "By us being in the neighborhood the activity (prostitution) has decreased," McDuey said.

"At the police center there is always a patrol car in the parking lot. Kids tell us that the fact there are police there keeps them from soliciting," he added.

Watson told the group that the center is what it was meant to be. "We are there. The police are there," she added.

She also told the group how important it is to have the support of the citizens in the community. "The citizens are the eye and ears for the police department. We get there after the fact. We need the citizens to help us do our job," she said.

Watson emphasized the importance of citizens observing what goes on in their neighborhoods. She said that citizens who see anything unusual going on and feel that it should be investigated should give police a call. "We have a response or vice team that works the area. If we could get citizens to respond to us it would be very

cooperative," she explained.

Watson also told the group that citizens, especially those on dark streets, should keep their porch lights on at night to discourage crime.

During the business meeting, vice president Bill Yon recognized the new guild members. He presented the new members with a plaque signifying their membership.

President Phyllis Frye called for committee and treasury reports. She also led a discussion of upcoming "April in Montrose" events.

The next regular monthly meeting will be held Wednesday, April 30. The April meeting will also include the annual Spring social and will be held at Backstreet Cafe, 1103 S. Shepherd.

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Myths and Alcoholism

Editor's Note: Alcoholism is an ever-increasing health problem in the gay community. It is estimated that 30 percent of the gay community may have an alcohol or drug problem, compared to 10 to 13 percent of the general population. This is the first in a five part-series, presented by representatives of the Montrose Counseling Center's MORE Program, on alcoholism and drug dependency in the gay and lesbian community.

By Robert H. Hodge
Director, MORE Program
Montrose Counseling Center

There are many myths about alcoholism and alcoholics. Ask almost any person about the subject and you will no doubt get an answer that will include at least one myth. It is the myths that allow people to continue to deny that the disease is present and that it is fatal.

Fact—There is no such thing as being too young. Alcoholics can be found in all age groups. It does not matter how young or old you are. If drinking is causing problems in your life, whether it is job, financial, lover, the law, you might want to take a look at your drinking.

Myth—Alcoholics always drink in the morning.

Fact—Many alcoholics never drink in the morning.

Myth—Alcoholics drink everyday.

Fact—Many alcoholics have experienced great lengths of sobriety ranging from days to months. It is not how much you drink or when, but what happens to you when you do drink. If you are unable to predict what will happen to you once you start drinking, you have a problem with alcohol.

Myth—"I can't be alcoholic, I only drink beer or wine."

Fact—Beer and wine contain alcohol. One beer or one glass of wine contains as much alcohol as a one-ounce shot of bourbon, scotch or gin.

I want to return to the seriousness of this disease. The incidence of alcoholism in the United States is about 10 percent of the population. The estimate in the gay community runs between 30 and 40 percent. Given Houston's numbers, there are about 40,000 gay alcoholics in this city. Consider this. One in 36 alcoholics recovers, 35 die directly as a result of the disease. This means that of our 40,000 alcoholic friends 1,100 will recover and 38,900 will be killed by alcoholism.

Recovery is possible. There is as active and fun a gay lifestyle as you wish, sober. Don't let myth stand in the way of your life and don't let your life be a statistic. Ignorance can kill.

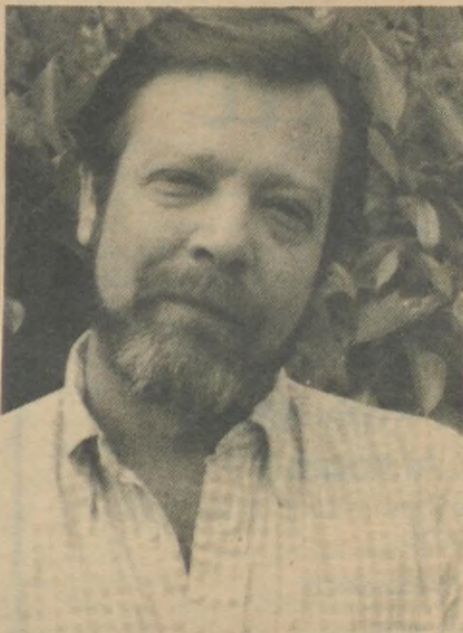
The MORE Program at the Montrose Counseling Center is the only gay/lesbian/bisexual outpatient treatment program for alcoholism in the state of Texas. Gay men and lesbians can recover in an atmosphere that treats alcoholism, not sexual preference, as the disease. If you have any questions about alcoholism or the MORE Program and recovery, call 526-MORE. Someone is there to help.

Correction

The Women's Program of the Montrose Counseling Center offers the following groups: Women's Network, a social support group, on Wednesdays 7:00-9:00 p.m.; Women's Life Issues, a therapy group, Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.; and Lesbian Couples, a therapy group, Mondays, 6:00 p.m.

Therapy groups require an initial interview with no cost. Sessions are priced on a sliding scale from \$15 to \$40.

In a recent *Montrose Voice* article, some readers felt the information on the programs was unclear. The Women's Program is the umbrella label for all the aforementioned services.



Robert Hodge is director of the Montrose Counseling Center's MORE Program (Connie Woods photo)

Alcoholism, untreated, is a fatal disease. If you are an alcoholic reading this, the numbers are not on your side if you continue to avoid treatment.

Let us look for a moment, at some of the myths.

Myth—Alcoholism is a lack of willpower. The alcoholic is morally incapable of controlling his/her drinking.

Fact—Alcoholism is a disease. To be defined as a disease something must meet the following criteria: It must be chronic, have a course, symptoms and have a prognosis. Alcoholism is a disease recognized by the American Medical Association. If you still think that willpower alone is sufficient to fight a disease, try it the next time you have diarrhea.

Myth—"I am too young to be an alcoholic."

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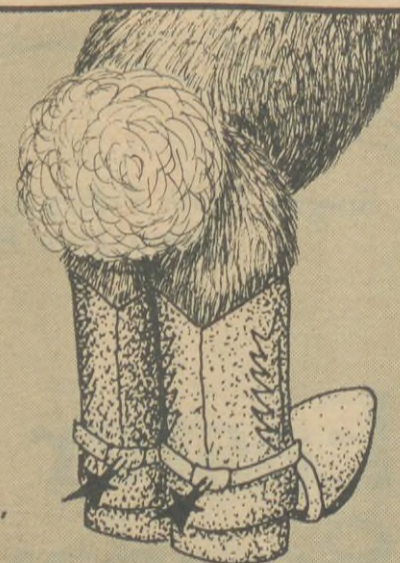
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Most Clubs Continue to Ban Inhalants

By Connie Woods
Montrose Voice Staff Reporter

The controversy concerning the sale and use of inhalants, primarily poppers, continues as some local club owners have banned their sale as medical researchers study the chemicals and their effect on the body's immune system.

Several local club owners suspended the sale of inhalants following a meeting of the Houston Organization of Bar Owners in February after undercover officers entered clubs to see if the laws were being enforced.

Following several recent arrests, Capt. Michael Harris of the Harris County Precinct Six Constable's office and a member of the Governor's Task Force on Inhalant Abuse, addressed the group concerning the legality of selling and using inhalants.

Charles Armstrong, manager of Heaven, J.R.'s and the Montrose Mining Company, suspended sales immediately. "Sales have been suspended and consumption prohibited in our clubs in Houston and Dallas," Armstrong said. "Frank Caven assumed a leadership role (concerning the inhalant ban) and others have followed."

Armstrong pointed out that when the law enforcement officers began their investigations, "It seemed like a political issue but it wasn't. Mike Harris has been working with this for years. It's finally working down to the gay community—poppers in particular."

There is another side to the inhalant issue, according to Armstrong. He said a member of the Dallas Gay Alliance, Mike Richards, has begun a campaign to get more money allocated for medical research concerning inhalants and AIDS. "Obviously, if there is a health factor in mental or health issues, people need to know," he continued.

Hank Wilson of San Francisco said a committee to monitor poppers was established there in 1981. "They have been working to get rid of poppers in San Francisco because of the possibility that the nitrites and AIDS may be connected," he explained.

A member of the Harvey Milk Democratic Club, Wilson pointed out several organizations are supporting legislation to ban poppers totally. However, if they cannot get them banned completely, he said suggested legislation would be to require all sellers to display point of sale signs warning people about the possible immunosuppressant aspect.

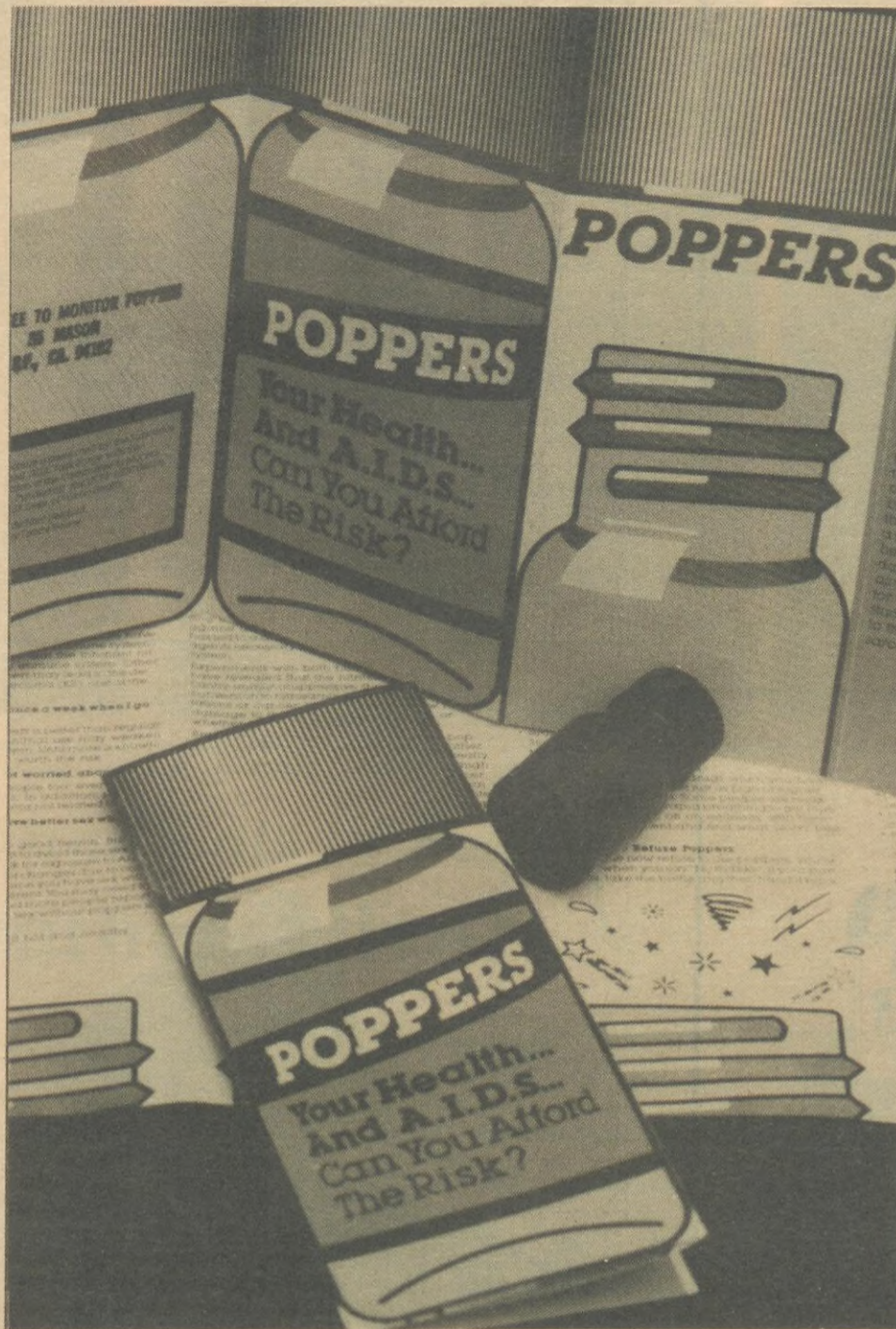
"In New York the sale of poppers has been banned. Los Angeles is considering it. Wisconsin has banned poppers and San Francisco is currently considering banning the use in public," he continued.

