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Gay rights group applauds objection to Hampton report

AUSTIN (AP)—The president of a gay rights group applauded an objection filed against a special master's report on a judge who said he gave a lighter sentence to a convicted murderer because his victims were "queers."

In a report last month to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, Special Master Robert Murray didn't find bias or misconduct on state District Judge Jack Hampton's part. He found only that Hampton had violated the Code of Judicial Conduct by talking about a case that was pending appeal.

The Texas Civil Liberties Union, Texas Human Rights Foundation and Austin chapter of the National Lawyers Guild Nov. 14 urged the commission to reject Murray's report and find that Hampton violated rules of conduct for judges.

"It's important that every bit of pressure on Judge Hampton be applied," said William Waybourn, president of the Dallas Gay Alliance. "As long as Judge Hampton is on the bench, homosexuals can expect not to get fair treatment."

Hampton told a Dallas Times Herald reporter last December he

gave a light sentence to a convicted murderer, 18-year-old Richard Bednarski, in part because his two victims were "queers."

"I don't much care for queers cruising the streets for teenage boys," Hampton told the reporter.

Hampton later apologized for a "poor choice of words" and insisted he thought the interview was of the record.

"The special master concluded in his fact-finding that Hampton did indeed say bigoted statements about homosexuals," said Virginia Thompson, an attorney for the

TCLU who helped file the objection. "For the special master to find he did say those things and not find any bias is simply ridiculous."

Ms. Thompson said the groups hope the objection will lead the State Commission on Judicial Conduct to overturn Murray's conclusion.

Hampton's court administrator said Nov. 14 the judge refuses to speak to the media and referred calls to his attorneys, Frank Finn and Dave Kidder.

"I don't know the basis for such an objection," Finn said Nov. 14.

"Throughout the hearing the special master was most attentive to the statements being made and evidence being deduced. The commission's case was poorly stated and poorly proved."

In their objection, the groups argued that the special master's report has shaken public confidence in the judiciary.

"We hope the commission will discipline Hampton to the full extent possible," Ms. Thompson said.

"It would reflect better on the Texas judiciary, what Hampton essentially did was say 'it's no big deal to kill gay people.'"

TGRA concert cut short by tear gas

FORT WORTH (AP)—A country music concert to benefit people with AIDS was halted after a tear gas canister was hurled into the lobby of the building where the event was being held, police said.

No one was injured in the incident last Saturday night, and fire and emergency medical crews helped clear tear gas vapors from the Texas & Pacific building, authorities said.

About 2000 people were listening to the country band Mason Dixon when the canister was thrown in the lobby about 10:30 p.m., said concert goer Leo Russell of San Antonio.

The concert was sponsored by the Texas Gay Rodeo Association.

Russell said he and others inside the building suffered burning noses and throats from the tear gas. Many fled through a back door.

"When we went around front, we saw there had been a lot of people in the lobby," Russell told The Dallas Morning News. "They were outside coughing and crying."

Police said they had received no immediate complaints about the incident.

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ACLU German Montrose resident has mixed reactions to news contests 'pink' tags

BARTOW, Fla. (AP)—Gay inmates at the Polk County Jail are being forced to wear red wrist bands distinguishing them from heterosexual prisoners, and the American Civil Liberties Union has threatened legal action to halt the practice.

But Polk County Sheriff Lawrence W. Crow Jr. thinks the system, referred to as "pink tags," works well.

Robyn Blumber, executive director of the ACLU in Florida, calls it an outrageous and degrading form of "branding."

The Sheriff's Office, which runs the jail, requires gay male and lesbian inmates to wear the red tags; heterosexual inmates wear white ones and escape risks wear green.

Capt. Dale Tray says the tags for gay people are actually "invisibility tags." The bracelets don't come in pink.

"But if they did, we'd buy 'em in pink," Tray told The Ledger in Lakeland for Nov. 11 editions.

Sheriff's officials said gay men and lesbians are segregated from the rest of the inmates and must wear the pink bracelets for their own protection because they are subject to beatings from some heterosexual inmates.

"There's a lot of real mean boys in there," according to Kirk Warren, Crow's general counsel.

Those who don't wear tags lose their privileges.

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By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE
Montrose Voice Editor

Uli Shulze Bortelsbeck watched and read news reports about the opening of the Berlin Wall last week with more than a spectator's interest. Just two months ago, the West German educator-turned-prison worker had seen that wall. He had no idea then what would transpire—so swiftly and dramatically—in November.

Uli, who lives and is a full time volunteer worker at Omega House, a hospice for terminally ill PWAs in Montrose, said he wishes he knew what was going on behind the scenes, what was happening beyond the frenzy of activity at the wall.

"I wish the American media would show what's happening behind the facade, in a typical German town, for instance," he said in his rich accent. "I wish they would focus more on what's happening to the refugees, or what the (German) people are saying about the developments."

"I really miss being there, you know, to know what is really happening. To me, the American reports are a little too focused on the wall itself."

Uli, active in the German peace movement, said he has heard from friends in both East and West Germany. Like Uli, they are watching the developments carefully. They are excited, but have many questions.

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Ms. Blumber recently learned of the practice—reportedly in effect for more than 10 years at the jail—from an attorney who was representing a "pink tagged" inmate in court.

"They are unsure whether there will be any real political differences. Just because the wall is open, doesn't mean there is freedom," he said.

"You have to realize, the wall was put up to keep people in the country (East Germany), and it was opened, also, to keep people in the country."

The mass exodus of people to the west also heralds an uncertain future for East German towns, as professionals leave to seek a more open environment and higher paying positions in the west, noted Uli.

"The medical situation in Leipzig (an East German city) is terrible," he said. "I have a friend there who is a physician, and he told me that at his clinic, most of the doctors have left."

Uli also has mixed emotions about prospects of the so-called "re-unification" of Germany, a subject of worldwide speculation. "I don't know if this unification is really the best thing, from my point of view, you see, capitalism, or consumption, is not the only alternative to communism. Socialism is an old ideal in East Germany. I don't know if it would be wise for that country to lose it."

To clarify his comments, Uli said that "the fact that the wall is going down doesn't mean there won't be any walls in many places there are invisible walls."

"In the western world, capital-

ism means consumption. Don't take me wrong...I come from a capitalistic country and I am living in one. But it's just what I believe. I'm hoping the west will give (the East Germans) a little room to, you know, make up their own minds what they want to do. For instance, I've heard that West Germans now are talking about buying up land in the east, because it is so cheap."

And East Germans, crossing to the west to visit, are encouraged to make purchases there. Since the wall fell, East Germans have been waiting in long lines at West German banks for monetary adjustments from the western government of 1000 marks (about \$30).

Just in the past two weeks, the loss of professional expertise and economic footholds has made the future of some East German towns uncertain.

For social freedoms and advances, Uli does see a positive trend with the open travel between the two countries.

Even before, he noted, information available in the west also reached the East Germans, as all eastern cities except Dresden, which is in a valley, received West German television stations. "But before, the people could not actually go and see, look at what was happening for themselves," he said, "so their perception was filtered. I do think that the free travel will open the society some. But like I said, I have some concerns."

Uli is from the West German town of Westfalen. A former special education teacher, he became active with the peace movement, travelled to the United States for the first time in the spring of 1988. He had a choice of projects, he said, and he visited San Francisco, Los Angeles and Houston on that trip, trying to decide what he wanted to do.

Choosing Houston, he moved here in September, 1988 and became a volunteer for Omega House.

He had already decided that he wanted to work with people with AIDS, a decision prompted in part

by an experience at the school where he taught in Germany.

"One of my students was HIV positive...it became something of a scandal. That was back when not much was known about AIDS," he said.

Leaving through the West German gay magazine Siege Saule, Uli said he believed that presently West Germany is a bit more advanced than the U.S. in the educational aspect of dealing with AIDS. Americans, and especially Texans, seem to be "a little more prudish" about openly disseminating safer sex information.

"In West Germany, we have ads for condoms before movies...teachers are required to teach sex education in the schools. People talk about safer sex on television, everywhere, openly," he said.

In contrast, East Germany, though more progressive in gay rights laws, lags in AIDS information. Uli said he was surprised to find that the first AIDS brochure ever published in East Berlin (in 1987) had no illustrations. "There are no pictures inside at all," he said. Also, he said, it is difficult to ob-



Uli Shulze Bortelsbeck of West Germany is a full time, resident volunteer at the Omega House hospice.

tain condoms in East Germany.

"In East Germany, it is not against the law to be gay, but there are not many talks between gay and the government," he said.

The role the fall of the Berlin Wall will play in broadening social consciousness about human rights issues, if any, is also a mystery.

"For me, it's difficult, being here and wanting to know everything that is happening there," Uli repeated. "My only information is the news. I think the New York Times is the best source, of the American papers."

Though he has a subscription to a weekly West German newspaper and can buy German magazines locally, the insight they would carry has not reached Uli in Houston yet. "Since they are weekly, and have to get here, the news is about a week behind," he explained.

Uli said his next planned trip home is in the summer of 1990. "It will be strange for me to go there now, to be confronted with this change in my own country," he said.



A view from the past: the Berlin Wall, at Brandenburg Gate on Unter den Linden.

Lesbian allowed to remain in Army pending court action

By JOYAL WESLEY
FOR THE MONTROSE VOICE

MILWAUKEE (AP)—An Army Reserve sergeant fighting the Army's ban on homosexuals will be allowed to stay in the service until a planned appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court is settled, her lawyer says.

Attorney Patrick Berigan said Staff Sgt. Miriam Ben-Shalom will be allowed to resume her duties in the Army Reserve's 84th Division because the U.S. 7th Circuit

Court of Appeals in Chicago stayed its earlier decision upholding the ban on gay people in the Army.

The appeals court ruled Aug. 9 the Army had the right to bar Ms. Ben-Shalom from re-enlistment because of her professed homosexuality. The decision overturned a ruling by a U.S. district judge in Milwaukee.

Ben-Shalom said he received a letter from the appeals court Nov. 6 notifying him the ruling will be stayed

until the Supreme Court acts on the appeal. The action allows Ms. Ben-Shalom to resume her duties in the Army, he said.

An officer at the 84th Division could not be reached Nov. 6 to confirm Ms. Ben-Shalom would be allowed to resume her duties, but Ms. Ben-Shalom said she planned to return the weekend of Nov. 11.

Berigan said he will file an appeal before Dec. 1 with the Supreme Court.

"The vast majority of petitions

are denied," Berigan said, "but I think Miriam's case is the best shot that I'll ever see with the Supreme Court because of the issues involved."

The high court would probably decide whether to hear the case by the end of the year, Berigan said. If it does hear the case, he said, he expects arguments to be held in the spring and a decision sometime next summer.

"If the Supreme Court refuses to hear it, we're done," Berigan said. "There's no place else to go."

Ms. Ben-Shalom said she expected to resume her duties as a staff sergeant.

"I'm just thrilled to death that I'm going to be allowed to stay in," she said. "I trust America and I trust our legal system. I have never lost faith in America."

Ms. Ben-Shalom said she was promoted to staff sergeant last month and also had been selected by her company to compete for the title of "Soldier of the Year."

Gay public officials urge unity

By MICHAEL C. BUELOW
FOR THE MONTROSE VOICE

MADISON, Wis. (AP)—Gay public officials must use unity and activism to pursue remedies to stem violence against homosexuals nationwide, a gay member of the Canadian Parliament said Saturday.

"You can repair broken glass, but it's still far more difficult to repair broken bones and broken souls," said Robinson, a member of parliament from British Columbia, said last Saturday.

"The incidence of gay bashing [attacking homosexuals] is still far too high," Robinson said.

Robinson, the first Canadian Parliament member to publicly declare his homosexuality publicly, made his comments during a keynote address to about 70 observers and participants in the 6th annual International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Elected and Appointed Officials. Robinson "came out" in Feb. 1988.

The three-day conference drew about 30 of the estimated 60 public officials in the U.S. and Canada who have publicly declared their homosexuality, said Richard Wagner, chair of the Dane County Board, a co-host of the conference.

They came from about 12 states, Washington D.C. and Canada.

The conference featured seminars on managing a gay and lesbian identity in public office and handling adverse public reaction from constituents. It also featured caucuses and workshops regarding AIDS and discrimination against gays and lesbians.

Robinson told the group a unified effort and continued pressure to change laws and social mores are the best means to tackle violence against homosexuals, AIDS, discrimination and other social ills.

"We still have elected representatives in Canada and elsewhere who speak of AIDS as a self-inflicted wound," Robinson told the group. "As leaders must voice our solidarity and support to urge other government leaders to deal with this terrible health care crisis."

Closet arsonist complicates effort to save building

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE
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A small fire in a closet of a vacant building on Tuam Street has its wheedling bound owner stepping up his efforts—already in progress—to fortify and restore his property. Ed "Typhoon Tessie" Trast, who owns 109 Tuam, has been battling a steady flow of trespassers and vandals, as well as trying to stave off a designation by the city as a "dangerous building" to be demolished. The location most recently housed the Exit, a gay bar that went out of business earlier this year.

Once a single unit home, the building has a long history in the bar business, and has had several gay bar tenants under the ownership of Trast and his family, since 1975. When Trast reported early Monday, Nov. 20, that the building (which is up for sale or lease) would not be bulldozed and that he had found a tenant caretaker for the place, he wasn't aware of the fire. Houston Fire Department arson investigators said the damage caused by the fire was minimal, however. The blaze was confined to an upstairs closet or storeroom, according to Gibb Benben, who has been watching the property since last week, when repairs were made to the plumbing and electrical system and electricity at the

house was turned on.

On Monday, workers arrived to install burglar bars. Benben, who said he had been "almost afraid" to stay in the building overnight before the bars were installed, said he will feel more secure now.

The bars and repairs are part of a determined attempt by Trast to show everyone, including the street people, that though his building was recently vacated it is not "abandoned." He said if the bars don't work, he will install an alarm system.

