

## Gay leader criticizes shortage of flu vaccine

DALLAS (AP)—The president of the Dallas Gay Alliance criticized county officials for allowing themselves to run out of flu vaccine before the current epidemic even began.

Insufficient supplies of vaccine were ordered for people who have tested positive for the HIV virus, which leads to the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), said the gay leader, William Waybourn.

The vaccine is still available through private physicians and hospital clinics, but Waybourn said many AIDS patients are indigent and depend on county health services.

People with HIV are considered to face an above-average risk of coming down with influenza.

There are people "venerably in need" of the vaccine "who may or may not survive the flu season," Waybourn said Jan. 3.

County officials said the vaccine was ordered last spring, when they had no idea that a flu epidemic would hit. They said the vaccine program is aimed primarily at the elderly.

Frank Knott, the county director of public health, said 2,000 doses of the flu vaccine were ordered for this fall and winter. A year ago, the county also ordered 2,000 doses for the fall and winter and had 70 to 100 left over, Ms. Knott said.

Given those figures, Ms. Knott said, she could not justify ordering more vaccine this fall and winter.

## Gay activists protest sodomy laws in 16 states

By SONYA ROSS

ATLANTA (AP)—Hundreds of gay activists demonstrated Monday outside the state Capitol to push for the complete repeal of sodomy laws in 16 states, including Georgia, and the District of Columbia.

About 50 of the 300 protesters were arrested, police said. Among them were four lesbian couples who flung themselves onto the street and began kissing amid downtown traffic.

There were no injuries reported, and a nearby protest by about 50 counter-demonstrators was peaceful.

Organizers said the protest was staged in Atlanta on the first day of the 1990 Legislature to voice support for legislation that would repeal Georgia's 156-year-old sodomy statute.

State Reps. Jim Martin, D-Atlanta, and Cynthia McKinney, D-Atlanta, said they plan to introduce a bill repealing the sodomy law, and Ms. McKinney's father, state Rep. Billy McKinney, D-Atlanta, introduced a bill Monday that would repeal the statute as it applies to heterosexuals.

Martin said he felt it would be a "long, hard fight" to get his bill passed.

She Hyde, an activist with the Washington-based National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, told the demonstrators that gay activists would take their protests to other states.

"The political work of repealing these dead and smelly laws is well under way," she said. "Lesbian and gay activists across this country will go to courthouses, statehouses and jailhouses to change the existing order."

# Activists claim credit as Wright steps down

Members of an ad hoc task force, organized in response to state Rep. Brad Wright's actions as public health chair during the 1st session of the Texas state legislature, claimed victory following Wright's announcement last week that he would not seek re-election to his 134th House seat.

Wright (R-Houston) reportedly used his position as health chair to influence public health policy regarding AIDS, taking an anti-gay extremist position despite numerous objections from medical and public health professionals and a state AIDS advisory panel. Eugene Harrington, who said he was one of the organizers of the "Com-

Eugene Harrington said the non-discriminatory "Committee to Retire Brad Wright" achieved its goal.

mittee to Retire Brad Wright," announced the retirement of the committee itself on Thursday, Jan. 4.

During the legislative session, Wright rejected an AIDS policy plan for Texas developed by the state Legislative Task Force on AIDS and developed his own plan, one that Harrington called "legislation of morality." The house plan authored by Wright drew criticism from medical groups as well as gay and lesbian activists because of its punitive tone and awkward wording, according to members of the political action committee formed to oppose him. "Wright favored the opinions of extreme anti-gay activists and ignored the suggestions of every pub-

lic health official in the state as well as the Texas Medical Association, the Centers for Disease Control and other legitimate experts in the medical and public health fields," a flyer distributed by the group stated.

The representative, whose district includes West University, Southside Place and Bellaire, said Thursday he would not seek reelection. Members of the committee say their efforts crippled Wright's ability to fund his campaign.

"Hopefully, this marks the end of the career of someone who single-handedly gave Texas the most irresponsible AIDS legislation in the country," said Harrington, one of the

36 members of the AIDS task force.

The "Committee to Retire Brad Wright" was formed by gay and lesbian leaders from Austin, San Antonio, Dallas and Houston at a meeting in Austin last summer (called by Harrington, Frank Stinger and lobbyist Glen Maxey). The committee's goal was to raise money to help finance a voter awareness campaign leading up to the November, 1991 elections, and to organize as a PAC to aid in Wright's defeat, said Ray Hill, another member of the group.

All of this has become moot because of (Wright's) decision not to run," said Hill.

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## New Montrose Randall's is greeted with controversy

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE

Montrose Voice Editor

Randall's Food Markets was scheduled to open its 41st store and fourth "Flagship" market Friday, Jan. 12, at 3073 Westheimer in the new Shepherd Square shopping center, but some of the store's new neighbors aren't impressed.

Montrose gay/lesbian and AIDS activists have been gearing up for several months to protest the supermarket chain's moving into the area, and at press time a demonstration was scheduled to take place during the 9:45 a.m. ribbon cutting ceremony and after the store opened its doors at 10:00 a.m.

The controversy stems from the dismissal in 1985 of Steven Little, a meat cutter at a Houston Randall's store, reportedly because of a rumor that his roommate had AIDS. Little, according to his supervisor, Ken Fleming, was given the choice of resigning voluntarily or being fired.

Little resigned in June 1985, then hired local attorney Jim Kuhn to represent him in a "defamation of character" suit against Randall's and an employee of the store where he worked who allegedly started a rumor that Little himself had AIDS. The first trial court dismissed the case, but Little appealed to the First Court of Appeals, where Judge Ben Levy wrote the opinion for the unanimous three-judge panel, reinstating the case.

Little's case has since been resolved in an out-of-court settlement with the company's attorneys. As part of the settlement agreement, both sides were barred from commenting directly on details of the case, and details including the amount of the settlement and certain documents were also ordered sealed by the court.

Ray Hill, president of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, said HGLPC has been following the case since the beginning. "Actually the rumor started because Steve and his companion had taken an out-of-town friend-

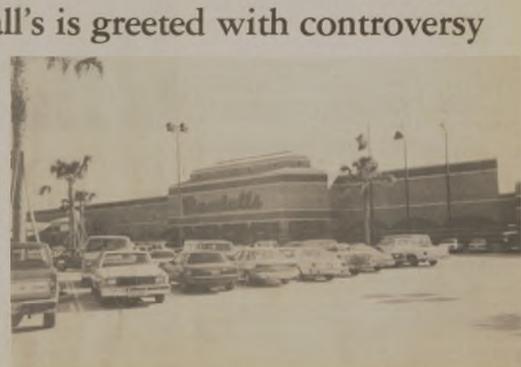
to their home who had health problems they suspected were AIDS related," said Hill. "The friend proved not to have AIDS, and never did sit on our his companion. Nevertheless, Randall's persisted in their decision to fire him," Hill said.

HGLPC, which discussed Randall's opening at a board meeting Wednesday, Jan. 10, is one of the groups leading the protest effort. The organization had adopted a resolution on Feb. 1 to "encourage all supporters of human and civil rights and those supportive of compassionate care for PWAs and others to join us in shopping elsewhere" until the company revises its employment policies.

"What was not addressed in the settlement was Steve and his attorney's repeated request that Randall's adopt a policy of non-discrimination in the employment of gay men and lesbians, and the rehiring of Little," said Hill. He claimed "four years of court records" show the company and its attorneys never denied discriminating against gays and "stood up" for their right to do so.

"They repeatedly stood up for their right to discriminate against gay and lesbian people and people with AIDS (Randall's) changed lawyers three times before the case was settled...they would fire the attorneys whenever they were told they couldn't win the case," Hill said.

But Rebecca Linkous, Randall's director of public affairs, said the matter was "blown away, way out of proportion" and that the company's policies were "not discriminatory." Further, she said, the company has made donations to charities and organizations that help people with AIDS, including the Thomas Street Center and Stone Soup food pantry. The contributions, she said, did not represent a public relations effort or an admission of doing anything wrong but were "a way to show the community that we do care."



Randall's was scheduled to open in Shepherd Square, 3073 Westheimer, at 10:00 a.m. Friday. HGLPC and ACT UP urged discriminatory employment policies, was set to picket the grand opening ceremony.

Linkous said she could not comment directly on Little's case because of the court agreement. "It's hard to defend something when you can't talk about it. I will say this, though, we don't allow our employees or customers up in any sort of cookie-cutter style. We don't condone any sort of discrimination, in fact, we have very strict policies against it," Linkous said.

"What's more, I don't think the people who are talking about this...are putting all the facts on the table. I don't think Little has much to do with it," she said.

"I think the protests are a matter of other people, outside of the situation, who are trying to fan a flame that's been dead for a long time," Linkous said, referring to the settlement.

In Fleming's affidavit, filed in May before the records were sealed, events leading up to Little's dismissal are documented. Fleming, Director of Meat Operations for the chain, stated: "In June of 1985, Don LaBarge, the meat manager at Randall's Store #30, called to inform me that

Steven Little, one of my best cutters, had a roommate in the hospital who was diagnosed as having AIDS. Mr. LaBarge did not make any recommendations to me, and I explained that I wanted Steven Little to report to me when he was ready to return to work. (LaBarge) never stated that Steven Little had AIDS."

"I met with Steven Little on or about June 14, 1985. We discussed the severity of AIDS and how it could be transmitted. Steven Little stated that he was a homosexual. I then discussed my telephone conversation with Don LaBarge."

"I discussed Mr. Little's circumstances with my superior, Don Barclay. It was decided that (Little) could either voluntarily resign or be terminated. Mr. Little chose to resign."

"I never had any malice or ill feelings toward Steven Little. He had a good record with our company. I felt it was in the best interest of Randall's and Randall's customers that Steven Little cease being a meat cutter for Randall's."

HGLPC officers said members and supporters of the organization and other gay/lesbian and AIDS activists intended to picket the grand opening. There are also plans, Hill said, to follow up to day's action with continuing demonstrations. ACT UP/Houston announced plans to sponsor a picket of the store at noon tomorrow, Jan. 13.

The Shepherd Square Flagship will include all of the regular departments of a Randall's store, including an in-store bakery, hot deli, butcher shop, fruit and salad bars, a pharmacy, Greenroom Floral Shop, cosmetics and health and beauty aids, a photo processing and video center, toys, lawn and garden, housewares and automotive. The 60,636-square-foot facility will also house a Flagship Cafe and a coffee/tea bar, Linkous said.

Randall's Food Markets is a 41-store chain based in Houston, with about 9,800 employees. The company was founded in 1966 by Robert R. Onstead Sr., R.C. Barclay and Norm Frewin Sr.

## Gay groups assail Air Force base 'witch hunt'

FORT WORTH (AP)—As local and national gay rights groups condemned an investigation of gay men at Carswell Air Force Base, military officials said seven men were discharged in December because of their sexual orientation.

Capt. Barbara Carr, public affairs officer at Carswell, said six men received honorable discharges and one man received a general discharge last month because of "homosexual activity."

