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Marion Pantzer Shot During Robbery Attempt Montrose Community Mourns Loss of Club Owner

By Connie Woods
Montrose Voice Staff Reporter

"It's a sad day in our community," said Marian Coleman regarding the murder of "Just" Marion and Lynn's owner Marion Pantzer.

"Marion was an institution. She provided a space for us when no one else would. And I was a part of that space," she added.

Marion Elizabeth Pantzer was gunned down in her bar at 12:50 a.m. Tuesday as she stood talking with friends at the 903 Richmond location.

According to the police report, a person with a ski mask on his face entered the front door of the club and waved a gun at the bartender Pete Flores.

Pantzer had always warned her employees not to resist a robber. Although the masked man said nothing, Flores went to the cash register to remove the cash. The suspect then walked to the end of the bar where Pantzer was standing and shot her an unknown number of times, according to investigators.

"Pete said he heard two shots," Ricci Cortez, bar manager said. Cortez also said she thought that Pantzer pulled her gun to



protect Flores. Her gun was found near her body.

Police said the suspect left the bar through the front door and fled to a car

where a driver was waiting and sped away. The car was described as a 1980 or 1981 four-door Toyota.

"The entire community feels the loss of

Marion," Coleman, owner of Kindred Spirits and the House of Coleman said. "She made so many contributions. She was there when a lot of us needed her—when no one else was there.

"One Christmas the woman I was with had committed suicide. Marion invited me over for Christmas. I will never forget it," Coleman added.

"It is such a shock and loss to everyone," one of Pantzer's employees said. "We could always depend on her and so could her customers."

Pantzer had owned and operated "Just" Marion and Lynn's for almost 14 years. The bar, according to many of her customers, had been a cornerstone of the community.

A veteran of World War II, Pantzer served in the United States Army, WAC, AAF, WA AC. She was employed for years by the President First Lady Health Club in the executive offices. When she moved to Houston, she worked for the Harris County Child Welfare Service.

After retiring from the welfare service, she opened her club on Converse where it remained until last fall when she relocated to the Richmond address.



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Bar Owners Tell of Rudeness by Agents

Alcohol Regulatory Agency Speaks Before HOB

By Connie Woods
Montrose Voice staff reporter

Members of the Houston Organization of Bar Owners had the opportunity Wednesday at its regular monthly meeting to ask questions and get answers from a representative of the Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission.

The gay bar owner's group, known by the initials HOB, held its March meeting at the Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos.

Gene Thomas, an administrator with TABC, took questions from the group concerning policies and problems the bar owners have been having with the law enforcement agencies in Houston.

One of the issues discussed concerned problems with law enforcement agents coming to the bars during peak hours to check for licenses. "Why is it they come during our peak times when we have a lot of customers in the bar? Couldn't they check for licenses during the day," Alan Pierce, HOB president, asked.

Thomas pointed out that officers come during peak hours to see that the laws are being kept. "Violations occur when people

are there—during peak hours," Thomas told the group.

Thomas said his office has received 600 complaints since Jan. 1. The majority of the complaints concern selling liquor to minors and drunks as well as complaints of prostitution.

Pierce pointed out to Thomas that the bar owners are in the middle. Citing several events which have occurred in bars recently where officers arrested a customer after entering the bar already intoxicated, Tom Corrigan of the Bayou Landing asked for an explanation.

"Why did the police wait until the person entered my bar to arrest him?" Corrigan asked. Thomas replied, "They wanted to see what the bartender would do."

The group voiced other remarks over agents' rudeness to the bar owners. Thomas pointed out that the TABC is paid through the monies from the bars. "Agents are risking their jobs if they are rude with gay bars. I would think they would be on their best behavior," he told the owners.

After Thomas finished answering questions, Pierce brought up the seriousness of robberies in the Montrose area. "Several

of you have been robbed recently. And now we have a death," he told the group referring to Tuesday morning's murder of Marion Panzer, owner of "Just" Marion and Lynn's.

The group discussed ways of discouraging robbers from "hitting the bars late at night." Jay Allen, owner of the Galleon on Richmond, suggested the use of video

cameras behind the bar.

Pierce also suggested to the group that a reward be established for the the Marion Panzer case. He proposed a \$5000 reward and said that several people had already committed to contributions. Pierce appointed a committee to determine how the reward and contributions should be handled.

AIDS Virus Found in Women's Fluid

In the continuing search to determine how the AIDS virus is spread from one individual to another, researchers now say they have identified the virus for the first time in women's genital secretions.

In separate reports published in the latest issue of the British journal *Lancet*, researchers from San Francisco and Boston report finding the AIDS virus in the secretions of eight women. While this does not mean the virus can be transmitted from women to men during sexual intercourse, the researchers suggest casual sex and multiple sex partners be avoided.

Tom Audette, director of the Montrose Clinic, said the findings are "not a great revelation," and that isolating the AIDS virus in women's secretions had always been considered possible.

While researchers say the likelihood of a man contracting AIDS from a woman is probably slight, George Budd, administrative assistant of the KS/AIDS Foundation, says heterosexual men and women need to "play safe." He added that although the risk of lesbians contracting AIDS is low, "They should also begin to look toward safe sex."

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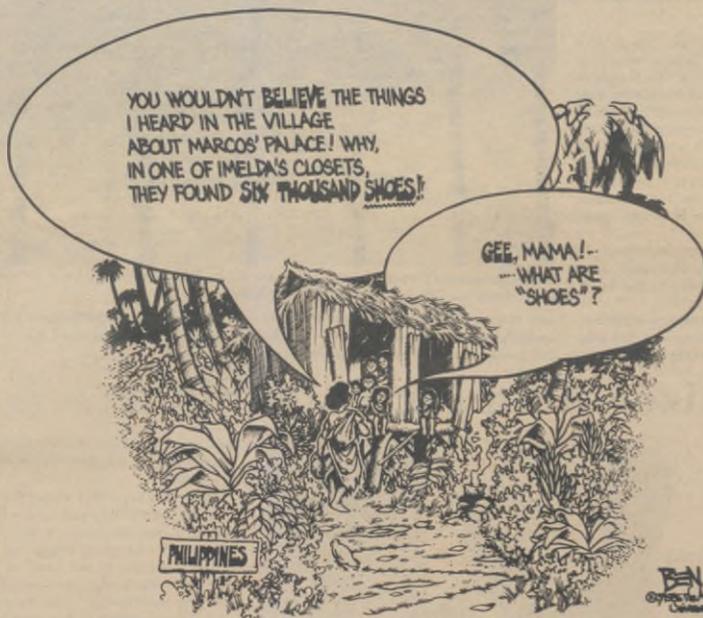
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Victim of Slow Business Houston Guest House Shuts the Doors

By Pete Diamond
Montrose Voice Staff Reporter

Despite some sunny predictions for the Montrose economy, the Houston Guest House has fallen victim to the economy's darker side. Calling the two houses located at 104 and 106 Avondale "a tremendous financial burden," a spokesman for the owner said the decision to close the Guest House was made this past weekend after a great deal of consideration.

"The Guest House was a significant drain in this economy. It was ridiculous to continue pouring money into it," said the spokesman, who asked not to be identified. "The downturn in the Houston economy has affected everybody. It's cheaper to close down the Guest House than continue to operate at a negative cash flow."

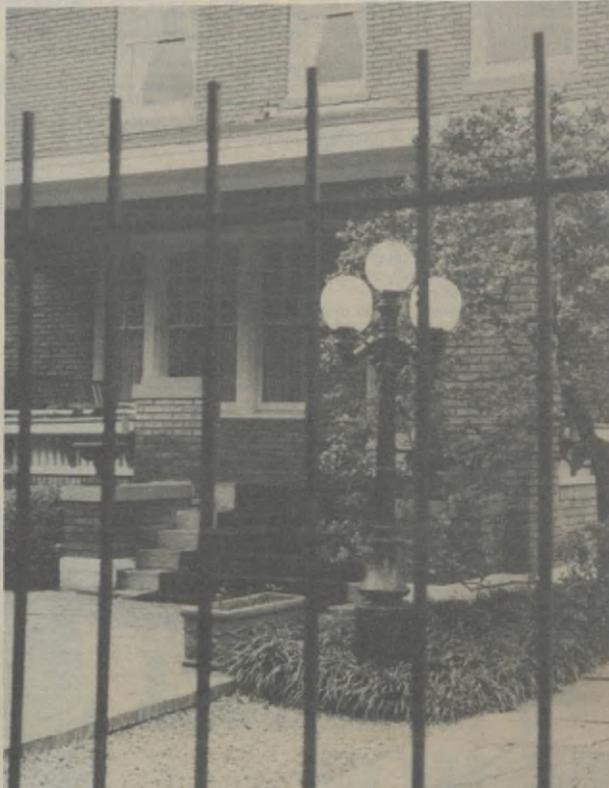
The Guest House had been operating at an occupancy rate of 25-30 percent, but 60 percent was needed to break even for covering "tremendously high" utilities, staff salaries and mortgage payments, he said.

The decision to close the Guest House was not made on the spur of the moment, the spokesman said. He added that up until the past few weeks, renovations and other improvements were being made on the houses.

The closing of the Guest House was especially a shock for a Toronto man who arrived on Monday to see the furniture being moved out of the houses. David Hull said he left the cold and snow of Toronto to spend two weeks in Houston at the Guest House. He added that his reservation had been confirmed the day before he left for Houston, but when he arrived he found a note stating that "due to circumstances beyond our control, the Houston Guest House is closing."

"It's really a disappointment. It always made my trip to Houston," said Hull, who had been coming to the Guest House for the past five years.

The Guest House spokesman expressed regrets about closing the houses, but said the possibility exists that the Guest House



Due to mounting financial woes, the gates to the Houston Guest House complex were closed last Friday (Connie Woods photo)

may reopen if the Houston economy picks up in the near future. In the meantime, the two houses will be offered for sale.

None of the Guest House's three staff members could be reached for comment.

Fundraiser Held for 21.06 Fight



Several leaders in the fight to repeal Texas Penal Code 21.06 were in Houston last Friday, March 7, to raise funds for legal expenses. From left to right are, Tom Coleman, executive director of the Texas Human Rights Foundation; Gene Harrington, 21.08 Gulf Coast coordinator; Don Baker, plaintiff, and Barbara Jane Anderson, 21.06 state coordinator (Pete Diamond photo)

By Pete Diamond
Montrose Voice Staff Reporter

The Texas law that makes sexual activity between two consenting adults illegal—often referred to as 21.06—has far-reaching effects that deny basic human rights, according to speakers at a Houston fundraising reception Friday, March 7, at the Shamrock Hilton Hotel, held in support of repealing the law.

