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Lower Westheimer*

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### Benefit at Gay Bar Raises Dough for Omega House

# \$12,000!

It is nearly an unbelievable amount. But it is true. Thanksgiving night, a benefit at the Venture-N on Main St. raised approximately \$12,000 in cash and pledges to help expenses at the Omega House, a hospice for indigent AIDS victims.

Local live entertainers and impersonators performed and the buckets were passed. Club owners Jim Dondson and Steve Shimer knew they had done well and were expecting \$6000 or \$7000 when they counted it all up at 1:00 a.m. But there it was. In small bills and \$100 bills and several \$1000 pledges that were matched by Shimer.

Torche Lane 'celebrates life' Venture-N style

## Protein Helps Repair Immune Systems of AIDS Patients

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (UPI)—A protein extracted from white blood cells seems to repair the damaged immune systems of AIDS patients, preliminary tests show, encouraging a biotechnology firm to begin nationwide tests of the substance.

A drug produced from the protein has allowed some AIDS victims to gain weight, recover from infections and exhibit other signs of improved immune system functions—without adverse side effects, the tests showed.

"We are very convinced of what we've seen so far, but we've got to confirm it," said Dr. Marise Gottlieb, vice president of medical affairs for IMREG Inc. of New Orleans. "We have to be cautious."

Gottlieb said Nov. 25 the biotechnology company has begun a nationwide study of the drug, called IMREG-1, on 150 patients in five cities.

The study was started after the substance, in preliminary trials, boosted the immune systems of about 110 patients with acquired immune deficiency syndrome with AIDS-related complex.

Unlike drugs such as AZT, which was

approved recently for wider testing, IMREG-1 does not fight the AIDS virus directly. Instead, Gottlieb said, IMREG-1 seems to repair damaged immune systems by enabling so-called T-helper

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cells to produce substances that regulate the immune system.

AIDS destroys a victim's immune system, primarily by killing T-4 helper cells.

To be eligible for the new study, patients must have AIDS-related complex or AIDS with the skin cancer Kaposi's sarcoma, no history of opportunistic infections and a minimum number of T-4 cells.

While these are the types of patients researchers believe would benefit most from the drug, the substance also may help more severely ill patients, Gottlieb said.

Participants will receive biweekly injections for six months. The results of the study should be available next year, Gottlieb said.

If the drug proves as effective as hoped in further testing, he said, it could be available for more general use within two years.

The Study will be conducted at three New York City facilities—Columbia University Hospital, Brooklyn Caledonian Hospital, and the State University of New York Health Science Center—and at Eisenhower Medical Center in Rancho Mirage, Calif., University Hospitals in Cleveland, University Hospital in Boston and several sites in New Orleans.



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# Had Hoped to 'Revitalize' Lower Westheimer J.R. McConnell Files Chapter 11

By Sheri Cohen Darbonne  
Montrose Voice

The developer who sent out invitations to the demolition of a Montrose bar earlier this year has agreed to a Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing for himself and several of his companies. Additionally, J.R. McConnell, once heralded as the hope of Lower Westheimer revitalization, filed for protection from creditors for one of his main real estate investment companies.

McConnell attracted much media attention March 6 with the ceremonial public destruction of the building which

once housed the Chicken Coop at 535 Westheimer. The bar, which closed in February, had a reputation as a "hustler haven" and the building was thought by many to symbolize one of the more negative elements of Montrose.

At that time, local civic leaders and politicians praised McConnell for this plans to open "Westheimer Village," an \$8 million shopping center, on the site where the bar and surrounding houses once stood. Councilman George Greanias said at the demolition ceremony that the project would undo the negative image of Lower Westheimer and "make it a better place to live."

Today, the only shoppers on the site are gnats, mosquitoes and other denizens of weeds, and what will happen to the vacant lot and other McConnell properties is uncertain. Terry Phillips, a member of Greanias' staff, said McConnell is the "key player" in the future of the projects, and he isn't talking.

"It would be very hard to speculate on what will happen without knowing the circumstances of (McConnell's) filing for bankruptcy," Phillips said. "Whether he merely filed to reorganize, or is in the position of closing down this operation ... there's just no way of knowing at this time."

"If the situation is such that he can't develop these projects, there is the question of whether he will hang on to the properties, try to sell, or what ... McConnell doesn't always talk about what his plans are."

Indeed, the developer seems to shun public comment with a fervor bordering on the reclusive. McConnell and his spokesman consistently refused to return phone calls from the Montrose Voice and a local daily newspaper last week.

McConnell's office number is not listed in the telephone directory under his name; some properties also do not have easily accessible directory listings.

Although over 100 people gathered to watch the Chicken Coop fall, McConnell himself did not attend the ceremony.

Regarding Westheimer Village, Phillips commented: "I think it's safe to say this ... tends to make that project less likely."

But, he cautioned, it is too early to tell

what will happen to any of the properties in question.

"Until McConnell tells people where he stands and what his plans are, he holds the only key," Phillips said.

John Daniels, chief of security and public relations for Liberty Bank, said it is too soon to say McConnell will not be able to complete his projects.

"I don't think we should count the man out until he is out," Daniels said, adding that no one knows what the outcome of the bankruptcy proceedings will be.

"In the event he can't develop the properties ... I assume it would be up for another developer to come and try to pick up where he left off."

Daniels said he is unaware of any other Lower Westheimer revitalization projects. He noted that most ongoing Montrose development is concentrated along Montrose Boulevard south of Westheimer.

Jerry Blum of Acker, Blum and Associates, a real estate agency, also said he knew of no new development projects scheduled in the area.

"There's just nothing going on around here right now," Blum said.