"Basically, what we're running into is the military doesn't like being homosexual and they're booting these people out," the co-founder of

Texas Gay Veterans told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. The spokesman, a former airman who received an honorable discharge in Maine, asked that his name not be used for fear of reprisal.

Capt. Carr said Jan. 5 that the base commander, Col. John Sams, would have no comment on the investigation because of privacy laws and because the inquiry is continuing.

Gay rights leaders say they consider the investigation a "witch hunt."

"We see this whole incident at

carswell as one symptom of a larger societal issue," Thomas Bruner, vice president of the Tarrant County Gay Alliance, told the Dallas Morning News. "It helps remind us that bigotry and discrimination are alive and well."

Major David Super, a spokesperson for the Department of Defense in Washington, D.C., said that military officials outside of Fort Worth could not comment on the incident, and that investigations of sexual activity are handled administratively at each facility.

But according to statistics provided by the Defense Department,

the number of gay men and lesbians discharged from the military decreased during the 1980s.

During the 1981-82 fiscal year, Super said, 978 men and 292 women and 24 officers were discharged for homosexuality. The numbers jumped dramatically during 1982-83 when 1965 men and 443 women were discharged. In 1987-88, 779 men and 307 women were released because of homosexuality.

Super said the military recognizes that investigating servicemen alleged to be homosexual is an emotional issue, but he said the armed services do not "stray from the written words" of De-

fense Department policy.

"Defense policy states that 'homosexuality is incompatible with military service...and seriously impairs the accomplishment of the military mission.'"

Discharge of a serviceman is mandatory if a person commits a homosexual act, admits to homosexuality or is in a homosexual marriage.

The policy is continually being challenged by civil rights groups as unconstitutional but has been upheld by state and federal courts.

## Two teens sentenced to 1 year for attacking gay man

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)—Two teen-agers who admitted beating a West Hartford man because he was homosexual were each given one-year prison sentences.

Superior Court Judge Raymond R. Noriko Jan. 4 sentenced Lawrence Brusk, 19, and James M. O'Brien, 17. They both pleaded guilty to second-degree robbery.

Two other teen-agers involved in the West Hartford beating, Sean G. Burke and Marcos J. Perez, were sentenced last month to 180 days for beating and attacking a gay man, Richard F. Reihl. They were both

sentenced—also by Noriko—to terms of not less than 30 days in prison.

All four teen-agers were arrested in June 1988 during a wave of beatings of gay men in Hartford.

Brush and O'Brien both confessed to the beating and cooperated with prosecutors by giving information about others who attacked gay men.

# 'Event' reception kicks off fund drive

Houston Live by NEIL BADDERS  
*The Montrose Voice*

The Montrose Activity Center kicked off its drive to raise seed money for a gay and lesbian community center with an evening of fun and entertainment at the Alley Theater on Jan. 6.

The evening, billed as the event, was co-chaired by Joe Watts and Clyde Williams. Its honorary chair was noted playwright Edward Albee. The benefit included a pre-play reception, a presentation to Albee from the mayor's office, a performance of Albee's brilliant play "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf" and a party afterwards at Missouri Street Station. The event raised approximately \$6,000 for the MAC building fund, Watts said.

The fourth floor board room was the site of the reception, where several of the event's contributors were recognized for their efforts. Watts first introduced the Montrose Activity Center's board president Jim Owens. Owens acknowledged the hard work of Watts and co-chair Williams, past president Duane Wells and introduced other MAC board members.

The gay and lesbian resource center began as a "center without walls," said Owens. MAC shelters several organizations such as the Names Project, the March on Austin, Team Houston for Celebration '90 Gay Games and Cultural Festival, Gay and Lesbian Hispanics Unidos and the Houston chapter of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD). MAC is currently celebrating its 15th anniversary.

"The Event" is the first fund raiser for the center. Other bene-

fits, such as "That's What Friends are For" on Jan. 29 at the Tower Theater and the post-parade party will contribute to the cause. It is the board's hope that soon the center will be realized in "brick and mortar," said Owens.

Following Owens' acknowledgments, Watts introduced City Controller and former Dist. C member George Greenias, who presented Albee with a proclamation declaring Jan. 6 "Edward Albee Day." The city's proclamation recognized Albee as "America's greatest living playwright" and as a two-time Pulitzer Prize winner.

Albee, in accepting the proclamation and in honor of the evening said, "Your needs, activities and determinations are mine. I share your views, understand your needs. This play ["Virginia Woolf"] is about truth and illusions. I hope you get closer to truths and farther away from illusions."

"I'm glad to be a part of this event and grateful that your organization chose to be at the first public performance of Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf," Albee concluded.

Before adjourning downstairs to the performance, Clyde Williams thanked all those who were involved in organizing the event, with special mention to Albee artistic director Gregory Boyd, assistant artistic director Michael Wilson and sales director June Jackson.

Attendees of the reception then moved downstairs to enjoy the opening performance of "Virginia Woolf" along with a full house of patrons who came out in support of MAC's effort.



PHOTO BY PAUL IRAN  
City Controller George Greenias presents Edward Albee, right, with proclamation from the city at reception for MAC's "Event"

(Neil Badders will review the Albee's production of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf" next week, after the actual opening of the play).

## "Night Owls"

"Night Owls," a new comedy of menace by West Coast playwright Suzanne Lummis, will have its southwestern premiere at Houston Skyline Theater, 1617 Fannin (Houston House). The show opens Jan. 12 for a four weekend run. Award winning director Bonnie McFerrin will stage the production.

The two character play, set in a rundown apartment in Hollywood, will be acted by Andrea Birkinman and Suzanne Renee Smith, two Houston performers with extensive stage credits. Monette Turner of Houston is assistant director. Jerry Kenney is the designer, and Richard Maney will flank the show.

Reservations are now being accepted at 759-0701.

## —Coming up

On Jan. 16, Houston's Comedy Workshop will close. The club, on the corner of San Felipe and South Shepherd, is where some former unknowns (including Montrose mainstays Nancy Ford and Randy Jabz, among others) got their start, and has kept Houston entertained—in varying degrees, at times—for 12 years. The workshop plans to go out with a "bang." The closing week will be a party, including special guests and an auction of Comedy Workshop memorabilia (T-shirts, posters, gag items and so on) after each performance.

"Shakespeare and all that Jazz," a free workshop given by Sidney Berger will be presented by The Ensemble on Saturday, Jan. 13 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at 3535 Main Street. Call 529-9055 for workshop reservations.

Dr. Berger, founder and producing director of the Houston Shakespeare Festival and director of many Shakespearean productions, is also chair of the University of Houston drama department. He has directed at the Alley Theater and is producer of the Children's Theater Festival.

In response to a commonly held belief that acting in Shakespeare's plays is a highly specialized art requiring years of study (with a British accent, this workshop will define tools and techniques that are readily available to perform verse and Shakespeare's heightened prose. "This workshop is designed for the actor who is inexperienced and intimidated by dramatic poetry. I hope

to help each participant discover the excitement of performing the work of western civilization's greatest playwright," said Berger.

Theater Suburbia will continue the 1989-90 "Open Sunday" play reading series on Jan. 14 with a performance of "The Foster Child" by Harry Chambers, followed on Jan. 21 with a performance of "Reindeer Games" by Donalevan Malnes. The performance on Jan. 25 will be "The House on Dunstan Road" by Alva Kerr. All readings are open to the public, free and will be at 5:00 p.m. with a discussion and critique following. The theater is located at 1410 West 43rd at Oak Forest. For information call 682-3025.

One of Houston's oldest community theaters (now in its 33rd season), Theater Southwest will hold auditions for the British thriller "Dial M for Murder" on Sunday, Jan. 14 and Monday, Jan. 15, at 7:30 p.m. both nights. Directed by Jerry Kenney and assisted by Joyce Garner, the cast calls for three men and one woman in their thirties and two other men, mysterious. The classic murder mystery written by Frederick Knott was made into an award winning film by Alfred Hitchcock. Theater Southwest is located at 6830 Wilcrest at Bellaire Blvd.

## In Memory of



### —MICHAEL W. BOURLAND

Michael Bourland, 33, died at his home on Jan. 2, 1990, after a long battle with AIDS. Mike was raised in Tulsa, Okla. and is survived there by his family. Funeral services were held in Tulsa on Jan. 5.

Mike moved to Houston in 1982 and soon became a familiar member of the Montrose community through his association with numerous local gay businesses and social service organizations. Until forced to retire in 1988 due to his illness, Mike was regional financial aid supervisor for Continental Training Services. While with Continental, Mike enacted changes within the financial services department which were adopted by the company nationwide.

Mike was at one time a volunteer with AIDS Foundation Houston, where he worked in the computer department. For the past year, Mike was a volunteer at the Montrose Counseling Center, and in Oct. 1989 he was elected to the board of directors.

A memorial service for Mike will be held this Saturday, Jan. 13 at 11:00 a.m. in the Rothko Chapel, in lieu of flowers, Mike requested memorial contributions be made to Montrose Counseling Center. Mike, you are loved and will be missed by all who knew you.

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Andrea Birkinman and Suzanne Renee Smith will star in Houston Skyline Theater's production of "Night Owls"

# Gay/Lesbian Archives begins obituary project

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE  
*Montrose Voice Editor*

The Houston Gay/Lesbian Archives, housed in the library of the Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection, has begun organizing clippings and other materials for its obituary project, according to archives librarian Charles Botts. The project, which will create a series of scrapbooks celebrating the lives of gay and lesbian people who have died, is soliciting biographical material, photographs, poetry and other

text, artwork or any other material from those who have survived a loved one or friend to include in the memorial, Botts said.

Botts said he and other archives volunteers began the effort last year, clipping obituaries from the Montrose Voice, TWT, the Houston Post and the Houston Chronicle and collecting other materials through contacts in the community. The process of organizing the information into alphabetical order (by last names of the persons included) and arranging it to be

suitable for display is just starting, he said. The clippings and materials collected span several years.

While the project is similar in its concept as a memorial to the Names Project's AIDS Quilt, there are several differences, Botts said. The archives project will be a largely two-dimensional informational display that will include photographs, while the Quilt has a more directly visual impact. Houston Quilt panels are a part of the national Names Project effort,

while the new project is intended to be local. The Quilt was created in response to the AIDS epidemic; the scrapbook project will also include people who have died from causes other than AIDS, Botts said.

"We decided there ought to be a way of memorializing people who died in other ways," he said. "Quite a bit of will have to do with AIDS, of course, but we also want to memorialize people who died (by violence) in the '70's...and older people who died of natural causes.

There hasn't been anything yet for them."

The archivists hope to prepare the books for viewing in time to display them during Lesbian/Gay Pride Week 1990.

"Once people see them on display, we'll start getting a lot more to put in," said Botts.

Persons interested in contributing to the project may contact Botts through the MCCR office. Large or bulky objects cannot be included in the display, Botts noted.