Friends of Trast, who is residing in Livingston with his parents, while recovering from an automobile accident, have been holding vigil at the house for several nights due to a recent rash of break-ins. Trast said neighbors have complained about drug users taking over the building, and that he was also worried about the intruders. He insisted the building was still quite viable, although it needs about \$4,000 in foundation repairs, and that "the right person" could make it work as a club or other business. He said that the city would not take over the building for demolition now that he has a tenant and is making repairs.

"A couple of them [previous lease holders] did make it work, for a while," Trast said. He blamed poor choices in tenants and mis-

management or dishonesty for the location's reputation for bar failures.

"The property is up for sale, but Trast said he is still considering leasing, although "Actually, I'm just tired of babysitting that building."

Trast once resided upstairs at his building, but he said the prospect of moving back in is unlikely soon. He almost lost both legs in the accident, and is unsure whether he will ever walk again.

"I couldn't even get up those stairs right now," he said.

And, at least until the bars went up this week, the intruders were getting harder to keep out. "I ran off one guy just yesterday," Benben said. "He said he came to point. I thought, 'Give me a break! I asked him what the owner's name was. He didn't know!'"

Fire fighters answered a call at 2:11 p.m. Sunday about a fire at the Tuam address. A neighbor, Shown Stoenburg, said the fire must have just started, as she had passed the building at 2:00 p.m. and did not see any smoke. She also said that none of the neighbors she spoke with later knew who had reported the fire. Benben was not on the property at the time the fire broke out.

Benben at first said he thought the fire was started by "somebody



Workers install burglar bars at 109 Tuam after a recent barrage of break-ins and a fire Sunday. The owner, who wants to sell the building, has also been trying in a tent, hoping to keep the intruders out.

just trying to keep warm," but noted it looked "too deliberate" to have been set off.

Stoenburg said that one of her fire fighters on the scene told her there had been several calls Sunday about fires starting in closets in vacant Montrose buildings. Ar-

son investigators, however, were unable to find case files or other files in Montrose on Monday. A suspicious fire was reported on Chenevert Street downtown at about the same time, and there were calls in other parts of town, the investigators said.

Lawmaker's opposition to play prompts petition drive

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP)—A man upset with Rep. Jean Dixon's efforts to have Southwest Missouri State University cancel a controversial play has started a petition drive to ask her to resign her state House seat.

Richard Evans, a former vice president and general manager of Springfield radio station KWTO, said Monday he started circulating the petition Nov. 17 and gathered 200 signatures last weekend.

He said Dixon should have dropped the protest she has led of "The Normal Heart"—a play about AIDS and homosexuality—after the Board of Regents in October refused to stop the production.

The play ended its six-night run Monday night with little mention of the controversy that surrounded it.

Meanwhile, the U.S. attorney's office in Springfield said Tuesday it would not investigate an arson fire that destroyed the home of a play supporter.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Mike Jones said no federal offense apparently was involved in the Nov. 15 fire at play supporter Brad Evans' home. The American Civil Liberties Union had asked federal authorities to determine if Evans' civil rights had been violated.

Evans, a student at Southwest Missouri State University, was

leading a candlelight vigil in support of the play when his house was set afire. No arrests have been made in the case.

Nichols said he views some of Dixon's comments as meaning she would work to limit SMS's funding through the legislative process and by convincing donors to the university to hold back their gifts if SMS went ahead with the play.

"That's not in her job description," he said.

Dixon said Monday she does not wish to comment on the petition drive itself.

"I have never made financial threats against the university,"

she said.

Dixon and other opponents of the play said they collected more than 500 signatures opposing its production at SMS.

Nichols no longer works for KWTO but is still under contract with the station, which he recently sold the station. He said if his drive does not convince Dixon to drop the play, it might encourage someone to run against her in 1990.

Misouri has no recall procedure for its legislators. Rep. Glen Spokoin for the secretary of state's office. House members are elected every two years and senators every four years.

Georgia man appeals decision on McKinney will

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. (AP)—A Georgia man who claims to have been late Congressman Stewart B. McKinney's partner for over five years has filed an appeal of a decision that blocked him from sharing in McKinney's estate.

The appeal, filed in Superior Court Nov. 6 on behalf of Arnold Denison, seeks to overturn a Sept. 7 Probate Court decree that essentially prevented Denison from collecting a 40 percent share in a Washington, D.C., home that McKinney had willed him.

Denison has asked that his homestead not be released.

McKinney, a Republican congressman for 17 years, died May 7, 1987, of an AIDS-related illness.

Denison was willed 40 percent of the net proceeds of the sale of the Washington home and a 1975 Chevrolet. The net value of his estate was \$285,953.

But in his Sept. 7 decree, Westport Probate Judge Earl Capano granted McKinney's wife, Lucie McKinney, \$286,900.46 from an estate that she claimed was owed her by her late husband.

As a result, there was nothing left for Denison.

Capano also denied Denison's petition to remove Lucie McKinney as administratrix of her husband's estate.

A hearing in Superior Court on the appeal has been tentatively scheduled for Nov. 17.

Professor gets belated honors

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP)—A psychology professor who defended a controversial seminar on homosexuality 18 years ago has received the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Academic Freedom Award.

James K. Cole's defense of the UNL course before the Legislature last year has received the highest award for academic freedom at the state university in more than 30 years, said Desmond Wheeler, chair of the nominating committee.

Cole said during the award ceremony Nov. 14 that threats to academic freedom at UNL are as real today as they were in 1971.

"Today the potential for orthodox and for economic blackmail (against the university) are no less real than they were 20 years ago. Perhaps more subtle, but no less real," Cole said.

Cole was coordinator of an interdisciplinary Pro-Seminar on Homophile Studies, developed by UNL Professor Luie Crumpton in

1970. There was little expert information on homosexuality available at the time, he said.

Soon after the seminar was instituted, it began to attract critics, Cole said. The outbreak of anti-university sentiment eventually led to the introduction of four bills by state Sen. Terry Carpenter in the 1971 Legislature.

The bills would have abolished faculty tenure, eliminated the student newspaper, lessened the Board of Regents' discretion in handling appropriations and prohibited the discussion of "abnormal sexuality," including homosexuality, in any course outside the NU Medical Center.

Three of the bills were defeated. The fourth passed after being amended to give the regents power to institute tenure instead of abolishing tenure.

Federal officials criticize newspaper AIDS story

By PAUL RAKBURN
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FOR THE MONTROSE VOICE

NEW YORK—The director of the National Cancer Institute says a newspaper's almost book-length account of the discovery of the cause of AIDS is offensive and is "impugning two of the leading figures in AIDS research."

The 50,000-word story that filled 16 pages in the Chicago Tribune last Sunday tells a story of "commitment and dedication to mankind" and of "cutthroat competition and bare-knuckled politics, of individual ego and national pride," the paper said.

The story described in great de-

tail but did not resolve allegations made several years ago that Robert Gallo, the American scientist credited as co-discoverer of the AIDS virus, accidentally or deliberately claimed the first sample of the virus—isolated in France—as his own.

"What happened in Robert Gallo's lab during the winter of 1983-84 is a mystery that may never be entirely solved," the story says.

The Tribune's story includes information obtained through the Freedom of Information Act and in more than 150 interviews conducted over 20 months, the paper

says.

"The discovery of the AIDS virus, which was crucial to the development of tests for AIDS and drugs to fight it, is now credited to Gallo and Luc Montagnier of the Pasteur Institute in Paris."

Dr. Samuel Broder, the director of the National Cancer Institute said in a telephone interview last Saturday. "I know both Drs. Gallo and Montagnier. Their motivation is to alleviate death and suffering. It is a grievous insult to impugn or attack any other motive."

The Tribune article, he said, "is impugning the two leading figures in AIDS research. For what pur-

pose? Gallo and Montagnier are excellent scientists and don't deserve this."

Gallo, who directs AIDS virus research at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Md., said it is possible that he accidentally confused the French virus sample with his own samples. "We'll never know," he said. But he denied that he was guilty of any wrongdoing.

He said it was a "moot point, because there are many other isolated cases of the virus that he discovered himself. Gallo made his remarks in a telephone interview last Saturday. He had not seen the Chicago Tribune story.

Massachusetts becomes 2nd state to enact gay rights law

By KEVIN GALVIN
FOR THE MONTROSE VOICE

BOSTON (AP)—Massachusetts became the second state to ban discrimination against homosexuals in housing, credit and employment, ending a 17-year legislative battle.

"We in Massachusetts are again at the forefront of efforts to extend civil rights protection to all," Gov. Michael S. Dukakis said at a signing ceremony Nov. 15.

Opponents argued the new law establishes special rights for a small group and promised to try to repeal it repeatedly. The law took effect Nov. 15. But homosexuals said it finally gives them the protection

enjoyed by other minority groups.

"This is really proof that the gay and lesbian community can win in the political and legislative arenas," said Arline Isaacson, co-chair of the Massachusetts Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus.

More than 80 cities and towns nationwide prohibit discrimination against homosexuals, but only in Massachusetts, Wisconsin, has such a law, according to gay rights groups.

During the final day of debate, Republican Sen. Edward Kirby, who drew scorn from his colleagues for equating gay rights with the demise of Western civili-

zation, said it provides rights to members of a group based on their behavior.

"Why don't we have an amendment to the bill that protects members of the Flat Earth Society?" Kirby said.

In past years, Senate opponents have bottled the measure up in committee even after it received initial approval. This year key committee posts were changed.

The bill moved through the final legislative stages last month when its supporters drafted amendments against fighting several Senate amendments they opposed, opting instead for quick passage.

The amendments exempt religious institutions and state that Massachusetts does not endorse homosexuality or recognize homosexual partnerships.

In 1979, the state's highest court ruled that the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination could not act on claims based on sexual orientation unless the Legislature acted to prohibit specifically such discrimination.

Now that such action has been taken, MCAD Director Alex Rodriguez said he expects to handle 300 to 400 claims from homosexuals each year. The commission can impose fines, and can require restitution in employment cases.

Ruling reducing convictions in gay bashing incident stands

By BOB EGELKO
from the MONTROSE VOICE

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Three young men convicted of involuntary manslaughter in the death of a man who died after they began harassing residents of a largely gay neighborhood will be released from prison within a month, a defense lawyer said.

The state Supreme Court refused Nov. 16 to reinstate the murder convictions of the men, who drove to San Francisco—allegedly for "gay-bashing"—and took part in a fatal attack in 1984 on John O'Connell, 41.

Timothy White, 22, Donny Clanton, 19, and David Rogers, 19, all of Vallejo, met with three other people in a Vallejo parking lot on a July night and decided to drive to San Francisco. A witness quoted Rogers as saying, "Let's go beat up some faggots," but no evidence was offered that the other defendants heard him.

The men attacked, taunted and

chased passers-by in the Polk Street neighborhood. The court said O'Connell was pursued, struck and knocked to the sidewalk, and died two days later. The court said the cause of death was the impact of his head on the pavement.

The killing, and several other assaults to which the men pleaded guilty, caused a public outcry. A state law was passed shortly after increasing damages in suits by victims of "gay-bashing."

The men were convicted of second-degree murder and sentenced to 15 years to life in prison. But the appeals court said the murder charge should not have been sent to the jury.

Even an unprovoked attack motivated by bigotry "cannot support an inference that the isolated act of striking a person with bare hands in itself imports a high degree of probability that death will ensue," said the opinion by appeals Justice William Newsom.

When no intent to kill is shown, he said, a murder conviction requires proof of a deliberate act that is inherently life-threatening and committed in disregard of human life. That standard cannot be met by a beating unless it is "so brutal that death is a probable consequence." Newsom said.

Over the dissent of Justice Stanley Mosk, the Supreme Court denied review of the appellate ruling that reduced the convictions to involuntary manslaughter.

Lawyers in the case said Nov. 16's ruling allows the defendants to be released immediately from prison, where they have been since 1985. They expect the men to be out of prison within 30 days, when the ruling is expected to become final.

In a 2-1 decision Aug. 24, the 1st District Court of Appeal said the evidence showed only that the victim was slapped once and punched once, and toppled to the sidewalk, injuring his head fatally.

Courts have ruled consistently that a blow with bare hands does not pose a "high probability of death" and cannot be the basis of a murder conviction, the court said.

The ruling angered many gay-rights activists, who said it showed that attacks on homosexuals weren't being taken seriously by the legal system. The Supreme Court withdrew the case as a legal precedent for other courts but left the ruling undisturbed.

"We work very hard to send out the message that hate violence is unacceptable, and when the Supreme Court makes a decision like that, all of our work is called into question," said Lester Olmstead-Rose of a San Francisco group called Community United Against Violence, formed to oppose assaults on homosexuals.

"You spend the whole night harassing the neighborhood, harassing people, assaulting people, and you end up killing somebody. If that's not murder, I don't know

what is."

But Maureen Kallias, lawyer for defendant Timothy White, said the court had reaffirmed that "regardless of the inflammatory atmosphere in which a case is tried, the law must control."

She said White had a serious alcohol problem at the time of the killing and was not shown to be present when comments were made about attacking homosexuals.

However, the appeals court said all three men appeared to have been motivated by "mindless homophobia."

In seeking Supreme Court review, Deputy Attorney General Blair Hoffman said the appeals court had improperly second-guessed the jury's decision.

"Assaults without warning, even with nothing but fists, can be inherently dangerous to life," Hoffman wrote. "The question is for a jury to decide, not an appellate court."

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Official denies lawmaker's claim homosexual acts taught in schools

By DAVID GRAM
from the MONTROSE VOICE

MONTPELLIER, Vt. (AP)—State Education Commissioner Richard Mills on Nov. 17 angrily denied an allegation by a California congressman that students are being taught how to perform homosexual acts in Vermont public schools.

Rep. William Dannemeyer, R-Calif., long an outspoken critic of homosexuals and assistance to AIDS victims, made the assertion Nov. 16 on the Cable News Network public affairs talk show "Crossfire."