Lenders filed foreclosure against several of McConnell's properties in Houston and Galveston in October in an effort to collect delinquent loans, according to newspaper reports. The properties included Montrose Garden Apartments, the 1518 Washington condominiums, the French Village Apartments and 12 units of the Glendower Court townhouse development.

An involuntary Chapter 11 filed against McConnell by three creditors blocked foreclosure proceedings that were scheduled for Nov. 4. In his answer Tuesday, Nov. 25, McConnell did not contest the filing against himself and four of his companies, and also filed for protection under Chapter 11 for Growth Properties, a real estate investment firm.

Under Chapter 11 of the federal bankruptcy code, a company or individual is protected from creditors in order to work out a reorganization plan to repay debts.

It usually takes about 60 days from the date of filing until the first hearing in bankruptcy court, a clerk in the federal court's bankruptcy office said. The date for McConnell's preliminary hearing probably would not be set for at least two weeks, the clerk said.

Companies named in the initial filing were LC Ltd., Bass Group Ltd., W.F. Ltd. and C.C.L. Townhouse Apartments.

## Fortunes

### Vacation Plans for Aquarian May Change

By Mark Orion

For Tuesday, Dec. 2,  
through Thursday, Dec. 4, 1986.

**ARIES**—Find yourself craving the excitement of the chase? Be careful. If you do find yourself out hunting, keep an eye out for the unusual and exotic. Don't let the bizarre become the dangerous. Consider all well-intentioned advice very carefully.

**TAURUS**—The accent is on motives in the days ahead. You may know what someone is doing but figuring out why it's being done will take doing on your part.

**GEMINI**—Shut up! You don't have to tell everybody everything. There is such a virtue as discretion. And, if you're really good, love might be even better the second time around. Or the third. Or the fourth.

**CANCER**—This is a good time for blazing new trails. Just be sure you mark them well so that you can find your way back! Two propositions will be offered. The one involving money is apt to be too much of a gamble.

**LEO**—God, you're strong! But you're more than that. You're learning the value of real cooperation, and if you don't fall prey to change for change's sake, you're likely to realize some of the finer fruits of your ambition.

**VIRGO**—Like miners who pan for gold, you may need to sift information to separate truth from fantasy. Later, you can invite others to share your act. But don't let 'em steal your show. Or your thunder.

**LIBRA**—Come on, get off it! A little disappointment in romance is just that. Move on to bigger things. Singing the blues makes it hard for you to see all those beautiful things that are there for the taking. Behold the world outside those walls!

**SCORPIO**—Well, what do you know. Another day and you're ready for another change. What you have is not so bad. Friends, free times and you survive. Plus, someone is coming to dinner, unexpectedly. That'll surprise you.

**SAGITTARIUS**—"Tell him that you're never gonna leave him. Tell him you're always gonna love him. Tell him. Tell him right now." The power of the spoken word and the power of love combine. Male Sagittarians in particular should find it very easy to speak those words of love.

**CAPRICORN**—Authority figures such as bosses or parents could be the source of a big confrontation that you'd rather not face right now. Your thoughts are about the future and making things right for you and your close one. Don't let fear twist you; get the face-off done, then make those special plans.

**AQUARIUS**—Winter vacation plans you made may be suddenly changed. Or, if they remain the same, what you get when you get there won't be what you expected. Let's face it: things are topsy-turvy now. Nothing's what it seems. But something good will come of it!

**PISCES**—Home is where both heart and mind are. The work that you do there can produce some great results, and the love that you feel there will be filled with your favorite thing: intensity. Let others scurry around. You're doing fine right where you are.

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# Police Community Center Approaches One Year Mark

By Sheri Cohen Darbonne  
Montrose Voice

December 17 will mark one year since the opening of the Neartown Police Community Center on lower Westheimer, but many people in Montrose still do not know what it is.

Mark Schmidt, vice president of the Neartown Business Alliance and an active supporter of the center, said people still tend to confuse it with a police substation. The alliance pushed hard for the center's establishment last year, and members did much of the legwork in obtaining supplies and funding for the outlet. Schmidt still manages a special fund which pays the center's utility bills and other operating expenses, excluding telephone service and salaries.

The Neartown Center is one of six police community centers operating out of the Houston Police Department's central patrol division, H.P.D. Sgt. Don Williams, who supervises the centers, has his office base at the lower Westheimer address and calls this center "a full-time job."

Unlike a substation, the center has no cells or holding facilities. Its personnel do not make arrests, perform investigative functions or follow up reports.

So what does the center do? Williams describes its main function as community service. Police community centers improve communications between citizens and HPD, Williams said.

Four officers involved in community outreach make presentations to civic organizations, businesses and other neighborhood groups, Williams said. They speak on a variety of topics including crime prevention and security, and will even tailor-make a program to suit a

particular group's needs, he said.

"It isn't just public relations," Williams contended. "We offer helpful information."

Another and more visible function of the center is to accept accident and crime reports. According to Williams, four desk officers processed 1516 reports between Jan. 1 and Oct. 31.

"The way I see it, that's that many calls that didn't have to go through our dispatcher," Williams said. Paperwork now handled at the center frees patrol officers to handle more emergency situations, he said.

Center personnel have handled some minor emergencies, Williams said. Occasionally, people have had to be detained there until a street unit could come to make the arrest, he explained.

But the primary function is community contact, and both Williams and Schmidt say the center has accomplished its goals.

"The most important thing they've contributed is just being here," Schmidt said. "At least, they have lent an air of confidence and a feeling of security to people in Montrose by giving the community a local police base."

Williams said the visual presence of police in the area has worked to deter certain types of crime. He cited prostitution and street drug dealing as examples.

