

Caucus overwhelmingly rejects 'openly gay' amendment

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE
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Members of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus voted down a proposed amendment to the organization's bylaws requiring elected officers and board members to be "openly gay or lesbian."

At the caucus' regular meeting Wednesday, Mark Franceschini, who drafted the amendment, told members before the vote that the resolution represented "truth in advertising." But HGLPC Secretary Michael Hollier argued mem-

bers not to support what he called "reverse discrimination."

"I think we need to stand up and be who we say we are," Franceschini argued. He said he saw the amendment as a form of "affirmative action" rather than discrimination.

"A lot of people in our community are forced to compete, unfairly, in society at large every day," Franceschini said. "I think it's important that this organization stand up for gay and lesbian people every chance we get, and I think this is another opportunity



Dennis Spencer is now running for HGLPC president

But Hollier said the caucus needed "a diffusion of energies" and insisted that the group should "continue to be inclusive at all times."

Fat Gandy also spoke in opposition, saying the arguments being given to support the change "are exactly the reason why we shouldn't support it."

"If we are protesting against (other groups) who discriminate against gay and lesbian people, I certainly don't think we ought to...do the same thing. I think we should affirm our policy of open-

ness," Gandy said.

Ed Barnes quipped that he "wouldn't want to be the one to have to test the officers" if the amendment should pass.

Five members voted for the amendment and 33 against, with two abstentions. A later attempt, by one of the members who voted for the rule to revive the proposal for a vote at the caucus' election meeting on Jan. 16, was also rejected, as caucus members voted to uphold the ruling of the chair on the first vote.

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MONTROSE WEATHER THROUGH MONDAY: Mostly cloudy and cool. Day highs in the 50s. Night lows in the 40s.

'Christmas in Montrose' winners



The "Christmas in Montrose" association capped its holiday activities with the announcement Jan. 2 of the "Lite the Montrose" contest winners. First place in the residential category went to Gary Van Ooteghem, for an innovative "Snow Family" on his roof at

Frank to disclose ethics papers

BOSTON (AP)—U.S. Rep. Barney Frank will make public documents reviewed by the House ethics committee after the panel completes its investigation into his relationship with male prostitute Stephen Gohie, he said.

"There are documents and things I am, in fact, eager to share with you," Frank said Dec. 28. "But I have promised the ethics committee I would follow their procedure. They call the shots."

Frank would not reveal the extent of the ethics probe, but said it

was "nonsexist" to believe recent reports that the committee was delaying its decision until it can review an article scheduled to be published in Penthouse magazine detailing his relationship with Gohie.

"My guess is the only problem (Penthouse) is going to have is whether to classify it as fiction or non-fiction," Frank said.

"The most important thing is to address the things (Gohie) has said, and that's what I have been trying to do with the ethics pro-

cess," he said, according to the Boston Herald. "A number of charges were made that were not true and I look forward to having a chance to show them they were untrue."

Frank made the comments during a press conference called to discuss his recent fact-finding tour to Israel, where he met with several Israeli officials.

Frank said the meetings were held to discuss the upcoming Israeli elections and the potential immigration into Israel of 300,000 Soviet Jews.

Baylor & VA to conduct HIV-TB drug studies

A study to determine the effectiveness of antibiotic therapy among HIV-positive people who test positive for exposure to tuberculosis will be conducted by Baylor College of Medicine and Houston Veterans Affairs Medical Center researchers.

The three-year, \$210,000 study, funded by the Centers for Disease Control, will assist physicians in determining if INH (isoniazid), a drug used to treat TB patients who are not HIV-positive, will be effective in treating HIV-positive individuals with previous exposure to TB.

Study participants will receive a free medical examination and TB medication. Study activities will take place at the Houston VAMC, Baylor College of Medicine, the Thomas Street Clinic and the Montrose Clinic. Participation is not limited to veterans.

Another study to be conducted by Baylor and VA researchers will determine the effectiveness of three drugs in treating HIV-positive people with active tuberculosis. Funded also by the CDC, this four-year \$30,000 study will assist doctors in determining the proper drug treatment for HIV-positive patients with TB. For nine months

to one year, the study participants will be given INH, Rifampin and PZA (Pyrazinamide) simultaneously. For three years following the initial treatment, study participants will be examined periodically to determine treatment effectiveness.

Eligible study participants will receive a free medical examination and TB medication. This study will take place at the Houston VAMC and the Thomas Street Clinic.

Interested HIV-positive persons who are eligible for either study may call 795-7426 for more information.

Protest briefly interrupts Rose Parade

By JOHN HORN
FOR THE MONTROSE VOICE

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—Harmony was the theme, but the Tournament of Roses parade ended its second century confronting the issues of the day as AIDS activists staged a sit-down protest at the start of the event.

The majestic procession of 60 flower-studded floats, 22 bands and 275 equestrians had just started Monday when 14 protesters ran in front of a float and unfurled a banner reading "Emergency Stop the parade, 70,000 Dead of AIDS." The group ran in the roadway, halting the 101st edition of the annual parade for 20 seconds.

Crowds below the brief demonstration and network television cameras broadcasting the parade for an estimated audience of 350 million quickly cut away.

The protesters said they were members of "Stop AIDS Now, or Else" and wanted to show their dismay with government policies toward the disease, said group spokesperson Bruce Mirken.

"It's a way of reminding people that for 70,000 people the parade is over," Mirken said.

'Friends' benefit reset for Jan. 29 at Tower

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE
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A community-wide benefit titled "That's What Friends are For: A Celebration of Life in a New Decade" is scheduled for Jan. 29 at the Tower Theater, where its organizers originally planned to hold a charity show in December. The first benefit had to be canceled in the last stages of planning when Clubland, which then held a lease at the Tower, closed unexpectedly.

Proceeds from "That's What Friends are For" will benefit the Montrose Clinic, Omega House Building Fund, Bering Community Services Foundation and Montrose Activity Center. The show will feature local talent including stand-up comedy acts and live music, as well as other types of performers, in a variety of show formats. An auction will be held halfway through the production, said Larry Garrett, one of the organizers.

Garrett's co-chairs for the event are also his co-hosts in Texas Gay Radio Association (1989) royalty, Melanie Ashcraft and Bruce Herig (aka Brucella De Vall). The trio had originally planned a holiday bene-

"Christmas in Montrose" logo rubber stamps designed by P.O. Box Rubber Stamps, as well as certificates, will be awarded to the winners and to close competitors International at Flag at 604 Westheimer, Creative Source at 702 Avondale and John Kleckinger's residence at 404 Stratford.

The Tower's new management has been "very cooperative and helpful" in making the arrangements, Garrett said. David Anderson of Tower Theater Operating Co., which owns the building, is now overseeing operations at the central Montrose theater.

"We've been looking around for a portable sound system and lighting equipment," Garrett said. "We think we might have found someone with the sound system, but the offer isn't set in stone yet."

The benefit sponsors are also looking for assistance in providing an hours d'oeuvre service before the



Melanie Ashcraft, Brucella De Vall and Larry Garrett (Ms. Miss and Mr. JG) are putting on a variety show to benefit community charities. Jan. 29 at the Tower

show, Garrett said. A cash bar will be available.

Several items have already been donated by local businesses for the auction, Garrett said. Items to be auctioned include a 14K gold necklace, donated by Pete Martinez, a large silk flower arrangement from

Calla Lily Floral designs and hand-made raku, from Steve Terry of Missouri Street Pottery.

Local performers who have committed to appearing include Kathy Riser of the Brazos River Band, Sheila Levinson of the Little Bit of Texas Band, Wayne Graham and Miss Gay Texas, Dyann Michaels.

Jury clears store, 4 employees of gay bashing

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—A federal jury dismissed claims of two gay men who said their co-workers at a Caldor Inc. retail store in Willingboro, N.J., had harassed and beat one of the men because of their sexual preference.

The company, which charged the firm did not protect them.

After three hours of deliberation over two days, the jury of four men and four women ruled Dec. 14 for Caldor and the four employees on all the counts brought by the two men in a civil lawsuit.

"It's entirely consistent with all the evidence as well as the fact that Caldor treats its employees well," Thomas R. Wagner, Caldor's attorney said in reaction to the verdict.

Michael Greenberg, attorney for the plaintiffs, Jeff Slavin, a former warehouse manager, and John DiDonato, a former shipping clerk, told the jury the harassment included anti-gay signs posted on doors, messages printed on pricing tickets, verbal epithets, and a broom handle hurled by defendant Darren Hester at DiDonato, which allegedly led to six eye operations for a detached retina.

"We don't know what the jury was thinking, but I believe John and Jeff are going to encounter resistance because of who they are," Greenberg said. "I'm certain those types of feelings, meaning hatred of gay people, were present in the jury to some extent."

Greenberg said he did not specifically seek gay jurors.

Former mayoral hopeful James Galvan arrested

James Galvan, who intended to run for mayor of Houston in the Nov. 7 city elections, was arrested Tuesday at Worlton Center for disrupting the swearing in ceremony of officials who were elected then. Galvan, a member of ACT UP and long time neighborhood activist in council Dist. D, told members of Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus after the meeting Wednesday, Jan. 3, that "something just came over me" before he began shouting from a second story balcony during Mayor Kathy Whitmire's inauguration speech.

Galvan was spirited out of the center by a minister and a member



James Galvan: "Something just came over me"

of the ROTC after he yelled "Down with Whitmire, she's a little dictator" and other comments during the ceremony. He had also yelled for help from Mark Clark, president of the Houston Police Officers Association, and a known Whitmire critic, but Clark instead told Galvan he was under arrest. Galvan was charged with disrupting a public assembly.

Galvan said Wednesday it was Whitmire's appointment of Alfred Calloway to a two-year term in council that incensed him. Whitmire had originally appointed Calloway to replace Rodney Ellis for the term that ended Tuesday, Jan. 2, but reappointed him then for Ellis' full term. Although the city charter allows the mayor to make such an appoint-

ment, Galvan said Whitmire should have given Dist. D voters the chance to select their representative.

"She makes appointments for political reasons — she really is a little dictator," Galvan said.

Galvan dropped his mayoral candidacy because he did not have the filing fee, and was unable to collect the required petition signatures in time to file. After his candidacy fell through, he became active in Elizabeth Spates' campaign to unseat Ellis on city council. Spates was also mentioned as a possible contender for Ellis' seat after the council member resigned to run for the state senate.

Offbeat 'Reckless' is special offering at Stages

Houston Live by NEIL BADDERS

The most unusual holiday offering this theatrical season is "Reckless" at Stages. A play by Craig Lucas, "Reckless" is the story of Rachel, a perennially peppy woman who finds out, five minutes before it happens, that her husband has taken out a contract on her life. That it happens on Christmas is not incidental to the story.

As Rachel flees into the night, and into a series of ludicrous situations, we are challenged to look at our own Christmas memories. Sometimes funny, sometimes sad, these memories are often the most potent because they happened at Christmas.