Returning to the medical research and reports being published, Wilson said, "How much research do we need before we get gay bars to stop selling them (poppers)?"

According to information distributed by the Committee to Monitor Poppers of San Francisco, in cooperation with the Substance Abuse and AIDS Task Force, "The more active ingredients, amyl and butyl nitrites, have shown to damage the body's ability to stay healthy."

Locally, Jay Allen, owner of the Gallean, said, "Several years ago when we started hearing the medical information (the link between nitrites and the immune system), we stopped selling them."

Exile owner Gary Schmale does not sell inhalants for a different reason other than legal or medical issues. "I don't sell them because they are a pain. When a customer drops a bottle and it breaks, it's horrible and it bothers other customers as well. I don't like them and I don't sell them," he explained.



The possible link between the use of inhalants and AIDS among homosexual men has gained attention among those who use them as well as those who sell them (Pete Diamond photo)

In contrast to Schmale's position on selling poppers, Vince Janis, owner of the Ripcord, has a different opinion. "Yes, we sell them. People want poppers. It can be a definite problem though, especially in dance bars," Janis said.

Concerning the medical-related aspect, he said, "It's like cancer; if you're going to get it (AIDS), you're going to get it. Sometimes it just doesn't matter what you do to prevent it."

Janis went on to say that what scares him more is the government telling people what they can and cannot do for their own good. "That scares me worse than the inhalants," he added.

However, based on current research and medical reports in Houston, Boston and Washington, D.C., the link between AIDS and recreational drugs may be significant.

An article in the *American Journal of Medicine* published in May 1985 suggests that "inhalation of volatile nitrites is a possible contributing factor in AIDS because their pharmacologic properties lead to toxicity."

The article, based on the research of Guy R. Newell, M.D., and a staff of doctors at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute, states: "The timing of production and sales of volatile nitrites for recreational use is the only new life-style factor that might answer the question 'why AIDS now?'"

"Prevalance of nitrite use among male homosexuals is very high," the article continues, "and almost every reported case of Kaposi's sarcoma during the past three years includes a history of prior nitrite use."

According to Dr. Newell and staff's article, the use of amyl nitrites began in the mid-1800's for therapeutic use for relief from angina pectoris. However, until 1960, the drug could only be purchased by prescription.

When the Food and Drug Administration reinstated the requirement of a prescription, amyl nitrites were not readily available. The recreational use of butyl and isobutyl nitrites began as they do not fall under the category of food, drug or cosmetics as defined in the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, according to the article.

"The FDA therefore does not regulate nitrites and they are sold as incense or room odorizers," according to the article.

The Newell article also said an extensive review was conducted by T.J. Haley concerning the physiologic effects of amyl, butyl, and isobutyl nitrites in 1980 because of noted alleged abuse of these compounds for enhancing sexual pleasure.

"Poppers make each nerve in your body tingle, almost a euphoric sensation and light-headedness," one user explained. "It is a rush. It makes all of your nerve endings extremely sensitive," he added. "It

lasts such a short time that you want to do it again and again."

Poppers are commonly inhaled directly and repeatedly through one nostril, then the other to create a "rush" or a "high." The inhalants have been popular with the gay community for several years.

David Schnell, former owner of the Venture-N, said he is concerned about the continuing use and sale of poppers in gay bars. "If we could get rid of all that bull---, it would be a lot healthier, for sure—as a community."

The legal issue of poppers or other inhalants has proven to be a controversial one. According to Capt. Harris, it is legal to sell the inhalants in a club but the buyer cannot use them.

As he emphasized at the HOB0 meeting, certain requirements include: they cannot be sold to juveniles under 17 years of age, there must a point of sale sign stating they cannot be sold to juveniles and the substances must be kept in a counter with a key. Also, only qualified people can sell them from that counter.

According to local attorney Patricia Ann O'Kane, there are 23 volatile chemicals listed in Article 4476-13a of the Texas Civil Statutes Public Health Code. "The chemicals listed are used in many household products," she explained. "What makes the chemicals illegal as the law states is how they are used," O'Kane added.

She explained that the word "intent" is the key to violation. What has to be proven in a court of law is the "intent to inhale, ingest, apply or use the substance to affect the central nervous system," she continued.

She also noted that there is nothing in the law which distinguishes the difference between public or private use. Although the law concerning inhalants has been on the books for several years, the offense was changed in 1985 from a Class C misdemeanor to a Class B misdemeanor.

While the Class C misdemeanor can be compared to a traffic ticket, the Class B is more serious. According to O'Kane, if found guilty of illegal inhalant use, a person can be fined \$1,000 and/or serve six months in jail.

"Club owners have to be careful these days with all the liabilities they are facing such as the intoxicated patrons," she said.

Based on comments from several local club owners, the owners have a responsibility to dispense the inhalants properly; enforce the law within their establishments and make a personal decision whether the profits are worth the problems; as well as heed the medical research relating poppers to AIDS.

One former poppers user (who wished to remain unidentified) said, "I used to be a heavy poppers user. So were many of my friends, especially when we went to a disco or bar. But now with the medical reports and so many of my friends dying of AIDS, it's just not worth the chance for a few hours of fun."

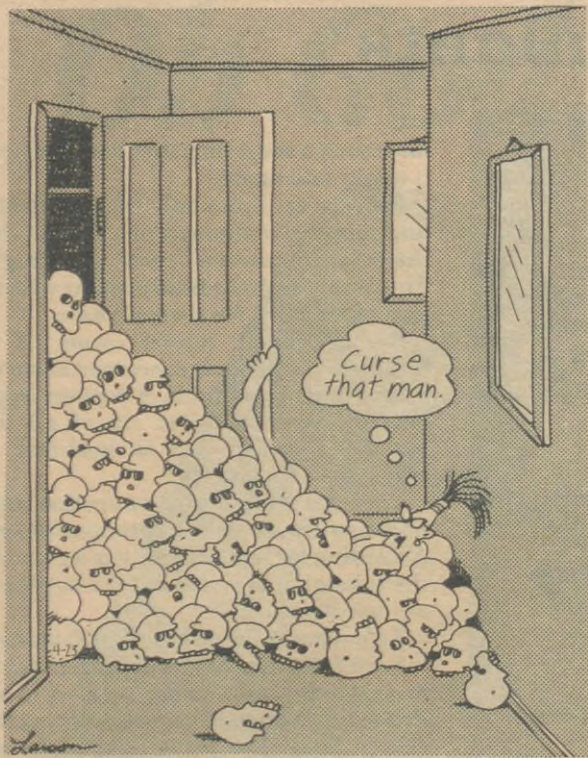
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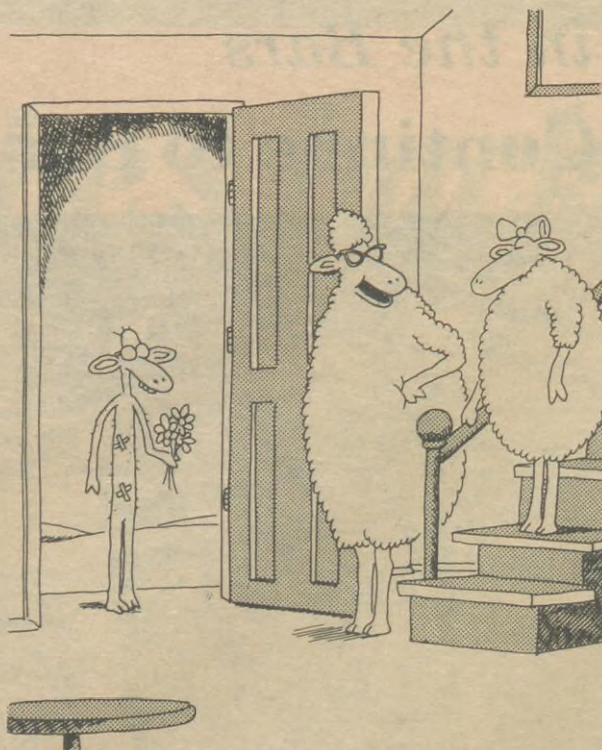
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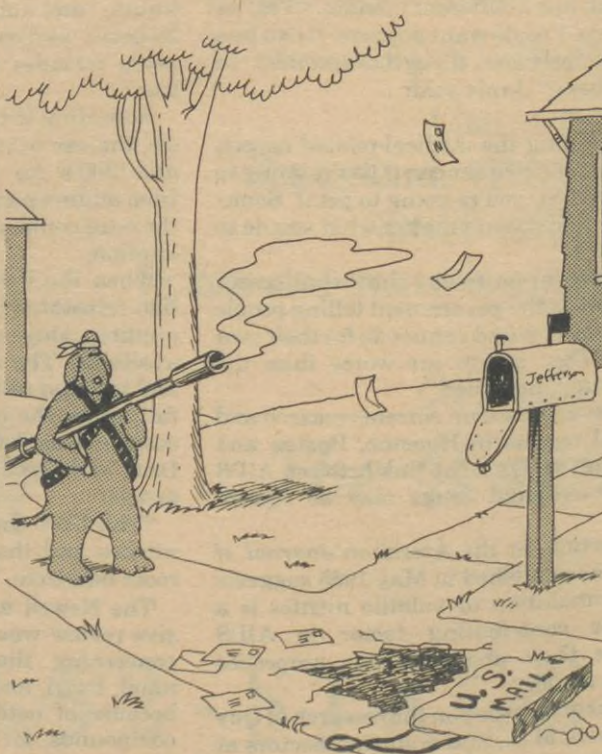
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By Mark Orion

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TAURUS—You may find yourself the brunt of an April Fool's practical joke. Your sense of humor helps you understand that pranksters are laughing with you not at you. Enjoy the fun. Remember, playful revenge is the sweetest kind of all.

GEMINI—Get ready for the Easter parade. Stroll down the avenue in your new finery. Spring is always your best season. And, this will be your best yet.

CANCER—You finally have that long-overdue discussion with a co-worker. You may feel that little was accomplished but in the long run you will find that the chat had an impact on improving conditions on the job. Now that you are less tense, things also improve on the home front.

LEO—Now is the time to throw yourself into a pet project. Try tackling it one step at a time. Once it's complete, you'll be proud of your accomplishment. Others will notice your effort.

VIRGO—You've developed a strategy for conquering a special prize. Follow your plan down to the last detail and you'll reap your just reward. Once it's yours, you'll know exactly what to do with it.

LIBRA—A change in personnel has you confused. Be prepared for reorganization. The new arrangement makes you far more efficient and productive. Stop to think before you act. Superiors are watching.

SCORPIO—Financial matters should be tended to at this time as you've been worried about money. Take a closer look at spending habits. By recognizing exactly where your cash has been going and shuffling a few things around, you find that there really is no problem.

