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With one member absent, the health panel voted 12-5 to approve a plan that would give Health Director Dr. Robert Bernstein the power to order "isolation" for AIDS patients who pose a threat to public health. The health director or other high ranking state health official would be authorized to issue a warrant after being notified by a local official that the victim was engaging in or threatening to engage in reckless conduct.

The ruling must now be entered in the Texas Register. After a 30-day public comment period, a final ruling will be made.

Glen Maxey, spokesman for Lesbian and Gay Rights Advocates (LGRA), says the initial ruling means the board has "agreed to talk about it." LGRA, a political action coalition of gay rights groups based in Austin, plans to meet on January 4 to

plan the strategy of public comment.

Maxey feels that the lack of specificity in the language of the ruling will affect its chances for final approval. Unlike other quarantine rules, the AIDS regulation does not state exactly who will be subject to quarantine or the quarantining procedures. It also does not define the conditions of the quarantine or who will absorb the costs.

LGRA plans to solicit legal experts to argue that the rule is incomplete and must be expanded before it can be legally applied. If it is shown that, in its present form, the rule is unsound, the full board must meet to author a new version. This would delay enactment of the law.

In Houston, Gay Political Caucus President Sue Lovell recommends that those concerned about the issue contact state legislators to get their opinion. Lovell believes that voters should remember their lawmakers' stand on the ruling when making future electoral decisions. "Take that information and remember it in November," said Lovell. Lovell added that even Gov. Mark White should be polled on his position in the matter.

Lovell agrees with Maxey in questioning the lack of details in the plan. She explained that, as it stands now, the plan

calls for a lot of trust. "They are saying 'trust us,'" said Lovell, "and we're not trusting them right now." The head of Houston gay political activist group added that the ruling places the burden of protecting civil rights on the individual and not the state. "We don't need to trust anyone. We need protection."

Both Maxey and Lovell assert that Bernstein has already violated their trust. Earlier this month, after health officials, members of AIDS organizations, and activists met with Bernstein, it was believed that the isolation/quarantine issue was dead. It appeared at that time that Bernstein was convinced that it was not a viable solution to the problems surrounding public health and AIDS. However, it was with Bernstein's recommendation that the board voted to approve the plan.

Maxey cautions that during the public comment period, the board members are not looking for simple pro-and-con statements. They are seeking solid legal or medical grounds for objections to the ruling. Therefore, he advises that those wishing to become involved in the process contact LGRA or local organizations that are coordinating the opposition to the ruling.

Jim Beecher, president of the KS/AIDS

Foundation of Houston, called a meeting of that group's executive committee to formulate the foundation's response to the health panel's action.

A public comment hearing will be held Jan. 13 at the Department of Public Health Building in Austin.

Those wishing to address their comment directly to the board should write Dr. Charles Alexander, chief Bureau of Immunology, Texas Department of Health, 1100 W. 49th Street, Austin, TX 78756.

## In Memoriam

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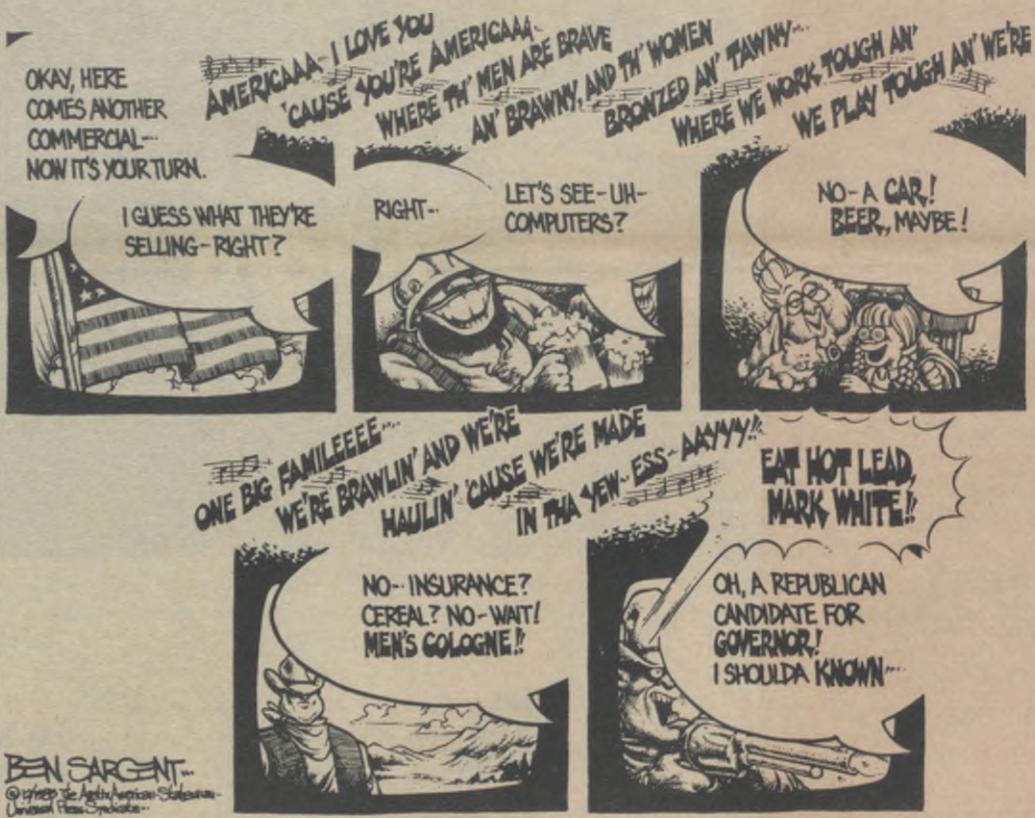
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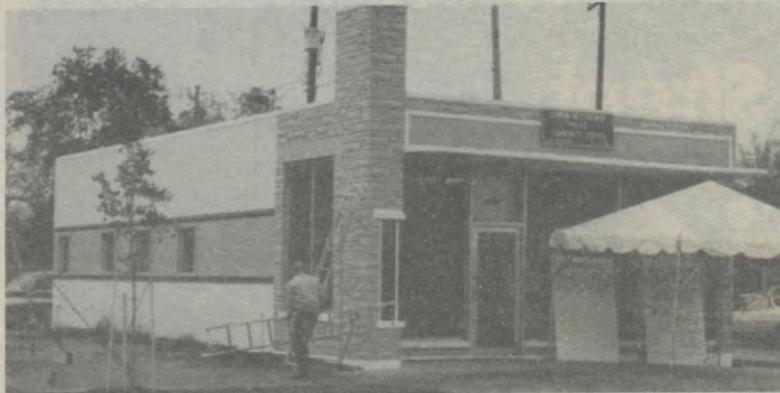
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The Lower Westheimer Police Community Center officially opened this past Tuesday with a celebration honoring the many neighborhood sponsors who donated time and materials to make this one-of-a-kind facility possible (Roger Lackey photo)



City Councilman George Greanias (right) and John Daniel (center), project coordinator, present the "key" to the new police substation to Police Chief Lee Brown (Roger Lackey photo)

## Lower Westheimer Police Station Open for Business

The new Lower Westheimer Police Sub-Station opened Tuesday, Dec. 17 with a special opening celebration and benefit.

A crowd of approximately 200 gathered in front of the facility at 7:00 p.m. as city officials arrived in a police paddy wagon.

Robert Sawvell, president of Liberty Bank, introduced Mayor Kathy Whitmire, Councilman George Greanias and Houston Police Chief Lee Brown.

The city officials hailed the new facility as a vital part in the revitalization of lower Westheimer.

After the ribbon cutting, those at the celebration toured the station. A lavish buffet waited at the end of the tour. Representatives from area food establishments manned tables laden with examples of their wares. Entertainment included dancing girls circulating through the crowd and the Montrose Symphonic Brass

Quintet.

The opening celebration was sponsored by the Neartown Business Alliance to honor the many contributors to the project. The building and property were donated by Liberty Bank. Design and remodeling were donated by developer J.R. McConnell. Materials, labor and furnishings were donated by over 40 businesses and individuals in the Montrose area.

Contributors are listed on a special sign inside the station.

The principal project coordinator has been John Daniel, security director and community relations liaison of Liberty Bank. Daniel is also a founding member and past vice president of the Neartown Business Alliance. He has been assisted by Mark Schmidt of Metropolitan Development and president of NBA.

Approximately 1000 square feet in size,

the center is the first 24-hour operation police substation of its kind in Houston. It will be staffed by five full time officers and a sergeant, and three police aides, part of the high school intern program.

On premise assignment provides residents faster crime reporting as well as an opportunity to provide information helpful in the solution of crimes. It is probable that eventually patrol assignments be made for District 17 from this station. District 17 covers the area bordered by Drexel on the west, Bissonnet on the south, Allen Parkway on the north, and Main on the east. The substation telephone number is 529-3100.

There are three computer terminals on-line to the downtown computer center, which provide instant information on vehicle registration, arrest warrants outstanding nationwide as well as providing

direct access to the downtown dispatching center.

An estimated \$20,000 annual budget must be raised by the community to pay all operating expenses and upkeep on the property. Neartown Business Alliance and other area organizations will be conducting an ongoing fundraising campaign. Donations and pledges will be accepted by contacting Mark Schmidt at 4414 Montrose Boulevard, or calling 520-6064.

Volunteers wishing to assist in civilian operations and manning of telephones at the station may contact John Daniel at Liberty Bank, 529-4821.

Beverages for the opening party were provided by the Houston Organization of Bar Owners. Food was provided by over a dozen local restaurants and catering services.



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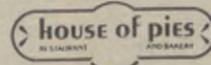
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According to Sunshine Overkamp, associate director of the agency, \$50,000 of the one-time award will go directly to the McAdory House, a residential facility for ambulatory victims. Another \$10,000 will be used for public education. The Visting Nurses Association, a United Way agency, will receive \$119,640 to expand its hospice operation to AIDS patients in the final stages of the disease.

The public education grant will be used to develop a general information piece for broad distribution.

Grant funding will begin this month and run through July 1986.

## Commercial Group Seeks to Open First AIDS Hospital

*From a report in the Houston Post*

A private hospital management corporation is negotiating with the University of Texas Medical School and M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute to open what may be the nation's first hospital totally devoted to AIDS patients and research.

American Medical International Inc. wants to convert its 150-bed Citizens General Hospital, located at 7407 North Freeway, to a facility where community physicians would admit AIDS patients. Members of the M.D. Anderson staff would oversee the clinical operations and conduct research.