Along the way, Rachel is befriended by Lloyd, a gentle man with a past as dark as Rachel's present. He takes her home to his wife, Pooty, a deaf-mute paraplegic who also carries a secret.

These two take Rachel into their home, share their secrets with her and assist her in putting her life back into shape, although only briefly. During this time Rachel also meets a snooty, not-so-honest computer operator at a firm where Lloyd has found her work, wins \$100,000 with Lloyd and Pooty on a sleazy game show called "Your Mother or Your Wife" (the three are hilariously dressed as a solar system) and seeks answers from the first of many therapists for a bizarre tilt to her reality.

This period of her life ends with another visit from her husband Tom, which sees Rachel once again fleeing into the night after a tragic encounter.

To make sense of the absurd progression of events in her life, Rachel retreats into a world inhabited only by her memories... where some place it's always Christmas. Jolted into encountering reality once again by yet another act of violence, Rachel decides that no matter what she does to control her lives, "things just happen." In the ultimate absurdity, Rachel becomes a

therapist. We are left to ponder the question, what is it about Christmas that makes us remember painful things?

"Reckless" is a comedy with an angry edge. The laughs here are generated by the offbeat situations, the kind of uncomfortable laughs that are offered when we learn a lesson from life the hard way and have time to reflect. However, many of the laughs in Stages' production were also due to the skill of the fine ensemble, headed by Donna Whitmore as Rachel.

Whitmore is a skilled actress and comedienne. The role of Rachel is difficult, requiring the actress portraying her to flip with believability from comedy to tragedy and back. It also demands extraordinary stamina. Whitmore makes her transitions seamlessly, maintaining a warmth and intelligence that shines despite the paranoia and final sadness of her character.

Stephen Pond as Lloyd and Judy Frow as Pooty were outstanding. Pond was endearing and ultimately moving as a man trying to live his life to make up for past mistakes by recreating the same situations and forcing a different ending.

Frow showed why she is one of the most skilled character actresses around. She takes an outlandish role (deaf-mute paraplegic) and never once takes it over the edge. We never pity Pooty or laugh at her, only with her. Nice work and fun.

Sebastian White as Rachel's husband, Tom, as the man in the ski mask and as Tom, Jr. was effective in all three roles. He was so convincing in each part that I didn't really make the connection that it was the same actor until I received the program later.

Kevin Kinkade, April Sayre, Patrick McCord, Gary Scallion and Pat Mitchell were entertaining in multiple roles, making each a distinct presence. Mitchell deserves special mention for filling in on short notice for Belinda Simmons, who was at home wrestling with broken water pipes.

Direction by Joe Turner Cantu was particularly pointed, making



Joan Kart's New Dance Group performs "Street Person" in one of several concerts by local and nationally known companies to be featured during Dance Month at the JCC's Kaplan Theatre.

imaginative use of the square playing area. Sets were minimal but effective. The lights and sound enhanced the piece.

"Reckless" bothered me. It is a wonderful play, perceptive and witty, and it uniquely covers ground most "Christmas" plays would avoid; but I prefer to view the world less darkly. It wasn't a comedy for me so much as it was an all-too-true reflection of what Christmas can become.

How this play affects you is in your memories of Christmas past. This work is highly recommended.

—Goulet in TUTS' "Camelot"

Robert Goulet, who burst into the national limelight by creating the role of Lancelot in Broadway's 1960 premiere of "Camelot," will star as King Arthur in Theatre Under the Stars' production of that Lerner and Lowe hit musical Jan. 23—Feb. 4 at the Music Hall.

The very talented Alan J. Lerner (book and lyrics) and Frederick Lowe (score) were responsible for such musical hits as "Brigadoon," "Gigi," "Paint Your Wagon" and "My Fair Lady." The celebrated score includes such unforgettable songs as "If Ever I Would Leave You," "How to Succeed in a Woman's Slip," "I Loved You Once in Silence," "The Last Month of May," "C'est Moi," "I Wonder What the King is Doing Tonight" and "Camelot."

Based on T.H. White's 1958 novel, "The Once and Future King," "Camelot" weaves the romantic tale of King Arthur, his beguiling Queen Guinevere, and Sir Lancelot, the bravest of knights whose illicit love for the queen finally brings an end to Arthur's age of chivalry and peace.

An all-pro entertainer whose career has encompassed every stage, recording and film medium, Goulet excels in diversity. A worldwide concert favorite, he took the 1962 Grammy as "Best

Happy Time" and was named "Entertainer of the Year" in Las Vegas in 1982.

"Camelot" will be directed by Norb Joeder, who performed in the Broadway and national tours of "Camelot" with Richard Harris and remounted and choreographed Harris' production for three national tours and the Australian production. He has served as director and choreographer for a variety of musicals, as well as for numerous productions in regional theaters.

Musical director and conductor will be John Visser, who served as assistant musical director and conductor for five tours of "Camelot" starring Harris. He served as musical director/conductor for the recent national tour of "South Pacific" with Goulet.

Performances are scheduled for Jan. 23-Feb. 4, eight performances weekly, Tuesday through Friday at 8:00 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 23-24 are reduced price previews. Sunday, Jan. 28 and Tuesday, Jan. 30 are added non-subscription performances.

—Kaplan Theatre "Dance Month"

Dance Month will celebrate its 10th year at the Kaplan Theatre of the Jewish Community Center of Houston Jan. 6 through Feb. 4. Originally conceived as a festival event featuring performers from JCC as well as several local dance groups, the program has now grown to include dancers, dance companies and master teachers with national and international reputations.

To mark this "decade of dance," the project reflects on the past, celebrates the present and looks forward to the future. Deborah Hay will introduce the concert series on Jan. 7. Hay is an internationally renowned modern dancer.

Mid America Dance Company of St. Louis will make its debut as a Dance Month event on Jan. 13.

Local Choreographers X'cel will be featured on Jan. 20. On Jan. 21, the annual children's program, "It's a Small World," will present the children's groups Area Home Dance Company, Fortune Cookies, Korean Folk Dance School, Savas South Seas Special and Yellow Rose Dance Team.

"A Decade of Dance Gala I" on Jan. 27 will present City Ballet of Houston, Joan Kart's New Dance Group, Josephine John Generalizing Company and Several Dancers Core "Gala II" on Jan. 28 will feature Academy Dancers, Cookie Joe and the Jazz Co., Discovery Dance Group and Shelley Power's Dancers.

Appearing for the first time on the Kaplan Theatre stage is the touring company Dallas Black Dance Theatre on Feb. 3, in an exciting concert of spiritual jazz and modern dance, "A Step in Time," Feb. 4, will feature the High School for Performing and Visual Arts Concert Dancers.

Concluding the concert series, Bill Evans, Gus Giordano, Jazz Dance Chicago and Impulse Dance Company of Boston will perform selected works in the program "A Decade of Dance in retrospect" on Jan. 10.

An impressive lineup of master teachers complements the concert series. Classes in modern dance will be conducted by Hay (Jan. 6), Melissa Fenley and David Parsons (Jan. 11) and Evans (Feb. 16 and 18). Nan Giordano will lead a class in jazz on Feb. 8. Israeli Folk Dance classes will be held Jan. 6 and 7, conducted by Ruth Goodman.

Dance Month at the Kaplan Theatre is funded in part by the City of Houston through the Cultural Arts Council of Houston, the Texas Commission the Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Mid-America Arts Alliance, the Jewish Community Center's Fund of the Arts Fund and the Endowment Trust Fund of the Jewish Community Center. For information concerning all events, call the JCC, 728-3200, ext. 3224.



Robert Goulet stars as King Arthur in TUTS' presentation of "Camelot" at the Music Hall

Author of controversial book says he's a 'reluctant rebel'

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP)—A University of Kentucky social scientist who has written a book on one of the Catholic Church's most taboo subjects takes issue with anyone who labels him a radical or rebel.

James G. Wolf, author of "Gay Priests," says, however, he may be "a reluctant rebel."

His book has been hailed in Time magazine and The Washington Post as a ground-breaking sociological treatment of the subject of gay priests.

The book is based on questionnaires completed by 101 gay priests and includes a series of essays by four of the subjects. It begins with

the controversial premise that homosexuality is, in and of itself, a healthy and acceptable orientation.

But even more controversial, respondents to the questionnaire estimated that one-half of all Catholic priests are gay. If accurate, that represents big news for the Catholic religion that in recent years has called homosexuality an intrinsic evil.

Wolf admits he hasn't relished an avalanche of hostility that he's faced on more than 20 radio calls in shows nationwide since Gay Priests was published last month.

Conservative Catholics who reject the book's premise and who, Wolf says, regard the very acknowledgment

of the existence of gay priests as an attack on the church have made most of the fuss. Detractors call the work "yellow journalism" and say it is another attempt to attack the integrity of the church.

Wolf, now with UK's Survey Research Center, denies the accusations.

"At times, I started losing my patience, and I'd ask the caller: 'Are you saying that you don't think and say it is another attempt to attack the integrity of the church?'"

Wolf said the main problem is unfamiliarity with the subject.

He said that while people know

there are gays in the world, that's about all they understand. "All they've heard are the seamy kinds of stories, and that's all they really remember," he said.

Wolf said it is difficult for the average person, who's never thought about it, suddenly to consider the possibility that a man who is a gay could also be an outstanding priest, because of his commitment to the church, his ability to lead a congregation spiritually and do the things that priests are supposed to do.

On the call-in shows, Wolf establishes quickly that he is not gay and tells callers that he's married and has two children. He's also Catholic

and nearly became a priest himself. When he was 13, Wolf lived for more than a year in a seminary.

But Wolf says that he's beginning to get an idea of what it must be like to be gay, "and to have to live your life this way, the sheer fear of making that step of coming out but having no control over all this hostility and lack of information and being really helpless to do anything about it."

There has been no official church reaction to Gay Priests as far as Wolf is aware. He is a representative of the National Catholic Conference of Bishops asked for an advance copy of the book. Wolf hopes it will help promote some meaningful dialogue.

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Caucus rejects 'openly gay' rule for officers

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On second call for self-nominations to HGLPC officer and board positions, Dennis Spencer, current vice president of the caucus, withdrew his name as a candidate for reelection to the position and nominated himself for president. There were no nominations for the position of vice president, and no challengers to incumbents Hollier and Kevin Davidson for the offices of secretary and treasurer respectively.

Ed Ramos announced his candidacy for vacant board of directors Position 4, a three year term, and David Fowler self-nominated for board Position 6, for a term expiring

in January, 1991. Sharon Stone, who had previously announced for board seat 5, withdrew her name from consideration because of a change in employment status. There were no second call nominations for board seats 8, 5, and 6. Brian Keever had announced on first call for reelection to board seat 6.

Third call for nominations and the election will be held Jan. 17 at the caucus' regular meeting location, 2121 Westway Multi-Service Center on West Gray.