Dannemeyer was questioned by co-host Iloh Beckel about a passage in a book he recently published called "Shadows in the Land: Homosexuality in America."

Reading from what he said was page 17 of the book, Beckel asked Dannemeyer, "You said in there, 'Homosexuals are insisting that young people be taught how to perform homosexual and heterosexual

acts in our public schools. Many schools have instituted such sex education."

According to a CNN transcript, Dannemeyer replied, "That's right."

Beckel said, "First of all, if you can find me a school like that, I'll jump off the Empire State Building."

Dannemeyer said, "The state of Vermont... Well, there's a program in the state of Vermont that does precisely what I describe in the book."

Beckel asked, "Teaches homosexual acts in the school?"

Dannemeyer responded: "That's right."

The extraordinary exchange came during a program that had been billed as a discussion of government funding for controversial arts programs. Dannemeyer and conservative co-host Pat Buchanan attacked much of the program criticizing a \$10,000 National Endow-

ment for the Arts grant for an exhibit in New York on the subject of AIDS.

Paul Mero, a Dannemeyer aide, said Nov. 17 he could not name a Vermont school system which uses a sex education curriculum on how to do homosexual acts. But he said such curricula exist "in all 50 states," adding that he could not explain why Dannemeyer singled Vermont out for the program.

Mills said of Dannemeyer's comments, "I say that's ridiculous... as far as I see Vermont sex education texts contain 'very explicit material, as you would expect'."

He said, "There is a description of condoms. And if you've gone to talk about sex, you have to talk about body parts."

But he denied there is any curriculum that instructs students on how to engage in homosexual acts. "Vermonters are very close to their schools," Mills said. "I can't imagine people advocating this kind of thing in a school."

Pressed further on which Vermont school systems might be practicing the type of sex education described by Dannemeyer, Mero suggested contacting James and Grace Rock of Fairfax, who have been publicly critical of public school sex education programs in the past and who have been teaching their children at home for four years.

Reached by telephone, Grace Rock said Mero, "I have no idea who he is." She said she did know of Dannemeyer.

Aakya Iyengar, who was aware of instruction on how to do homosexual acts in the schools, she said, "I honestly can't say I know that for a fact, because I've never come across that."

Dannemeyer has made many controversial statements about homosexuals and AIDS as a member of Congress. He has questioned the view of the vast majority of health professionals that AIDS cannot be transmitted by

casual contact.

He asserted last year that health professionals should rethink their dogmatic pronouncements that the AIDS virus is not a threat in the workplace, adding that employers should be free to fire an AIDS victim.

Going against the grain of prevailing psychiatric thought, he contended that homosexuals voluntarily choose their sexual preference and said school children should be taught that "homosexuality is a perverse lifestyle, it's an unhealthy lifestyle. The question is for a jury to decide, not an appellate court."

Lesbian couple decry adoption policy

By KATHLEEN MACLAY
from the MONTROSE VOICE

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A lesbian couple who adopted a boy with AIDS charged that California and other states were wasting taxpayers' money and ignoring the welfare of children by forbidding adoptions by unmarried people.

The couple, Millie Jensen and Sue Pavlik, held a news conference at the National Center for Lesbian Rights Nov. 15 with their 2-year-old son Eric to comment on the lengthy battle required to legalize his adoption.

A judge in June allowed the adoption to proceed, and it became final in July.

The attorney Roberta Achtenberg said there were many cases in the country in which couples qualified to care for orphans were not permitted to do so.

The lesbian rights center has represented about a half dozen unmarried couples across the country who have won adoption battles, she said. "The issue is not a gay or straight one."

"Mills and Sue's marital status does not determine their parenting abilities," Achtenberg said.

Achtenberg said courts should look at children's welfare foremost, rather than adhering to guidelines of the state Social Services Department, which is oriented to promote traditional marriage, she said.

During the news conference, Eric sat on Pavlik's lap playing with a teddy bear figure and the two mothers sometimes getting up to toddle around in the office chasing a golf ball, while mugging for cameras calling out "Mommy! Mommy!"

Jensen said, "I'm 'Mommy.' Sue's (Pavlik's) 'Mama,' and it's really cute when he says, 'Mommy, Mama,' when he wants both of us."

Jensen and Pavlik said they were welcomed when they offered their home for foster care of children testing positive for the HIV virus, which causes AIDS. They took Eric home from the hospital when he was just 5 weeks old, but met with resistance several

months later when they asked to adopt the boy.

Although social service officials recognized that Jensen and Pavlik offered Eric a stable and nurturing home, "nobody wanted to be the bad guy in this case... so they sat on it," Achtenberg said.

It took six months for the necessary documents and reports to be filed with the court—a matter that could have been decided in 6 weeks, Achtenberg said.

Achtenberg said she believes the case will make it easier for other couples pursuing adoption and may step up political pressure to change the policy against adoption by the unmarried.

Jensen and Pavlik said they were ecstatic about winning legal recognition as Eric's adoptive parents. Although they feel strong parental bonds to the boy, Jensen said, as partners for the past five years it was important to have the relationship validated officially, rather than being treated as "second-class citizens."

The court said Jensen and Pavlik to be Eric's adoptive parents, with both guaranteeing his care and support. Eric's mother is dead; his mother's father gave the women his blessing, saying he would be unable to provide the special medical care the boy will need because of AIDS, Achtenberg said.

Jensen, a computer programmer, and Pavlik, a homemaker, said they became involved in helping foster parents for children with AIDS after taking a course in helping people with the deadly disease.

Both women describe Eric as a healthy and normal right now, although he was born with a heart defect and didn't catch up developmentally until he turned two. Last January, he suffered a bacterial blood infection related to AIDS, they said.

The boy takes AZT and participates in a study on the benefits of gamma globulin in treating AIDS. "He has AIDS, but Pavlik said he's doing very well," right now.

Controversial exhibit opens with \$10,000 federal grant

By BILL STIEG
from the MONTROSE VOICE

NEW YORK (AP)—Organizers hailed a last-minute decision by the National Endowment for the Arts to fund an art exhibit on the AIDS epidemic as a split decision for free expression.

NCA chairman John E. Frohnmayer, who earlier this month had rejected a \$10,000 grant awarded in May, said Nov. 16 that he would release the grant.

The exhibit at the Artists Space gallery features paintings, photographs and sculpture by 25 artists, and contains several explicit depictions of male genitals and controversial religious images.

Frohnmayer had disputed the program's catalog, which includes derogatory references to Cardinal John A. O'Connor, Roman Catholic archbishop of New York, and to lawmakers who supported a bill restricting funding of art considered obscene.

"We were unwilling to compromise, and I don't believe we as a people should either," she said.

The show, which had a total budget of \$30,000, opened to the public Nov. 16.

"We won a battle, but the war is still on—the war against homophobia, AIDS phobia and any undermining of our freedom of speech," said Nan Goldin, organizer of the exhibit. "Witnesses Against Our Vanishing."

Conductor-composer Leonard Bernstein refused to accept a National Medal of Arts in protest when the NEA indicated it would rescind the grant. White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said Nov. 16.

The catalog contained an essay by David Wojnarowicz, a photographer with AIDS, which labeled O'Connor a "fat cannibal in a black skirt." He also said he fantasized about setting Helms on fire and throwing U.S. Rep. William E. Dannemeyer off the Empire State

Building.

Wyatt said she was honored to be associated with the essay and said she was "moved by its power, its truth and its beauty."

The exhibit was intended to show how AIDS has devastated the arts community. It includes graphic photographs of men and women and at least one woman, though most of the works are abstract. One sculpture shows a Christ figure wearing lipstick and mascara.

Earlier this month, Frohnmayer said the show lacked "artistic merit."

Several artists in the show signed a petition calling for Frohnmayer's resignation.

In a statement taped to the gallery walls, Goldin said, "All art is politics by nature; there can be no personal freedom without freedom to express oneself sexually and politically in one's art and in one's life."

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'PWA Christmas' fund-raiser to be Dec. 3



"Montrose Past and Present," including a tour of the Link Lee mansion at the University of St. Thomas, story telling at the Montrose Library and poetry readings at the Museum of Fine Arts, is among Children's Committee events Dec. 2 for "Christmas and Hanukkah in Montrose"

Community organizations: Send press releases about your events to Montrose Voice, 408 Avondale, Houston, TX 77006.

Lady Victoria Lust (AKA Marvin H. Lust) will host the Third Annual PWA Christmas at 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at the Braesore River Club. The annual show, featuring some of Houston's most popular community entertainers and representatives from several local businesses and organizations, raises money for a project that sends Christmas cards with cash gifts enclosed to indigent people living with AIDS.

Entertainers scheduled to appear at the event so far include Emory Rutledge, Mike Alabama, Lisa Lawrence, Bill O'Rourke, David Alwell, Brueella De'Wall and other favorites, the host said.

All money raised goes directly toward the mail out gifts, which are distributed with the help of the Colt 46e AIDS Trouble Fund. Lady Lust said. Money will be equally distributed to as many as possible. No restrictions are attached to the gifts. Other expenses are covered by donations of time and materials, the

entertainer explained. The list of persons requesting assistance through the project is now over 300 and requests are still being received, according to the sponsors of the event. Organizations and businesses are encouraged to send a representative or entertainer to the show to present a donation, they said. All donor groups will be acknowledged during the show, as well as on the Christmas card itself.

Groups that have given support or commitments to the event so far include the Miss Camp America Committee, Texas Gay Rodeo Association, Sundance Cattle Company, Miss Montrose, the Colt 46's, Imperial Court of the Single Star, Braesore River Bottom, Cruise Cousins, Lady 2 Momma's Money and the Texas Riders.

"Heart Strings"

Tickets go on sale this week for the

Houston performance of "Heart Strings: The National Tour, set for Feb. 3 at Jones Hall.

The upbeat two-act musical review is produced by the Design Industries Foundation for AIDS (DIFFA). The local production is co-sponsored by DIFFA/Houston and Spring Community Service Foundation.

Billed as "Evenings of Hope for the Healing of AIDS," Heart Strings is designed to educate audiences and inspire involvement in our nation's response to AIDS.

"This is a dazzling show with so much energy, hope and love," said Linda Lay, chair of the production. "We believe it will help raise awareness about AIDS and inspire people to help long after the curtain falls."

The Heart Strings fundraising effort is unique in its scope. It is the first national, touring musical show for AIDS and the first national effort to enlist such a broad range of corporate supporters, including the Presidential Foundation, Allied Carpet, Fibers, Exxon Corp. and Southwestern Bell. By design it brings together a diverse cross section of volunteers in each city during planning and implementation. And it provides each community with skills building in fund raising techniques which can be used on a continuing basis.

Montrose Neighborhood Events

With music, song and dance, the show is designed to educate and inspire people to do two things, protect themselves from human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), and help those who are already infected.

Most of the \$4 million raised on the 30-city tour will be used in those communities, including the \$600,000 that Lay said she believes Heart Strings will raise here in Houston. Eighty-five percent of the proceeds from each show remain in the community where the show is presented, to fund education efforts and direct care services for

people with AIDS. The remaining 15 percent enters a national pool to help cities not on the tour.

In Houston, as in each city on the tour, volunteers are actively involved in planning, publicity and implementation to ensure success of the program. Also, each show involves local performers along with the national touring cast.

For information about the Houston performance, call 681-7989. Tickets are available by calling Ticketron, 526-1709. Ticket prices run from \$28 to \$480.

—Women's Network

The November meeting of the Women's Network at the Montrose Counseling Center has been rescheduled in observance of the Thanksgiving holidays. The meeting, which by the usual schedule would have been held on Nov. 22, will be held instead on Nov. 29.

The topic of the November meeting will be "Our Children Speak Out." A group of children and their lesbian mothers will share their experiences of living and loving as a family.

The December meetings will be held Dec. 13 and Dec. 27.

—"Christmas in Montrose"

The third annual children's committee for "Christmas and Hanukkah in Montrose" will hold its 1989 activities on Dec. 2, from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on that day, a variety of activities and entertainment are scheduled, including a parade, story telling, dancing, poetry, face painting, magic and a tree dedication.

From 10:00 a.m. until noon, the children's parade will roll and exit its way down Montrose from the Campanile Center (Montrose at West Main) to Chelsea Market. George Grewman and Vince Ryan are scheduled to be Grand Marshalls. At Chelsea Market, participation will be treated to refreshments and entertainment, including the tree dedication, caroling and face painting.

"Montrose Past and Present" will bring to life the history of Houston's oldest neighborhood. This event will include story telling, dancing, magic acts and "make and take" crafts.

Other events scheduled include a poetry reading and "International Festival."

The Children's Committee for Christmas and Hanukkah in Montrose is a non-profit association comprised of representatives of area civic clubs, museums, fine arts organizations and schools.

—Parents' meetings

Gay Fathers of Houston has announced that its meeting dates have been changed to the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. The social and support group for gay fathers meets at 8:00 p.m. at Dignity Center, 5217 Fannin. Persons needing information on the group may call 863-7638 or 861-6466. In December, Gay Fathers will have only one meeting, on Dec. 12, due to the holidays.

Another parents' group, Gay/Lesbian Parents, meets on the first or third Thursday of each month at 8:30 p.m. in different homes. The home meeting format helps members share the experience of being gay parents, according to member Rose Fergin. This group also embraces gay people who are interested in becoming parents. Children are welcome at the meetings. December meeting dates are Dec. 7 and Dec. 14 for this group. Persons needing more information may contact Fern at 666-1616.

—Environmentalists meeting

The Citizens Environmental Coalition will present "The Wildlife Refuge Reform Coalition: Are Refuges 'Safe Sanctuaries?'" at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28 at the Firehouse Community Center, 1413 Westheimer. Jane Scheidtt, director of the W.R.R.A., will speak on the movement to preserve the only public lands devoted solely to preserving habitat for wildlife.