M.D. Anderson is currently very active in AIDS research, but as the state's cancer hospital, it can only admit AIDS patients who have a form of cancer.

## Liberty Bank Announces New Owners

*From a Press Release*

L. Robert Sawvell, president of Liberty Bank, announced Tuesday, Dec. 17, that Frances Tarlton Gordon and John R. Gordon have purchased the controlling interest in the \$75 million bank. The Gordons are the founder/ owners of Southwestern Surplus, a large excess and surplus lines general agency. Gordon succeeds Charles B. Marino as chairman of the board and Mrs. Gordon has been named vice chairman.

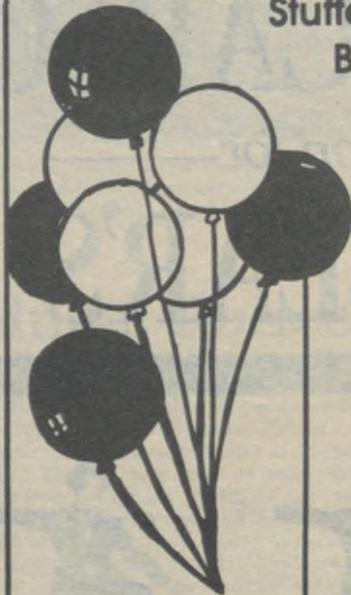
The announcement, made at a special shareholders meeting, caps the program of changes inaugurated a year ago to strengthen the bank and reposition it for growth. That program includes the new management team headed by Sawvell, the former chief executive officer of Standco Industries and head of a multi-bank holding company in Wisconsin.

"We have embarked on an exciting new phase of development. With Frances and John Gordon holding the controlling interest and our new management team firmly established we have the sophistication, expertise and strength to serve small and mid-sized companies," Sawvell commented.

"Simultaneously, our commitment to the economic development of the Lower Westheimer area means that we take a special interest in the community. For that reason we are proud to have participated in the creation of the Lower Westheimer (police) substation," he concluded.

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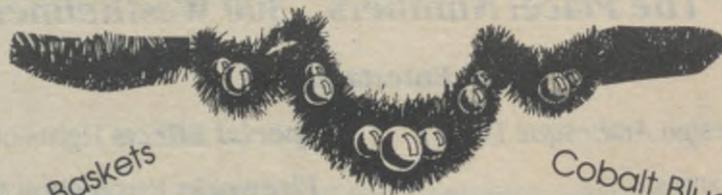
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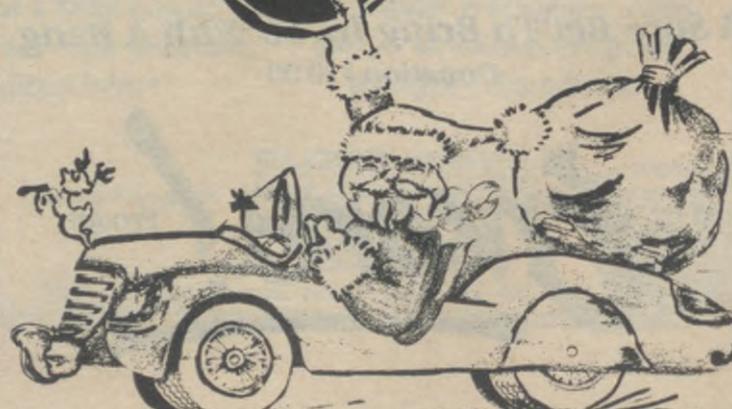
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Ho! Ho! Ho! Through the end of the year, the Voice is not charging for art-work, halftones, typesetting or pasteup. You pay only for space, color (if desired) and special placement (if desired). And that includes artwork, typesetting, etc., for ads we produce for you for other publications.

● **New Sizzling Artists**

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● **New Columns and Features**

You've already noticed it in recent weeks. The Montrose Voice is brimming with in-depth investigative-style articles. And they'll continue.

Our new "Montrose Crossword Puzzle," an exclusive puzzle with special words and clues relating to Montrose and Houston's gay community, is returning. (This popular feature originally appeared in the Voice in 1981.) Sponsorship of this feature is available.

Other new columns will begin in the next few issues and revolve around (1) antiques (Montrose is the antique shop capital of the Southwest), (2) cars (after all, we are a newspaper and what's a newspaper without an auto section), (3) operating a small business (Montrose is also the small business, or entrepreneurial, heart of Houston), and (3) travel (not your normal travel column you find in the dailies, which seem to be mostly written for little old ladies, but one written especially for the interests of our liberated readers).

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● **New Higher Press Run**

The Montrose Voice will increase its weekly press run from 10,000 copies to 12,000 copies (a 20% increase). This should increase our estimated readership from about 27,000 people weekly to about 33,000 people weekly. (Even at an estimated 27,000 Houston readers weekly, the Voice is already thousands ahead of the other two gay publications.)

● **Regional Combination Rates**

Beginning in January, the Voice will offer regional combination rates with other gay community publications elsewhere in Texas plus New Orleans. If you have a major campaign that needs regional exposure, we can place you in several local publications guaranteed to saturate the major markets of our region.

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The Montrose Voice has over the past 5 years taken the lead among gay community publications for community involvement. We are part of the Montrose neighborhood and we work very hard to see that Montrose is a growing, vibrant, healthy area of the city.

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2. We will continue to make financial contributions to many groups.

3. We will continue to be politically active and endorse level-headed, non-reactionary, human-rights-oriented candidates.

4. And we will continue to join and be active in our community's varied social, political, medical, business, religious and sports organizations.

No one has a greater interest in you and Montrose than you and the Montrose Voice.



## Fire Causes Minimal Damage at Jim's Gym

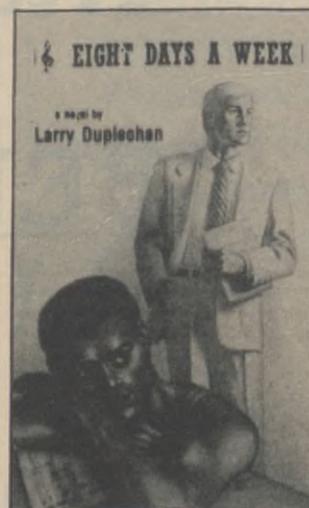
A midafternoon fire on Friday, Dec. 13, forced a Montrose health facility to close. Jim's Gym, 607 Westheimer, received minimal damage from the electrical fire which began in the attic.

Anticipating new city permits, the gym scheduled itself to reopen Dec. 19.

## EIGHT DAYS A WEEK

Can Johnnie Ray Rousseau, a 22-year-old black gay aspiring nightclub singer, find happiness with Keith Keller, a six-foot-two blond bisexual football jock who works in a bank? Will Johnnie Ray's manager ever get him on the Merv Griffin show? Who was the lead singer of the Shangri-las? And what about Snookie?

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# Dr. Didato's Quiz: What's So Funny?

By Salvatore V. Didato, Ph.D.  
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Special to the Montrose Voice

If you have it, you're popular. If you don't, you're shunned! We're talking about a sense of humor—that distinctly human quality which gives encouragement to others, keeps us sound in mind and body, and generally makes life easier to bear.

To see humor in living is an innate capacity. Infants usually respond to a smile by the age of two months, and out-right laughter appears about a month later. Once we learn to chuckle, we do it (or should learn to do it) for the rest of our lives.

It's estimated that an average person laughs 15 times a day. But reactions to humor are highly variable and complex. Regarding specific jokes, what to some people is dull, to others is hilarious.

Our quiz gauges your sense of humor. To find where you stand on this desirable trait of young and old alike, take it, then read on for explanations.

**Part 1:**

Rate yourself on these items as follows: 1—not true, 2—somewhat true, 3—very true.

I consider myself to be:

1. Fun-loving
2. Socially aggressive
3. Pleasure-seeking
4. Above average in sex drive

**Part 2:**

Now pick what you consider to be the funnier joke in each pair below:

5.A. "Which animals can jump higher than a tree?" "All animals, trees can't

jump."

B. "Waiter, what's this?" "Bean soup, sir." "I don't care what it's been, I'm asking what it is now."

6.A. "If you don't stop playing that horn, I'll go crazy." "Too late, I stopped an hour ago."

B. Jane received three wrong phone calls in one afternoon, each asking for Joe Sanders. That evening, the phone rang again and the caller announced: "Hello, this is Joe Sanders. Are there any calls for me?"

7.A. "Tell me how long cows should be milked?" "They should be milked the same as short ones."

B. "Do you know what happens to little boys who tell lies?" "Yes, Mom. They travel for half fare."

8.A. "A motorist who ran over a small dog tried to console its owner by saying:

"I'll be happy to replace your pet." The reply took only a second: "Sir, don't flatter yourself."

B. After an astronomy lecture, an elderly matron asked nervously, "How long did you say it would take for the sun to burn out?" "Oh, about 5 billion years." "Whew," replied the lady. "I thought you said million."

**Explanation**

There is not one satisfactory theory of humor today. Science is just about where it was centuries ago when philosophers tried to explain it. Sigmund Freud, the psychoanalyst, was the first to form the theory of humor. He finally concluded that humor serves two purposes:

1. It is a mature ability used to repudiate or lessen one's suffering and 2. It is a release of pent-up or repressed drives and

emotions.

**Score**

Part 1—The first four items in our quiz are traits which have been found to be associated with persons who have a high sense of humor. Total up your score for part 1.

Part 2—Items 5 through 8 consist of jokes which were rated high or low on funniness by using a panel of psychologist judges (a common scientific method for judging wit and humor). Give yourself two points for all A answers and 1 point for all B answers. Now, add up your points from parts 1 and 2 to obtain your total quiz score.

Consider the following as a rough estimate of your sense of humor:

- 16-20 points. Keen as Johnny Carson.
- 11-15 points. Average as anyone else.
- 0-10 points. Move over, Count Dracula.

## Letters

### Agrees with State Health Board

From Loran E. Doss

When the State Board of Health puts forth a proposal to isolate AIDS victims, this certainly seems to be a positive approach to protect public health. It would be an unconvincing argument for gay rights advocates to say that it would hinder efforts to stop the disease.

If AIDS victims were kept under close observation, more could be learned about this terrible disease and could possibly lead to future prevention.