Police statistics comparing October 1985 to October 1986 reflect the following changes in crime patterns in two beats along the Westheimer corridor: reductions in auto theft (118-84), burglary (80-48), and rape (5-1); increases in robbery (35-109) and aggravated assault (34-48). Overall crime complaints showed a decrease in the beat east of Montrose Blvd. and an increase

in the beat west of Montrose. To what extent a change in district boundaries this year figured in the statistics is not known.

The Westheimer center is the only one of its kind that is almost completely community funded, Williams said. The building housing it is owned by Liberty Bank, which leases to the center for \$1 a year.

Bank officials had the building almost completely rebuilt before the police moved in, Williams said.

The center's water and electric bills are paid through donations from Montrose businesses, individuals and civic groups to the operational fund managed by Neartown Business Alliance. This year, both the Westheimer Colony Association and the Adopt-a-Block Committee donated a portion of their Westheimer Art Festival proceeds to the center fund, Williams said.

The "dunk-a-cop" booth manned by center personnel at the festival not only raised money for the fund, it helped improve the community's image of police, Williams said. Improving rapport between the people and HPD is the most important role of the community center, he said.

It works both ways, according to Williams. Being in Montrose, being involved in community functions, has turned some officers' attitudes around as well as helping citizens see things from the police point of view, he said.

"That alone, if nothing else, makes this center a success in my opinion," Williams concluded.

Neartown Business Alliance will host an anniversary party for the police community center on Dec. 18 in the center's parking lot. The event will be catered by local restaurants.

## In Memoriam



### In Loving Memory PAUL MATTHEW RODENKIRCH

Sept. 1, 1959—Dec. 3, 1985

He has put on invisibility.  
Dear Lord, I cannot see—  
But this I know, although the read ascends  
And passes from my sight,  
That there will be no night.

That You will take him gently by the hand  
And lead him on  
Along the road of life that never ends,  
And he will find it is not death but dawn,  
I do not doubt that You are there as here,  
And You will hold him dear.

Our life did not begin with birth,  
it is not of the earth.  
And this that we call death, is no more  
Than the opening and closing of a door—  
And in Your house now  
many rooms must be  
Beyond this one where we rest momentarily.

Dear Lord, I thank You for  
the faith that frees,  
The love that knows it cannot lose its own,  
The love that looking  
through the shadows, sees,  
That You and he and I are ever one!

I loved you then, I love you now, Bob  
This poem by James Dillet Freeman.

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# Leader of Local Gay Catholic Group Says Protests Not Effective

By Sheri Cohen Darbonne  
Montrose Voice

A coalition of liberal Catholics is urging vocal opposition to recent directives and "disciplinary" actions of the Vatican. In Houston, however, Joe Nuber, president of the local Dignity chapter, repeated his statement that such protests accomplish very little.

Opposing the conservative views of the Catholic Church isn't like dealing with secular political structures, Nuber said.

"Rome isn't Washington D.C.," he said. "A march on the Vatican wouldn't really do any good at all."

"Catholics Speak Out," a project of the Quixote Center in Hyattsville, Md., is calling for an organized blitz of letters, personal appearances and media contact to protest recent disciplinary actions directed at American bishops and theologians. Signatures on a letter circulated by the group include Jeanine Grammick, co-founder of New Ways Ministry; Robert Nugent of the Catholic Coalition for Gay Civil Rights; James Henderson of the National Office for Black Catholics; and former vice-presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro.

The letter solicited signatures for an advertisement the group is running in the *National Catholic Reporter* on Jan. 9. The ad calls attention to specific actions against members of the U.S. church whose views conflict with those

of conservative Roman Authorities. The treatment of Archbishop Raymond Hunthausen of Seattle, who was stripped of much of his jurisdiction, is called the "final straw" in the trend towards restricting American ministries, especially ministry to gays.

Nuber said he recommended that Dignity members send letters of support to Hunthausen and Rev. John McNeill, who is being dismissed from the Jesuits because of his ministry to homosexuals, as well as to others in the church community who are conducting positive ministry efforts. He said concerned persons should show their support to bishops who have been supportive and urge them to continue their efforts.

Hunthausen's case was "extremely unusual" according to Nuber, who suggested that the Seattle archbishop and others who have been "disciplined" were singled out as examples by church leaders who feared losing control of church laws under a democratic system. Many American bishops are still conducting progressive ministries supportive of gay rights, and they are still in control of their dioceses, Nuber said.

Regarding the relationship of Dignity/Houston with the local diocese, Nugent quipped: "There isn't one."

However, Dignity members have been actively involved in the Clergy Consultation on AIDS, which is endorsed by the diocese, Nuber said. The new intercongregational ministry

sends "care teams" to counsel AIDS patients who are dying, their families and loved ones. Nuber said the effort also gives Dignity a chance to reach individual pastors, the clergy sector most likely to deal with individuals struggling to balance their identities and religious beliefs.

"The most damaging effect (of the conservative trend) is on people who are struggling with coming out, with balancing their gay and Christian identities," Nuber said.

# Light the Lights! It's December and Christmas in Montrose

Commentary by Elroy Forbes  
Montrose Voice Social Director

## □ It's December

If you're like me, you are still trying to figure out what you did with November. It seems like it was just one rent check after another. But, December is here.

## □ Holiday Wrap Up

Uptown Post Oak Association had Santa and friends light up Post Oak Blvd. If you have not traveled out Galleria way to see the lights and Christmas banners, try to go. It is magnificent—over 50 trees, some 25 feet tall, and all the buildings with more decorations going up everyday.

