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Gay Club Owners Hold Emergency Meeting

Inhalants in the Bars

By Connie Woods

Montrose Voice Staff Reporter

Speaking to a large group called to an emergency meeting of the Houston Organization of Bar Owners, Capt. Michael Harris of the Harris County Precinct Six Constable's office and a member of the Governor's Task Force on Inhalant Abuse, addressed the question of the legality of selling and using inhalants.

The meeting, held Wednesday, was called at the request of Charles Armstrong, general manager of Heaven, J.R.'s and the Montrose Mining Company.

Armstrong explained to the group that undercover agents and undercover juveniles had visited several clubs last week to establish whether or not the clubs were complying with the law concerning inhalants which are sold at many of the clubs.

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Some Club Owners Cool to both MADD's Program and Another

The Politics of Taxis

By Connie Woods

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City Council Committee Rejects Health Card Idea

By Pete Diamond
Montrose Voice Staff Reporter

The three-member Houston City Council committee studying the proposal of re-instating health cards as a means of controlling the spread of AIDS and other communicable diseases, moved one step closer Monday to formally rejecting the plan.

Following testimony heard at a series of meetings on the issue from about 30 individuals, including local, state and national health officials and researchers, committee members have tentatively recommended to reject the proposed ordinance. City Councilman Jim Greenwood, who chairs the committee on Communicable/Infectious Disease Control, said all but one of the speakers felt the ordinance would not be effective.

If approved, the ordinance would have required food handlers, restaurant, grocery and convenience store employees, as well as teachers and day care workers, to be tested twice a year for exposure to several communicable diseases, and most

notably, the AIDS virus.

Opponents of the ordinance argued that AIDS is not spread casually and therefore a health card, which is only reliable for the date it is issued, would not be an effective method of controlling the spread of AIDS.

Following the review of speaker testimony, committee members met Monday after nearly one month. There, Greenwood offered several alternatives to the health card ordinance, among them extending the city's educational efforts concerning AIDS to the non-gay community, expanding education programs aimed at various food handling groups and continuing city-wide efforts to monitor public places such as bathhouses and adult bookstores where the possibility of anonymous sex encounters occurring—and the potential spread of AIDS—is likely. Greenwood said, if necessary, the city council may be forced to consider an ordinance that would close such establishments.

Committee members Eleanor Tinsley and John Goodner agreed with Greenwood that educational efforts directed

through the KS/AIDS Foundation and the city's Health and Human Services Department would be a more effective means of deterring the spread of AIDS than health cards.

The committee will vote on its final

recommendations following a public hearing which has been scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Feb. 27 at City Hall. Greenwood said it is unlikely the committee's recommendations will be altered by the hearing, however.

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From a Press Release

The Montrose Clinic, located at 803 Hawthorne, continues to be the alternate test site for the HTLV-III/ LAV-AIDS Antibody Test. However, the day on which the test is administered has changed. Henceforth, the test will be administered on Friday evenings only from 5:30 p.m. through 9:30 p.m.

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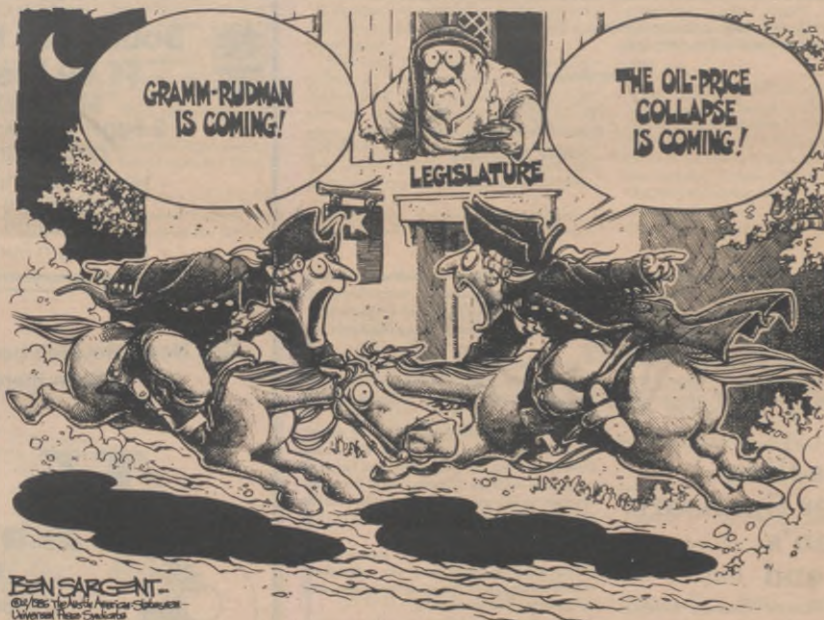
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Several residents of the Montrose area became alarmed this week when they received a letter informing them they had been exposed to someone who carries the AIDS virus.

The letter, which is stamped "Second Notice," tells recipients to "refrain from any intimate contact with anyone and

contact this office immediately." It is signed by "Dr. Ronnie Embrachney" of "The Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome Testing Center in the Medical Center."

According to Kenneth Vance, director of the Montrose Counseling Center, the letter contains several flagrant indications that it is bogus.

Neither the testing center nor a physician by that name are listed in the phone directory. Also, the post office box listed as a mailing address differs greatly from others used in the medical center area and the zip code is not correct for addresses in that vicinity.

Vance also noted errors in stenographical procedure including the signature which differs from the standard form used by medical professionals.

Vance sees the letter as either a scare tactic or a "bad joke." He theorizes that the prankster selected names from phone directories which restrict listing to certain parts of the city, i.e., Montrose, Heights, etc. He urges anyone receiving the letter to ignore it or report it to postal service officials.

□ Ways to Recognize Bogus AIDS Warning Letter

1. See if it's possible to telephone the name listed as the originator. If not, the letter is probably bogus.
2. It is standard for members of the medical profession to follow their names with the appropriate degree, never preceding.
3. Improper stenographical identification.

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Counseling Center Sponsors Women's Weekend

The Second Annual Women's Weekend '86, sponsored by the Montrose Counseling Center, will be held March 1-2 at the center at 900 Lovett Blvd.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Saturday followed by the keynote speaker at 9:00 a.m. Three sessions on Saturday and one session on Sunday will offer a selection of eight topics. The discussions will focus on issues, concerns, and identity for women.

Participating as group leaders are Karen Hanson, director of Women's Programs at the center; Joyce Gayles, psychologist; Nancy Harrington, vice president of communications, director of rape crisis program of the Houston Area Women's Center; Denise O'Dougherty, psychotherapist; and Carmen Zepeda, therapist.

The sessions will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday.

The cost of the two-day workshop is \$25 per person.

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America's New Culture Objects—The Homeless

By John Ross

Pacific News Service
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Are the homeless the nation's hottest new pop icons?

They have made the covers of all the major news weeklies this winter. Hollywood and network TV are cranking out docudramas about their plight, and the art world has even discovered them—as high fashion and rock 'n' roll.

Upcoming in May is "Hands Across America," a gigantic coast-to-coast hand-holding and pop music fest, chaired by Bill Cosby and Kenny Rogers to raise as much as \$100 million for the Homeless and the Hungry.

