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MONTROSE WEATHER THROUGH MONDAY: Cloudy most days and very cold. Night lows about 14 through Saturday night, then night lows about 27. Day highs near 32 through Sunday. Monday's high 45.

Officials are optimistic for Montrose in new year

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE
Montrose Voice Editor
(first of two parts)

Mayor Kathy Whitmire and Dist. C Council Member Vince Ryan gave reports—and surprisingly similar—reports on what the coming year holds in store for Montrose residents in recent interviews with the Montrose Voice. Both officials lauded the recent approval of a tax abatement district in lower Westheimer, claimed that the upswing of Houston's economy will have a profound positive impact on inner city neighborhoods and predicted continued development and growth of businesses in the area.

"This is an exciting time to live in the inner city," said Whitmire. "I think (Houston's) future will see more emphasis placed on these neighborhoods. I think the (lower Westheimer) tax abatement that was just declared will encourage development...we're already working with some developers in that program."

Ryan agreed, but approached the abatement and other development options more analytically. "I think there are a lot of positive things in store for Montrose, and I do think the tax abatement will give some positive answers," he said. "If people will go across town to save a little on tax on their car notes, then yes, of course I think the program will bring in development. I think (the tax difference) in some cases could be a quite substantial margin, a

margin that could make (development projects) go."

"We're working with developers now on some ideas that would solve some of the problems, like parking," he said, referring to the city's new parking ordinance and the implications of its off street parking guidelines for lower Westheimer businesses.

"One thing we don't want are businesses going in without adequate parking," Ryan continued. "But at the same time, I think we need to be careful how we apply (the ordinance). Widening streets and providing angled parking spaces has been discussed as a possible solution to the on street parking problem, he said.

"The angled parking is a developer's idea. It's worked in other places," he said.

Whitmire said Montrose and other inner city districts will benefit largely from the city's focused goals for Houston's economy in 1990. Encouraging the growth of small businesses is one of two major areas of economic emphasis the administration will concentrate on in the coming year, she said. The other is international activity.

Ryan said that since parts of his district are also in a Community Development Block Grant target area, Montrose should benefit in some way from increased city spending for development. "The administration has pumped a lot more money into the program," he said. "Most of this district doesn't

have as great a need as some other parts of the city. But we do need the funds...I would say we're probably about the fourth down in need...I'm hoping we'll get the fourth most money," he said.

On other issues, Whitmire and Ryan showed their individual political trends. Ryan restated his recent call for a long term (three to five year) strategic plan for the city budget, including pay raises for Houston police officers and other city employees and the bolstering of HPD by at least 600 officers. Whitmire had criticized the council member's suggestions, calling his motivation "political." Ryan had supported her opponent, Fred Hofheinz, in the recent election.

"How can she say it's political?" asked Ryan. "The election is over. Hofheinz lost. The fact is, the administration simply doesn't have any long term plans for the city," he said.

Whitmire seemed surprised, despite heavy pre-election debate in the gay press, to hear that leaders of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus had charged she was inattentive to AIDS issues. HGLPC had endorsed Hofheinz in the election, while the city's other major gay political group, the Community Alliance of Houston, endorsed Whitmire.

"I can certainly understand their frustration, because AIDS is such a terrible human tragedy," she said. "It has affected the entire city, it has taken friends of mine...I can see



Mayor Kathy Whitmire predicts "exciting" 1990 for Montrose

where some people might take it personally, might try to find someone to blame it on.

"...I don't know that the community has always responded in the best ways. I think if we knew all of the answers, we would have wiped (AIDS) out by now," Whitmire said.

Public health, however, ranked third on a list of four immediate

priorities for Houston named by Whitmire. Topping the list was the war on drugs and drug-related crime, followed by Houston's economic development and growth. Education was cited as the mayor's fourth highest priority for the city.

(Next week: Community leaders talk about the new year, the old decade, and where we're headed in the 90's)

Marrow transplant, AZT apparently eradicates AIDS virus

BALTIMORE (AP)—Researchers have apparently eradicated the AIDS virus from a patient's body by combining a bone marrow transplant with the only drug approved for treatment of the virus.

This marks the first time of which researchers are aware that anyone has rid a patient of the deadly virus. Doctors have previously slowed the progress of the disease in many patients, but have never been able to eliminate all traces of the virus.

The New York Times reported Tuesday that researchers at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in Baltimore eliminated the virus in a 41-year-old man who had AIDS, but later died of cancer, by doing a bone marrow transplant and giving him the drug AZT, or zidovudine.

Hopkins doctors announced their results Monday. The treatment was originally reported in June at the International Conference on AIDS in Montreal.

Last Friday, Hopkins doctors did another bone marrow transplant on a man who has AIDS and lymphoma, but it will be months before researchers know whether the treatment works.

The treatment offers some hope of becoming a cure for AIDS, but researchers caution they will have to treat more patients to be sure of its success. If the treatment proves effective, its applicability could be limited because of enormous costs and practical difficulties in obtaining the marrow.

The man had a lymphoma, an immune system cancer that often occurs in people with AIDS. Doctors hoped the bone marrow transplant would cure both diseases. Bone marrow is the source of immune system cells, which are the cells that the AIDS virus kills.

"Within the limits of detection, we have gotten rid of the AIDS virus," said Dr. Rein Saral of Johns Hopkins, leader of the group that did the transplant.

"No one has ever seen anything like it before," Saral said.

Ga. county commissioner proposes 'hate crimes' ordinance

DECATUR, Ga. (AP)—DeKalb County Commissioner Sherry Sutton has proposed creating a malicious harassment charge for people who commit "hate crimes" against certain groups.

"We do have crimes committed against people because they are black, because they are women or because they are gay," she said after introducing the proposal Dec. 12. "DeKalb County ought to take

a stand against it."

The ordinance would require a minimum 60 days in jail and a \$500 fine upon conviction.

Currently, those who commit

such crimes may face charges of making terroristic threats or assault and vandalism.

The proposed ordinance defines hate crimes as offenses committed against a person because of race,

religion, sexual preference or physical or mental disability.

State law enforcement authorities say no statistics have been kept on the number of such crimes committed.

Employer donates \$500 to AFH



Members and friends of KOPS (Keep Our Police Station) celebrated the fourth anniversary of the Neartown Police Community Center, 802 Westheimer, with a tent party in the center's parking lot Thursday, Dec. 14

CIGNA Corporation has selected Paul Sofka of Marvel, an AIDS Foundation Houston hospital volunteer as "Volunteer of the Month" for December, and will donate \$500 to AFH as part of the reward. Sofka, a financial consultant with the CIGNA companies' individual financial services division in Houston, works with AIDS patients at Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital one night a week.

The company gives the award to employees to promote volunteerism. The award includes a \$500 donation to the charity of the employee's choice.

Sofka first became involved in the hospital volunteer program through his wife, Annette, one of the original AIDS hospital volunteers in 1986. She later became a therapist facilitator for weekend volunteer training at AFH.

About 50 of AFH's 700 volunteers serve on hospital volunteer teams, helping patients and their families at Houston area hospitals.

As a Volunteer of the Month, Sofka is eligible for CIGNA Foundation's annual community service award, which also includes an additional donation to the charity of the winner's choice.

Montrose Neighborhood Events

—AIDS respite training

Grace Lutheran Church, 2615 Waugh Drive, will conduct an AIDS respite training session from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Jan. 13. The training is open to all, regardless of church membership. Lunch will be provided.

The church, located at the corner of Waugh and Missouri, will also present "Montrose Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: United in the Prayer of Christ," with a service at 4:00 on Sunday, Jan. 21.

—Songfest nets \$28,000

"A Christmas Songfest," the annual sing-a-long fund raiser to benefit the Omega House building fund, raised \$28,000 this year, Omega House directors said. The event, held at Astro Village Hotel Dec. 3, is now in its third year. More than

800 people attended this year's event.

The total raised includes proceeds from the door, a silent auction, pledges and a percentage of the cash bar. Guest entertainers at the Songfest were Jerry Atwood, Ricky Comeaux and Souled Out.

—Heart Strings raffle

A new 1990 Jaguar XJ6 and five deluxe travel packages will be given away during the Feb. 3 production of Heart Strings: The National Tour. An Evening of Hope for the Healing of AIDS, at Jones Hall.

Hart Galleries' Jerry and Wynnonne Hart are chairing the raffle, co-produced by DIFFA/Houston (Design Industries Foundation for AIDS) and Bering Community Service Foundation. Raffle tickets are available from members of both organizations.

Only 1250 raffle tickets will be sold for a chance on the new Jaguar at \$100 each. Tickets on the travel packages are \$10 each.

Drawings will be held during the intermission of the Heart Strings production. For tickets or more information, contact the Heart Strings office at 621-7989.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Of life and death and Compound Q

By DEBORAH MESCE

WASHINGTON (AP)—Once a week for three weeks, AIDS patient Robert Pitman sat for four hours in a doctor's office near his San Francisco home receiving a drug smuggled from China.

That this treatment was not government-sanctioned did not concern him. Nor did he have second thoughts when two others in the trial died. For Pitman, the decision to participate in this renegade test of the drug known as Compound Q was a matter of his own life and death.

"I'm a 48-year-old man and if I don't do something, I doubt that I'm going to see 50. That is not acceptable to me," Pitman said in an interview. "I may go down, but I'm going to go down fighting."

Pitman, a playwright, said he feels the government has failed him by not moving more quickly to get promising AIDS drugs to him and the tens of thousands of others with the disease or its early symptoms.

But he and other AIDS activists are not so quick these days to heap blame on the Food and Drug Administration, the government agency that decides whether new drugs are safe and effective enough to be marketed.

Although people with AIDS remain frustrated by the weight of the FDA bureaucracy, "there's a little more willingness to believe in their good will" in light of several new drug approvals this year, said Mark Harrington of the New York-based AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power.

Many, however, say it is the determination of AIDS patients like Pitman that has pushed the FDA to relax the rules and speed the process that still averages more than four years to grant approval to a drug.