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# A Classy 'Color Purple' and a Campy 'Clue'

By Scott Cutsinger  
Montrose Voice Film Critic

Just when moviegoers were about to throw up their hands in disgust and give up on 1985, along comes two new films that sparkle in the holiday season. Those looking for classy drama will love Steven Spielberg's *The Color Purple*, and those looking for campy laughs and fun stars will definitely revel in *Clue*.

*Clue* sort of resembles *Murder By Death*, although it's a lot funnier and the jokes fly by at a relentless pace. Based on the popular board game, this film has the added novelty of three different endings (A,B,C) showing at different theaters. This is either to get you to see the film several times, or give you and your friends something to argue about when you discuss whether Miss Scarlett or Mrs. Peacock really did it.

The real surprise is Spielberg's dramatic adaption of Alice Walker's best seller *The Color Purple*. Featuring an almost totally black cast including Whoopi Goldberg, Danny Glover, and Adolph Caesar, Spielberg has made a fairly faithful adaption of the book that should please readers and filmgoers alike. While it falls short of being a "great" film, *Purple* is a moving portrait of a struggling woman that could just run off with a whole handful of Oscars next year.

## Clue

If you're in the mood for something light and cheerful, check out the mysteries of *Clue* along with the rest of the all-star cast. Nothing very deep or arty here, just a frantically hilarious concoction of suspects and potential victims running amuck.

The butler (Tim Curry) greets each of the guests as they arrive at the long-deserted mansion. Each person is given a fictitious



(From left) Eileen Brennan, Lesley Ann Warren and Madeline Kahn star, respectively, as Mrs. Peacock, Miss Scarlett and Mrs. White, in the comic whodunit "Clue"

name, and they are introduced to Mr. Boddy (get it?). Right off, Boddy is bumped off when the lights suddenly go out. Whodunnit?

Well, it could have been Mrs. Peacock in the hall with the candlestick. Or Colonel Mustard in the study with the knife. Or even Miss Scarlett in the kitchen with the revolver. And since there are three different endings to see, it's no telling who "really" did it.

Actually, there are several people who get strangled, knifed, or konked on the head during the course of *Clue*. The ending I saw was so cluttered with murderers, it almost seemed irrelevant who killed ol' Mr. Boddy. Everyone in the movie is having such a great time camping it up and the dialogue is so brisk and snappy, we almost forget to wonder who really did do it.

Director/ writer Jonathon Lynn is an

English television writer making a very successful debut in American film. Lynn obviously has a great love for this genre, and a very funny sense of timing and writing. His film editors, David Bretherton (*Cabaret*) and Richard Haines (*Bullit*), are excellent, fast-paced spicers who keep everything zooming along at a precariously funny but even pace. Only Victor Kemper's fuzzy and dull photography seems to blemish the otherwise well made film.

Of course, the spotlight must be turned to the cast, who play their roles to the hilt. The men's roles are written to take a back seat to the wretchedly funny women. Professor Plum (Christopher Lloyd of *Back to the Future*), Mr. Green (Michael McKeon from *This is Spinal Tap*) and Colonel Mustard (Martin Mull) pretty well stay in the background and let the jokes bounce off them. Only Tim Curry has a really meaty

man's role as the snide and tidy butler, who may or may not be the butler.

The trio of women is certainly a wild sight to behold, and really make the movie. Eileen Brennan makes her screen return (after her tragic accident) as the outlandish Mrs. Peacock, sporting studded cateye glasses and a quivering hat of ostrich and peacock feathers. Her character is a hilarious mess, complete with gold lame dress and bothersome fur that slides down her arm (not to mention some very classic lines).

Moving in right behind her is Madeline Kahn as the heavily-veiled Mrs. White who is "mourning" her husband's demise. "It was a case of life after death," she says calmly. "Now that he's dead, I have a life." Wearing a black file suit (which covers a strapless cocktail dress) and with her hair cut "china doll" style, Kahn fits in great with the rest of the farcial proceedings.

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Rounding out the trio is Lesley Ann Warren as the voluptuous and sexy Miss Scarlett who runs a "quiet" escort service. Spouting sexual innuendos and throwing herself at the men, Scarlett is a high class tramp somewhat in the Rita Hayworth mold. She meshes well with other women, forever throwing them off-guard with her off-the-cuff remarks.

Clue is so funny that it catches us quite off guard and knocks us to the floor laughing. Unlike other movies of this type, about 90% of the jokes are really funny here. You almost want to go back a second time just to catch the funny lines you missed while watching the looney characters, or maybe just to catch one of the other two endings. Clue isn't just a game any more, because now it's been made into a crazy but skillful comedy that should be a Christmas smash. Don't miss it.

□ **The Color Purple**

Steven Spielberg is probably a little edgy about the release of his newest effort. Unlike *Goonies*, *Young Sherlock Holmes*, and TV's "Amazing Stories," this film is his first seriously dramatic, adult effort in quite some time. Also, the movie is based on a beloved best seller that just happened to win the Pulitzer Prize for literature several years ago.

It's nice to report that Steven gets a B-plus on his report card this time around. He has assembled a superb cast (mostly unknowns) and has a screenplay by Menno Meyjes that follows the book pretty closely (but has softened it quite a bit). It is epic-sized like the "Roots" mini-series, but also tender and warm like *Sounder*. With a universal theme of love and maturing, Spielberg probably has nothing much to worry about.

*The Color Purple* is actually a very troubling tale that has been toned down for general mass consumption. There is adultery, incest and abuse, but it is rarely up

front or forceful towards viewers. Not that life of young Celie in a 1906 Georgia town is very sanitized. The facts are there, but the film never dwells on the bad; instead we are always looking for a better tomorrow, just like in all of Spielberg's films.

Our heroine is Celie (played by newcomer Whoopi Goldberg), who has two children by her father and then is given to a widower with four wild children. "Mr." (as she calls him) never marries her, treats her like low dirt, and keeps letters that are sent by her beloved younger sister. Celie plays the quiet wife who is obedient to her husband, but we know that she is longing to break out for the freedom that she deserves. Her husband (played gruffly by Danny Glover from *Silverado*) doesn't see any potential in Celie, and basically treats her like a slave.

Various characters begin to drift in and out of her life. A dance hall singer named Shug Aver (played to perfection by Margaret Avery) is the woman that "Mr." always wanted to marry. When "Mr." brings her to the house when she is ill, Celie falls in love with her and the two have an affair. Their love is muted, but their revealing scenes together tell us a lot about these women and their problems.

Other minor characters include Oscar nominee Adolph Caesar as "Mr.'s" grumpy father, and Rae Dawn Chong as the girlfriend of Harpo—one of "Mr.'s" sons. Harpo (Willard Pugh) is first married to Sofia, a large, robust woman played by talk show host Oprah Winfrey. Winfrey's character is phenomenal, moving from proud to downtrodden, and finally—in the end—triumphant.

As Celie, Whoopi Goldberg is very good. It is a quiet sedate role that requires deep feelings more than elaborate actions or speeches. Goldberg builds the character very slowly as she comes out of her shell, serenely revealing a strong woman who can finally stand up for herself. We don't



Danny Glover and Whoopi Goldberg star as the ill-tempered "Mr." and Celie, in "The Color Purple"

get to see a lot of the "strong" Celie until late in the film, but when she starts blooming we realize what potential Celie really has.

The negative aspects of *Purple* are minute, but they downgrade the film to a sentimental level. Many scenes are overplayed to get some emotional reaction from the audience. Spielberg throws in unneeded comic relief (see people fall from the rafters unhurt) or tearful overtures at the drop of a hat. Not helping things is Quincy Jones' score, which rises to horrendously soaring heights at major dramatic points in the film.

One thing that really annoys me is having my emotions artificially stirred up. I

wanted to enjoy the simple and moving scenes by themselves, but the swelling music and the swirling photography really knock the wind out of the effect. It's as if Spielberg doesn't trust the power of the actors or the script and has to juice it up to make it effective.

It will be easy for some to call this a "great" film just because there aren't very many black films made. Unfortunately, Spielberg's effort loses some emotional impact and intensity of the Alice Walker characters and scenarios because he overdoes it. *The Color Purple* is a very good effort and audiences will no doubt be affected by it. It's just that it could have been so much better with "less" instead of "more."

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# For Black Males, Suicide Rates Peak at Prime of Life

By Louis Freedberg  
Pacific News Service  
Special to the Montrose Voice

Soaring suicide rates provide graphic measure of the growing despair among young black men on the margins of American society.

In general, blacks commit suicide far less than whites. But in the 20-34 age group for black males, suicide rates have risen dramatically in the past two decades and are now approaching the suicide rates of white males.

Of lesser concern are suicides among black females, where, like white females, rates remain much lower than among males.

Figures from the National Center on Health Statistics show suicide rates for 20 to 24-year-old black males increasing from 5.8 to 16.7 percent per 100,000 between 1960 and 1983, reaching 19.1% per 100,000 among 25 to 34-year-olds by the end of that period. For white males aged 20-24, suicide rates went from 11.9 to 25.5 per 100,000 during the same period.

Some psychologists say the increase among black males has come as blacks move closer to mainstream white society, but experience disappointment and despair at continuing discrimination in the labor and housing markets, and in other areas of social life.

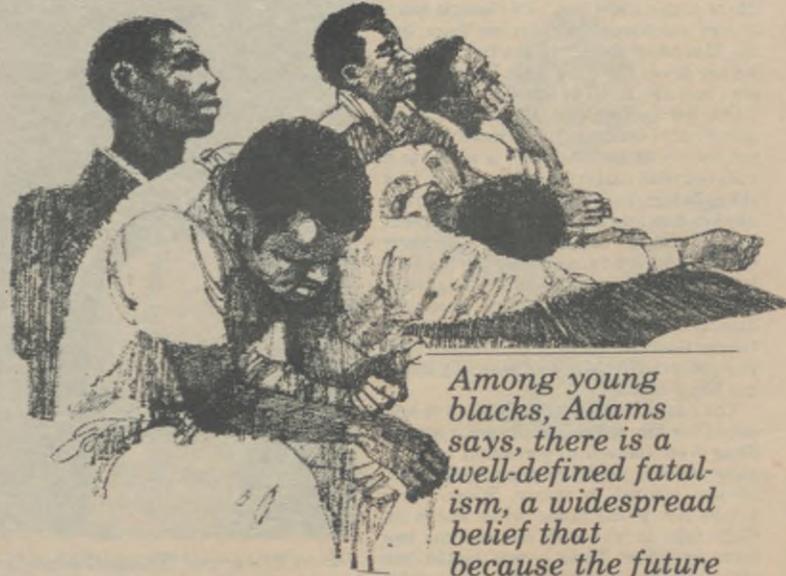
This view is reinforced when one looks at the difference in peak suicide ages between white and black males. Despite the current focus on white teenage suicide rates, whites are actually much more likely to kill themselves when they are 65 and over—the point at which they experience the loss of a job or the death of a spouse, and question whether or not they still have a productive role to play in society.