SAGITTARIUS—The holiday weekend presents a perfect opportunity to enjoy the out-of-doors. Get out and enjoy the sunshine and pleasant temperatures. The fresh air helps you clear up your thoughts on a matter that has you perplexed.

CAPRICORN—Concentrate on your occupational future. If you find there's need for improvement, now is the time to consider the possibility of taking some refresher courses. Serenity on the domestic front places you in a positive frame of mind for a formal educational experience.

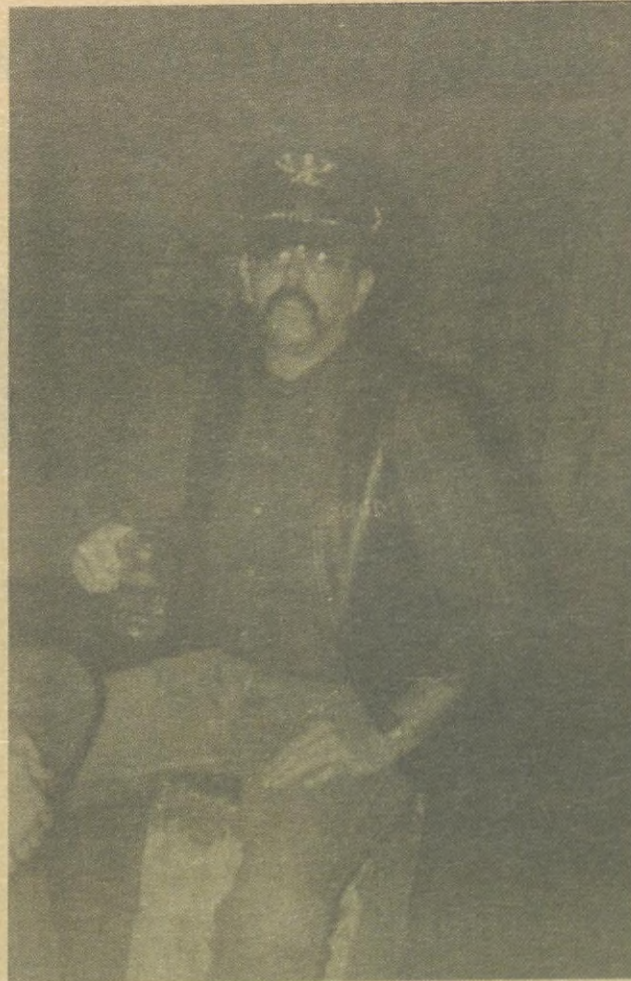
AQUARIUS—Someone from your past returns. Although it's been a long time, the spark is still there. Don't be afraid to reminisce about the good times. Refreshing the memory may improve chances for a future.

PISCES—You have a knack for dealing with difficult people. That trait will be in demand this week and you rise to the occasion. You employ tact and discretion to ease a tense situation. Those around you are grateful to have you around.

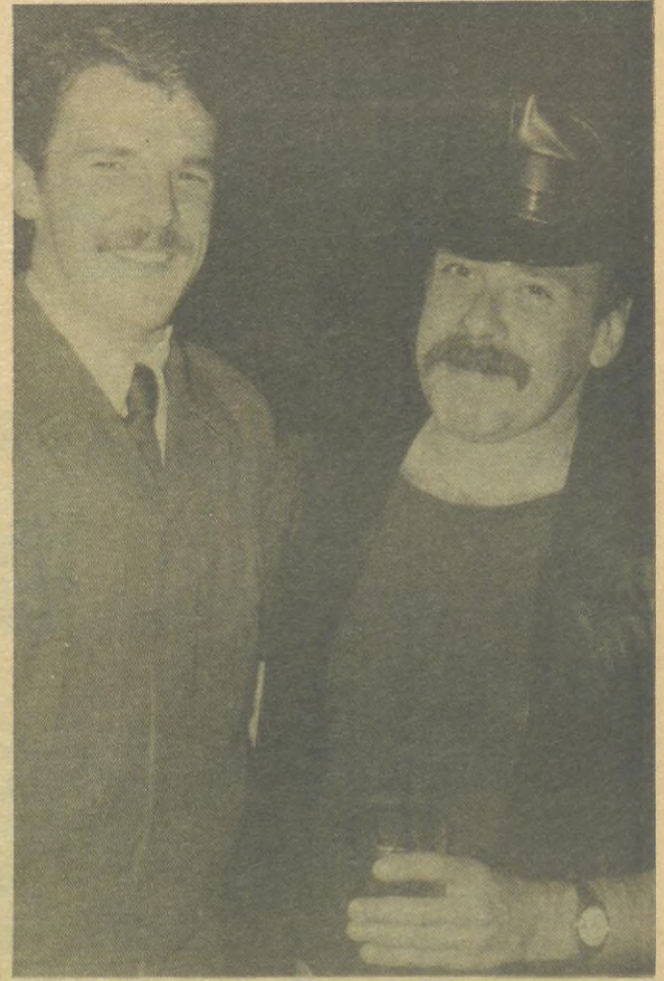
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Seen at the Venture-N's leather and uniform party held on March 20 were (left photo) Reenie Sharpe, Jerry Nienkark and Cindy Ewing; (center) Randy Hall; and Curt



Norton and Jerry Mulholland (Pete Diamond photos)



'Fantasy Trips and Lots of Fun' Is Leather Alive?

By Pete Diamond
Montrose Voice Staff Reporter

Black leather jackets, chaps, harnesses, pants and military attire just don't seem to be as popular as they used to. Not so you say? Well, anyone passing by the Venture-N last Thursday night might have agreed that leather and uniforms are still popular with some people.

On March 20, an estimated 250 men and women proved that what some people consider odd or kinky forms of attire are actually unique and enjoyable. After all, think of how it would feel to be a military officer, if just for one night; the power, the prestige, the admiring looks. Or what about a different sort of uniform—a football player. Your chance to be the college jock you always dreamed of or, quite possibly, your chance to meet a football player like the one you fantasized about in high school.

"They're all fantasy trips and they're a lot of fun," says Steve Shimer, co-owner of the Venture-N and organizer of the bar's recent leather and uniform party. "It's just another way to throw a party. People like costumes and this gives them an opportunity to dress up."

Although Shimer said response to the party was excellent, he added that people who wear military attire, and especially leather, are often perceived as being kinky and into sadomasochism (S&M). Shimer explained that while there are some people who wear leather, practice S&M and are "kinky," they represent a small part of the leather wearing crowd.

Nevertheless, this "kinky" minority manages to garner most of the media attention and further perpetuate often negative, misleading stereotypes of people who wear leather, Shimer says. "Leather has really died off in the past four or five years. Leathermen are not popular people to go home with right now. They're thought of as kinky, and kinky sex is not popular now with all the talk about safe sex."

"I feel the segment of the gay community that has been hurt most by the AIDS

scare is the leather crowd. And I don't understand why," Shimer says. It may, in part, be that leather bars have developed a bad reputation. Shimer says about six years ago, many leather bars became "sleazy" and "notorious for unsafe sex."

Because of the AIDS crisis, many bars have felt the need, or even been pressured, to, as Shimer says, "clean up their act." So, when he became part owner of the Venture-N last October and chose to make

it a leather and uniform bar, Shimer took somewhat of a risk.

But he's a fighter and an optimist. He even talks of a grassroots effort to reintroduce and rebuild the Houston leather community. And befitting of the fact that he came out "in a leather crowd," it's natural that he would dream of someday wanting to have his own leather bar. Now that that dream is a reality, Shimer is moving ahead to bring up a "new generation" of

leathermen and women by planning more leather/ uniform parties as well as holding a Mr. Venture-N leather contest.

So, while those men and women in black leather may seem threatening and maybe a little kinky, remember, as Shimer says, that part of the intrigue of leather is the mystery surrounding it. "How are you going to have a dream come true if you don't have a dream," he asks. "That's really what it's for—to fulfill a fantasy."

Hill and Torres Elected to MAC Board

By Connie Woods
Montrose Voice Staff Reporter

Ray Hill and Alice Torres were elected to seats on the board of trustees of the Montrose Activity Center, Sunday, March 23, at the monthly meeting of the Gay Pride Week Committee.

Although the Montrose Activity Center no longer exists as an operating facility, its governing board is supervising Gay Pride Week.

Hill was elected on the first ballot, but a run-off was necessary for Dale Beverly and Torres. A four-vote difference of 39 to 35 resulted in Torres' election.

Larry Bagneris addressed the group concerning the parade route, which had already been finalized at the February meeting. He pointed out that the route, which begins on Westheimer at Bagby, should be extended from Walcrest to Woodhead. He said the extension would include more of the local businesses.

Although the additional blocks would increase the cost of the parade by approximately \$200, the route would include businesses along "The Curve," as well as new clubs along Westheimer.

After some discussion, members voted in favor of the extended route.

In other business concerning the parade, the first parade meeting will be held April 27 with the second set for June 1 and the final meeting June 26.

Randy Ruhlman submitted four artwork designs for consideration as the 1986 official GPW logo. Following the theme for 1986, "Liberty is in our grasp," each of the submitted logos reflected the idea of freedom.

The group selected the logo with the rainbow flag, the head of the Statue of Liberty on the left with hands holding the flagstaff on the right. The rainbow flag will be printed in full color for most of the materials for the event, including the posters, T-shirts, buttons and caps.

Dale Beverly suggested using "Houston Gay Pride Week '86" and the date of the event as part of the logo. A discussion followed as some members of the committee felt the phrase and date would reduce the sale of the materials. However, the motion passed to include it.

Bagneris suggested to the group that advertising be extended outside the Montrose area to include people in the suburbs and surrounding towns who don't live in the immediate area. He suggested the use of radio, billboards or other media.

Acting on a motion to investigate the cost of such advertising, a committee was formed. That committee is to report its findings at the April meeting.

The group also adopted a theme song for the 1986 GPW. The song, entitled "Liberty is in Our Grasp," was written and pres-

ented by Joe Watts.

In other business, Walter Strickland said the Texas Gay Rodeo Association would like to be included in the Gay Pride Week activities filling the only remaining open date on the calendar, Wednesday, June 25.

Cathy Lenahan, co-chairperson, announced a change in the date for the casino night scheduled for April 17. The date will be set for late April or early May to insure that the T-shirts, posters and other printed materials would be available for sale.

Stan Ford, co-chairperson, announced that corporate sponsorships are still being accepted. The \$100 contribution includes advertising in the newsletter and listings in the GPW calendar which will be distributed throughout the community.

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Sunday is the Day for First Pet-O-Rama

From a Press Release

There is still time enough to fluff the feline or decorate the dog for the First Annual Greater Montrose Pet-O-Rama and Easter Bonnet Parade.

The show will be from 2:00-4:00 p.m., Easter Sunday, March 30, at Cherryhurst Park, 1700 Missouri. Pets may be entered for \$2, and it costs \$1 to watch the festivities.

Grand prize winner will receive dinner for two at Rascal's. Ribbons will be awarded in each category, and each entrant will receive a personalized certificate.

Some of the categories include: best costume, best coiffed, best owner look-alike, ugliest, prissiest, butchest, best candidate for a fur coat, the George Greanias look-alike award, the Alexis Carrington Colby Dexter Award, best bejeweled, most regal, Kathy Whitmire look-alike and more.