Pitman said treatments last June with Compound Q, derived from the roots of Chinese plants

similar to cucumbers, appear to have slowed progress of his disease and gave him more energy and an improved appetite. But he said the benefits waned and he hopes to resume treatments soon.

Martin Delaney, organizer of the underground study begun in May, announced in September that test results indicated Compound Q had "a significant effect" and could be valuable in combination with other drugs.

An FDA-approved study of Compound Q is being conducted elsewhere in San Francisco, but Pitman and others said it was running far behind the secret experiments.

"If you're talking about a cure for dengue, I'd say OK," Pitman said. "But you're talking about a life expectancy of 16 months... It would have been a year from now before they (researchers in the official trial) found out what we found out in six weeks."

When the FDA learned of the secret trials, it did not crack its regulatory whip, as might have happened before, but took a more conciliatory approach. The agency invited Delaney to bring his data to Washington and talk about conducting further trials under FDA sanction.

Delaney, in a move reflecting the growing cooperation between AIDS activists and the government, accepted the offer and agreed to stop the trials and re-treatments of patients until new trials were approved.

"You have to adjust the rules for the reality of the epidemic," Delaney has said. "Where the FDA has been slow is in changing the height of the hurdle, accepting the need to make adjustments, but I think we may be getting there."

"The epidemic of AIDS is extraordinary and must be met with extraordinary measures," then-FDA Commissioner Frank Young said earlier this year in announce-

ing his agency's decision to expand availability of the anti-AIDS drug dideoxynosine, known as ddI, while still in the early stages of testing.

The FDA says a study shows it has shaved more than three years off the average time it takes to move a life-saving drug from initial tests to approval, cutting the period to about 4.2 years. Paul Coppinger, deputy associate commissioner for planning and evaluation, said most of the time saved comes from more efficient clinical trials and speedier delivery of test results to the FDA.

Last year, the agency said desperately ill patients can import drugs approved in other countries but not here. Regulators also are helping move drug tests from university medical centers and government research laboratories into neighborhood clinics accessible to more patients.

In explaining the relaxation of some of the rules that had stretched the time needed to prove drugs safe and effective, Young spoke of the urgency facing AIDS patients: "These are people (who) have no alternative therapy, so that medicine becoming available as early as possible really makes the difference between life and death."

Throughout his illness, Pitman said, he has researched all available therapies, keeping up on the approved drugs, looking for clinical trials of promising drugs and finding all he could about untested therapies.

"I'm not advocating going off willy-nilly, popping things in your mouth," he said.

Rather, he is following his belief in individual responsibility, using personal judgment rather than waiting for the government to act.

"Safe and effective is a meaningless phrase for me, because I'm going to die of AIDS before they know what safe and effective is by their route," he said.

The big 'Event' is Saturday, Jan. 6

Houston Live
The event so many people in this community have been waiting for and talking about is coming up next week. What's coming? Like I said, "The Event." That's what Montrose Activity Center dubbed their special benefit production of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf," directed by playwright Edward Albee, at the Alley Theatre on Saturday evening.

Besides having the distinction of being directed by the noted play-wright, this one-time, not to be missed performance is also part of a larger, well, event that includes a reception with Albee before the performance and the presentation from the city of a proclamation declaring Jan. 6, 1990 "Edward Albee Day." It's all for a very good cause...MAC's building fund, as seed money for opening a gay and lesbian community center in Houston. Albee is serving as honorary chair

of the event.
Tickets, starting at \$25 and going up to \$250 are tax deductible. Information on acquiring tickets may be obtained by calling 522-2204 or 523-6109. The \$25 tickets are only available at Inklings, 1846 Richmond; Lobo, 1424-C Westheimer at Windsor or Say Cheese, 3936 Westheimer.

Joe Watts is chair of the benefit. Watts, who also directs a company called "The Group" came up with the name for the event.

Alley and UH collaborate in training program

The Alley Theatre, under the artistic direction of Gregory Boyd, has announced the formation of a major artistic and educational alliance with the University of Houston drama department. Boyd and UH Drama Department chair Sidney Berger are developing plans in several areas, including

the recruitment and training of actors, directors, playwrights and designers for a professional theater training program. Selected students will combine graduate conservatory work at the University of Houston with production and performance work at the Alley.

To be eligible the young artists will be chosen through national auditions and be provided scholarships for the duration of their studies in culminating in the Master of Fine Arts degree.

In addition, the alliance will bring Alley artists to the campus as adjunct professors of drama, where they will teach classes and work within the University production program. Ambitious plans are being made to mount co-productions, utilizing the resources of both institutions.

Pigs II "Helled" over at Heights

Dream Kats' production of "Romp



Molly Thornton and Jim Themis in "Romp Thru Hell: Pigs Dance II," held over at Heights Theatre until Jan. 13

Thru Hell: Pigs Dance II," which opened Nov. 3 at Heights Theatre, 339 W. 19th Street, will be extended through Jan. 13. The show has performances every Friday and Saturday night at 8:00 p.m. The original work is written

and directed by Houstonian Kenny Joe Spivey. Featured performers are Rose Malone, Mary Lang, Billy Kraig, Jim Themis, Molly Thornton, Joe Weaver, Vincent Cobb, Keith Woods and Dennis Carl.

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AIDS organizations, lobbyist respond to TDH request

Leaders of local AIDS service providers didn't seem worried about the Texas Department of Health's recent request for an Attorney General's Opinion concerning the interpretation of a subsection of SB 959, the Omnibus AIDS Bill. In the opinion request, the TDH revealed guidelines for persons or organizations who receive state funds to do AIDS services and education.

The guidelines apply to subsection 2.03(h) of the bill, which states that grants may not be awarded to an organization that "advocates or promotes conduct that is contrary to state criminal law." The broad guidelines extend the definition to include sharing facilities or even board members, employees and volunteers with gay rights organizations. They would also prohibit grantee organizations and their representatives from referring clients for services to an organization that supports gay rights (such as Texas Human Rights Foundation or the Gay/

Lesbian Switchboard), and prohibit officers, employees and volunteers of grantees from wearing "an international sign indicating support for gay rights" (such as the pink triangle) while carrying out their duties.

Additional examples of activities deemed to be in violation of the bill's provisions include allowing a speaker at a fundraiser sponsored by a grantee organization to solicit donations for a gay rights organization, and referring a client to social activities or services for people with HIV infection provided by a gay group.

"They're ludicrous," said Evelyn Cox, executive director of AFH, about the guidelines. "No attorney that has any knowledge will ever rule in favor of anything like that. (The guidelines) are obviously outrageous."

Meanwhile, lobbyist Glen Maxey of the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas submitted seven pages of comments to the Attorney General, reflecting

LGRL's opinions on the proposed guidelines.

The guidelines, Maxey said, would have a devastating effect on AIDS services and education in Texas if implemented.

"I have complete confidence in the attorney general's office not to pass this," Cox said. "However, I would strongly recommend that people make their feelings known to the attorney general's office."

LGRL sums up its opinion of the request guidelines with the following statements: the interpretation of Subsection 2.03(h) in the request is inaccurate and incorrect; the reasons for requesting the opinion were homophobic and "clearly a reaction to a handful of fundamentalist bigots"; and, finally, the guidelines recommended are "patently unconstitutional."

Bill Napoli, president of the People With AIDS Coalition—Houston, said he felt TDH requested an opinion mainly to

clarify the restrictions imposed by subsection 2.03(h).

"It's a crazy issue," said Napoli. "I think they just want to make the issues clear, so that they know who is or is not eligible (for a grant)."

He added that since most of the local service providers have restructured their boards to reflect the bill's provisions, most Houston AIDS services would not be harshly disturbed even if the guidelines were accepted.

Tennis club board

"Some of them would have a problem," he noted.

But Maxey gave some frightening predictions of the possible implications of the proposed guidelines. An AIDS organization that referred a client to THRF's AIDS legal hotline, which is funded by federal grant funds, to the AIDS Resource Center's food bank in Dallas or to a counseling center that serves primarily gays and lesbians could be subject to termination of their funding under TDH's interpretation, Maxey warned.

Wrestling club forming

A meeting will be held to organize a group interested in the sport of wrestling at 4:00 p.m. on Jan. 14. Men in the community who are interested in collegiate and free style forms of wrestling are encouraged to attend. For more details, contact Box 131134, Houston, Tx. 77219-1134. The club will be open to all levels of wrestlers, from beginners to experienced grapplers.

Patty's Pool Parlor

All league members get to take another break—unfortunately, this will be the last official break for everyone until the end of the season. Oh well, busy hands are happy hands. For the week ending Dec. 15, 1989, the top ten teams were: 1) Past Time, 2) Briar Patch, 3) Bacchus 1, 4) Lipstick, 5) C & N "Men", 6) Rainbow Ranchers, 7) Chicken Ranch, 8) Happy Hazards, 9) Festive Five, 10) The Players.

Montrose Neighborhood Sports

The Houston Tennis Club elected its board of directors for 1990 at the recent annual meeting. Re-elected to serve another year were Andrew Morris, Barry Austin, Jim Mounz, Randy Lamsford, Rich Corder and Robert Ferrier. Joining them on the board are David Shackel, Mark Carter and Milton Birdwell. The new board then elected officers to help coordinate activities of the club. Rich Corder was elected chair; Jim Mounz to serve as vice chair; Mark Carter, secretary; and Robert Ferrier, treasurer. Ferrier will also continue to serve as Challenge Leader director and match scheduler. Houston Tennis Club continues play, weather permitting, on Sundays (10:30 a.m. until noon) and on Wednesdays and Fridays (7:30-9:00 p.m.). Player fees are \$4 on Sundays, \$2 for nights. Dues for 1990 are \$20, which includes the annual party. (Last Saturday night, Miss Kitty's was the scene for this year's party,

which included margaritas and a Mexican buffet).

For information about the Houston Tennis Club, contact Robert Ferrier at 983-0913.