But the music community doesn't have a monopoly on altruism, thinks Bob Zmuba, who is behind Home Box Office's "Comic Relief," a comedy fundraiser for the homeless set to air this spring. Whoopi Goldberg and Billy Crystal will headline. Zmuba sees it as an antidote to "Compassion Fatigue Syndrome," coming after last year's entertainment fundraisers for hunger victims in Ethiopia, the anti-apartheid struggle in South Africa, and farmers in the U.S. Midwest.

Hollywood, too, has found something funny to say about the homeless. Disney Studios has released *Down and Out in Beverly Hills*, in which Nick Nolte plays a drifter who falls into the swimming pool of Bette Midler and Richard Dreyfus.

One key scene was shot at the Union Mission on Los Angeles' skid row. Director Paul Mazursky, with approval from the Screen Actors' Guild, paid the 800 homeless who sleep there \$20 a day plus "a \$10 meal," says the mission's community relations director.

Similarly, Los Angeles' homeless—the federal government calculates L.A. county to have the largest displaced population in



the country—have found work playing themselves in a pair of TV docudramas. "Stone Pillow" aired by CBS last November starred Lucille Ball as a bag lady, and "Samaritan—the Mitch Snyder Story" dramatizes that activist's struggle to obtain shelters in the nation's capitol.

After a recent week-long shoot in Washington, "Samaritan" producer Chuck Fries gave a catered party for homeless extras, who were served hors d'oeuvres by tuxedoed waiters. "Everyone connected with this production has been touched deep down," says Boots Lebaron, Fries' publicist. "This little casting gal just told me that for the first time in her career she feels like she's doing something important," says Lebaron with a throb in his voice.

Although such ventures are bound to make the homeless more visible, some observers are dubious about the message.

Esther Cohen is a New York editor who helped shape Anna-Marie Rousseau's book *Shopping Bag Ladies*, the first literary look at their lives. Cohen thinks the latest films won't be very realistic "because the problem of the homeless is so distressing that we have to keep them unreal in order to deal with them." Instead she predicts the media will soon move onto other causes, with Hollywood following right behind. She thinks, "It's depressing."

Meanwhile, a Santa Monica, Calif., firm decorated designer tee-shirts with images of bag ladies borrowed from Rousseau's volume, until homeless providers protested that the shirts were "tacky."

Tacky or no, *Glamour* magazine runs profiles of bag ladies and *Vogue* has touted "the Bag Lady look." Both Bloomington's and Tiffany's on New York's swank East Side have recently "done" their windows in bag lady motifs.

And art, by and about the homeless, is making its mark. On New York's new, chic Lower East Side, at art spots with names like Fashion Moda and Kamikaze, young artists have made the homeless their themes. The Storefront for Art and Architecture this December sponsored a project in which artists stenciled the word "Homeless" on sidewalks, buildings, and right next to "sleeping bums," says one participant.

Canvases by homeless women displayed at one Washington, D.C. shelter drew critics' praise. On the way to high-powered press conferences, White House press corps photographer Jim Hubbard has snapped pictures of the city's homeless outside government buildings, and recently he made a gallery exhibit of them.

Washington activist Snyder elicited a different kind of art criticism from the fed-

eral government in December. His group was not allowed to place under the National Christmas Tree a bronze statue of a black family huddled over grates. The U.S. Park Service deemed the piece "inappropriate for a Pageant of Peace," according to an agency spokesperson.

Are the homeless at risk of becoming culture objects? In a recent *East Village Eye* critique, art savant Lucy R. Lippard endorsed the theme because "good art can move the homeless closer to public vision."

She likes the work of Martin Wong, now selling canvases in the five figure range, who calls himself a member of "The Dumpster School." Wong paints the homeless because, "I'm a landscape painter and they have become part of the landscape."

In response to a New York art elite she sees as "very snapping and mocking," artist Mary Agnes Smith coordinated "The Soup Kitchen Project" in which artists not only hung their work in a Manhattan soup kitchen but worked there as well. "I don't feel a lot of social responsibility among artists today," rues Smith. She works with, but no longer paints, the homeless. "I'm doing breakdancers now."

Rachel Romero's interest in painting the homeless began when paying customers were in short supply. "I find people who are homeless live complicated lives that often involve artistic expression," she says.

The homeless themselves, however, may already be bored by the efforts of the arts to find resonance in their lives. Says Gregory, a young homeless man whom Romero has drawn with a dollar bill over his mouth ("Gregory With Dollar Bill"): "I'm not interested in art no more. I like to dance real smooth now—or go for long drives in the country."



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Some Club Owners Cool to Taxi Programs

By Connie Woods

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Controversy concerning the taxi service program peaked at the recent monthly meeting of the Houston Organization of Bar Owners (HOBO) held at the Venture-N.

Founders of the Safe Ride Home of Texas, Bill Killingsworth and Todd Phillips, spoke to the group about their new

program while pointing out some of the problems with the MADD programs.

Killingsworth, who once worked with MADD, told the club owners that money designated for the taxi program had been diverted to be used for MADD's lobbying efforts.

He and Phillips presented information about their program while pointing out alleged discrepancies within the MADD organization.

However, Marinelle Timmons, president of MADD, maintained that the taxi program was originally designed for safe transportation and a fundraiser for MADD. She told the group that no monies from the taxi service program had been used for lobbying efforts.

Many of the local club owners are satisfied with their own methods of handling patrons who have had too much to drink.

"We had rather pay the taxi fare than have our customers get killed or kill someone," Sandison explained when asked how he felt about taking care of intoxi-

cated customers leaving the club.

Marian Coleman, owner of Kindred Spirits, explained that she also had her own program for dealing with the situation. "For big events like New Year's Eve, I rent a van and provide a driver," she explained. She said that she provided rides for some 50 people New Year's Eve. "If someone gets drunk in my bar, I feel responsible for that person," she added. During normal nights she said that she will, indeed, call a taxi for a patron who cannot drive safely.

Coleman also pointed out that her bartenders and waitresses are trained to watch for people who have had too much to drink. "They cut them off and make sure they don't get another drink," she said.

Coleman also pointed out that her customers are good about protecting each other and are willing to provide rides home when someone should not be driving.

Other club owners, including Alan Pierce of the Brazos River Bottom and Ted Lenze of Chutes, said they are always willing to call a taxi for someone who does not

need to be driving and will even pay the cost of the taxi if the patron has no money.

Several of the club owners contacted said the \$500 price of the other programs seemed excessive and feared the money raised would be used against the club business through lobbying.

However, Charles Armstrong, general manager of Heaven, J.R.'s and the Montrose Mining Company, said he is pleased with the MADD taxi program.

"My sole purpose is the safety of my club patrons," Armstrong said. "I joined the service in October with the holiday season approaching because I knew there would be a lot of people celebrating. I was concerned for their safety," he added.

He said he has no complaints with the program. "It has certainly worked very well for me," he said.

UT Gives Go Ahead on AIDS Hospital

By Pete Diamond

Montrose Voice Staff Reporter

University of Texas regents, meeting in Houston Feb. 13, tentatively approved a plan to work with M.D. Anderson and American Medical International, Inc., to develop the nation's first hospital specializing in the treatment of AIDS patients.