Downtown was wet, cold and windy for the **Foley's Thanksgiving Day Parade**. But the crowds turned out for the parade. I cannot tell you how cold and wet it was. ...



Kenny sang live at the Venture-N's "Celebration of Life"

Later that day, Venture-N presented a full "Celebration of Life" and raised some \$12,000 for Omega House. Yes, \$12,000 in immediate cash and pledges.

On Thanksgiving Eve, **The Tire Place** hosted some 50 members and guests for **The Greater Montrose Business Guild's** November meeting, tour and feast. Videos told the history of The Tire Place as well as reviewed most major Montrose events from 1986. Several new members joined and many people volunteered to man the stations for Share-Abration, the gathering of food and money for the needy in our community.

## □ Downtown Lights

On Wednesday, Dec. 3, the Tree of Lights at City Hall gets plugged in and all the lights downtown remain on for the annual photography contest. This will be a great evening to view downtown. Weather should be good.

## □ Christmas in Montrose

A great number of residents and businesses have started the big contest. It is not too late for you to join. Call 529-1414 to fill out a form. A \$2 entry fee helps offset the expenses. Decorating the streets is the next big project. Call the same number to volunteer.

Friday night is the Christmas Concert at MCCR, 1919 Decatur. The Montrose Symphonic Band joins the MCCR choir to present holiday favorites. For details call 527-9454.

Musical groups and volunteers are still coming in for "The Living Nativity Scene" at the Houston Sign Company, 1200 Westheimer. To help with this ambitious project, call 526-8181.

Help is also needed for putting up the Christmas in Montrose posters. Again the number to call is 529-1414.

a million dollars worth of brightly lit boats plus the Goodyear blimp covered with Christmas scenes will be reflected in the water. For more information, call Jack Campbell (713)339-3030.

Dickens on the Strand opens this Friday night with a preview and continues all day and night Saturday and Sunday in Galveston. **GLC Tours** has a special bus tour for the weekend.

## □ Names in the News

**Roger Velez** from our Montrose Kroger has announced several services to help with holiday entertainment. Everything from smoked cooked turkey, relish trays, party trays, baked goodies and more help ease the pressure of preparing for holiday guests. **The Barn's Terry Clark** spent the holiday week on his back at Twelve Oaks Hospital. You can drop off cards for him at the Barn. ... **Tom Cook** lost his job early last year. Fortunately, he sings and plays the French Horn well, so some work has come his way. In the midst of all his troubles, he bought a mini-van. He now operates **Pet Transport**, taking Fido or



May Peace Be with You: Lester Martin



The winners of Miss Gay Harris County are Socka Simone (center); Black Velvet (left), second runner up, and Deitra Allen.

## □ Miss Gay Harris County

Amid the glitter and glamor, the one and only, **Socka Simone** took the title. Second runner-up was the popular **Black Velvet** and first runner up was **Deitra Allen**. The show was the very best from some seven outstanding performers. **EJ's** was packed with adoring fans. The festivities kept up until last call. I don't think that much glitter and finery have been on one stage in a long time. I think all the entries were winners but as in most events of this nature, you can only have a few top winners. It was a great show.

## □ Add to Your Christmas Sights

The world's largest Christmas boat parade takes place at the Silver Anniversary of the annual Clear Lake boat lane this Saturday 17:00 p.m. More than

Kitty to the vet, beauty parlor, kennel or pet motel when you are all tied up. Give Tom a call, 664-7471. ... I regret to note that our friend **Lester Martin** passed away Wednesday at Memorial Hospital. His remains were cremated. A Memorial Service will be arranged at a later date. Take rest, Lester. ... **Mac Magee** is now working with **Immuno-Therapy Clinic** as **Doctor Hitt** is working with **Jaus** author **Peter Benchley** on Peter's cable television show, **Sharks and Science**. ... **Chef Tsang Yao-Tong** from New York City and hailed as a major four-star chef by *Time* magazine has

joined the **Curve's Hunan Village**, 1722 California. Newest specials are the Sunday buffet for \$4.95 and 20% off lunch specials on orders to go. 528-6699 or 528-4651. ... Well, it's time to load my sleigh, so if not before Friday, I'll see you around town.

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Montrose

# Opinions Mixed on Land Use Planning

By Sheri Cohen Darbonne  
Montrose Voice

Montrose residents and business owners have mixed feelings regarding comprehensive land use planning as a means of influencing future development. Many agree, however, that the area's image could use a boost.

Jill Hefner, who coordinates a neighborhood planning project for the Neartown Association, said she supports "special districting" to separate "potential nuisances in land uses." Neartown's comprehensive planning committee has been conducting an extensive land use survey to identify problems and develop a workable plan, she said.

One of the goals of Neartown's planning project is to make recommendations to the city for optimal development in the district, including the focus of residential and commercial locations, Hefner said.

During a discussion of property tax and land use Tuesday, Nov. 25, Neartown members expressed concern that Montrose homes and businesses were being "geographically lumped together" for taxation purposes, Hefner said.

"Evidently, the state legislation that mandates the taxing authority ... maintains property must be valued at its 'highest and best use,'" she said. In a mixed use environment like Montrose, this is interpreted as commercial.

The traditional way cities have handled this situation is by zoning, Hefner claims.

"I'm not talking about the very restrictive zoning ... districting has become more specialized now. We're dealing with diversity," she said.

"We're concerned with preserving those characteristics of the community that residents want ... the point of a plan is to try to encourage the best use."

If no one prepares a plan, Hefner said, "The city could impact Montrose in a major fashion ... we're strategically placed to become a thoroughfare."