Don Baker of Dallas, who seven years ago filed a lawsuit to challenge the sta-

tute's constitutionality, called it a threat to members of Texas' gay communities.

"Each day it is on the books it does a little bit more hurt to you and me," Baker said. "It denies you and me the most basic human rights—to affirm ourselves."

Although 21.06 was ruled unconstitutional in 1982, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans overturned that ruling Aug. 26, 1985, recriminalizing gay men and lesbians in Texas. Individuals working to repeal the law, such as Bar-

bara Jane Anderson, 21.06 state coordinator, say the law affects everyone in the gay community.

Anderson says that under the law gay men are not the only people who are criminals in Texas. She also says the term "sodomy law," as 21.06 is sometimes referred to, is misleading. As long as 21.06 is upheld by the courts, gay men and lesbians can more easily be harassed in bars and other meeting places, and be denied freedom of assembly, employment and business and professional licenses.

The law also can be used in custody suits to take a child away from a gay or lesbian parent, Anderson says, even if that parent happens to be the better parent for the child.

Following what he calls a low point in the battle to strike 21.06 from state law books, Texas Human Rights Foundation executive director Tom Coleman says a definite comeback is now being made toward gaining support for repeal of the statute. For example, one positive step forward Coleman mentioned, is that Texas Attorney General James Mattox has expressed that the 1982 ruling on 21.06 should not have been appealed.

Coleman stressed, however, that fighting 21.06 is, and will continue to be, an expensive battle, and called for the help of gay community, whether it be in the form of volunteer time or monetary donations. He added, "Whatever we are able to do, nobody will be able to look back and say we didn't do our best."

GPC is Moving its Headquarters

By Connie Woods
Montrose Voice Staff Reporter

Annie Parker, Gay Political Caucus president, announced on Thursday, March 13, that the organization would be moving its headquarters to 900 Lovett, Suite 101, this weekend.

The GPC will be moving its meeting place from the Dignity Center on Fannin. The first announcement that they were moving was made at the Wednesday night, March 5, regular meeting.

According to Parker, the Dignity Center is inadequate for the caucus's needs. "We (were) looking for a new location for our office as well as for a meeting place," Parker explained.

"Dignity Center has been a good place for us in the past, but we must try to find new facilities," she said Wednesday, prior to the announcement that the Lovett Blvd. location had been secured.

Gearing up for the elections, the caucus announced that it had begun its screening of political candidates seeking the GPC endorsement. The screenings will continue through the end of March.

The caucus also discussed its upcoming fundraising events.

The Pet-o-Rama will be held at Cherry-hust Park, Easter Sunday, March 30. Parker also encouraged members to attend the fundraising event this Sunday, March 16, at Kindred Spirits featuring Romanovsky and Phillips with Rawlyn Ruffin, a Houston singer. The event begins at 7:30 p.m. with a \$10 charge and sponsor seating for \$25.

The caucus voted to hold its Community Awards Dinner, Saturday, June 21, in celebration of Gay Pride Week. The dinner had previously been scheduled for the following Friday night but was in conflict with an activity planned by The Gay & Lesbian Hispanic Unidos.

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3. Your Height: _____

4. Weight: _____

5. Your Sex: M _____ F _____

6. Your Race: _____

White _____ Black _____ Hispanic _____ Other _____

7. Do you date members of other races: _____

Yes _____ Seldom _____ Never _____

8. Your political stand: _____

Liberal _____ Conservative _____ None _____

9. Your political interest: _____

Active _____ Moderately active _____ Do not care _____

10. Your birthplace: _____

US/Canada _____ Asia _____ Europe _____ Latin America _____

Africa _____ Other _____

11. How much formal education have you had?

Some high school _____ High school grad _____
Some college _____ College grad _____ Some grad. school _____
Advanced degree _____

12. How intelligent do you consider yourself?

Exceptionally bright _____ Above average _____
About average _____ Below average _____

13. What yearly income do you consider adequate?

\$8,000 or less _____ \$9,000 to \$14,000 _____
\$15,000 to \$19,000 _____ \$20,000 to \$29,000 _____
\$30,000 to \$49,000 _____ More than \$50,000 _____
Does not matter _____

14. Which Houston area would you prefer to have your match live in?

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South Houston _____ East Houston _____ West Houston _____

B. 1. Which activities/social do you enjoy?

Biking _____ Driving _____ Sailing _____ Bicycling _____ Dancing _____
Studying _____ Talking _____ Listening to music _____
Competing in sports _____ Partying _____ Walking _____
Working _____ Eating _____ Creating Art _____
Organizing People _____ Traveling _____ Shopping _____
Fixing things _____ Attending meetings _____ Entertaining _____
Horseback riding _____ Camping _____ Tennis _____
Card playing _____ Drinking _____ Volunteer work _____
Jogging _____ Cooking _____ Gambling _____ Rock Concerts _____
Softball _____ Computers _____ Seeing sports events _____
Singing _____ Going to movies _____ Dining out _____ Aerobics _____
Electronics _____ Golf _____

2. Which do you consider yourself?

Non-smoker _____ Non-drinker _____ Light smoker _____
Light drinker _____ Heavy smoker _____ Heavy drinker _____
Occasionally experiment with drugs _____
Never use drugs _____ Smoke pot _____ Use inhalants _____
Heavy drug user _____

3. What kinds of parties do you enjoy?

Loud & lively _____ All _____ Quiet & dignified _____ None _____

4. What goals are most important to you?

Wealth _____ Serenity _____ Popularity _____ Knowledge _____
Power _____ Respectability _____

5. Which would best describe your social attire?

Jeans/Casual _____ Preppy/Formal _____ Western _____ Drag _____
Leather _____ Transvestite _____

6. Where do you enjoy going on dates?

Movies _____ Weekend trips _____ Driving around _____
Outdoor activities _____ Museums _____ Sports events _____
Clubs _____ Dinner _____ Concerts & plays _____ Dancing _____
Each other's homes _____

7. Which of the following words best describe you?

Romantic _____ Sociable _____ Lazy _____ Moody _____ Tough _____
Sexy _____ Witty _____ Tidy _____ Well-informed _____ Dominant _____
Anxious _____ Reserved _____ Emotional _____ Old-fashioned _____
Possessive _____ Demanding _____ Healthy _____ Quiet _____
Aggressive _____ Shy _____ Patient _____ Talkative _____
Affectionate _____ Tolerant _____ Athletic _____ Optimistic _____
Curious _____ Self-reliant _____ Passive _____

8. Which of these qualities do you value most in a date?

Looks _____ Build _____ Intelligence _____ Patience _____ Honesty _____
Ambition _____ Loyalty _____ Daring _____ Manners _____ Passion _____
Money _____ Strength _____ Punctuality _____ Decisiveness _____
Kindness _____ Sophistication _____ Self-assurance _____
Sense of humor _____ Understanding _____ Mystery _____
Excitement _____ Virtue _____

9. Which applies to your characteristic(s) most?

Very masculine _____ Somewhat feminine _____
Fairly masculine _____ Very feminine _____ Butch _____

10. What type of people are you most comfortable with?

Outdoor types _____ Cultured _____ Working people _____
Artists _____ Average folks _____ Intellectuals _____
Professionals _____

11. What type(s) of books do you read?

Science fiction _____ Classics _____ Humor _____ Non-fiction _____
Poetry _____ Novels _____ Texts _____ Mysteries _____ Fiction _____

12. What type(s) of music do you enjoy?

Rock _____ Jazz _____ New Wave _____ Disco _____ Classical _____
Country Western _____ Reggae _____ Light classics _____
Religious _____ Folk _____

C. 1. What is your current marital status?

Never married _____ Divorced _____ Widowed _____

2. Do you have dependent children?

No _____ Yes (living elsewhere) _____ Yes (living with me) _____

3. Do you like children?

Yes _____ Sometimes _____ No _____

4. Are you considered attractive?

Yes, very _____ Usually _____ Sometimes _____ No _____

5. Do you consider yourself?

Strictly gay _____ Bisexual _____

6. How often do you date?

Almost every night _____ A few times a week _____
Once a week _____ Irregularly _____

7. How would you describe your past dating relationships?

Meaningful _____ Comfortable _____ Happy _____ Intense _____
Long-lived _____ Superficial _____ Interesting _____ Stormy _____
Platonic _____ No pattern _____

8. What would our ideal future dating relationship be?

Casual _____ Considerate _____ Physical _____ Platonic _____
Intimate _____ Sensible _____ Exclusive _____ Intense _____

9. What age group do you usually date?

It varies _____ A lot younger _____ Somewhat younger _____
My own _____ A lot older _____ Somewhat older _____

10. What type of facial and body hair do you find desirable?

Smooth hairless face _____ Clean shaven _____ Mustache _____
Beard _____ Hairy legs _____ Hairy underarms _____
Hairless body _____ Very hairy _____

11. Check the following miscellaneous body description that you find desirable in a date.

Small to average body build _____
Average to large body build _____ Very large endowment _____
Circumcised _____ Non-circumcised _____

13. Check the following that best describes you.

Smooth hairless face _____ Clean shaven _____ Mustache _____
Beard _____ Hairy legs _____ Hairy arms _____ Hairless body _____
Very hairy _____ Small to average body build _____
Circumcised _____ Average to large body build _____
Non-circumcised _____ Very large endowment _____

14. What are your favorite bedtime activities?

Cuddling/caressing _____ Phone sex _____ "Safe sex" _____
French active _____ French passive _____ Greek active _____
Greek passive _____ Experimental/kinky _____

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By Mark Orion

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GEMINI—Very seldom do you pay attention to minor details when meeting a new person. But, somehow a special trait about someone new has impressed you. Is it the twitch of the eye, or maybe, the glimmer of the smile? Think about it.

CANCER—Spring is almost here and you can hardly wait. It's been a long, cold winter and you've been huddled up at home too long. Get ready for a lovely time of sun and fun. A new hobby will provide you with some much needed exercise.

LEO—This is the height of your entertaining season and you rise to every occasion. Whether it's for a weekend or a few hours, your guests will feel welcome in your company. Enjoy the company and don't fret too much over details.

VIRGO—The demands of a new relationship have you rearranging your schedule. Use your excellent organizational skills to add hours to the day. You'll find that by using time efficiently you can enjoy your social life without neglecting work responsibilities.

LIBRA—It's spring time and you're ready to bloom. Now is a fine time to update your wardrobe in favor of a fresh new look. Exercise and a good diet will help you pull off the total picture. Others are sure to notice the new you.

SCORPIO—A new work assignment has you working overtime. Don't let it overwhelm you. You are quite capable of completing the job and superiors know this. Just take it one step at a time. Don't allow the new occupational demands force you to ignore the domestic front.