In other business, Joe Thornton of the police advisory committee advised members of a hearing to determine the caucus' official responses

to questions from Mayor Kathy Whitlire to minority groups represented in the coalition. The questions are intended to assist in the mayor's selection of a new Houston Police Chief. Thornton said. The meeting will be held at noon Sunday, Jan. 7, at the HGLPC office at 900 Lovett.

Dara Bloom of the Coalition to End Clinic Violence asked caucus members for help and support with their efforts. She presented a letter to abortion clinics through picket lines of protesters who are often physically violent. Bloom said she has lost all ability for rational thought.

Chair Ray Hill solicited participation for an inter-organizational "di-

rect action" planned for the opening of Randall's at Westheimer and Shepherd on Jan. 12. The groups will be protesting the recent firing of a gay man whose roommate was rumored to have AIDS, and continued defense by Randall's officials in court documents of the company's "policy" to dismiss gays and people with AIDS from employment.

Hill acknowledged several people in the room who had filed for positions within the Harris County Democratic Party. Seven caucus members were seeking election or reelection to precinct chairships, and Leslie Perez had filed as a candidate for party chair.

A press conference declaring the retirement of the Committee to Reelect Read Wright" was announced. Wright, the conservative Republican who chaired the House public health committee during the 71st state legislature, did not seek reelection to his seat in the state House of Representatives. Members of a statewide committee organized to oust Wright are claiming victory, saying their efforts made it difficult for the representative to raise needed funds for his campaign. Hill said. Simultaneous conferences were scheduled in Houston, Austin and Dallas for Thursday, Jan. 4, he said.

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Fundamentalists plan conference on 'homosexual healing'

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)—A fundamentalist Orange County Christian group led by one of the nation's strongest critics of homosexuality is planning a national conference this month in Washington on "homosexuality healing."

The Rev. Lou Sheldon said Dec. 28 the conference sponsored by his Traditional Values Coalition will be held Jan. 26. The meeting's exact location will be kept secret to minimize protests by gay rights activists, he said.

The conference will examine efforts to persuade gay men and les-

bians to change their sexual orientation, Sheldon said.

It also will consider ways to prevent gays from winning public approval through legislation, he said. Sheldon called the gay lifestyle and legislation favoring it "a threat to traditional family values set forth in every document of our government from the Mayflower Compact onward."

Local gay rights activists said Dec. 28 they will protest the Washington conference, as they are doing at an Oct. 10 symposium held by the California Coalition for Traditional Values in Anaheim.

That symposium argued that gays were a threat to family values.

"I suspect we'll have a massive turnout to protest what he's doing," said John Duran, an Orange County gay attorney. "Everytime he goes to spread his lies, we'll be so filled with his hate he's lost all ability for rational thought."

About 400 gay rights activists were arrested when they protested the Anaheim conference where William Allen, then chairperson of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, angered gays with a speech titled "Blacks, Animals,

Homosexual: What is a Minority?"

Allen resigned his post shortly after the conference when a public furor developed over his comments.

The conference could represent a move by Sheldon to take his movement national, said the Rev. Jerry Sloan, a Sacramento gay activist.

"They're making us the object of probably the greatest religious persecution since the Pilgrims came to this country," said Sloan. "It's an ugly form of bigotry."

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Police harassing possible AIDS victims, say program director

SAN DIEGO (AP)—Leaders of a federal program to combat AIDS among drug addicts say San Diego police are harassing clients and keeping them from coming for testing and counseling.

Alfredo Velasco, director of Horizontes, said police have frisked and apprehended their clients, have been sarcastic, arrogant and accusatory of staff workers and have even arrested one staff member on suspicion of heroin use, forcing him to take a drug test. The test showed he was clean.

"I don't give a hoot who they're after. We're doing them and the county a favor, preventing the spread of AIDS," Velasco said.

He said he wants officers simply to stay away from West Park, adjacent to the San Ysidro Park and Recreation Center, on Wednesday mornings when Horizontes workers wait for drug addicts to show up. A nurse with the county Health Department accompanies the group to draw blood for test-

ing. County health officer Dr. Donald Ramos is considering forming a unit to respond that the Police Department stay away from the park when Horizontes is there.

"We would prefer that they do whatever they have to do, but not in conjunction with where the program is operating," he said. "There's no question that this impacts our activity and that of Horizontes in trying to educate this group of people."

His staff has told him that the Horizontes program has made small progress in getting drug addicts to change their high-risk behavior.

Police spokesperson Capt. Richard Teneck said police frequently are in the area because the park is a hangout for drug abusers. He said whenever officers see someone who is wanted for any crime, or apparently on drugs, that person will be apprehended.

"I think we're going to run into

loggersheads on this issue," Teneck said. "We just don't want going to the park just because they're there. That's not going to happen."

Velasco believes his program is dealing with far more life-threatening issues than the apprehension of a heroin addict who, in a worst-case situation, might be a violent armed robber or burglar.

The program, one of 60 similar federally funded programs in the country, is designed to communicate the dangers of AIDS virus infection to a group of people who may otherwise have no contact with health officials.

The program pays addicts \$10 to be tested for exposure to the virus that causes AIDS and another \$10 to return for their results. Six months later, the same addicts are sought out and again are paid \$10 to be tested and another \$10 to return for their results.

Outreach workers also distribute bottles of bleach to clean needles and syringes and con-

doms. Velasco said meetings with police to resolve the situation have been friendly but unproductive. Because five percent of the 1,800 people tested so far have shown infection with the AIDS virus, it is important that they all return for counseling to prevent the spread of AIDS through sexual contact or dirty needles.

The three-year program, funded by a \$1 million grant from the National Institute of Drug Abuse, so far has paid more than 1,200 addicts to participate in the project.

Alberto Mata, a senior adviser with the National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA), said none of NIDA's other programs in the country has experienced such problems with police.

"It sounds like the police are using Horizontes so they don't have to hunt people down," he said in a telephone interview from Washington D.C.

UH begins AIDS prevention project for teens

"You can get AIDS just by shaking hands with someone who tests HIV positive."

"There's no way you can get AIDS the first time you have sex."

These are two of many misconceptions teenagers hold about AIDS, according to the University of Houston's Psychology Behavioral Medicine Research Group. The UH researchers have been awarded an initial two-year, \$242,671 grant from the National Institute of Mental Health to uncover these misconceptions and examine how teenagers decide on sexual activity, in light of the

growing threat of the spread of AIDS.

Dr. Richard I. Evans, professor of psychology, directs the research group and its teenage AIDS prevention project, which will collect data on more than 2000 Houston area high school students.

"We need to understand the misconceptions teens hold regarding AIDS so effective prevention programs can be developed and integrated into the high school curriculum," said Evans.

The multi-faceted will research several areas. Key subjects to be included are the amount of knowl-

edge students actually have about AIDS and its transmission; the degree that drugs, alcohol and emotions influence risky sexual practices among teens and whether gender difference relates to being at risk for AIDS. The project will also concentrate on developing a psychological-social profile of students who are at risk for contracting AIDS and determining the validity of various ethnic and racial stereotypes of those who are "at risk." It is possible that many misconceptions exist concerning teenagers who are believed to be at risk for AIDS, the researchers said.

Following this initial two year study, the UH team has been encouraged to extend the project into the development and evaluation of a three year AIDS prevention program.

Assisting in the project are Drs. J. Greg Getz, research coordinator, and Linda Jackson, community relations coordinator. Also participating are the City of Houston Health Department and local school districts. General results will be made available to the school districts, but the identity of each participating teenager will be kept completely confidential, the researchers said.

Measure would close AIDS care house

JACKSON, Miss. (AP)—A boarding house for AIDS victims may close because of increased monitoring and a proposed bill that would classify it as a hospice.

State Health Officer Dr. Alton Cobb has instructed the Health Department's licensure and certification division to more closely monitor the Sandifer House.

The house, named after its director, Eddie Sandifer, also could not continue to exist in that neighborhood under a bill proposed by state Sen. Wootsie Tate of Picayune. It would be classified as a hospice—and thus a commercial enterprise.

The area is not zoned for commercial businesses, Tate told the State Board of Health, which met Dec. 15 in Jackson.

"We have the authority to regulate health-care facilities," said Mattie Kent, director of licensure and certification division. "The problem is fitting the house into a category we have for

licensure.

"We've been there three times. We've interviewed residents. We've determined it's a boarding house. Yes, the people there have a disease that will lead to death. But they are managing their own affairs. They come and go as they please. I know and have been deaths there. Periodically, people will be bed bound. If it does pass the threshold into some category that requires licensing, we will close it down."

The Sandifer House will probably violate the department's licensing standards at some point, Cobb said.

"I do not believe that house belongs in that area," said Tate, who told the board she moved out of the Jackson neighborhood because of the 12-bed house.

Tate has introduced one bill for licensing hospitals and another to establish a 60-bed nursing home for AIDS patients. Currently, state health regulations define a hos-

pital as a concept, not a place, and the department certifies hospice programs for Medicare and Medicaid.

The Sandifer House has provided help to a lot of people, Cobb said. "I think we're going to need a lot more than the Sandifer House to care for these people," he said.

"While we're busy trying to control this one, let's create an alternative."

"We're going to monitor it more often and keep it under closer surveillance."

Sandifer, executive director of the Mississippi Person with AIDS-HIV Project, was out of town and could not be reached for comment.

The Board of Health tabled until its Feb. 14 meeting any action on legislation proposed by Tate or Sen. Barbara Blanton of Brandon. Health Department staff members maintain the only additional legislation needed is appropriate

funds for the agency to provide AIDS education, counseling, testing, disease surveillance and partner notification. The department also supports a law prohibiting discrimination against people infected with the AIDS virus in employment, housing, education and access to medical care based solely on their infection status.

Margaret Moize of Jackson, a chief opponent of the Sandifer House, maintained her Belhaven Heights neighborhood is severely affected by current AIDS policy. "I don't believe a neighborhood should be taken over and made to serve a purpose it wasn't meant to serve," Moize said.

Tate's proposed AIDS bill, which the Health Department estimates would cost \$8.3 million over three years to implement, deals primarily with legal issues about AIDS. Blanton's bill, which has a cost estimate of \$9 million over three years, stresses education and testing.

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Cathedral protesters: No regrets AIDS groups oppose 'hypocritical' immigration questions

By KILEY ARMSTRONG
FOR THE MONTROSE VOICE

NEW YORK (AP)—AIDS and abortion-rights activists say they have no regrets about the demonstration they staged interrupting Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

"We did not go to the cathedral out of hatred," said Tim Powers, an AIDS patient and member of the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power at a news conference Dec. 13. "We had exhausted every other possibility."

Some 450 people marched outside the cathedral Dec. 10, handing out literature protesting Cardinal John J. O'Connor's lobbying efforts against abortion and safe-sex education. Police arrested 68 people outside the church and 43 inside, whose names lay in the center aisle, several chained themselves to pews and some three condoms in the air.