For blacks, however, peak suicide rates are reached during young adulthood, as they march full-tilt into the realities of surviving in white society. Thereafter the rates decline dramatically.

What this age differential implies, says Dr. Herb Schreier, chief of psychiatry at Children's Hospital in Oakland, Calif., is that "Whites can postpone their disillusionment until a later age, whereas blacks discover in their twenties that it's not there for them." Hopelessness, he adds, is the single predictor of suicide.

Mental health workers argue that suicide rates among young black males (15-24 years of age) would be even higher if other causes of death—such as automobile accidents, drug overdoses, victim-precipitated homicides, and other violent accidents—were more accurately diagnosed or reported as among whites.

Among young blacks, for example, the homicide rate is five times the rate for young white males. Many psychologists assert that suicide is simply the flip side of homicide: killing turned inwards instead



*Among young blacks, Adams says, there is a well-defined fatalism, a widespread belief that because the future holds little promise, they may as well extract as much from life while they can.*

of outwards.

Says Dr. Craig Adams of the East Oakland Mental Health Center, "So many of these kids get into situations that involve gun play, so it would be easy to put themselves in a situation where they will get themselves killed."

Among young blacks, Adams says, there is a well-defined fatalism, a widespread belief that because the future holds little promise, they may as well extract as much from life while they can. "If you plan to be dead by the time you're 30, then you may as well live life to the fullest."

Asserts Dr. Bill Smith, a psychologist at the West Oakland Mental Health Center which serves primarily black clients, "Self-destructive behavior is the most pervasive issue in the black community. In a minority of cases, it is expressed in suicidal behavior."

Mental health workers speculate that traditional buffers against the effects of poverty and exclusion from the mainstream—like the extended family and the church—have eroded, leaving blacks more susceptible to suicide.

Ironically, as blacks move closer to what could be regarded as a white lifestyle, many built-in protections within black culture are further weakened. "When you move from the protection of the black community, it shoots up your level of frustration," says Dr. Melanie Sweeney-Griffith, director of the East Oakland Mental Health Center.

But by far the most important factor in precipitating suicide among young blacks, these professionals believe, is rising expectations that can't be met.

Sweeney-Griffith finds, for instance, that many blacks experience a sense of "false assimilation"—the belief that

things will get better—only to encounter such traditional obstacles as housing and job discrimination. "It's almost like a double whammy," she says. "In addition to the assimilationist stresses, there are still the basic racial and demographic factors that contribute to an increase in suicide."

In fact, those very forces that held out hope for minorities in the 1960s, while opening doors for some, may have added to the total level of stress for young blacks

trying to enter the job market. "All those programs gave young people some hope that there could be a better life, that we could get educated and could get good jobs," says Dr. Jewelle Gibbs of the School of Social Welfare at the University of California, Berkeley. She contends that only those blacks already in the middle class benefitted significantly. Left behind were the "working poor" and the "poor poor."

"Along with a gap between hope and aspirations, you have a group of angry, very depressed young people," says Gibbs. This development coincided with a surge of baby boomers entering the labor market. The net result, she says, has been "fewer opportunities at the top for all teenagers."

What gives cause for hope is that, in spite of increases, black suicide rates are still below those of whites.

"Historically, blacks have been copers," asserts Dr. Diane Howell, a psychologist. "Blacks have developed the ability to cope with a great deal of adversity. And that strength has been passed down from generation to generation."

In addition, institutions that have helped to keep suicide rates down, like the extended family and the church, are still powerful forces in the black community, in spite of setbacks. Black ministers report a recent upsurge in young black participation their churches. And mental health workers say black families still rely on extended family members, even when they live in different parts of the country, to a much greater degree than whites.

"There's an incredible amount of pressure released with the use of the extended family, even when family members are separated by miles and miles," says psychiatrist Schreier. "Sometimes even that doesn't work. Sometimes it works dramatically well."



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# Houston Tennis Party *SportsVoice*

By Rich Corder  
Special to the Montrose Voice

Last Saturday, the Houston Tennis club held its annual Christmas Party/ Meeting/ Installation of Officers at the home of Rick Hadnot and Warren Wellik. The "Christmas Gift Pass Along" was its usual success and lots of fun for members and guests.

A business meeting was held with repercussions that will be felt for some time. More on that next week.

Tim Calhoun was elected to serve as treasurer since Armi Alabanza will be unable to assume the office in January. Tim and the other officers were installed accordingly. They will assume their duties in 1986.

Hardy tennis players managed to get to the courts on Sunday and one new player broke into the ladders. Henry Eckhardt managed a 7-6 (7-4), 3-6, 6-3 victory over D ladder No. 6 Rudy Garcia, bringing a stop to Rudy's winning streak. Randy Miller kept his intact with a 6-3, 7-5 win over Bill

## 'Baby Jane' League Elects Officers

Billy Phelps was recently elected president of the Whatever Happened to Baby Jane Mixed Bowling League. He will be assisted by Phill Blakeway, vice president; Randy Ellis, treasurer; Daniel Frausto, secretary, and Alyce Brown, sergeant-at-arms.

Baby Jane bowls at Stadium Lanes at 8:45 each Thursday.

Baby Jane welcomes all bowlers and has openings for substitute and permanent bowlers. For further information, call Billy Phelps, 993-0243 evenings.

Santaiti. Joe L. pulled a leap-frog, hopping the maximum four places, with a 6-0, 3-6, 6-3 win over Thomas Cortez.

Thomas has been rallying for one set, but seems to play out in the third. The highest ranking match was Ronnie Mauss challenging Eddie Chavez for No. 9 on the B ladder. He beat Chavez 3-6, 7-6 (7-4), 6-1 as Eddie may have had his eye on his pending doubles match. Bearden and Santaiti defeated the new team of Chavez and Eckhardt 6-1, 4-6, 6-1.

## Barn Downs Ranch Hands in MSA Pool

The Barn and the Ranch Hands met in a battle of the undefeated first place teams in the fourth week of the MSA Winter Billiard League. The Barn came away winners, easily defeating the Ranch Hands at The Ranch.

Bacchus I took over the top spot in Division A by beating The Galleon in the match between the second ranked teams. Four 611 and Mary's Naturally won their inter-divisional rounds and tied for second place in Division A.

Following The Barn in Division B is the 611 III, with Lipstick a close third. Both teams won matches against Division A rivals.

On tap for December is the MSA Billiard League Holiday Tournament to be held Dec. 28 at The Ranch. Players may sign up for the 12:00 noon or 4:00 p.m. flights. Finals will be played at 7:00 p.m. All interested league members are invited to register for this tournament by calling Dennis Lord, league secretary.

## SportsVoice Calendar & Standings

### MSA Pool League

Team Standings, Winter League, Week 2

TEAM	Recent Week	Total Matches	Total games
DIVISION A			
1 Bacchus I	9-6	3-0	30-15
2 Four 611	12-3	4-0	39-21
3 Mary's Naturally	10-5	4-0	39-21
4 Ranch Hands	6-9	3-1	39-21
5 Bacchus II	8-7	3-1	33-27
6 Too 611	15-0	2-2	35-25
7 BRB Shooters	11-4	2-2	30-30
8 Marion & Lynn's	6-9	2-2	29-21
9 Outlaws	13-2	1-2	26-19
10 Street Cats	5-10	1-3	27-33
11 The Hole	5-4	1-3	22-32
DIVISION B			
1 The Barn	9-6	4-0	38-22
2 611 III	9-6	2-2	33-27
3 Lipstick	10-5	2-2	32-28
4 The Galleon	6-9	2-2	30-30
5 JR's	5-10	2-2	29-31
6 The 611	3-12	2-2	26-34
7 Kindred Spirits II	7-8	1-2	22-23
8 Lone Stars	0-15	1-3	19-41
9 Kindred Spirits I	4-11	0-3	17-28
10 Hooters II	4-5	0-4	15-39
11 Hooters I	2-13	0-4	14-46

### Regular Weekly Events

**SUNDAY:** Frontrunners, Memorial Park Tennis Center

Houston Tennis Club 10:30am-1:30pm, Homer Ford Tennis Center

Women's Bowling League 5pm, Stadium Bowl

W.W.B. Bowling League 7:30pm, Post Oak Lanes

**MONDAY:** MSA Men's Bowling 9pm, Stadium Bowl

**TUESDAY:** Frontrunners, Memorial Park Tennis Center

MSA "Fun Volleyball League," 7pm

**WEDNESDAY:** Houston Tennis Club plays 7:30pm Homer Ford Tennis Center

MSA Pool League plays 8pm, various locations

**THURSDAY:** Frontrunners, Memorial Park Tennis Center

'Whatever Happened to Baby Jane' MSA Mixed Bowling League 8:45pm, Stadium Bowl

### Special Events

Feb. 14-16: IGBO-affiliated Bluegrass Classic, Louisville

Feb. 28-Mar. 2: IGBO-affiliated Spring Break Invitational, Ft. Lauderdale

Mar. 27-30: IGBO-affiliated Dixie Invitational, Atlanta

Mar. 29-31: IGBO-affiliated M.A.K.I.T., Kansas City

June: Oak Lawn Tennis Assoc. hosts Texas Cup Challenge, Dallas, competing with Houston Tennis Club

July 25-Aug. 3, 1986: U.S. Olympic Festival, Houston

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- |                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1 Jim Kitch         | 6 Armi Alabanza |
| 2 Randall Dickerson | 7 Ron Bell      |
| 3 Donny Kelley      | 8 David Heiland |
| 4 Rick Hadnot       | 9 Tiny Tim      |
| 5 J.C. Barrera      | 10 Rich Corder  |

#### B LADDER

- |                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 1 Steve Bearden  | 6 Lou Garza     |
| 2 Sabe Velez     | 7 David Garza   |
| 3 Oscar Martinez | 8 Ronn Rodd     |
| 4 Edward de Leon | 9 Ronnie Mauss  |
| 5 Ron McCauley   | 10 Eddie Chavez |

#### C LADDER

- |                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 1 Joe L.         | 6 Rick Knapp    |
| 2 Thomas Cortez  | 7 Gabe Herpin   |
| 3 Larry Jarvis   | 8 Rick Massey   |
| 4 Mark Deardorff | 9 Billy Green   |
| 5 Mr. Bill       | 10 Randy Miller |

#### D LADDER

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| 1 Steve Bryant       | 6 Henry Eckhardt |
| 2 Roy Mendiola       | 7 Rudy Garcia    |
| 3 John Murphy        | 8 Joe D.         |
| 4 Daiwid Hendrickson | 9 J.V. Klinger   |
| 5 Oscar Ysassi       | 10 Steve Chesney |

#### E LADDER

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| 1 David Moskowitz | 3 Randy Jierschek |
| 2 Howard Brown    | 4 Bill Santaiti   |

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# Montrose Live



Kent Johnson, as Sir Andrew Aguecheek, woos Olivia, played by Vicki Luman in Main Street Theater's production of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" Steven Garfinkle and Cathy Pisarski in "Twelfth Night"

## Twelfth Night: Rollicking Good Fun

By Bill O'Rourke  
Montrose Voice Theater Critic

Tony Falcone's set—all sails and rigging—perfectly catches the mood of Main Street Theater's current production of *Twelfth Night*.