Some of the judges include: Andy Mills, Norman Guttman, Sue Lovell, Larry Bagneris, Joe Porro, Bill Scott, Nate Sebastian, Jack Marvin, Jack Jackson, Phyllis Frye, Scott Roberts, Linda Wyche, Ron Sioux and Ed Moniger.

All pets must be on leashes and proof of vaccination is required for animals normally vaccinated. Pets other than dogs or cats are eligible.

The Pet-O-Rama is sponsored by the Gay Political Caucus.

Refreshments will be available. Instant photo mementos of owner and pet will be available for \$2.



Members of the board of directors of the Greater Montrose Business Guild presented a check to Bruce Hermann, owner of International Flag Company, for the 20 Sesquicentennial flags donated by members of the guild. Participating in the ceremony were (left to right) Officer C.M. Russell of the Lower Westheimer Police Community Center; Hermann, Bob Bagot, Bill Yon, vice president of the guild; Mike Reuter, and Joe Porro, chairman of the flag committee (Connie Woods photo)

Business Guild Celebrates Sesquicentennial

Several board members of the Greater Montrose Business Guild gathered Tuesday afternoon, March 25, to begin its celebration of Texas' 150th birthday by placing official Sesquicentennial flags along Westheimer.

The 20 flags, donated by members of the guild, were placed on light poles in front of Mary's and Liberty Bank.

"The members of the guild created this flag project to express they are Montrose proud, Houston proud, and Texas proud," said Bill Yon, vice president of the guild.

"Members of the guild purchased these flags under the direction of Joe Porro, chairman of the flag committee," he added. "Flags are still available to anyone who would like to purchase them and will be placed along Westheimer," he continued.

Porro said the guild would like to see flags placed along Westheimer and Montrose if the guild can get the support from its members, businesses along the two streets and individuals. The flag donation is \$25 per flag. People who choose to donate four for an entire pole will have their names placed on the flagstaff, according to Porro.

"Several, including individuals and businesses, have already purchased four: Bill Yon, Charlie's Coffee Shop and Robert Park. Several people have also donated the flags in memory of friends," Porro continued.

national Flags installed the flags with the assistance of Officer C.M. Russell, the desk officer of the Lower Westheimer Police Community Center, who managed the traffic during installation.

The flags will remain in their present location through the summer during the Texas Sesquicentennial Celebration. They will then be removed and returned to the person who donated the flag, according to Porro.

Anyone interested in donating a flag can call Joe Porro at 528-3010.



Bruce Hermann climbed the ladder to install the first of 20 Sesquicentennial flags on Westheimer as Greater Montrose Business Guild members (left to right) Joe Porro, Tom Cox and Bill Yon assisted. (Connie Woods photo)



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Dr. Didato's Personality Quiz

How 'People-Sensitive' Are You?

By Salvatore V. Didato, Ph.D.
*News America Syndicate
 Special to the Montrose Voice*

Television character Archie Bunker may be a king to his wife, but to most of the world, he's a flunky. It takes social sensitivity to get along with others, a trait of which our hero, unfortunately, has little.

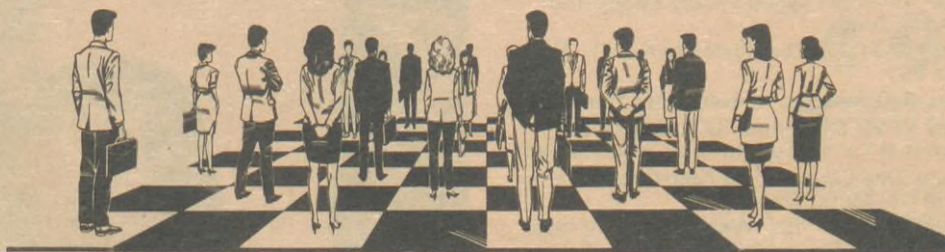
If we lose a friend or slight someone, chances are we didn't read their signals and weren't responsive to them. If you've lost a game or two when it comes to making or keeping friends, then perhaps you're low on "people sensitivity."

To find where you stand on social sensitivity, answer true or false to the following items, then read on.

1. I consider myself to be more forgiving than the average person.
2. I often wonder what a person sitting next to me on a bus or plane might do for a living.
3. I would rather receive a small, thoughtful gift than one more extravagant which involved less caring.
4. I am inclined to be the first to reveal something about myself to someone than vice versa.
5. I would rather discuss my problems with someone than to think about them by myself.
6. I often talk about my personal life with someone I don't know well.
7. The more time I spend with someone, the more I grow to like him/her.
8. It usually bothers me to have to refuse someone who is begging.

Answers

If we took a sampling of a person's atti-



If you've lost a game or two when it comes to making or keeping friends, then perhaps you're low on "people sensitivity."

tudes and behavior, we'd find they'd reveal if he/she is socially savvy. These traits are found in our quiz and are based on the work of Professors Walter Swap and Jeffrey Rubin of Tufts University. Over a two-year period, they tested some 900 students and developed a questionnaire of social sensitivity (which they call Interpersonal Orientation—I.O.).

Even with an untrained eye, most of us can spot persons who have high I.O. They are tactful and responsive to the needs of others and are likely to return a favor which is done for them. Such types are interested in people and the things they do.

They are more reactive to compliments on the one hand, but also to slights on the other. Women tend to be higher on I.O. than men, say Swap and Rubin. They take people more personally than men do.

If by now you suspect that neither extreme of interpersonal orientation is good, you have a point. High I.O.'s on Swap and Rubin's tests tend to be sensitive to criticism and may have low self-esteem. When rebuffed they could get moody and sulk, and they may hesitate to

enter new social settings.

At the other extreme are the low I.O. types. They have to learn about "people reading" and are only weakly influenced by the actions of others. They are tense around strangers, are strongly competitive and tend to be dominant and aggressive (sound like Archie?). These types are more concerned with the economic features of their ties with others.

Score

Give yourself one point for each true answer. This isn't an official test, of course, but your score suggests the following:

7-8 points—You are very high in interpersonal orientation and perhaps too sensitive to actions and ideas of others as they affect your morale.

4-6 points—You are average and in the desirable range with respect to your social sensitivity.

0-3 points—You are low on I.O. and are not much affected by others in your quest for your own needs.

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SportsVoice Calendar & Standings

A note about tennis: There are 2 tennis clubs with substantial Montrose or gay community participation. Although names are similar, they are separate clubs. Some players participate in both clubs.

HouTex Tennis Club Challenge Ladder

matches through Mar. 23

- TOP TEN LADDER**
- 1 Jim Kitch
 - 2 Randall Dickerson
 - 3 Eugene B.
 - 4 Donny Kelley
 - 5 David Garza
 - 6 Pat Power
 - 7 Steve Bearden
 - 8 Thomas Cortez
 - 9 Eddie Chavez
 - 10 Tiny Tim
- B LADDER**
- 1 Sabe Velez
 - 2 Lou Garza
 - 3 Joe L.
 - 4 Ronn Rodd
 - 5 Larry Jarvis
 - 6 Mark Deardorff
 - 7 Randy Miller
 - 8 Mr. Bill
 - 9 Rick Massey
 - 10 Bill Santaiti
- C LADDER**
- 1 Rick Knapp
 - 2 Gabe Herpin
 - 3 Henry Eckhardt
 - 4 Rick Martinez
 - 5 Daiwid Hendrickson
 - 6 Rudy Garcia
 - 7 David Moskowitz
 - 8 Randy Jierscheck
 - 9 Steve Chesney
- DOUBLES LADDER**
- 1 Steve Bearden & Bill Santaiti
 - 2 Ronn Rodd & Richard Pregeant
 - 3 Eddie Chavez & Henry Eckhardt

Houston Tennis Club Challenge Ladder

matches through Mar. 25

- TOP TEN LADDER**
- 1 Andrew Morris
 - 2 Robert Holmes
 - 3 J.C. Barrera
 - 4 Armi Albanza
 - 5 Ron Bell
 - 6 Rick Hadnot
 - 7 Ed Farley
 - 8 Rich Corder
 - 9 Oscar Martinez
 - 10 Edward de Leon
- B LADDER**
- 1 Ron McCauley
 - 2 Billy Green
 - 3 Randy Miller
 - 4 Steve Bryant
 - 5 Roy Mendiola
 - 6 Randy Lunsford
 - 7 Daiwid Hendrickson
 - 8 Oscar Ysassi
 - 9 Rudy Garcia
 - 10 Travis Willis
- C LADDER**
- 1 J.V. Klinger
 - 2 Joe D.
 - 3 Howard Brown
- DOUBLES LADDER**
- 1 Billy Green & Paul Brown
 - 2 Randy Lunsford & Rich Corder

MSA Pool League

Team Standings, Winter League, Week 15

TEAM	Recent Week	Total Matches	Total games
DIVISION A			
1 Four 611	10-5	12-3	137-088
2 Bacchus I	10-5	11-3	132-078
3 Ranch Hands	bye	10-4	119-091
4 Mary's Naturally	10-5	9-5	122-088
5 Too 611	5-10	8-6	118-092
6 Marion & Lynn's	15-0	7-7	109-101
7 Street Cats	15-0	6-8	113-097
8 BRB Shooters	0-15	6-8	075-135
9 Outlaws	5-10	5-9	117-093
10 Bacchus II	5-10	5-9	094-116
DIVISION B			
1 The Barn	10-5	12-2	130-080
2 The Galleon	11-4	10-4	122-088
3 Lipstick	9-6	9-5	125-085
4 611 III	9-6	9-5	117-093
5 Kindred Spirits II	5-10	7-7	123-087
6 Kindred Spirits I	6-9	7-7	109-101
7 The 611	4-11	6-8	096-114
8 JR's	bye	5-9	096-114
9 Hooters II	15-0	3-10	068-120
10 Lone Stars	6-9	3-11	074-135
11 Hooters I	0-15	2-13	080-145

Regular Weekly Events

- SUNDAY:** Frontrunners, Memorial Park Tennis Center
Houston and HouTex Tennis Clubs 10:30am-1:30pm, Homer Ford Tennis Center
Women's Bowling League 5pm, Stadium Bowl
W.W.B. Bowling League 7:30pm, Post Oak Lanes
- MONDAY:** MSA Men's Bowling 9pm, Stadium Bowl
- TUESDAY:** Frontrunners, Memorial Park Tennis Center
MSA "Fun Volleyball League," 7pm
- WEDNESDAY:** MSA Pool League plays 8pm, various locations
- THURSDAY:** Frontrunners, Memorial Park Tennis Center
Houston Tennis Club 7:30pm Homer Ford Tennis Center
'Whatever Happened to Baby Jane' MSA Mixed Bowling League 8:45pm, Stadium Bowl

Special Events

- Mar. 28-29: Fifth Lone Star Softball Classic, Memorial Park fields #4 and #5 and Tim Hearn Field, near Spotts Park
Mar. 27-30: IGBO-affiliated Dixie Invitational, Atlanta

- Mar. 29: Pool League Turkey Shoot, The Ranch, 2pm
Mar. 29-31: IGBO-affiliated M.A.K.I.T., Kansas City
Apr. 5: Billards vs. Bowlers Pool Tourney
May 24-26: 6th annual "U.S. Gay Open" National Tennis Tournament, San Francisco
June: Oak Lawn Tennis Assoc. hosts Texas Cup Challenge, Dallas
June 21: Gay Pride Week Sports Day (date tentative)
July 25-Aug. 3: U.S. Olympic Festival, Houston
Labor Day Weekend: Women's Softball '86 World Series, New Haven, Conn.