The activists at the press confer-

ence—three from ACT-UP and two from Women's Health Action and Mobilization—dismissed criticism by politicians, religious leaders and some fellow activists following the protest.

"We meant no harm or insult to worshippers," said Mary Anne Stankowski, spokeswoman for WHAM. "It was not an attack on the Catholic religion."

"The Mass was interrupted for 15 minutes. We regret it had to come to that, but people are dying," said Gerri Wells, a Catholic who was arrested inside the cathedral.

One protester threw a consecrated communion wafer on the floor. "That was an individual protest and we can't speak for that person. He was a Catholic and was part of the group, but it wasn't a planned action," said Wells.

Politicians—including Mayor Edward I. Koch, Mayor-elect David

Dinkins and Gov. Mario Cuomo—criticized the protest as an infringement on worshippers' rights.

"Any religious service by any group ought not to be desecrated this way—no matter how severe the provocation. And the provocation is great especially for people who have AIDS," Cuomo said in an interview on WAMC-AM, an Albany public radio station.

"No one in this country is more sensitive to the needs of people with AIDS than Cardinal O'Connor," Cuomo said. "When we couldn't find beds for people with AIDS, he gave us St. Clare's Hospital. He goes to the hospital himself. He has cleaned the sheets of the beds where people with AIDS sleep."

The Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights issued a statement from Milwaukee on Dec. 13, saying the protesters ac-

tion "constitute gross violations of the cardinal's First Amendment rights to freedom of religion, freedom of speech and freedom of assembly."

On Dec. 11, O'Connor denounced the demonstrators as misguided and harmful to their cause. "If the aim is to change church teaching, they can't accomplish that," he said.

But activists complained that O'Connor used his position in the church to advance a political agenda, including lobbying to keep public schools from offering safe-sex education and saying that he wanted to join Operation Rescue, an anti-abortion group that blockades women's health clinics.

"The great act of worship that occurred... was by those 5,000 people on the street," said Stanislawski. "I believe if Jesus were with us now, he'd be on our side."

By HARRY K. ROSENTHAL
FOR THE MONTROSE VOICE

WASHINGTON (AP)—AIDS groups around the country are applauding a recommendation that the Bush administration stop screening international visitors for the AIDS virus.

"The HIV policies now enforced by the Immigration and Naturalization Service are hypocritical, racist and homophobic and must be abolished," said Pat Christen, executive director of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation.

The National Commission on AIDS made public a resolution Dec. 12 urging the government to stop asking visitors to the United States if they are infected with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), which causes AIDS, and to quit marking the passports of those who are.

At least 36 national organizations, including the American Bar Association, the American Civil Liberties Union, the American Red Cross and the National Lawyers Guild endorsed the new immigration resolution.

Current policies infringe on human rights and dignity "and they reinforce a false impression that AIDS and HIV infection are a general threat," said Dr. Juse E. Osborn, who chairs the commission. "In fact they are sharply restricted in their mode of transmission."

"This policy is discriminatory, it is unjust, it violates basic human rights, it inflicts unnecessary hardship and embarrassment on an already suffering community," said Charles Carman, president of the World Federation of Hemophilia.

For too long irrationality, rather than public health, governed in this area," said Chai R. Feldblum, legislative counsel to the American Civil Liberties Union's AIDS project.

The commission said the Immigration and Naturalization Service routinely questions some U.S. visitors to learn if they are infected

Researcher's spirit keeps patients' hopes alive

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—The tenacity and spirit of a 42-year-old researcher has brought to life a new vaccine that may be a shot in the arm to despairing victims of AIDS.

On Dec. 7, Dr. Michael Murphy-Corb, a Louisiana-trained researcher, took the spotlight in the war against AIDS with this announcement. Her team has developed a vaccine that has protected eight of nine monkeys from what ought to have been lethal doses of the virus that causes the simian equivalent of acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

"Mickey was the spark plug that kept the enthusiasm up and kept these people driving, not because she was pushy but because of her enthusiasm," said Peter Gerone, director of the primate-center where Murphy-Corb works. "She kept spirits up and kept talking about how important this was. It spread."

"This is a vital attribute, and Ronald C. Montelaro, chair of Louisiana State's biochemistry de-

partment and one-time co-worker, because too many AIDS scientists are convinced no one will ever develop a vaccine.

But her success and the attention she received haven't been enough to take Murphy-Corb's mind off one disturbing fact: Although the vaccine killed off the virus in eight rhesus monkeys, one was nonetheless infected.

"That irritates her," said Gerone. "Among researchers, a 90 percent success rate is fine for preliminary work," she said in an interview last week. "But my question is, Why not nine out of nine?"

So, she has returned to her lab at Tulane's Delta Regional Primate Research Center in the woods near Covington to find out why.

Gerone is sure she'll find out. "She's got persistence and tenacity," he said. "When she wants something, she goes after it and works very hard to do it. She has worked very hard."

Murphy-Corb was born in Greenville, Miss., and received a

bachelor's degree in medical technology from Northeast Louisiana University in Monroe. She received her doctorate in microbiology in 1980 and started work at Tulane's primate center in 1984. In between that time, she married her college sweetheart and had two sons, now in their teens.

For the past three years, she has led the center's effort to find the Holy Grail of AIDS research: a vaccine to ward off the disease that, so far, has no cure.

This part of the quest has taken 2 1/2 years.

The scientists gave each monkey three shots, one month apart, of killed whole virus. And, a year later, a booster. And, two weeks later, a dose of simian AIDS virus 10 times the amount needed to infect.

Accompanying the injections were the vast stretches of ordinary watching and record-keeping, the grind work of research.

Even though it may be years before scientists develop a vaccine against human immunodeficiency

virus, which causes AIDS, the composed Murphy-Corb's team produced what is a sort of gold standard against which others will be measured, Gerone said.

"You have to remember that until recently, we've had nothing but failures," said Dr. Dani P. Fogelson of Duke University Medical Center. "Now we're beginning to see some successes. There's a mountain of work to be done, but it's all doable. I'm very encouraged by these experiments."

"She really has the right motto: Anything can be done," Montelaro said. "That's important in this world. You've got to go in hopeful and optimistic."

Dr. Jonas Salk, creator of the polio vaccine and now at work on AIDS, is a collaborator who talks with her regularly.

"I like the way she thinks," Salk said.

Dr. Robert Gallo, one of two men credited with discovering the AIDS virus, says Murphy-Corb is the scientist to watch in AIDS vaccine research.

by HIV and that this has already caused several international groups and agencies to boycott important conferences to be held in the United States next summer.

Unless the restrictions are success, said in addition HIV to a list of dangerous contagious diseases considered by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. A waiver process was instituted a year ago for professional conferences, business travel and medical conferences, but a code is placed on the passports of those who receive such waivers.

Dr. Mervyn Silverman, president of the American Foundation for AIDS Research, said in a telephone interview from San Francisco that the rules should be changed because "the policy is not going to serve any significant public health service but the potential for discrimination is significant with a code in your passport known to everybody."

The resolution called for a comprehensive review by the Departments of State, Justice and Health and Human Services of immigration policies on communicable diseases, especially HIV infection.

Censorship flap ends after a month at state museum

By DAVID BAUDER
FOR THE MONTROSE VOICE

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP)—The New York State Museum has ended a month-long standoff with an artist who accused the institution of homophobia and repression for putting a "warning label" on sexually explicit videos.

The agreement with Buffalo artist Julie Zando, announced Dec. 26, ended a month-long standoff with artists reminiscent of the national controversy over public funding of Robert Mapplethorpe's photos of homosexual acts.

"I'm really relieved that we got it done and dismayed that it took so long to get together," said Martin Sullivan, state museum director.

Zando's four videotapes are part of an exhibit on New York state women artists that is at the museum until the end of January. Since some of the videos discuss sexuality and contain full frontal nudity, the museum wanted to warn parents the works might not be suitable for children, Sullivan said.

A sign warning "parental discre-

tion is advised" was placed outside of the room where the videos were displayed and shown on the screen before the opening. Zando's videos were shown one a day.

Zando accused the museum of stifling a free flow of ideas, saying museum "are a little like movie theaters with PG and R ratings." She demanded her videos be pulled from the exhibit after the museum refused to remove the warning labels. Five other Buffalo artists also threatened to pull their art from the show in sympathy.

"I really had the sense that they were going out of their way to prevent people from viewing my work," said Zando, a 28-year-old video artist.

Sullivan said the museum had a responsibility to protect parents, since 60 percent of the museum's 1.2 million yearly visitors are children. He said the controversy was partly a response to last fall's Mapplethorpe dispute.

Congress reduced its appropriation to the National Endowment of the Arts after learning federal mon-

ey had supported Mapplethorpe's work, which some considered obscene.

"It's a difficult time for artists," said Sullivan. "There is a heightened sensitivity to censorship. But this situation is quite different from Mapplethorpe."

One of the videos, entitled "Hey Bud," intersperses scenes of the 1987 public suicide of Pennsylvania state treasurer R. Budd Dwyer with those of a woman unipping the dress of another woman. Zando said she tried to convey her feeling that the grand work of research.

Two of her other short films deal with seduction between women.

"I find the contextualization of my work as being unsuitable for children is reprehensible," said Zando. Much of her work deals with growing up and those discoveries of sexuality, she said.

Zando said she thought museum officials were uneasy about the videos because, in part, they depicted lesbian sex. Sullivan denied this. He said graphic images of nudity and

violence could be upsetting to children if they're taken out of context.

Curator Nina Felbin, who selected the videos for the exhibit and acted as an intermediary during the dispute, said she was surprised the museum had a problem with the videos.

"Nudity just didn't seem like it would be objectionable in an artistic context," Felbin said. "I was really struck because we don't like them." At the same time, he said, it's not a gallery that regularly features contemporary art.

Sullivan said the museum tries not to be "a repressive institution. We don't pull works of art from a show because we don't like them." At the same time, he said, it's not a gallery that regularly features contemporary art.

"We don't want to get people turned off because we hit them over the head with something they don't expect to see," he said.

State officials may simply have been trying to prevent a controversy from boiling over. In March 1988,

the state Council on the Arts leaders were ordered to testify at a hearing after the New York Post reported state grants were used to support arts projects over transvestism and homosexuality.

Under the compromise reached Dec. 29, the museum has agreed to get rid of the parental discretion warning shown at the beginning of the videos and Zando has agreed to accept the warning sign outside of the small theater.

"I was more interested in letting the museum know that artists have rights and they also have a certain amount of power," said Zando, whose video is being aired twice a day. "I think that's something that they completely underestimated when they first attempted to censor my work."

Felbin said that, ironically, the material in Zando's videotape is relatively mild compared to what can be seen on television these days.