Velma's spent a good deal of her career in ham-and-eggers.



# Man wants to know who accused him of spreading AIDS

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—An Indianapolis man who has AIDS says he has wrongfully been accused of spreading the disease, but the State Board of Health will not reveal who has made the charge.

Louis Van Slyke, 27, was diagnosed with acquired immune deficiency syndrome in March. He was issued a warning in December by the State Board of Health to stop any behavior that could affect others, including practicing unsafe sex, sharing needles used to inject drugs and donating blood.

"I feel like Big Brother is really

watching me," he said.

Van Slyke is among 10 people to receive the warning since state law restricted AIDS patients' activities in 1988. He is the first to complain to the health board.

"Anybody can call and say they are having unsafe sex," Van Slyke said. "What bothers me is I think I have rights to know who my accusers are. I don't see what they know about me that I have done wrong."

A letter from the State Board of Health accused Van Slyke of having "careless disregard... for others."

"You have reportedly engaged in behavior that has been demonstrated epidemiologically to transmit a dangerous communicable disease, the human immunodeficiency virus," according to the letter.

State law prohibits AIDS sufferers from engaging in any unprotected sex without informing their partners, sharing intravenous drug paraphernalia or donating blood, patients who disregard the warning can be detained.

The prohibitions became law after the state Legislature passed AIDS restrictions in 1988.

Van Slyke, a former construction worker, said he is trying to convince legislators to change the law.

The idea behind the law is to protect the public, said William Ulrich, general counsel for the State Board of Health.

Richard W. Waples, legal director of the Indiana Civil Liberties Union, said the ACLU is talking to the State Board of Health on Van Slyke's behalf. No lawsuits have been filed.

"Basically, we're not confident that the health department has

made a thorough enough investigation with the information they have received and in their contact with the person," Waples said.

"What we're contesting is not what they are doing but rather how they are doing it."

Ulrich said the state was not required to release the name of Van Slyke's accusers or those of any other accusers.

"This is not an accusatory proceeding in any kind of technical sense," he said. "It is a notification responsibility that an individual falls in a certain category."

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# Friend kills patient at hospital, takes own life

By JOHN ANTICZAK  
FOR THE MONTROSE VOICE  
LOS ANGELES (AP)—A man who killed an AIDS patient in his hospital bed and then himself was a companion and frequent visitor to the dying man but never hinted of mercy killing and suicide plan, officials said Jan. 3.

The two men, who lived together and owned an antique shop, were found dead in a room on the fifth floor of Cedars-Sinai Medical Center moments after gunshots rang out about 5:15 p.m. Jan. 2.

The slain patient was Steven Jenkins, 40, of Los Angeles, who had acquired immune deficiency syndrome for two years and was admitted to

Cedars-Sinai four weeks ago, said hospital spokesperson Ron Wise.

The gunman and suicide victim was identified as 40-year-old Philip Saylor and the patient as Steven Jenkins. Saylor was the owner of the antique shop, Abner's Tellow Barn, the detective said.

The weapon, a .38-caliber handgun, was brought into the hospital concealed in a bag. It was fired twice and both men died in the room, Andrews said.

The nurses believe no one else knew of the murder-suicide plan. "Indications are he kept it to himself," Andrews said.

Saylor visited Jenkins often and the hospital staff had "no reason to suspect that this was going to happen," Wise said.

"There was nothing in Mr. Saylor's behavior that would indicate he had this on his mind."

Visitors and patients in nearby rooms on the fifth floor heard the gunshots. Discovery of the bodies led to chaos and panic, they said.

Other than Jenkins' room remaining closed off, the medical center operated normally the day after the shooting, Wise said.

"The nurses have patients to take care of and they're doing their usual excellent job," he said.

A psychological liaison team met with nurses and staff on the fifth floor to see if anyone needed help.

"As far as I know everyone is basically doing well... That doesn't

mean they don't feel bad about what happened," Wise said.

For the police there was little more to do on the case than collect and preserve the evidence, Andrews said.

"It is one of those unfortunate situations that resolved itself," he said.

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# Production under way on soap opera about gay people

WESTMINSTER, Calif. (AP)—Production is under way on a soap opera called "Secret Passions," with gay characters and story lines, and it will be marketed to cable TV stations, its producer says.

"It's going to be very realistic and a good portrayal," producer David Gaddery said. "We're going to show how it hurts when two guys break up... We'll have kissing and people in bed together, but we're more suggestive than explicit."

Gaddery said the daytime serial will pull no punches despite its production in conservative Orange County, where voters in one

city earlier this month rejected a gay-rights ordinance.

The show will be set in the imaginary city of Orangefloro, Orange County, and the story will revolve around recent real-life court cases over such issues as custody over a gay pride festival in Santa Ana and Irvine voters' removal of protection for gay men and women in an anti-discrimination law.

The soap also will include a character named the Rev. Arthur Dimdale, a conservative minister who preaches that gay people are devils.

"I wonder who that could be,"

said the Rev. Louis Sheldon, an evangelical Presbyterian minister who heads the Traditional Values Coalition.

Sheldon said the show is going to make the inner workings of his opponents' lifestyle regular TV fare.

"They're promoting the homosexual lifestyle if they're bringing a soap opera on cable television throughout the nation and the city," he said.

Randall Murphree of the conservative American Families Association in Mississippi said his group would closely monitor the show's

development.

The association has succeeded in past boycotts against product sponsors who advertise on shows containing what the group deems material offensively violent, too sexually oriented or hostile toward organized religion, Murphree said.

Gaddery said he got the idea for the show about a year ago when a relationship ended.

"Gays are stereotyped in the media," Gaddery said. "Whenever you see them on television shows, they're evil or something bad happens to them. We're going to try to achieve a better balance."

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# 'Team Houston' kick-off party announced

A kick-off party for "Team Houston" will be held at Rich's 4:00-7:00 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 21. "Team Houston," an organization under the Montrose Activity Center, has been formed to increase Houston's visibility in Vancouver at Celebration '90, Gay Games III and Cultural Festival. The organization will also assist in fund raising for individuals and groups wanting to participate in the games and encourage athletic and spectator participation.

"Houston has participated in the Gay Games since the beginning," said co-chair Connie Moore. "Our numbers were small at the first

and second games, but this time we are expecting well over a hundred participants and spectators to make the trip to Vancouver."

"Team Houston wants to let Houston know that they will be represented at Celebration '90. That's the reason for this kick-off party. We want to show we are organized and going to take Vancouver by storm," added co-chair Felix Garcia.

There is no cover charge for the party and the community is invited to meet some of the athletes and others who

will be attending the event, the co-chair said. For more information on this event or "Team Houston," contact Felix Garcia at 520-0838.

—Patty's Pool Parlor

We welcome one and all. I hope everyone had a very pleasant and safe holiday season. As we enter the second half of the season, the top ten winners are: 1) Pat Time, 2) Basketball, 3) Rick Pate, 4) CW B, 5) Mac, 6) Lipstick, 7) Children, 8) Beach, 7) Happy Rewards, 8) Rainbow Ranchers, 9) Positive Flow, 10) Backhouse. 5 things are going to be real good the rest of the way.

League members, don't forget the Celebration '90 kickoff at Rich's on

Sunday, Jan. 21. This will be the official campaign of Montrose Activity Center's effort to get Houstonians to support the athletes going to the gay games this summer in Vancouver. They are still looking for volunteers to help with fundraising, publicity, etc. If you cannot work on one of the committees, at least come out and give them your support.

The next scheduled league meeting is this Sunday, Jan. 14 at 2:00 p.m. at Backhouse. One of the many topics to be discussed is the proposed change in format for the summer league and requires a vote. It is imperative that a majority of the membership attend.

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# Co-discoverer of AIDS virus says drug may battle skin cancer

CLEVELAND (AP)—A co-discoverer of the AIDS virus says his laboratory is working with a drug that shows promise in fighting a skin cancer that sometimes affects AIDS victims.

"I would say we are six months away from making a decision on whether we should promote this class of drug for clinical trial" in humans, said Dr. Robert C. Gallo, chief of the Laboratory of Tumor Cell Biology at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Md.

Gallo, in Cleveland Jan. 3, to speak at Case Western Reserve University's School of Medicine, declined to identify the drug.

Gallo said the drug may help people with Kaposi's sarcoma, a rare and sometimes fatal cancer which affects about 20 percent of AIDS victims.

Gallo said the drug he is working with would be used against Kaposi's sarcoma, not against the AIDS virus.

The drug was produced by a Japanese

pharmaceutical company and was intended at the time for the treatment of an unrelated disease animal, Gallo said.

In 1980, Gallo isolated a human retrovirus, one of a family of viruses to which the AIDS virus belongs. Later, he and Luc Montagnier, of the Pasteur Institute in Paris, identified the AIDS virus.

Fewer than half the patients with Kaposi's sarcoma respond to interferon, the current treatment, Gallo said.

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## 400 new cases of AIDS last year in neighboring Louisiana

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—State records show 400 new cases of AIDS were reported in Louisiana during 1989.

A report of the state Department of Health and Hospitals said 276 gay and bisexual men acquired AIDS last year—about a 3 three percent decline from 1988.

Because as many as 15 years can elapse between infection and diagnosis, state health officials said Jan. 4, it's too early to credit the decrease to programs encouraging safe sex.

"It's difficult to see if preventive efforts are having any effect," said Sue Trooler, Louisiana's AIDS awareness coordinator.

The new cases brought Louisiana's total to 1635, the 13th highest in the nation, with 58 of the 84 parishes reporting cases, said Dr. Mark Dal Corso, medical epidemiologist with the Louisiana AIDS Prevention and Surveillance Program. So far, 1036 Louisianians have died of AIDS complications.

Infection through intravenous drug use accounted for 6 percent of the new cases last year; the report shows, and heterosexual transmission caused 4 percent. In both categories, the rate was virtually unchanged from 1988.

Although heterosexual intercourse has accounted for comparatively few cases, experts on sexually transmitted diseases say that will change, especially among inner-city blacks, because people frequently trade sex for crack cocaine.

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## Sage Sobier uses 'Couples' to make positive statement

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE  
Montrose Voice Editor

"I had a personal interest in the subject. I started with that," said photographer Sage Sobier, explaining the two-year project that produced "At Home With Themselves: Photographs of Gay and Lesbian Couples," currently on exhibit at the Houston Center for Photography. "And I guess with everything that was in the news about AIDS, I decided it was time to show something positive about the gay community, some aspect of gay and lesbian people's lives that didn't have to do with AIDS."

"At Home With Themselves" is actually part of a larger project involving photographing people in their daily life, one Sobier has been working on roughly 10 years. Other groups she has photographed include older people living on the north shore of her home state of Massachusetts; large, extended families, with their animals, in Mexico City and a series of people sitting on their front porches, and in their back yards. She first started photographing gay and lesbian couples about four years ago, and the project was supported from 1987 to 1989 by a grant from the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities. An opening reception for the Houston exhibit was held Saturday, Jan. 6 at the gallery. The show continues through Feb. 3.