Montrose Neighborhood Sports

For those of us who missed last week's holiday tournament, including yours truly, we missed a fun time. Everyone who participated commented on how much fun it was and how much they enjoyed the team competition with alternating shots. Maybe we can do something similar for the Mardi Gras tournament. The evening was capped off for many of us at a wonderful party hosted by Alan and Bob. Thank you, guys, it was special.

I want to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season. We all have a lot to be grateful for and a lot to look forward to in 1990. Let's all keep the spirit of Christmas in our hearts, not just for the next few weeks, but all year round. Feliz Navidad.

New works add fresh interest to city Christmas display

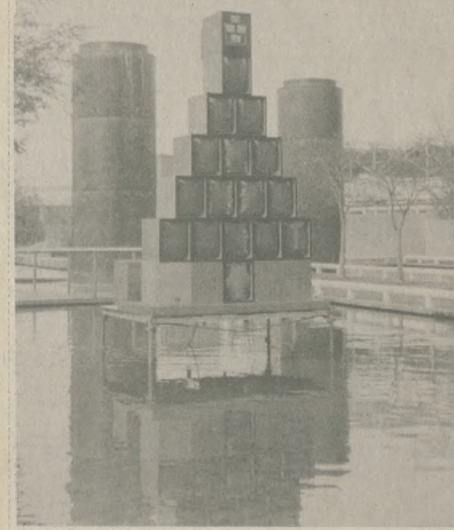
Montrose Art by LISETTA LAVY
The Montrose Voice

This Christmas season, downtown Houston has been enhanced by two new public art installations—a troop of roller skating soldiers designed by Houston artists Carter Ernst and Paul Kittelson and a video Christmas tree constructed by nationally known Houston-based video artist Andy Mann.

These reusable installations have been added to Houston's collection of holiday decorations thanks to the efforts of Central Houston, an organization of downtown business people dedicated to civic improvement. The commissioned works were chosen from a pool of 28 proposals by a committee that included representatives of Central Houston, the Municipal Arts Commission and other art and civic groups. For their projects, both



The toy soldiers at Wortham Center were painted by children, under the supervision of artists Carter Ernst and Paul Kittelson



The Video Christmas Matrix by Andy Mann adds a new dimension to the city's holiday displays

Mann and the Ernst-Kittelson team were allotted \$10,000, which was raised from within the Houston business community.

The 12-foot-high toy soldiers stand in front of the Wortham Center, located on the corner of Smith and Texas. The 14 soldiers, cut from plywood by Ernst and Kittelson and painted by Houston school children under their supervision, stand in a variety of dance-like positions and create a colorful display.

The video Christmas tree by Andy Mann stands in the reflecting pool in Tranquillity Park (located at Walker and Smith) across from the traditional City Hall Christmas tree. Constructed of 16 video

monitors enclosed in weatherproof boxes, the tree stands 16 feet tall and uses two electronically enhanced half-hour videotapes of water images (some shot in Tranquillity Park). The interplay of the images on the screens creates a kaleidoscope effect. In the evening, the tree is especially striking, combined with its own reflection in the reflecting pool and Houston's lighted skyline in the background.

These unusual creations are a welcome addition to the familiar downtown holiday landscape, and Central Houston should be commended for its support of the Houston art community and for encouraging innovation. Both installations will be in place through Jan. 2.



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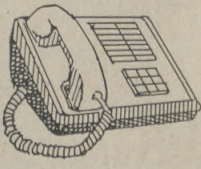
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Protesters say masking of window not enough

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE
Montrose Voice Editor

Women who demonstrated in front of a Montrose clothing store Sunday over a window display they found "offensive, violent and dehumanizing" staged a second protest Wednesday, Dec. 20, despite the store's masking of the outside facing window with wrapping paper. Though calling the outside blind "a partial victory," the women decided to go ahead with the scheduled demonstration because the display, which features three female mannequins bound and gagged with cellophane, and a male mannequin dressed as Santa Claus holding a green cellophane ribbon wrapped around the others, is still up for view on the inside of the store. Each of the female mannequins wears a single item of clothing from the store's selection.

The protesters said the window at Step Back, 3939 Montrose, glamorizes violence against women and sends out a message that such violence is acceptable. The store management, however, said the window could be

interpreted as Santa unwrapping some gifts, or Santa with three mannequin reindeer. The controversial window went up on Nov. 23, the day before Thanksgiving.

The Dec. 17 protest attracted 30-50 demonstrators, both male and female. On Tuesday, prompted in part by media coverage of the affair, Step Back covered the glass with red and green wrapping paper and posted a notice stating the management's response. The letter claimed the store intended to seek civil damages in court against the protesters and explained the display as "Santa unwrapping three dolls." Another posted notice said the window was still on view for customers inside the store, and posted on the entrance door was a sign warning persons "who are offended by our store or displays" not to enter.

"Near our store are at least four adult book stores, two massage salons, a bar featuring semi nude dancing and a lot of card shops selling adult cards and videos that leave little to the imagination," the window letter stated.

A security guard was also posted in front of the store Wednesday. He said he was hired because the owners "were afraid someone would throw a rock or something through the window" during the midday protest.

Ellen Rosner, one of the Sunday protesters who showed up again Wednesday, called the lawsuit warning "a bluff." She said allegations that the protest violated the store owner's first amendment rights to freedom of expression were "ridiculous."

"I think they (owners) are encouraging violence against women, and encouraging violence against any group of people is not a first amendment right," Rosner said.

Margaret Babcock, one of the organizers of the protest, said she agreed. "I'm personally very much against censorship," she said, "but there are limits even on freedom of expression."

"Being responsible means trying to seek a balance," added another demonstrator. "We live in a country where violence against



Controversial window display at a Montrose vintage boutique is now only visible on the inside

someone's house, it would just be in bad taste. It wouldn't warrant a protest...but here, it is on public view."

Regarding the other businesses mentioned in the letter, the protesters noted that children and teenagers either were not allowed in the establishments or could not view the adult material. Until Tuesday, they said, the window was on full view in a public storefront next door to a business frequented by children, (Marble Slab, an ice cream parlor). Step Back, a vintage clothing store, is also popular with teenagers, they said.

On Wednesday, a sign on the door of the store said that no one under 16 would be allowed inside unless accompanied by an adult. Another advised that people who are easily shocked should not enter.

On the censorship question, Rosner said the display's location in a shop window in a strip shopping center visited by people of all ages made a distinct difference. "If this were inside

someone's house, it would just be in bad taste. It wouldn't warrant a protest...but here, it is on public view."

Babcock said the store's owner, Robert Ortega, has a history of very violent window displays. A previous display featured baby dolls with nails in their faces and body parts scattered around, possibly intended as an "anti-choice" statement, the demonstrators said.

Babcock said she has been trying to contact Charles Oewel, owner of the Montrose Commons shopping center where the store is located, about the windows. Oewel's office is in San Francisco.

Iris Sizemore, another protest organizer, was pleased with the masking of the window, though still concerned about the display inside. "I'd call it a partial victory," she said. "I think the message is that women do make a difference."

Ortega said on Wednesday that he had not decided whether to take down the display.



Protesters, not satisfied with window masking, came back Wednesday. They say display encourages violence; owners say they're overreacting

Veterans group blasts school's ROTC vote

MADISON, Wis. (AP)—A state veterans group Dec. 14 denounced a faculty vote that the Reserve Officers' Training Corps be booted from the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus unless the military ends its ban on gay people.

The Wisconsin Veterans of Foreign Wars, which represents more than 51,000 members in the state, said it has adopted a resolution supporting the ban on commissioning of gay men and women.

On Dec. 4, the UW-Madison faculty voted 386-248 to recommend the ROTC be kicked off campus if the military refuses to change that policy by 1993.

"We firmly believe that the spread of AIDS through homosexual contact is a major health problem in the United States," the VFW said in a statement.

"We further believe that the acceptance of homosexuals into the armed forces would only serve to expose healthy individuals to this deadly disease," it said.

VFW personnel know from experience "the value of good military leadership, and do not want to see the ROTC program weakened by catering to the misguided," the statement said.

In Memory of



—JACK ERIC LITTON

Jack Litton, 29, disembarked on Dec. 6, 1989 after an unrelenting bout with AIDS-related meningitis. A long time employee of Charlie's Coffee Shop and freelance hair stylist, Jack enjoyed many friends and acquaintances. One of his final wishes was to make sure that Beverly, Cecilia, Bill, Charles, John, Mark, Michael and all those whose thoughts and prayers were with him knew how grateful he was for their love and kindness.

Jack is now at peace, though sorely missed.

AFH announces 'CLASS Action' outreach team

Volunteers with AIDS Foundation Houston's CLASS (Clever Lads Advocating Safer Sex) outreach team were out at various bars and book stores last weekend distributing new safer sex brochures in what they call a "CLASS Action." The action is designed to increase awareness and support of HIV risk reduction in the gay community. At the core of the program are the sensuality/sexuality classes held monthly at the AFH office, local bath houses, and "in-home" private

presentations for groups of 10-15 people.

The CLASS brochures were developed by AFH outreach coordinator Bart Loeser. They can be conveniently tucked away (they're pocket size) and offer information on the classes, safer sex guidelines and proper condom wear techniques, said Loeser. The logo on the front displays the CLASS theme: "Putting the FUN back into your sex life (and taking out the fear)."

In light of recent reports that many in the gay community are reverting to unsafe behavior, AIDS Foundation Houston feels the need for HIV risk reduction education in the gay community is more pressing than ever.

"Despite the fact that many believe they've heard more than enough of AIDS and safer sex, most don't realize that their information is not sufficient to protect themselves and others," said Loeser. "Many are in a state of denial, or do not feel they have

to concern themselves with safer sex, as they are having problems adopting safer habits, usually feeling it isn't as fun or erotic as unprotected sex," he continued.

"Too many people have excuses for being unsafe, while there are no excuses," Loeser said. "In the sensuality/sexuality classes, we teach people to enjoy sex on a new level that they can keep with them forever, regardless of advances in AIDS research. We feel that everyone should attend at least one safer sex-type class, if only to

affirm their knowledge of the facts and their commitment to a healthier, happier lifestyle."