"Quite honestly," she said, "I think if some kids walked in (on the video) they wouldn't know what all the fuss is about."

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Penthouse to publish Gobie article in March

By JOHN DIAMOND
FOR THE MONTRÖSE VOICE

WASHINGTON (AP)—Penthouse magazine has broken weeks of silence by announcing publication of an "intimate" interview with Stephen Gobie, the prostitute who had a relationship with Rep. Barney Frank.

The March 1990 issue will take the newstands the first week of February, according to magazine spokeswoman Leslie Jay.

Frank, D-Mass., underwent investigation by the House ethics committee for his involvement with Gobie, promptly dubbed the Pent-

house announcement Dec. 28 "a non-story."

"My guess is the only problem [Penthouse] is going to have is whether to classify it as fiction or non-fiction," Frank said.

Penthouse publisher Bob Guccione, in a one-paragraph announcement, said the interview would detail "the subterranean gay scene in the nation's capital, and its hottest players."

"This is the most intimate interview ever published concerning a sitting member of Congress," Guccione said.

Gobie was paid a reported \$50,000 to tell his story to Penthouse.

In a news conference Frank dismissed the potential explosive nature of the Penthouse article. He said it was "nonsense" to believe recent reports that the ethics committee was delaying its investigation until it can review the Penthouse article.

Ethics committee Chairperson Julian Dixon, D-Calif., also rejected such claims, noting that any information Penthouse could obtain the committee also could get simply by issuing a subpoena.

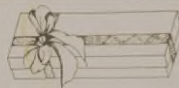
Gobie already has testified before the ethics committee, Frank has not yet appeared before the committee—which holds all its hearings behind closed doors—and has said whether he has been invited to testify.

Frank said he is anxious for the opportunity to show the committee that Gobie's charges are untrue.

Gobie has an unlisted phone number in the Washington area and could not be reached Dec. 28 for comment.

The ethics committee investiga-

tion began with Frank publicly acknowledging late last summer that he had paid Gobie \$50 for sex in 1985.



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Gay writer identifies with Rock Hudson

By JERRY BUCK
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Screenwriter Dennis Turner at first turned down an offer to write the screen biography of Rock Hudson because he had also had a double life.

"I said no a few times, but they kept coming back," Turner said. "I'm glad they did. I said no because I didn't know how seriously they wanted to treat his homosexuality. I didn't want to do a travelogue of his life, nor I did want to do an exploitation story because it was too close to my own life."

"I didn't want it to be like the 'Lolita' movies where they didn't adequately acknowledge his homosexuality. If you're going to do a Rock Hudson movie, it didn't make sense to me not to go into all the corners."

"I was persuaded when ABC and the producers agreed it would be a serious study. I knew it was going to be done and felt as a gay man I had shared a lot of experiences that it should be done by

someone who would understand what was going on."

Actor Rock Hudson was one of Hollywood's most handsome and virile screen lovers whose secret life as a gay man became public knowledge when he became stricken with AIDS. His death in Oct. 1985 helped create an awareness of the disease.

The two-hour "Rock Hudson" will be telecast on ABC Monday. It stars Thomas Ian Griffith as Hudson; Daphne Ashbrook as Phyllis Gates, his former wife; William B. Moses as Marc Christian, his companion, who later successfully sued the estate; and Diane Ladd as his mother.

Andrew Robinson, who played Liberace in one film version, in Henry Willson, the agent who changed Roy Fitzgerald's name to Rock Hudson.

NBC also has a Rock Hudson project in the works based on "Rock Hudson: His Story," which Sara Davidson wrote in cooperation with Hudson and his estate. The movie is currently in develop-

ment with no announced plans for production.

"I felt he felt his own back going through all this, and I had an understanding to the story. 'I had been married and had children'—that's the part that was alcoholic and he was an alcoholic who did not recover. We're both gay. We're both products of the 1950s, all right? He was older, and we both suffered in that secretive environment."

"You felt you were the only person on the planet who was gay. The thought of being excluded was frightening. Rock's secrets were eating away at him and they ultimately killed him. He would not reveal his personal life, even to his closest friends. I think the fact that he couldn't be truthful contributed to his drinking. The alcohol in turn contributed to his promiscuity. He was incapable of having a long-term relationship with anybody. I don't think he was living the kind of life he wanted. It destroyed him."

Turner said he interviewed

Phyllis Gates, Marc Christian and others who knew Hudson. The screenplay is also partially based on Gates' book, "My Husband Rock Hudson."

"The story takes him from 21 to 56," he said. "It begins in 1948 when he got his first job in a movie. He had one line in 'Fighter Squadron,' which starred Edmond O'Brien and Robert Stack."

"His homosexuality had already manifested itself by then," said Turner. "I think he and Phyllis loved each other. They had a romantic relationship before they married. Rock wanted to be straight, he wanted to have a family. He gave it his best shot."

"I want this movie to show the complexities of a man who happened to be gay and a human being. I'm tired of the media, and I guess the everyday population, treating gays or any minority as an stereotype, a joke or a walking disease. I wanted to show that keeping secrets, not being able to be honest or choosing not to be honest, is destructive to everyone."

Patients to live longer in 1990s, experts say

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
FOR THE MONTRÖSE VOICE

Experts predict an increased number of cases of AIDS in the 1990s, but federal medical aid for patients and increased social support will also be on the rise.

In the 1990s, AIDS patients may live longer because doctors are learning how to block different cycles of the disease, said Charles Van der Horst, assistant professor in the Department of Medicine at N.C. Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill. Blocking one stage for a while won't keep the virus from developing, he said, but it will slow its growth.

Slower growth means patients

will stay in remission longer, and more will be treated on an outpatient basis.

With their numbers and life expectancies increasing, AIDS patients' economic impact will increase dramatically in the next decade, prompting the federal government and local hospitals to come up with an outpatient funding program, Van der Horst told the Wilmington Morning Star.

The sheer numbers of people expected to become AIDS cases in the 1990s also will cause changes in case management, said Leo Teachtout, executive director of the GLOW AIDS Resource Project. The group helps AIDS patients in a seven-county area

Local health departments will be overwhelmed and regional case management systems will develop, he said. The regional centers will help coordinate services such as housing and medical treatment, tasks that private groups are doing now.

The increasing HIV-infected population also will dictate that general internists become the primary doctors for AIDS patients, rather than clinics and hospitals only.

Teachtout said he expects more members of the general community to become compassionate toward AIDS patients.

"I see attitudes getting better. . . They will be less of the social pariahs that they have been in the past," he said.

Teachtout also expects distinct political action groups to emerge from the gay community.

Agency ok's 'singles,' nixes gays as parents

An agency that arranges adoptions of foreign children by U.S. citizens is openly seeking single and divorced people as prospective adoptive parents, but the same agency categorically rejects gays. A spokesperson for Los Niños International Adoption Center said gays and lesbians, along with "felons and persons with a history of drug and alcohol abuse or mental illness," are disqualified from consideration as adoptive parents. Also excluded are welfare recipients, citizens of foreign countries (unless married to an American citizen) and people

who are HIV-positive.

Los Niños, based in The Woodlands, north of Houston, is said to have a less restrictive qualification process than other state-licensed agencies. The center's literature emphasizes its openness. The agency places Latin American, Asian and locally born babies and children with adoptive families in Texas, with a usual wait of between six and 18 months. Adoptive parents are required to travel abroad to immigrate a child.

A press release sent by the agency to the Montröse Voice invited "singles or couples married at

least one year, with or without children, of all religions, no physical limitations, prior divorce is acceptable" to attend a seminar for prospective parents on Jan. 20. When asked if the introductory seminar was open to gay and lesbian people who met the center's other requirements, a Los Niños employee stated, "We do not place children with homosexuals."

The center employee read a section of the agency's handbook that listed "persons of homosexual orientation" among those who could not be considered for participation, according to the guidelines.

Alternative News, LEAP & sexuality classes

Alternatives, a group of professional gay men and lesbians in the Bryan-College Station area, has begun publication of a weekly newspaper, "The Alternative News," to transmit information to the Texas A&M area lesbian and gay community. It is now distributed in many outlets in Bryan-College Station and is also available at two Houston box scores, Lebo and Linkings.

In the spring, the publishers plan to expand circulation to include Prairie View and Brenham as well as other Houston outlets, according to the editor, Jim Mazzullo. He proposes the paper in the Bryan area has been "enthusiastic," Mazzullo said. "Alternative News" is targeted specifically at gay and lesbian professionals and students, who make up the majority of the community in the district. It includes regular columns that deal with legal, medical, religious and political issues, written by professionals in these fields from their perspective.

—LEAP benefit
Cherry Wolf will be guest DJ for a dance benefiting the Lesbian Equal

Access Project (LEAP), a new fund for Houston area lesbian mothers involved in custody battles. The first benefit will be from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7 at Bacchus Admission is \$5.

LEAP was created to provide lesbian mothers with equal access to fair custody trials, explained LEAP board member Cheryl Wynne. The Houston effort was prompted by the case of Kim Jordan, a mother of two whose husband is seeking sole custody based on Jordan's sexual orientation. Sunday's benefit will go towards \$7,500

be assessed by an attorney appointed by the court to represent Jordan's children. The first installment of \$2,500 is due by Jan. 15. LEAP funds will only be used to help pay the court-ordered fees, not to pay Jordan's personal attorney, Connie Moore and Debra Hunt, Wynne said.

LEAP will sponsor events throughout the year to raise funds to help lesbians involved in legal battles, Wynne said.

—Sexuality class

AIDS Foundation Houston has scheduled two presentations of its sexuality class, directed to gay and bisexual men, during January. The classes, held monthly at the AFH office, 5627 Eason, off Westman, will be offered at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 11 and on Monday, Jan. 22. The classes are somewhat limited in size, so participants are asked to reserve a space. AFH education director Bart Loefer said. There is no charge for the event although a donation of \$10 is encouraged. Participants who make a donation will receive an AFH "sister sex variety pack." For more information regarding the classes, contact Loefer at 623-6796.

—Women's network

The Montröse Counseling Center Women's Network will present "Recovering Your Words," an experimental evening facilitated by Seiya Kishida, a therapist who works with meditation, MLP and yoga, at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10. Participants will learn simple and immediate techniques, said to help in relaxation and direction over one's own life. Persons wanting more information may call 529-0037.

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Fredrick worries about whether he should call someone about his worrying.



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At home with a motivational enthusiast.

Nutritionists to present lecture

Michael K. Wilson and Wilma Lamb will conduct a self-healing and nutrition lecture at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, at the offices of AIDS Foundation Houston, 3927 Essex Lane. Wilson and Lamb are managers of "A Moveable Feast," a local health and nutrition store.

Lamb has been working with and studying the natural healing properties of herbs for over 15 years. Having some previous nursing experience and having worked briefly for doctors, she began her studies in natural health care and self-healing, Lamb said. The topics of her discussion will be how herbs feed, regulate, cleanse and heal the body, and herbs' high concentration of natural vitamins and minerals, she said.