The exhibit, a photographic essay/documentary that combines the visual images with edited transcripts of interviews with the subjects, certainly projects a powerful, and very positive, glimpse of gay domestic life in America. Sobier readily admits the show is not reflective of every aspect of real life, explaining that such a reflection was not her artistic intent, and that participation was, to an extent, "self-selecting."

"Not everyone is open to having their picture included in something like this of course," said Sobier. "For that reason, a greater percentage of people (in the photos) are artists and self-employed



Robert and David, Boston, 1988, from "At Home With Themselves: Photographs of Gay and Lesbian Couples." The show at Houston Center for Photography is presented in association with Inkbings and LOBO.

people than you would find in life. It just had to be that way."

The locations were selected somewhat subjectively. "I chose places where the weather was nicer than Boston in the winter," admitted Sobier, who lives in Brookline, Mass. And so, along with the shots taken in nearby Provincetown, included are photos taken in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Key West, New Orleans and San Antonio. Sobier said she also tried to choose cities known to have a large gay and lesbian community. For San Antonio, the only Texas location included, there is an even more subjective explanation.

"I gave a lecture in Corpus Christi and while I was in the area I went to visit my stepfather in San Antonio. I went to a Metropolitan Community Church service while I was in San Antonio, and found some people after church and took some photographs," she said.

"Traveling with the project, she discovered some peculiar colloquial patterns. "People in the south tended more into the stereotypes, the 'butch/femme' types, especially in New Orleans," she said.

The extent to which the photos were "posed" varied in each case. The photo sessions began with interviews, usually over the phone. "Most of the time I didn't know what the people I was going to photograph looked like until I

went to photograph them," said Sobier. She found her subjects initially through friends and acquaintances, by approaching people at lesbian and gay bars and by advertising in gay and lesbian newspapers. Later, she said, the network became self-perpetuating, as word spread to friends of people who were photographed, and then to friends of friends.

"Once the network started going, then I was in it. I got kind of hooked into that network. And then, at one point, I just decided that was all right."

Sobier began each shoot by asking the couples what they would usually be doing at home, how they would appear. Some were more at home with the camera than others. That, too, was all right and could work in favor of the project, she decided.

Sobier still strives for honesty, for the life scenes and personalities reflected in the photographs. "I did seek a cross-section of people, and tried to make it balanced enough not to misrepresent life. In that sense, it is a documentary."

The soul of the show, however, is the message that the couples themselves convey: solidity, devotion, mutual trust and respect between partners in this broad cross-section. Sobier chose images that explored several very different home lifestyles, and included as-



Photographer Sage Sobier explores the lifestyles of gay and lesbian couples in "At Home With Themselves."

pects of the couples' lives beyond their commitment (children or pets or both seemed to be a recurring theme). In the Houston edition, 40 works out of about 150, the longevity of the couples' relationships range from four months to 49 years. The degree to which each couple had "come out" to family, friends and society also varied, as evidenced in the text accompanying the pictures and in other ways (for example, whether the subjects allowed the use of their names at all). Stereotypes were "named" rather than avoided; the usual treatments were either quietly humorous or flatly honest. As a whole, the exhibit is a deliberate celebration of relationships, unapologetically obvious and beautifully done.

"I guess I wanted to show how people touch each other, and what makes relationships last," said Sobier. "Was there common thread among the longer-lasting couples? Yes," said the photographer. "I think every couple was slightly different, but with the people who had been together the longest,

there seemed to be a willingness to compromise," she said. "Maybe that's not the right word, but there was a mutual respect between them, where each was willing to accommodate the other person's needs."

The text, a highly experimental element in a gallery setting, is a first for Sobier, who said she originally intended for the photographs to be published in book form. "I thought it was important to show something about the people's lives besides the image in the photograph," she said. It was also interesting to portray the dual impressions of the interviews and photos, which sometimes were contrasting, she said.

"Some groups (of viewers) get a better handle from the text," she added. But editing the transcripts seemed a slow, painful process for Sobier, contrasting her ease with the camera. "Writing is too much for me," she said.

Sobier said her next project will probably be more visual in concept, and less specifically documentary. "I think after this one, I need a change of pace," she said.

## Houston GLAAD protests proposed sale of KLOL

The Houston Chapter of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) filed papers with the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D.C., protesting the transfer of license of KLOL-FM on the last day of public comment involving its sale. Houston GLAAD cited three main areas for the protest: the station's "fomenting of racial hatred, ethnic bigotry and promoting discrimination against minorities, women and people of alternate sexual orientations; complete unresponsiveness to the surrounding community standards and community concerns in the station's inner-city and inner-Montrose neighborhood; and severe underemployment of women and minorities in the station's office and management level."

Houston GLAAD organizer Michael C. Jorziak said, "We submitted documentation listing on-air slurs at women, Mexicans, Mor-

mons, blacks Catholics, gay men and lesbians, Asians, and examples of sexual degradation of women. These are not just from callers to KLOL, but from their own on-air DJ's, people to whom the ownership pays hundreds of dollars to do this." These records come from monitoring the station, from letters written in protest called from KLOL's public file, and stretch back evenly over the last full year.

Among the allegedly inflammatory remarks documented by the group include the following: "What's long, black and smelly? The unemployment line!"—attributed to a caller on the "Stevens and Pruitt" show; "What's a homosexual in a sleeping bag, a 'tag in a bag'?" "A fruit roll-up!"—attributed to DJ "Moby";

On March 24 on the "Stevens and Pruitt" show, the DJ's spoke about some large dog and had appropriate barking noises in the

background. They said an ideal Thanksgiving dinner for the dog would be "leg of Mexican."

On Oct. 6 on the "Stevens and Pruitt" show, Lanny, a co-host, said, "If Jim Bakker goes to prison, he'll need a bathhouse exonerator device," alluding to rape in prisons and the devices mandated on shrimp nets to protect sea turtles.

On Dec. 8, DJ "Kevin" commented on a study that showed Mormons have less cancer. He criticized their lifestyle as boring and dull, without smoking and drinking, then added: "I want to have fun here on earth... but the one thing I like about them (Mormons) is that they screw like there's no tomorrow."

Houston GLAAD noted that not once in the past four years, and probably longer, has KLOL done anything positive to benefit directly by Houston's gay and lesbian community. Yet KLOL sits in the heart of Montrose, just two blocks from

two popular gay and lesbian bars, within walking distance of at least eleven other nightspots, down the street from the offices of the Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, and near the traditional end point of the annual gay and lesbian pride week parade.

GLAAD's report did commend the station, however, for community actions in support of AIDS prevention and education efforts.

"But we regard AIDS much more seriously, as a public health issue, and not one—solely bearing on the gay and lesbian community," said Jorziak.

The search also uncovered public documents that showed no employment of black, Hispanic or Asian males in the top employment category since before 1983, and no more than five women in these positions at any one time. The maximum was only in 1988. The norm has been two or less women in the top spots since be-

fore 1983, and the category has included up to 19 positions.

Houston GLAAD views these as serious violations of the public trust of holding a broadcast license, and grounds to revoke the license from the Rask Corporation, parent company of KLOL-FM. On this basis, according to GLAAD, there should be no sale or transfer of license because the license should be forfeit due to these continuing policies of the Rask Corporation.

Copies of the Houston GLAAD list of discriminatory on-air remarks from KLOL will be made available to other minority organizations, those who had previously written to KLOL, and whose letters are in the public file, and possibly companies that advertise on Rask-owned stations, as well as others of influence, including potential buyers.

Houston GLAAD is a project of the Montrose Activity Center Inc.

## Health official: Entertainment industry must change sex portrayals

ST. PAUL (AP)—The entertainment industry should portray sex responsibly, according to a recommendation being considered by a national commission studying the battle against AIDS.

"If our (TV and movie) heroes can't think or use the 'condom' word, I say our education efforts are doomed to failure," said James Allen, director of the AIDS program office of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Allen made his comments Jan. 4 before a working group of the National Commission on AIDS.

The three-member working group, chaired by Ramsey County Commissioner Diane Ahrens, is a subcommittee of the 15-member national commission. The commission was created by Congress to advise lawmakers and President Bush on the development of coordinated public policy on AIDS.

"I don't care if we get a vaccine in a cure, it's never going to be as effective as we can get by working with the AIDS virus," Allen told the group.

The commission took testimony from experts representing federal, state and local government agencies around the country.

"Leadership is crucial at every level," said Larry Kessler, commission member and head of the Boston AIDS Action Committee. "Leadership means stepping outside one's agenda and working for the common good."

Commission members admitted finding that the leadership necessary to help government make a difference will not be easy.

"It may have to be mandated from the top down," Kessler said. "It's easier to do buck-passing than just to sit down at the table and say, 'This crosses racial lines, class lines and even ZIP codes.'"

In a letter to Bush dated Dec. 5, the commission estimated that AIDS could claim nearly 200,000 lives over the next four years and by 1991 will be among the top 10 leading causes of death in the

United States.

James Allen, director of the AIDS program office of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, said education is the most important tool to halt AIDS. It needs a citizenry and a broad program including such other issues as drug abuse and mental health, he said. Otherwise, "if it hangs out there, it's likely to draw fire."

The commission heard testimony Jan. 4 about the increasing number of AIDS patients, many of them without health insurance.

State and local governments are forced to scramble for funds to take care of them.

Also, big city governments want fewer strings attached to federal AIDS funds. This sets up conflicts with the states, who currently get and distribute much of the federal funds and want to keep

that role.

Politicians have to become more involved in raising the awareness of the risk of transmission of the disease. The idea that politicians have generally avoided talking about AIDS in neighborhood appearances and campaigns was also discussed before the group.

Dr. June Osborn, dean of the University of Michigan's School of Public Health, is chairman of the National Commission on AIDS. Other members include researchers, a minister, physicians, a person infected with the AIDS virus and federal officials.

## Governments must beef up war against AIDS, commission says

ST. PAUL (AP)—All levels of government must start taking activist roles in the battle against AIDS, according to a recommendation by Jan. 5 by part of a national commission studying the deadly epidemic.

"It's a matter of public safety," Herb Stout, a North Carolina county commissioner, told a working group of the National Commission on AIDS. "To be cognizant of the danger to our people and to fail to advise them about that danger would be irresponsible."

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Each demonstration was picked up by four police officers, who grasped one limb apiece to carry the protesters into a waiting elevator. ACT-UP members continued shouting as police held the elevator to get all the demonstrators on.

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## Demonstrators ring the N.Y. Capitol on AIDS, abortion, etc.

By DAVID BAUDER FOR THE MONTROSE VOICE  
ALBANY, N.Y. (AP)—Gov. Mario Cuomo and state lawmakers had little trouble hearing what on their constituents' minds on the opening day of the legislative session.