The proposal calls for UT and M.D. Anderson to support and staff what is now Citizens General Hospital. If the plan is approved, AMI would begin conversion of the 150-bed facility and reopen it as the Southwest Institute of Immunological and Infectious Diseases as early as May.

Although still in the planning stages, the AIDS hospital has become a controversial subject. According to City Health Director James Houghton, phone calls and letters received from residents living near Citizens General have, for the most part, been against the proposed conversion.

Some people, believing AIDS is a "gay disease," oppose "anything to do with the gay community," Houghton says. Others are opposed because they do not want to lose the nearby, general-service care Citizens General provides.

The city has not taken a position on the conversion, but Houghton said that as an individual physician, he opposes an AIDS hospital in Houston.

"There's no question that good research is going to eventually benefit all patients with AIDS ... and I have no objection to the research" (that would be done at an AIDS hospital). But he adds the past 13 months have been turbulent ones in Houston, largely because of AIDS, the defeat of the job rights referendum and anti-gay election rhetoric last November.

Houghton believes it is "bad politics" for Houston to focus on AIDS by developing the country's first AIDS hospital. By creating a specialized hospital—something Houghton says has been disappearing from the medical scene for a long time—the hospital and every patient who walks through its doors becomes labeled. This, he adds, may cause a variety of problems, such as those faced by people who seek treatment for AIDS at the hospital and recover enough to return to work.

"It's all a worthy cause," Houghton says, "but there might be a better way to go about this. ... Maybe if it was in a different city it might work."

Houghton says an alternative to the AIDS hospital might be a special AIDS research center located at M.D. Anderson.

Nate Sebastian, executive director of the KS/AIDS Foundation, says he favors such an idea. However, he is reluctant to offer full support to an AIDS hospital.

"We want to support the concept, but we're waiting to hear more definite plans," Sebastian said. For example, he says AMI has been vague about the amount and extent of care they will offer to individuals who are unable to pay for medical treatment. "I'm afraid they'll put all this effort into (developing an AIDS hospital) and it will not be able to support itself."

Houghton also expressed concern that AMI, a profit-making business, may close the AIDS hospital if it fails to make a profit.

Richard D'Antoni, AMI group vice president, said AIDS patients will not be turned away if a profit is not made. He added the possibility would exist for expanding research within the hospital to include other diseases. He said the idea of an AIDS hospital is to offer patients with AIDS a facility that will focus on the research and treatment of AIDS and other immunological diseases.

"I think the prospect of establishing the first hospital of its kind in the country is very exciting," says Tom Lassiter, executive director of Citizens General. And, by drawing on the expertise of UT and M.D. Anderson researchers, he says "we can set up a first class research operation and hopefully find a cure to the problem of

AIDS."

Lassiter said that by having a number of AIDS patients in one location, researchers will be able to conduct substantial amounts of research in a more controlled environment. Physicians will also have the latest technology and treatments available to them, he added.

Despite these advantages, there are some individuals who fear the AIDS hospital will lead to an eventual quarantine of people with AIDS. While Houghton says this is not the intent of AMI, he does believe it is "an easy step from an AIDS hospital to a barbed wire fence around that hospital."

Lassiter said concern over an AIDS quarantine is reminiscent of the early days of cancer research and treatment. There are a lot of unwarranted fears about AIDS, he said, and education aimed at the general public and the medical community, together with further research proving that AIDS cannot be transmitted casually, will eventually prove that a quarantine is unnecessary.

UT regents are scheduled to meet again in April to discuss the hospital and vote whether to finalize clinical affiliations with AMI. UT would not provide funding for the facility, but instead support it by working with a foundation to obtain research grants. However, a medical director, chief of staff, consulting physicians and a house staff would be provided by UT.

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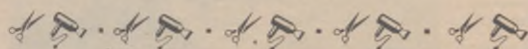
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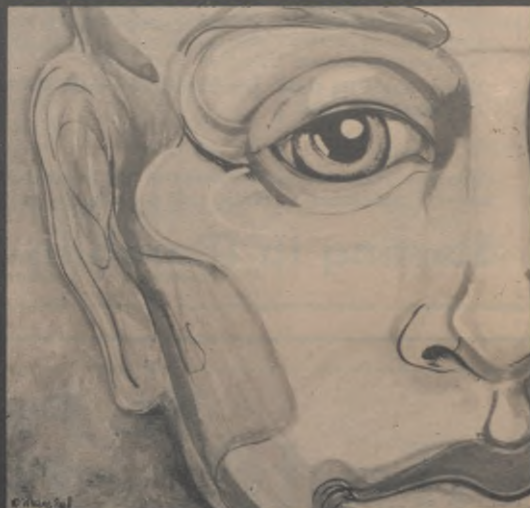
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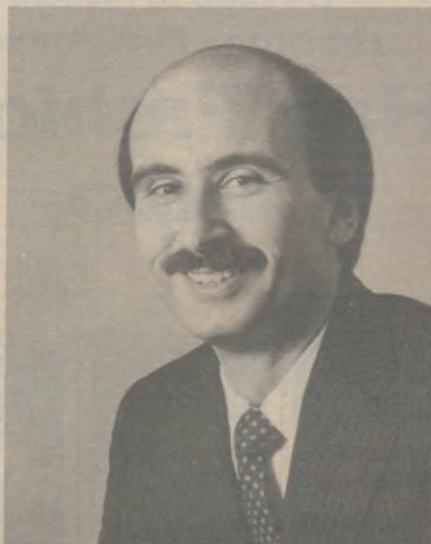
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Gay Club Owners Hold Emergency Meeting Inhalants in the Bars

By Connie Woods
Montrose Voice Staff Reporter

Speaking to a large group called to an emergency meeting of the Houston Organization of Bar Owners, Capt. Michael Harris of the Harris County Precinct Six Constable's office and a member of the Governor's Task Force on Inhalant Abuse, addressed the question of the legality of selling and using inhalants.

The meeting, held Wednesday, was called at the request of Charles Armstrong, general manager of Heaven, J.R.'s and the Montrose Mining Company.

Armstrong explained to the group that undercover agents and undercover juveniles had visited several clubs last week to establish whether or not the clubs were complying with the law concerning inhalants which are sold at many of the clubs.

The undercover agents represented the Harris County Precinct Six Constable's office and the task force.

Compliance with the state law passed by the 69th legislative session concerning inhalants meant meeting certain guidelines. However, the law passed by the 68th session stated it was illegal to sell certain products to juveniles.

Although the agents found no evidence of sales to juveniles, one customer was cited for "possession of a volatile substance with the intent to inhale."

Harris pointed out that the law had been on the books for six years and could not explain why the club owners had not heard of the restrictions before Wednesday. He did, however, say that the laws had been revised but the basic illegality of the use of inhalants and restricted sales had not changed.

Because his office is responsible for seeing that these laws are enforced, he said they came to Heaven for no other reason than to see that the club was operating in compliance with the law and the city ordinance.

The confusion with the law stems from the legality of selling volatile substances, which includes more than 20 chemicals, and the violation of inhaling or injecting the substances.