AFH has also introduced two new Christmas gift ideas that promote safer sex awareness, the "Safer Sex Poster Series" and "Safer Sex Variety Packs."

Loeser said anyone with questions about the classes or the gifts, or anyone wanting information of AFH's safer sex program, can contact him at the AFH offices, 623-6796.

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Life doesn't end with positive diagnosis

By PAUL GEITNER

FOR THE MONTROSE VOICE
NEW YORK (AP)—Michael Callen fell in love the summer of 1982, in the same week he got word he had AIDS.

"That was a very strange thing, to have somebody willing to love me—after" said Callen, a 34-year-old singer and one-time legal secretary. "It sort of made me realize ... that life wasn't over 'til it was over."

Neither could guess then that Callen would be transformed from a naive "small-town boy from the Midwest" into a world-traveled author, lecturer and AIDS activist.

Callen said he "led the fast-lane lifestyle" after moving to New York from Ohio in 1978. When he fell ill in 1981, he suspected the worst.

"I started dealing with AIDS before I got my actual diagnosis because I was so sick," he said.

After he left the hospital, Callen advertised for gay and lesbian musicians to form a band. A drummer who responded, Richard Dworkin, became Callen's lover; their relationship has endured the rigors of Callen's AIDS work and the stresses of dealing with his illness.

A tall, thin, unimposing figure, Callen became one of the first and loudest advocates for people with AIDS.

Despite exhaustion from days of writing to meet a deadline for his upcoming book, "Surviving AIDS," Callen showed his anger

when he spoke of the federal government's response to AIDS and his efforts to spur it to faster action.

He has logged 180,000 frequent flyer miles in two years, attending AIDS conferences and spreading "the unspoken message that there are long-term survivors."

"It never occurred to me that there weren't or there wouldn't be," he said.

A San Francisco study found that 9.5 percent of people with AIDS survived three or more years, but, as Callen points out, "those figures, which are admittedly depressing, essentially reflect untreated AIDS" in the 90.5 percent who died.

He says his success in beating the odds can be credited in large part to "good doctoring" from a physician willing to try unconventional treatments while steering him away from quack remedies.

Callen spends some time in the hospital about every six months and gets seriously depressed about once a year, he said. But he and his partner have adjusted to the ups and downs.

Neither is the type, as Dworkin put it, to make out a five-year career plan or "to take a vacation the third week in August every year."

"AIDS is all about uncertainty," Dworkin said. "Every day is different. But that's what makes life interesting."

Tony could be described as the

quintessentially busy New Yorker. He holds two jobs, works out at the gym, sees a therapist, visits friends and cares for a dog and two cats.

He also has AIDS. "Just because I have it doesn't mean that's what I am," said the 36-year-old registered nurse, who asked that his last name be omitted to protect his privacy.

He learned he had AIDS in May 1987 after being hospitalized with pneumocystis pneumonia. But aside from a few minor problems, he has been fine since then.

"My life actually is probably the most active it's ever been," he said in an interview in his Manhattan apartment, struggling to keep his rambunctious shepherd mutt, Harriet, under control.

"I consider myself lucky. But I put a lot of work into it."

Tony quit a drug habit and entered therapy shortly after moving to New York in 1984. He takes the drug AZT to treat his disease.

Tony expressed anger at people, even doctors, who believe death must always closely follow AIDS. But he quickly acknowledged that things could change suddenly. Before he moved to a more expensive apartment, he made sure he would be able to pay the rent even if he were hospitalized for a long period.

"Anything that I do, I have to do it with the awareness that I still have to take care of the AIDS situa-

tion. "The thing that I'm afraid about it is not the actual dying but the process of dying," he said. "I've had a lot of friends of mine who have gone through that and it's been pretty terrible to watch."

For 20 years, Russ Termini took drugs, moving from place to place, job to job, in and out of prison.

Today he works as a counselor, serves on government panels and has an apartment on Long Island and a new wife. He also has AIDS.

Termini, 37, became seriously ill in 1985 but the problem wasn't diagnosed for a year. Infection spread to his brain, paralyzing his legs and clouding his vision. Doctors said he'd never leave the hospital.

But his health rebounded with the help of drugs, including AZT. In the years since then, Termini has also turned his life around, starting with kicking his heroin and cocaine habit.

"I didn't want to give up," he said. "I really knew, more than I ever felt in my life, that I really wanted to change my life."

Termini says his counselors and support group set him on the right track. Once he was drug free, he began helping others.

"The volunteer speaking that I was doing really turned into a career, the only career that I ever had," he said.

He grew closer to his family and last year began his first stable relationship. "Our first date was a

big AIDS benefit," he said. When he and Gloria decided to marry, Termini said he faced a lot of opposition.

"Some people have been, 'How dare you? If you love this person, why are you doing this to them?'" he said.

"As far as I'm concerned, my wife is less at risk than most people. I know the rules, she knows the rules."

So far, Mrs. Termini, 33, has tested negative for the AIDS virus. The Terminis say they live life one day at a time.

"You can get married and plan for the future all you want," Mrs. Termini said. "Half the marriages don't work anyway. If I married Russ, I knew that the time we were going to spend together would be great."

Termini sometimes walks with a cane. He suffers from bronchitis and bouts of abdominal pain. An amateur marathon runner before his illness, he still dreams of running; he does not expect to run again.

"That's also something that I've learned," he said. "I don't ask things of myself that are impossible."

He and his wife have made plans for the worst possibilities.

"Dying is something that's in store for everyone," he said. "We've had the grace to be informed so we can really begin to pay attention to life itself. In that sense alone it's been a blessing."

Activists picket home of attorney

HINGHAM, Mass. (AP)—Activists who want a pharmaceutical firm to release a drug that combats blindness in AIDS patients picketed outside the home of an attorney who represents the company.

The activists, members of the AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power (Act-Up Boston), said they want Westborough-based Astra Pharmaceuticals to release the drug Foscarnet.

The federal Food and Drug Administration has not yet approved the drug, but the protesters said Astra could release it to patients in need.

When a drug is known to be safe, the FDA encourages companies to release it under a program called compassionate use, said Peter Atlas, one of the protesters.

Atlas said Act-Up members believe Astra is not releasing Foscarnet because the company cannot charge for the drug until it has been approved.

The eight men involved in the protest held candles, blew whistles and sang songs for about an hour last Sunday night outside the home of Neal Tully.

Tully said last Sunday that he was surprised the picketers were outside his house. He declined to comment on the company's decision not to release the drug.

Director denies legislators' criticism

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP)—The director of the Missouri Department of Social Services says he was unjustly criticized by two Kansas City area lawmakers who contend he is improperly using \$2.3 million to help AIDS patients.

"This has never come before the General Assembly. There was nothing for them to reject," Gary Stangler said in an interview with The Kansas City Star.

State Reps. Jan Martinette and Bonnie Sue Cooper, both Republicans, said Dec. 12 that the department had started a program to provide in-home care for dying AIDS patients after the Legislature specifically rejected the proposal.

Stangler said the only time the program came up was as part of a bill that would have required his agency to provide in-home care for AIDS patients. He said the provision was dropped after he told lawmakers he planned to provide the service anyway.

Stangler also denied contentions by the two legislators that money to finance the AIDS program was taken from programs for the elderly. "If the Legislature does not fund our request, I will pay for the AIDS patients' debts to date out of the hospital appropriations," he said.

Ellis to run for Texas Senate; Danburg drops out of race

Rodney Ellis resigned on Wednesday, Dec. 20, from the Houston City Council post he has held for five years and formally announced his intention to run for Craig Washington's seat in the Texas senate. The announcement makes Ellis the first official candidate in the race.

Ellis' announcement also changes the face of the senate race in other ways. State Rep. Debra Danburg, who said last week she will seek the post if convinced she has a clear chance of winning, dropped out of the race on Tuesday and urged other members of the

Texas House of Representatives who are considering the race to be cautious. And two other possible contenders, State Representatives Harold Dutton and Al Edwards, have been mentioned as possible replacements for Ellis' city council seat.

Now that Ellis has resigned, city council must fill his vacant Dist. D (South Houston) seat for the term that begins Jan. 2. If council members wish, they may also select a replacement for the two seats remaining in Ellis' current term.

Considered high on the list of

possible replacements are Rod Paige, a Texas Southern University dean and Houston Independent School Board member; Billy Taylor, a former aide to Ellis and U.S. Rep. Mickey Leland; Justice of the Peace Al Green, president of the Houston chapter of the NAACP; and Alfred J. Calloway, an aide to Harris County Commissioner El Franco Lee.

Washington won Leland's 18th Congressional District seat in a runoff with Anthony Hall on Dec. 9. Ellis, accompanied by family members at a basement conference in City Hall Tuesday,

toiled reporters he felt he was the best person to carry on Washington's agenda in the state senate's 13th District.

Ellis tendered his resignation in the final moments of the city council meeting Wednesday.

Danburg reported last week she was considering running for Washington's seat, but would not enter the race if unsure of her chances of winning. In removing her name from consideration Tuesday, Danburg said she hoped other representatives would also opt to stay in the House.

House members cannot run for



Rodney Ellis

re-election and also seek election to the state senate.

Faculty poll: ROTC backed, but ban on gays opposed

MADISON, Wis. (AP)—A week after University of Wisconsin faculty voted to kick the Reserve Officers' Training Corps off campus because of its ban on gays, slightly more than half the faculty members responding to a survey said they wanted to keep ROTC.

The poll results released Dec. 12, including ballots from 1,007 of the 2400 UW-Madison faculty members, found 518 favored retaining ROTC, although 196 of those respondents wanted to pressure the military to relax the ban on gays.

The other 489 faculty members who responded urged various courses of action to evict ROTC

unless it stops rejecting gay people.

In a Dec. 4 meeting, faculty members had voted 386-248 for evicting ROTC in 1993 if the military did not act to end discrimination against homosexuals.

"I look at this as a more useful guide to the chancellor than supplied by the rather emotional meeting," said Professor Gordon Baldwin of the UW Law School, the ROTC faculty liaison.