Wilson, who formerly managed a Houston health club, was the first to create an exer-

cise and stress management program for PWAs in the Houston area. He has also conducted several lecture/workshops entitled "A Message of Hope and Encouragement" which are presented free to the community. (His next workshop in this series will be Jan. 16 at Rich's.) Wilson also facilitates a weekly self-healing class at the Center for a Positive Lifestyle at 8:00 p.m. Wednesdays. In these classes, he uses stress management tools and brings in guest speakers from across the country who are prominent in their respective fields.

In the AFH lecture, Wilson will address the importance of stress management techniques. These techniques include exercises, guided imagery, affirmations, visualizations and meditation. Participants are asked to bring a pillow and blanket.



Michael K. Wilson and Wilma Lamb will lead presentation on self-healing and nutrition at AFH on Monday.

In Memory of

—MICHAEL S. LaFLEUR

Michael Stephen LaFleur, 38, a long time Houston resident, died Monday, Jan. 1 at Twelve Oaks Hospital. Originally from Morgan City, La., he held degrees from Louisiana State University and the University of New Orleans. In recent years, he was employed by Continental Airlines.

Michael is survived by his parents, five sisters, twelve nieces and nephews and numerous friends. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in Morgan City, La. for information regarding a Houston memorial service, call 855-7105. (Romans 14:8) "For none of us lives to himself alone, and none of us dies to himself alone. If we live, we live to the Lord; if we die, we die to the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord."

—ROGER C. DUGAN

May 31, 1986—Dec. 28, 1989
After courageously fighting and enduring the ravages of AIDS, Roger mercifully attained eternal peace and rest Thursday, Dec. 28, 1989. While residing in Houston, he worked in retail sales, real estate, and for a brief period, for the Houston Chronicle. Roger was a member of EPAPH and the Diana Foundation. He is survived by his mother, Betty Dugan of New Castle, Del. and his son, Tad Dugan of Lake Forest, Ill. It was Roger's desire he be cremated and his ashes interred without fanfare in the VA Military Cemetery in Houston.

So long for now, butterfly, until we meet again. During your most difficult and trying months the warm compassion and concern you expressed for others afflicted with AIDS was touching, your valiant and successful effort to maintain your dignity and independence to the last was inspiring, your enormous effort to retain your sense of humor and shield me from your suffering was especially endearing. I hold you to a great promise—you'll be the radiant, guiding spirit who greets me when I, too, attain eternal peace and rest! Till then, you live in my heart and thoughts. All other old scores—whether real or imagined—now settled.

Your friend, Buzz Beshears

Filings show Ellis has no Dem. challenger; Wright is out

By SHERI COHEN DARBONNE

Montrose Voice Editor

Rodney Ellis, who resigned from Houston City Council to run for Craig Washington's Dist. 13 seat in the Texas senate, will not be facing a challenger in the March Democratic primary. Several state representatives from Houston, including Al Edwards (Dist. 146) and Larry Evans (Dist. 147), and Harold Dutton (Dist. 142), who had been mentioned as possible contenders in the Democratic primary for the state senate race, filed instead for re-election in their own Texas House districts by the 6:00 p.m. filing deadline Tuesday, Jan. 2.

State Rep. Debra Danburg (Dist. 137), whose district includes Montrose, Heights and parts of the Greenway Plaza and Highland Village areas, had previously re-filed for her house seat, urging other representatives to do the same. One Republican, Bill Batts, filed for the senate seat.

Danburg and Dutton both have no challengers, with no one else filing in either the Democratic or Republican primaries in their districts. Edwards faces Larry Blackman and Sam Jackson in the primary, with one Republican, Naomi Cox Andrews, also filing for his seat.

Evans, who reportedly was considering the senate race and, later, a judicial race under the district selection method, apparently waited until the last moments before the deadline to file for re-election. "I don't know for sure if he has filed for re-election yet, but I'm pretty sure he's going to," an aide in Evans' office said Tuesday afternoon.

Another surprise came Tuesday when state Rep. Brad Wright (Dist. 134), the conservative Republican endorsed by gay, lesbian rights leaders with spurring much of the anti-gay action in the 71st state legislature, did not re-file for his position. Wright is the author of the controversial language in Subsection 2.0(b) of SB 959, the omnibus AIDS bill. His district includes parts of southwest Houston, West University Place and Bellaire.

Two Republicans, Bob Higley, a former Wright aide said to have Wright's backing, and Chad McMillan and one Democrat, Sue A. Schecter, filed for Wright's seat.

There was some speculation Tuesday that Wright's delay might have indicated a last minute consideration of the Republican gubernatorial primary. Wright denied being interested in

the race for governor, saying he planned to devote full time to his law practice after his term ended this year. Wright, who has held his house seat for seven terms, said he will consider other political races in the future.

At large council member Eleanor Tinsley filed for the Precinct 4 position in Harris County Commissioners Court being given up by E.A. "Squatty" Lyons. In the Democratic primary, she faces two relatively unknown candidates, James Driver and Carmen Orta. Eight Republicans filed for the seat, including Gary L. Milstead, Clyde Theiss, Jerry Eversole, James Butts IV, Larry Miller, T.N. "Tom" Lyons, Rafael Ortega and Charles Washburn.

In another final hour event, District Clerk Ray Hardy filed in the Democratic primary in the race for Harris County Judge. Hardy, running unopposed in the primary, will face incumbent Republican Tom Lindsay in the November general election.

In a less-than-surprising development, Ray Hill, outgoing president of the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, was among the last-minute filers on Tuesday. Hill filed as a candidate for Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1 in the Democratic primary, challenging in-

cumbent David Patronella, who was appointed to the post last year. No one filed in the Republican primary for that race.

Hill had announced his intentions to HGLPC in August, and was granted a temporary exemption from a caucus bylaw provision that prohibits officers from seeking election to public office. His term as president of the caucus expires this month.

John Paul Barnich, chair of the board of AIDS Foundation Houston, filed in the Democratic primary for the judicial election in Harris County's 314th district. Barnich was among several challengers in the judicial districts who filed in spite of a federal judge's order that the county hold a non-partisan election for 36 district judgeships in May. Most incumbents also filed for re-election. Officials of the Democratic and Republican parties compiled primary ballots in the 36 elections affected by the federal order anyway, in case the order is overturned or stayed. If the primary is held, Barnich will face David Fraga.

Candidates who filed in the primaries of key state elections are Governor Democrat, Texas Treasurer Ann Richards, Attorney Gen-

eral Jim Matos, Former Gov. Mark White, Theresa Hearns-Haynes of Spring, Earl Holmes of Hawkins, Ray Rachal of Stafford, Stanley Edward Adams Jr. of Austin, Republican, Railroad Commissioner Kent Hance, former Secretary of State Jack Royce, Clayton Williams of Midland, Tom Luce of Dallas, Ed Cude of Houston, Rev. Wm. Otwell of Fort Worth and Royce X. Owens of Merkel. Lieutenant Governor Democrat, Comptroller Bob Bullock, Republican, Rob Meacham, Attorney General, Democrat: Houston attorney John Odum, state Rep. Don Morales of San Antonio; Republican state Rep. Michael Hill of Dallas, Tex. Lizar of Dallas, state Sen. Buster Brown of Lake Jackson and Bobby Steelhammer of Houston.

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Computers help patients cope, communicate

By KRISTI UMBREIT

FOR THE MONTROSE VOICE

CLEVELAND (AP)—People with AIDS can use their computer terminals to learn about the latest treatments for their illness or chat with others who have the disease, under a federally funded program developed here.

Patients also can ask nurses about condoms and other health topics anonymously and use a computer databank to help them decide insurance, housing, transportation and other matters, the program's developer said Dec. 12.

Patricia Brennan, an associate

professor of nursing and systems engineering at Case Western Reserve University, said she knew of no other project of its type in the country. The program is funded by a \$600,000 three-year grant from the National Institute of Health.

"It's not so much how to take care of their illness as how to deal with day-to-day living—how to get a bus schedule, how to prepare snacks. It also guides someone through decision-making, such as where to live or whether to take a new drug," Ms. Brennan said.

The experimental system is linked to a databank and trans-

mission system called Cleveland FreeNet, a free, community-access network.

More specialized information on acquired immune deficiency syndrome is on an electronic bulletin board of AIDS data and information-sharing, accessible only to the AIDS patients, Ms. Brennan said. Users may remain anonymous, she said.

Twenty AIDS patients selected under the program have used the service in the past year, Ms. Brennan said.

The program is entering its second phase, which will involve 50

AIDS patients and compare the effectiveness of the computer system with the more conventional use of the telephone, Ms. Brennan said.

The AIDS computer system is not commercially available, but Ms. Brennan said she hopes it will be a "springboard."

The decision-making aspect is one of the system's unique features, Ms. Brennan said. It lists a series of questions and considerations to help a person decide how to travel, whether to buy a car or where to live.

Ms. Brennan said she is espe-

cially interested in patients' use of the system to "talk" to one another via computer.

"One of the biggest problems is fatigue, even with people who aren't physically very ill," she said. "We have people who may have enough energy to get to work but they're exhausted the rest of the evening. So the network allows them to make social contacts at their own pace."

Ms. Brennan said there were about 160 AIDS cases in Ohio as of Dec. 4, with 409 cases in Cuyahoga County, which includes Cleveland.

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Jan. 5, 1990

Changes before our very eyes

By AMANDA B. RECONDWITH

The Montrose Voice

Dear Fans, we were sailing along in the Rolls, filing our nails and wondering what it was we had just eaten at A Movable Feast (we knew it just HAD to be good for us), when suddenly we screamed for Sebastian to stop the car.

There before us stood an enormous vacant area, totally bulldozed and leveled, the towers of downtown looming in the distance.

Why, just the day before, there had been houses and trees there, and now it was turned into a massive field resembling the Somme after the worst artillery onslaught! We read the billboard that said in large beautiful letters that a new Odeon theater was to be constructed with perhaps 14 theaters inside, and our Moonglow White Crater Dust Lipstick nearly slid off our face as we bit our pouty, yet oh-so-sexy lips.

Have you looked around Montrose lately, Dear Fans? The entire scene is changing dramatically. There are vacant lots everywhere. Homes are being plucked from the ground or ground into the earth and scooped away for new this and new that. But what exactly is replacing our careworn old Montrose?

Theaters? Restaurants? Pretty little chic shopping centers? Yes. And also parking lots, and a horrid new phenomenon called the storage center.

Dear Fans, there is something truly amiss with society when banks have been replaced with places to store old junk you can't live with. Why is storage necessary? Because we all have too much? Because we have so many things we just can't throw out for sentimental reasons? Or maybe because so many people are suddenly gone, leaving so much stuff behind to be sold at estate auctions. Needless to say, when we saw the wretched structure go up on West Gray and Waugh, our undies curled into an unmanageable bundle!