This breezy comedy flies along under full sail. The pace slacks only for an occasional bit of romance.

Suzanne Savoy is quite engaging as a girl who when cast upon a strange shore by a shipwreck disguises herself as a boy for safety. As the lady who falls in love with her, Vicki Luman is also sweet and

winning. Many actresses in the past have played this role too imperiously, not the kind of woman one man would pine away for while another falls in love with her at first sight. Mrs. Luman beautifully sidestepped that trap.

I wasn't always sure that Jerry McCulley knew what he was saying as the lovesick lord. Most of the time, though, he was quite pleasant.

Gregory Ballard Ginther comes into the proceedings late in the play. He is a gorgeous young man and, though hesitant, is quite believable. He is quite prepared for

experience to give him an air of self-confidence.

Bruce Ellis, as Antonio, rounds out the lovers. A rough sea captain, some say pirate, Antonio drops everything for love of a boy he drags out the sea, even willingly following his somewhat capricious charge into certain danger. No one criticizes his love, which is a lot to say when some of Shakespeare's best clowns are around, teasing everyone. However, at the end curtain he has not yet been saved from the hangman's noose, though we feel fairly certain that he will be.

But this play is like Christmas fruitcake and the love stories are only the breeding. They are sweet and occasionally funny but are really the background flavor. The colorful jewels, the nuts and the fruits, are many of the best comic roles Shakespeare ever wrote.

Steeped in his port, Sir Toby Belch is perpetually three sheets to the wind. James Black is as excellent as usual, which is to say pretty near perfection.

He and his girlfriend Maria are tricking nearly everyone, personally. Cathryn Pisarski plays her with style and gentle wit. She is not as saucy a wench as some have been in this role.

But then the only one in this play who is not gulled by anyone else's tricks is Steve Garfinkle as Feste the philosophical jester. He manages to be sardonic without ever lapsing into sarcasm.

Toby has been milking money from a foolish twit, Sir Andrew Aguecheek. Ken Johnson has given us a fop with just a slight touch of butch to him. In a period where any true man of a certain fashion would remind us today of Quentin Crisp, it is fitting that this buffoon has just slightly failed at being femme, among other things. Bravo, Kent!

Malvolio, that officious ass, becomes the butt of Toby's biggest prank. Tom Nichols is always interesting and is quite pitiable when we should feel that for him in the dungeon. He just isn't funny very often.

A happy voyage like this shows a steady hand on the tiller. William Burford was our skilled captain. The beautiful costumes were by R.W. Lyon, Jr. The set was lit effectively in Patrick Higgins' delightful manner.

### □ Notes

The HSO, Toshiyuki Shimada conducting, will present a free Christmas concert for senior and / or disabled citizens this Sunday afternoon. It will be held at a barrier free, wheelchair accessible facility with free parking. Advance reservations, which are necessary, can be had by calling Steve Lufburrow or Pat Collins at Goodwill Industries, 692-6221. . . .

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### □ Openings

*Messiah* (Grace Presbyterian, 20 and Westbury Baptist, 21)—Houston Symphony Orchestra and Chorale under the baton of Miguel Gomez-Martinez.

*Pancho Claus* (Woodland Park, 20 and Mason Park, 21, both 6:00)—Theatre Bilingue de Houston's Richard Reyes has adapted *The Night Before Christmas*. A low-riding zoot suiter comes into homes via the bathroom window to deliver presents on Christmas Eve. Children in the audience are taught self-identity, the importance of love and sharing, the meaning of Christmas and (sad, but often necessary) not to expect too much for Christmas. Freebies.

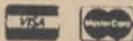
*The Boyfriend* (Unicorn, 21)—HITS, Houston International Theater School, kids in the roaring twenties.

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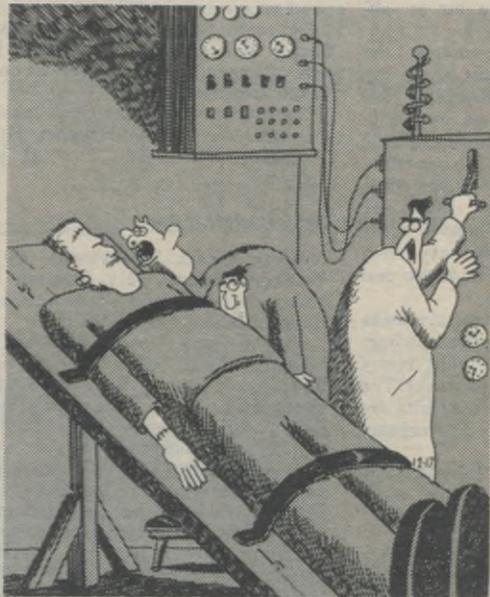
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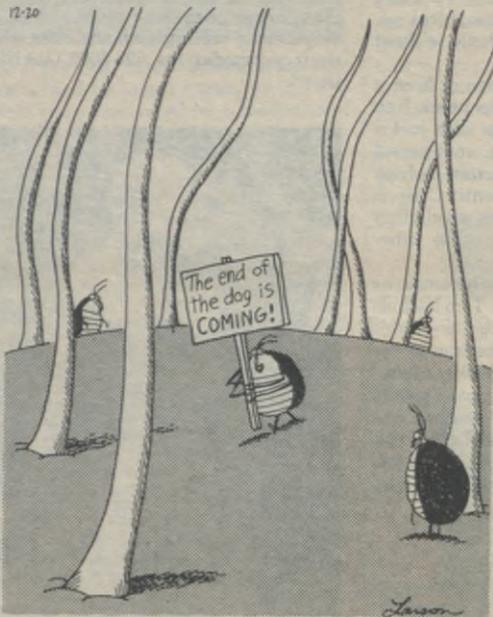


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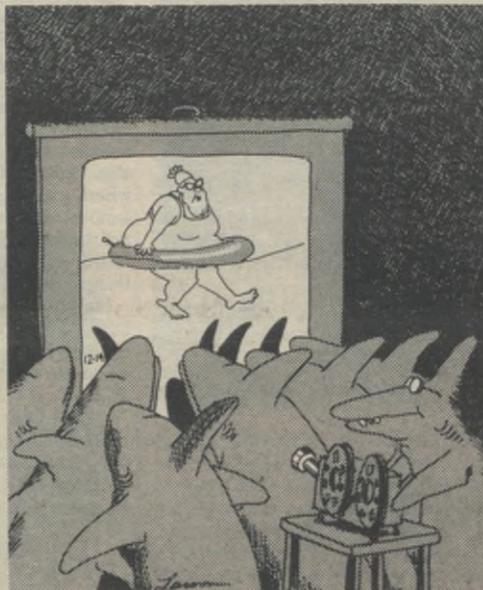


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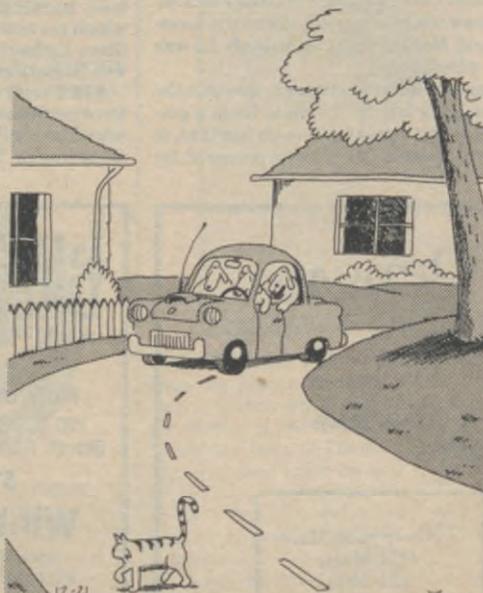


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By Mark Orion

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**TAURUS**—Old fashioned dating gets Christmas week off to a spiffy start for you. And a special holiday project requires quite a bit of effort on your part, so roll up your shirt sleeves. There's a fat and happy old man at the end of the line, going "Ho Ho Ho."

**GEMINI**—First it's this, then it's that. Who's this? Who's that? Feeling a little overwhelmed by holiday possibilities? It isn't over yet so now is not the time to get dizzy. Stand still under the mistletoe and consider the possibilities.

**CANCER**—You're in the driver's seat with Santa and your Christmas week is up to you. Make wise use of your talents and brush up on a few that are rusty. Even though it's Christmas, financial matters are highlighted, but the week comes to a wild close.

**LEO**—There's a tendency for you to want to pull back into the snowdrifts right now. Don't. The need to be alone is a natural one, but you've got too much to give this Christmas week. You could master the meaning of the holiday.

**VIRGO**—Still dancing up a storm and having a good time? Sure, but now there's a definite love object blowing in the holiday wind: someone who's solid and secure is getting your attention. You'll have to keep the promises you make!

**LIBRA**—Look before you leap. Don't accept hearsay evidence; test it yourself. Rumors abound during Christmas. Financial propositions may be tempting; check with your budget first. Latter days bring news from a friend, maybe long-distance.

**SCORPIO**—This Christmas week, you and another party may share the same goal. Though you two are quite different and may never become close, you can be of mutual benefit. Later, friends are full of good holiday ideas. Finally, don't hide your light.