SAGITTARIUS—You misunderstand a remark by an acquaintance. Although you are somewhat offended, there was no harm intended. Don't let an isolated incident ruin the relationship. You've both invested too much time in your friendship to let it end now.

CAPRICORN—Your need to get away and your budget don't seem to be cooperating. Consider a short, inexpensive getaway. It will relieve the tension and not strain your wallet. Getting away will help put a domestic problem in a different perspective.

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Dr. Didato's Personality Quiz

Prejudice—The Unadmitted Trait

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

Prejudice is the oldest form of man's inhumanity to man. No matter what our rung on the social ladder, there is always someone below who can be scapegoated for our displeasure.

When poet Robert Burns wrote that it's a gift to see ourselves as others see us, he probably wasn't talking about prejudiced folk. For they seldom realize (or will admit) that they hold biased views of others. The fact is no one is completely free of bias, no matter how noble one's intentions.

Ahead is a quiz drawn from research. To find out if you might harbor some stereotyped views of others, answer the items as follows: Disagree (1); Agree somewhat (2); Agree (3). Then read on for explanations.

1. I tend to lose my temper easily with people who rub me the wrong way.
2. I am strongly traditional and conservative in my attitudes.
3. I am in direct competition socially, educationally, occupationally, etc., with people of other ethnic backgrounds.
4. I often wish for great psychological power and strength.
5. I lean toward severe punishment and a generally hard line of discipline for public offenders.
6. Once I make my mind up, it isn't easy to change it.
7. I tend to be strongly suspicious of the



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motives of others.

8. I know very little about people of other ethnic groups.

□ Answers

The story goes that a young child comes in from play to ask her mother: "Mom, what was the name of those people I was supposed to hate?" The incident reflects what is largely at the root of human prejudice,

namely, interpersonal influence.

If you look at each quiz item, you'll see that many of the traits described can be traced to learning within the family circle.

The pioneer on studies of prejudice was Professor Gordon Allport of Harvard University. He noted that prejudiced personalities have a tendency to cling to past solutions and not try new ones. They are inflexible thinkers and seem afraid to say, "I don't know."

They like clear-cut views of things and are intolerant of ambiguity. Literally, they are narrow-minded. Allport's conclusions have been verified many times by other psychologists.

□ Score

Total your points. Though this isn't an official test consider that your score means the following:

8-12 points—You're mature and relatively free of prejudice.

13-17 points—You have an average degree of bias.

18-24 points—Move over, Archie Bunker. You are likely to have too many prejudices about others. Try to learn more about those you may dislike. You might discover that they struggle with the same life problems that you do.

□ Reducing Prejudice

Can prejudice be overcome? Yes. Examine your own beliefs and ask: Have I outgrown some faulty notions I've had about others?

One possible antidote to prejudice is for opposing groups to join together in doing something cooperatively. Studies of integrated housing and of racially mixed platoons in the Armed Forces show that both sides became more mutually accepting than before they interacted.

But not all cooperative ventures have such a desired effect. Much will depend upon whether the parties involved feel unpressured about integrating and whether they are given equal status.

Out of the Nest Early and on Their Own

The Loneliest Teens

By Stan West and Elizabeth Boyd
Pacific News Service
Special to the Montrose Voice

It's been a long time since anyone told 16-year-old Cindy Valdez to wash the dishes or do her homework. She moved out of her parents' home three years ago and has been living on her own ever since. These days, she spends most of her time in front of her "shrine," a 19-inch black and white television set.

Valdez's story is not unusual. Social workers and family counselors in cities across the country report that an increasing number of children are striking out on their own. Once outside the family nest, teenagers as young as 13 or 14 struggle to cope with adult problems of housing, employment and health care.

Valdez (who asks that her real name not be used) shares a tiny apartment in downtown Oakland, Calif. with her 22-year-old boyfriend, Jonathan. The floors are concrete, and the room holds a small sofa-bed, an empty refrigerator and the TV.

"For the last two years all I did was lay in bed and watch TV," says Valdez. "If I had some weed (marijuana), I'd smoke it until the munchies took over, and then eat everything in sight."

The cupboards and refrigerator, however, are seldom full. Her boyfriend covers the \$200 monthly rent with earnings from a job washing cars and her mother sometimes buys a few groceries, but most months Valdez struggles to make ends meet. "But because the choice was mine," she says, "I have no regrets."

Teenagers make that choice for diverse reasons—some have abusive parents; others are pushed out by neglect or abandonment. Valdez moved from her parents' nearby home after a series of arguments over her boyfriend. Three years later, her parents still refuse to visit her.

"Both of my parents were so hurt when I left," says Valdez. "Screaming, they told

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me I was a sinner, and I told them goodbye."

Teenagers like these are a very small percentage of the estimated 1 million children between 10 and 17 who leave home each year, but unlike most runaways, they don't sneak away without their parents' knowing. In some cases, parents even assist in setting up the household. Often these teenagers settle in the same city or neighborhood and maintain relationships with family members.

But like most runaways, they prefer life on their own to the state's alternative—foster care or returning home. Consequently, most shy away from social service agencies, which are required by law to return them to the custody of a legal guardian.

This makes it impossible to estimate the number of teenagers living without adult supervision. But, says Sylvia Smith, director of the Alameda County (Calif.) Department of Children's Protective Services, "It is certainly not an uncommon situation here, and his problem is surfacing in many other parts of the country."

Billy Woods (not his real name), 17, has successfully concealed his situation from all but a few trusted friends for more than a year. Living in a shabby studio apartment in downtown San Francisco, he says he left home last year "to avoid being put out" by his mother and her third husband, who moved the family four times in one year.

"Me and my little sister felt uprooted,

like gypsies," says Woods, a senior at Mission High School in San Francisco. "So I got me a part-time job in a store and told my parents I'd had enough."

Although his parents have recently agreed to help with expenses, most months Woods comes up short of money. He says he badly misses his sister, and being part of a family. To battle his loneliness, he writes short stories and concentrates on his hopes of attending college next fall.

For Valdez, Woods and others like them, the problems are legal as well as emotional. Until they have gone through the legal process of emancipation and been declared an adult by the court, they remain minors in the eyes of the law. Although state laws vary, minors generally do not have the right to establish residency, sign a lease, consent to medical treatment, and in some states, hold jobs.

"Earning enough money to live on is always hard for these kids," says Gordon Raley, director of Public Policy for the Washington, D.C.-based Child Welfare League of America. "In some states, anyone under the age of 16 cannot even work. And even a 16 or 17-year-old won't have the necessary job skills to support himself."

Medical care may be even harder to find than a job. Few minors can afford treatment from private hospitals, but they usually can't qualify for state-funded Medicaid without reporting parental income.

Even in the case of an extreme medical emergency, many states require parental permission before treatment of a minor. If parents cannot be located, the state often assumes the role of guardian; however, that means the minor eventually ends up in the hands of a social service agency—exactly what these teens wish to avoid.

Instead they often go without proper care, even though there may be assistance available.

"It's a failure of the social service system that we don't hear about these kids until they have reached a crisis situation—in trouble with the law, living on the street or in hospitals," says Raley. "Certainly in some cases the child is better off away from the parents, and a 16-year-old can usually survive on his own. Kids need adult supervision and guidance to thrive."

While the problem of teens leaving home is not new to this decade, it is rapidly increasing in both urban and suburban areas. "We're seeing this in all families, from all economic backgrounds," says Raley. "It's not just a poverty-related problem."

Like the others, Terry Devereaux struggles to cope in an adult world. Bare walls, cold linoleum floors, and a worn copy of Charles Dickens' *A Tale of Two Cities* decorate the two-room apartment in East Oakland, where she moved last year after fighting with her mother over a boyfriend. She had hoped to find work as a secretary, but she is still unemployed. Her father sends her \$100 to cover food and her grandmother pays her rent, but bills are a hardship.

"I love them for all the support they give me," says Devereaux, who now attends an Oakland continuation school. "If it wasn't for them I'd probably starve."

"But being alone is very hard," she says, admitting that she sometimes cries because she is so lonely. "Especially at night, the loneliness just overwhelms me."

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HOGs Announce March Activities

The Houston Outdoor Group has scheduled several activities for the remainder of March.

On March 15 the group will have an outdoor barbeque covered dish dinner.

On Tuesday, March 18, the outdoor group will join the Colt 45's for an evening of roller skating at the Carousel Skating Rink off I-10. The cost of the evening is \$3.75 including skate rental. A portion of the proceeds from this event will benefit the Montrose Counseling Center.

View Halley's Comet in the country skies with your naked eye by joining the HOG's for a trip to Lake Summerville, March 22-23.

While some members will be in Lake Summerville, others will venture to Big Bend National Park, March 21-30. This is a large park located on the Mexican border along the Rio Grande River. The group will camp in the Chisos Mountains surrounded by the Chihuahuan Desert. There are numerous hiking trails in the mountains and desert region for either the afternoon hiker or those prepared for a several day hike.

On Friday morning, March 28, these lovers of the outdoors will leave for a trip through east Texas to view the wildflowers. After camping out Friday night, they will return by another route on Saturday.

Anyone interested in any of the trips planned by the Houston Outdoor Group may call 680-3144 or 521-3641.

Eugene Climbs to No. 3 on Houtex Top Ten

Since the beginning of the year, Eugene has steadily marched up the C, B and A challenge ladders of the Houtex Tennis Club. This past Sunday he defeated Donny Kelley 6-3, 6-4 for the No. 3 spot on the Top Ten challenge ladder.

Fernando V., after two years of absence from challenge ladders, was defeated by David Garza 4-6, 6-4, 6-0. David Heiland was defeated by Mr. Bill 7-6, 2-6, 6-1. Fernando and David must win a match on the next lower challenge ladder to secure a position on the Houtex ladders.

David Garza outlasted Pat Power 3-6, 7-6, 6-2. Randy Miller defeated Mr. Bill 4-6, 7-5, 6-3. Ron Rodd and Steve Bearden defended against Rick Massey 6-1, 6-4 and Thomas Cortez 5-7, 6-3, 6-4, respectively.

The Houtex Tennis Club has returned to Wednesday night play from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at MacGregor Park, 5225 Calhoun Rd. Call David, 926-7171, directions or further information.

Morris Takes Top Spot On Houston Tennis Club Ladder

It didn't take newcomer Andrew Morris long to take over the No. 1 ranking on the Houston Tennis Club's Top Ten challenge ladder. Robert Holmes put up a struggle before losing 6-4, 6-2 to Morris.

Randy Lunsford was the big winner this past weekend, as he jumped from No. 9 on the B ladder to No. 6 with his strong showing over Daiwid Hendrickson 6-1, 6-0. Lunsford also defeated No. 2 C ladder player Joe D. Well 6-2, 6-3.