Volleyball league forms; Past Time wins in pool

The Lone Star Volleyball Association (LVA) held drop in play and registration for its 1989-1990 recreational league Monday, Nov. 20. League play will begin this Monday, Nov. 27. Games times and locations will be announced.

Montrose Neighborhood Sports

—HMBL final standings
The final league standings for the fall 1989 season of play in the Houston Metropolitan Billiard League have been announced. The top five teams are: 1) Past Time "Come and Wally"; 2) Brian Patch; 3) Thoroughbreds 4; The 611 "Prime" and 5) Mary's Naturally.

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ACT UP cleared of vandalism charges in L.A.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Vandalism charges against three AIDS activists were dropped Nov. 14 by city prosecutors who said they didn't have enough evidence to press the case.

The active members of ACT UP, a militant AIDS group, were origi-

nally charged with vandalizing county buildings with graffiti to protest the level of county funding for AIDS medical costs and hospital facilities.

Mark D. Roxroad, 34, and John Anthony Pail, 26, both of Los Angeles, and Wendell G. Hones, 68, of

Venice, were among 15 people arrested when the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power-Los Angeles staged a noisy demonstration in the county Board of Supervisor's hearing room May 16.

They had faced a maximum sentence of six months in jail

'Tree of Hope' next Friday

The lighting ceremony for the second annual "Tree of Hope" will be Friday, Dec. 1, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray. The Houston NAMES Project and Body Positive Houston, who will jointly sponsor the tree this year, said the date was selected to coincide with World AIDS Day.

Special guests who have been invited to light the "Tree of Hope" are the Rev. Chris Steele and state Sen. Craig Washington. The tree will be decorated with hand-made ornaments created by friends, families and loved ones as a special tribute to people who have died of AIDS. Many

of the ornaments on the tree will have been created by children at Texas Children's Hospital who have been diagnosed with HIV disease, members of the groups said.

Individuals interested in donating ornaments may drop them off at the Body Positive office, located in the Multi-Service Center (Suite 176), or may bring them to the presentation of the "Tree of Hope" on Dec. 1, the members said.

The NAMES Project was established in June of 1987 as a response by lesbians and gay men to the devastation of their community by AIDS. By displaying the AIDS Memorial Quilt, the project hopes to

provide a positive and creative means of expression by those whose lives have been touched by the epidemic, raise vital funds for support of PWAs and their loved ones and provide a forum for public education that illustrates the impact of AIDS.

Body Positive Houston is a support, social and educational group for people who are HIV positive, emphasizing peer support and PWA empowerment.

For additional information regarding the presentation of the "Tree of Hope" or the NAMES Project, contact Pat Martines at 866-9837. For additional information regarding Body Positive, call the Body Positive office at 524-2574.



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Pope: Church supports AIDS victims, but lifestyles must change

By STEPHEN R. WILSON
FOR THE MONTROSE VOICE

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope John Paul II has pledged church support for AIDS victims but says people at risk because of sexual practices must not resort to "morally illicit" means of prevention, an apparent reference to condoms.

"The church... is concerned not only with stating a series of 'no's' to particular behaviors or patterns, but above all with proposing a completely meaningful lifestyle for the person," he said Nov. 15 in the closing address of a three-day Vatican conference on AIDS.

The pope's speech constituted his most extensive comments to date on what he called "the impending plague of AIDS."

John Paul spoke hours after an American doctor said about 1,500 U.S. military personnel contracted the AIDS virus every year and that the disease will become the leading cause of death in the U.S.

armed forces.

"It is morally illicit to support as AIDS prevention any method which violates the authentically human sense of sexuality," the pope said, speaking in Italian before the assembly of more than 1,000 scientists, theologians, church officials and health-care workers.

While he did not mention condoms, church officials said he was clear he was ruling out their use to curb the spread of acquired immune deficiency syndrome. That position was expressed repeatedly by speakers during the conference.

The church opposes all forms of artificial birth control.

In another apparent reference to condoms, the pope condemned AIDS prevention based on "egotistic interests deriving from considerations that are incompatible with the fundamental values of life and love."

John Paul has in the past expressed his solidarity with those suffering from the disease, but the pontiff for the first time Nov. 15 addressed the causes of AIDS and related social issues.

Some church and Vatican officials at the conference specifically condemned sexual activity among homosexuals, but the pope spoke in more general terms.

He noted that AIDS can often be attributed to the "phenomena of drug addiction and the abuse of sexuality."

"The necessary prevention against the AIDS threat is not to be found in fear, but rather in the conscious choice of a healthy, free and responsible lifestyle," he said.

Lt. Col. Robert Redfield, chief of AIDS research at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, said between 200 and 500 U.S. military personnel have died from the disease in the past six years and more

than 5,000 have the virus.

Redfield said 1500 people in the three branches of the U.S. armed forces contract the HIV virus annually.

Assuming that most of those with the virus will die in eight to 12 years, AIDS can be considered "the single leading cause of mortality in the military, surpassing automobile accidents, and any other medical illness combined," Redfield said. About 700 military personnel die each year in car accidents, he said.

In the Army, he said, one of every 500 men and one of every 1,000 women has the AIDS virus.

He did not say how the sufferers had contracted the AIDS virus, most commonly transmitted through intimate sexual contact, intravenous needles and the exchange of blood. More than 40 percent of the infected Army personnel are married, Redfield said.

The dissent that emerged Nov. 14 about the tone and structure of the AIDS conference flared again Nov. 15.

In a stormy meeting, conference chair Archbishop Fiorenzo Angelini told about 50 delegates why he had refused a request to allow Peter Larkin, an AIDS sufferer from London, to address the conference.

Angelini said there was no time to add Larkin to the program, that the request was made in a provocative way and that the conference was "for AIDS sufferers, not of them."

Larkin, 34, stormed out of the room, saying, "This man is a disgrace to his cloth."

He later returned and apologized, and Angelini invited him to greet the pope personally later.

Angelini also agreed to publish the dissenting group's views in a church magazine report on the conference.

School groups told to comply with rules

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Two Marquette University student groups say they have been told to comply with the school's positions against abortion and the rights of homosexual men and women or

disband as official campus organizations.

My Beth Ryan, president of the Women's Place, said Nov. 16 her group involved in women's issues was contacted by school officials because it was involved in a pro-choice demonstration the weekend before.

Katia Stonebraker, president of the Marquette Integrated Leadership Council, said that group has been told by the school administration that it cannot support the rights of homosexual men and women.

Stonebraker said, "We've been told Marquette is a Catholic institution and cannot support the school's position that it is empowering gays and lesbians because it might give people the wrong idea."

Mark McCarty, associate dean of students, said that, because Marquette is a Jesuit institution, the school will not allow on campus a pro-choice group or an organization that proclaims support for homosexual men and women.

"We're looking at organizations and their purposes and whether or not they meet the purposes of Marquette University and their constitutions," he said.

Marquette recently fired a university staff member and suspended two student editors because the school's Marquette Tribune newspaper ran a pro-choice abortion advertisement without clearing it with the university.

Burroughs Wellcome seeks to extend AZT to those with AIDS virus

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, N.C. (AP)—Burroughs Wellcome Co. is seeking federal approval to market its anti-AIDS drug among people who have the AIDS virus but do not yet show signs of the disease, the company said Nov. 17.

Meanwhile, Wellcome PLC, the British parent company of Burroughs Wellcome in London, reported dramatic increases in sales of the drug, AZT, also known as zidovudine or Retrovir—up 49 percent to \$225 million.

Burroughs Wellcome spokesperson Kathy Bartlett said the approval is being sought from

the Food and Drug Administration after clinical studies released in August showed that AZT slows the onset of AIDS in people infected with the virus.

Ms. Bartlett said approval by the FDA for broader use "would greatly expand demand for the drug" by extending it to several thousand HIV-infected people.

AZT, the only FDA-approved drug for the treatment of AIDS in the United States, can be used now only on patients who show symptoms of AIDS and those who are critically ill.

Officials said there was no time-

table for when the FDA might approve the request.

In September, North Carolina-based Burroughs Wellcome announced a 20 percent price cut that effectively reduced the drug's retail price from \$8,000 per year per patient to \$6,400 per year per patient.

But Ms. Bartlett said there are no plans for another price cut even if the use of the drug is extended.

AIDS activists have criticized Wellcome for reaping huge profits from AZT, but the company never has disclosed financial results from the drug.

"Our research work with this drug is by no means over, and it will continue to absorb substantial (research and development) resources," the company said in a statement Nov. 16.

In the past year, Wellcome spent \$317.5 million on research and development. About 36 percent of the research-and-development budget was spent on anti-viral drugs such as AZT, up from 31 percent in the previous year.

Wellcome PLC reported Nov. 16 it had posted sales of \$2.4 billion in the year ended Aug. 26, up from \$2.2 billion the previous year. The company reported net income of

\$279.2 million, or 33 cents per share, up from \$223.7 million, or 27 cents per share. Measured in British sterling, net income grew 31 percent, but the increase was lower in U.S. dollars because of interest rate changes.

Burroughs Wellcome, which employs 1600 people in the Triangle area, accounted for about \$1.5 billion, or 64 percent of Wellcome's sales. An analyst estimated the U.S. company accounted for about 75 percent of profits.

Zovirax, an anti-viral treatment for genital herpes, continued to be Wellcome's leading seller at \$492.2 million, up 36 percent.

Episcopal gay ministry growing; opposition remains

By HENRY STERN
FOR THE MONTROSE VOICE

HOBOKEN, N.J. (AP)—An AIDS victim was led to take Holy Communion for the first time in 15 years. A priest was encouraged to seek reconciliation between his homosexuality and his Christianity.

These are examples of the impact of The Oasis, an unusual, recently opened Episcopal Church ministry to gays, as recounted by its pastor, the Rev. J. Robert Williams.

However, opponents say it surrenders to human weaknesses that are forbidden by the Bible.

"The lifestyle is wrong," said the Rev. Walter Lewis, interim vicar at the Church of The Transfiguration in neighboring North Bergen. "If you accept the Bible as the standard of faith, it's clearly wrong."

The controversial new center opened in June at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Hoboken, a city of 40,000 people on the Hudson River across from New York City.

Williams, 34, who has a mailing list of more than 200 people con-

nected with The Oasis, has spent the last few months on the road spreading his view that Christianity can and should find room for gay people.

"If we're made in the image of God, then anything in human nature has his corollary in God," he said.

He said he and other gay people possess a special understanding of spirituality because so many people silently linger "on the edge—between masculinity and femininity, between respectability and criminality."

His travels have led him to offer Communion to an AIDS-afflicted gay man who had left the Roman Catholic Church 15 years ago. The man, an inmate in a hospital room with flowers and—along with his lover—dressed in his Sunday best for the occasion, Williams said.

The ministry's notoriety has reached as far as Columbia, where a Roman Catholic priest there wrote to Williams seeking guidance on how to reconcile his devotion to the church with his homosexuality.

"He wanted to know how he could fit in within an anti-gay atmosphere," Williams said.

Williams said he has sought to show the priest and other gay people who have "been taught they're going to hell" that they have something to offer by acknowledging their differences and returning to religion.

Williams "came out of the closet" at age 23 after a fundamentalist upbringing in Ahlens, Texas. He later lived with his current lover in a Boston suburb along with his lover's former wife and two daughters, before accepting the post in Hoboken.

He said he told church officials who read his application that "You know you're not getting Ozzie and Harriet, but you're not getting Ozzie and Ozzie either."

However, Williams said his openness remains rare among homosexuals. "Gay people typically lie—they make up the name of a boyfriend or girlfriend. A lifetime of doing that erodes your self-esteem and takes its psychological toll."

One gay parishioner, who insisted on anonymity, said he began attending because he wanted to answer his own spiritual questions and feed a part of something.

He said he grew up as a Roman Catholic but could not work with that church's gay outreach group. Dignity, because of what he felt was the Catholic Church's anti-gay bias.

"I see a very strong purpose to something like the Oasis," the man said. "Most people feel quite alienated from organized religion. I've met a lot of nice people. But it hasn't been The Dating Game experience."

Beth Crippen, a 35-year-old heterosexual parishioner from Hoboken with two children, said she and other parishioners respect Williams' sexuality as part of who he is.

"There are people who I thought might get up and walk and haven't," Ms. Crippen said.

Ministers within the Newark Diocese, encompassing seven counties in northern New Jersey, differ over the Oasis.

"The call of the church is to be inclusive to all people," said the Rev. Pat Close of St. John's Episcopal Church in Montclair. "I'm sure if more parish clergy looked at their congregations, they'd find gay people within their midst."

A critic of the new ministry, the Rev. Richard Constantino of Christ Episcopal Church in Budd Lake, said the church should help gay people to "become well" instead of encouraging their lifestyles.

The ministry doesn't seem to be developing a spin-off. The Rev. Elmer Sullivan, a spokesperson for the adjacent New Jersey diocese based in Trenton, said none of its parishes plan to offer gay ministries.

Rev. Frederick Bowell, a minister for St. James Episcopal Church in Montclair and a backer of the Oasis, said he hopes the ministry outgrows its need.

"I would hope that the Oasis would go out of business," Bowell said. "I do hope one day there'd be no need for special ministries. This is just a stepping stone."



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Sharp rise in gonorrhea could signal return to unsafe sex, feds say

By ROBERT BYRD
FOR THE MONTROSE VOICE

ATLANTA (AP)—A sharp rise in gonorrhea cases among gay men in Seattle may signal a "risky sexual relapse" into unsafe sexual practices eight years after the onset of AIDS, federal health officials say.

Researchers with the national Centers for Disease Control said Nov. 9 that 79 gonorrhea cases have been reported so far this year among homosexually active male patients at a key public health clinic in Seattle. At this rate, the clinic will report about 100 such cases this year, compared with just 27 last year.

The surprising increase follows a 69 percent decline over the previous six years.

Gonorrhea, like AIDS, is transmitted sexually, and the increase might be an isolated occurrence among gay men who have continued to practice unsafe sex, the CDC said.