Protesters on causes ranging from AIDS to abortion tote placards and tried to out shout each other before and during Cuomo's annual State of the State speech Jan. 4. Eleven members of the activist AIDS group ACT-UP were arrested for disorderly conduct.

"I've never seen anything like this," said Gary Fryer, Cuomo's press secretary. "Inside, outside—they were all over the place."

One member of the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power disrupted Cuomo's speech and was dragged off by security. Then other ACT-UP members were beaten back by security as they attempted to enter the Assembly chamber and were arrested after a sit-down demonstration.

Demonstrators angry with the

state's plan to build a dump for radioactive waste in upstate New York watched the ACT-UP demonstrators, and occasionally tried to draw them out with shouts of "no drugs," "no abortion," etc.

Anti-abortion activists and housing advocates also held demonstrations as the Legislature convened for what promises to be a contentious election-year session.

Shortly before Cuomo's 1:30 p.m. speech, the 10 ACT-UP members who were blocked from entering the Assembly chamber sat in a semi-circle outside the doorway.

ACT-UP members, who last month disrupted a mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City to protest the Roman Catholic church's stand on abortion and homosexuality, were pressing for the state to spend more money on AIDS treatment, said group spokesperson Jay Blotcher.

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## Controversial museum director named to Florida gallery

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP)—A museum director who stirred controversy by canceling an exhibition of photographs showing sexual images between people of the same sex in a Washington, D.C., museum was named as the new director of a West Palm Beach gallery.

Christina Orr-Cahall will become the director of the Norton Gallery on July 1, the Norton's board announced. She last summer when she canceled the photograph exhibition at the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington.

The Corcoran Gallery got

caught in the heat created by U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C. Helms was furious at a National Endowment for the Arts-funded North Carolina exhibition he regarded as obscene, and was threatening to introduce legislation to bar the NEA from underwriting any exhibition that contained what he considered pornographic art.

The Corcoran, which also received NEA funding, should steer clear of the controversy brewing on Capitol Hill, it was warned.

Brant Snyder, Norton's board president, said the Corcoran controversy had little impact on the

Norton's decision.

"It did not in any way diminish her abilities," he said. "We'd gotten close to some of our other candidates, but her situation in Washington just opened an opportunity for us."

Between the day in June when she canceled the Robert Mapplethorpe photo exhibition and the day in September when she and her board publicly apologized for the action, Orr-Cahall lost 24 pounds off her 4-foot-11 frame.

In that time, the Corcoran staff demanded her resignation, key

## Commission head lauds appointment of new CDC director

WASHINGTON (AP)—The head of the National Commission on AIDS was enthusiastic about the appointment of White House adviser William Roper as director of the federal Centers for Disease Control, effective Monday.

Roper is "wonderfully well trained for what's coming in public health," said Dr. June Osborn, dean of the University of Michigan School of Public Health and head of the AIDS commission.

Roper's appointment to head the Atlanta-based CDC, the federal government's lead agency in

fighting epidemics, tracking disease and monitoring public health, was announced formally Jan. 3 by Health and Human Services Secretary Louis Sullivan.

Sullivan said Roper's experience advising Presidents Reagan and Bush on health policy issues and as administrator for the Medicare and Medicaid programs makes him well suited for the job.

"Dr. Roper is the strongest possible candidate for one of the toughest and most important jobs in the federal government," Sullivan said.

Also applauding the appointment of the 41-year-old pediatrician was Mervyn Silverman, president of the American Federation for AIDS Research, who described Roper as "a very fine person," and said, "This could be a very important new appointment as far as the fight against AIDS is concerned."

"Dr. Roper is a physician first, and he really hopes he will place the medical and public health needs before the political needs," he added.

At the CDC, Roper will direct an agency with 5000 employees and a

budget that has grown over the last nine years with the AIDS epidemic to \$1.1 billion this fiscal year. About \$40 million of that is dedicated to tracking the AIDS epidemic and disseminating information on preventing the disease.

Roper declined to discuss specific issues facing CDC or his goals until he visits with officials there and studies the issues.

Before coming to Washington, Roper was health officer of the Jefferson County Department of Health in Birmingham, Ala. Besides his medical degree, he holds a master's degree in public health,

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### Taurus

If you're in doubt about a project you've been planning, that's no surprise. The basic idea is good, but its aim is too self-centered. If it's love you're wanting, think of your lover. If business is the main interest, think of your customers. Courtesy pays off.

### Gemini

Sometimes a lack of new ideas is not bad. Perhaps the ones you have now are the best ones. Concentrate on what you know for sure this week and wait for the clarity that will come. You'll enjoy some needed recreation in unexpected places with unexpected people.

### Cancer

The year's beginning is always an introspective time for Cancers, and this year finds you examining

yourself closely. Hold off on any domestic changes but keep on considering them carefully. You'll get good advice from someone of the opposite sex.

### Leo

Living in the here-and-now is something you do well, so relax and let it happen. Keep your ears open at social gatherings, and you may get some pointers on future paths to follow. You may have a test of faith in yourself, but how can you doubt your innate abilities?

### Virgo

How tempting it is to live in the past! Ahead, all you see is change, and you feel uncertain about that. Just remember that lessons we learn give way to expand as well as evidence our limitations. Get some new ideas!

### Libra

You should be facing the new year with plenty of optimism and expectation. If you can maintain your beloved sense of balance in your home life, the rest will be a piece of cake. Taking long looks into the future is exciting, especially with your partner by your side.

### Scorpio

The hard part of being a visionary is having to convince others of the worth of your vision. You'll have

to pull a lot of dead weight along the path you clearly see, but keep on tugging at it. The end is in sight and it's a good one.

### Sagittarius

Dealing with as many people as you do, you're bound to come up with some less than pleasant confrontations along the way. Don't lose patience. Your strength of purpose can spread around the room. If you're happy with yourself, you'll win with others.

### Capricorn

Some unexpected career or money opportunity will occupy a lot of your time this week, cutting back on your social life. Stick close by a married couple that you know well. Their comfort and advice will help clear the air for you.

### Aquarius

One of the best things that you can do for yourself right now is to avoid any kind of overindulgence. Too much of a good thing is a bad thing, and you don't really need Tycho to tell you that. But he's telling you!

### Pisces

With an abundance of new things, new ideas, and new friends to think about, the year seems to promise great possibilities. You might even disprove that old saying about "lucky at cards," since you'll be "lucky in love" too.

## Corporate Strife

By AMANDA B. RECONDTWITH  
The Montrose Voice

Dear Fans, Amanda has recently noticed a phenomenon that requires our utmost attention. A dear friend of ours recently underwent the most drastic and horrific change in his life when he suddenly found himself unemployed after years of hard work and diligence. Of course, Amanda had long ago warned him that all those long overtime hours would most likely have no impact on his tenure.

We remember long, long ago in those dark Paleolithic days of our past when we were forced to wear boring clothes and noxious low pumps while receiving frightful shocks from office furniture and catching everyone else's colds through vile central air systems. We found out very early on that it does no good to sacrifice your life for a company, because you are nothing to that company. You are simply one little cog in the wheel, and somewhere along the line, the corporate philosophy became askew.

Instead of helping or adapting a difficult cog, corporations decided to just do away with it altogether! This has led to a horrid proliferation of nasty executives and tyrannical professionals who really don't give a hoot about society or the environment or anything that really matters. Sometimes, Amanda feels that they wouldn't even indulge in personal hygiene if the company didn't stipulate it in the policies and procedures manual!

Anyway, we were consoling our friend,

who was very let down, and finding himself in a financial tizzy. Companies supply employees with American Express cards and dutifully take them away when one is "let go," and our friend owed lots and lots on his, and when that bill came, his previous income would not be there to cover it.

Of course, we offered to flip for him, but he refused (most likely to come to us later, whereupon we will be most happy to help), but he had that look in his eye. It was that "What-Have-I-Done-To-Deserve-This" look.

Well, first off, dear fans, he was creative. That's a definite no-no in corporate life. One should never be creative at the office because it causes managers and top executives to break out in horrible boils and tremors.

Secondly, he was jovial. This is certainly the worst of all faults in an office, dear fans. Happy people are always looked upon with suspicion in the office.

The third fault our friend had was that he was honest. Honesty has absolutely NO place in the modern corporate world! Honesty is looked upon as threatening and possibly dangerous, because nothing in an office is honest. Even the furniture is faux! Most of the women we know in offices would much rather be at home doing aerobics or petting the cat than sitting in rapt adoration before a panel of sex deranged galloots in Brooks Brothers bags!

And finally, our friend dressed well—



which was the ultimate taboo. In conservative corporations, dressing well means that you are most certainly gay, or if not, possibly a terrorist. Companies like Brooks Brothers and Jos. A. Banks and Norton Ditto specialize in making extremely expensive suits that hang like garbage bags and pucker at the least effort. On some humid days, an elevator full of executives can look like one massive mastodon carcass excavated from the peat bogs!

Oh well. Hopefully things will change. Like our dear friend, we used to look at those massive towers and think they were really where it was AT! Unfortunately, most of them have changed names so frequently over the last few years because of failing banks and businesses

that we can only delineate them by color. And that's the real crux of the matter, dear fans. Nothing is permanent, and a job is no longer necessarily a career. Corporate America is not the stable icon it used to be, and we're afraid that anyone who throws 100 percent into that hat will soon be disappointed. We were once. That's how we finally got smart and departed on our own exciting path.

Now, we can do aerobics and pet the cat and wear our favorite Pepto-Puke pink Spandex house coat with matching Dizzy-Pumps while conducting our own business on our computer and via phone. Besides that, we even know our mail man and our local police patrolman! It's a good trade-off, we think.

President Bush has finally given Dan Quayle a job for which he's qualified: Explaining our invasion of Panama to the countries of Latin America. And that is because only Vice President Quayle is naive enough to believe the story concocted for this obvious violation of American law and treaties.

Quayle, swallowing the Bush line, refers to the Panamanian declaration of war. While it may seem a matter of semantics, Panama declared that a "state of war" existed due to measures taken by the United States, which included an obvious military buildup in the Canal territory. This distinction may be lost on Quayle but it most certainly isn't in Latin capitals.

Quayle's citing of the death of an American officer as grounds to protect American lives is equally ludicrous: The officer, one of four, was in civilian clothes driving in front of Noriega's headquarters then under heavy guard. The Americans ignored orders to stop for a routine search and then proceeded to run a roadblock. Actually, had such occurred in front of the White House all four would probably have been shot.

But what must annoy Latin leaders the most is that Quayle would assume they are so backward and ignorant as not to see through Bush's flimsy justification for this invasion. Bush bases his action on this "declaration of war" and the shooting, all the while our government acknowledges that components for invasion—the Navy Seals, added tanks and troops had been deployed to Panama before these supposed provocations. Maybe Americans are blinded by fluttering flags and rabid patriotism but foreign observers are not.

However, the most hilarious aspect of this excursion into banana boat diplomacy is the planned trial of Noriega. American courts only have authority over crimes alleged to have occurred within their jurisdiction. Of the ten counts on which Noriega was indicted only two even allege any violation of the federal criminal code, and both of these deal only with the sale and distribution of marijuana.