"When you look at the numbers, it looks as if all the real solid opponents showed up on (Dec. 4) and the supporters didn't show up."

Sociology Professor Joseph Elder, a leader of the ROTC opponents, said the poll results could be interpreted in many ways.

"What it does show is that there are divided opinions on this," Elder said, "and that there are a significant number of the faculty, no matter how you count them, whether in a faculty meeting or a poll, who feel ROTC should leave the campus if it can't stop discriminating."

The options given to the faculty members and the results were:

—222 votes for keeping ROTC and ending pressure on the Defense Department to change the

policy of now accepting gay people in the military.

—296 votes to reaffirm the UW administration's position of keeping ROTC but pressuring for a change in the military's policy.

—98 votes for starting to phase out ROTC four years from now, but only if the Faculty Senate confirms that decision by a vote in the fall of 1993.

—315 for terminating ROTC in June 1993 if the discrimination has not ended by that time.

—76 for terminating ROTC as soon as possible.

The Dec. 4 vote and the poll were

advisory to Chancellor Donna Shalala.

The UW Board of Regents has the ultimate authority of keeping whether or not to terminate the ROTC contract with the Pentagon.

The campus has Army, Navy and Air Force ROTC, serving 440 students, including 155 on full scholarship, Baldwin said.

Supporters of ROTC contend the university, funded under the federal Land Grant Act of 1862, is required to provide military instruction and could run into legal problems if it terminated ROTC on campus.



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Volunteers help pets of patients

By KILEY ARMSTRONG

FOR THE MONTROSE VOICE

NEW YORK (AP)—AIDS may rob its victims of their health and eventually of their lives, but volunteers are making certain the disease does not deprive them of their loving pets.

The Pet Owners With AIDS Resource Service, called POWARS for short, provides food, fun and foster care for the dogs, cats and other pets of New York City AIDS patients who are too sick to care for them.

"People's first concern has to be themselves. Once they're attended to, it's time to think about their pet," said Steve Kohn, founder of POWARS.

"By the time they get to us, they've been through a nightmare of federal, state and local red tape. We're trying to take the chaos out of somebody's life," he said.

Kohn, a City University of New

York laboratory technician with two Boston terriers, founded POWARS in May 1988 with \$2,000 of his own money.

Now, he and about 200 volunteers help care for some 30 cats, 20 dogs, a bird, a ferret and fish—the number of pets grows each week. Some clients get monthly food deliveries, while others need occasional or constant litter-box cleaning, supplies, grooming and walking. Some veterinarians donate their services, as well.

A few clients pay \$10 or \$15 a month; most get supplies and services free, thanks to donations to the tax-exempt group.

When a client is hospitalized, volunteers care for his or her pet in its own home or a foster home. Permanent homes are sometimes found when patients die.

"It brings tears to my eyes, the organization is so wonderful," said Phyllis, a Manhattan woman

with AIDS-related complex who asked that her last name be omitted.

"I know how much love I have for my animal. I depend on her; there's not as much intimacy with people, sometimes," she said of Suzie, her 3 1/2-year-old mixed Maltese-Yorkshire terrier.

A friend persuaded Phyllis to call POWARS for help. She resisted, at first, because "I had a lot of pride. I want to walk her as much as I can."

Now POWARS provides food, grooming and veterinary care for the fluffy white dog. "When I saw how accommodating, nice and sincere they were, I could let the help in," Phyllis said. "It's possible I may need more of it sometime down the line."

Tony, who has AIDS, gets help with his 10-year-old Yorkie, Herbie.

Last summer, Tony was dis-

tressed about unemployment and medical bills. "On top of that, I was worried about the dog," he said.

Then he learned about POWARS. The service provided minor eye surgery for Herbie, "something I couldn't afford. It's a comfort to know he is well. I can be better; part of it is stress," he said.

"I love this dog. He's my friend and foe," Tony said, playfully shaking the tiny dog, who clearly adored him, too. "He makes me laugh. He's a little pal. It's better than living with humans sometimes."

Tony had a heart attack in January. "When I got out of the hospital and I saw my dog, I cried. Everything else is dispensable."

A neighbor took care of Herbie that time. But Tony feels confident that POWARS will be there if a friend can't be.

Another client's relatives asked

POWARS for help. The man was hospitalized and unable to move. "He talked about his dog, so the nurses and doctors decided the dog could be brought to the hospital," said Philip Persky, a POWARS volunteer.

"The dog came up to his room and jumped on his bed. The gentleman sat up for the first time," said Persky. "It's more than a bond; it's a healing process."

A trainer teaches volunteers obedience commands and suggests solutions when a pet exhibits behavior problems. Animals feeling stress because of their owner's illness often relax once they're put on a schedule, Kohn said.

The volunteers are screened to make sure they're sensitive to the needs of animals and humans.

Judge denies child custody claim in lesbian couple's dispute

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A lesbian has lost a lawsuit for joint custody and visitation rights to a girl born to her former lover through artificial insemination with sperm from the plaintiff's brother.

The plaintiff, Terri Sabol, sought the rights of a parent and even offered to pay child support.

Ruling Dec. 15 after a non-jury trial, Superior Court Judge Dana Henry said the case ventured into uncharted legal ground, and added, "it is absolutely imperative that the Legislature re-examine its laws."

"I'm shocked, really shocked," said Sabol, 33, owner of a Long

Beach hair salon and the only party in the case who was publicly identified.

The child was referred to as Baby B and her mother was identified only as Susan. The trial was conducted behind closed doors, as is usual in cases determining parental rights, but the judge ruled in open court.

Sabol will appeal, said her attorney, Gloria Allred.

"We believe that persons who are gay and lesbian have the right to be parents," Ms. Allred said. "Ms. Sabol became a parent in the only way that she could."

Allred argued that her client de-

scribed parental rights under a legal doctrine that recognizes a parent-child bond between a child and person who acts as a parent but is neither the biological or adoptive parent.

Henry ruled Sabol did not prove such a bond existed.

The mother's lawyer, Glen Schwartz, said the ruling was consistent with state law.

Testimony showed Susan was the mother and Steve Sabol was the biological father.

Sabol and her "life partner" decided in March 1985 they wanted a child. Part of the decision was that the other woman would carry the

baby because Sabol "was in a better position to be the bread winner," Allred said.

Sabol's brother, Steve, donated sperm for the artificial insemination procedure, which was performed by Sabol.

The other woman became pregnant in April 1986 and a girl was born Dec. 16, 1986. The child's parentage made Sabol the girl's aunt.

Allred said Sabol supported her partner through her pregnancy and served as a parent until the women's relationship broke up in July 1988.

Rand Corp. warns employees of AIDS computer scare

By LOUINN LOTA

FOR THE MONTROSE VOICE

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Rand Corp. is warning employees about a computer disk that is advertised as a database for AIDS information, but is believed actually to destroy stored information.

"We're safe. We have not been hit," said Ann Shoben, a spokeswoman for the Santa Monica-based research firm. "The concern is for others that use personal computers and those who work on AIDS research might pick up this program and have their databases destroyed."

Ms. Shoben said Dec. 13 that Rand employees were given a memorandum after learning of the disk from computer expert John McAfee.

McAfee, chair of the Computer Virus Industry Association of Santa Clara, Calif., said it is unusual for his group to issue such a blanket warning against a partic-

ular disk.

But because he has received calls from personal computer users around the world, McAfee said, he believes the threat is real.

"This is not a hoax," he said. "This is not a simple case of a hacker in a back bedroom somewhere."

"It is a well orchestrated and undeniably well financed terrorist act," he said. "Few groups or individuals can afford to waste hundreds of thousands of dollars to bring harm to a party and bring nothing in return."

In London, Scotland Yard issued a warning Dec. 13 to banks, hospitals, universities and other institutions to be on guard against the disk. Scotland Yard said the disks have destroyed information in at least 10 computers.

McAfee said he believes the topic of AIDS was used by the creator of the damaging program because many computer users are likely cu-

rious about the disease.

People are encouraged to use the disk because it is advertised as being able to predict the chances a person has of contracting AIDS, he said.

"Unlike an accounting program, this is a subject everyone is aware of, and virtually all people will want to learn more about risks of having AIDS," McAfee said.

Rand, which has 15 people working on acquired immune deficiency syndrome research, took the message from McAfee seriously, Ms. Shoben said.

"The people who are researching AIDS are very upset," she said.

Ms. Shoben said her company was warned that a flyer accompanying the unsolicited disk states the disk program is titled, "AIDS Information-An Introductory Diskette" and adds that its price is \$378.

The program also carries this

Art fest theme: 'All That Jazz'

The Westheimer Colony Art Festival for Spring, 1990 is now accepting entries for its annual poster contest, and for the first time in the 18-year history of the festival, there is a theme. "And All That Jazz" is the theme the poster entries should depict, with a \$500 cash prize going to the first place winner, festival organizers said.

The spring festival is scheduled to be held April 21 and 22. The deadline for the poster contest is Jan. 26. Entries may be mailed or hand delivered to 2700 Albany,

Suite 206, Houston, Tx. 77006.

The "moody blues" creations should be 18" by 24" and vertical on the longer side, the organizers said. Artists should keep in mind that the design image will be reduced to 9" by 12" for use on the festival t-shirt, they noted.

Posters may be as "jazzy" as the artist wishes, but must include the following information: The Westheimer Colony Art Festival, "And All That Jazz," April 21-22, 1990, Houston, Texas. This

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School board OK's anti-discrimination policy

OAK PARK, Ill. (AP)—The high school board in this western Chicago suburb unanimously adopted a controversial anti-discrimination policy that its opponents say will encourage homosexuality.

The policy prohibiting discrimination against gay people says: "There shall be no discrimination against any individual because of race, religion, nationality, gender, handicap, physical characteristics or sexual orientation."

The board of Oak Park-River Forest High School adopted the policy intended to recognize diversity in the school community.

In the policy adopted Dec. 13, the board had eliminated reference to curriculum and employment.

About 50 residents attended the meeting in contrast to three previous meetings that often erupted in shouting.