"It is legal," he said, "to sell the substances." However, he pointed out certain

restrictions and qualifications which must be met.

According to the law, it is illegal to sell inhalants to juveniles ages 17 and under. Secondly, the law requires proper signage at the point of sale including that juveniles cannot buy the products. The third point is that the substances must be contained in counter with lock and key and must be sold by only qualified persons.

He emphasized that using these volatile substances in a public place is illegal. "We are requesting your assistance," he told the group. "We are not trying to tell you how to run your club."

The penalty for violating the law is 180 days in county jail and/or \$1000 fine.

When one member of the group asked how the club owners were to enforce the law, Harris asked the members what they would do if someone in their bar was smoking a marijuana cigarette. The consensus was to ask them to leave. He likened the situation to any illegal substance found on a customer in a club.

Harris said the intent of his office is to stop inhalant abuse in Texas. He pointed out that 11 people died last year as a result of chemical inhalants.

Although the greatest concern of the inhaling or injecting of volatile substances lies with youngsters, Harris related the possibilities of heart problems or even a heart attack resulting from the use of the substances.

Citing some background on the use of chemical inhalants, he said that Houston has only had the problem for about 10 years while San Antonio has had the problem for 20 years.

When emphasizing the problems with juveniles buying the products, HOB0 president Alan Pierce pointed out that clubs in the area do not allow juveniles in the clubs. Everyone must produce proper identification before entering.

A club owner from Austin commented

that he did not like to sell the products but due to competition and demand he did sell them. Several members of the group pointed out that the responsibility should not be as much with the retailers as it should be with the manufacturers.

Harris recommended that the bar owners spend some time with their lobbyist and government representatives to have the laws changed if that is what they wanted.

He reassured the group that his task force was at the bars for no other reason than to see if the bars were complying with the laws. He said they are not a part of the Houston Police Department nor the Texas

Alcohol and Beverage Commission, nor any other law enforcement agency.

In addition, Harris offered the services of his office to help the club owners in any way he could including talking with their staffs about the problem. "If there is anything that we can do, feel free to call my office," he told the group.

One of the points that Armstrong and Harris made was that they all need to work together on this issue. Harris had earlier told the group his office had quite an extensive list of places to visit last week but with the recommendation from Armstrong to speak to the club owners he postponed the bigger effort.

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MCCR Holding Spiritual Renewal This Weekend

From a Press Release

The Rev. James Brock of Joy Metropolitan Community Church, Orlando, Fla., will continue the first Spiritual Renewal of 1986 at the Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection tonight at 7:15 p.m.

Rev. Brock, who was ordained a Baptist minister at the age of 18, will speak on "Acceptance." He will speak at the 10:45 a.m. Sunday service on "Affirmation," and on "Action" at 7:15 p.m. Sunday.

Rev. Elder John Gill of MCCR has termed the spiritual renewal a "special blessing" to all who attend.

A program of special music and a pot luck dinner will be held on Saturday in the church's fellowship hall at 7:30 p.m.

Rev. Gill invites all members of the community to share in the services. "We need time for worship, and time to remember the positive, reinforcing love God gives all of us," he said.

For more information about the Spiritual Renewal, call the church office at 861-9149. MCCR is located at 1919 Decatur.

In Memoriam

MAY VOLTELINE TALK

May Valentine Talk, 101, died Feb. 14, 1986 in DeWitt County.

She was the mother of Montrose real estate owner Arthur Talk. A funeral was held Sunday, Feb. 16, at St. Anne's Catholic Church, Nordheim, Texas. Burial was on the Talk Ranch.

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JAMES MANNING WELLS

James Manning Wells, attorney, died Feb. 18, 1986.

Survivors include three brothers, H.B. Wells of Conroe, W.H. Wells and E.M. Wells, both of Norange, Texas.

A funeral was held Thursday, Feb. 20 at Heights Funeral Chapel. Interment was in Madisonville City Cemetery, Madisonville, Texas.

"Thank you, Jim, for helping me grow up. Thank you for being there when no one else was. I'll remember and miss the fun and the laughter, as well as the debates and the tears."—Jim's friend, Ray Hill.

UNCLE JIM

Uncle Jim, clean-up man at several Montrose gay clubs in the 1970s and connoisseur of red wine, died recently at his mother's home in Alabama.

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New 'La Cage Aux Folles' Thin But Enjoyable

By Scott Cutsinger
Montrose Voice Film Critic

Those crazy queens Renato and Albin are back in a new *La Cage Aux Folles* romp, and they are a welcome sight indeed. The plot is thin and repetitive of the past features, but it's still a gay ol' time at the movies.

Sad to say, our other two films for this week are howling dogs. Goldie Hawn's *Wildcats* is a terrible football movie with a severe feminist twist. The other one is *Quicksilver*, a boring film for those who like to watch bicycle wheels spin. Kevin Bacon stars as a stock market whiz who becomes a bicycle messenger when he loses his hard-earned fortune. Need I say more?

□ *La Cage Aux Folles* III—The Wedding

Renato and Albin have become the cinema's most celebrated gay couple. Their first *La Cage* movie was one of the most popular foreign films in U.S. history, and received three Academy Award nominations. *La Cage II* was also an American and international hit, although it was not as artistically put together.

Now we have a third installment featuring the further adventures of the screeching transvestite and his patiently calm lover. Actually, *La Cage III* sort of reworks the situations of the other films into a thin new plot. We laugh at situations these two queens get themselves into, if only because they are familiar and fun.

This time, Albin (Michel Serrault) finds out that his aunt in England has left him a huge estate and inheritance. There's only one small hitch: Albin must marry and have a child in 18 months or the whole works go to his cousin. Naturally, the poor man is thrown into a complete state of shock at the thought of marriage.

The rest of the film is an attempt to get poor, effeminate Albin (or Zaza, as he is called at the club) to find an appropriate wife. Of course, this is the chance for him to try to act straight and dress more normal than usual. Renato also tries to help by acting like he's turned "straight," but this only throws Albin into a tizzy.

The movie sort of moves along on its own momentum, held aloft by the comic genius of Michel Serrault and his outrageous costumes and facial expressions. One episode involving a "Queen Bee" production number is well worth the price of admission. Another episode involving makeup at an airport baggage check is also priceless.

The main problem with *La Cage III* is that, like any sequel, it breeds familiarity. We laugh at Albin and his antics because he's funny, but also because he did similar things in other films that were funny also. However, unlike the first two films, the story here is often too uneven and choppy to sustain the unique comedy style.

Five writers worked on the script, and it's definitely a case of too many cooks spoiling the broth. It's like one writer said "Let's have the guys do this," and then another writer said, "Wouldn't it be great to have them do something like in the last movie?" Unfortunately, everyone must have submitted their ideas separately and then they pieced together a script.

La Cage III is a must see for fans of Renato and Albin, but it's not nearly as memorable as the other two. Benny Luke is still adorable as the black maid, and Michel Galabru is still manic as the public morals chief. All the characters are great and do their best to make us laugh.