Alabanza Holds Onto Tennis Rank

Armi Alabanza defended his No. 4 rank last Sunday, March 23, in Houston Tennis Club Play. He defeated Rich Corder 7-6 (7-3 tiebreaker), 6-3 as Corder tried to catch him rusty. Alabanza will probably now challenge Andrew Morris for the No. 1 spot.



Houston Tennis Club February MVP Randy Lunsford strikes a pose at The Galleon after his election (Rich Corder photo)

This year's Annual Easter Party will be held at Homer Ford Tennis Center at MacGregor Park starting at 10:00 a.m., Sunday, March 30. A fun doubles partner swap tournament format will be played with silver bowl trophies for the top three winners.

Teams will play for only 12 minutes, with the winning teams advancing and splitting up for the next match on the next court.

Members, guests and prospects are invited to bring their own Easter picnic basket with lunch and drinks. A highlight of the day will be the traditional "raw Easter Egg toss" competition. Rich Corder asks that each player bring \$4 to help pay tennis court rentals. He may be reached by calling 524-2151.

Barn Clinches Billards League Title

The Barn clinched the Division B title on Wednesday, March 19, by defeating Kindred Spirits II in the MSA Winter Billiards League. The Galleon remained in second place in Division B, but had to face The Barn on March 26 in a shootout at the Galleon.

Division A leader Four 611 saw Bacchus I move to within one-half match of a share of the lead in Division A. The Ranch Hands remain third, with only two weeks left in regular season play.

The MSA Billards vs. MSA Bowlers Pool Tournament will be held Saturday, April 5. Sign-up time is 3:00 p.m. at The Barn. All interested people are invited to join.



MSA's Nick Escobedo setting up for the MSA Bake Sale held recently at The Galleon (Rich Corder photo)

Kitch Defends No. 1 Ranking in Hou-Tex

Jim Kitch, in defense of his No. 1 ranking, stopped Eugene's string of wins by a score of 6-4, 6-1 in last Sunday's Hou-Tex Tennis Club play. Eugene may experience more setbacks and even Jim's top ranking is in jeopardy once inactive members return to the Hou-Tex Challenge Ladders.

Eddie Chavez had a pleasureless win when Lou Garza suffered a possible torn Achilles tendon during the first game of their match. Club members hope it is only

a minor strain and wish Lou a speedy recover. Gabe Herpin had another easy win this week as he defended against Henry Eckhardt 6-0, 6-1.

The Coca-Cola Open activities have forced the club to suspend its regular schedule for Sunday, March 30. The regular 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. schedule will resume April 6. Wednesday's doubles activities from 7:30-9:00 p.m. will continue as usual.

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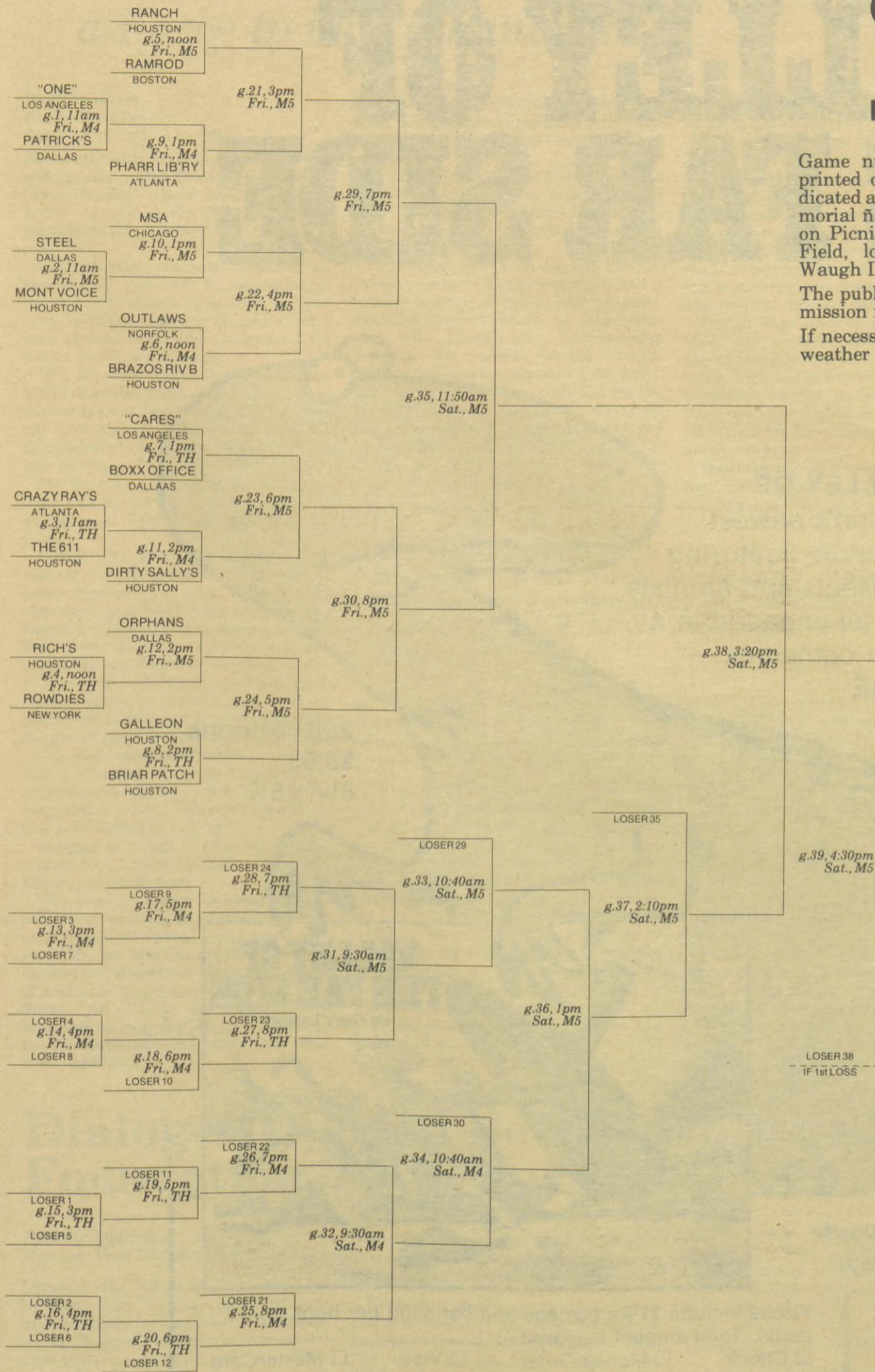
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Game number, time, day and field are printed on the chart in italics. Fields indicated are M4 for Memorial #4, M5 for Memorial #5 (both located in Memorial Park on Picnic Drive) and TH for Tim Hearn Field, located at Memorial Drive and Waugh Drive, near Spotts Park.

The public is invited to all games. No admission fee. Refreshments available.

If necessary, games postponed because of weather will be played Sunday.



20 Teams Compete for 'Lone Star' Title

By Pete Diamond
Montrose Voice Staff Reporter

For many sports minded individuals, Spring often means one thing—softball. This weekend, softball fans will have the opportunity to watch 20 teams from across the country compete in the fourth Lone Star Classic softball tournament.

This year, teams from Los Angeles, New York, Atlanta, Boston, Norfolk, Va., Dal-

las and Houston will play in the tournament, sponsored by the Montrose Softball League.

Games scheduled for today, March 28, began at 11:00 a.m. at the Tim Hearn and Memorial 4 and 5 playing fields. New games begin every hour and tournament play will continue through the day's last scheduled games, which begin at 8:00 p.m. The double-elimination tournament

resumes on the Memorial playing fields Saturday morning at 9:30, with the championship game set to be played at 3:20 p.m. Sunday is being reserved as a rain date.

Following Saturday's games, a banquet and awards ceremony will be held at Rich's disco with Risky Business providing entertainment. Awards will then be presented to teams placing first through fourth in the tournament and individual

trophies will be given to first and second place team members.

The Tim Hearn playing field is located at Memorial Drive and Jackson Hill, across from Spotts Park. Memorial fields 4 and 5 are located in Memorial Park on Picnic Lane, which intersects Memorial Drive. Additional information can be obtained by calling the Montrose Softball League office at 524-3144.

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Six Months Later

Mexico City's Earthquake Victims a Force to be Reckoned With

By John Ross
Pacific News Service
Special to the Montrose Voice

Six months after September's devastating earthquake, most of Mexico City's 200,000 "damnificados"—those who lost their homes in the quake—have organized themselves into a social force to be reckoned with.

Temporarily grouped together in government approved encampments or living on the streets, or in severely damaged buildings, they are digging in for a long struggle with the government for decent permanent housing.

"We are more united than ever," says Maria Antonia Martin outside the tin shed that sleeps her family of five in a center city encampment. "We will do what we always have to do to push the government into serving us."

Martin says, "We have no water, no lights, we don't even have doorknobs, so we have to take turns guarding our things."

Camps like Martin's—located in an ancient quarter of the city that attracts many tourists—are often hidden from view on vacant lots behind whitewashed fences. The further one is encamped from the center, the worse conditions in the camps become. People in the outlying colonies have been living in tents and cardboard shacks for months now, with no sanitation facilities and little hope that the government is moving to help them.

"We live worse than the prisoners," says Abram Sanchez, a young tenant in an encampment located outside the walls of Lecumberri prison. "We can't depend on this government to help us."

Sanchez is trying to raise funds from private foundations to build replacement housing in his district.

"We do many things for ourselves now that before we thought only the PRI (Mexico's 57-year-old ruling party) could do," says Eduardo Marada, a dapper hair stylist and ex-boxer who is the representative of a tenants' union on downtown Regina Street. "All of us in this building have been here so long that we are like family, but the earthquake helped us to become more organized."

Now Miranda walks his neighborhood daily taking down complaints which the union then presents to government representatives.

Dozens of such unions have sprung up all over the city since the earthquake, and their incessant pressuring of authorities has been a source of irritation to the de la Madrid government.

"The earthquake most severely affected the very center of the city which has been a symbol of power since the Aztec empire," explains Gustavo Esteva, an anthropologist who coordinates interchanges between the various tenant unions. "When the bureaucrats saw their buildings falling down, they panicked. So the government became incapable of managing the situation last September, and the people saw that they could take care of things on their own very well. This changed people's lives."

One example: In Mexico City, where

elaborate ceremonies resembling political rallies. Once a week the president ventures into the city's poorer neighborhoods to turn over credentials legitimizing the right of the homeless to camp where they are already encamped.

One recent Thursday, de la Madrid was in the colony of Valle Gomez, an old low-slung working class neighborhood where the local tenants' union is arduously clearing ground for new camps to which they have not yet acquired title.

For 10 days prior to the presidential visit, city workers swept streets and erased anti-government slogans from the walls. And on the day de la Madrid was scheduled to arrive, the Calles Park where the ceremonies were to be held was sealed off by six busloads of troops with automatic weapons.

Magdalena Trejo Vazquez, the ebullient local tenants' representative, paused from her efforts to clean out a vacant lot to com-

The earthquake, which came three days after Mexico's official independence day, represented a new kind of independence day in Esteva's view, one which freed the city's citizens from its government.

there is usually at least one homicide or serious assault every 45 minutes, the violence rate dropped to zero in the first days following the earthquake.

The earthquake, which came three days after Mexico's official independence day, represented a new kind of independence day in Esteva's view, one which freed the city's citizens from its government. Since then, the de la Madrid government has battled back via the media and the bureaucracy to regain the initiative.