**SAGITTARIUS**—All of that questioning and wondering comes to an end. You've finally figured it out, and you're a little surprised with what you've come up with. But then, you love Christmas surprises, don't you? Especially when it is somewhat magical. On dasher, on dancer. It ain't necessarily bad, is it?

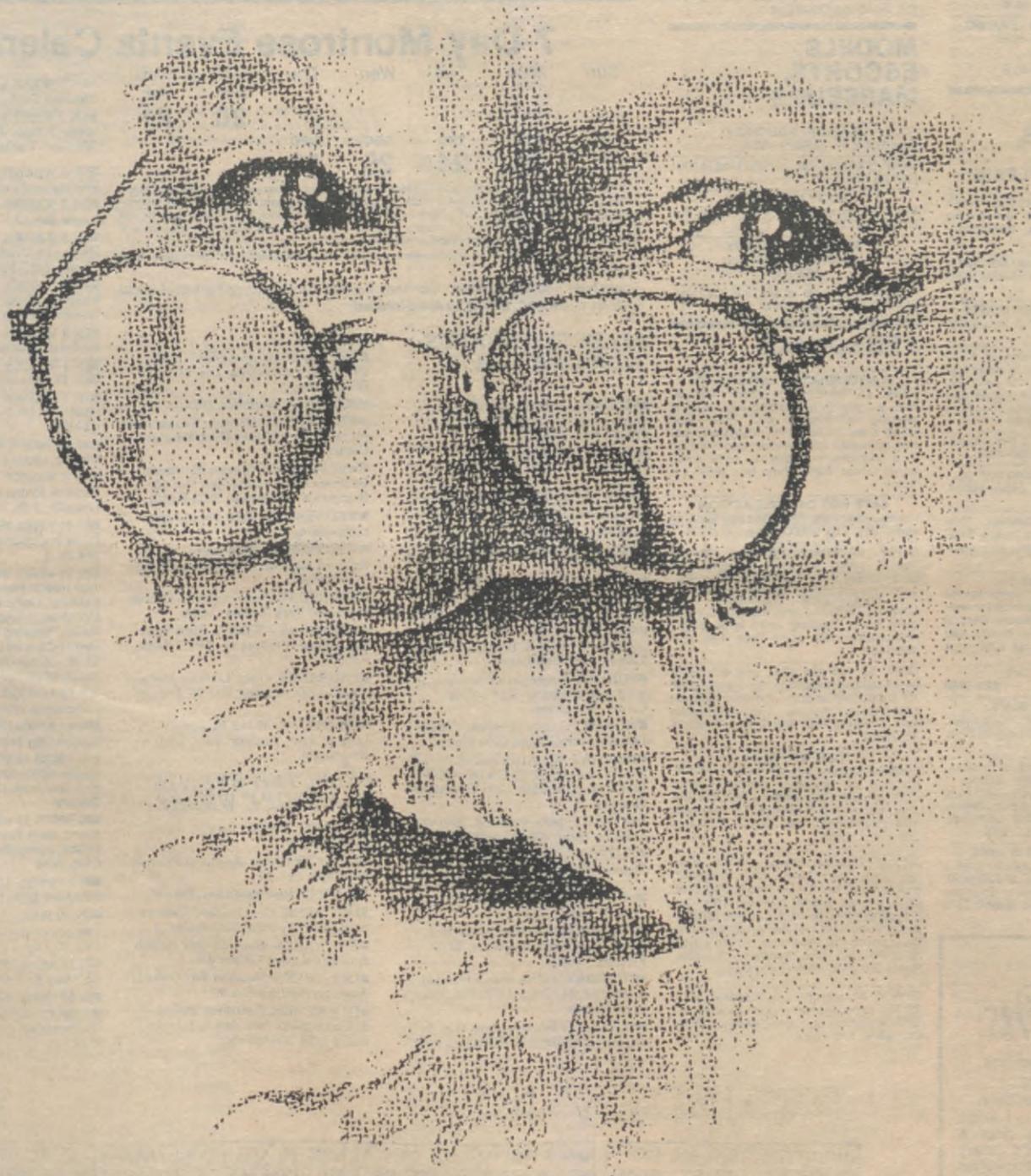
**CAPRICORN**—Put your talents to work for you and let your creativity shine Christmas week. Romantically speaking, a jolly ol' cupid in a red suit sits on your shoulder, and you can bet he won't steer you wrong! The week closes with an O, for old-fashioned.

**AQUARIUS**—It's almost too much to take in. The beauty you behold could be wonderfully overwhelming. While a rose is a rose, much of the visual stimulation is due to the fact that you're more open and receptive than usual. What you see is what's always been there. It's you that's changing. Merry Christmas.

**PISCES**—Oh oh. Family moves into the holiday picture right now, but in a very good way. What the past has given you and where it has brought you is on your mind. You can say the things you've wanted to say before without any problem. You find it easy to show and share your love.

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*Season's Greetings*  
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*From Santa and his elves and*  
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### HAVING A YARD SALE?

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## 7 Day Montrose Events Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
DEC						
22	23	24	25	26	20	21

Criteria for inclusion in 7-Day Calendar and Montrose Resources: 1. Event or group must specifically pertain to neighborhood of Montrose or Houston's gay community unless major city, state or national holiday or major national gay event. 2. Strictly commercial events not included. 3. Business, civic and social groups and their events are generally qualified. 4. Political events where only one view of a subject, candidate or party is dominant not qualified. For additional information or phone numbers, look for the sponsoring organization under "Resources."

Typestyles indicate events' location: Events in Houston, Events of Local Interest Elsewhere, Events of Area Interest

### SELECTED EVENTS THROUGH 7 DAYS

■FRIDAY: "Breakthrough" lesbian-feminist program, KPFT, FM-90, 8:15-11am

■FRIDAY: Montrose Country Cloggers meet 7pm, MCCR, 1919 Decatur

■SATURDAY: KS/ AIDS Foundation meets 3400 Montrose, no. 501, 11am

■SUNDAY: Houston Tennis Club plays 10:30am-1:30pm, Homer Ford Tennis Center

■SUNDAY: Frontrunners run from Memorial Park Tennis Center

■SUNDAY: Women's bowling league plays, 3pm, Stadium Bowl

■SUNDAY: W.W.B. Bowling League, 7:30pm, Post Oak Lanes

■SUNDAY: Overeaters Anonymous meet 8pm Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett

■MONDAY: Integrity meets 7:30pm Dec. 23, Austry House, 6265 Main

■MONDAY: KS/ AIDS Foundation & Montrose Counseling Center AIDS Risk Reduction (Safe Sex) Workshops, 8pm Dec. 23

■MONDAY: MSA Bowling, 9pm at Stadium Bowl, 8200 Braesmain

■TUESDAY: Frontrunners run from Memorial Park Tennis Center

■TUESDAY: MSA "Fun Volleyball League" plays, 7pm

■TUESDAY: Montrose Symphonic Band meets Dignity Center, 3217 Fannin, 7:30pm

■TUESDAY: Lutherans Concerned meets Dec. 24, Grace Lutheran Church, 2515 Waugh

■TUESDAY: Houston Area Gay & Lesbian Engineers & Scientists meet

7pm Dec. 24

■TUESDAY: Montrose Civic Club (Neartown) meets 7pm Dec. 24, 1413 Westheimer

■WEDNESDAY: Christmas, Dec. 25

■WEDNESDAY: Houston Tennis Club plays 7:30pm, Homer Ford Tennis Center

■WEDNESDAY: Greater Montrose Business Guild meets 7pm Dec. 25, Brennan's Restaurant, 3300 Smith

■WEDNESDAY: MSA Pool League competition

■WEDNESDAY: Overeaters Anonymous meet 8pm Bering Church, 1440 Harold

■THURSDAY: Frontrunners run from Memorial Park Tennis Center

■THURSDAY: "Wilde 'n Stein" gay radio show 7:30-9pm on KPFT Radio, FM-90

■THURSDAY: Cleis, Lesbian Mothers Group, open meeting Dec. 26, Dignity Ctr.

■THURSDAY: Mixed Bowling League, 9pm, Stadium Bowl, 8200 Braesmain

■IN 1 WEEK: Baytown Lambda meets 7:30pm Dec. 27

■IN 1 WEEK: Gay Asians & Friends meet 3pm Dec. 29

■IN 1 WEEK: New Year's Eve, Dec. 31

■IN 1 WEEK: Gay Political Caucus meets 3217 Fannin, 7:30pm Jan. 1

■IN 2 WEEKS: Houston Gay Health Advocates meet 7:30pm Jan. 4

■IN 2 WEEKS: Houston Bar Owners Assn. meets 2pm Jan. 8

■IN 2 WEEKS: Neartown Business Alliance meets 7pm Jan. 8, Liberty Bank, 1001 Westheimer

■IN 2 WEEKS: Cleis, Lesbian Mothers Group, closed meeting Jan. 9

■IN 2 WEEKS: Avondale Association meets 7:30pm Jan. 9, Christian Women's Center, 310 Pacific

■IN 3 WEEKS: Houston North Professionals meets 7:30pm, Jan. 11

■IN 3 WEEKS: Montrose Art Alliance meets Jan. 13

■IN 3 WEEKS: Gay & Lesbian Hispanics Unidos meet Dignity Center, 3217 Fannin, Jan. 13

■IN 3 WEEKS: Citizens for Human Equality meets 7:30pm Jan. 14, Houston House, 1617 Fannin, 9th floor

■IN 3 WEEKS: Houston Data Professionals meets 7:30pm Jan. 14

■IN 4 WEEKS: Choices meets 1pm Jan. 19, Masterson YWCA, 3615 Willis

■IN 4 WEEKS: Parents FLAG meets 2pm, Jan. 19, Presbyterian Center, 41 Oakdale

■IN 8 WEEKS: IGBO-affiliated Bluegrass Classic, Louisville, Feb. 14-16

■IN 8 WEEKS: Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo opens, Astrodome complex, Feb. 15-Mar. 2

■IN 10 WEEKS: IGBO-affiliated Spring Break Invitational, Ft. Lauderdale, Feb. 28-Mar. 2

■IN 11 WEEKS: National Lesbian and Gay Health Foundation presents 7th National/Lesbian Gay Health Conference and 4th National AIDS Forum, "Moving Lesbian and Gay Health Care into the Mainstream," Mar. 13-16, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

■IN 13-14 WEEKS: IGBO-affiliated Dixie Invitational, Atlanta, Mar. 27-30

■IN 14 WEEKS: IGBO-affiliated M.A.K.I.T., Kansas City, Mar. 29-31

■IN ABOUT 16 WEEKS: 11th annual Southeastern Conference for Lesbians and Gay Men, spring 1986, New Orleans