In the end, we pretty well get what we expected with *La Cage III*—light entertainment about gays which hardly has anything to offend even the most prudish viewer. It's amazing that a subtitled film about two middle-aged gay lovers ever became so popular. It's even more amazing that after three films, Renato and Albin are still endearing, and still very faithful to each other. We should be so lucky.



Faced with the prospect of gaining a fortune provided he marries and fathers a child within 18 months, Albin (Michel Serrault) devises a surprising solution with the help of Renato (Ugo Tognazzi) in "*La Cage Aux Folles 3*"



Goldie Hawn in "*Wildcats*"—a dog of a movie

□ *Wildcats*

I'm sorry, but this week I really have to dig into Goldie Hawn for her terrible new film *Wildcats*. The movie is a weak excuse for Goldie's production company to make a redundant feminist statement, and it's a pitiful effort at best.

We know from scene one that all the men in this film are going to be buffoons and infringe on Goldie's womanly rights. She will have to stand up to these men in order to become what she wants to be—a football coach. No one is going to stop her, even if she becomes the butt of a joke for her efforts. (It just makes her character

more pathetic.)

Are we supposed to cheer for Goldie's character Molly as she takes on an almost totally black, inner-city team with one win their previous year (a forfeit)? Should we laugh at her valiant attempts to whip a bunch of loud-mouthed high schoolers (all who look over 25) into a decent team? Actually, you begin to get sort of irritated at this predictable concoction that is unfunny and headed toward the usual "showdown game" ending.

I realize that women have often been given the short end of the stick in films, but it is ridiculous and pointless to turn around and make all the men in a film stupid imbeciles. Molly's husband (James Keach) is a nerd who wants to get custody of the kids, but resorts to low means to get them from her. There is also Molly's lawyer, a dimwit who promises that they won't be taken away, and then loses the case in court.

A grouchy coach from her old school (where she taught girls track) tries his best to make her look foolish. He becomes the villain of the film, although Molly manages to show him up later in the movie. First she humiliates him on the racquetball court, and later she beats him in the big game (oops, I guess I gave away the surprise ending.)

The meat of the film should lie with the guys on the football team, but we really don't get to know any of them very well. We recognize them best by their obvious traits—fat, loud mouth, stupid, or other "undesirable" features. I guess we have to believe that Molly loves these guys so much because it's a challenge to womanhood and the spirit of the game of football.

Special note must be made of Swoosie Kurtz (as Molly's friend) and Nipsey Russell as the school principal. Both add a touch of class that is badly needed in this film. As for Goldie, she is cute as always but basically she is repeating herself in the role. This was a weak vehicle to use for her soap box feminism, and her fans may treat this like her last few efforts (*Protocol*

Films

and *Swing Shift*). Not that she should be a dizzy blonde again, but a woman who is modern without being a turn-off would be much more appealing.

Director Michael Ritchie (*Bad News Bears*) is also way below par this time around. He knows how to direct sports films (see *Downhill Racer* and *Semi-Tough*), but this effort seems to have too much Goldie dabbling in it. Where ever the problem lies, *Wildcats* is a flat disappointment and should be avoided.



Kevin Bacon only spins his wheels in "Quicksilver"

□ Quicksilver

This is one of those films that I would have walked out of if I hadn't been reviewing it. This is the year's first big turkey, and it's a major gobble for Columbia Pictures.

The film's only tiny, redeeming aspect is Kevin Bacon as Jack Casey. With a fakey mustache and business-like glasses, Jack is a sure-fire stock market genius who has done rather well. That is, until he blows all his millions (including his parents' savings) on a risky venture.

Throwing in the towel (and the mustache and glasses), Jack becomes a bicycle delivery boy. Yes folks, it's riches to rags just so Jack can prove that he can survive out in the world and be responsible again. Again and again we see feeble reminiscences of *Flashdance* and *Footloose* as he "rebuilds his life and allows himself to care for others (according to my press material).

Although Jack is broke, he manages to keep his huge, open space apartment (similar to the one in *Flashdance*), which gives him the chance to ride his bike indoors to pop music. It's pretty boring to watch him 10-speed around the room, especially with his uppity girlfriend doing ballet twirls around him. Talk about art!

The hairsbreadth of a plot is so mercifully slow that we snap to attention at silly little things like a bicycle race or kids doing cute but dangerous bicycle tricks. We get awfully tired of hearing the whiz of bikes going down the street, and there is no great exhilaration here like there was in the other bike film *Breaking Away*. Even the nowhere romance is a tired one between Jack and another biker named Terri (Jamie Gertz). In true adolescent movie tradition, these two prowl and leer at each other through the whole film and then fall madly in love near the end.

If it's possible, this movie is worse than *Flashdance*. There are no memorable tunes to hum, no nicely coordinated sequences, or even pretty photography to entice us. Only Kevin Bacon manages to keep himself above it all, giving a pleasantly appealing performance. It's just amazing that he would take on something so similar to his last film (*Footloose*) and not realize how inferior it is.

Quicksilver is one of those films that looks fast and nifty in the television commercials, but don't be fooled.

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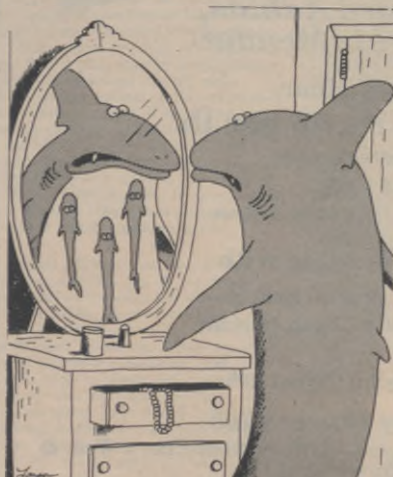
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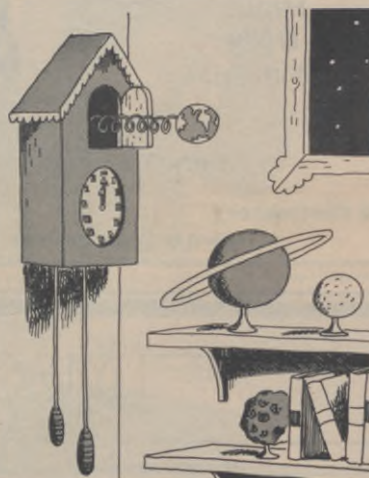
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By Mark Orion

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By Bill O'Rourke

Montrose Voice Theater Critic

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (Stages, daytimes) celebrates the Bible story more than it actually tells it. It could really confuse or mislead anyone who hasn't read the book.

Every once in a while the wonderful Rice/Weber score turns ethnic for no other apparent reason than just for comic relief. Joseph's brothers tell their father of their brother's "death" in a rousing country and western number complete with cowboy hats and a cactus. Later they lament their inability to make it through the famine in a charming little French cabaret number complete with berets and the Eiffel Tower. All of this is good fun but questionable story telling.

Joseph's reaction to Potiphar's wife raises a worse problem, especially since the producer is aiming this show primarily at children. I believe that in the original, Joseph is busy resisting her advances when Potiphar surprises them and misconstrues what he sees. In this staging by director Harry Silverstein, Jr., it is implied that he catches them *en flagrante delicto*. Well, a child past a certain age has almost indubitably seen that implied more explicitly on television.