But another possibility is that, eight years into the age of AIDS, "some homosexually active men may have relaxed behaviors regarding sexual safety," the CDC said in its weekly report.

This "risky sexual relapse" could be occurring as gay men find that "profound lifestyle changes" brought on by AIDS, such as abstinence or monogamy, "may become more difficult with time," the report said.

The shift in attitude is probably something more complicated than simple complacency, said William Whittington, a CDC specialist in sexually transmitted diseases.

"These really profound changes—celibacy, monogamy—may be remarkably difficult, more difficult to maintain as time passes," he said. "If this is indeed true, we in this business may need to look at things we can try to help people sustain these kinds of choices over time."

The notion of a "risky sexual relapse" was put forth in June at an AIDS conference in Montreal, as researchers said they had seen signs of riskier sexual behavior in gay men in San Francisco.

"Quite obviously, we're working on looking at this in other places," Whittington said. "We really need to look at similar data from a lot of places."

The Seattle findings came from the Seattle-King County Department of Public Health STD clinic, where patients are classified on the basis of sexual orientation. The increase in gonorrhea among sexually active gay men at the clinic contrasted with a continued decrease in gonorrhea cases in the total population there.

Nationwide, about 589,000 gonorrhea cases have been reported this far this year, down from an average of 713,000 in the five preceding years.

The decade-long decline of gonorrhea in gay and bisexual men has been attributed to concern over the spread of AIDS, first reported in 1981.

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After 6 "Tales of the City" books, author wants to quit

By STEVE WARREN
FOR THE MONTROSE VOICE

"This is really the end for me," Armistead Maupin insists about "Sure of You," the sixth in a "Tales of the City" book in the series that began in 1978 with "Tales of the City." The stories, which started as a daily newspaper column, have followed the fortunes of characters, about evenly divided between gay and non-gay, buffeted by the news and trends that form the fabric of everyday life in San Francisco.

"Actually, I have said it on other occasions," Maupin admits when faced with skepticism fueled by Marlon Brando's recent two-week "retirement" from movies. "But this time I really mean it. . . I think it's best to leave when you're still in top form and people are still appreciating what you do."

Then he hedges with, "I never say never about anything, so I can't promise I won't do it again."

At the beginning the "Tales" revolved around the going-on in Anna Madrigal's rooming house at 23 Barbary Lane. The principal characters, excepting the transsexual Mrs. Madrigal herself, have still since moved out, but they will return for visits in the new book and their old landlady joins Mona, her lesbian daughter, for a vacation on Lesbos, where "there are so many dykes . . . at the height of the season that it looks like the Dinah Shore Open."

What Mona discovers at Skala Eressos when she trips there is in 612 B.C., will be more valuable to lesbian tourists than any books they can find. Mona finds that most of Sappho's history and all of her sexuality have been well covered up on the island of her birth. A key ring is the only available souvenir that features her likeness.

"It doesn't matter," Maupin says, "because the tourists are still there relating to the other tourists, but (the native, capital-L) Lesbians really don't want to hear in the book and they don't want to be in the school for young girls that Sappho was running. Some of the guidebooks are openly homophobic about it, saying that Sappho's passion had been misinterpreted, that this was simply the way women talked about other women in those days."

"We heard the same excuse when the letters between Eleanor Roosevelt and Lorena Hickok

were discovered. We were told that this wasn't really lesbianism, this was just a strong, passionate friendship."

It took some time, but Maupin figured that lesbians have responded to his sensitivity to their issues. "Generally on the subject," he says, "I'm very proud of the fact that among gay readers I have as many lesbian fans, apparently, as I have gay male fans. It hasn't always been that way. Gay men were the first to discover the books, but now there are easily as many women as there are men. I'm rather proud of that fact, because I want the books to encompass all of life."

"When the Winnimoon (women's music festival) chapters of his last book, "Significant Others" first appeared in the (San Francisco) "Examiner," I had gay men come to me who said, 'Oh my God, the dykes are gonna be pissed off at you now!' And they were completely wrong. I had an enormous positive response from lesbians from all over who said I hit the nail right on the head. . . I think the difference is that I've never written about lesbians from my viewpoint. I've never distanced myself from the subject matter. I inhabit each of my characters, so when I write about lesbianism I'm writing about it through the eyes of a lesbian."

"I'm as close to Mona as I am to any character in 'Tales of the City.' She may be closer to me than any of the other characters, so I never have any problem imagining her responses to things."

Research for "Sure of You" allowed Maupin and his lover Terry Anderson, to have a belated honeymoon on Lesbos two years ago. What's in the book is what they found there. "Those are all real places," Maupin says. "I know the 'benders,' as they call them (beaches in which women camp out on the beach). It's pretty much there to be observed. Skala Eressos is a beautiful place. Terry and I made love on the beach. There's a very special spirit there."

The Lesbos trip is just one aspect of the new book, which picks up the lives of characters familiar to many by now. Mary Ann Singleton (straight) and Michael Tallor (gay) have been buddies since she raised him in the Mars N Safeway in the original "Tales of the City" and have seen each other through various marriages,

affairs and personal crises. His previous lover, Jon, died of AIDS, but Michael's currently happy with Thack—happier, it turns out, than Mary Ann will be with a partner, Brian Hawkins, Michael's hand in the nursery, Plant Parenthood.

Maupin hasn't been leading his readers on through six books just to leave them with the message that a gay marriage can last a straight one, but since things seem to be ending on that note, he grins, "I would like the world to know that it is possible."

All is not well with Michael. Being HIV-positive he's taking AZT and pentamidine in hopes of forestalling full-blown AIDS indefinitely. At one point in "Sure of You" he finds a purple spot on his leg and imagines the worst.

"I've had people say," Maupin notes, "Are you introducing AIDS as a false suspense factor here?" The truth is, that episode with Michael was based, almost incidentally, on something that happened to Terry—a false diagnosis that Terry received. His lover, who he met in Atlanta on a promotion tour for a previous book, four years; Maupin is happy as a pig in mud and Thack. "It's just a part of life today. Anyone who's anti-body-positive goes through this kind of excruciating suspense any time the slightest thing goes wrong with their lives medically."

The question sounds too personal, under the circumstances, but it has to be asked: Are you ending the series because you're afraid you'll have to kill Michael off if it continues?

Maupin takes it well and delivers a mixed response. The short answer is, "I didn't spend 12 years writing a novel including highly central homosexuals to have the central one die at the end of the book."

On a more detailed, if not more serious note he explains, "I used to think I couldn't let through 'the last book without killing Michael off. I saw so many of my own friends dying. But by the time I'd finished the book I had so many who were still alive that I'd worried about for three or four years now, that I came through it all with a new sense of hope for the future. I think we have turned the corner as far as AIDS is concerned. I think there are a lot of people who are antibod-



PHOTO BY STEVE WARREN
Armistead Maupin: "I never say never about anything, so I can't promise I won't do it (again) again."

positive today who are going to live long, healthy lives."

Now 45, Maupin was born in Washington, D.C., but raised in Raleigh, North Carolina. Among his family's friends was a man Maupin refers to in his new book as "Jesse E. Helms." Given a pro-conservative upbringing, Armistead Junior (he stopped using the junior when he moved west in 1971) bought the party line, believing conservatives supported the rights of the individual. He has long since learned otherwise.

It would be nice if Maupin could use his background for his political advantage, but that is not the case. He and his father don't communicate on the subject, he says.

"We talk about family matters and leave it at that. He's known Terry was antibody-positive for some time and he can't even bring the subject up."

"He comes from a generation of fathers," Maupin goes on, "that is utterly dysfunctional when it comes to any emotion other than rage. He has a very difficult time picking up the phone and telling me, he loves me."

Years ago the writer happily told his father had adjusted to life by telling people he had "three children—one of each." "I cling to that for a long time," Maupin says now, "because I thought it showed an effort to un-

derstand. And he has made that effort. He can deal with the fact of my homosexuality. He can't deal with the fact that I won't shut up about it. He thinks that every public statement I make is designed to hurt and embarrass him."

His father has mellowed, he thinks, to the point where "He's taken on a certain silent neutrality on the subject. I know that he doesn't sit and talk about the 'cure of homosexuality' to his right-wing friends. I know that he's immensely embarrassed when Jesse Helms holds forth on the subject. In fact he keeps trying to tell me that Jesse doesn't really mean it, and I say, 'Right, just like he really doesn't hate black people.'"

A number of Maupin's celebrity friends share his father's wish that he would be quiet about his homosexuality. He counters by encouraging them to be more public about their own.

Dedicated followers of fashion should have no trouble recognizing two new characters in "Sure of You," closeted designer Russell Rand and his wife-in-name-only, Chloé. When Michael tells him off, he's speaking for Armistead to every gay man and lesbian in the public eye who refuses to acknowledge their homosexuality.

NEXT ISSUE: Armistead Maupin sounds off on his favorite subject—Hollywood closets—and names names!

United way's 'AIDS baby' ad draws fire

By LARRY ROSENTHAL
FOR THE MONTROSE VOICE

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP)—An advertisement intended to inform people that United Way agencies are involved in AIDS prevention and treatment instead of sending AIDS educators and care workers out with messages that children infected with the deadly virus are victims of careless parents.

The United Way said it would run the advertisement again, not that the advertisement would be in the AIDS field before tackling the sensitive issue again in an ad.

"It certainly wasn't intended by us to offend anyone," said Douglas Higgins, the United Way's executive director, said Nov. 9.

Sher Horosko, coordinator of the Mayor's Task Force On AIDS, said health workers involved in AIDS education and care were deeply offended by the powerful advertisement which appeared the end of last month in the New Haven Register.

"It doesn't really do any good to anyone to separate out so-called innocent people with AIDS from so-called guilty people with

AIDS," said Horosko. "Even if people don't make choices that we consider responsible, that doesn't exempt us from our responsibility to provide care or compassion," she said.

Under the large picture of a crawling baby, the ad read, "AIDS Victim." "Newborns 'Don't choose to have sex without a condom or to stick a needle in their arm. That's a privilege reserved for their parents," the ad said.

The ad went on to state there are 20 pediatric cases of AIDS in New Haven, babies "condemned even

before they begin because somebody got 'stupid' and because 'some people could care less.'"

The purpose of the ad was to show that agencies funded by the United Way are working to stem the AIDS epidemic and that they can provide information about AIDS prevention and care, Higgins said.

"Our AIDS information is free, so somebody else doesn't have to pay the price. Like your baby, maybe," she said.

Horosko and representatives from AIDS Project New Haven, the city health department, and

other groups involved in AIDS education and care signed a letter to the editor which attacked the ad as "harsh and insensitive."

"We need messages of compassion and hope," the letter said. "Jean Hess, executive director of AIDS Project New Haven, said the issue highlighted by the ad is very complex and the ad simplified the issue."

"It was blaming the mothers, who are in a very difficult position," she said.

Women infected with the AIDS virus do not always pass on the infection to their babies.

Frank probe may be held until Congress returns in January

By JOHN DIAMOND
FOR THE MONTROSE VOICE

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House Ethics Committee will postpone an investigation into U.S. Rep. Barney Frank's relationship with a male prostitute despite a two-month congressional recess beginning this week.

The investigation could continue to meet into the Christmas season, according to Mark Davis, a committee staff member. But with legislators planning to head home following this week's recess, little action on the Frank case is expected until next year.

"We have nothing scheduled for this week and if we go out Monday

(Nov. 20), we wouldn't meet before the recess," Davis said. But he added that "the committee of Congress can meet any time, any place, regardless of whether there is a recess."

In addition, Davis said the committee staff will continue working on the Frank case.

"It still opens and ongoing. The adjournment of Congress has no impact on what staff does or will be doing," Davis said.

Davis' comments came in response to a story in The Washington Times that said the committee investigation would be delayed until early next year while members of the House take a two-month recess. The publication of an article on the affair.

The newspaper reported Nov. 17 that the panel is postponing its probe to allow members to see what male prostitute Stephen Goble told Penthouse magazine in an interview scheduled to be published in February.

Penthouse spokeswoman Leslie Jay said the February issue is slated to be published Jan. 2. But she said no decision has been made on when the Frank article will run in that issue.

"It is a story we are pursuing hotly," Jay said. "It will appear in the first available issue."

Frank spokesperson Doug Cahoon said "The publication of an article on Ethics Committee is not a question

of Barney Frank. Barney is cooperating with the Ethics Committee."

Cahoon said that Frank, D-Mass., has not yet appeared before the committee to testify. He said Frank would not speculate on what impact the case could have on his political future until the committee issues its findings. Frank has said he would not resign from Congress, but he has not yet said whether he will run for re-election next year.

Frank, who is homosexual, has admitted paying Goble \$80 for sex in 1985 and later hiring him with personal money to serve as a housekeeper and driver from July 1985 through August 1987.

Goble went public with the rela-

tionship this past August, and has said the congressman knew he was running a prostitution ring from Frank's Capitol Hill apartment.

Goble also has accused the Massachusetts Democrat of engaging in sex in the House gymnasium. Frank has denied the charges.

Originally the ethics panel hoped to complete its investigation of Frank by the end of the year.

The Times also reported that the Justice Department has opened and is maintaining a file on the Frank case. A Justice Department official, who requested anonymity, said, "We are not yet investigating any possible illegal activities on the part of Mr. Frank."

11th circuit upholds denial of damages to widow of PWA

ATLANTA (AP)—The widow of a man who died after allegedly contracting AIDS from a blood-based product made by Miles Laboratories is not entitled to damages from Miles, even though a jury awarded those damages, a federal appeals court ruled Nov. 14.

Elizabeth M. Jones, widow and executrix of the estate of Randy J. Jones, who died March 12, 1989, had sued Miles Laboratories, saying her husband contracted acquired im-

mune deficiency syndrome from a blood product used to treat his disease. She alleged Miles was negligent in manufacturing the product, Koate. The jury awarded her \$1.6 million,

but U.S. District Judge Orlando E. Williams Jr. overturned the ruling. There was not enough substantial evidence under Georgia law to support the jury's verdict.