Last month, about 400 people attended a heated public hearing on the proposal. Opponents said the policy would encourage homosexuality among high school students, teaching about homosexuality and the recruiting of gay teachers.

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Being gay makes little difference for city council member

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP)—Joe Herzenberg thinks he could be the only official in the Southeast who has won an election after disclosing that he is a homosexual—and he says more gays and lesbians should reveal their sexual orientations.

"I think my openness about being gay was considered a good point," the Chapel Hill Town Council member said. "The whole idea of carrying a huge secret around is a tremendous burden."

Herzenberg said his homosexuality was never an issue during the 1987 campaign in this college town of 40,000 and is rarely an issue now.

Herzenberg told The Charlotte Observer that he believes North Carolina has "a decent sprinkling of gay and lesbian elected officials, but for various reasons they elect to remain in the closet."

"Gay people are still, in most parts of society, hidden and invisible," said Herzenberg, 48. "It's not right. I think people should know gay people are everywhere."

He acknowledged that it's probably easier for a gay politician to get elected in Chapel Hill than elsewhere, but he says he thinks openly gay candidates could be elected in more conservative towns. "I don't think it's the formidable obstacle that people think it is," he said.

Last month Herzenberg attended the fifth annual National Conference of Lesbian and Gay Officials in Madison, Wis.

He was the sole elected official to attend from North Carolina—"and from South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi," he said, laughing.

The group's best-known member is U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass.

A Franklin, N.J., native, Herzenberg has personally acknowledged his homosexuality for all of his adult life. "I sort of figured it out in junior high school," he said.

He never openly addressed his sexual orientation when he was appointed in 1979 to fill a vacancy on the town council. He served part of one term. He was defeated for re-election in 1981, still without publicly acknowledging his homosexuality.

Then, in 1984, he ran as a gay delegate to the Democratic National Convention and was elected. And when he announced he was running for town council in 1987, he said he was gay.

He won, finishing third in a non-partisan race for four seats.

A Yale graduate who taught history in the 1960s at Tougaloo College, a historically black school in Tougaloo, Miss., Herzenberg is a liberal in the Chapel Hill mold. He is financially independent.

He declined to discuss the source of his income—and is writing a biography on the late UNC-Chapel Hill President Frank Porter Graham.

During his stint on town council, Herzenberg hasn't pushed a

gay rights agenda; the town already had an ordinance that protects gay town employees from discrimination.

His chief accomplishments have been an ordinance that will require candidates for office in Chapel Hill to report all campaign contributions of more than \$100 and a requirement for officeholders to disclose their property holdings.

Some other council members say Herzenberg's sexual orientation makes little difference to them.

"His sexual preference makes absolutely no difference in working on the issues," said council member Julie Andresen. "Whether or not he's gay is really irrelevant to me."

Gerry Cohen, a former council member and political ally, said: "Even though I considered myself a good friend of his and still do, I had no idea he was gay until he announced it publicly."

Herzenberg, who lives alone,

hasn't escaped the venom of a few citizens angry with his presence on the town council.

One person has written him three times anonymously criticizing his sexual orientation.

But his chief tormentor over the years has been Bob Windsor of Chatham County, who once published a homespun weekly newspaper on politics called The Landmark.

Windsor's stories called Herzenberg a variety of names and said that the state Democratic Party was kowtowing to gay people like Herzenberg.

"I just don't approve of their lifestyle," Windsor said in an interview.

Herzenberg shrugs off such comments and says they're rare.

"There really has been remarkably little negative feedback," he said. "I'm very pleased in the niche I'm in. My intent is mainly to be a good member of the Chapel Hill Town Council."

Episcopal diocese ordains gay man

By ANN LEVIN
FOR THE MONTROSE VOICE

HOBOKEN, N.J. (AP)—The Newark Episcopal Diocese ordained a gay activist as a priest Dec. 16 in the most open challenge of a 1979 church resolution discouraging the ordination of gays.

"I'm floating on air. It was wonderful," the newly ordained Rev. J. Robert Williams, 34, said at a reception afterwards. "That's not very articulate, but it's all I can do."

About 150 people attended the ceremony at All Saints Church, which lasted nearly three hours and was interrupted briefly by a minister opposed to the ordination.

The Rev. Skip Robokoff of Fort Lee Gospel Church jumped up during the ceremony and shouted, "Homosexuality is an abomination!" before being escorted out.

Three demonstrators picketed outside the church.

Williams officially entered the priesthood when more than a dozen visiting clergy gathered around him for a laying on of hands. His live-in companion, James Skelly, a member of the church's choir, draped a red and gold satin vestment over Williams' shoulders before the ritual.

Bishop John Shelby Spence, who heads the Newark Diocese, gave Williams a Bible and Communion vessels. He told the audience that because of the ordination, "our Anglican community is more honest, open, loving, inclusive and Christ-like."

The congregation applauded for a minute after the ordination ended.

Two people were permitted to voice objections during the cere-

mony.

Elyne Sullivan of Passaic, representing the conservative Episcopal Synod of America, said she objected because "it is not in conformity with Scripture."

Theodore Arnheiter of St. Mary's church in Tuxedo Park, N.Y., echoed her complaint.

James Solheim, director of the National Episcopal Church, said afterwards that the issue of ordaining gay people "is just not resolved. It's been called the most divisive issue for the church since slavery."

He said a church commission is studying the question and will make report before the next meeting in 1991 of the General Convention, the church's governing body.

The presiding bishop of the 2.5 million-member Episcopal Church, the Most Rev. Edmund L.

Browning of New York, said in a statement that he hoped the ordination "will encourage positive debate rather than polarization."

The synod, a conservative body led by Bishop Clarence Pope of the Fort Worth, Texas, Diocese that also opposes the church's ordination of women, had asked Spence to refrain from ordaining Williams. Pope said the ordination violates a 1979 resolution of the General Convention.

The resolution, drafted two years after the ordination of a lesbian deacon in New York caused a stir, says it is inappropriate for the church to ordain a practicing homosexual.

There is argument among Episcopalians about whether the resolution carries the force of church law. The synod says the resolution is law. Spence and other bishops who dissented in 1979 say it is not.

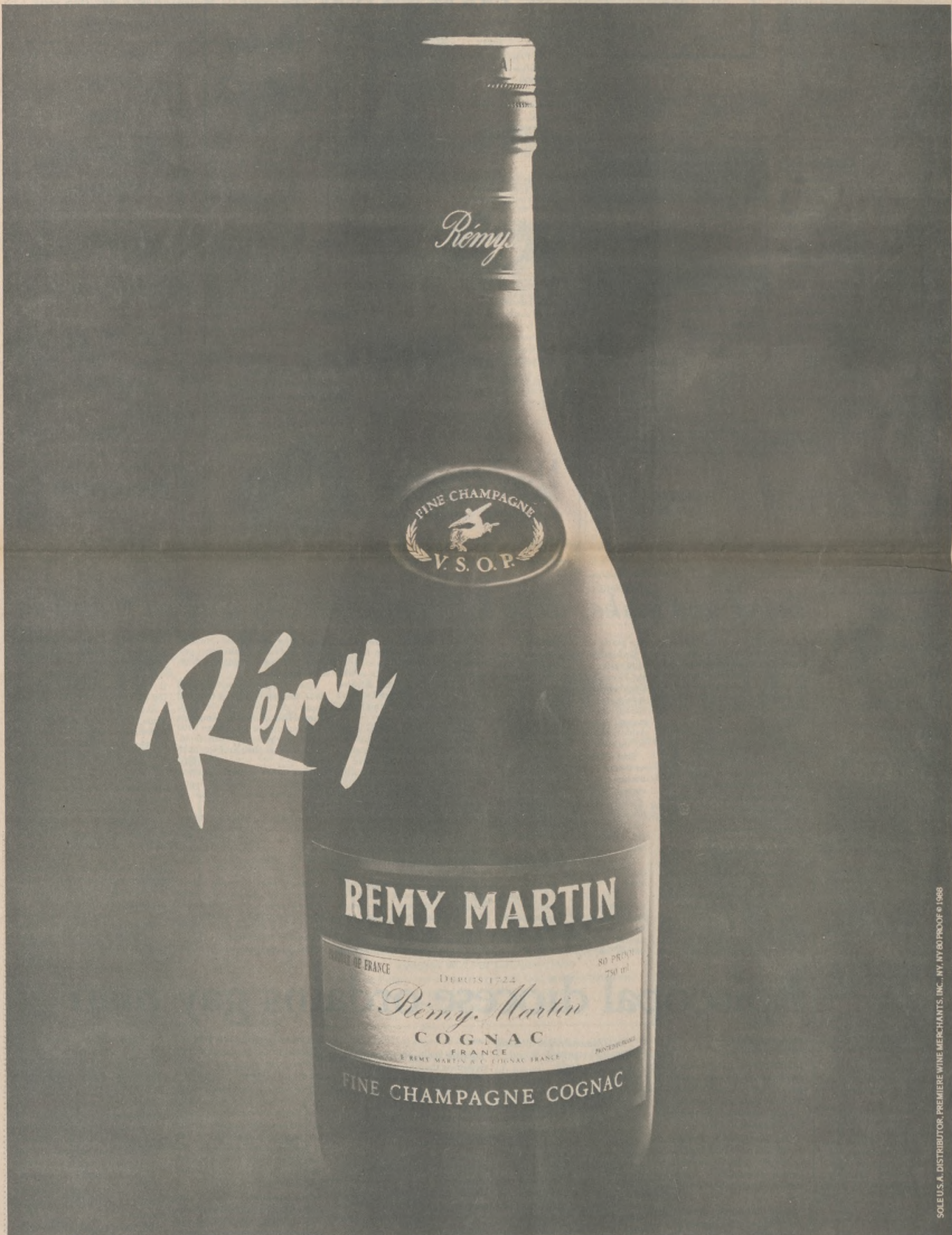
Church officials acknowledge that other gay people have been ordained since Ms. Barrett's ordination in 1977, but say none has been as politically active in gay causes as Williams.