Houston City Council approved a resolution in September authorizing the Department of Planning and Development to prepare a recommended policy for initiating a comprehensive planning program for the city. The policy manual, approved in November, establishes procedures, formats, and organizational structure to initiate a formal planning program for Houston and its extra-territorial jurisdiction.

Bob Bagot, owner of The Tire Place and a member of the Greater Montrose Business Guild, said he is for upgrading the neighborhood, but differs on the approach.

"The homeowners are interested in having a uniformity of blocks. They're concerned with things like eye-pleasing parking solutions ... that's nice, but sometimes not economically feasible," he said.

A master plan could limit the choices open to existing and prospective businesses, he said.

Lou Vanech, who operates a furniture restoration business, said having to move out of his present location in a residential area would put him out of business. Vanech said he believes those who do not want businesses in residential neighborhoods should offer financial compensation to business owners who relocate.

"It's a two way street," Vanech said. "If they want to upgrade residential areas, they can help bear the burden of the cost."

Vanech said districting seems to have worked in other cities and probably offers a more convenient environment for consumers.

"The only problem I have with it is, what about all the businesses that are

already here?"

Warren Duncanson, who chairs the business guild's development committee, said Montrose development does need some regulation. Burned out or abandoned buildings and sexually oriented businesses are among the more serious problems, he said.

Duncanson recommended demolition of burned buildings, class action suits against negligent property owners, and an ordinance to restrict "uncontrolled"

sexually oriented businesses as ways of improving a "negative image."

Duncanson said the mainstream broadcast media gives the public a negative view of gays and Montrose. The community should react with a "Montrose Proud" promotion to show the positive aspects, he said.

Duncanson said owners of restaurants and bars in residential neighborhoods should be required to take care of parking problems and clean up around their businesses.



## □ Sharing with the Needy

Greater Montrose Business Guild members (from left) Rev. Gracie Lee, Phyllis Frye, Jana Arent, Teri Shaw, and Patrolman Anthony Demaris of the Neartown Police Community Center display food collected during the Guild's Second Annual Share-A-Bration food drive which concluded Friday, Nov. 28.

## Community

News from Neighborhood & Community Groups

### ✓ Interfaith Alliance Plans Holiday Service

From a Houston Interfaith Alliance Press Release

Houston Interfaith Alliance will present its annual Christmas and Chanukkah Service on Friday evening, Dec. 12, at Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection, 1919 Decatur at 7:30 p.m.

Houston Interfaith Alliance is an organization representing various gay and lesbian religious groups around Houston. Among them are Aytz Chayim (Jewish), Dignity (Roman Catholic), Integrity (Episcopalian), Affirmation (Mormons), Lutherans Concerned, and MCCR.

The groups participating in the service will offer songs and readings symbolizing the meaning of the holiday season.

Refreshments will be served following the program. There is no charge, but donations will be accepted.

### ✓ Physicians to Answer AIDS Questions During Call-In Week

Harris County residents will have an opportunity to ask a select group of physicians medical questions by calling 790-1838 between 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. each evening, Monday through Friday, Dec. 8-12.

The nightly call-in sessions are being sponsored as a public service of the Harris County Medical Society.

On Thursday, Dec. 11, physicians specializing in infectious diseases and hematology (blood) will talk with callers about how the AIDS virus is transmitted, how infectious AIDS patients are, effectiveness and availability of the drug AZT, testing for AIDS infection, and other related topics.

Members of the medical specialty societies will handle each night's calls. Members of the Houston Society of Internal Medicine and the Gulf Coast Hematology Society will handle questions on AIDS.

To maintain ethical standards throughout the program the participating physicians will not make diagnoses, prescribe or make office appointments for callers.

Other areas to be covered during the week are Pediatrics, Dec. 8; Obstetrics and Gynecology, Dec. 9; Family Practice, Dec. 10, and Diabetes, Dec. 12.

## Share-Abrotation Tops the Previous Mark

The Greater Montrose Business Guild's second annual "Share-Abrotation" food drive collected 18 cases of food and \$135 cash, according to Frank Turner, the guild's publicity director.

Turner said although the drive's take beat last year's mark by about 50 percent, he was slightly disappointed in the results considering the amount of publicity the event received.

In addition to coverage in neighborhood newspapers and posters in member businesses, this year's Share-Abrotation was featured in several on-the-scene news spots on KTRH radio Friday, Nov. 28, Turner explained. He

said the timing of the drive may have been a factor.

"So many things are going on during the holiday season. There are several fundraising events going on right now," Turner said. Also, the day after Thanksgiving is traditionally a busy Christmas shopping day, he noted.

"We may consider a change in the time or format for the drive next year," Turner said.

Goods collected in the drive were distributed over the Thanksgiving weekend. Beneficiaries were Aids For Aids; Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection; AIDS Foundation Houston, and A Place in the Sun.

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# The Man Who Wasn't There

**The Innocent Bystander**  
by Arthur Hoppe  
*Special to the Montrose Voice*

A frantic knocking brought me to the door. A nondescript, middle-aged man was crouched on the stoop. In the background, a siren wailed. "Oh, please, grant me sanctuary," he begged. "They caught me jaywalking."

"Be a man," I said "and turn yourself in."

"I can't," he said, glancing over his shoulder. "They'll ask me my name."

"So give them your name," I said, starting to close the door.

His somber stare stopped me. "I don't have a name," he said.

Needless to say, I invited him in. Over

a cup of hot Postum, he told me his pitiful story:

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He had been born to a widowed mother. His father, who had owned a small egg candling plant, had died of apoplexy a month earlier when a government inspector had cited him for 14 violations of the Federal Egg Candling Act of 1937, including (Sec. IV, Chap. 17, Para. 32, Sent. C) "Candling with an Inadequate Wick."