"They have launched a campaign to take credit for everything, and co-opt the volunteerism of the people," thinks Esteva, "but no one believes them."

Indeed, as the six month anniversary of the great quake approaches, President de la Madrid and the ruling PRI party have been handing out medals to volunteers at

ment on the government's plans. "We have lived here for decades, and what we think the government really wants to do is move us to the outskirts of town," she said, holding hands with five nodding companeros.

"But this is our neighborhood, I was born here, and if I were to move, I wouldn't know anyone. Anyway, I'm not moving. You can tell the President I'm staying right here waiting for him to build me a new house."

Magdalena's spearhead commentary was momentarily disrupted by a helicopter flying officials into the ceremonies down the street. "You have to ask yourself what kind of a government it is that invades a neighborhood with soldiers just to give us our certificates," the 30-year-old mother of two asked. "Doesn't it seem like the President is scared of the people?"

Dialogue Opened Between KS/AIDS Foundation, AIDS Hospital Group

By Pete Diamond
Montrose Voice Staff Reporter

Although the KS/AIDS Foundation of Houston has neither opposed nor endorsed plans for a proposed AIDS hospital in Houston, foundation representatives met recently with officials of the corporation planning the hospital to express their concerns and obtain a better understanding of the hospital's operation.

American Medical International, Inc., is proposing to develop the nation's first hospital specializing in AIDS research and the treatment and care of people with AIDS. While still in the planning stages, AMI plans to convert Citizens General, its north Houston general-service hospital, and seek affiliation with the University of Texas and M.D. Anderson Tumor Institute.

The controversial plan has raised fears that the proposed facility might be a first step towards quarantining AIDS patients. During a meeting with KS/AIDS Foundation representatives March 21, AMI offi-

cialists stated they were opposed to an AIDS quarantine and assured that the facility would not be used for such a purpose.

Explaining their concern about the proposed conversion, KS/AIDS Foundation boardmember Patrick di Battista said, "As the service provider for people with AIDS and as the AIDS educator in Houston, we feel a need to be informed about anything that might impact AIDS services in Houston."

At the meeting, the two groups discussed 16 questions relating to the proposed hospital and its operation. Topics ranged from what AMI felt the advantages of a specialized treatment center were over existing facilities already offering such treatments, to security problems an AIDS hospital and research facility might pose.

According to di Battista, AMI representatives said they feel a specialized treatment facility would be able to better serve

outpatient needs. Although it will not be known until later in April if UT regents finalize clinical affiliations with AMI, AMI officials have tentatively said UT and M.D. Anderson will be responsible for staffing the facility, with the responsibility of managing the facility falling to AMI.

Another question asked of AMI officials concerned their efforts to coordinate the social service needs of their outpatients with social services agencies such as the KS/AIDS Foundation and the Visiting Nurses Association, which already provide assistance for persons with AIDS. Because the AIDS hospital is still in the planning stages, the answers to some questions, such as this, have not been completely worked out, however.

The two groups are planning similar meetings in the near future, and with the continued exchange of information and further discussions, it is likely that more definite answers concerning operation of the proposed hospital will be available.

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Spielberg's 'Money Pit' is the Pits

By Scott Cutsinger
Montrose Voice Film Critic

It's been a bad year so far for director/producer Steven Spielberg. His *Young Sherlock Holmes* was a bomb. He was snubbed by the Academy for a Best Director nomination. His serious effort *The Color Purple* didn't get a single award at the Oscars. And now he's released a new production, *The Money Pit*.

Sorry Steve, this is no gem. In fact, this sorry attempt at a screwball comedy is a disaster. At less than one and one-half hours long, you can tell this film has been hastily re-edited (even though it was supposed to be a Christmas release). It also has very few laughs and a stupid plot.

The story centers on Walter and Anna, young lovers who are forced to buy a house. Anna's former husband is returning from Europe, and they've been staying in his home. Frantically they search for a place to set up house—with very little money.



Walter (Tom Hanks) is trying to restore his house and his relationship with Anna when her ex-husband, Max (Alexander Godunov), pays a surprise visit in "Money Pit"

They end up buying this \$1 million dollar estate that this old woman is selling for \$200,000. You would think that Walter, a lawyer for rock groups, would think something is fishy. But people can't pass up a bargain, and they are soon in possession of a huge new . . . lemon.

Turns out the house is a decrepit piece of junk. Everything starts falling down around them. Unlikely things like door frames, chimneys, and a whole staircase. This is a chance to display great special effects, but it all seemed too unlikely and silly.

Things get more bizarre when a group of musclemen and hippies show up to repair plumbing and electrical. They literally rip the house to shreds, which seemed so unnecessary. Meanwhile, Walter and Anna stand by looking very naive and innocent.

The Money Pit tries for a lot of laughs, but for some reason the audience wasn't responding. Many of the lines were old, and others just weren't funny. It was similar to *Gung Ho* in many ways—a good idea that wasn't developed.

Tom Hanks and Shelley Long do their best to make it work, but they're forced to swim against the current. Only Alexander Godunov (*Witness*) comes out the winner as a self-centered conductor who wants to get Anna back. Maureen Stapleton has a part so small you'll miss it if you blink twice.

Director Richard Benjamin has done better work with *My Favorite Year* and *Racing With the Moon*, but this film is even worse than his disastrous *City Heat*. The problem lies in the screenplay, which Benjamin throws at the audience at such a frantic pace it just doesn't work. It's a good storyline stretched out until it's no

longer recognizable or even fun.

No doubt, this film will be at least a minor hit. I found it to be a major disappointment and not at all funny, but some people will enjoy the few slapstick sequences. Come on Steve, chin up and let's serve up some more excitement like *Jaws* and *Close Encounters*.

□ Just Between Friends

We rarely see small, intimate films at our theaters anymore. Television has gobbled up all the major social problems for their "Movies of the Week," and moviemakers must make big blockbusters or cheap laugh comedies to get people to the theaters. Mary Tyler Moore's new film *Just Between Friends* takes the "small film" risk, and it will be interesting to see if it succeeds or fails.

The film is a touching look at the relationship between two very different women. Moore is Holly, a conservative



"Out of Africa" received seven Academy Awards including Best Picture

fronts Sandy and dissolves the friendship (as might be expected). The two women finally realize that they had more in common than they every dreamed of.

Just Between Friends is about on the level of a high-grade HBO special with more profanity. However, the performances are very good and I found the movie to be an enjoyable and emotional experience. Especially noteworthy is Christine Lahti (*Swing Shift*) who has a very nicely written part that she plays to perfection. She adds some great comic touches to many scenes, and hopefully we'll see her in more features soon.

Mary Tyler Moore is fine, but her role is too much like her original "Mary" character on television. This is probably because the film is written, produced, and directed by Allan Burns, the man responsible for "The Mary Tyler Moore Show." Compared to Lahti's character, Mary's part is almost bland and lifeless. I realize that they were trying to have a sharp contrast between the two women, but Lahti's character is so interesting that we often overlook Mary because, frankly, she's boring.

Sam Waterson is a pleasant surprise as Harry, a friend of the wayward husband. He is so warm and fuzzy, you just want to pick him up and hug him like a puppy dog. His lines are also well-written, and he really adds a lot as a man who seems to be a friend to all. Ted Danson ("Cheers") has the tiny role of the husband, and he does it

well. The character is similar to the one he plays on television but he does his best in an unsympathetic role of a man who wants a wife as well a lover.



Christine Lahti (left) and Mary Tyler Moore star in "Just Between Friends"

housewife who takes care of a family and teaches aerobics on the side. Christina Lahti is Sandy, a brash and bold television reporter who fights to get what she wants.

The two women meet at aerobics and amazingly become warm, trusting friends. Sandy begins to bring out a new side of Holly, more out-going and more modern than the past mother-like image. Holly is thrilled to break out of her shell, and thrilled to find someone that she can sit and relate to. Sandy is excited because she has the friend that she lacked, and can also learn about the family life that she wants but doesn't have.

The bubble bursts when Holly's husband is killed in an accident. Searching through her husband's office later on, Holly is shocked to find a picture of her husband with Sandy. In a rage, she con-

Well, fine. I should have known that the Academy would go for *Out of Africa* after giving Best Picture to similar epics like *Chariots of Fire* and *Ghandi* in the past. The highly touted *The Color Purple* (my choice) turned out to be a big no-show with absolutely zero awards for its 11 nominations. This makes it tied with *The Turning Point* as the biggest loser in the Academy's history.

While I didn't do too well with my predictions, I managed to get three of the six biggies. William Hurt won a well-deserved Best Actor award for *Kiss of the Spider Woman*, and Geraldine Page finally got her statue (after eight times up) for the little-seen *Trip to Bountiful*. I picked the wrong old-timers to win other categories: Sydney Pollack (*Out of Africa*) beat the aging John Huston for Best Director, and Don Ameche (*Cocoon*) won the sentimental Best Supporting Actor nod over *Africa's* vastly superior Klaus Maria Brandauer.

Surprisingly, *Out of Africa* swept the awards with seven of 11 wins for Best Picture, Art Direction, Director, Sound, Original Score, Screenplay Adaptation, and Cinematography. Personally, I felt that films like *Ran*, *Brazil* and even *The Color Purple* were technically better since *Africa* was often fuzzy and had several bad "matte shots" that stuck out terribly. *Witness* and *Back to the Future* took two of the other technical trophies, Best Editing for *Witness* and Best Sound Effects Editing for *Future*.

Three winners were no big surprise. Angelica Huston for *Prizzi's Honor*, *Mask* for Best Make-up, and *Cocoon* for Visual Effects. *Ran* was a surprise for Best Costume, while the inane "Say You, Say Me" beat out the poignant "Separate Lives" for Best Song. *Witness* and *Africa* received the Best Screenplay awards for "Original" and "Adapted," respectively.

The Oscar telecast was a little over three hours (as usual) but turned out to be a lot less boring than usual. Alan Alda and Jane Fonda were charming hosts, but Robin Williams provided the biggest laughs with his hilarious and witty jokes and humor. There were plenty of neat movie clips, gorgeous sets, and (thankfully) some nice short speeches.

One major flaw was parading so many actors and actresses as presentors that were snubbed by the Academy this year. Was this a way of showing recognition, or merely a tidbit thrown in to appease sore egos. People like Norma Aleandro (*Official Story*) and Cher (*Mask*) were forced to make the best of a rather poor situation. It would have been much nicer to use more older, established stars that people would love to see.

In all, this was a pretty exciting Oscar ceremony because there were several surprises and few long-winded speeches. With Cher in a stunningly sexy dress and Barbara Streisand actually appearing to give out the Best Director award (her appearances always seem to be a media event), we really couldn't ask for more. Except for William Hurt's win for a gay character—a bold and exhilarating move from a very staid group of people.

□ Academy Awards

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Ensemble Returns with 'The Birds'

By Bill O'Rourke
Montrose Voice Theater Critic

The Ensemble is finally back with us again. They've just reopened their newly-remodeled space and it is beautiful.

The Birds (Aristophanes') is a curious beast.

I loved all of the individual performances. Wayne DeHart and Deborah Oliver Artis are lovable rogues. It's never explained, however, just why Deborah is playing a man. Instead of painting a day-old beard on her, why didn't they just put a skirt on the character? Euelpides does not have to be a man.

These two search out the King of the Birds (a very agile Michael Ballard) and DeHart convinces him to claim the air for his country and build an armed city there. This was in the days when men burned offerings to gods who then came down to earth to help them. Put yourself in between them and charge taxes and suddenly you're the most important being in the universe.