And meanwhile, Richmond Avenue has been torn up, AGAIN! All those pretty little brick sidewalks are now buried under tons of dirt and debris, and traffic once again crawls along. The only good thing about it is there are occasionally very handsome policemen directing the mess. We have been known to fake a twisted ankle on the corner of Richmond and Greenbriar, Dear Fans!

Meanwhile, our wonderful little neighborhood disappears before our eyes. The houses are torn away across from Butera's on Alabama to make way for more parking. The seedy little shopping center there is soon to be revamped by the same owners who made the Alabama Theater center such a success. Amanda shudders at the influx of more Yuppies into the neighborhood. They drive boxy cars, wear dull clothing (although well



made) and try to reason like psychiatrists or brokers with their infant children who only want to be recognized as children. Very distracting!

What about the pavement on all the other streets? Fairview is like driving through rural Brazil! Taking the overpass on Woodhead over the Southwest Freeway is like riding a covered wagon down the Grand Canyon!

We have also noticed areas that should be designated Fire Zones, Dear Fans. Fairview near Dunlavy is nearly burned out. We were cold on Christmas Eve, so we warmed our net stockings by one of several sudden blazes nearby. It's valuable land, of course, but we wonder what is

REALLY going on. And of course, lower Westheimer is like Nagasaki two weeks after:

So, be aware of what's around you, Dear Fans, because it may not be there very much longer. Our dear homey, rather seedy and sometimes dingy Montrose is rapidly changing. We're not saying it's necessarily all bad, but without zoning, we wonder if there is any protection at all. Amanda would be most disturbed to find the house next door suddenly torn down, and a huge pseudo-Gothic-neoclassical-new-age pile sprouting up in its place!

The 90's are upon us, and it's going to be based upon radical change for us all.

Fortunes by Tycho

For the Montrose Voice
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Aries

Typically, you'll want to charge right through and get this year going. What you really need to do is take care of a lot of details and solidify your position. The earth is your home, after all. Don't go flying off into the stratosphere!

Taurus

A question of possessions arises. What's yours and what's mine? The reality of sharing and caring gets bounced around a bit as two strong wills meet on a lover's battleground. Don't take your problems to bed!

Gemini

Now that you've made something beautiful, how about concentrating on making it last? Rather than letting your beautiful creation be fleeting thing, direct your energies toward something with strength and stability. Start at the bottom and work up.

Cancer

Someone who is older and has honest authority plays a key role in your life. That effect has great in-

fluence now, but will probably continue through the year ahead. Open up all of your senses to this. You can learn, learn, learn.

Leo

Duty and obligation may be perceived as an interference in your sprightly kind of life. But rather than viewing them in that light, how about appreciating the good they can do? A sense of order and fair play is the perfect way for you to start the new decade.

Virgo

Less is more. Small is beautiful. You've always had a keen eye for the details that others miss. Now is the time to use that talent to appreciate your current position. Let some kind of limitation define a vague portion of your life.

Libra

You're not going to make it on a wing and a prayer. You're going to have to make a crucial decision. You'll get a lot of help from your lover and friends, so don't worry about it. Just do it. Get on with your life and your loving.

Scorpio

You are in the process of taking on a great deal of responsibility. While others would shy away from such a position, you welcome it gladly. Forces that have

laid dormant are coming to life. It's springtime in January for your power-packed sign.

Sagittarius

Imagine Rodin's sculpture of "The Thinker." Imagine a light bulb over his head. Turn it on. Feel it happen. The excitement of a new idea is about to make you sit up and take notice. Power is there. Channel it.

Capricorn

Teach your children well; or your friends, lovers, or co-workers. It's time to share what you know in either your business or personal life. The important thing is to spread your knowledge around. You'll know when to do it.

Aquarius

Playing second fiddle isn't so bad, as long as the first fiddle knows what he's doing. Thus, let someone else take the lead. Your voice will be heard as sweet harmony. Your beauty will be seen in bright complement.

Pisces

Still waters run deep. None run truer or deeper than Pisces now. In comparison, the shallowness of someone else may amaze or disturb you. Tell the truth and help that person to a better path. Meanwhile, in your own life a dream is coming true.

The major concern in gay activist circles these days seems to be a matter of tactics with general agreement on goals—AIDS funding and gay civil rights. But there does seem to be a growing chasm within the community on methods.

Increasingly, a more conservative approach rests on the belief that more can be achieved by working basically within the system, influencing local government and establishing coalitions with elected officials and with similar interest groups. At the other extreme are such national groups as ACT UP which practices confrontation such as the recent demonstration at St. Patrick's in New York.

These two views dominate gay political thinking and, by their very nature, foster conflict within the community. Those believing in the "work with the system" can point to gay strength in the National Democratic Party as well as a prominent role in certain state and local elections.

On the other side, ACT UP—in the words of *The New York Times* (not known as a friend of the community but often the target of ACT UP)—has been effective. Reported by Jason DeParle of that newspaper, "Pressure by the group has not only helped keep the epidemic in the news, it has also helped bring major change to the way the Federal Government tests and distributes experimental drugs, allowing patients to obtain them much faster." Even New York City Health Commissioner Stephen C. Joseph, another ACT UP target, concludes that "there's no doubt (ACT UP) had an enormous effect."

Here in Texas it is still debated whether the March on Austin helped or hindered the gay image and AIDS funding (the decision this week by Brad Wright, a leading AIDS funding foe, not to run for re-election could be interpreted as a victory). Unlike the March on Washington in 1987, the Austin event received wide coverage by the straight media. But the very nature of bias of such coverage often creates its own negative imagery.

More conservative gay elements contend that the Austin march stirred a backlash of calls and letters to legislators which further complicated the AIDS bill. Of course, this view puts responsibility

for homophobic reactions on march organizers.

As with any such difference within a political movement, our perception of this difference heightens our separation. Each side feels the necessity to increasingly defend its position, ultimately to the extreme: Seeing their position as the orthodox and only true approach to change.

Any study of past social/political struggles illustrates that multiple tactics appear to offer greater success. In other words, if we accept more than one road to Rome and support each other we have greater hopes of success. There is even much to be said for coordinating diverse approaches.

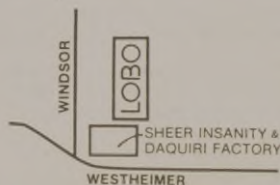
It is definitely time to put personalities behind us and seek ways to support each other. We must also accept the reality that a vast majority of gay men and lesbians will always refuse to involve themselves in their own liberation. But this has also often been a feature of previous struggles and not, in itself, fatal.

In the case of the gay community it is much easier to hide or deny ourselves. Even AIDS does not always fling open the closet. This week a noted designer, Patrick Kelly, died in Paris at age 35 of a bone marrow disease and a brain tumor. Clearly a case of AIDS, there was no mention of it. In the *Houston papers'* lengthy obituaries even Kelly's partner and "long-time companion" went unnoted, although properly recognized by the *Times*.

Equally unfortunate, many of the more successful gays are the very ones who are most prone to the closet. And they are also the ones who more readily accept straight society's projection of homosexuality as a simple matter of a sex act, with the logical correlation that it is a matter of choice—obviously if it's only sex you can always choose not to do "it."

Until we win our point on inbred orientation we cannot convince even our own ranks of the legitimacy of our struggle. With a comprehension of this basic truth also comes a positive acceptance of ourselves and our rights. This is a difficult goal but it is achievable. Accept ourselves and then accept our differences—at that point we would be unstoppable. But until that day we must fight intelligently with the tools at hand.

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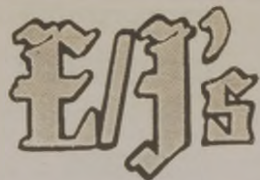


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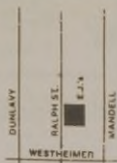
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Mondays: \$1
Margaritas, Dart
Tournament 9pm

Weekdays: \$1 Vodka 7am-6pm,
\$1 Well 1am-2am, Beer Bust 4-
10pm

Saturday: Male
Jock Strap
Contest
11pm

Contestants sign
up prior to 11pm,
\$100 1st prize, \$50
2nd prize, \$25 bar
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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
 -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
 -Momma's Money: 75¢ Well Drinks, Monday-Thursday, 9-midn
 -Charlie's Restaurant: Dinner & midn specials
 -Momma's Money: Happy hour, Monday-Saturday, 7am-8pm
 -Momma's Money: \$1 Well & Domestic Beer, Monday-Saturday, 7am-11am
 -Chutes: Happy hour 7am-8pm, pitcher frozen margaritas \$5, beer bust 3-11pm, Pitcher beer \$2
 -Missouri St. Station: Happy hour prices to 9pm
 -J.R.'s: Monday-Friday, hors d'oeuvres 5:30-7:30
 -Past Time: Happy hour 12-8pm
 -Pot Pie Restaurant: Free Home Delivery
 -Club Romeo: Happy Hour 5-9pm
 -Santa Fe Trading Co.: Open 4pm, 3 in 1 happy hour cocktails, \$1.75 longnecks or happy hour price single well to 10pm
 -Cousins: Happy hour prices every day opening-7pm
 -Scandal's: Open 11am Mon-Sat, Noon Sunday, DJ Dennis McGinnis
 -J.R.'s: 3-in-1 Happy hour opening-10pm
 -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 8pm-8pm Mon-Fri 2nd floor bar
 -Miss Kitty's: What A Nellie Deli, 11am-3pm, serving lunch Mon-Fri
 -Briar Patch: Happy hour to 8pm
 -Charlie's Restaurant: Open 24 hours

Friday

-Bacchus: Gay Dating Game 8pm
 -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
 -Scandal's: DJ Dennis McGinnis
 -Chutes: 75¢ 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
 -Miss Kitty's: Cowboys in Action, continuously from 7pm, Dance floor opens 9pm w/DJ Barry Browder
 -E/J's: Brittany's Follies 11pm
 -Mother's: Dance music by Phil Ware
 -Club Romeo: TGIF Party 5-9pm
 -Lazy J: Show Nite 10pm
 -Heaven: 50¢ 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

-Cousins: Cousins & Company 10:30pm
 -Montrose Mining Co.: 3 in 1 happy hour 4-10pm, 25¢ draft beer in a mug 10pm-2am
 -Scandal's: DJ Dennis McGinnis
 -Chutes: Beer bust 3-11pm, frozen margarita bust & liquor bust 8-midn, Dash for Cash 10pm-2am
 -Mother's: Vodka drinks & shots of schnapps 75¢ 7am-8pm
 -Past Time: The Tom Cats
 -Club Romeo: \$1.75 Coronas, \$1 Schnapps
 -Miss Kitty's: "PARTY" beginning 9pm
 -Heaven: 50¢ 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, Sirl
 -Missouri St. Station: Patio Specials
 -Bacchus: \$2 Margaritas
 -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