■IN ABOUT 25 WEEKS: Oak Lawn Tennis Assoc. hosts Texas Cup Challenge, Dallas, competing with Houston Tennis Club, June

■IN 27 WEEKS: 17th anniversary of Stonewall Riots, New York, June 28

■IN 32 WEEKS: U.S. Olympic Festival opens, Houston, July 25-Aug. 3

■IN 33 WEEKS: Gay Games II, "Triumph in '86," Aug 9-17, 1986, San Francisco

■IN 34 WEEKS: 4th anniversary of federal ruling against Texas' "homosexual conduct law," Aug. 17, 1982

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# MONTROSE RESOURCES

**SELECTED STATE, NAT ORGANIZATIONS**  
Bar Owners Assn of Tx (BOAT)—720 Brazos #602, Austin—(512) 472-3333  
AIDS Action Council/Federation of AIDS Related Organizations, 11515 Independence Av SE, Washington, DC 20003, (212) 547-3101  
Gay & Lesbian Press Assn—POB A, Old Chelsea Sta, New York, NY 10011—(212) 989-6622  
Gay Rights Nat Lobby—POB 1892, Washington, DC 20013—(202) 546-1801  
Human Rights Campaign Fund—POB 1396, Washington, DC 20013—(202) 546-2025  
Lambda Legal Defense—132 W 43rd, New York, NY 10039—(212) 944-9488  
Lesbian/Gay Rights Advocates—POB 822, Austin 78767  
Media Fund For Human Rights—POB A, Old Chelsea Sta, New York, NY 10011—(212) 989-6622  
Nat Assn of Business Councils—Box 15145, San Francisco, CA 94115—(415) 885-6383  
Nat Assn of Gay & Lesbian Demo Clubs—1742 Mass Av SE, Washington, DC 20003—(202) 547-3104  
Nat Gay Health Educ Foundation—POB 784, New York, NY 10036—(212) 563-6313 or Dr Greenberg (713) 523-5204  
Nat Gay Rights Advocate—540 Castro, San Francisco, CA 94114—(415) 863-3624  
Nat Gay Task Force (NGTF)—80 5th Av, New York, NY 10011—(212) 741-5800  
NGTF's Crissaline—(800) 221-7044 (outside New York State)  
Rural Coalition, c/o Waller-Zanghi, Box 611, Blum, TX 76627  
Tx Gay/Lesbian Task Force—POB AK, Denton 76201—(817) 387-8216  
US Transvestite-Transsexual Contact Svc—1017-B E Pike, Seattle, 98122—(206) 624-8266

**ATTENTION ORGANIZATIONS**  
Check your listing. We list here each week name of organization, address, phone, regular meeting dates and times, and dates of special events. If your listing is incorrect, mail correct information to The Voice, 408 Avondale, Houston, TX 77006.

**THE MONTROSE VOICE—  
INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY**

Aid for AIDS—POB66414, 77266—526-6077  
An A Capella Chorus, Church of Christ—POB 66734, 77266  
A Place in the Sun—522-7695  
ACLU—1236 W Gray—524-5925  
AIDS Hotline—529-3211 (Gay & Lesbian Switchboard)  
American Gay Atheists—POB 66711, 77266—527-9255  
Astro Rainbow Society for the Deaf—520-0732 (TTY)  
Avondale Assn—POB 66054, 77266; meets 7:30pm 2nd Thurs, Women's Christian Ctr, 310 Pacific  
Azulao Womyn's Magazine—6130 SW Fwy 9335—266-5237  
Bayou Blu Singers—Robert Moon, dir, 209 Stratford—868-3084  
Bering Memorial United Methodist Church—1440 Harold—526-1017; svc 10:00am Sun  
Choices Unlimited—POB 70996, 77270—529-3211 (Gay & Lesbian Switchboard); meets 1pm 3rd Sun, Masteron YWCA, 3615 Wilma, "Social Mixer" 7:30pm alternate Fridays, Sunday brunch 12:30pm 3rd Sun  
Christian Church of the Good Shepherd—1707 Montrose; svc 1pm Sun, Bible study 7:30pm Thurs  
Church of Christian Faith—1840 Westheimer—529-8005; svcs 10:45am Sun, Bible study 7:30pm Wed; Rev. Chris A. Rice, pastor  
Citizens for Human Equality (CHE)—POB 3045, 77253—680-3346, 937-3516; meet 2nd Tues, Hou House, 1617 Fannin, 9th floor activity room  
Cieis, Lesbian Mothers Group—Sarra 473-3708; meets 2nd & 4th Thurs, Dignity Ctr  
Clippers—342-6502  
Coll 45's—meets at Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos—528-9192  
Committee for Public Health Awareness—POB 3045, 77253—528-6333, 522-5084; "Sharing Group for the Worried Well" meet Fri, 7-8pm, Montrose Counseling Ctr  
Community Political Action Committee (C-PAC)—POB 2005, 77252—236-8666  
Community Gospel Ctr—3207 Montrose—521-0511; svcs 11am Sun, 7:30pm Thurs  
Congregation Aytz Chayim—1840 Westheimer—688-8997, 728-5181; svc & social 8pm 2nd & 4th Fri  
Crisis Hotline—228-1505  
Demo Committee of GPC—526-8834  
Dharma Study Group—406 Avondale—524-9554  
Diana Foundation—2700 Mason—524-5791  
Dignity/Hou (gay Catholics)—3217 Fannin—528-0111, 523-7644; mass 7:30pm Sat  
ESOPS Private Professional Social Club—961-9876  
Federation of Charities United for Social Services (FOCUS)—joint fundraising arm of Gay & Lesbian Switchboard, KS/AIDS Foundation, Montrose Clinic, Montrose Counseling Ctr  
1st Unitarian Church—5210 Fannin—526-1571; svc 11:15am Sun  
Frontrunners—Joe 520-8019 or Salvador 529-1288; runs Sun, Tues & Thurs Memorial Park Tennis Ctr  
Gay & Alive Sharing Experience (GASE)—528-1311, 528-0891  
Gay & Lesbian Archives of Tx; affiliate of I/H Inc  
Gay & Lesbian Mormons—1713 Westheimer #6040, 77098—568-1413  
Gay & Lesbian Student Assn at UofH—Box 314, 4800 Calhoun—529-3211 (Gay & Lesbian Switchboard)  
Gay & Lesbian Switchboard—POB 66591, 77266—529-3211; information, counseling, referrals, TTY, AIDS Hotline  
Gay Asians & Friends—2615 Waugh Dr #289—523-6769, 785-3633; meets 3pm 2nd & last Sun  
Gay Fathers—3217 Fannin—528-0111  
Gay Hispanic Caucus—868-5252  
Gay Nurses Alliance—890-9486  
Gay People in Christian Science—Box 613, Bellaire 77401—665-2642  
Gay Political Caucus (GPC)—POB 66664, 77266—521-1000; meets 3217 Fannin 1st & 3rd Wed

(Hou) Gay Pride Week Committee—POB 66821, 77266—Stan Ford 523-7644 or Cathy Lenahan 868-6256  
Greater Montrose Business Guild—Mike Nelson 630-0309 or Bruce Woolley 529-8464; meets 7pm, 4th Wed, Brennans Rest, 3300 Smith  
The Group theater workshop—Joe Watts 522-2204; meets 7pm Thurs, Dignity Ctr, 3217 Fannin  
Hazelwitch Productions—2615 Waugh Dr #266, 77006; lesbian concerts, free mailing list  
Homophile Interfaith Alliance—729 Manor—523-8989  
Hou Area Gay & Lesbian Engineers & Scientists—POB 66631, 77006—439-1879; meets 7pm 4th Tues  
Hou Bar Owners Assn (HOB0)—c/o Venture-N, 2923 Main—522-0000  
Hou Community Clowns—862-8314  
Hou Council of Clubs—526-8054  
Hou Data Professionals—523-8922, 664-6459; meets 7:30pm 2nd Tues  
Hou Gay Health Advocates—790-9448; Meets 7:30pm 1st Sat  
Hou Gay Students Assn—747-3098  
Hou Inter-Faith Alliance: contact through Integrity/Hou  
Hou Motorcycle Club—c/o Mary's, 1022 Westheimer—529-8851  
Hou North Professionals—POB 3840, Humble 77347—Bill at 821-7126; meet 7:30pm 2nd Sat  
Hou Outdoor Group (HOG)—521-3641 or Jim 680-3144  
Hou Tennis Club—Rich at 524-2151; play 9am-noon Sun & 7:30-9pm Thurs, Homer Ford Tennis Center  
I/H Inc—POB 16041, 77222—694-1732, 529-7014; affiliated groups are Interact, B'zarrio's A Place in the Sun, Montrose Art Alliance, Gay & Lesbian Archives of Tx, Gay & Lesbian Switchboard, Montrose Synchronic Band; board meet 7:30pm 1st Thurs (varied locations); educational forum 7:30pm 3rd Thurs  
Ingersoll Speakers' Bureau—POB 391, Bellaire 77401—669-4064  
Integrity/Hou (Episcopal)—POB 66008, 77266—524-1489; meets 7:30pm 2nd & 4th Mon, Aultry House, 6265 Main  
Interact—POB 16041, 77222—529-7014  
KPFT Radio, FM-90—419 Lovett Blvd—526-4000; "Breakthrough" lesbian-feminist pgm Fri 8:15-11am; "Wide n' Stein" gay pgm Thurs 7:30-9:00pm  
KS/AIDS Foundation—3317 Montrose Box 1155, 77006—524-2437; AIDS Risk Reduction (Safe Sex) Workshops 8pm 2nd & 4th Mon except Dec, in conjunction with Montrose Counseling Center  
Jerry Kauffman Cancer Fund—778-4106