Williams, a Texas native who started a ministry for gay men and women in Hoboken called Oasis in All Saints, said hundreds of Episcopal priests are gay but most keep their sexual orientation private.

He said he wants to minister mainly to members of the gay community.

Williams, a graduate of the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Mass., has had a relationship with Skelly, 39, a hospital administrator, since 1985.

Skelly's ex-wife, Suzanne, and their daughters, Victoria and Vanessa, also attended the ceremony.



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"Responsible journalism" took another adverse blow last week at the hands of the Associated Press. In a report from the New England Journal of Medicine in Boston the AP went deep into an article by Dr. David D. Ho to extract a new statistic that the blood of an AIDS patient contains considerably more of the HIV virus than originally estimated five years ago.

In newspaper jargon, the AP made this the "lead" of the story and the Houston Post, that bastion of "responsible journalism," came up with the headline, "One pint of AIDS-tainted blood could cause 1.8 million infections." That would scare anyone.

But wait, what about the Houston Chronicle? Well, it seems it chose to go with Reuters News Service on the same story. And Reuters, in reporting the same fact—the high level of HIV virus—noted that Dr. Ho concluded this "may improve prospects for treating the deadly disease and preventing its spread." And the Chronicle headline? "AIDS finding improves outlook on treatment."

So thumbs up and cheers to the Chronicle and Reuters News Service. As for the Post and the hundreds of other newspapers who unquestioningly rely on the AP—well, we know where the thumb should go.

While on the subject of responsible journalism, TWT rarely comes to mind. In TWT's lead article last week under "News" that publication highlighted Craig Washington's win over Anthony Hall and two pictures, taken at a Tuesday fundraiser at Santa Fe Trading Company, justifiably showed Washington receiving honors from the Texas Human Rights Foundation and the Houston GLPC.

What was not shown or mentioned in an article which listed major gay support for the two candidates was the Human Rights Campaign Fund. The HRCF, one of the top ten political action committees in the country, is headquartered in Washington and works solely on behalf of gay and lesbian rights. The HRCF contributed the legal maximum of \$5,000 to the Washington campaign in the first election.

At Santa Fe that evening the HRCF contributed another \$5,000 to Washington for the runoff. Unfortunately for the HRCF, the blowup check was presented to Washington by the owners of LOBO as local representatives of the HRCF. To TWT, LOBO does not exist, thus this major contribution was ignored by that TWT.

And also, unfortunately, the other Houston gay publication, the Montrose Voice, didn't cover the event and it wasn't carried on the wire services.

A final blow to responsible journalism in our gay community—the prospect of a new and aggressive gay publication here apparently bit the dust last week due to forces beyond their control.

We must continue to wonder how the fourth largest gay community in the country cannot produce a "good" gay publication, cannot financially support a community center, can only muster seventy diners to support the Human Rights Campaign Fund, while Dallas rallied over a thousand (at the same time the HRCF, as noted, funneled \$10,000 into a Houston congressional race).

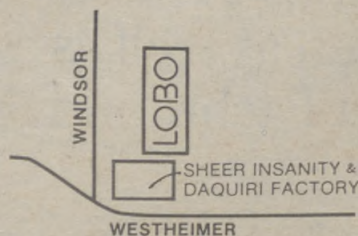
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Montrose Soap: People and Places

Happy birthdays this week go out to Louis Foret, Barbara Lanham, Paul Umoff, Robert Moon, Al Hazlett, Mark McCoy, Diane Barnett and Jim Gettings.

When visiting Miss Kitty's, don't forget to stop upstairs for the burger bar, as well as fun at the Blackjack table, while you're relaxing from dancing.

David Carpenter (BRB): What's this about having to use athletic foot compound on your mouth due to running it too much?

Miss Hinkle is taking orders on Miss Havard's pictures for all her ex-husbands Christmas presents.

What's this about Vera requesting pool tournaments every weekend so she'll have an excuse to chase the



Bruce McAda (Colt 45's) portrayed K.D. Lang during a recent fundraiser at BRB



Little Bobby returned to the stage last week at E/J's. It was good to see you again



Sandra Darlene (Miss Kitty's Shane) was caught relaxing during a special performance at the bar



Terry Smith (Mary's) was spotted at the tree lighting looking so graceful

barback again?

David (611): Who was that stranger with you at BRB Wednesday and what's this about you not dealing in small change?

J.R. (Briar Patch): Why does it take you three different cabs to get you to your destination?

Vera (BRB) wants to know if Lulu (QT's) is expecting any junk jewelry for Christmas and from who.

Ray M. seems to be getting around lately, especially last Saturday. It must be his holiday spirit rising.

The TGRA state officers list has finally been completed and the winners are: vice president, Preston Porter, and contestant rep., Dr. Bill Sanders. Congratula-

tions to both.

Next Thursday and Friday (Dec. 28-29) will be the Mr. BRB 1990 contest. If you are interested, see the bartenders for applications.

This Saturday (Dec. 23) is Chutes' Christmas Show, benefiting Lady Victoria Lust's PWA Christmas. Check out their ad for details.

For those of you with no Christmas Day plans, several of the bars and restaurants are having special buffets. Check out the ads for details.

Tony (Montrose Voice): you need to learn how to read bus numbers, as well as how not to lock your keys in the office. Ha! Ha!

The Greater Montrose Business Guild will hold its annual holiday social at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27 at La Strada. Also, GMBG's "light Montrose" contest judging will be held sometime between Christmas and New Year's, with the winner announced after Jan. 1.

Danny F (Colts): Do you always talk to sea gulls when riding the ferry from Galveston? By the way, how did you clear the upper deck?

The Venture-N Far Side will hold their holiday party on Sunday, followed by an open house on Monday. Check with them for exact details.

Merry Christmas to each of you from the staff here at the Montrose Voice and thank you for your continued support.

Official Fox-Sanctioned Contests



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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Rap trap

By **AMANDA B. RECONDWITH**
The Montrose Voice

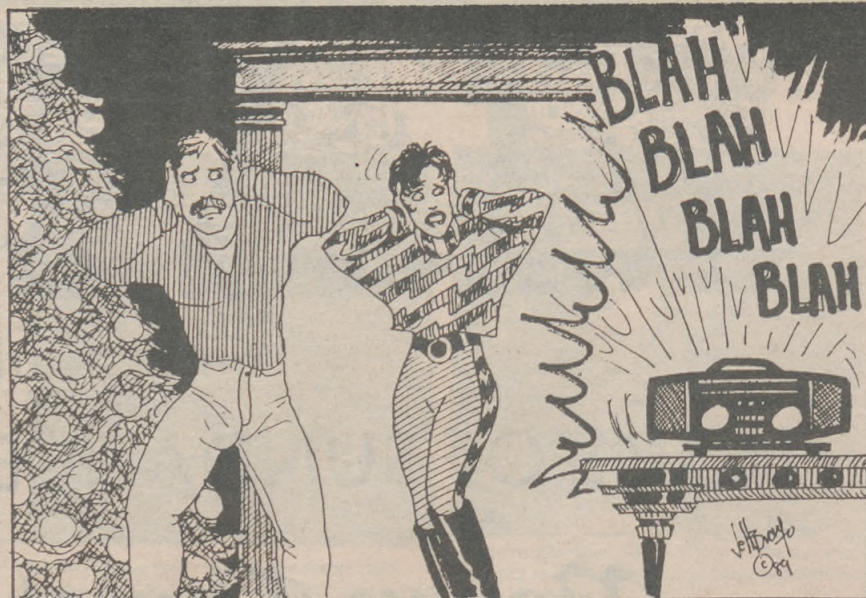
Dear Fans, Amanda is begging for mercy! It's bad enough that we have to suffer through another Christmas season of shallow greeting cards and trumped up commercial goodwill on the television screen, but when we are suddenly subjected to a myriad of vile and disgusting rap Christmas songs, we could easily gas ourself after killing the neighbor's dog!

Really. Times are certainly growing more encouraging with all the wonderful events happening in Eastern Europe, but is this any reason to throw common decency and taste out the window and show five or six nasty-looking men in bizarre sweat shirts and offensive sunglasses and enormously gauche fake gold necklaces and rings babbling incoherently? Well, we should clarify this a bit more, perhaps, since we have all grown used to this awful form of artistic articulation. We have grown used to rap music—and we use the word "music" in purely loose context. But what has completely devastated Amanda, and sent her to her boudoir with massive mega migraines, is hearing this despicable form of gibberish expressing what is trying

to be passed off as Christmas cheer.

There are too many hideous examples to quote from, so we will land upon one particularly noxious and very meaningful tune, known articulately as "Funky Christmas." We don't even know who performs this unfortunate piece, although we're almost certain it is a group with no real name, but probably three or four initials that say something culturally important when said rapidly over and over for several minutes.

In the piece, the performers repeat over and over, "Have a funky Christmas." Then, they babble about their women, their flashy cars, their cute little inner city neighborhood with all the weirdos hanging out on the stoops, and the illusion of Santa Claus coming down their chimneys (no doubt to appeal to the younger children who aren't yet allowed to go out onto the stoops). In video form, this horrible mess is portrayed by a group of very dejected looking men who move around violently, swinging their arms and waving their hands as if to guide the space shuttle to successful touch down. Why they wear sunglasses during overcast days is beyond Amanda! They all look like



pushers and pimps, Dear Fans! It's a horrible image. We don't care if they mention Santa Claus!

Of course, on the other hand, we could just sit around and watch Julie Andrews and Carol Burnette chum around with each other in furs and sequins, too.

Dear Fans, Amanda just wants to have a warm place and good friends and family, and something to eat while enjoying the holidays. Limousines, mansions, jewelry and fame are nothing if there's no love to back it all up. The rap creed seems to be based upon a frenetic desire to portray success in a totally

materialistic way, and if not, then maybe the message is too deep for Amanda to grasp. However, our dear friend, Miss Manners, agrees with Amanda in saying that if the message is too deep for us, it is certainly too deep for the young people watching, listening and emulating the image.