Morris also played in the Memorial Park Challenge tournament. He defeated four opponents to take the title and move up to the Group A top ten.

Rick Hadnot won three matches in a row for the first time in this tournament before falling to Morris 6-4, 6-0.



Steve Rheinecker (left) ran the K-9 Fun Run with his dog, Billie, and Randy Cumbaa finished the course with Junior (Pete Diamond photo)



Frontrunners Compete in K-9 Fun Run

By Pete Diamond
Montrose Voice Staff Reporter

On your mark, get set, go! And off they went, some 600 dogs and their owners, "em-barking" on the two mile run of the Houston Humane Society's K-9 Fun Run along Allen Parkway last Sunday, March 8.

Within this group of runners and their canine companions were two members of the Houston Frontrunners. Steve Rheinecker and Billie, a 3-year-old black lab mix, and Randy Cumbaa and Junior, a 3-year-old black and white English Cocker Spaniel, were four of the 960 entrants in this year's K-9 Fun Run held in Sam Houston Park.

When the event was organized five years ago as a "low key, grassroots organization," it drew only 108 entries. Since its humble beginnings, however, the annual event has become so large it is listed in the Guinness Book of Pet Records as the world's largest dog race, according to K-9

Fun Run co-founder Davia Gallup.

Based on the success of last year's K-9 Fun Run, which drew 523 entrants, the run was expanded to include a one mile celebrity run as well as the two mile fun run. Several television newscasters participated in the run, including Richard Alderman, the People's Attorney of Channel 2, and his dog, who placed second in the medium dog category of the two mile run.

A total of 360 dog/owner teams participated in the one mile run, which was won by Bruce Sanders and his Welsh Corgi, Buster, with a time of 6:07.

Finishing the two mile run in 12:30, Rheinecker said this was the second year

he and Billie have run in the K-9 Fun Run. "It's a lot different from any other race," Rheinecker says. "There's a certain amount of competition in any fun run, but not with this one. This is definitely fun."

Cumbaa and Junior, who were running in their third K-9 Fun Run, finished with a time of 17:22, far ahead of last place finishers Jean Poskus and her dog, Tina, who ambled across the finish line with a time of 36:13.

Dan Lawson and Nike, a German Shepherd, won the two mile race for the second year in a row, this year clocking in at 9:43. Debbi Warner and her Australian Shepherd, Blu, won the women's division of the two mile run with a time of 11:50.

SportsVoice Calendar & Standings

Houtex Tennis Club Challenge Ladder

matches through Feb. 23

TOP TEN LADDER	
1 Jim Kitch	6 Steve Bearden
2 Randall Dickerson	7 David Garza
3 Donny Kelley	8 Thomas Cortez
4 Pat Power	9 Eddie Chavez
5 Eugene Brown	10 Tiny Tim

B LADDER	
1 Sabe Velez	6 Mark Deardorff
2 Lou Garza	7 Mr. Bill
3 Joe L.	8 Rick Massey
4 Ronn Rodd	9 Randy Miller
5 Larry Jarvis	10 Bill Santali

C LADDER	
1 Rick Knapp	6 Rudy Garcia
2 Gabe Herpin	7 David Moskowitz
3 Henry Eckhardt	8 Randy Jierscheck
4 Rick Martinez	9 Steve Chesney
5 Daiwid Hendrickson	

DOUBLES LADDER	
1 Steve Bearden & Bill Santali	
2 Ronn Rodd & Richard Pregeant	
3 Eddie Chavez & Henry Eckhardt	

Houston Tennis Club Challenge Ladder

matches through Mar. 9

TOP TEN LADDER	
1 Andrew Morris	6 Rick Hadnot
2 Robert Holmes	7 Ed Farley
3 J.C. Barrera	8 Rich Corder
4 Armi Albanza	9 Oscar Martinez
5 Ron Bell	10 Edward de Leon

B LADDER	
1 Ron McCauley	6 Randy Lunsford
2 Billy Green	7 Daiwid Hendrickson
3 Randy Miller	8 Oscar Ysassi
4 Steve Bryant	9 Rudy Garcia
5 Roy Mendolia	10 Travis Willis

C LADDER	
1 J.V. Klinger	3 Howard Brown
2 Joe D.	

MSA Pool League

Team Standings, Winter League, Week 14

TEAM Recent Week Total Matches Total games

DIVISION A

1 Four 11	5-10	11-3	127-083
2 Bacchus I	8-7	10-3	122-073
3 Ranch Hands	11-4	10-4	119-091
4 Too 611	9-6	8-5	113-082
5 Mary's Naturally	7-8	8-5	112-083
6 Marion & Lynn's	11-4	6-7	094-101
7 BRB Shooters	0-15	6-7	075-120
8 Outlaws	5-6	5-8	112-083
9 Street Cats	6-9	5-8	098-097
10 Bacchus II	5-10	5-8	089-106

DIVISION B

1 The Barn	10-5	11-2	120-075
2 The Galleon	8-7	9-4	111-084
3 Lipstick	7-8	8-5	116-079
4 611 III	4-11	8-5	108-087
5 Kindred Spirits II	15-0	7-8	118-077
6 Kindred Spirits I	6-9	7-6	103-082
7 The 611	9-6	6-7	092-103
8 JRS	10-5	5-9	086-114
9 Lone Stars	4-11	3-10	068-126
10 Hooters I	6-9	2-10	053-120
11 Hooters I	15-0	2-12	080-130

Regular Weekly Events

SUNDAY: Frontrunners, Memorial Park Tennis Center

Houston and Houtex Tennis Clubs 10:30am-1:30pm, Homer Ford Tennis Center

Women's Bowling League 5pm, Stadium Bowl

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

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

TUESDAY: Frontrunners, Memorial Park Tennis Center

MSA "Fun Volleyball League," 7pm

WEDNESDAY: MSA Pool League plays 8pm, various locations

THURSDAY: Frontrunners, Memorial Park Tennis Center

Pool Players Challenge Bowlers in First Annual MSA Cup Tournament

The Montrose Sports Association Billiards League has issued a challenge to the MSA Bowling League to compete for the MSA Cup.

The tournament, which does not require entrants to have MSA affiliation, will be held Saturday, April 5. Match locations and opponents will be drawn at the Barn at 3:00 p.m. Matches will be played at The Barn, Marion & Lynn's, The 611, Hooters, and the Brazos River Bottom.

The entry fee is \$5 which will benefit the Gay Games II fund.

The MSA Cup will be presented to the league winning the most matches. All teams will meet on The 611's patio after the match. MSA Billiards League rules will apply. Each player will play three games.

Billiards League players may register by contacting Dennis Lord at 721-8505. Bowling league members may register by contacting Charles Hurst at 522-0840.

They're Montrose's Most Popular 'Straight' Bar Grif's Gears up for St. Patrick's Day Celebration

By Connie Woods
Montrose Voice staff reporter

If you've never been to Grif's for St. Patrick's Day, you'd best find your shamrock and begin celebrating with one of the largest crowds in Houston.

"This is the special time when we can all look back and smile," Michael Griffin,



Michael Griffin, owner of Grif's Inn, and organizer of the largest St. Patrick's Day celebration in the southwest (Connie Woods photo)

owner of Grif's said. "It's a time to be happy and forget about all of the problems of the world," he added with a big smile and chuckle.

According to Griffin, more than 3,000 people celebrated at his place last year and he expects just as many if not more this year.

During last year's celebration more than 164 kegs of beer were emptied as well as 1000 cases of beer. "It figured to be about 15,000 to 20,000 beverages served during the day and evening.

The celebration will be no smaller Monday when Griffin gets to have his special day. He said he knew of people who planned to attend the fun coming from Canada, New Orleans, Dallas and other cities in the state. Even the governor plans to be a part of Grif's fun.

Plans for day begin a month before the event. "We will have the big tent up with

about 16 portacans throughout the property," Griffin explained. "We will charge \$3 per person to get in and sell drink ticket books. The ticket books will be good for the rest of the month. Not just for the day," he said.

Griffin has a great deal of pride in the Montrose neighborhood. The graduate of the University of St. Thomas wants "to bring people to the Montrose area just to have a good time."

Although the St. Patrick's Day celebration will be held Monday, Griffin has already started the pre-celebration. On Friday night at 8:00 p.m., the finals for the St. Patrick Day's parade Queen Contest will be held under the tent.

Bands will entertain and celebrity judges will attend to select this year's queen. Some of the judges will be Oilers, Rockets and Astros as well as city officials.

On Saturday, Griffin will be putting the final touches on his float by 7:00 a.m. to prepare for the big parade. "We'll have five bands here Saturday afternoon after the parade," Griffin said.

Sunday will see volunteers helping to clean up the place and get ready for the real celebration which begins at 2:00 p.m. Of course, Griffin pointed out that anyone who would like can come by for lunch and just stay for the afternoon and evening.

Once again Griffin plans to have five bands around the property during the day and evening. And lots of green beer. Griffin said the only thing worse than parking in the area is the green beer and driving.

Not only does everyone have a good time but Griffin said he has seen several marriages come out of the St. Patrick's Day celebration. "We have had more marriages come out this than you can believe," he remarked. "And everyone sends me an invitation just to let me know that they met here," he said with great pride in his voice.

"We have big college support. Exes from St. Thomas, Rice, U of H, A&M and others can see more of their old classmates here than they can by going to the class reunion," he explained.

Griffin has already scheduled many of his sports teams to help out during the day. "We have about 16 or 17 teams, including softball and soccer, who agreed to help out at least four hours Monday," he explained.

And no one will enjoy the event any



Long time employees Marion Dodgen (left) and Helen Welder are two of the many members of the planning committee for Grif's Inn's annual St. Patrick's Day celebration. The day-long affair draws thousands to the Montrose area each year and requires almost year-round planning (Connie Woods photo)

more than Griffin. "It is just so much fun. We like for people to come and bring their kids during the day. We'll have a face painter for the kids," Griffin pointed out.

"It's a great day to just have fun. And we will."

Grif's is located at 3416 Roseland just off Montrose.

Sale to Benefit Bering Music Program

Bering Memorial United Methodist Church's choir will host a garage and bake sale on Saturday, March 22, beginning at 7:00 a.m. in the church's activities building, 1440 Harold Street at Mulberry.

The sale will feature home furnishings, clothing, appliances and homemade baked goods.

Proceeds from the sale will benefit the growing music program at Bering Memorial.

For more information on the garage and bake sale, contact the church office, Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., by calling 526-1017.

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Pantzer Opened the Doors for Many

Commentary by Connie Woods
Montrose Voice Staff Reporter

She was a friend, an acquaintance, a buddy. Marion Pantzer, who was murdered Tuesday morning, left behind more friends than she actually knew.