Our children, at least those with whom I attended this show, are more morally inclined than one sometimes fears. Joseph was thrown into jail and immediately launched into a long ballad saying a true believer is never alone. He always has God at his side. The kids weren't buying a bit of it. Their tiny shuffling feet and noisy coughs seemed to shout, "Repent, sinner, before ye buddy-up with God."

The character of Joseph was another problem all the way through the piece. He starts out insufferably conceited. One can sympathize with his brothers when they get rid of him. Through all his trials and tribulations, all his fear and sorrow, he acquires a little charm but not really any humility. Again, this flaw was in the writing as much as or more than in the performance by Jeffrey Gimble.

The production values are quite high. The music is excellent. Those of you interested in seeing Rice and Weber's first big hit certainly won't be disappointed. Do me a favor, though. Don't take any child under 8 (at least) to see this, and make sure any older child you take has been told the story first.

Notes

Daniel Marcus is doing an absolutely marvelous job as Nicely-Nicely in *TUTS* mounting of *Gays and Dolls*. He had to step in on very short notice when Jack Harold bowed out due to artistic differences.

Jim Harwood has had to go into the hospital. His role, Arvide, is being covered by Iggy Wolfington, who sang "Shipoo!" in the original Broadway cast of *The Music Man*.

Only a ban on reviewing shows in which I perform restrains me from telling you more about this stunning, must-see production.

The Alley's first-ever tour of Texas begins this evening. They're taking *The Miss Firecracker Contest* to the hinterlands to help celebrate the Sesquicentennial.

NYC is catching up with Houston, again. For their production of *Big River*, a dentist provided a number of actors with dental inserts to help change their appearances. One gets buck teeth, one gets a hare lip, etc. Locally, Dr. Ben Pearson has often given Paul Polk the same kind of help. In fact, in *Balm in Gilead*, you can see Paul with a gold tooth.

The stage version of *The Kiss of the Spider Woman* has been a real hit in London. Now there's talk that William Hurt and Raul Julia might reprise their movie roles on stage on B'way.

Anne Bancroft will star in the movie version of *84 Charing Cross Road*.



Jeff Baldwin (left) as Reuben and Sam Whiting as Levi in Stages production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"

Remember that good Chocolate Bayou production a few seasons back? I sure hope they get enough money to start building their new theater soon!

The Museum of Fine Arts is showing off the art works purchased over the past five years by The Museum Collectors, a support group founded in 1980. This exhibition will close March 30.

The Society for the Performing Arts is celebrating its 20th year. Right now, they're looking for a poster representing their more than 500 performances by widely varied musicians and dancers. Get your design and your entry fee in by March 17 and you might win the \$500 purchase prize. Info: David Wayne, 227-1111.

Houston Community College will be offering a two-day workshop on "How to Write and Sell Your Screenplay," March 1 and 2. Hollywood staff producer and story editor Michael Hauge will be the instructor.

The enrollment deadline is Feb. 25.

The Houston Festival is looking for volunteers to assist behind the scenes with either their regular stages (521-0993) or with New Music America (521-9036). April 3-13.

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Womynspace Grows as New Goals are Attained

By Connie Woods
Montrose Voice Staff Reporter

Last year the idea of a guesthouse for women developed into a meeting place, a monthly calendar and a house for women's gatherings.

"We started thinking about a guesthouse and restaurant. Anita (Davidson), Lynda (Jones) and I expressed an interest in having a place for women to go," said Margo Shelton, a member of the Collective of Womynspace.

Womynspace, a non-profit organization designed for and about women, continues to grow since the initial meeting in February last year. The leadership of the organization is called the Collective.

From the initial conception, Womynspace developed a list of priorities. "We wanted a healing, gathering space for women to provide a forum for all of us to come together to educate ourselves about various subjects," Shelton said.

"We also wanted a place where women artists would share their talents with other women including art exhibits, storytelling and singing," she continued.

Through their efforts they developed an intensive monthly calendar of events for women. "Anita is in charge of the calendar," Shelton explained. "It was first a newsletter than a weekly calendar from the Unitarian Church, compiling all events and networking," Davidson added.

In addition to the birth of the monthly calendar in May, 1985, the Collective held its first fundraiser in May. Since then Womynspace has sponsored several fundraisers including dances and the Sunday coffeehouse buffet.

Womynspace now has a permanent facility at 2033 Norfolk where women's groups can gather for seminars, classes and special events. Such groups include a women's only Alcoholics Anonymous group, a support group for incest and child molestation survivors, Al-Anon, an eating disorders support group and Tai Chi classes.

Avondale Association to Plant Trees

From a Press Release

This Sunday, Feb. 22, the Avondale Association will plant a dozen large trees in the Avondale area. The 12 trees are crepe myrtles, magnolias, and live oaks between 12 and 18 feet tall. They are the association's sesquicentennial gift to the neighborhood and will be decorated with red, white and blue ribbons appropriate to the sesquicentennial spirit.

The trees are being planted in selected locations to replace large trees lost to Hurricane Alicia or the past harsh winters.

The association serves the neighborhood bounded by Bagby, Westheimer, Montrose, and Tuam. The association hopes the planting of the trees will become an annual event as an example of the commitment and dedication that Montrose residents have to the preservation and beautification of their neighborhood.

The tree planting will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Marie Crider, 2916 Helena. Crider, who is in her mid-seventies, is a lifelong resident of the Montrose area.

For more information concerning the tree planting or the Avondale Association, call Sharon Hope Weintraub at 863-2479 or Stan Steele at 522-1683.

Last year Heidi McMunn conducted an auto mechanics seminar for women and plans to hold another this year.

Womynspace also raises money through the sale of advertising in the monthly calendar as well as renting the rooms in the house to groups for meetings and seminars.

In March, Womynspace is bringing "Musical Femina," a musical presentation featuring Kristan Aspen, flute, and Janna MacAuslan, classical guitar.

According to Shelton, the space provided by the organization is "chemical free." Alcohol, drugs and smoking are prohibited at the house as well as the dances.

Reflecting on the year's efforts, Shelton said, "Each of us brought our dreams along with a survey from other women so they can also realize their dreams."

While Womynspace is currently operated by consensus of the nine-member Collective, each expressed an interest to hold open meetings to include the 86 members.

Davidson describe Womynspace as a "safe, empowering place" for women to come together. "Though validation here, we feel more comfortable when we go out in the world again," she explained.

Another Collective member added, "We come to Womynspace to renew ourselves, a resting place. We don't fight, although we do have our disagreements at times. We certainly have a strengthening here."

The organization encourages other women to join and volunteer their time toward the necessary work to be done.

"It is not only an alternative to the bars, it's also educational. It provides for a jelling of the women's community, and this space for us is growing," Shelton added.

The Collective is planning more activities for this year. They would like to organize such events as camping, bicycling, and trips.

Other goals of the group include some remodeling to the house so that it is handicapped accessible and meets the fire codes so that the second story can be used for meeting rooms, art exhibits, or even, possibly, a women's bookstore.