Besides, Funky is not what we consider to be an appropriate term to describe a Christmas. We would hope that all those who are forced to experience a funky Christmas will look beyond the funk and see a brighter light—one with a little hope and good cheer, and a little less mindless chatter.

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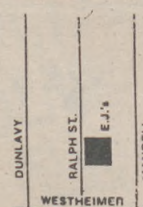
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Brucella DeVall, and
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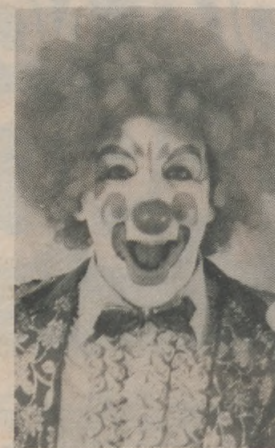
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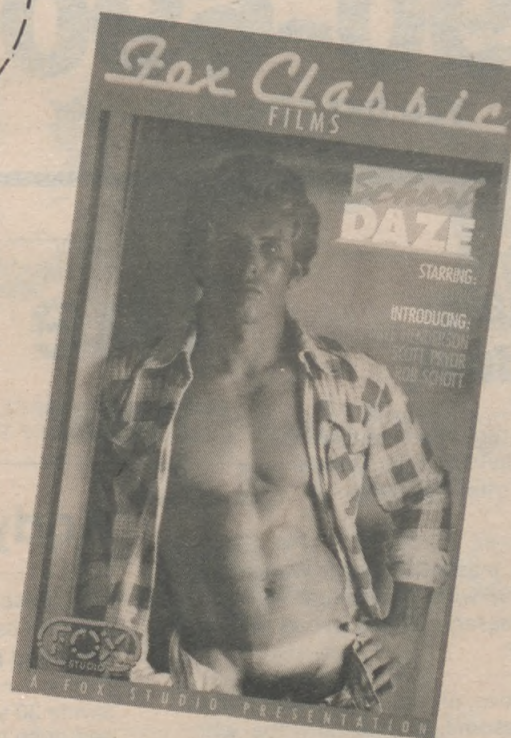
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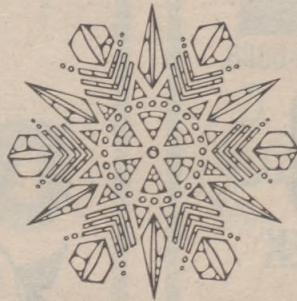


Saturday, Dec. 23, 10pm **Chutes Annual Variety Christmas Show**

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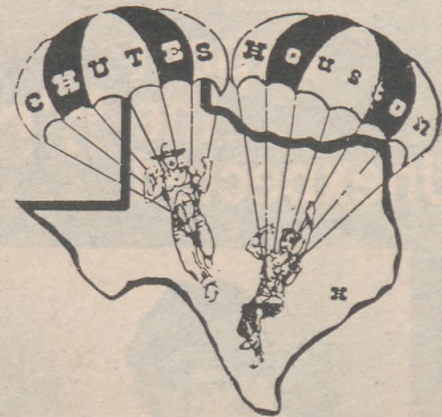
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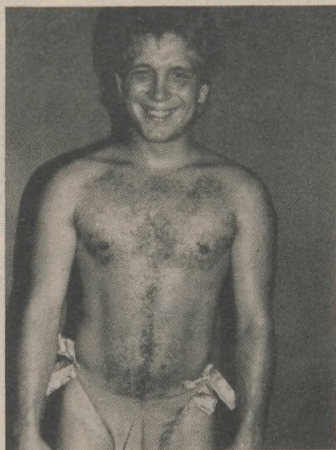


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Friday Male Strip Contest

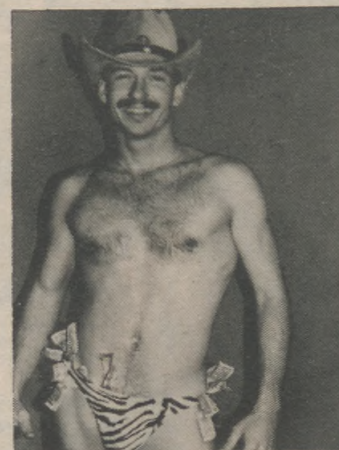
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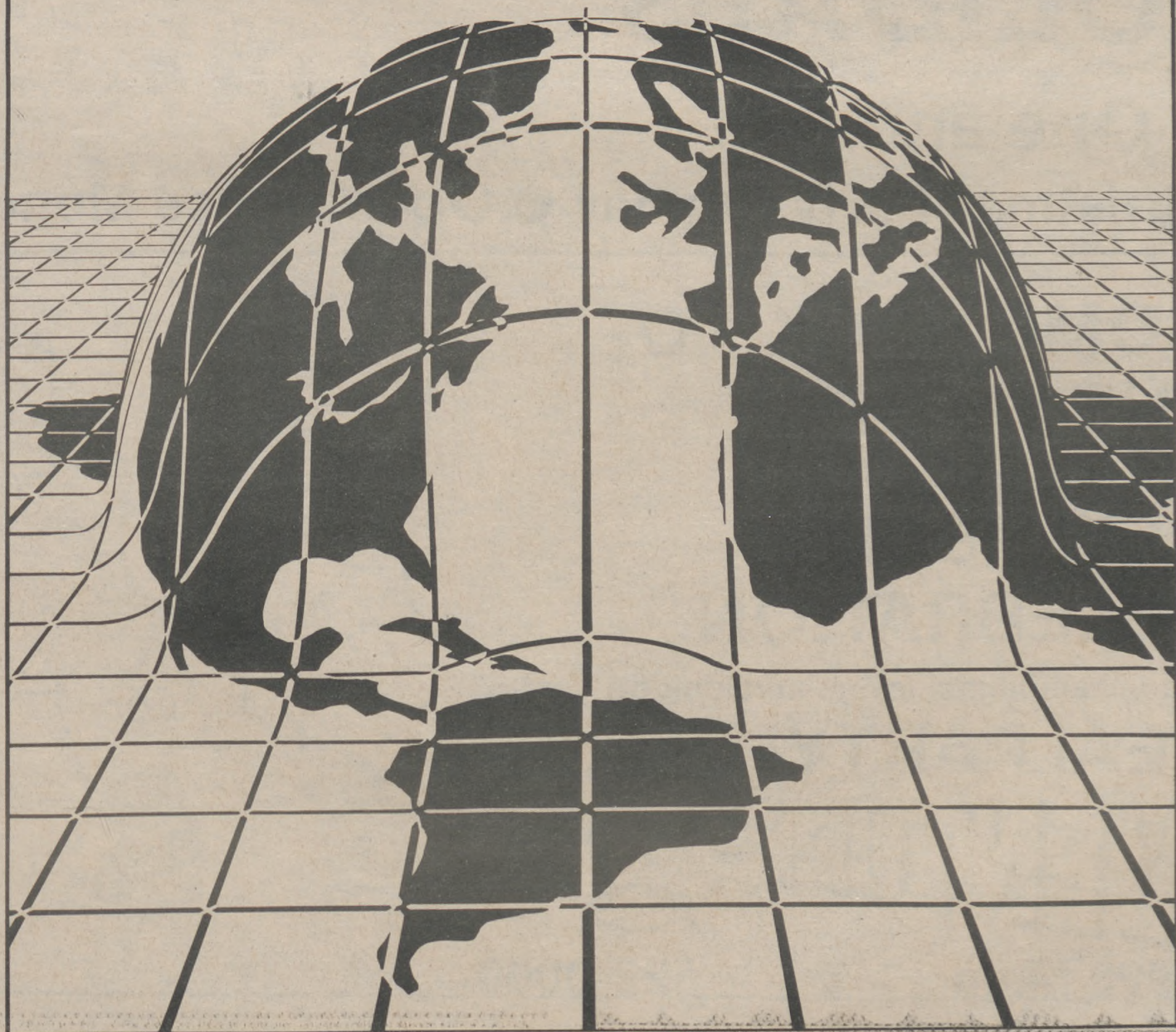
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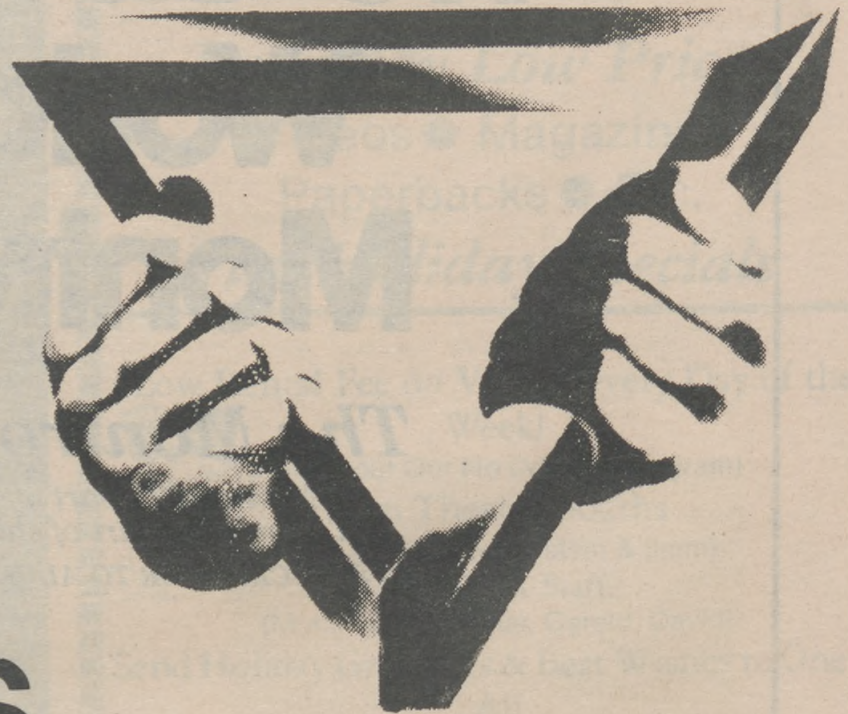
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