"Don't print that because no one cares where I have been or what I have done," she told me during a recent interview. What Marion did not realize is that many people did indeed care where she had been and what she had done.

More importantly, everyone cared about Marion Pantzer. As the shock rushed through the community Tuesday, everyone was stunned. How could this have happened? Why Marion? The same questions echoed throughout Montrose. Phones rang off the hook. Everyone wanted to know if it were true, and when the answer came, silence filled the room.

Several of her friends gathered at the club on Richmond Avenue, Tuesday after-

noon as television and newspaper reporters went to the bar for the story. It was difficult to sit at the bar where I have sat so many evenings talking with Marion. This time she wouldn't walk through the door. This time we would not be carrying on one of our philosophical conversations.

The loss, the greatest loss, to all of us who knew her is that she was always there. Whenever I needed a comment for a story, whenever I just needed someone to listen, and whenever I needed a friend I knew she would be there.

In our interview she explained why she opened the bar in the beginning. As she spoke, she described the people who needed a place like "Just" Marion and Lynn's. "People go to the bar because they're lonely. They want someone to talk to. And my bartenders know that when people come in that they want to talk."

Perhaps people do go to bars because

they are lonely. Perhaps they go a place where they can be recognized and talked with. Perhaps they, like many, go because "M and L's" was a comfortable place to be. Call it a home away from home; call it an open and free space. Call it Marion's.

I sat at the bar Tuesday and looked around me. I could see so much of Marion Pantzer. I could feel her presence. I could feel my loss. As I let my mind wander to days past when I sat in the old bar, I could not help but think of the words to a song.

"Isn't it rich. Are we a pair? Me here at last on the ground, You in mid-air. Where are the clowns? ... But where are the clowns, there ought to be clowns. Well, maybe next year."

And so the community lost one of its most beautiful clowns.

She will be missed more and more every day as each of us seek the friend that we had for so many years.

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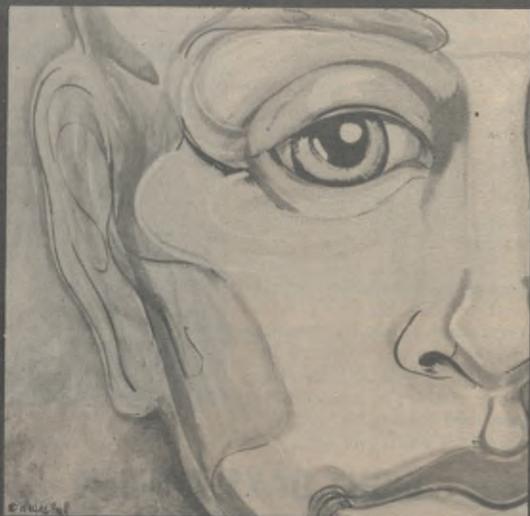
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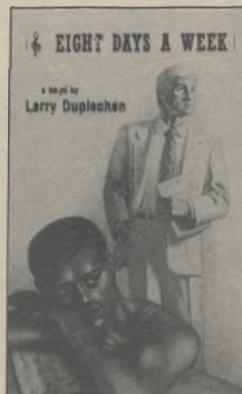
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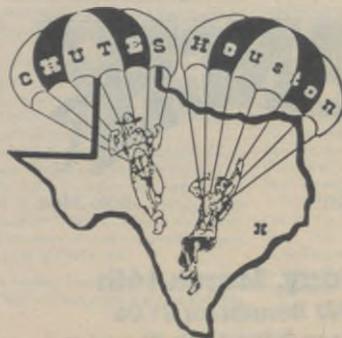
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MARION E. PANTZER

Marion E. Pantzer died March 11, 1986, in a local hospital. She was owner and operator of "Just" Marion & Lynn's, a Montrose nightclub.

Survivors include a brother George W. Pantzer III, New York; nephews George Pantzer IV, Humble; James Pantzer, Jacksonville, Fla., and beloved friend, Lynn Hornaday.

In lieu of usual remembrances, the family suggests that contributions be made in her memory to the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 519 Studemont St., Houston, TX 77007; the KS/AIDS Foundation of Houston, 3317 Montrose Blvd., Houston, TX 77006; or the Houston Area Women's Center, 4 Chelsea Place, Houston, TX 77006.

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 13, at Forest Park Lawndale Funeral Chapel. Interment was at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery.

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Oscar Nominee 'Official Story' Poignant but Slow

By Scott Custing
Montrose Voice Film Critic

□ Official Story

Argentina's official entry for Best Foreign Film might just walk off with the Oscar this year. While Norma Aleandro (who is the film's biggest asset) failed to get a much-deserved nomination, the film has



Norma Aleandro stars as a woman seeking the truth about her adopted daughter, Analia Castro in "The Official Story"

received awards at several festivals and Aleandro shared the Cannes Best Actress Award with Cher (*Mask*).

Because of the military crisis in Argentina during the seventies and early eighties, films of any political nature were not allowed to be made. Aleandro had to leave her country in 1976 because of threats to her and her theater, but she returned in 1982 when the military regime was toppled. This film and last year's *Camila* are a cinematic resurgence for Argentina, and filmmakers are now experiencing a new-found freedom.

The Official Story deals indirectly with the people and their children who disappeared during the brutal dictatorship and were never heard from again. A woman who has a five-year-old adopted daughter begins to believe that her child may be a child taken from one of the kidnapped mothers. Her husband, a businessman who once was with the previous regime, refuses to tell her where the child came from.

The mother (Alicia) takes it upon herself to find out the truth. When her best friend tells her about being raped and tortured by the right-wing squads, Alicia becomes more determined to uncover the atrocities that the government fails to acknowledge. The information that she finds and the political people that she encounters are often shocking.

As the streets fill with grandmothers protesting the loss of their children and grandchildren, Alicia begins to realize that her child probably belongs to a dead mother. The end of the film is both poignant and terrifying as she confronts a hopeful grandmother as well as her husband, who suddenly turns violent when confronted with the truth.

I found *The Official Story* to be interesting at times and very poignant, but like many political films it is often slow. The first hour of the film is especially draggy, only picking up as Alicia becomes more involved with her search. We are also given very little political background on

the Argentine government situation past or present, and this is definitely needed to understand the impact of the horrifying dictatorship.

The highlight of this drama is definitely the performances. As a loving mother and stern teacher, Norma Aleandro brings to Alicia a stunning vitality. Her performance is restrained and never overwrought, yet we always sympathize with

insight. If you bore easily, this film might prove to be just a trial.

□ Highlander

The makers of *Highlander* obviously had in mind something like *Bladerunner* or *Terminator*. Since that had already been done, they decided to add some historical drama and music by Queen. Throw in video music director Russell Mulcahy and a dashing star (Christopher Lambert), and you have—quite a mess.

Highlander suffers from what is often called "overdoing it." We begin our story in New York, switch back to 16th century Scotland (and several other centuries), and finally end up back in New York with a fight scene featuring enough special effects to last me through most of 1986. People in the audience were so confused with all the flipping through the centuries, they kept yelling, "Hey, where are we now?"

The very, very thin plot concerns a group of men who cannot die unless their heads are cut off. Conner McLeod is the main warrior we follow, a Scotsman who manages to survive from the 16th century to the present. His main foe is Kurgan (Clancy Brown from the *Bride*), a huge beastly man who is after Conner's head and the final prize that the remaining free man receives.

The movie lurches back and forth between the past and the present in New York. In the past, he has a beautiful wife who he outlives, and an ancient Egyptian warrior who teaches him how to survive. Sean Connery is great as the teacher, a man decked out in a peacock feather outfit that had to be from MGM's old wardrobe department.

In the present, Conner is an antique dealer with a huge apartment filled with relics from his past. He must deal with modern warriors always challenging him, but he (and Durgan) manage to decapitate most of them. The end battle is brutal, silly

this barren woman who loves her child so much.



Norma Aleandro and Hector Alterio star in "The Official Story"

Other notables include Hector Alterio as Alicia's husband Roberto. A quiet man whose sudden outburst at the end shocks us, Roberto is a complex character that Alterio handles to perfection. As the grandmother who thinks that the daughter Gaby might belong to her daughter, Cela Ruiz gives a small but moving portrayal as Sara. As the young Gaby, Analia Castro is adorable but not overly cute.

I don't think that this film is one that will overwhelm you like *Missing* or *Under Fire*. This movie is very subtle, and the everyday life of Alicia is not always that exciting to watch. If you have the patience to stick with it, *The Official Story* is rewarding for its acting and soft political

and filled with special effects flying all over the place. The grand finale is so overwhelming and busy, it is actually boring as Kurgan and Conner slash away at each other.

I would truly hope that a movie like *Highlander* is not the wave of the future. Mulcahy directs this movie like a television blitz, fast and furious with little thought. The Scotland scenes have a nice look to them, but the New York parts look way too MTV video. The contrast is way too jarring, and utterly ineffective.

Christopher Lambert (*Greystoke, Subways*) does a decent job, but he's not a really exciting actor. The camera seems to focus a lot on his glaring eyes, and less on

what's going on in the film. However, the swordplay is truly marvelous and he does a good job with it. Too bad that once again, it's a case of too much swordplay that gets boring after a while.

Highlander was ultimately too long time-wise and too short story-wise. It would have almost been better to have just stuck with the historical side of the film, but I guess that after the *Ladyhawk* disaster last year, the studios wouldn't want to risk it. However, from the disgruntled audience at the screening I attended, *Highlander* is headed straight towards a similar fate.



Miou-Miou stars as Alice, a vivacious woman leading a double life in "My Other Husband"

□ My Other Husband

This is one of those cute little French comedies that is light, fluffy, and lovable. We've seen this aged plot about a woman with two husbands before, but director George Lautner does a fine job making the whole situation fresh and entertaining.

Actress Miou-Miou (*Entre Nous, Going Places*) is Alice, an attractive woman who left her husband Philippe and a child to head to Paris. She then met Vincent and had two children with him, although they never married. Ten years after she left Philippe, she meets him again and they live together again. She stays with Philippe half of the week, and Vincent the other half.

The only people who know what is going on are her two girlfriends, Charlotte de Turkheim and Dominique Lavant are a scream as the girlfriends, both whom have problems of their own. One is marrying a man who still loves his ex-wife, and the other makes up stories about spending time with a man who has left her. Together, the three women are a terrific trio, and their scenes together are quite precious.

Meanwhile, Alice must finally face the inevitable when her two men actually meet. This is far from the end of the film, because she then tries to get them to like each other. The end of the film is very bittersweet, but possibly one of the few ways that things could have worked out.

My Other Husband will play at the River Oaks March 16-22 for one week and is worth your time for some nice fun. If you are in the mood for something light and often hilarious, give this little French pasty a try.