On the spot, his mother had developed a deep aversion to the government and all its works. She decided to have her son at home, so that she wouldn't have to apply for a birth certificate. She also refused to name him, justifying her stand thusly: "If you don't have a name, Dear (which is what she always called him), they can't pull it out of a hat and send you off to war."

He found he didn't miss a name growing up. His mother tutored him privately in all the graces to avoid

registering him for school. The kids on the block referred to him as "Hey, you," which was how they addressed each other. And while he never could send his name for an absolutely free Whoopee Cushion, he never had to go off to some dumb summer camp either. So he felt he was well ahead.

By the time he reached adulthood, he was committed to anonymity. Of course, he couldn't become a doctor or a lawyer with all the red tape entry into those professions demanded. And he couldn't assemble woofers and tweeters in some vast factory either, for all such jobs would require his registering for Social Security.

So he joined the blooming underground economy where all labor and goods are paid for in untraceable cash. And he much enjoyed such rewarding work as bonsai tree trimming, guppy farming, teaching country western on the piccolo, and tattooing on biceps his own creations like Monarch butterflies carrying aloft scrolls reading "Death

Before Dishonor."

And while he had no credit cards, no checking account and no 11.9 percent, a 36-month savings plan, he didn't need them as he couldn't buy a car or a house. He couldn't marry either. And when the love of his life, Millicent B., asked him to wed her so that their children would have a name, he explained the difficulty and talked her out of having children.

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His eyes glowed as he told me of the simple, joy-filled life he led of no bills, no taxes, no forms to fill out nor records to fill in: "Yes," I said, "but do you realize that when you shuffle off this mortal coil, you won't leave a trace behind of your passing?"

He shrugged. "In 10,000 years," he said, "who'll know the difference?"

That did it. As soon as he went to sleep, I called the cops and turned him in for truncky, tax evasion, draft dodging, jury duty avoidance, failure to register for Social Security and felonious mopery.

Anyone who tells a writer that fame is a bauble may not need a name. But they sure deserve a number.

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# A Lot of Fun to Be Had in the 'Underworld'

Review by Bill O'Rourke

Montrose Voice

Houston Grand Opera's *Orpheus in the Underworld*, playing through Friday at Jones Hall, is overwhelmingly fun. I defy anyone to stay in any kind of a bad

continually dragging around her half-shell, and John Styx (Douglas Perry), Pluto's masochistic assistant in Frankfurter drag.

It's a little like *Mad* magazine. The focus is never muddy, but there are so

randy old Jupiter. His utterly charming performance is a cross between a baggy pants clown and a boulevardier. He, too, falls in lust with Euridice and disguises himself as a bluebottle fly to woo her.

This is a must-see!  
You can, too, afford it. Check out the balconies and Showtix!

## □ Notes

National Recognition: Ted Swindley, Stages' artistic director, was honored by *Esquire* magazine. He was one of 72 individuals to be saluted as embodying the "courage, originality, ingenuity, and vision of the new generation." That's new as in under 40, not quite as new as the Houston kids who danced on T.V. before Macy's parade. Congratulations to Ted and HITS. ...

By the way, Ted directed the *Madwoman of Chaillot* and *The Memorandum*, currently alternating weekends at Stages. They both feature Donna Whitmore as male characters. Don Whitmore? ...

Sergiu Comissiona, music director of the New York City Opera and chief conductor of the Radio Philharmonic Orchestra in Holland, has regrettably announced his retirement from the Houston Symphony Orchestra as of the end of the 87-88 season. One only has so much time. ...



Sergiu Comissiona will leave the Houston Symphony Orchestra at the end of the 87-88 season

Maria Rilke, Lillian Russell, Dennis Wilson.

"Man, unlike the animals, has never learned that the sole purpose of life is to enjoy it."—Samuel Butler (born Dec. 4)

## □ Openings

Christmas Tree Lighting (Jones, 3, 11:45 a.m.)—featuring Houston Ballet, Houston Symphony, Houston Opera



Robert Orth as Jupiter and Tracy Dahl as Euridice, in the comic opera "Orpheus in the Underworld"

mood for more than 10 minutes after it starts.

One problem with many comic operas, many comedies in general, is pace. Here? Ha! The hit from this show, indeed the major hit of composer Jacques Offenbach's career, is a can-can! There are many patter songs here, too—as many as in any Gilbert and Sullivan piece. Conductor John DeMain gives the music its reins and we are off on a high-spirited gallop almost all evening.

In fact, the only problem musically is that the orchestra occasionally over balances the chorus to the point of losing some words. Although the text has been wittily translated by Snoo Wilson and David Pountney, surtitles would have been nice.

I am so tired of the long, tedious scene changes seemingly necessitated by thrust stages. Here Gerald Scarfe makes good use of the proscenium with many, many delightful sets that change in the twinkling of an eye. There was even one that surprised me! Director Peter Mark Schifter kept me so off balance with flashpots at the front of the stage that I didn't realize the scene was shifting until after it was done.

And what wonderful sets they are, too. So funny! So detailed! Scarfe has a warped, eccentric style that interlocks so beautifully with this script.

Scarfe also designed the costumes: Mars (Richard Paul Find), a huge human lobster; Venus (Susan Larson),

many other things you mustn't miss, either.

In the classic Greek version of this tale, Orpheus is the greatest musician who ever lived. When his wife is taken down into the underworld, he charms its denizens with this music and is allowed to lead her home. However, he must never turn around and look at her till he gets her there. His love for her proves their undoing. He does look, thus losing her.