Womynspace welcomes calendar listings from any women's organizations, groups or seminars. To place a listing write Womynspace Editor, 413 Archer, Houston 77009. For information about the organization, contact Margo Shelton at 869-6510.

Switchboard Announces Training Sessions

From a Press Release

The Gay and Lesbian Switchboard of Houston (GLSH) will hold a training session for new volunteers the first two weekends in March.

The time and date of the training sessions, which begin Friday, February 28 from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. will be from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 1 and 2 and the following Saturday and Sunday, March 8 and 9.

GLSH provides extensive training and information for volunteers who wish to work with the switchboard. Volunteers must make a firm commitment for the two weekends as well as three hours per week staffing the telephones.

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Dr. Didato's Personality Quiz

Getting to Know You

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

The goal of a personality quiz is to bring a ray of self-insight to readers of this column. But no matter how well-written and researched our topic is, your score won't really get to the truth of who you are unless the test is accurately answered.

Before reading the explanation, answer each item ahead *true or false honestly and objectively*. They are statements concerning personal attitudes and habits of behavior and their goal is to help you toward better self-understanding.

Don't dwell too long on any one statement, but give the first answer that springs to mind, then read on for explanations.

—1. I would never deliberately hurt someone's feelings.

—2. At times, I have been envious of someone's good fortune.

—3. If I'm ignorant about something, I would admit it.

—4. Sometimes I've tried to get even with someone instead of turning the other cheek.

—5. I can clearly recall times when I took advantage of someone.

—6. If I could sneak into a movie without being caught, I probably would do it.

—7. My table manners at home are about the same as when I eat at a restaurant.

—8. I've never intensely disliked someone.

—9. I treat all people with courtesy even if



they are obnoxious.

—10. There have been times when I insisted on winning my point.

□ Explanation

Our quiz measures a human tendency to present ourselves to others as attractive, adequate and wholesome. The introduction to the quiz isn't specific about its goal. Reason—had we clued you in to our topic, it very likely would have biased your responses.

Self-report tests like this one, which rely upon self-insight, ask that one look back in his/her life to answer each statement. They always run the risk that the answers might be distorted through faulty memory, distorted recall or just plain fudging. "Faking good," intentionally or unwittingly, is the goal of some test takers. But answers slanted in the direction of social desirability can seriously distort a test's validity.

Since personality tests began, over 75 years ago, this problem has plagued test experts. By around 1950, largely through the efforts of Dr. Allen F. Edwards of the University of Washington, more sophisticated tests containing distortion scores have been devised to spot those who indulge in excessive self-flattery.

Such scores are based on probabilities. This means that chances are highly improbable that all items (like those here) would be answered true by any one person. Take item 9, for example. It would be a rare individual who treated everyone with courtesy no matter how revolting or obnoxious that person might be.

□ Scoring

Key: 1-T; 2-F; 3-T; 4-F; 5-F; 6-F; 7-T; 8-T; 9-T; 10-F.

Give yourself one point for each correct answer. Consider scores of three to seven average. The higher you score, the more you tend to present yourself (on tests, at least) as socially desirable. Do you seek the approval of others too much?

Scores of less than five depict a person who wants to be seen as different and non-conforming, or (at an extreme, if your score is one or two) as being a social rebel. Either high or low scores on the quiz are undesirable and indicate that you could use more self-insight into how you come across to others.

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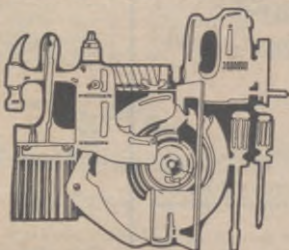
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□ MSA Holds Chili Cookoff

Nick Escobedo, director of the Montrose Sports Association, spoons up some chili at the organization's chili cookoff held last Sunday at E/Js (Connie Woods photo)

Powers Defeats Bearden in Houtex Tennis Action

Pat Powers avenged a recent loss to Steve Bearden and moved into the No. 4 position on the top ten ladder of the Houtex Tennis Club last Sunday. Powers defeated Bearden 7-5, 4-6, 6-4. This is Powers' highest ranking since joining the challenge ladder.

In other matches, Eugene Brown defended against Thomas Cortez 6-0, 6-0. Eddie Chavez surprised Tiny Tim 7-6, 4-6, 6-0 to win the No. 8 position on the top ten ladder. In another three set match, Rick Massey defeated Bill Santaiti 7-5, 6-7, 6-1. Randy Miller defeated Gabe Herpin 6-2, 6-1.

Houtex Tennis meets on Sundays from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Homer Ford Tennis Center. Upcoming activities include a Spring Singles Tennis Tournament and the annual Texas Cup competition with the Oak Lawn Tennis Club of Dallas in June. For more information, call David at 926-7171.

Ranch Hands Move Up in Pool League Play

The Ranch Hands downed Division A leaders, Four 611, to move within one match of the top spot in that division after the 11th week of play in the MSA Billiards League.

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SELECTED EVENTS THROUGH 7 DAYS

CONTINUING ALL WEEK:

Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo opens, Astrodom complex, Feb. 15-Mar. 2

TUESDAY: Frontrunners run from Memorial Park Tennis Center

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY: Baytown Lambda meets 7:30pm Feb. 21

SATURDAY: Dignity mass and social, 7:30pm, 3217 Fannin

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

SUNDAY: Frontrunners run from Memorial Park Tennis Center

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

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

SUNDAY & IN 1 WEEK: Montrose Country Cloggers "Westward Ho. Set?" 7:30pm Feb. 23, BRB, and 7pm Mar. 2, Kindred Spirits

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

MONDAY: Integrity meets 7:30pm Feb. 24, Autry House, 6265 Main

MONDAY: KS/AIDS Foundation & Montrose Counseling Center AIDS Risk Reduction (Safe Sex) Workshops,

8pm Feb. 24

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

DAY: Lutherans Concerned meets Feb. 25, Grace Lutheran Church, 2515 Waugh

TUESDAY: Houston Area Gay & Lesbian Engineers & Scientists meet 7pm Feb. 25

TUESDAY: Montrose Civic Club (Neartown) meets 7pm Feb. 25, 1413 Westheimer

WEDNESDAY: Greater Montrose Business Guild general meeting 7pm Feb. 26, Backstreet Restaurant, 1103 S. Shepherd

WEDNESDAY: MSA Pool League competition

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

THURSDAY: Frontrunners run from Memorial Park Tennis Center

THURSDAY: "Wild in the Stein" gay radio show 7:30-9pm on KPFT Radio, FM-90

THURSDAY: Cleis, Lesbian Mothers Group, open meeting Feb. 27, Dignity Ctr.