And the chance of Noriega ever coming to trial are truly remote. When the President has declared the defendant guilty and even broken American laws to capture the defendant it is unlikely a jury of his peers could

be mustered anywhere in the United States, to say nothing of a judge who would admit most of the evidence.

It is a continually sad commentary that the American press, almost blindly, continues to accept the Bush version of this farce. At a time when Eastern Europe is rediscovering a free and critical press after a half century, the press in the cradle of freedom acts in a manner that would have pleased any of these fallen Communist rulers.

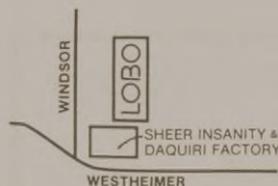
Where the Houston press may have slighted the details of the Panama invasion they may have made up for in their slavish devotion to the comings and goings of Houston Oilers coaches. No doubt this reflects the degree of interests of their readers, but that does little to enhance their credibility as journalists as opposed to press agents.

And speaking of the local press, it says volumes when the most concise yet thorough story on the AIDS battle in Texas and Houston is written by Bruce Lambert of The New York Times (January 5). The Times, not noted as a friend of the gay community, concludes that Texas, spending 14¢ a year per resident, does not compare well with New York's \$3 a citizen on AIDS. In fact, according to Lambert, there are few heroes in this war, and the ones he found in Texas are all private individuals and agencies working within the gay community. But, then, we in the community didn't need The Times to tell us the deficiencies of our state and local governments in this epidemic.

On a somewhat lighter note, our home state of Missouri continues to amuse. As all of us remember the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Missouri successfully declared, in an abortion law, that a person begins life at conception, not birth. Now a 20-year-old Missourian is appealing his conviction for drinking under age on the grounds that, given his time in the womb, he was actually 21. Ah, what a can of Missouri worms.

Not quite as humorous, the writer of the recent TV biography of Rock Hudson noted, in an interview, that network executives nix any favorable portrayal of a same-sex couple. Not to say, however, that they won't milk all the implied sexcapades of the late screen idol. After all, homosexuality is just a matter of sex, isn't it?

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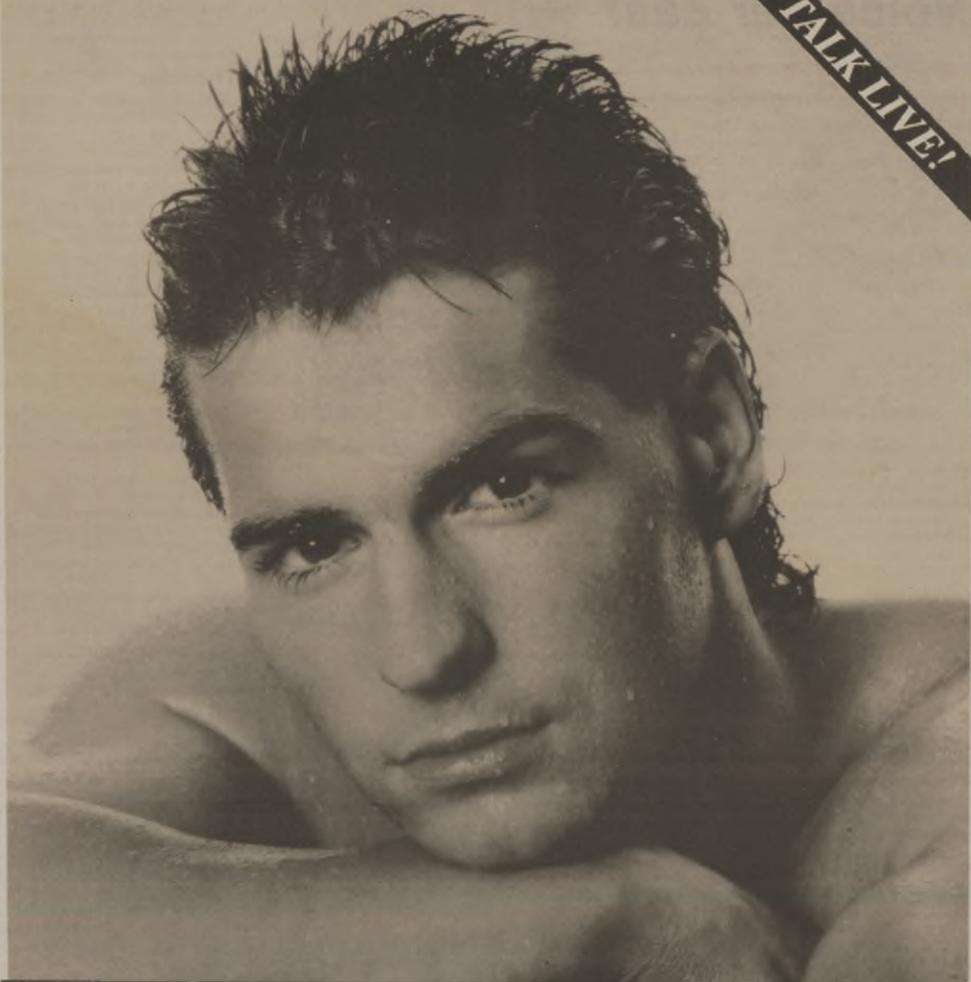
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A LISTING OF THE SPECIAL AND REGULAR EVENTS AT HOUSTON CLUBS, RESTAURANTS AND OTHER PLACES OF ENTERTAINMENT WHICH ADVERTISE IN AND DISTRIBUTE THE MONTROSE VOICE

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  
-Ballpark News: Open 24 hours  
-Santa Fe Trading Co.: Open 4pm, 3 in 1 happy hour cocktails, \$1.75 longnecks or happy hour price single well to 10pm  
-Scandal's: Open 11am Mon-Sat, Noon Sunday, DJ Dennis McGinnis  
-Cousins: Happy hour prices every day opening-7pm  
-Thai Villa Restaurant: Daily lunch & Dinner specials, piano entertainment Thurs-Sat Nights  
-Mary's: Mon-Sat happy hours 7am-noon, 5-9pm  
-E.J.'s: 7am-8pm Happy hour, 7am-6pm \$1 Vodka drinks, Beer bust 4-10pm Monday-Saturday  
-Charlie's Restaurant: Dinner & midn specials  
-Momma's Money: \$1 Well & Domestic Beer, Monday-Saturday, 7am-11am  
-Momma's Money: Happy hour, Monday-Saturday, 7am-8pm  
-Chutes: Happy hour 7am-8pm, pitcher frozen margaritas \$5, beer bust 3-11pm, Pitcher Beer \$2  
-Momma's Money: 75c Well Drinks, Monday-Thursday, 9-midn  
-Missouri St. Station: Happy hour prices to 9pm  
-Inergy: Happy Hour 7 days a week from opening to 8pm, Happy hour on Monday til 2am  
-Inergy: Open Mon-Fri 5pm-2am, Sat & Sun 2pm-2am  
-Past Time: Happy hour 12-8pm  
-J.R.'s: Monday-Friday, hors d'oeuvres 5:30-7:30  
-Pot Pie Restaurant: Free Home Delivery  
-Club Romeo: Happy Hour 5-9pm  
-J.R.'s: 3-in-1 Happy hour opening-10pm  
-Miss Kitty's: What A Nellie Deli, 11am-3pm, serving lunch Mon-Fri  
-Briar Patch: Happy hour to 8pm  
-Venture-N: Dancing on the Farside 7 days a week, with DJs Mike Scott & Raul Quan  
-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  
-Charlie's Restaurant: Open 24 hours

**Friday**  
-Bacchus: Gay Dating Game 8pm  
-Miss Kitty's: Cowboys in Action, continuously from 7pm, Dancer floor opens 9pm w/DJ Barry Bowder  
-Scandal's: DJ Dennis McGinnis  
-Cousins: Cousins & Company 10:30pm, Ron Sioux, Robbie Roberts, Rikki O'Shea, Misty Morn, Diana Wright, Tiffany LaShea  
-Montrose Mining Co.: Special Forces (male dancers) 8pm-2am  
-Momma's Money: Talent Night 10:30pm, cash prizes  
-Chutes: February 2nd Rick Herrera & Brucella DeVall Third Annual Birthday Benefit Variety Show 10pm  
-Chutes: 75c well 7am-noon, \$1 well & \$1.50 beer 12-6pm, beer bust 3-11pm, male strip contest 11pm, MC Cassandra Landa  
-Past Time: The Tom Cats  
-Lazy J: Show Nite 10pm  
-E.J.'s: Brittany's Follies 11pm  
-Mother's: Dance music by Phil Ware

-Club Romeo: TGIF Party 5-9pm  
-Heaven: 50c well, cover  
-Brazos River Bottom: Happy Hour 7am-9pm, Brazos River Band 9:30pm  
-Missouri St. Station: Patio Specials, free hors d'oeuvres, live entertainment, 9pm  
-J.R.'s: Pacific Coast Dancers 6pm-2am  
**Saturday**  
-Miss Kitty's: "PARTY" beginning 9pm  
-Cousins: Cousins & Company 10:30pm  
-Montrose Mining Co.: 3 in 1 happy hour 4-10pm, 25c draft beer in a mug 10pm-2am  
-Scandal's: DJ Dennis McGinnis  
-Chutes: January 27 4th Anniversary Party 10pm-2am  
-Chutes: Beer bust 3-11pm, frozen margarita bust & liquor bust 8-midn, Dash for Cash 10pm-2am  
-Mother's: Vodka drinks & shots of schnapps 75c 7am-8pm  
-Past Time: The Tom Cats  
-Club Romeo: \$1.75 Coronas, \$1 Schnapps  
-Heaven: 50c well 9-11pm, cover, DJ Scooter Bearden  
-J.R.'s: Pacific Coast Dancers 10:30pm  
-Lazy J: Show Nite 10pm  
-Mary's: Beer bust on the patio 1pm-6pm, Leather Nite, Come Let Us Adjust Your Attitude, Sir!  
-Bacchus: \$2 Margaritas  
-Missouri St. Station: Patio Specials  
-Brazos River Bottom: Happy hour to 9pm, Brazos River Band 9:30pm  
-E.J.'s: Saturday Morning Beer Bust w/Miss Dee 9am-noon, Male Jock Strap Contest 11pm, MC Rainbo de Klown

**Sunday**  
-Rubio's: Free Draft 7-10pm, "Rubio's Presenta" 10:30  
-Bacchus: Pool Tourney, 2pm  
-Miss Kitty's: Open Air T-Dance 4pm  
-Scandal's: Pool Tourney 1pm, registration noon  
-Venture-N: Booze/Beer Bust 4-10pm  
-Cousins: Zack's Revue, Zack, Frankie, Lisa & guest, 9pm  
-Mary's: Beer bust on the patio, 1pm-6pm, \$3, Steak Nite, 5pm  
-E.J.'s: noon-10pm beer bust, dinner on patio 5pm, \$1 well drinks 4-7pm, Cricket dart tourney 8pm  
-Momma's Money: Happy hour, 12-4pm, \$1 Well with 50c Schnapps 4-7pm  
-Missouri St. Station 3pm-