This is the classic reclassified. Although his violin playing brings ovations from the mass of men, Euridice (Tracy Dahl) hates it so much that Orpheus (William Livingston) uses it to punish her. In fact, she doesn't care for anything about him and is cheating on him. He feels and acts the same way. So when she runs off with Pluto (Carroll Freeman/ Joseph Evans), he feels liberated.

But then Public Opinion (L.J. Staden) sticks her nose in. This stodgy villainess has a face like Miss Gulch and a voice like Anna Russell. Everyone fears her. No one sees through "her." She forces Orpheus to search for his wife and forces the gods to help him. Well, actually, they're all sick of eternal ambrosia, morning, noon, and night. The Underworld has much better food. So when Mercury (Joel Blum) tap dances in to tell them that's where the girl's been taken, they're all off for a vacation in the "Costa Del Sin."

My favorite of all is Robert Orth as



Terri Branda and Donna Whitmore in "The Memorandum" now playing at Stages

## □ Celebrate!

Dec. 2, 1982: The first artificial heart implant was given to Dr. Barney Clark, a retired dentist.

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The Comedy Workshop cast of "Buy Now, Pray Later"

**Buy Now, Pray Later** (Comedy Workshop, 4)—Those merry pranksters take on holiday shopping—including the Grand Mall (so huge that a primitive civilization that worships mannequins flourishes there).

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**Kringle's Window** (Chocolate Bayou, 4)—Premiere of Mark Medoff's tale of young hackers trying to access Santa's computer.

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early career of Ellie Greenwich told through her own songs.

**The Velvetten Rabbit** (Stages, 4)—The children's hit reopens.

**Scott Sandell** (DuBose-Rein Galleries, 4)—contemporary American mixed media on Japanese hand-made paper.

**Jane Wagner** (Texas Art Supply, 5, 4:00 p.m.)—Autograph party. Her book, *The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe*, is a novelization of her script for the show that won Lily Tomlin a Tony. ONO!

## Clown Points Out 'Bozos' of the World

By Susan Seager

**HOLLYWOOD** (UPI)—Actor Sean Penn, former Philippine first lady Imelda Marcos and political extremist Lyndon LaRouche topped this year's list of world-class "Bozos," television's original Bozo the Clown announced last Friday.

Seven other public figures were also named "winners" in the Fourth Annual Bozo Awards announced by Larry Harmon, the creator of the popular "Bozo the Clown" television program for children.

The others were Chicago Bears quarterback Jim McMahon, Austrian President Kurt Waldheim, actress Zsa Zsa Gabor, fashion designer Yves St. Laurent, television comedy show host Joan Rivers, Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi and television reporter Geraldo Rivera.

The 10 winners were selected for their

"bozo-osity" or clownish behavior, Harmon said at a news conference at his studio.

Harmon said the winners will be mailed a commemorative ceramic Bozo statuette and inducted in the Bozo Hall of Fame.

Harmon said he selected Penn as a Bozo in the show business category "because ever since he met his wife (actress and singer) Madonna, he seems to have become a prima donna—and he can't even sing."

Presidential candidate and ultra-conservative LaRouche topped the newsmaker category for accusing England's Queen Elizabeth of being a drug merchant, Harmon said.

Imelda Marcos, wife of the ousted Philippine leader Ferdinand Marcos, won in the Bozo fashion division, Harmon said. "One wonders how a lady with so many shoes could have hoodwinked so many many souls."

Waldheim won the political category for "attempting to deny" his links to the Nazis during World War II.

Rivers won the "funster" category for her well-publicized "family feud" with television host Johnny Carson.

## Seeking the Truth from Network's Hype

Commentary by Mark Schwed  
United Press International TV Editor

In the latest Barbara Walters Special, Richard Pryor is brought back for a second visit to tell the truth about cocaine, AIDS, his fifth wife and his fifth son.

The return visit, which can be seen tonight (Dec. 2, 9:00-10:00 p.m. on Channel 13), is billed as something that falls just short of a fabulously revealing freak show.

An appearance on a Walters special used to be like a stunt on the psychoanalyst couch. Guests were expected to spill their guts about some sordid detail of their past—like the time Barbra Streisand admitted that she had contemplated getting a nose job. The stars told the truth, no matter how much it hurt. Walters demanded it.

The more recent Walters specials have suffered from too much hype and not enough spilled guts.

The ABC press release for the upcoming special sounds the hype alarm: "Comedian Richard Pryor lays bare his tortured life in a startling interview with Barbara Walters," claims the release.

"For Richard Pryor, once one of the hottest comedians on the silver screen, these are trying times. Ugly rumors have surfaced. They affect his life. Is he a victim of AIDS? Is he dying of an incurable disease?"

"Once before, on Aug. 5, 1980, Pryor addressed his personal problems on 'The Barbara Walters Special,' and the evidence suggests that he was less than honest with Barbara and the public at large."

Ye gods, say it ain't so. Less than honest with Barbara? Yes, it's true. The last time the two met, Pryor had just been released from a hospital, where he was treated for severe burns suffered in a cocaine freebasing incident.

But five years ago, the shaken comedian covered his tracks. He told Walters that it had been an accident all right, but not involving cocaine. He and a friend were drinking a potent Jamaican rum called "Overproof" when some accidentally spilled. Pryor lit a cigarette and the whole mess caught fire, burning him badly.

"I later discovered he had lied to me about that night," Walters says in the show.

Then she turns to Pryor.

"... You didn't tell me the truth," she says.

"That's true," says Pryor.

"Yeah. Why not?" asks Walters.

A better question would be: why should a man with a serious cocaine problem talk turkey on live television before millions of viewers when he had not even admitted his addiction himself?

This time around, Pryor spells out his reasons and then embellishes the story, claiming that the "accident" was actually a suicide attempt.