Of course, you're also suddenly besieged by all the pests that besiege any city. Kijana Wiseman and Regina Murphey are fun as messengers. Butter wouldn't melt in the mouth of John Baldwin's real estate man. My favorite was Rodney Walsworth as the poet, even though he'd stolen almost all his schtick straight from Billie Duncan.

The press release said this production would look at Greek culture through the eyes of black culture. It did and it was very interesting on that level. However, you would think that a culture that has given us "rap" music wouldn't let the pace drag when the chorus is on. Long sections of the piece really need some driving rhythm.

Paul Bannan created a black and white set richly evocative of clouds. With the exception of King's running and bounding all over the place, the set was woefully under-used. Instead, almost all of the action happened down in front of the set. Several times, indeed, actors caromed into happily vacant front row seats.

Carol Van Valkenburg's costumes are quite nice, too. But, for my money, they are entirely too monochromatic.

Director Ed Muth has provided us with a very entertaining, though uneven, comedy.

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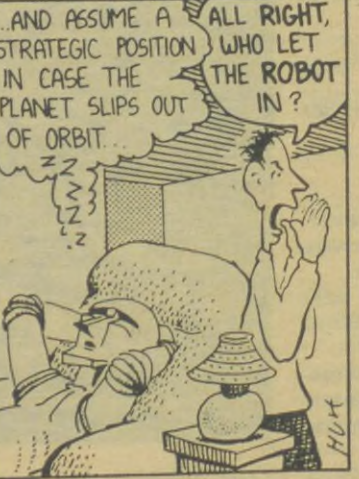
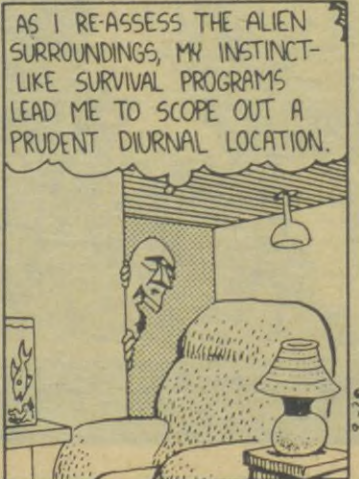
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AIDS Action Council/Federacion of AIDS Related Organizations, 1115 Independence Av SE, Washington, DC 20003, (212) 547-3101
Gay & Lesbian Press Assn, POB A, Old Chelsea Sta, New York, NY 10011, (212) 989-6622
Gay Rights Nat Lobby, POB 1892, Washington, DC 20013, (202) 546-1801
Human Rights Campaign Fund, POB 1396, Washington, DC 20013, (202) 546-2025
Intl Gay Assn, RFLS, Box 350, S-10125 Stockholm, Sweden, phone +46-8 84 80 50
Lambda Legal Defense, 132 W 43rd, New York, NY 10039, (212) 944-9488
Lesbian/Gay Rights Advocates, POB 822, Austin 78767
Nat Assn of Business Councils, Box 15145, San Francisco, CA 94115, (415) 885-6383
Nat Assn of Gay & Lesbian Demo Clubs, 1742 Mass Av SE, Washington, DC 20003, (202) 547-3104
Nat Gay Health Educ Foundation, POB 784, New York, NY 10036, (212) 563-8313 or Dr Greenberg (713) 523-5204
Nat Gay Rights Advocates, 540 Castro, San Francisco, CA 94114, (415) 863-3624
Nat Gay Task Force (NGTF), 80 5th Av, New York, NY 10011, (212) 741-5800
NGTF's Crisisline, (800) 221-7044 (outside New York State)
Rural Coalition, c/o Waller-Zanghi, Box 611, Blum, TX 75627
Tx Gay/Lesbian Task Force, POB AK, Denton 76201, (817) 387-8216
US Transvestite-Transsexual Contact Svc, 1017-B E Pike, Seattle, WA 98122, (206) 624-8266

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Aid for AIDS, POB66414, 77266, 526-6077
An A Capella Chorus, Church of Christ, POB 66734, 77266
A Place in the Sun, 522-7695
ACLU, 1236 W Gray, 524-5925
AIDS Hotline, 529-3211 (G&L Switchboard)
American Gay Atheists, POB 66711, 77266, 527-9255
Astro Rainbow Society for the Deaf, 520-0732 (TTY)
Avondale Assn, POB 66054, 77266, meets 7:30pm 2nd Thurs, Women's Christian Ctr, 310 Pacific
Azulao Womyn's Magazine, 6130 SW Fwy #335, 266-5237
Bayou B'lu Singers, Robert Moon, dir, 209 Stratford, 868-3084
Bering Memorial United Methodist Church, 1440 Harold, 526-1017, svc 10:50am Sun; Gay Pride Week pancake breakfast 11am-3pm Jun 28; Gay Pride Week pet show 4pm Jun 28
Choices Unlimited, 529-3211 (G&L Switchboard)
Christian Church of the Good Shepherd, 1707 Montrose, svc 1pm Sun, Bible study 7:30pm Thurs
Church of Christian Faith, 1840 Westheimer, 529-8005, svcs 10:45am Sun, Bible study 7:30pm Wed, Rev. Chris A. Rice, pastor
Church of the Rock, 580-8456, svcs Sun 10:30am
Citizens for Human Equality (CHE), POB 3045, 77253, 680-3346, 937-3516, meet 2nd Tues, 2414 Gramercy
Cleis, Lesbian Mothers Group, Sarra 473-3708, meets 2nd & 4th Thurs, Dignity Ctr
Clippers, 342-6502
Colt 45's, Darrrel Butler pres, meets at Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos, 528-9192
Committee for Public Health Awareness, POB 3045, 77253, 528-6333, 522-5084, "Sharing Group for the Worried Well" meet Fri, 7-8pm, Montrose Counseling Ctr
Community Political Action Committee (C-PAC), POB 2005, 77252, 236-8666
Community Gospel Ctr, 3207 Montrose, 521-0511, Svcs 11am Sun, 7:30pm Thurs
Congregation Aytz Chayim, 688-8997, 728-5181, svc & social 8pm 2nd & 4th Fri, Holiday Inn, Main & Blodgett
Couples: Gay Pride Week pet show 4pm Jun 28, Bering Church
Crisis Hotline, 228-1505
Demo Committee of GPC, 526-8834
Dharma Study Group, 406 Avondale, 524-9554
Diana Foundation, 2700 Mason, 524-5791
Dignity/Hou (gay Catholics), 3217 Fannin, 528-0111, 523-7644; mass & social 7:30pm Sat
ESOPS Private Professional Social Club, 961-9876
Federation of Charities United for Social Services (FOCUSS), joint fundraising arm of G&L Switchboard, KS/AIDS Foundation, Montrose Clinic, Montrose Counseling Ctr
1st Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin, 526-1571, svc 11:15am Sun
Frontrunners, Joe 520-8019 or Salvador 529-1288; runs Sun, Tues & Thurs Memorial Park Tennis Ctr, Gay Pride Week sports day (tentative) Jun 21
Gay & Alive Sharing Experience (GASE), 528-1311, 528-0891
Gay & Lesbian Archives of Tx: affiliate of I/H Inc
Gay & Lesbian Mormons, 1713 Westheimer 66040, 77098, 568-1413
Gay & Lesbian Student Assn at UofH, Box 314, 4800 Calhoun, 529-3211 (G&L Switchboard)
Gay & Lesbian Switchboard, POB 66591, 77266, 529-3211; information, counseling, referrals, TTY, AIDS Hotline
Gay Asians & Friends, 785-3633 or G&L Switchboard
Gay Fathers, 3217 Fannin, 528-0111
G&L Hispanics Unidos, POB 600921, 77260, 521-3641; meets 7pm 2nd Mon, Dignity Ctr; Gay Pride Week event Jun 27
Gay Nurses Alliance, 880-9486
Gay People in Christian Science, Box 613, Bellaire 77401, 665-2642

Gay Political Caucus (GPC), POB 66664, 77266, 521-1000; meets 3217 Fannin 1st & 3rd Wed; candidate screening mid-March; membership deadline Mar 3 for general caucus endorsements Apr 2; primary election May 3; Gay Pride Week community awards dinner Jun 27; Gay Pride Week Spotts Park Rally Jun 28
(Hou) Gay Pride Week Committee, POB 66821, 77266, Stan Ford 523-7644 or Cathy Lenahan 868-6256; public meetings Mar 23, Apr 27, Jun 1, 4pm, Dignity Ctr; Gay Pride Week Jun 19-29; commemoration of raid on Mary's (tentative) Jun 20; Sports Day/ Dinner (tentative) Jun 21; Walk for Unity (tentative) Jun 22, DJ Spinoff (tentative) Jun 22; Montrose Art Alliance exhibit 7:30-11pm Jun 23; "The Group" live theater presentation Jun 24; Day of Remembrance (tentative) Jun 26; Gay & Lesbian Hispanics Unidos event Jun 27; GPC community awards dinner Jun 27; Bering Church pancake breakfast 11am-3pm and pet show 4pm Jun 28; Greater Montrose Business Guild business building workshop & trade fair (tentative) 9:30am-3:30pm Allen Park Inn Jun 28; Montrose Symphonic Band concert (tentative) Jun 28; Lower Westheimer-Waugh Dr. parade 5:30pm Jun 29; GPC Spotts Park Rally Jun 29
Greater Montrose Business Guild, Phyllis Frye pres, 723-8368 or 524-9511; general meeting 7pm, last Wed, Backstreet Cafe, 1103 S Shepherd; board meeting 2nd or 3rd Thurs; business building workshop & trade fair (tentative) 9:30am-3:30pm Allen Park Inn Jun 28
"The Group" theater workshop, Joe Watts 522-2204; meets 7pm Thurs, Dignity Ctr, 3217 Fannin, Gay Pride Week presentation Jun 24
Hazelwitich Productions, 2615 Waugh Dr #266, 77006; lesbian concerts, free mailing list
Homophile Interfaith Alliance, 729 Manor, 523-6969
Hou Area G&L Engineers & Scientists, POB 66631, 77006, 439-1879; meets 7pm 4th Tues
Hou Bar Owners Assn (HOB0), c/o Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos, 528-9192; meets 2pm 2nd Wed
Hou Community Clowns, 862-8314
Hou Council of Clubs, 526-8054
Hou Data Professionals, 523-6922, 664-6459; meets 7:30pm 2nd Tues
Hou Flag & Drill Corps, David Walker pres, 952-2776 after 6pm
Hou Gay Health Advocates, Steve Burton, 790-9448; meets 7:30pm 1st Sat
Hou Gay Students Assn, 747-3098
Hou Inter-Faith Alliance: contact through Integrity/Hou
Hou Motorcycle Club, c/o Mary's, 1022 Westheimer, 528-8851
Hou North Professionals, POB 3840, Humble 77347, Bill at 821-7126, meet 7:30pm 2nd Sat
Hou Outdoor Group (HOG), 521-3641 or Jim 680-3144
Houston Tennis Club, Rich 524-2151; play 9am-Sun Sun & 7:30-9pm Thurs, Homer Ford Tennis Ctr
HouTex Tennis Club, David 926-7171; play 10:30am-1:30pm Sun, Homer Ford Tennis Ctr
(MUTUAL TENNIS) events: 6th annual "U.S. Gay Open" National Tennis Tournament May 24-26, San Francisco; Gay Pride Week sports day (tentative) Jun 21
I/H Inc, POB 16041, 77222, 694-1732, 529-7014; affiliated groups are Interact, B'zarrio's A Place in the Sun, Montrose Art Alliance, G&L Archives of Tx, G&L Switchboard, Montrose Symphonic Band; board meet 7:30pm 1st Thurs (varied locations); educational forum 7:30pm 3rd Thurs
Ingersoll Speakers' Bureau, POB 391, Bellaire 77401, 669-4064
Integrity/Hou (Episcopalian), POB 66008, 77266, 524-1489; meets 7:30pm 2nd & 4th Mon, Autry House, 6265 Main
Interact (over 40 group), POB 16041, 77222, 694-1732
KPFT Radio, FM-90, 419 Lovett Blvd, 526-4000; "Breakthrough" lesbian-feminist pgm Fri 8-15-11am, "Wild n Stein" gay pgm Thurs 7:30-9:00pm
KS/AIDS Foundation, 3317 Montrose Box 1155, 77006, 524-2437
Jerry Kauffman Cancer Fund, 778-4106
Krew of Hydra, 811 Graceland, Bill Mercier 726-1032
Lambda Ctr Gay Alcoholics & Alanon, 1214 Jo Annie, 521-9772
Lesbian/Gay Resource Svc, University of Hou, 4800 Calhoun, box 309, 77004, 749-1253; meets 2:30pm alternate Tues, Spindletop Room, 2nd floor, University Ctr
Let Us Entertain You Weekend, project of Hou Council of Clubs, 526-8054
The Little Church, 212 Fargo, 522-7695; svcs 2:30pm Sun
Living Water Church, 271-6472 (5-10pm); svcs 6pm Sun, Holiday Inn Main & Blodgett, Rev. Jeanne Leggett
Lone Star Nudist Group, POB 740572, 77274
Lower Westheimer Police Sub-Station, 802 Westheimer, 529-3100
Lutherans Concerned, meets at Grace Lutheran Church, 2515 Waugh, 931-0648; meet 3rd Tues evenings
McAdory House, c/o KS/AIDS Foundation, 3317 Montrose Box 1155, 524-2437
Men Against Deception Courtesy Club, POB 541871, 77254, 529-3211 (G&L Switchboard); meets bi-weekly
Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection (MCCR), 1919 Decatur, 861-9149; pot-luck dinner 7:30pm 1st Sat monthly; svcs 10:45am & 7:15pm Sun & 7:15pm Wed; membership inquirers class 7:30pm Mon; education classes Tues & Wed evs
Metropolitan Pentecostal Church, 686-0280; svcs 2pm Sun, Bering Activities Bldg, Mulberry at Hawthorne
(Hou) Metropolitan Wind Ensemble, 529-9610; Meets St Stephens Episcopal Church, 7:30 Wed
Montrose Art Alliance, 694-1732, 868-9314, 869-5332; affiliate I/H Inc; meets 2nd Mon; Gay Pride Week exhibit 7:30-11pm Jun 23
Montrose Business Guild: see Greater Montrose Bus Guild
Montrose Church of Christ, 1700 Montrose, 777-9286; svc 11am Sun
Montrose Civic Club: see Neartown Assn