Featured Each Week in the Montrose Voice

A Talk with Gary Larson of 'The Far Side'

This article presented out of promotional considerations

Thousands of telephone calls have been pouring into the offices of the publisher of Gary Larson's runaway bestselling comic "The Far Side." Questions frequently asked include, "Is this man sick?," "Where do these strange ideas come from?," and "You guys got something against cows?"

In an effort to stave off the calls that are clogging company phone lines, Larson's publisher, Andrews, McMeel & Parker, is releasing the following answers to often-asked questions. The answers are drawn from the scores of interviews that Gary Larson has done since "The Far Side" books have hit all the nation's bestseller lists.

Perhaps these answers can satisfy some of the curiosity generated by "The Far Side" rage as it sweeps across college campuses, tiptoes into suburban households—and captures the minds of supposedly sane readers.

Of course, these answers may produce a new generation of Larson addicts. But with nearly two million "The Far Side" books in print, it's time to provide some assistance for a reader's dilemma.

Who is Gary Larson?

He's a slim man in his mid-thirties, slightly balding with benign blue eyes behind his wire rim glasses.

"People always say, 'Gee, you look so normal,'" says Larson, "I feel embarrassed. Like I should be there with one eye in the middle of my forehead."

What kind of humor is this?

Friends describe his humor as "dry, subtle and sharp," while readers find it "bizarre, morbid and absolutely hilarious." Larson's mother says that his sense of humor is almost innate. She recalled that when she woke him for Gary's second day of kindergarten, he said, "What, again?"

One of his close friends, Ernie Wagner, a curator at the Seattle Zoo, summed Gary up best when he said: "He has the ability to tap into people's basic instincts and childhood fears, and find the humor in them."

Larson himself says: "People try to look for deep meanings in my work. I want to say, 'They're just cartoons, folks.' You laugh or you don't... I don't react to current events or other stimuli. I don't read or watch TV to get ideas. My work is basically sitting down at the drawing table and getting silly."

Where on earth does Larson find his ideas?

"I've always wanted to say that in my grandma's attic, I found this old book in this trunk," says Larson. "Cartoon ideas... I don't know. I've tried to figure it out. Why me? Why are these coming out of me? And I've failed miserably. It's just there."

He does, however, speak nostalgically of childhood trips to collect tadpoles, newts and salamanders. He still has a copy of his favorite storybook, *Mr. Bear Squash You All Flat*. Many of his friends feel the influence of Larson's older brother, Dan, cannot be ignored. Dan used to wait for 8-year-old Gary to go down to the basement for firewood, a task Gary despised because "everything that was horrible in my imagination lived in the basement." Then Dan would turn off the light, hold the upstairs door shut and call, "It's comm-m-ing, Gary! It's comm-m-ing! Can you hear it?"

How does Larson work?

Listening to musicians such as Dan Hicks, Duke Ellington, Django Reinhardt, Charles Goodman or Benny Goodman, Larson writes and draws in a second-floor studio in his Seattle home. There he's surrounded by such artifacts as a stuffed war-

thog head and a fossilized mastodon tooth, given to him by his grandmother. He also keeps live pets that include several snakes and an Argentinian carnivorous frog.

What is the future of "The Far Side?"

Larson's latest book, *Valley of the Far Side*, is currently available in bookstores.

Larson often wonders, though, if "some one's gonna show up and say: 'There's been a big mistake. The guy next door is supposed to be drawing the cartoon. Here's your shovel.'"

Any more questions? No? Well, as Gary Larson has said, "There are some people who'd rather take 'The Far Side' at face value. And they're the ones I don't want to pick up hitchhiking."

□ From Larson's Latest: "Valley of the Far Side"

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Quiet Little Show Is Full of Suspense The Alley's 'Pack of Lies'

By Bill O'Rourke

Montrose Voice Theater Critic

Pack of Lies (The Alley) is a quiet little show that will knock your socks off.

The play is about spies, but if you're expecting James Bond, stay home! Very little action happens onstage. Not much more happens offstage. There are absolutely no gimmicks.

However, if you like cerebral suspense in the John LeCarre vein, run to the theater.

A man (Robert Strane), who is vouched for by Scotland Yard, comes into a perfectly normal British home and announces in a chillingly off-handed, self-deprecating manner that his unspecified agency needs their second-floor window to spy on their neighborhood.

The husband is a civil servant with a security clearance. He muddles through and pretty much accepts everything with a quiet aplomb. Charles Krohn is rapidly becoming one of my favorite actors. He does everything he can with this role.

quy" from *Carousel*. I wanted to hear him do the whole thing. Joe Bourgea has a clear comic spark, yet somehow he was able to keep me from thinking about Jerry Lewis when he sang "You'll Never Walk Alone."

Those were the stand-out performances. Director Chad Edwards is to be congratulated on presenting a very pleasant evening.

□ Notes

The eighth annual National Concert Band Performance started yesterday at the Ramada-Houston Hotel, 777 Polk. This is the first time this conference has been held in Houston. . . .

The 7th Annual Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts continues through Sunday in the Hobby Airport Hilton. The guests of honor are special effects wizard Ray Harryhausen, San Francisco author Brian W. Aldis, fantasy artist James Christensen, and literary critic Collin



(Left to right) Jennie Anderson as Julie Jackson; Holly Barron and James Belcher as Helen and Peter Kroger; Charles Krohn and Hill Tanner as Bob and Barbara Jackson, star in the Alley Theater's production of High Whitmore's "Pack of Lies"

The evening belongs to Jill Tanner as the wife. This is a strongly written (by Hugh Whitmore), strongly acted portrayal of a very weak woman.

All of the acting is so good that one can forget it's acting. Malcolm Morrison's direction and Michael A. Ryan's set (which favors seating sections one and two) let the audience feel like we are peeking into a neighbor's home as they peek into a neighbor's home as they . . .

Some *Enchanted Evening* (Actors Workshop) is absolutely the best show I've ever seen at this theater. The only really embarrassing moment is before the overture when the cast tries to tack a totally irrelevant, basically unnecessary plot onto this revue of Rodgers and Hammerstein music.

Sherry Engstrom has a sweet voice and a nearly-shy manner like a young Shirley Jones. Gretchen Sween is a perky brunette with some real ginger in her style. Stacey Young has a mellowness, beautifully suited to "Something Wonderful" from *The King and I*.

Joe Harper has a great way with a dramatic song. I felt a little cheated when he did a cut version of Billy Bigelow's "Solilo-

Manlove. The conference organizers can be contacted at the hotel, 645-3000, for more info. . . .

The HSPVA Jazz Festival starts this Wednesday. . . .

The loss of KLEF is a great blow to our city's cultural life. It will be sorely missed, not least by those whose job it is to attract more settlers by projecting a healthy city image. It is a great pity that instead of a good classical radio station and a good jazz station, we will now have one station trying to be both. Good luck, KUHF! . . .

Newton Wayland has been named the principal conductor of the Houston Pops for the 86-87 seasons. This fun-loving composer of the themes for the TV series "Nova" and "Zoom" has already programmed a piece for garden hoses and orchestra as well as his own arrangement of a kitty litter jingle. . . .

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Romanovsky and Phillips bring comedy and song to *Kindred Spirits* this Sunday, March 16

ral Arts Council of Houston, 527-9330, for info. . . .

Auds: 8-10 Glossy (which won first prize in Theater Rhinoceros' lesbian playwrights contest last year); cold readings: 3W (28-35); 3/22 & 23, 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.; The Group, 3221 Milam; Info: Joe Watts, 266-1000 or 522-2204. . . .

□ Celebrate! Erin Go Braugh!

As a true son of the auld sod, I need no other excuse all week—Saint Paddy's Day!

On the other hand, there are a few nifty birthdays, too. 14—Billy Crystal. 15—poet Ruth (Patchwork Majority) Simpson. 17—Rudolf Nureyev. 18—Edward Albee, whose *Everything in the Garden* is currently playing at Main Street Theater. 19—Sergei Diaghilev, the Rusky dance impresario. 20—novelist James (*Quatre-foi!*) Barr.

Enjoy!

□ Openings

Remember, ONO! means One Night Only!

New Mexico State University Wind Ensemble. (Ramada-Houston Hotel, 14, 3)—Freebies. ONO!

Academy of St. Martin in the Fields (Jones, 14)—their Houston debut. ONO!
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Part of the Milky Way (Country Playhouse, 14)—a family moves to the country, crossing paths with a band of traveling musicians. This Sam Havens play won the CP's Third Annual Playwright competition.

Milt McLeod (Firehouse Gallery, 14)—reads his own poetry. Open readings afterwards. Freebies. ONO!

Dragon's Custard (Company Onstage, 15)—a new Barbara Coyner comedy for children.

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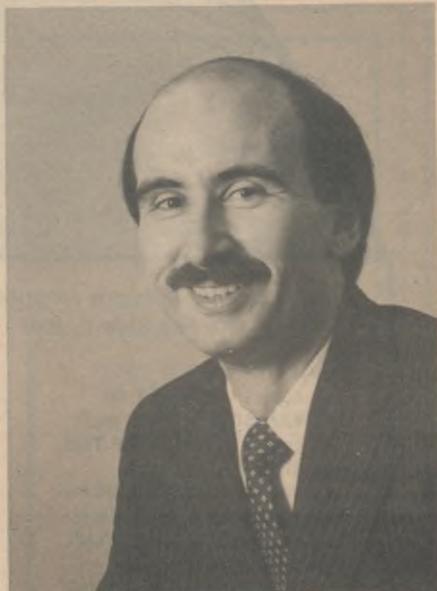
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By Houston City Councilman
 George Greanias

Ever had a problem with City Hall? Any city service? Perhaps you're just curious about some aspect of our city government or the services it is required to perform for its citizens (streets, police, garbage, health, utility regulation, or even the zoo). Councilman Greanias will answer your questions, address your concerns, or help you get around City Hall "red tape."