7pm \$1 well  
-Inergy: \$1 Bloody Marys & Ritas, \$1.25 Longnecks 2pm-8pm  
-Chutes: \$1 well & \$1.50 beer noon-6pm, beer bust noon-11pm, liquor bust & frozen margarita bust 8-midn  
-Past Time: Happy hour all day & all nite  
-J.R.'s: 75c Cape Cods, Bloodies, Margaritas & Schnapps noon-10pm  
-Club Romeo: Hangover Blues, beer \$1.25, Bloody Marys \$2, Barbecue and drink specials, open 3pm  
-Montrose Mining Co.: Beer bust & 50c hot dogs 4-midn, 50c draft beer in a mug midn-2am  
-Brazos River Bottom: Happy hour noon-6pm Steak Night 5pm, \$4.50, Brazos River Band & Little Bit of Texas 7pm  
-Heaven: Free well 7-9, free draft & \$1.25 Corona all nite, cover  
-Mother's: Vodka drinks & shots of schnapps 75c, 12-8pm, Male dancers 10pm-1am, Bar-B-Que on the patio 5pm-9pm  
**Monday**  
-Miss Kitty's: Cowboys in Action "Las Vegas Revue" showtimes, 10pm & midn  
-Cousins: Bridge Night, 7pm, Happy hour prices til 2am  
-Midtowne Spa: free video upgrades  
-Momma's Money: Pool Tourney, 8:30pm, cash prize  
-Inergy: Happy Hour 5pm-2am, \$1.25 Well & Longnecks  
-Mother's: Beer bust 25c/mug or \$1.50 6oz. pitcher Miller Lite Draft 6pm-1am  
-Chutes: 75c well 7am-noon, \$1 well 12-6pm, free pool, beer bust 3-11pm, Liquor bust & frozen margarita bust 8-midn \$6  
-Past Time: Beer happy hour open-close  
-Ripcord: \$1 Margaritas 9pm-2am  
-Rubio's: CLOSED, available for private functions, reserve one week in advance  
-Montrose Mining Co.: 3 in 1 happy hour all day/nite, 5c draft  
-J.R.'s: Pacific Coast Dancers 6pm-2am  
-Club Body Center: Lockers \$4.50 noon-midn  
-E.J.'s: \$1 Margaritas, 301 Dart tourney 9pm  
-Brazos River Bottom: Happy hour \$1.25 well & longnecks all nite

**Tuesday**  
-Club Romeo: \$1.25 beer  
-Miss Kitty's: Steak night 7pm, trash disco 9pm  
-Mother's: Well drinks \$1.75 7am-1am, dance music from 70s & early 80s  
-Midtowne Spa: half price lockers  
-Chutes: 75c well 7am-noon, \$1 well 12-6pm, Beer bust 3-11pm, liquor bust & frozen margarita bust 8-midn  
-Ripcord: \$1.25 canned beer 8pm-2am  
-Inergy: 50c Well, \$1 longnecks 11pm til Midnight  
-Missouri St. Station: Beer Blow Out 7-midn, \$1 domestic longnecks  
-Club Body Center: 1/2 price rooms & lockers 7pm-3am  
-Momma's Money: 8-midn, \$2.50 pitcher beer  
-Venture-N: Trash Disco 8pm-2am, no cover, beer bust available, free pool 4-8pm  
-Montrose Mining Co.: \$1 beer bust 4pm-closing, Men at Work (male dancers) 10pm-2am  
-Brazos River Bottom: Dance lessons with Brent & Jonathan, 9:30  
-Bacchus: Pot Luck Nite

**Wednesday**  
-Ripcord: \$1.50 Well all day  
-Midtowne Spa: half price rooms  
-Midtowne Spa: Clever Lads Advocating Safer Sex Class Action 9pm  
-Momma's Money: Amateur Strip Contest, 9pm, cash prize  
-Mother's: Long neck domestic beers \$1, 8-midn, Tequila Gold Slammers \$1.50 10pm-2am  
-Inergy: Inergize with Latin & Disco Music  
-Rubio's: Talent Night (\$75 first place), drink specials, dancing till 2am  
-Montrose Mining Co.: Nickel draft beer in a mug 10pm-2am, music of 60's, 70's, 80's  
-Miss Kitty's: Kitty Kat Revue 11pm  
-Brazos River Bottom: Happy hour 7am-9pm  
-Club Romeo: Vodka Specials  
-Club Body Center: Mini-lockers \$6 8am-4pm  
-Chutes: 75c well 7am-noon, \$1 well 12-6pm, Beer bust 3pm-11pm \$3  
-Chutes: Steak Nite 7pm-10pm, liquor bust or frozen Margarita bust \$6 8pm-midnight  
-J.R.'s: Pacific Coast Dancers 6pm-2am  
-Heaven: 10c well 9pm-2am, cover,

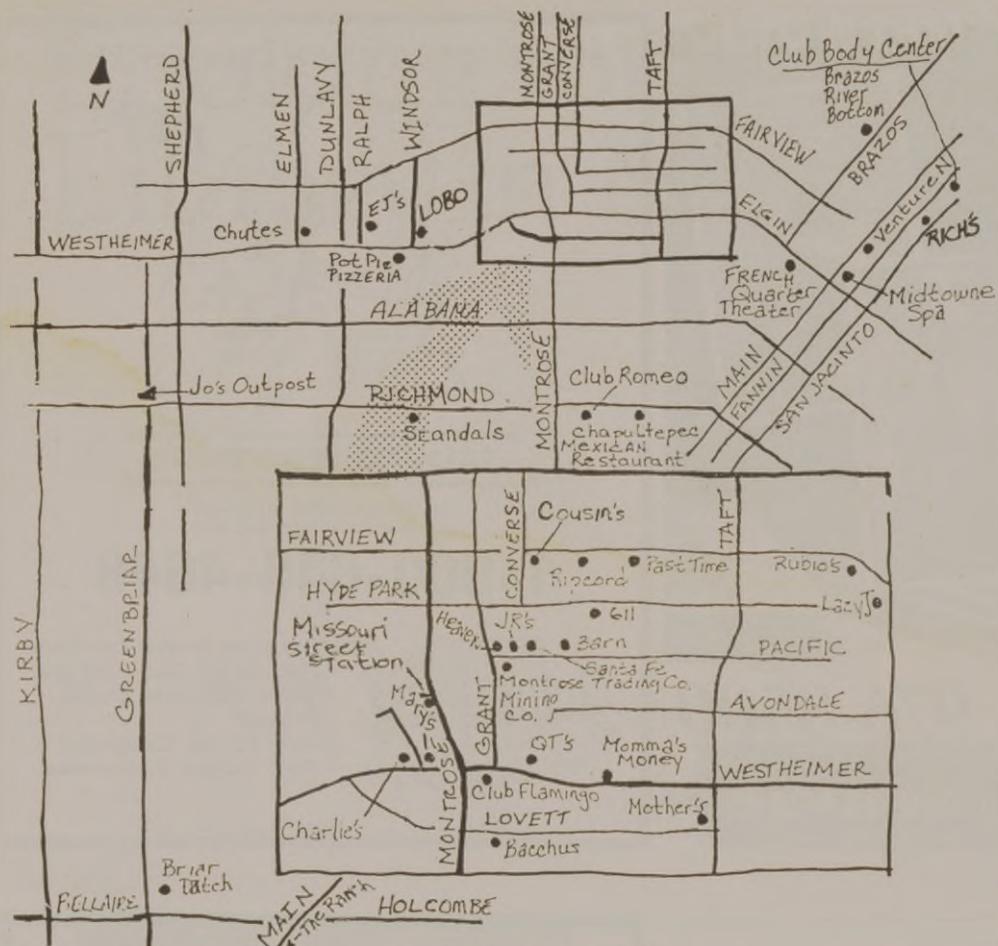
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-Bacchus: Corporate Ladies Happy hour, free hors d'oeuvres to 8pm  
-Missouri St. Station: Professional & Executive Ladies Nite, 5pm-7, Free hors d'oeuvres  
**Thursday**  
-Missouri St. Station: Live Cabaret, Houston's hottest new acts begin at 9pm  
-Cousins: Talent Night 10pm  
-Midtowne Spa: half price lockers  
-Club Romeo: \$1.50 Well  
-Venture-N: Free pool 4-8pm  
-Inergy: Trash, Trash, Trash Disco  
-Ripcord: \$1.50 Margaritas  
-Mother's: Burgers 6pm-10pm, male dancers & shows 10pm & midn,  
-Bacchus: Steak Nite, 7pm (you bring the meat, we supply the rest)  
-Montrose Mining Co.: Happy hour 4-7pm, 3 in 1 happy hour & beer bust 4-10pm, longnecks \$1.10 10pm-2am  
-J.R.'s: 3 in 1 happy hour, \$1.25 frozen drinks all day all nite  
-Chutes: 75c well 7am-noon, \$1 well 12-6pm, beer bust 3-11pm, Liquor bust & frozen Margarita bust \$6 8pm-Midnight  
-Club Body Center: Half price rooms & lockers noon-midn  
-Brazos River Bottom: Happy Hour 7am-9pm, \$1 longnecks all day & nite, Spaghetti Dinner at 7pm, Brazos River Band 10pm, Jan 18 Miss Alabama's Follies 8pm  
-Heaven: Male Dance Revue with Hunter and the Headliners and Fantasy in Motion at 11pm

**Names and phones**  
Here's the BAR-ZAAR list: places you might consider for drinking, dining and sensual pleasures.  
-Bacchus, 523 Lovett, 523-3396  
-Ballpark News, 1830 W. Alabama  
-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, 523-3332  
-Chutes, 1732 Westheimer, 523-2213  
-Cousins, 817 Fairview, 528-9204  
-E.J.'s, 2517 Ralph, 527-9071  
-French Quarter Theater, 3201 Louisiana, 527-0782  
-Heaven, Pacific at Grant, 521-9123  
-Inergy, 6121 Hillcroft, 771-9611  
-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  
-Midtowne 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 T's, 608 Westheimer, 529-8813  
-The Ranch, 9150 S. Main, 666-3464  
-Rich's, 2401 San Jacinto, 759-9606  
-Ripcord, 715 Fairview, 521-2792  
-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  
-Studz Adult Bookstore, 1201 Richmond  
-Thai Villa Restaurant, 2907 W. Alabama, 524-4777  
-Venture-N, 2923 S. Main, 522-0000