Montrose Clinic, 803 Hawthorne, 528-5531; open Mon, Tue, Thurs 6-9pm
Montrose Country Cloggers, 456-8861; meet 7-10pm Fri MCCR Church, 1919 Decatur, "Westward Ho... Set!" 7:30pm Feb 23 BRB, 7pm Mar 2 Kindred Spirits, "Clogging at It's Best" 10:45pm Feb 28, 9:30pm Mar 1, 8pm Mar 5, The Barn
Montrose Counseling Ctr, 900 Lovett #203, 529-0037; AIDS victim support group 6:30pm Mon; Women's Support Group 7pm Tues
Montrose Singers, gay men's chorus, Mike 526-3810
Montrose Softball League, POB 22272, 77227, 524-3144; Gay Pride Week sports day (tentative) Jun 21
Montrose Sports Assn (MSA): see specific subgroup; Gay Pride Week sports day (tentative) Jun 21
Montrose Symphonic Band, POB 66613, 77266, 527-9454; meet 7:30pm Tues, Dignity Ctr, 3217 Fannin; affiliate I/H Inc; Gay Pride Week concert (tentative) Jun 28
MORE, 526-MORE, 529-0037; alcoholism outpatient treatment pgm, project Montrose Counseling Ctr
MSA/Mon Night Bowling, play Stadium Lanes, 8200 Braesmain, Steve 692-4597; Gay Pride Week sports day (tentative) Jun 21
MSA/Thurs Night (Mixed League) Bowling, Mike Weikert at 973-1358; play 9pm Stadium Lanes, 8200 Braesmain; Gay Pride Week sports day (tentative) Jun 21
MSA Pool (Billiards) League, Debbie Scott 973-1358 or Dennis Lord 660-8752; Gay Pride Week sports day (tentative) Jun 21
MSA/Volleyball, Mark 522-1469; games 7pm Tues, Gregory-Lincoln school, 1101 Taft; Gay Pride Week sports day (tentative) Jun 21

Montrose Watch: subgroup Neartown Assn
National Gay Health Education Foundation, 523-5204
National Organization for Women (NOW) Lesbian Rights Task Force, POB 440422, 77244
Neartown Assn (Montrose Civic Club), 1413 Westheimer; meet 7pm 4th Tues
Neartown Business Alliance, 529-7010; meets 7pm 2nd Wed, Liberty Bank, 1001 Westheimer
New Freedom Christian Church, 829 Yale, 863-8377; svcs 10am Sun
Overeaters Anonymous, c/o Montrose Counseling Ctr, 900 Lovett, Peggy at 526-4015; meets 8pm Sun, Montrose Counseling Ctr, & 8pm Wed, Bering Church, 1440 Harold
Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (Parents FLAG), 464-8663; meets 2pm 3rd Sun, Presbyterian Ctr, 41 Oakdale
Park People, c/o Neartown Community Fire-house, 741-2524
Paz y Liberacion, POB 600063, 77260, 862-1476
Presbyterians for Lesbian/Gay Concerns, Presbyterian Ctr, 41 Oakdale, 526-2584; meets 7:30pm 2nd Tues
Presidents Club (past presidents GPC), POB 66844, 77266, 523-6024
Recreational Land Fund Committee, Renegades project
Renegades, meets at the Barn, 710 Pacific, 528-9427; club night Thurs
Rice Univ Gay/Lesbian Support Group, 529-3211 (G&L Switchboard)
Rothko Chapel, 1409 Sul Ross, 524-9839
Shanti of Tx counseling for life-threatening illnesses, 522-5084
Society for 2nd Self (Tri-Ess), Gulf Coast Transvestite Chapter, POB 90335, 77090
Society for the Promotion of Amazon Sado-Masochism (SPASM), POB 70996, 77270, G&L Switchboard 529-3211
Sundance Cattle Co social club, c/o The Barn, 710 Pacific, 528-9427
Tx Gay Rodeo Assn (TGRA) Hou chapter, Drawer 1194, POB 66973, 77006, 526-5001; meet 2pm Mar 2 Bacchus, 523 Lovett; Gay Pride Week sports day (tentative) Jun 21
Tx Human Rights Foundation, 1915 Commonwealth, 522-2824
Tx Riders, c/o Ripcord, 714 Fairview, 521-2792
WBB Bowling, Myrt 723-1455; bowls 7:30pm Sun, Post Oak Bowling Lanes, Gay Pride Week sports day (tentative) Jun 21
Walk for Unity, Gay Pride Week Committee; Gay Pride Week walk (tentative) Jun 22
Weslayan Fellowship, 864-8899
Westheimer Colony Arts Assn, 1001 Westheimer #163, 521-0133; poster contest deadline noon Mar 12; poster contest judging Mar 14; Spring Art Festival Apr 19-20, 1001 Westheimer
What Ever Happened to Baby Jane Mixed Bowling League, Billy Phelps 993-0243; evs: bowls 8:45pm Thurs, Stadium Lanes; Gay Pride Week sports day (tentative) Jun 21
Women's Bowling League, Debbie 973-1358; 5pm Sun Stadium Lanes, 8200 Braesmain; Gay Pride Week sports day (tentative) Jun 21
Women's Lobby Alliance, 4 Chelsea, 521-0439
Women's Softball League, 6431 Pineshade, 77008, Cathy or Carolyn 868-6256; Gay Pride Week sports day (tentative) Jun 21; Women's World Series Labor Day weekend, New Haven, Conn.
Womyn Space, 2033 Norfolk, 869-6510

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By the staff of the Montrose Voice

Many items appear in Soap out of commercial consideration

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Miss Alabama (oh, no) is returning to **The Exile** after a decade as Friday night show director. She is replacing *Roxie Star* who's going back to Lake Tahoe on tour.

By popular demand, **The Venture-N** is having a second Uniform Party on April 3 (that's next Thursday).

The V-N is also planning a Mr. Venture-N contest for May.

Maria at **Mary's** says: **Chutes** has fish behind the bar because the piranhas, acting as bartenders, have run off all the customers.

Chutes Mr. "Almost" Butch Contest raised \$800 for the Montrose Clinic.

Over on Pacific Street, **The Montrose Mining Company** celebrates its 8th Anniversary on Thursday, April 3, with complimentary well drinks 8-10pm.



Ron Sioux, left, emcee of Chutes' Mr. "Almost" Butch Contest, with Tony Perry, Chutes manager. Norman from Mary's won the contest with Robert and T.J. placing second and third, respectively (Jerry Mulholland photo)

JR's is having the Jockey Short Finals on, of all days, April 1. Winner receives one ounce of gold.

Steve Wallace and a thousand of his closest friends (or so it seemed) celebrated yet another of Wallace's birthdays Thursday night at **Ruggle's**, well known Lower Westheimer eating place.

Heaven welcomes The After Party Bunny Revelers this weekend. Lone Star Classic players get into Heaven free this weekend with player I.D.

After 21 years and 2 months of work in the "straight world," Narene Kee (owner of **Rock 'N Horse**) has officially retired. Join her for the official retirement party Saturday Night at the bar located at 5731 Kirby. Congratulations Narene!

The traveling production of Simon's **Best Little Whorehouse** has done it again—this time in Nashville, Tenn. where they raised over \$1,500 for Nashville Cares, an organization that helps AIDS victims. They also helped themselves to a good time.



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Sat. March 29

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10-2

TUESDAY

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Party 8pm

SUNDAY
Bar-B-Que

Lip Sync
Contest
10pm

WEDNESDAY

Extended Happy
Hour
Noon 'til Midnight
Dynasty Party

THURSDAY

Pool Tournament
\$4.00 Entry
Winner Takes All

FRIDAY

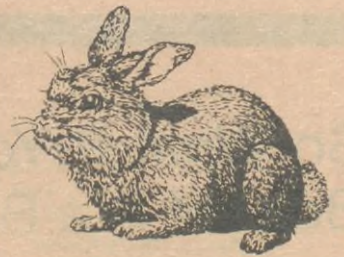
SATURDAY

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Sunday Night
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Sunday Afternoon
EASTER BONNET
CONTEST
\$50 1st Prize

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Friday Night
Amateur Male Strip
Tease Contest
\$75 1st Prize
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8pm-2am
\$2 Well Drinks

Saturday Night
Wet Jockey
Underwear Contest
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\$25 2nd Prize

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BEER BUST
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