Write "Ask City Hall," c/o Montrose Voice, 408 Avondale, Houston, TX 77006

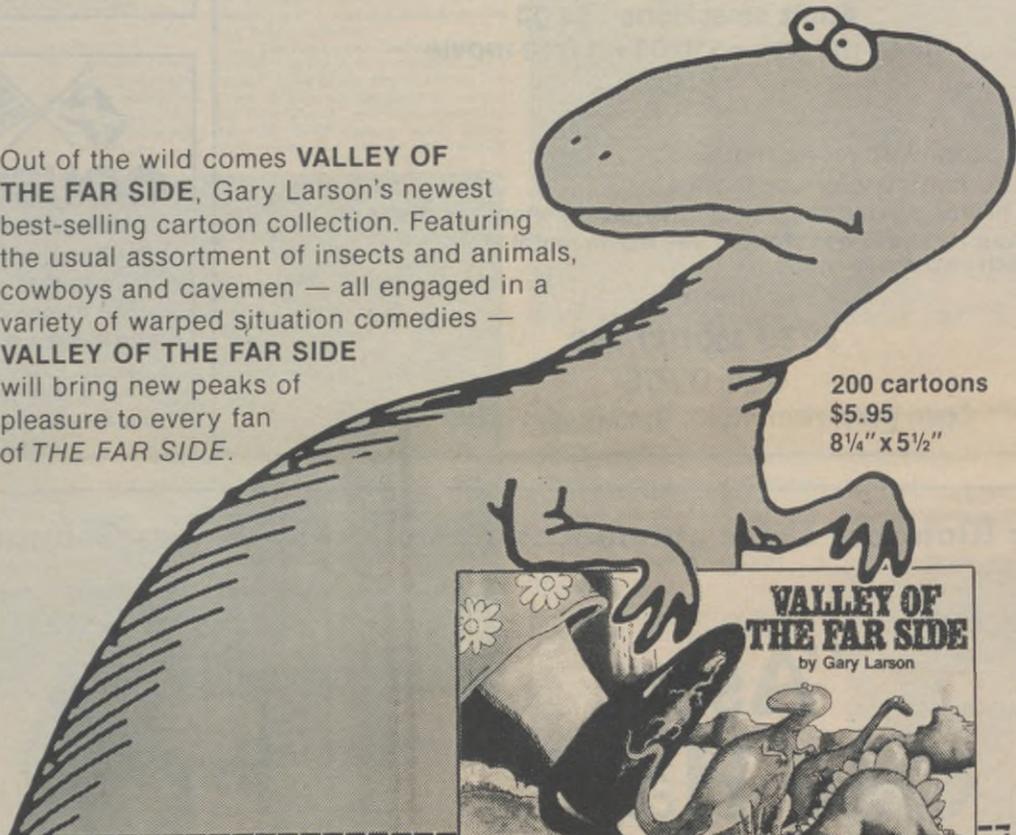


(Your question will be answered in the Montrose Voice. Confidentiality can be maintained if desired. On personal issues, Councilman Greanias will provide a personal answer.)

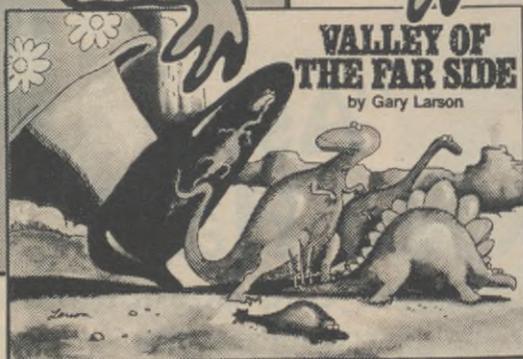
Starting in March in the Newspaper of Montrose

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Out of the wild comes **VALLEY OF THE FAR SIDE**, Gary Larson's newest best-selling cartoon collection. Featuring the usual assortment of insects and animals, cowboys and cavemen — all engaged in a variety of warped situation comedies — **VALLEY OF THE FAR SIDE** will bring new peaks of pleasure to every fan of *THE FAR SIDE*.



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Send to: **Valley of the Far Side**
c/o **Montrose Voice**
4400 Johnson Drive
Fairway, KS 66205

Please include \$1 for postage and handling per book ordered. Total amount enclosed _____
 Check Money Order Visa MasterCard

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Credit Card # _____

Signature as on credit card _____ Expir. Date _____

(If check, make payable to **Andrews, McMeel & Parker.**)
Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery.

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**HAPPY HOUR DAILY 12-7pm,
Double Drinks, 75¢ Beer**

	MONDAY Late Night Happy Hour 10-2	TUESDAY Domino's Pizza Party 8pm
SUNDAY St. Patrick's Day Party Dinner 5pm Green Beer and Green Drink Specials	WEDNESDAY Extended Happy Hour Noon 'til Midnight Dynasty Party	THURSDAY Pool Tournament \$4.00 Entry Winner Takes All

**FRIDAY SATURDAY
NO COVER!
PARTY!! PARTY!! PARTY!!**

HELP WANTED—ALL POSITIONS NEEDED (ask for Kim)

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11pm-8am

2 for 1
(3/20-3/31)

Open 24 Hours
as of March 20, 1986

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528-3851
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Houston, Texas

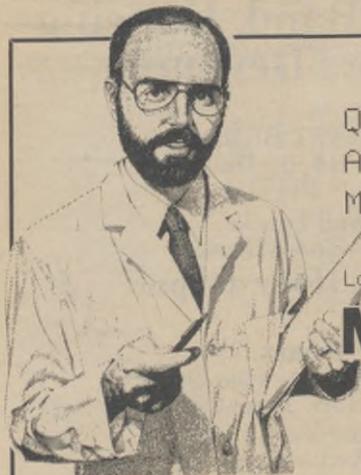
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24 Hours Daily

montrose VOICE

The Newspaper of Montrose
is now available
at all 9 Montrose-area

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Your Good Neighbor Store



Questions
About Health
Matters?

Look in the

Medicine Chest

Beginning April 4, the Medicine Chest debuts in the Montrose Voice. A service of the Montrose Clinic, the Medicine Chest will answer readers' questions about health, health care and maintenance.

Anonymous questions can be mailed to:

The Medicine Chest
c/o The Montrose Voice
408 Avondale
Houston, Texas 77006

GREEN

It's that Day
so
Wear It
Pub Prices
All Day Long
50¢ Draught
1.50 Well & Beer

RIPCORD

715 Fairview

521-2792

Montrose Soap

NRG Donates to KS/AIDS Foundation

By the staff of the Montrose Voice

Many items appear in Soap out of commercial consideration

From proceeds of the March 2 Evelyn Thomas concert at NRG, more than \$1200 was raised for the KS/AIDS Foundation of Houston. NRG's John Hanley, said, "the club was happy to help this organization and cause in their fundraising effort. We are interested in helping other community service organizations with their projects and programs."

Musica Femina, a duo consisting of Kristin Aspen, flutist, and Janna MasAsulan, classical guitarist, will be performing in concert this Sunday, March 16 at the First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The concert is sponsored by Womynspace. Tickets are \$8.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door. For info: 864-5628.

The Exile will hold a benefit show for Lisa Renee Barnes at 9:00 p.m. Sunday. Darling little Lisa needs a liver transplant.

Also at the Exile, manager Gary wonders why Michael always leaves his front teeth at home. Last Monday it seemed that Gary thought he was Carol Channing doing Hello Dolly!

What's a person to do before noon? The Bayou Landing has about the cheapest drinks in town if you're out at that time. 50¢ well drinks, 25¢ draft, \$1 bottle beer. (And there are dozens of other specials. See sexy Montana and the ad on the back cover.)

The Crew at JR's, starting March 22, will be holding a car wash on the third Saturday

of every month.

It's happy hour all day/ all night at JR's every Monday. Stop by for the (in)famous 3-in-1 specials. A spaghetti dinner from 9pm-midnight eases the late night hunger pangs. Also, margaritas for \$1.25 will ease the Wednesday "Hump Day" blues all day/ all night.

The Rock N Horse is having its Grand Opening this Saturday. Go see Narene and Kelly at 5731 Kirby.

This Sunday at The Ranch, it's a GLHU benefit for the 21.06 fight. Free Mexican buffet & live show, 6pm.

Mondays are now "Customer Appreciation Nights" at The 611 with happy hour all day, all night. This follows on the heels of their 2nd anniversary party last night... mobbed to the rafters.

The long-anticipated Venture-N Uniform Party is this coming Thursday. Dig out the old military gear and be there.

Unbelievable but true, Mary's is having its 2nd annual Smiling Irish Eyes Contest. It will be MC'd and judged by the newlyweds, Maria Polanski and Pickles Fingermore.

Don't forget those Sunday brunches at Cutters. 11 to 3. Get yourself all properly nourished before you start to hit the beer busts. You'll last longer that way.



ROCK "N" HORSE

Newest
Women's Bar
(Men Welcome Also)

GRAND OPENING
Saturday, March 15,
8pm-2am

Western Band, Dancing
& Hors'Devoures

DRAFT BEER
75¢ Happy Hour
\$1⁰⁰ Regular
Well Drinks
\$1⁵⁰ Happy Hour
Happy Hour 4-7pm

Hours:
Mon.-Thurs. 4pm-2am
Fri.-Sun. 1pm-2am
Narene Kee—owner
Kelly—mgr.
5731 Kirby
520-9910



Marion—
A void filled my heart when I heard you were gone
But lovely memories quickly filled the hole—
life goes on.



Aye, The
Wearing of
The Green



and "a drinkin" it too!

Monday—Saint Paddy's Day
2:00pm to closing

Green Draft Beer

Green Shot & Drink Specials

for only "a little of your green backs,"

I say ...

Irish Whiskey—Midori Melon—Cream de Mint
if it's green, it's on special

Featuring DeKay per "Fuzzy Leprechauns"

BRAZOS RIVER BOTTOM HOUSTON

2400 BRAZOS

(713) 528-9192

Montrose Classified

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LEGAL NOTICES

The Montrose Voice, a general circulation newspaper having, published continuously for 1 year or longer, is qualified to accept legal notices affecting the newspaper's circulation area of Montrose.

COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

EAGER BUSINESSMAN

seeking \$12,000 2-year loan to—standard print pre-established cleaning service in Montrose area. Options include current interest and/or partnership. For inquiries call 529-1336 and leave name and number with service.

CARS & BIKES

Need a car? Bad credit? Call Chuck, 529-3849

'86, BMW 325, Red, \$318 per month, Lee 975-1985.

'86 Honda Accord XLI, \$228 per month, Lee 975-1985.

'83 Volvo 240, \$8295, Lee 975-1985.

'84 Olds Cutlass, 20K miles, \$7895, Lee 975-1985.

'84 Chrysler Lazer, 16K miles, \$7250, Lee 975-1985.

MERIDIEN LEASING

Lee Borba, 975-1985

SEE OUR DISPLAY AD IN THE MONTROSE VOICE

DWELLINGS, ROOMMATES, HOUSES/APTS. FOR SALE, RENT, LEASE

Five acres—Conroe area. \$500 and take over payments. Martin 862-9516 evenings.

GWM seeks roommate, large 1 bdr. Summit area, 622-0370 or 621-6283.

DUPLEX

Large two bedroom, West Gray area, all appliances including washing machine and dryer. \$350/mo. plus bills. 526-4926.

MONTROSE DUPLEX

2-1, living, dining, breakfast, central/a/h, ceiling fans, hardwood. 664-4211.