**Friday**  
Talent contest 10:30pm at Momma's Money  
Male Strip at Chutes, 11pm  
Brittany Paige at E.J.'s, 11pm  
**Saturday**  
Lulu's bartending at Scandal's 8am-2pm  
Beer Bust 9am-noon at E.J.'s  
Free pool, shuffleboard, munchies at Venture-N noon-8pm  
Leather Night at Mary's. Show some skin  
6th week of male strip contest at E.J.'s. Fun and buns. 11pm  
**Sunday**  
\$1 eyeopeners at noon, free hamburgers and hot dogs 3pm, Venture-N/Far Side  
Steak night at Mary's, from 4pm  
Steak night at the BRB 5pm  
Free buffet, somewhere around 6:30pm, Chutes  
Grand opening GTO, 6pm  
Momma's Company showtime at Momma's Money, 8pm  
**Monday**  
Lulu's bartending at Scandal's 8am-2pm  
Happy hour all night at Inergy  
Margaritas \$1 all night, dart tournament 7pm, E.J.'s  
Free pool at Chutes  
**Tuesday**  
Talent night at E.J.'s, 10pm  
Hall price lockers at Midtowne Spa  
C&W dance lessons at the BRB start 10pm  
**Wednesday**  
Steak night at Chutes about 7-10pm  
Amateur strip contest 9pm at Momma's Money  
Half price rooms at Midtowne Spa  
Corporate ladies night at GTO  
Latin & Disco at Inergy  
**Thursday**  
Lulu's bartending at Scandal's 8am-2pm  
Drawing for a free gift at Past Time  
Trash disco at Inergy  
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Male Strip at Chutes, 11pm  
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**SATURDAY**  
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Beer Bust 9am-noon at E.J.'s  
Free pool, shuffleboard, munchies at Venture-N noon-8pm  
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**SUNDAY**  
\$1 eyeopeners at noon, free hamburgers and hot dogs 3pm, Venture-N/Far Side  
Steak night at Mary's, from 4pm  
Steak night at the BRB 5pm  
Free buffet, somewhere around 6:30pm, Chutes  
Grand opening GTO, 6pm  
Momma's Company showtime at Momma's Money, 8pm  
**MONDAY**  
Lulu's bartending at Scandal's 8am-2pm  
Happy hour all night at Inergy  
Margaritas \$1 all night, dart tournament 7pm, E.J.'s  
Free pool at Chutes  
**TUESDAY**  
Talent night at E.J.'s, 10pm  
Hall price lockers at Midtowne Spa  
C&W dance lessons at the BRB start 10pm  
**WEDNESDAY**  
Steak night at Chutes about 7-10pm  
Amateur strip contest 9pm at Momma's Money  
Half price rooms at Midtowne Spa  
Corporate ladies night at GTO  
Latin & Disco at Inergy  
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FRIDAYS

### Chutes Male Strip

11pm, Chutes, 1732 Westheimer

SATURDAYS

### E/J's Jock Strap Contest

11pm, E/J's, 2517 Ralph

Winner will receive (if he chooses) a professional photo session, a set of the photos, and the opportunity to be a future Friday Fox in the Montrose Voice.

**CONTESTANTS WANTED. Just show up 1 hour before contest. WIN CASH. Check with individual bar for more details.**

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**Friday**



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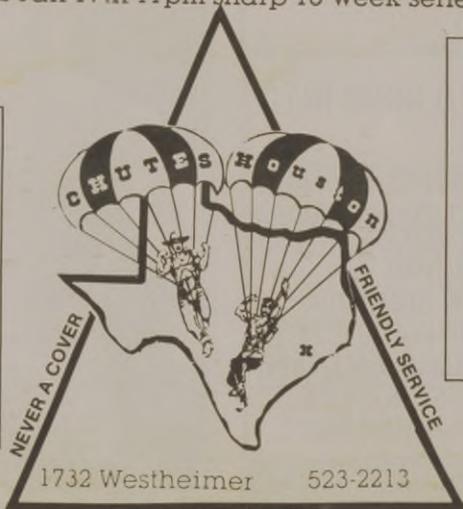
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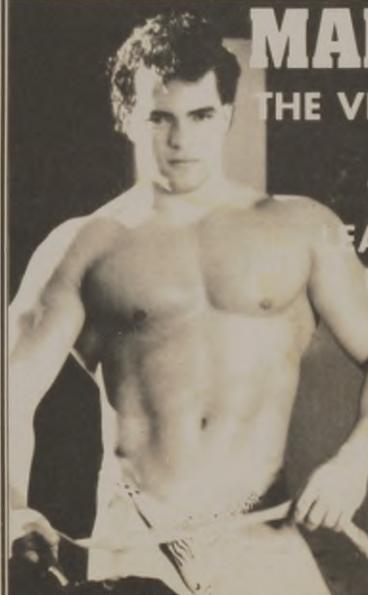
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**Jan. 14**



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- Dance All That Away to the Sounds of The Brazos River Band and Little Bit of Texas starting at 7pm



**THURSDAY**

**Jan. 18 8pm**

**Miss Alabama's Follies**

Starring Miss Alabama Erica Lane  
Victoria Lust Miss Zack and Guest

- Spaghetti Dinner at 7pm
- \$1 Longnecks all day/ all night
- Brazos River Band beginning 10pm



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**Drink Specials Hors d'oeuvres  
FREE CHAMPAGNE  
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Robin McElhaney and  
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Sunday—Steak Night with Randy 5pm-7pm \$3

**Lunch With Gaye—Thursdays  
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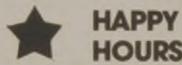
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2am to closing Friday thru Sunday  
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**HAPPY HOURS**



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5-9pm  
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Always



# Montrose Soap: People and Places

Tad (Mary's): What's this about you receiving a standing ovation while returning from the upstairs office?

We understand that the infamous Miss Green received a special present for New Year's night. Ask Vera (BRB) for details.

We hear that Winnie had to rent out his bedroom on New Year's to Ray M. Wonder what he got out of this deal? Could this have anything to do with Ray getting into Vera's pants?

Rumor has it that Magnolia is going to visit John Owens (Past Time) and take his cure for whatever Sounds interesting, guys.

Woody, with your two weeks off, Vera's getting nervous and wants to know, "Please, when are you going back to work?"

For those of you who aren't aware of it, you can now find Lulu at Scandal's every morning. Stop by and say hello.

E/J's is starting a talent night on Tuesdays, to follow along with Momma's



The infamous Bruce McCada (Colt 45's) styled out to help Mr. BRB contestants



Does anyone recognize this popular Montrose bartender? Could it be Wilma Jean?



Congratulations to Mr. BRB, Sean Yarborough, left, and first runner up Michael Freschi



Steve and Terry (611) pose together again. Does this mean Terry may be bartender of the month?

Money on Fridays. If you're interested in performing, contact the bars.

Miss Alabama, how many coffee cans did you use when you were out of water?

Phoebe (Sundance), we hear that you made a surprise donation at the underwear benefit party. The looks on Terry and Reenie's faces were certainly as great as the act itself.

What's going on, with two of the city's bar owners having to tend bar recently? We spotted Ed (E/J's) and Ron Sioux (Cousins) both behind the bar within a two-day period. (Comment most heard: "It's about time!")

On those nights you don't feel like cooking at home, you have the many fine restaurants to choose from, or you can choose Steak Night at six bars on the following nights: Sunday, BRB and Mary's; Tuesday, Miss Kitty's; Wednesday, Chutes; and Thursday, The 611 and Bacchus.

For dart tournament enthusiasts, Chutes has now joined the list with E/J's and Mothers. Contact the bars for de-

tails.

Congratulations to Jerry and Rick on their new relationship.

Bruce (Miss Kitty's): Can't you tell the difference between lighting cigarettes and pork skins?

The question of the week is, "Who put the whiskey dent in the back of Ron's (Mary's) head last weekend?"

Congratulations to Ron Ward of Leatherer by Boots and to the Ripcord for being named "Bar of the Month" by the Houston Names Project in the Penny Drive. Boots and the Ripcord have held the trophy for three months.

The BRB patio bar will be open this Friday and Saturday night, with the Gay Fathers as guest bartenders this weekend. Step out and support this great group.

Ladies, it's a disappointment, but the Keystroke birthday party scheduled for Saturday at the Tower Theater has been postponed due to technical problems. Stay tuned to these pages for the rescheduled date. Alexandra apologizes for the

inconvenience.

Thursday, Jan. 18, Miss Alabama will present her Polities show at BRB with a variety of guests. It should be a show to remember, so plan to attend.

Chutes will celebrate its fourth anniversary on Jan. 27 with a special blow out party, complete with champagne and a special buffet. Also on Feb. 2, Rick Herrera and Brucella DeVall will present their third annual birthday benefit variety show, so mark your calendars accordingly.

Gaye (Mary's): PR means public relations not Porcelain Retreat! You still have to watch those bar hops and work.

Miss Dee (E/J's) informs us that she has a new strip outfit that will outdo anything Vera (BRB) has in her closet. She also challenges Vera to a strip off at anytime. Comments, Vera?

Tom Sawyer (Ripcord): What's this about you being called on to do a strip number at E/J's? Why did you turn blood red?

## Personals (individual)

All ads in this category are supposed to be strictly individual to individual. No commercial offerings. Nothing for sale.

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GWM seeks GWM with little or no body hair. Call 529-0996.

Desperately seeking Troy Droze and Doug. Benjamin is lonesome. No drugs. Preferably no cigarettes. Bandit's found God.

## Personals (commercial)

Like 'em HUGE? Get "Gary Griffin's Confidential Report on Penis Enlargement Methods": the controversial 110 page underground bestseller and see rare, uncensored photos of the largest cocks around. Also discover the 50 hugest-hung celebrities (Ch. 4), how three doctors enlarged their penises (p. 71), how Sudanese Arabs "grow" 10" cocks (p. 59), details about Dillinger's 22" penis (p. 45), the shocking Mongolian Monk cock enlargement ritual (p. 64), how YOU can gain 1" in 4 months (p. 82), and much more too explicit to print here. Shipped in plain mailer \$14.95 to: ADDED DIMENSIONS, 4216 Beverly Blvd. #262, Los Angeles, Ca. 90004. 7-day money-back guarantee. Bonus: Clip ad with order for free photo of Mr. 12" (mont)

## The Personals

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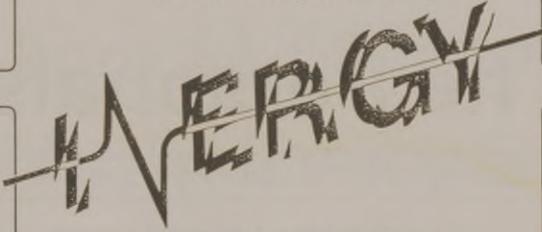
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plus more

## Saturday: Male Jock Strap Contest 11pm

Contestants sign up prior  
to 11pm, \$100 1st prize, \$50  
2nd prize, \$25 bar tab 3rd  
prize

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## Miss Dee Presents a Saturday Morning Beer Bust 9am-Noon Liquor Bust \$1 Well, Sat. & Sun.

### 4-7pm

### Beer Bust Sat. 4-10pm

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