A three-judge panel of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals af-

firmed the ruling, saying there was overwhelming evidence that even if the blood donor had been questioned about his risk of AIDS, which was not until 1982, the widow would have lied about his homosexuality and high risk.

'American Juke Box' to open at Tower

HOUSTON LIVE

Dig out the poodle skirts, dust off the "Do Wops" and brush up on the Twist: "American Juke Box," a live celebration of the rock and roll music, dances and humor of the 50's and 60's is opening Nov. 25 on the Tower stage for a limited engagement.

Brought to life by a versatile 11-member ensemble of singers who dance, dancers who sing and musicians who double in brass for two of the hottest hours in show business history, "American Juke Box" recreates some 50 hits of the era. The music of artists including Buddy Holly, Little Richard, Chubby Checker, Chuck Berry, Aretha Franklin, Patay Cline, Elvis Presley, the Shirelles, and many others is featured.

Produced by Lou Moore, who is also executive producer of the Plaza Theater in Dallas, the show has been an attendance record setter in San Francisco, Atlanta, Washington, D.C. and Osaka, Japan as well as in Dallas, where it originated in 1986.

The show is a "stacks of wax heaven" with songs like Tutti Frutti, It's My Party, Jailhouse Rock, Louie Louie and Proud Mary, said Moore.

"The energy generated on stage through this musical roller coaster of hits has audiences from six to 65 bouncing in their seats, snapping their fingers and even dancing in the aisles," she continued.

"The Tower Theater is a perfect place for the show, because it has an intimate cabaret setting with an excellent sound system."

"American Juke Box" is directed and choreographed by Edward Love, MTV award nominee for his work with Tina Turner and choreographer of the recent hit movie "Hairspray." The creative team also includes set designer Wade Giampa, costume designer Tommy Bourgeois and lighting designer Marcus Albot. Musical direction is by Larry Wallace, sound engineer for the recent world tour of Pink Floyd.



Sandy Flavin, Shelly Brant and Mary Jo Coyle in the rock musical "American Juke Box," opening next week at the Tower.

Performances are Tuesday through Saturday nights at 8:00 p.m., Saturday at 4:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Ticket prices are \$16 and \$19 for

Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday evening performances; \$18 and \$21 for Thursday evening, Saturday and Sunday afternoon performances; and \$22 and \$25 for

Friday and Saturday evenings. Tickets are available at all Rainbow Ticketmaster locations and Sound Warehouse, charge by phone, 530-5600 and at the Tower box office, 529-5966.

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The Comedy Workshop salutes the latest mountain of pulp in bookstores everywhere, the non-stop assault of "self help" books, with its new comedy revue "When Good Things Happen to Bad People." (The title sure sounds like a best seller, doesn't it?)

During the show, the sassy cast attempts to answer these questions: Are charity balls affecting the ozone layer? Can dumb people wear smart clothes? Should pets learn a second language? Do anorexics make cheap dates?

Directed by Paul Menzies and Charlene Hudgins, the show features an experienced cast: Eric Herman, Hudgins, Dave Hicks, Barb Farris, Bob Pine and Vicki Luman. Technical direction is by Chip Kroll. The sketches were written by the cast with additional material from Bill Ford. And it features some special music written by Susan Jackson.

The show previews at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 24. "Good Things" will play Thursday through Saturday at 8:30 p.m., with an additional performance Saturdays at 11:30 p.m., and is scheduled to run through the end of January. Reservations are required, and may be obtained by calling 524-7333.

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Paper says Craig Spence sent farewell messages

WASHINGTON (AP)—Craig Spence, a lobbyist linked to a homosexual prostitution service who was found dead in a Boston hotel room Nov. 10, sent a farewell taped message to several friends, according to a published report.

The Washington Post reported it had obtained a copy of the seven-minute "video postcard" that Spence had sent to about a dozen friends. The newspaper also published a photograph of Spence it said was taken from

the tape.

"Take heart, good friends," The Post reported Spence as saying. "The pressures on us over the past several years have been, let us say, significant."

He joked about his Maltese dog, Winston, being incorrectly identified in news reports as a terrier, saying, "Winston's holding up, and I'm working at it."

The newspaper said Spence, who had reportedly taken male prostitutes on a midnight tour of the White House in July 1988, had

taped the message as he sat in a leather chair at his home two weeks before his death.

The report also revealed details of Spence's death obtained by the newspaper from police and an unidentified friend of Spence's.

The Post said Spence had spent the week in Boston visiting friends and handing out \$100 tips to waiters at the Ritz-Carlton where he was found.

Spence, under investigation by police and the Secret Service for possible credit card fraud in connection with a male prostitution

service, was found dead, dressed in a black tuxedo and white suspenders and lying on a bed in the hotel room. The king-sized bed blocked the door of the room.

His birth certificate and will also were found, as well as a prescription bottle for an anti-depressant, sources said.

Authorities said an autopsy was done Nov. 11 but an exact cause of death could not be determined until toxicology tests are completed in two to three weeks.

Ohio voters overturn 'sexual orientation' law

ATHENS, Ohio (AP)—Voters in this southeastern Ohio city overturned an ordinance that prohibited discrimination against gay people in employment and housing.

Final, unofficial results from Nov. 7's election showed 1,626 votes to overturn the ordinance and 1463 votes to let the ordinance stand, the Athens County Board of Elections said.

Carl Broberg, director of research for the Ohio Municipal League, said the ordinance was believed to be unique among Ohio cities. Athens, with a population of 18,000, is the home of Ohio University.

The Athens City Council last year approved the ordinance, overriding the veto of Mayor

Sara Hendriker. The law prohibited discrimination based on sexual orientation, but did not apply to church-supported schools, businesses that employ less than four people and the rental of owner-occupied residences.

Violations of the law resulted in a misdemeanor charge.

Passage of the law spurred a petition effort led by Athens County Auditor Pete Couladis. There petition drew 925 signatures, putting the issue on the ballot.

The law's advocates argued it was necessary to protect gay men and women from discrimination in employment and housing. But opponents said it was unnecessary and protected immoral behavior.

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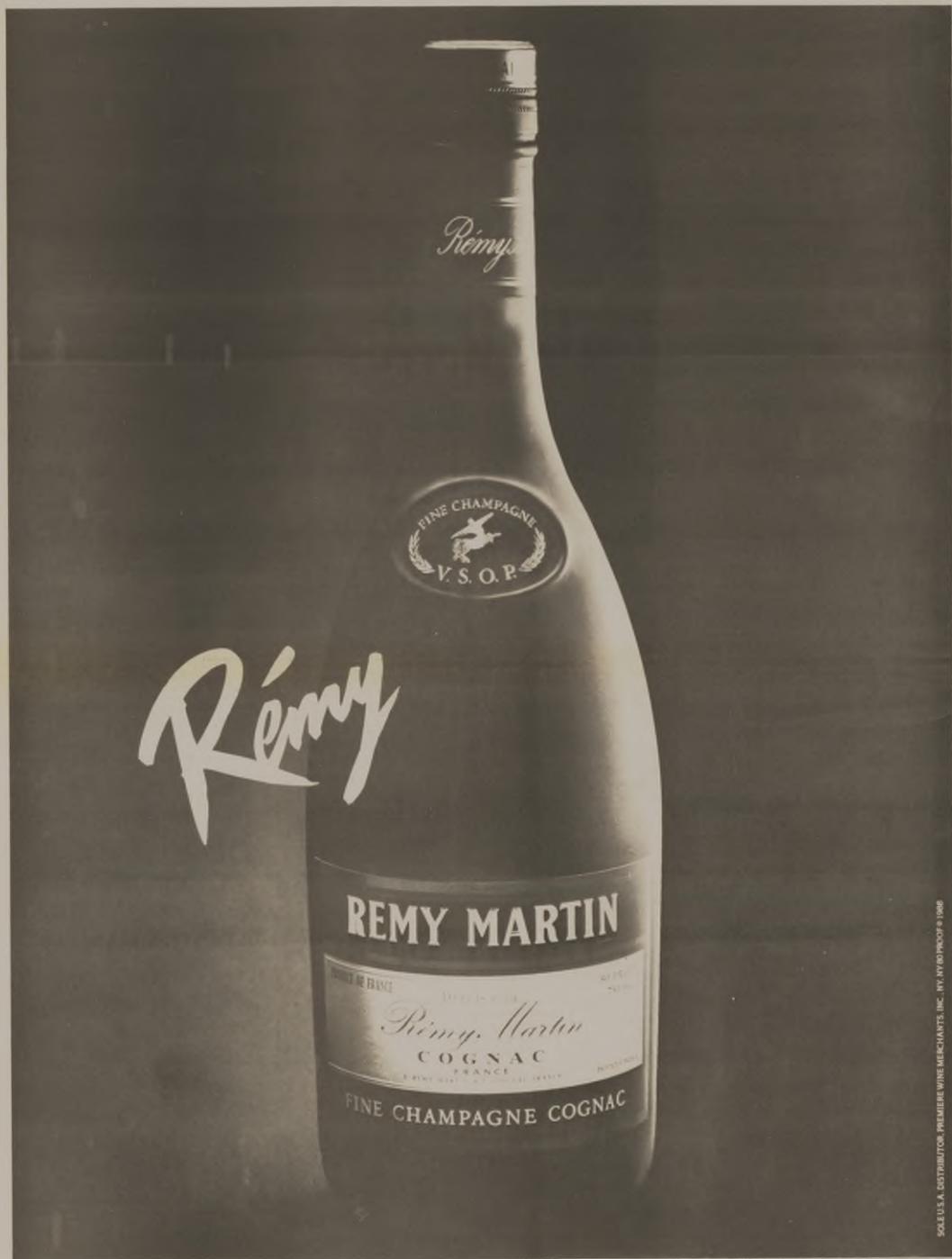
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The Friday Fox

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THE MONTROSE VOICE BAR-ZAAR

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Cesar Burke is our Thanksgiving weekend Fox.

He's 24 and a Libra. He also wants you to know he's a PWA.

"I feel no different than anyone else ... I have educated myself ... and want to share my knowledge to alert our community on Playing Safe!"

Cesar's favorite hang-outs include Heaven and Mothers

"because I really like dancing"

PHOTOS BY HENRY McCLURG

The holiday season is beginning, as a trip down Post Oak will tell us. But already the economists are forecasting a slow retail holiday and hints of a recession. We've never posed as an economist—having enough trouble with the simplest of bookkeeping chores.

Large corporations hire people just to determine trends and project sales. Small businesses, like LOBO, must depend on instinct and luck, mostly the latter. We have never understood the vagaries of retail. When LOBO Houston has a slow day, so does LOBO Dallas. Now what can affect the buying habits of our gay customers, hundreds of miles apart, on a given day?

Running a gay retail business has to be one of the high-risk enterprises around. We start with catering to approximately 10% of the population (although, granted that 10% is more concentrated in Montrose). But if we conservatively estimate the Houston area gay population at around 100,000, then we are getting only 1% of this 10%.

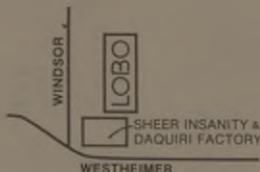
But even as a gay business we must compete with non-gay businesses, such as Bookstop for gay readers and Ballpark for video sales and Walgreen's for condoms and lubricants. And, at the same time we have a moral obligation to contribute where possible back into the community. LOBO recently underwrote a special project for an AIDS agency (which we were more than glad to do, we hastily add) but it also meant it took the average purchases of fifty customers to gross the amount of the contribution, not counting cost of product sold or overhead.

Don't misunderstand, contributing to our community is also good business. And, in turn, it is also good sense individually for the gay consumer to support community businesses. Gay businesses (and certain non-gay businesses) provide employment to members of our community as well as channeling money to other gay enterprises. LOBO does business with other such businesses as Printex, at least two lines of greeting cards are directly done by gays within the community. We advertise in the Voice and in another gay-owned publication.

None of this is to say that LOBO is entitled to your business. We must earn your patronage. We offer the lowest prices where possible. Our video club is the best deal in town, bar none. We offer the largest selection of gay magazines and books.

The workings of economics may be elusive but it makes sense that we build our community when we all prosper. And if we have been obtuse, let's spell it out: LOBO wants your business this holiday season and all the rest of the year. And we'll try to live up to your expectations of us as a business and supporter of the community.

LoBo is buying gay material from After Dark to Drummer, videos, paperbacks and hardbacks by or about gay and lesbians.
Wanted, collections large or small.



OPEN

THANKSGIVING

Noon-7pm

Holiday Sale

Specials

LOBO

1424-C Westheimer (at Windsor) 522-5156

Video Sales & Rentals • Swimwear • T-Shirts • Magazines • Cards • Books • Leather • Accessories • Necessities

The Most Honored Gay/Lesbian Bookstore in Texas



A NIGHT UNDER THE MISTLETOE

BENEFITTING HOUSTON LESBIAN/GAY PRIDE WEEK '90



6PM Cocktails,
Complimentary
Buffet &
Entertainment

8PM Tenders for
Adventures

10PM AfterGlow
featuring Greg
Davis*

FRIDAY, DEC. 1, 6PM UNTIL ?
MISSOURI STREET STATION
1117 MISSOURI AT YOAKUM

TENDERS FOR ADVENTURES

Specially chosen bachelors and bachelorettes will describe dream dates they have planned for the winning bidder. Of course, you may purchase a date for your own pleasure or present it to a friend for an evening of memorable adventures.

*Since making his singing debut at 17, Greg Davis has entertained all over the world, including Broadway, Nightclubs, and Resorts. His music ranges from Rogers & Hammerstein to Andrew Lloyd Webber, creating a contemporary Song & Dance Man.

Montrose Voice Bar Zaar

A LISTING OF THE SPECIAL AND REGULAR EVENTS AT HOUSTON CLUBS, RESTAURANTS AND OTHER PLACES OF ENTERTAINMENT WHICH ADVERTISE IN AND DISTRIBUTE THE MONTROSE VOICE.