MONTROSE DUPLEX

Large 2 bedroom, central a/h, washer/dryer connection, fireplace, miniblinds, hardwoods. Must see. 510 W. Saulnier. \$495/mo. 464-6197.

EAGER BUSINESSMAN

Seeking \$12,000 2-year loan to open established cleaning service in Montrose area. Options include current interest and/or partnership. For inquiries, call 529-1336 and leave name and number with service.

"Special" \$100 off rent. Montrose, low deposit, bus line, pool, well-maintained. Must see to appreciate. 524-9351.

MONTROSE APT./ POOL

Quiet adult-only building in the heart of Montrose. Free gas heat for winter, swimming pool for summer. Central A/C. GE appliances, mini-blinds and more. 1 BR at \$315, 2BR at \$375 plus security deposit & electric.

308 Stratford at Tall 523-6109

WOODLAND HEIGHTS

Clean 1 bedroom garage apt. \$250 868-3055.

Roommate to share 2-2 on Timmons Lane \$100 deposit, \$225/month. No pets or smokers. Serious calls only 850-0769. Evenings.

Burlington Apartments

GREAT LOCATION
Close to Downtown in Montrose Area.

Small Community, Adults Only, Nice Pool, Jacuzzi, Large Closets, Big Windows, Free Movie Channel, Well Maintained

1 and 2 Bdrms.
Effective Rent from \$249

3502 BURLINGTON
523-0249

DWELLINGS AND ROOMMATES

Non-smoking male to share Heights home, w/d, privacy, \$235, 1/2 utilities. 863-1510.

EXCELLENT LOCATION

\$180/mo. for efficiency apartment. Montrose/ lower Westheimer area 523-4483.

Roommate for 2 plus 2 apartment. Highway 6 at Beechnut. Washer/dryer included. \$175 plus 1/2 utilities. Male or female. 561-5665.

1920 WEST ALABAMA APTS.

1920 W. Alabama, 529-6798

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GREENWAY PLACE APTS.

3333 Cummins Lane. 623-2034

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Small quiet Montrose complex. New paint, new double door ice boxes. \$100 deposit. 1 bdr \$285 plus elec. Also available 2 bdr. 529-8178.

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Now Leasing
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Great location. Large beautiful swimming pool & Jacuzzi. Controlled entry security. Remote controlled garage entry. High efficiency AC & heating. Free cable TV.

One bedrooms from \$375 (\$150 deposit),
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Rent a chair in Houston's best salon. Be your own boss. Call or come by, 2431 Bissonnet. 520-9327

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Ticket office personnel sought full/part time. Excellent verbal skills required. Base plus commission. Call Ms. Knipp after 11am. 526-5323.

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Used beauty equipment for 1 persons shop. Hydraulic chair, 2 standing dryers, shampoo chair, reception chairs. \$500 complete. 951-0650 Joe message.

FOR YARD SALES

See ads under "Yard Sales" at the end of the Montrose Classified.

MODELS, ESCORTS, MASSEURS

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Full body massage. Hot oil—in or out. Bruce 822-0370.

SUMMER'S COMING! SWIMSUITS! How do you look in yours? That bad? Over-exercising to change that. Chances are you need a legitimate massage. Bill O'Rourke. 869-2298.

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Body work at its best.
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TOP TO BOTTOM

Relaxing and soothing deep muscle massage by bodybuilder. 568-2544.

PERSONALS

DOUBT YOUR LOVER?

Electronic bugs, listening devices. Kits, plans. Catalog \$2. Whisper Electronics, P.O. Box 270204, Houston 77277.

GWM, 6'6", 185, dark red/green, 38, everyday guy. Just see meek just your permanent lifemate GWM, 34 to 44, monogamous. Reply Blind Box 281-B c/o Voice.

GWM SEEKING INTELLIGENT LIFE

College student in Clear Lake area desires to meet someone with a future. I am 21, 6'4", 175 lbs., brown/brown. Looking for someone 20-30, possible student to professional. For honest relationship. Sorry no fats, femmes, or drug heads. Send letter, phone number and possible photo. Reply Blind box 281-F c/o Voice.

WANT TO BUY
Working Dark Tower game or other fun games. Must be working and with all parts. Maybe we can trade. 952-7650.

GWM, 45 years young, 5'9", 180 lbs., bwn/bwn, non-smoker drugs, honest, fun loving, caring, masculine, attractive. Enjoy theater, dining out, entertaining, and quiet times for two. Seeking financial secure, stable, like-minded male 20-40 for dating and possible relationship. Write, meet, and see what happens. Reply to Blind Box 281-E c/o Voice.

Masculine WM, 38, 5'11", 155, Fr A/P Gr A, wants masculine WM, 28-45, not overweight—maybe regular. John. 558-8912.

TRIM MY GUY
38, GWM, 5'8", 160, brown/brown, professional, attractive, outgoing. Enjoys film, music. Seeks masculine, sincere GWM over 30 for romance and possible relationship. Hispanic, engineer, or architect a plus. Reply with letter, photo and phone to Blind Box 281-S c/o Voice.

TALL TEXAS COWBOY
Handsome, intelligent, sincere. GWM, 23, 6'2", 195. Brown hair and mustache. Seeks a special friend(s) for dating and more. Prefer someone who enjoys G&W dancing, quiet times at home and has his act together. Looking for someone attractive, 22-35, dark hair, 5'10" plus. I am relationship oriented and not interested in one night stands or shallow people. Reply with letter, photo and phone. No reply without photo. Reply Blind Box 279-D c/o Voice or call 684-6911.

Pharmacist needed to meet for UH admissions recommendation requirement. Sincere applicant. Please call Robert S., 523-3751, 920-2631. Thank for leaving message.

GWM
would like to meet same. 165 lbs, white, well built, fun loving. Enjoys music, art and outdoor sports. Call between the hours of 5-9pm. Ask for Charlie 447-9171.

GWM, 5'10", 35, 155, brown/brown, masculine, professional, enjoys entertaining, travel, candlelit evenings, music and romance. But more importantly—sharing experiences. Please respond P.O. Box 37333 Houston, TX 77236.

FREE ACTION VIDEO
filmed by amateur photographer of you and your friend and lover. For info, send phone number to Occupant, P.O. Box 42445, Houston 77242.

WM with large porno collection would like to meet others interested in a magazine exchange. Let's trade the mags we're tired of or just share. Jim, Box 219219-268, Houston, TX 77218.

Researching possible story on Houstonian's planning to compete in the Gay Games Bill O'Rourke 869-2298.

Hairy men/ hairfans addict. Info \$200 Hair. 59 West 10th, NYC 10011

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GWM, STABLE, 36

A slim and horny bottom seeks non-smoking top thru 40s, who's thick, hung and horny for deep and satisfying anal sex, possible long-term relationship. Reply Blind Box 279-B c/o Voice.

GBF would like to meet a fish. Quiet, honest, sincere. 35-40. Reply Blind Box 279-L c/o Voice.

GWM, 35, 5'11", 155, br/hzl, professional, sincere. YES! Air, food and water exist outside the Loop! Anyone else live in West Houston and want to meet other(s) in Memorial area. Enjoy cooking movies, theater, talking and laughing. For fun, frolic, friendship and a safe romp in the hay, reply Blind Box 278-S c/o Voice.

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Safe sex is fun, erotic. Play safe, for your sake, for your partner's sake.

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HAVING A YARD SALE?
Announce it here... then stand back for the crowd. Call 529-8490 or visit the Voice at 408 Avondale to place your yard sale announcement.

Write Us!

Letters to the Editor
The Voice
408 Avondale
Houston, TX 77006

Please be concise. Thank you.

EYEBEAM

SEE THIS GUY COMING OUR WAY? WATCH OUT FOR HIM, EYEBEAM.

HE'S A FEROCIOUS LITIGATOR. WHEN HIS OPPONENT MAKES THE SLIGHTEST MOTION, HE FINDS HIS CASE RIPPED APART BY RAZOR-SHARP CLAUSES...

by Sam Hart

SOUNDS LIKE YEAH... HE'D YOU HOLD HIM JUST AS IN HIGH ESTEEM SOON SUE AS A RESPECTED YOU AS COLLEAGUE. LOOK AT YOU...

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1" \$29	2" \$39	3" \$49
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1" \$19	2" \$29	3" \$39

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FUTONS
For the REST of your life! Custom made, 100% cotton. 526-0911.

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Midtown Creations Unique Gifts and Services
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DR. C.E. FONTANIER
Diseases of the Colon & Rectum
★ Colonoscopy
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Medical & Surgical management
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WE DO IT ALL! Printing and developing, enlargements, jumbo prints, film, Kodak paper, 2615 Waugh Dr. 520-1010.

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SPEEDY PRINTING
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TIRES

529-1414
THE TIRE PLACE
ALL BRANDS
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3 Miles West of Montrose

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Complete travel arrangements. All services FREE. Open Monday through Friday 9am-5:30pm. 2029 Southwest Fwy., Houston, TX 77098. (713) 529-8464.

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TYPING

TYPING
Resumes
Tax Services,
Bookkeeping
Work Overloads
Tutoring,
I.B.M. compatible
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VIDEOSCOPE
2016 Montrose, 529-5544
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Singers • Dancers
Musicians • Actors • Etc.
Personalized Tapes
of Talents

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Your ad will appear here next week.
And then you will have NEW CUSTOMERS!

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7am-12 Noon
Well Drinks
50¢
Draft Beer
25¢
Bottle Beer \$1

Thursday Night

Beer Bust
8pm-2am
50¢

MONDAY

ST. PATRICK'S DAY
BEER
10¢
12 Noon to 12 Midnight

Bayou Landing
534 Westheimer — 526-7519

“98”

Hours

of Happy Hour Prices Every Week

Saturday & Sunday
3pm-6pm
\$1 Beer Bust



WEDNESDAY NIGHT

10:30

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featuring

“Montana”

Houston's Hottest Male Dancers 7 Nights a Week

Sunday Night

9pm til ...

Fantasy Follies

Veronica Lake
SINGING LIVE
PLUS

Miss Alabama
Mr. Tracy

Monday Night

50¢ Beer Bust
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plus \$1.50 Well Drinks

Saturday Night

Wet Jockey
Underwear
Contest
\$75 1st Prize
\$25 2nd Prize

Tuesday

Liquor Bust
\$4
8pm-2am
25¢ Draft Beer

Monday-Friday

5-8pm
Schnapps
75¢

SUNDAYS

12 Noon-3pm
Cape Cods
Screwdrivers
Bloody Marys
Schnapps
50¢

Thursday Night

AMATEUR NITE
‘Do Whatever You Do
BEST on Stage’
\$50 1st Prize

Friday Night

Amateur Male
Strip Tease
Contest
\$75 1st Prize
\$25 2nd Prize