-Venture-N: Booze/Beer Bust 4-10pm
 -Mary's: Beer bust on the patio, 1pm-6pm, \$3, Steak Nite, 5pm
 -Cousins: Zack's Revue, Zack, Frankie, Lisa & guest, 9pm
 -Bacchus: Pool Tourney, 2pm
 -E/J's: noon-10pm beer bust, dinner on patio 5pm, \$1 well drinks 4-7pm, Cricket dart tourney 8pm
 -Scandal's: Pool Tourney 1pm, registration noon
 -Missouri St. Station: 3pm-7pm \$1 well
 -Momma's Money: Happy hour, 12-4pm, \$1 Well with 50¢ Schnapps 4-7pm
 -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
 -Miss Kitty's: Open Air T-Dance 4pm
 -Rubio's: Free Draft 7-10pm, "Rubio's Presenta" 10:30
 -J.R.'s: 75¢ 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 & 50¢ hot dogs 4-midn, 50¢ draft beer in a mug midn-2am
 -Brazos River Bottom: Happy hour noon-9pm, C&W dance lessons 10pm
 -Heaven: Free well 7-9, free draft & \$1.25 Corona all nite, cover
 -Mother's: Vodka drinks & shots of schnapps 75¢, 12-8pm, Male dancers 10pm-1am, Bar-B-Que on the patio 5pm-9pm

Monday

-Midtowne Spa: free video upgrades
 -Cousins: Bridge Night, 7pm, Happy hour prices til 2am
 -Momma's Money: Pool Tourney, 8:30pm, cash prize
 -Chutes: 75¢ 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
 -Mother's: Beer bust 25¢/mug or \$1.50 60 oz. pitcher Miller Lite Draft 6pm-1am
 -Miss Kitty's: Cowboys in Action "Las Vegas Revue" showtimes, 10pm & midn
 -Montrose Mining Co.: 3 in 1 happy hour all day/nite, 5¢ draft
 -Rubio's: CLOSED, available for private functions, reserve one week in advance

Tuesday

-Ripcord: \$1.25 canned beer 8pm-2am
 -Midtowne Spa: half price lockers
 -Club Romeo: \$1.25 beer
 -Mother's: Well drinks \$1.75 7am-1am, dance music from 70s & early 80s
 -Chutes: 75¢ well 7am-noon, \$1 well 12-6pm, Beer bust 3-11pm, liquor bust & frozen margarita bust 8-midn
 -Miss Kitty's: Steak night 7pm, trash disco 9pm
 -Club Body Center: 1/2 price rooms & lockers 7pm-3am
 -Venture-N: Trash Disco 8pm-2am, no cover, beer bust available, free pool 4-8pm
 -Missouri St. Station: Beer Blow Out 7-midn, \$1 domestic longnecks
 -Momma's Money: 8-midn, \$2.50 pitcher beer
 -Bacchus: Pot Luck Nite
 -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

Wednesday

-Club Romeo: Vodka Specials
 -Midtowne Spa: half price rooms
 -Club Body Center: Mini-lockers \$6 8am-4pm
 -Montrose Mining Co.: Nickel draft beer in a mug 10pm-2am, music of 60's, 70's, 80's
 -Mother's: Long neck domestic beers \$1, 8-midn, Tequila Gold Slammers \$1.50 10pm-2am
 -Miss Kitty's: Kitty Kat Revue 11pm
 -Ripcord: \$1.50 Well all day
 -Rubio's: Talent Night (\$75 first place), drink specials, dancing till 2am
 -Momma's Money: Amateur Strip Contest, 9pm, cash prize
 -Chutes: 75¢ well 7am-noon, \$1 well 12-6pm, Beer bust 3pm-11pm \$3
 -Brazos River Bottom: Happy hour 7am-9pm
 -Chutes: Steak Nite 7pm-10pm, liquor bust or frozen Margarita bust \$6 8pm-midnight
 -J.R.'s: Pacific Coast Dancers 6pm-2am
 -Bacchus: Corporate Ladies Happy hour, free hors d'oeuvres to 8pm
 -Heaven: 10¢ well 9pm-2am, cover, biggest Wed. crowd in Houston
 -Missouri St. Station: Professional & Executive

Ladies Nite, 5pm-7, Free hors d'oeuvres

Thursday

-Venture-N: Free pool 4-8pm
 -Club Romeo: \$1.50 Well
 -Mother's: Burgers 6pm-10pm, male dancers & shows 10pm & midn, -Ripcord: \$1.50 Margaritas
 -Cousins: Talent Night 10pm
 -Missouri St. Station: Live Cabaret, Houston's hottest new acts begin at 9pm
 -Midtowne Spa: half price lockers
 -J.R.'s: 3 in 1 happy hour, \$1.25 frozen drinks all day all nite
 -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
 -Chutes: 75¢ 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
 -Heaven: Male Dance Revue with Hunter and the Headliners and Fantasy in Motion at 11pm
 -Brazos River Bottom: Happy Hour 7am-9pm, \$1 longnecks all day & nite, hamburgers & hot dogs 7pm-9pm

Names and phones

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 -Ballpark News, 1830 W. Alabama
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 -Briar Patch, 2294 Holcombe, 665-9678
 -Club Body Center, 2205 Fannin, 659-4998
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 -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
 -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
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 -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, 528-6869
 -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

The Montrose Voice recommends ...

●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
 Dance, dance, dance at Inergy on Hillcroft
 Leather Night at Mary's. Show some skin
 5th week of male strip contest at E/J's. Fun and buns. 11pm

●SUNDAY

Free hamburgers and hot dogs at the Venture-N/Far Side, around 3pm till 7, DJ Mike Scott at 5pm
 Steak night at Mary's, from 4pm
 Steak night at the BRB 5pm
 Free buffet, somewhere around 6:30pm, Chutes
 Momma's Company showtime at Momma's Money, 8pm

●MONDAY

Lulu's bartending at Scandal's 8am-2pm
 Margaritas \$1 all night, dart tournament 7pm, E/J's
 Free pool at Chutes

●TUESDAY

Half 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 Mamma's Money
 Half price rooms at Midtowne Spa

●THURSDAY

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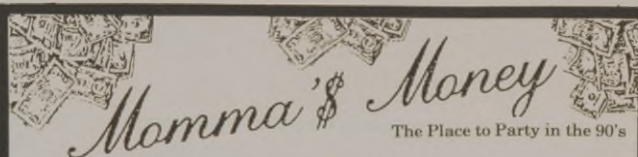
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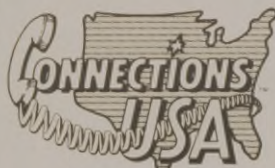
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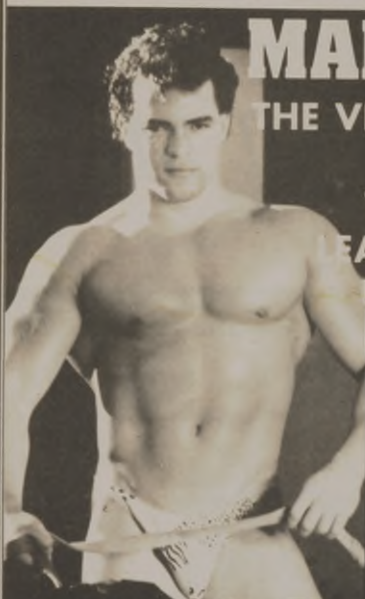


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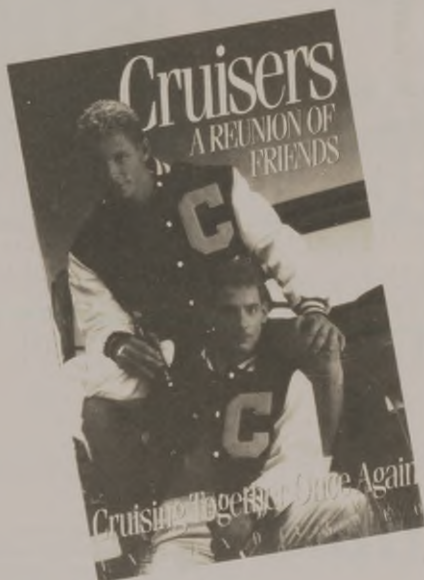
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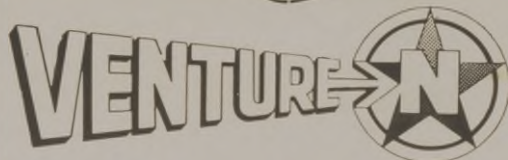
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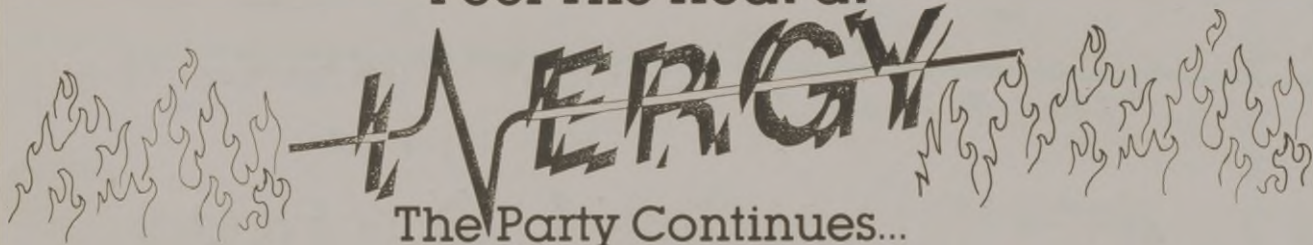
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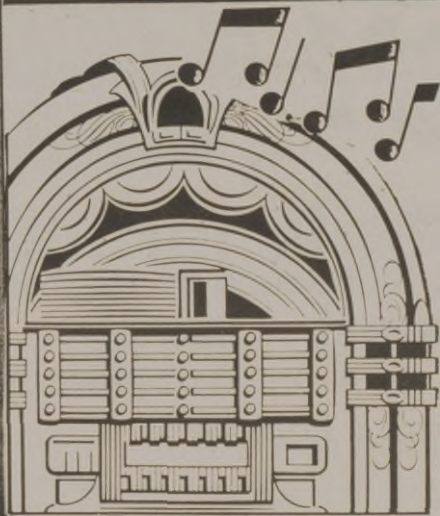
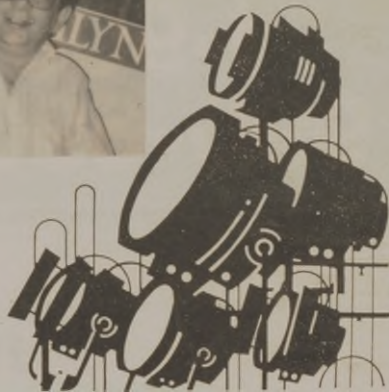


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