We do our best to make this list as accurate as possible but there may be some errors. Call the bar or restaurant to confirm an event.

Most Always

-Bacchus: Happy Hour 4-8pm
-Club Body Center: \$5 for 30 minute tanning session, \$30 for 8 visits
-E/J's: 7am-9pm Happy Hour 7am-6pm \$1 Vodka drinks, Beer bust 4-10pm Monday-Saturday
-Midtown Spa: 4 Channel Video, Work Out Pass 1 month \$25
-Santa Fe Trading Co.: 99¢ frozen Margaritas 4-8 pm, Santa Fe Gold Margaritas, largest selection of imported beers and tequila
-Scandal's: Open 11am, Mon-Sat, 12 Noon, Sunday
-Scandal's: D.J. Dennis McGinnis plays your favorite oldies from the 50's, 60's, 70's

-Thai Villa Restaurant: Dinner: Daily specials, M-Th 5:30-10pm, F & S 5:30-10:30pm
-Thai Villa Restaurant: Lunch: Thai Buffet, \$5.95, M-F 11am-2pm
-Thai Villa Restaurant: Thurs-Sat Nites: Live piano

-Venture-N: Dancing on The Farside, seven days a week
-Venture-N: Get It? Got It? Good!
-French Quarter Theater: see ad this issue

-Momma's Money: Happy Hour, Monday-Saturday, 7am-8pm
-Momma's Money: \$1 Well & Domestic Beer, Monday-Saturday, 7am-11am
-Momma's Money: 75¢ Well Drinks, Monday-Thursday, 9pm-Midnight
-Chutes: Happy Hour 7am-8pm, Frozen Margaritas in a pitcher \$5, Beer bust 3-11pm \$3, Pitcher beer \$2, Bottle beer 7am-6pm \$1.50
-Missouri St. Station: Happy Hour prices till 9 pm
-J.R.'s: Monday thru Friday, hors d'oeuvres 5:30 until 7:30
-Past Time: Happy hour Noon to 8pm
-Pot Pie Restaurant: Free home delivery for pizzas

-Q. Ts: Mon thru Thurs—9pm-midnite, \$1.50 Well & Domestic Beer
-Mary's: Mon thru Sat, Happy Hours, 7am-noon, \$1.50 Well & Domestic Beer, 5-9pm, \$1.75 Well and \$1.50 Domestic Beer, \$1 Schnapps always
-Venture-N: Beer bust 4-10pm
-Venture-N: Happy hour Noon-8pm
-Club Romeo: Happy hour 5-9pm
-J.R.'s: 3-in-1 Happy Hour opening-10pm
-Charlie's Restaurant: Dinner and midnite specials
-E/J's: Sunday-Thursday, \$1 well drinks 1am-2am

-Missouri St. Station: Open 4pm-2am
-Mother's: Volleyball on patio, happy hour 7am-8pm, Keoki Kona 6pm-8pm Mon-Fri 2nd floor bar
-Miss Kitty's: What A Nellie Deli, 11am-3pm, serving lunch Mon-Fri
-Miss Kitty's: Happy hour 11am-9pm
-Rock 'N' Horse: Open Tues-Sat (4pm-2am), Sun (4pm-2am), Closed Mondays
-Briar Patch: Happy hour till 8pm
-Charlie's Restaurant: Open 24 hours
-Santa Fe Trading Co.: Open 4pm, 3 in 1 happy hour cocktails, \$1.75 longnecks or happy hour price single well till 10pm
-Spanish Flower Restaurant: Open 24 hrs. (ex. Tues.)

Friday

-Bacchus: The Gay Dating Game 8pm
-Midtown Spa: Parade Non-stop, get in early for video rooms
-Chutes: Male Strip Contest 11pm, MC Cassandra Landa, Win cash prizes, Beer bust 3-11pm \$3, 75¢ well 7am-noon, \$1 well Noon-6pm, \$1.50 beer Noon-6pm
-Past Time: The Tom Cats
-Miss Kitty's: Cowboys in Action, 8-2
-Club Romeo: TGIF Party 5-9pm

-Scandal's: Dance to the music of D.J. Dennis McGinnis
-E/J's: Britany's Follies 11pm
-Mother's: Dance music by Phil Ware
-Lazy J: Show Nite 10pm
-Cousins: Drawing, 6-45, win triple your shoe size, Cousins & Company, 10:30pm
-Heaven: 50¢ well, cover
-Brazos River Bottom: Happy Hour 7am till 9pm, Brazos River Band, 9:30pm
-Montrose Mining Co.: Special Forces (male dancers) 8pm-2am
-Missouri St. Station: Patio Specials, free hors d'oeuvres, live entertainment, 9pm
-J.R.'s: Pacific Coast Dancers non-stop 6pm until 2am

Saturday

-Cousins: Cousins & Company, 10:30pm
-Midtown Spa: Cruisin'...Video rooms usually gone early
-Montrose Mining Co.: 3 in 1 happy hour 4-10pm, 25¢ draft beer in a mug 10pm-2am
-Chutes: Dash for Cash 10pm-2am, Liquor bust 8pm-Midnite \$6, Beer bust 3-11pm \$3, Frozen Margarita bust 8pm-Midnite \$6
-Mother's: Vodka drinks & shots of schnapps 75¢ noon-8pm, Male dancers 10pm-1am, Bar-B-Que on the patio 5pm-9pm
-Past Time: The Tom Cats
-Rock 'N' Horse: Live band 9pm-1am
-J.R.'s: Pacific Coast Dancers 10:30pm
-Mary's: Beer bust on the patio 1pm-6pm, Leather Nite, Come Let Us Adjust Your Attitude, Sir!

-E/J's: \$1 well drinks 4-7pm, Male Jock Strip Contest, 11pm with MC Rainbo De Clown
-Scandal's: Dance to the music of D.J. Dennis McGinnis
-Bacchus: Houston's Original Party Nite, \$2 Margaritas
-Miss Kitty's: Cowboys in Action, 8pm-2am
-Lazy J: Show Nite 10pm
-Club Romeo: \$1.75 Coronas, \$1 schnapps
-Brazos River Bottom: Happy hour till 9pm, Brazos River Band, 9:30
-Heaven: 50¢ well 9-11 pm, cover, DJ Scooter Bearden

-Missouri St. Station: Patio Specials
-Mary's: Beer Bust on the patio, 1pm-6pm, \$3, Steak Nite, 5pm
-Bacchus: Pool Tournament, 2pm
-Midtown Spa: Kick back on the New Sundeck
-Momma's Money: Happy Hour Noon-4pm, \$1 Well with 50¢ Schnapps 4-7pm
-Rubio's: Free draft 7-10pm, "Rubios Presents" 10:30

Sunday

-Chutes: Wet Jockey Short Contest 6pm, Beer bust Noon-11pm \$3, Liquor bust 8pm-Midnite \$6, Frozen Margarita bust 8pm-Midnite \$6, \$1 well
-Past Time: Happy Hour all day & all nite
-Miss Kitty's: Cowboys in Action, starting at 7pm
-E/J's: Noon-10pm beer bust, Dinners served on the patio at 5pm, \$1 well drinks 4-7pm, Cricket draft tournament (partners only) 8pm
-Thai Villa Restaurant: Buffet \$5.95, 11am-2:30pm
-J.R.'s: 75¢ Cape Cods, Bloodies, Margaritas & Schnapps Noon-10pm
-Montrose Mining Co.: Beer Bust & 50¢ hot dogs 4pm-midnite, 50¢ draft beer in a mug midnite-2am
-Venture-N: Booze/Beer Bust 4-10pm
-Brazos River Bottom: Happy hour 7am-9pm, C&W dance lessons 10pm
-Scandal's: Pool tournament, 1pm, registration noon
-Heaven: Free well 7-9, free draft all nite, \$1.25 Corona all nite, cover
-Missouri St. Station: 9pm-7pm \$1 well
-Club Romeo: Hangover Blues, beer \$1, 25¢ Drinks, Marys \$2, Barbecue and drink specials, open 3pm
-Mother's: Vodka drinks & shots of schnapps 75¢ noon-8pm, Male dancers 10pm-1am, Bar-B-Que on the patio 5pm-9pm
-Rock 'N' Horse: Bloody Marys \$1, Live band 6pm-10pm, free hot dogs
-Montrose Mining Co.: Pool Tourney, 8:30pm, cash prize
-Midtown Spa: Video Room Upgrade, no extra charge
-Mother's: Beer Bust 25¢/mug or \$1.50 6oz. pitcher Miller Lite Draft, 6pm-1am
-Chutes: Free Pool all day, Beer bust 3-11pm \$3, Liquor bust 8pm-Midnite \$6, Frozen Margarita bust 8pm-Midnite \$6, 75¢ well 7am-noon, \$1 well Noon-6pm
-Past Time: Beer happy hour open to close
-Q.T.s: 8pm till 7, 50¢ hot dogs, 75¢ chili dogs, \$1.50 burgers
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-Mother's: Long neck domestic beers \$1, 8pm-Midnite, Tequila Gold Slammers \$1.50 10pm-2am
-Rock 'N' Horse: Schnapps \$1
-Montrose Mining Co.: Nickel draft beer in a mug 10pm-2am, music of 60's, 70's, 80's
-Ripcord: \$1.50 well all day
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-Club Body Center: Lockers \$3.25 noon-midnite
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-Tuesday
-Mother's: All well drinks \$1.75 7am-1am, Dance music from the 70s and early 80s
-Midtown Spa: 1/2 Price Lockers (members only)
-Past Time: White well liquor happy hour to closing
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-Ripcord: \$1.25 canned beer 8pm-2am
-Missouri St. Station: Beer Blow Out 7pm-midnite, \$1 domestic longnecks
-Club Body Center: 1/2 price rooms & lockers, 7pm-3am
-Momma's Money: 8pm-Midnite, \$2.50 pitcher beer
-The Ranch: Beer bust
-Rock 'N' Horse: Pitcher of beer \$2, Steak nite 7pm
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Talent nite (\$75 first place), drink specials, dancing till 2am
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-Bacchus: Corporate Ladies Happy Hour, free hors d'oeuvres till 8pm

Thursday

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-Mother's: Male dancers & Shows 10pm & Midnite, no door charge, burgers on the patio 6pm-10pm
-Midtown Spa: 1/2 Price Lockers (members only)
-Miss Kitty's: Posse Male Dancers, 9pm-2am
-Ripcord: \$1.50 Margaritas 9pm-2am
-Rock 'N' Horse: All well beer \$1
-Club Romeo: \$1.50 well drinks
-Club Body Center: Half price day noon-midnite
-The Ranch: Beer bust
-Bacchus: Steak Nite, 7pm (you bring the meat which we supply the rest)
-J.R.'s: 3 in 1 happy hour, \$1.25 frozen drinks all day all nite
-Heaven: Male Dance Revue with Hunter and the Headliners and Fantasy in Motion at 11pm
-Venture-N: Free Pool 4-8pm
-Brazos River Bottom: Happy hour 7am-9pm, \$1 longnecks all day & all nite, hamburgers & hot dogs 7-9pm
-Montrose Mining Co.: Happy Hour 4-7pm (\$1.10 well, beer), 3 in 1 Happy Hour 4-10pm, Longnecks (domestic beer soft drinks \$1.10) 10pm-2am, \$2 beer bust 4-10pm
-Missouri St. Station: Live Cabaret, Houston's hottest new acts begin at 9pm

-Names and phones
Here's the BAR-ZAAR list: places you might consider for drinking, dining and sensual pleasures.
-Arriba Cantina, 1100 Westheimer, 524-4800
-Bacchus, 523 Lovett, 523-3396
-Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos, 528-9192
-Briar Patch, 2294 Holcombe, 665-9678
-Club Body Center, 2205 Fannin, 659-4998
-Chapultepec Mexican Restaurant, 813 Richmond, 522-2365
-Charlie's Restaurant, 1102 Westheimer, 520-5221
-Chutes, 1732 Westheimer, 523-2213
-Cousins, 817 Fairview, 528-9204
-E/J's, 2517 Ralph, 527-9071
-Club Flamingo, 907 Westheimer, 527-8630
-French Quarter Theater, 3201 Louisiana, 527-0782
-Heaven, Pacific at Grant, 521-9123
-J.R.'s, 808 Pacific, 521-2519
-Keystroke, a club on the move, 785-9258
-Miss Kitty's, 710 Pacific, 523-0213
-Lazy J, 312 Tuam, 528-9343
-Mary's, 1022 Westheimer, 527-9669
-Midtown Spa, 3100 Fannin, 522-2379
-Montrose Mining Co., 805 Pacific, 529-7488
-Momma's Money, 534 Westheimer, 522-0045
-Missouri St. Station, 1117 Missouri, 524-1333
-Mother's, 402 Lovett, 520-7935
-Jo's Outpost, 2818 Richmond, 528-8318
-Past Time, 617 Fairview, 529-4669
-Pot Pie Restaurant, 1525 Westheimer, 528-4350
-Q. Ts, 608 Westheimer, 529-8813
-The Ranch, 9150 S. Main, 666-3464
-Rich's, 2401 San Jacinto, 759-9606
-Ripcord, 715 Fairview, 521-2792
-Rock 'N' Horse, 1220 Taft, 520-9910
-Club Romeo, 903 Richmond, 528-9110
-Rubio's, 202 Tuam, 522-1207
-Santa Fe Trading Co., 804 Pacific, 528-6969
-Scandal's, 1419 Richmond, 528-8903
-Spanish Flower Restaurant, 4701 N. Main, 869-1706
-Thai Villa Restaurant, 2907 W. Alabama, 524-4777
-Venture-N, 2923 S. Main, 522-0000

The Montrose Voice recommends ...

•FRIDAY

Leather night hosted by the Lancers, Venture-N/Far Side, 10pm-2am.