THURSDAY: Mixed Bowling League, 8:45pm, Stadium Bowl, 8200 Braesmain

SELECTED EVENTS IN FUTURE WEEKS

IN 1 WEEK: IGBO-affiliated Spring Break Invitational, Ft. Lauderdale, Feb. 28-Mar. 2

IN 1 WEEK: Montrose Country Cloggers "Clogging At It's Best" 10:45pm Feb. 28, 9:30pm Mar. 1, 8pm Mar. 5, Bern

IN 1 WEEK: Houston Gay Health Advocates meet 7:30pm Mar. 1

IN 1 WEEK: Texas Gay Rodeo Assn., Houston chapter, meets 2pm Mar. 2, Bacchus, 523 Lovett

IN 1 WEEK: Gay Political Caucus meets 3217 Fannin, 7:30pm Mar. 5

IN 2 WEEKS: Houston North Professionals meets 7:30pm, Mar. 8

IN 2 WEEKS: Montrose Art Alliance meets Mar. 10

IN 2 WEEKS: Gay & Lesbian Hispanics Unidos meet 7pm Dignity Center, 3217 Fannin, Mar. 10

IN 2 WEEKS: Citizens for Human Equality meets 7:30pm Mar. 11, 2414 Greets

IN 2 WEEKS: Houston Data Professionals meets 7:30pm Mar. 11

IN 2 WEEKS: Houston Bar Owners Assn. meets 2pm Mar. 12

IN 2 WEEKS: Neartown Business Alliance meets 7pm Mar. 12, Liberty Bank, 1001 Westheimer

IN 2 WEEKS: National Lesbian and Gay Health Foundation presents 7th National/Lesbian Gay Health Conference and 4th National AIDS Forum, "Moving Lesbian and Gay Health Care into the Mainstream," Mar. 13-14, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

WEDNESDAY: Greater Montrose Business Guild board meeting Mar. 13

IN 2 WEEKS: Cleis, Lesbian Mothers Group, closed meeting Mar. 13

IN 2 WEEKS: Avondale Association meets 7:30pm Mar. 13, Christian Women's Center, 330 Pacific

IN 3 WEEKS: Parents FLAG meets 2pm, Mar. 16, Presbyterian Center, 41 Oakdale

IN 3 WEEKS: St. Patrick's Day, Mar. 17

IN 4 WEEKS: IGBO-affiliated Dixie Invitational, Atlanta, Mar. 27-30

IN 5 WEEKS: IGBO-affiliated MAX.I.T., Kansas City, Mar. 29-31

IN ABOUT 7 WEEKS: 11th annual Southeastern Conference for Lesbians and Gay Men, spring 1986, New Orleans

IN ABOUT 16 WEEKS: Oak Lawn Tennis Assoc. hosts Texas Cup Challenge, Dallas, competing with Houston Tennis Club, June

IN 18 WEEKS: 17th anniversary of Stonewall Riots, New York, June 28

WEDNESDAY: Greater Montrose Business Guild business building workshop and trade fair

IN 23 WEEKS: U.S. Olympic Festival opens, Houston, July 25-Aug. 3

IN 24 WEEKS: Gay Games II, "Triumph in '86," Aug. 9-17, 1986, San Francisco

IN 25 WEEKS: 4th anniversary of federal ruling against Texas' "homosexual conduct law," Aug. 17, 1982

IN 27 WEEKS: Women's Softball '86 World Series, New Haven, Conn., Labor Day weekend

IN 37 WEEKS: 150th birthday of City of Houston, Aug. 30

IN 72 WEEKS: Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches & Dignity International simultaneous international conferences July 19-26, 1987, Miami/ Ft. Lauderdale

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Montrose Soap

Only the Strong Survive!

By the staff of the Montrose Voice

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Let there be a fitting salute to all those who survived last weekend in Montrose. Let Us Entertain You Weekend was, once again, a roaring success. The sponsors and participating clubs deserve a special thank you from locals as well as out-of-towners for a great three-day party.

Red eyes glistened in the sun come Sunday morning when all the revelers from Mardi Gras Finale attempted to focus on a new day. The sponsors of that extravaganza also outdid themselves. The purple and gold will rest quietly in the closet until next year when we do it all over again.

"The Brazos Side Pocket" quiet bar is open at the BRB with Richard Smith serving.

Somebody please help out George at Montrose Auto Repair. His dog just made him the proud owner of eight more. They really are cute puppies, but he just can't handle that many dogs. Stop by at 2716 Taft and fall in love.

The The Colt 45's recently elected new officers. They are Darrell Butler, president; Man-nie DeLeon, vice president; Wayne Nazat, secretary, and George Weber, treasurer.

Poor Maria. Barely off her honeymoon, married for less than a month and Pickles has her in the kitchen already. You can see for yourself with breakfast tacos at Mary's naturally.

The Houston Chapter of the Texas Gay Rodeo Association will meet March 2 at Bacchus, 523 Lovett, at 2pm. All are welcome, men and women, to join this organization.

It's "California or Bust" for the Montrose Country Cloggers and they have scheduled some fun(d)raisers to do it. It's all to take this talented group to the Golden State Gay Rodeo in Los Angeles next month. Starting this Sunday at the BRB, a \$2 cover at the door with free draft beer will be donated to the effort. The Barn will host performances by the cloggers on Feb. 28, March 1, and March 5. On Sunday, March 2, it's out to Kindred Spirits for a performance. Once again a \$2 cover gains admission and free draft.

Sunday night *Divine* comes *Heaven*. This is Female Trouble from a Woman Behind Bars dressed in Polyester, Lusting in the Dust with Pink Flamingos in the yard. But, that's another story.

St. Patrick's Day is our excuse for our next big party weekend. The day itself is Monday, March 17. It's time now to send last year's green outfit to the cleaners.



Joe enjoys the Let Us Entertain You Show at the BRB

It's almost spring and that means a person's thoughts are turning to love, romance and (yes) sex. To celebrate the arrival of the season of love, the Montrose Voice is expanding the Personals. And, we make it easy to place a Personal. Just phone us at 529-8490. (We'll bill you later.) The first 40 people to place a Personal for next week's paper get a free Montrose Voice Play Safe key ring. They'll hold all your keys and clip onto your belt loop.

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Hair Salons Sponsor Expo

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With the Houston weather warming up and spring in the air, many people will invariably be looking for new fashions to complement the changing seasons.

This year, the public will have the opportunity to get a firsthand look at the latest happenings in the fashion and beauty industry when Hair Associates, a group of the top 10 styling salons in Houston, sponsor the "Hair Fashions Expo" March 2.

According to Elliot Sterling, Hair Associates member and organizer of the event, the expo will be a "total beauty day." The expo will feature approximately 50 exhibitors, including hair, nail and skin care specialists. Representatives from spa and tanning establishments will also be present.

In addition, Sterling said a fashion show highlighting various designers will be held every 20 minutes throughout the day. He added that the expo is unique because it will have a special Houston flair. All of the hair styles and clothing planned for the show

have been specially created for Houston by local designers.

Since proposing the idea for the "Hair Fashions Expo" four months ago, Sterling said the excitement and enthusiasm surrounding the expo has grown tremendously. "It will be a new and different way for people to see firsthand the options available to them in the way of personal enhancement," he said. "It will be an eye-opening opportunity to see what is going on in the beauty industry."

Admission to the expo is \$3.50, with an extra \$6.50 to attend the fashion show. Sterling says the total price is far below that of similar private shows for designers, where tickets may run as high as \$120.

Organizers are expecting up to 10,000 people to attend the event, which will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Adams Mark Hotel Exhibition Center. Based on the success of this year's expo, Sterling said the event may be moved to the Astro Arena. For tickets or additional information, call 777-7567.




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