Krews of Hydra—811 Graceland—Bill Mercier 728-1032  
Lambda Ctr Gay Alcoholics & Alanon—1214 Jo Annie—521-9772  
Lesbian/Gay Resource Svc—University of Hou, 4800 Calhoun, box 308, 77004—748-1253; meets 2:30pm alternate Tues, Spindletop Room, 2nd floor, University Ctr  
Let Us Entertain You Weekend—project of Hou Council of Clubs—526-8054  
The Little Church—212 Fargo—522-7695; svcs 2:30pm Sun  
Living Water Church—271-6472 (5-10pm) svcs 6pm Sun, Holiday Inn Main & Blodgett, Rev. Jeanne Leggett  
Lone Star Nudist Group—POB 740572, 77274  
Lutherans Concerned—meets at Grace Lutheran Church, 2515 Waugh—521-0863, 453-1143; meet 2nd & 4th Tues evenings  
McAdory House—c/o KS/AIDS Foundation, 3317 Montrose Box 1155—524-2437  
Men Against Deception Courtesy Club—POB 541871, 77254—529-3211 (Gay & Lesbian Switchboard); meets bi-weekly  
Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection (MCCR)—1919 Decatur—861-9149; pot-luck dinner 7:30pm 1st Sat monthly; svcs 10:45am & 7:15pm Sun & 7:15pm Wed, membership inquirers class 7:30pm Mon, education classes Tues & Wed eves  
(Hou) Metropolitan Wind Ensemble—529-9610; Meets St Stephens Episcopal Church, 7:30 Wed  
Montrose Art Alliance—694-1732, 868-9314, 869-5332; affiliate I/H Inc; meets 2nd Mon  
Montrose Business Guild: see Greater Montrose Bus Guild  
Montrose Church of Christ—1700 Montrose—777-9286; svc 11am Sun  
Montrose Civic Club: see Neartown Assn  
Montrose Clinic—803 Hawthorne—526-5531; open Mon, Tue, Thurs 9-9pm  
Montrose Country Cloggers—456-8861; meet 7:10pm Fri MCCR Church, 1919 Decatur  
Montrose Counseling Ctr—900 Lovett #203—529-0037; AIDS victim support group 6:30pm Mon; Women's Support Group 7pm Tues; AIDS Risk Reduction (Safe Sex) Workshops 8pm 2nd & 4th Mon except Dec, in conjunction with KS/AIDS Foundation  
Montrose Singers, gay men's chorus—Mike 526-3810  
Montrose Softball League—POB 22272, 77227—524-3144  
Montrose Sports Assn (MSA): see specific subgroup  
Montrose Synchronic Band—POB 66613, 77266—527-9454; meet 7:30pm Tues, Dignity Ctr, 3217 Fannin; affiliate I/H Inc  
MORE—526-MORE, 529-0037; project Montrose Counseling Center

Metrosexuals—529-3211  
**AMBULANCE—222-3434**  
City Hall—222-3011  
Doctor—see ads or 529-3211  
**FIRE—227-2323**  
Gay Political Caucus—521-1000  
Gay & Lesbian Switchboard—529-3211  
KS/AIDS Foundation—524-2437  
Lawyer—see ads or 529-3211  
Library—224-5441  
Montrose Clinic—526-5531  
Montrose Counseling Center—529-0037  
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MSA/Mon Night Bowling—play Stadium Lanes, 8200 Braesman—Steve 592-4597  
MSA/Thurs Night (Mixed League) Bowling—Mike Weikert at 973-1356; play 9pm Stadium Lanes, 8200 Braesman  
MSA Pool (Billiards) League—Debbie Scott 973-1358 or Dennis Lord 560-6752  
MSA/Volleyball—Mark 522-1469; games 7pm Tues, Gregory-Lincoln school, 1101 Taft

Montrose Watch, subgroup Neartown Assn  
Mustangs—meets at the Barn, 710 Pacific—528-9427; club night Thurs  
National Gay Health Education Foundation—523-5204  
National Organization for Women (NOW) Lesbian Rights Task Force—POB 440422, 77244  
Neartown Assn (Montrose Civic Club)—1413 Westheimer; meet 7pm 4th Tues  
Neartown Business Alliance—529-7010; meets 7pm 2nd Wed, Liberty Bank, 1001 Westheimer  
New Freedom Christian Church—829 Yale—863-8377; svcs 10am Sun  
Overaters Anonymous—c/o Montrose Counseling Ctr, 900 Lovett—Peggy at 526-4015; meets 8pm Sun, Montrose Counseling Ctr, & 8pm Wed, Bering Church, 1440 Harold  
Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (Parents FLAG)—464-6663; meets 2pm 3rd Sun, Presbyterian Ctr, 41 Oakdale  
Park People—c/o Neartown Community Firehouse—741-2524  
Paz y Liberacion—POB 600663, 77260—862-1478  
Presbyterians for Lesbian/Gay Concerns—Presbyterian Ctr, 41 Oakdale—526-2584; meets 7:30pm 2nd Tues  
Residents Club (past presidents GPC)—POB 66844, 77266—523-6024  
Recreational Land Fund Committee—Mustang Club project  
Rice Univ Gay/Lesbian Support Group—529-3211 (Gay & Lesbian Switchboard)  
Rothko Chapel—1409 Sul Ross—524-9839  
Shanti of Tx counseling for life-threatening illnesses—522-5064  
Society for 2nd Self (Tri-Ess), Gull Coast Transvestite Chapter—POB 80335, 77090  
Society for the Promotion of Amazon Sado-Masochism (SPASAM)—POB 70996, 77270—Gay & Lesbian Switchboard 529-3211  
Sundance Cattle Co social club—c/o The Barn, 710 Pacific—528-9427  
Tx Gay Rodeo Assn—Drewer 1194, POB 86973, 77006—526-5001; Tx Gay Rodeo Nov 15-17  
Tx Human Rights Foundation—1915 Commonwealth—522-2824  
Tx Riders—c/o Ripcord, 714 Fairview—521-2792  
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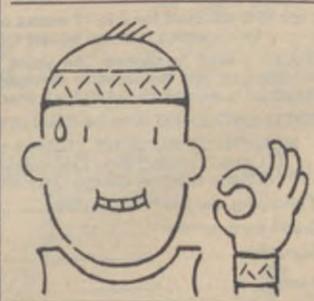
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## Montrose Soap

# Christmas and Parties—the Montrose Way

By L'Angelo Misterioso, Esq., M.B.E.

'Tis the season to be jolly, and with all the great parties, it's hard to be any other way.



Carl (right) and friend lap it up at TNT's Christmas party

Last week TNT Shirts/ Pluccus held their Christmas party. With food catered by The Chafing Dish, over 200 people packed TNT during the course of the night. Even with the new expansion, the crowd prompted me to think that now they need a bigger store! Seriously folks, this is the third year for John and Richard, and they thank the whole community for their support. They also welcome new neighbors Pluccus to the corner. Keep up the good work guys. And Merry Christmas to you!

On to the next event of the night:



Kody and Chops celebrate the grand opening of Cousins

Cousins officially opened last Thursday night with a big celebration that included complimentary drinks, a country and western band, and dancing. What a festive place. We all welcome Cousins to the Montrose life. Who says business isn't alive and well in Houston?

Later that night Dirty Sally's crowned Gary Lingenfelter the 1986 Miss Avondale. What a looney bin. Fun and craziness reigns on Avondale.



Gary, the beautiful new Miss Avondale, and her lady-in-waiting, and waiting and waiting, Miss Prycene

Last Sunday, The Ranch held a benefit in memory of Fabian Palacios, who passed away last week. The benefit netted over \$3,000 which will help pay family and funeral expenses. It's so nice to see a major business reaching out to help in time of pain and sadness. The spirit is alive at the Ranch.

Whole Earth Provisions held a Christmas Party at the Houston Guest House. The place was simply filled with people, food and good cheer. Even a band belted out the sound of Christmas. Gordon, you sure must have your hands full.



And they say politics makes strange bedfellows? End of discussion, now we'll take a vote

The Mining Co. held its annual party last Tuesday. This year it all came together at Billy and Mark's new house in the Heights. (Another great looney bin in the making!) And to the guest who's name I can't remember, thanks for the compliment on my taste in men. We know, don't we Billy?

The Heaven, Mining Co., JR's party preceded that one by one night. Heard it was quite festive. Can't wait for next year's.

Mary's employees party was definitely the most interesting. It was held at Fannie's. What an inspiring place!

Mary's will be holding an after-Xmas Sale on Dec. 27 with all the tips going to help the fight against 21.06. And this word from Mary's: 2106 is not an old bath house on Gennesee.

Looks like the landmark Pet Shop and Bird Clinic may be reopening soon. Much work has been done and they are hoping for a January opening of the unofficial Montrose Zoo. Hope so.

Driscoll St. Cafe is zooming towards their reopening with work progressing at a feverish pace.

Old friends inform me that The Krew of Olympus is holding its annual Mardi Gras Ball (Yes, that magical time of year is approaching.) on January 12. Ther will be a bus departing for New Orleans. More on that when information is released.

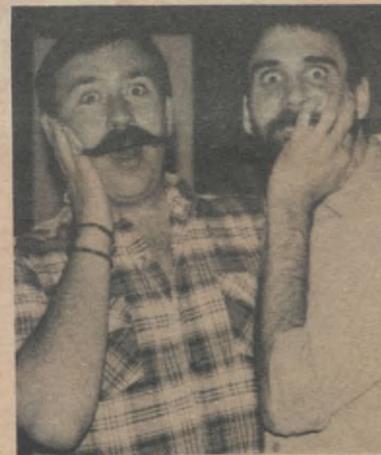
"Warm it up in Arizona." The First Annual Arizona Gay Rodeo will be held January 17 in Phoenix. Any of you cowpokes interested can contact the AGRA, P.O. Box 16363, Phoenix, Arizona, 85011 or (602) 279-0795.



Here's a little tinkle for ya! Happy New Year, Nathan!

Met the legendary Frank Collins of Encore at JR's. He informs me that Encore will be presenting another one of those great fundraising parties at Numbers on New Year's Eve. I know where I'll be ringing in the New Year—at Numbers with everybody else.

Colt 45's had their Xmas Party at the Carousel Skating Rink on December 17. Many roller derby queens skated to their hearts delight. Star performers included K.B. Smith and Keith of Fox Photo.



My gosh! The Ajax turned marigold!

This Sunday, Heaven will present "White Christmas Party" with free well drinks 7-9pm. Performing will be comedian Alan Lozito, better known as the Drag-oon. This should prove to be a most entertaining evening. I'll be there, laughing it up with the other 30 million that are sure to be there!

You may have noticed a new contender in the race for fast food prominence in Montrose. It's McDonald's now open and vying against fast food heavyweights Wendy's and Church's. May the best burger (or chicken) win!

L'Angelo would now like to take the time to wish everyone in Montrose a very Merry Christmas. May it be a safe and happy one. Look out next week, New Year's is coming.



Merry Christmas — naturally!



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