Male Strip, 3rd week of series, at Chutes, 11pm.
Britany's Follies, 11pm, E/J's, both live and drag.

•SATURDAY

Bored this afternoon? Free pool, shuffleboard, munchies at Venture-N noon-8pm

Leather Night at Mary's. Show some skin.

Male strip contest at E/J's. Fun and buns. 11pm.

•SUNDAY

Wet Jockey Shorts Contest followed by free buffet, somewhere around 6pm, Chutes
Sunday Show at QT's, 8pm.

•MONDAY

Dart tournament at E/J's, 7pm.
Free pool at Chutes.

•TUESDAY

Trash Disco 8pm-2am, Venture-N, no cover, beer bust available.
C&W dance lessons at the BRB start 10pm. Scoot your boots.

•WEDNESDAY

Steak night at Chutes. Come pig out. Buy the steaks there, cook 'em yourself. Starts about 6:30.

Amateur strip contest 9pm at Momma's Money.

•THURSDAY

Live cabaret at Missouri Street Station, starting 9pm.

THE ABOVE EVENTS ARE TAKEN FROM ADVERTISEMENTS IN THIS ISSUE OF THE MONTROSE VOICE.

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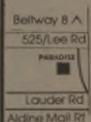
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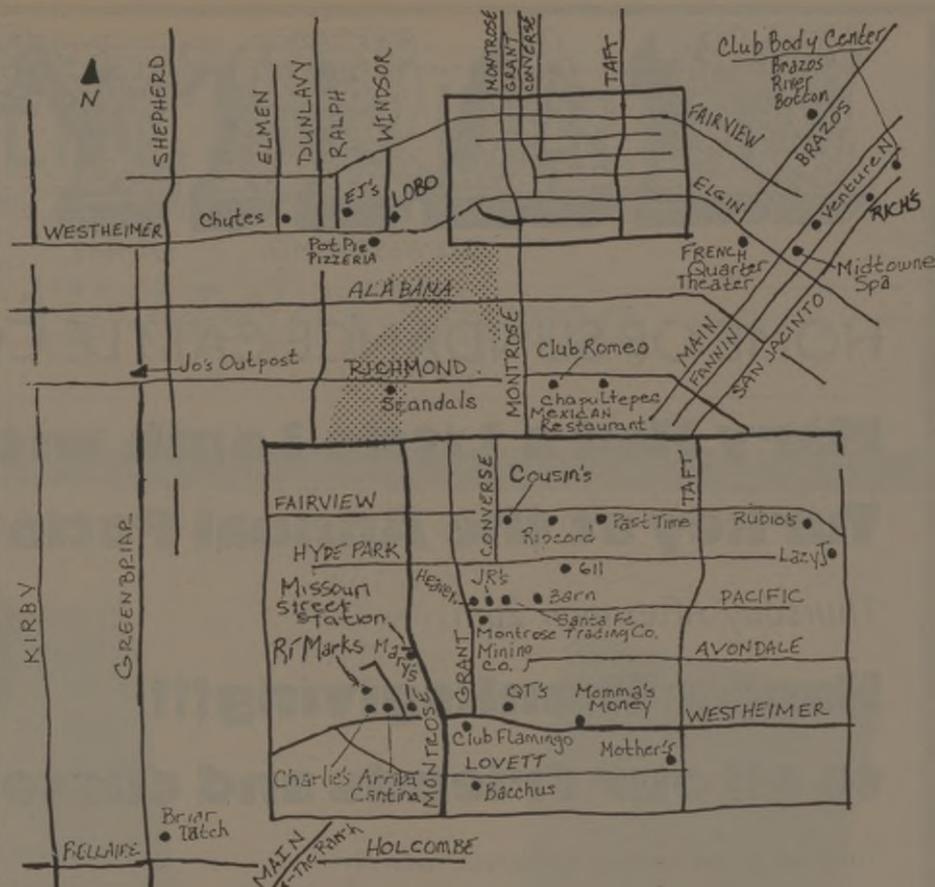
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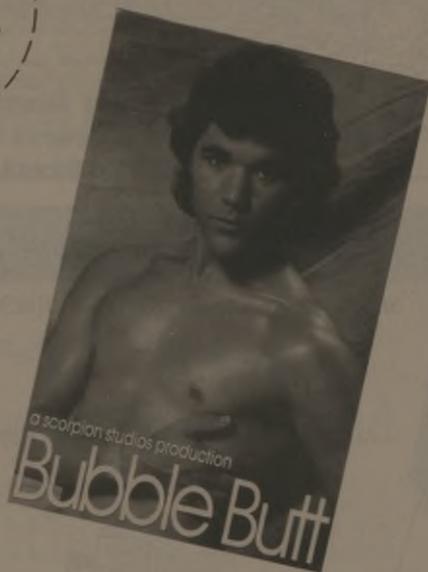
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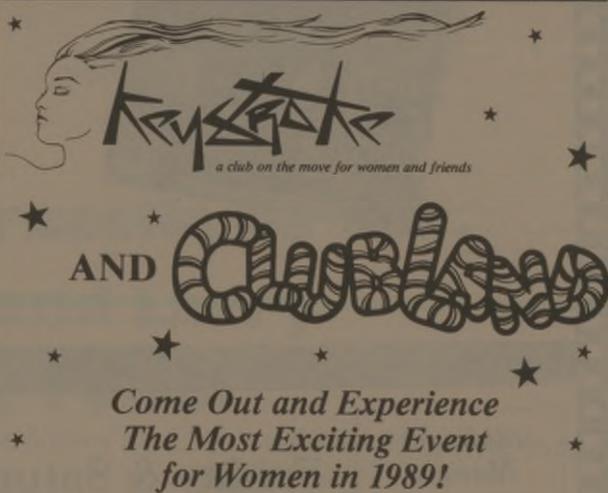
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You are not alone. You're more aware of that fact now than you have been for a long time. The total support you receive from others is gratifying, and the spirit of community that pervades your life is inspirational to those who do to follow a lonelier path.

Taurus

You've made all the necessary and right decisions, but you're doing a lot of wondering about where it all leads. The big questions are still on your mind: Who am I? Where am I going? What's life all about, Alfie? Keep on asking.

Gemini

The burst of activity that begins this week could have a far reaching effect on the months to come. Something or someone that seems inconsequential could mean more than you could presently imagine. Don't fight the tide.

Cancer

The depth and commitment of your love may be tested and questioned, and your workload may become a heavy one. But the self that remains true to its center remains strong, weathering those brief storms with a knowing calm.

Leo

When someone comes knocking at the door, open up! All the questions you've been asking yourself can be answered with a fresh outlook. So much activity comes from this new arrival that recent trials and tribulations will soon be forgotten.

Virgo

Home for Thanksgiving is right where you'll be. Memories of the past will enrich your life. The warm glow of fellowship and renewal of family ties will leave you feeling good, even though it's not at all what you expected.

Libra

Investment continues to be the key word, but in the world of the practical this may involve a joint venture. You haven't planned for this, but keep your options open and advice from those with experience in such matters. Learn all you can about this partner.

Scorpio

Unexpected good fortune! Well, maybe not completely unexpected. Somewhere in the back of your mind you may have been hoping for this, but the shape that reality assumes is not always easily recognized from the dreams we have imagined.

Sagittarius

As we enter your time of year, we find the archer ready to put down his bow and arrow and become domestic. The one you want to settle with may be amazed at your resolve and sincerity. Ask a Leo friend for some advice in this matter.

Capricorn

Your expectations are tremendous, as well they should be! You've worked hard to get to where you are, and you have a very clear idea of where you're going. Self-assuredness revitalizes you. A Scorpio and a Sagittarian may figure in the forecast.

Aquarius

The preacher in you may get a bit carried away this week. You have a message that you want to share with others, but sharing does not mean stuffing it down their throats. Lighten up! Be what you want them to be. Be an example, not a tyrant.

Pisces

With whose family shall we spend the holidays? That may be a question that needs an answer. Some problem of this type needs to be worked out fairly and squarely. A sense of balance is required. Make things right for both of you.



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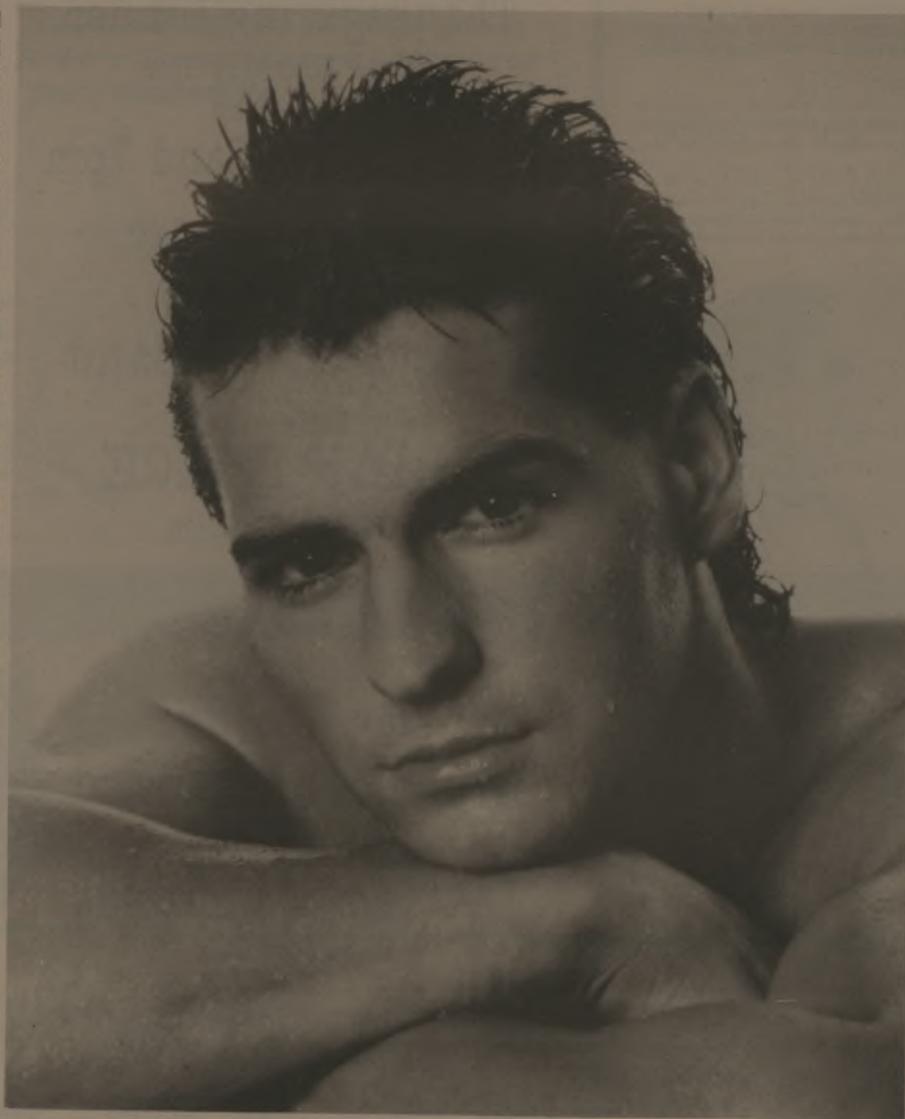


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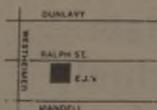
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Personals (commercial)

Although this section is highly read, if you're advertising a service, such as tree trimming, moving, florist, etc., readers LOOKING for your particular service will turn to your classification in our regular Montrose Classifieds, not back here to the Personals.

The Personals

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Montrose Soap: People and Places

On Monday, Nov. 27, the winners and finalists from weeks of male strip contests at Santa Fe Trading Co. will compete for a troy ounce of gold. Donna Day emceed the grand prize finals beginning at 10:30 p.m.

Congratulations go out to Brucella DeVall and Larry Garrett, Miss and Mr. TGRA 1990. After a year of hard work fund raising, they have brought the titles back to Houston once again.

Larry (LOBO): Are the new outfits you showed this roving reporter part of the LOBO dress code, and are ruffles and lace optional?

Neil (Outpost): I thought you were supposed to have cocktails before you run over a curb, not after!

Most of the restaurants and bars are having special Thanksgiving dinners Wednesday, so check out the ads for times to plan your schedule.

For those TGRA members who were unable to attend last weekend's rodeo awards presentation, your new state officers are: president, Richard Montgomery; secretary, Debe Powell and treasurer, Walter Carter. There will be a runoff for vice president, between Lynn Smith and Preston Porter, and for

contestant rep, between Nancy Warncke and Bill Sanders. Be at the next meeting at the BRB, 2:00 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3 to cast your votes.

Remember this weekend is Texas Riders' Fall Roundup Run, starting with registration at Chutes at 9:00 p.m. Friday night (Nov. 24). The "Mr. Fall Roundup" contest is at 9:00 p.m. Saturday night, and there will be group bar hops on Saturday to the bars sponsoring the events, which include Chutes, Mary's, Cousins and the BRB. Also, Pickles is now open at 7:00 a.m. at Chutes Monday through Saturday.

Can you believe that Langdon was actually seen drinking in a bar at 10:00 a.m. What was he doing up before his usual noon awakening?

Lady Victoria Lust will host a show to raise funds for "PWA Christmas" at 7:00 p.m. this Sunday at Momma's Money. Mark this event on your calendar for the weekend.

The Lesbian and Gay Pride Week 1990 committee will hold a benefit at Missouri Street Station at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 1. It's being called "A Night Under the Mistletoe" (doesn't that sound interesting)? Make plans to attend.

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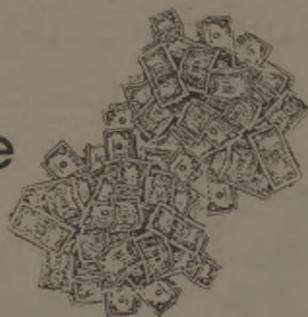
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Beer Bust 3-11pm

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