But cocaine is only the sideshow. The real zing comes with the AIDS question. Rumors abound that Pryor has acquired immune deficiency syndrome. He continues to deny rumors, but the stigma is hurting his career. So now he's ready to talk.

"Do you have AIDS?" she asks.

"No . . .," he replies.

"... If you'd had AIDS . . . (pause) . . . would you have told me?"

What do you think Pryor replied?

Later, Pryor discusses his latest marriage. He says he used to hit women but does not anymore, and he says that he

tried to talk his latest wife into having an abortion before they were married.

"You astound me," Walters interrupts. "I keep telling you . . . to tell it like it is, and then, when you do, I find myself saying, 'Uhh . . .'"

"Why?" asks Pryor.

"I don't know. Because I guess, I'm not used to that much honesty."

Truth and honesty seemed to be heavy on Walters' mind during this special. In her session with Betty White, star of NBC's hit "Golden Girls," she digs for the truth again.

After discussing White's marriage to game show host Allen Ludden, who died of cancer, Walters turns to the subject of sex.

"You were on 'The Tonight Show' one night with Joan Rivers and made a startling confession," Walters says.

"I didn't make a startling confession," White replies. "I just, I said what Joan evidently wanted to hear. She had been needing around . . ."

"... About your sex life," Walters interrupts.

"How do you spend your nights and with whom and all that, so I finally said, 'Yes, I've had a few sleep-over dates,'" White says.

It seems inquiring minds still want to know.

"So now I have to ask you, of course, was it true?" Walters says.

"Ask Joan," replies White.

The third subject of the special is pop sensation Lionel Richie, and all we learn here is that Richie had originally intended to become an Episcopalian priest and that . . . well, listen to the ABC hype. . . .

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## 'Grocery Store' Opens for AIDS Victims

By John Bilotta

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—AIDS Project Los Angeles opened the doors to a small grocery store on Thanksgiving in what organizers described as the nation's largest food distribution program for victims of the deadly disease.

Dozens of people crowded around a 32-foot long table decorated in Thanksgiving orange to present donations of food and other items in the organization's new Necessities of Life Program.

Steel shelves were stocked like a cornucopia with food used to feed some 200 low-income victims of acquired immune deficiency syndrome in Los Angeles County.

"One of the things we identify is a person with an income level below \$845 a month," said Frank Paradise, associate director of client services. "Out of this center we hope to eventually serve 1000 people."

APLA is a non-profit community service organization that provides support to people with AIDS and related illnesses.

While volunteers pack the groceries, the shopper can visit information tables that provide pamphlets on nutrition and health.

"We've tried to take in all of their dietary needs, some need to bulk up, others are avoiding sugars and some are very health conscious," Paradise said.

He said unlike a meals-on-wheels program for AIDS victims in New York or the food pantry to help AIDS victims in San Francisco, Los Angeles' food bank can meet nearly all of the grocery needs of its members.

Open to victims of the disease who register with APLA, the store allows recipients to come to the store once a week and fill out a shopping list from more than 70 items including canned goods, paper products, produce and poultry, Paradise said.

"There's nothing like this anywhere in the country," Paradise said. "They can meet almost all of their needs here."

Because AIDS can be so debilitating, Paradise said, volunteers even make deliveries throughout the county.

Eventually, Paradise said, nearly 75 percent of all the AIDS victims being helped by APLA find themselves in financial difficulties.

"Somewhere along the road they need help," he said.

The organization, which launched the distribution program Nov. 1, took advantage of Thanksgiving Day to hold the grand opening.

## College Doesn't Like Party Rep

MACON, Ga. (UPI)—Mercer University officials say a *Playboy* magazine article reporting the Baptist-supported college has a reputation as a top party school is "unearned and undeserved."

Mercer was described as "a small private Southern Baptist university with a genteel party rep" and was ranked ninth on a list of the nation's top 40 party colleges in *Playboy's* January issue.

"The reputation is both unearned and undeserved," said Mercer Provost Rex

Stevens. "The reporter for *Playboy* would have recognized that if he had looked more closely at the institution."

According to the article, the list was compiled after phone conversations with fraternity presidents, campus social club leaders and others at 250 colleges and universities.

California State University at Chico finished first on the list, followed by the University of Miami and San Diego State University.



## Neighborhood Sports

Sports News from Community Groups

### ✓HOGs Plan Busy December

From the Houston Outdoor Group

The Houston Outdoor Group begins a busy month of December with a holiday ice skating party at the Galleria, tonight starting at 8:00 p.m. The rink fee is \$6.50, including skates.

This weekend will find HOG members returning to the time of Tiny Tim when they travel to Galveston for Dickens on the Strand. The party will depart Bruce Reeves' place at 2:30 p.m. for an evening in "Olde London Towne." Bruce has more info at 961-2905.

Christmas is a wonderful time for get-togethers and the outdoor lovers will have their Christmas potluck on Dec. 13. To coordinate the dishes, early RSVP's are appreciated. The monthly skating party with the Colt 45's will be held on Dec. 16.

HOGs will venture into the wilds of their own backyard on Dec. 20 when they will caravan about the Montrose area beginning at 7:30 p.m. for Christmas caroling.

•Houston Outdoor Group, Bruce, 961-2905 or Larry, 521-3641

## Man Confesses to Gay Slayings

ATLANTA (UPI)—A loner known as "Mr. T" confessed to a series of homosexual slayings that terrorized downtown Atlanta's gay community and was charged with six counts of murder, police said Friday, Nov. 28.

Michael Terry, 26, stabbed six victims in the neck or shot them in the back of the head between December 1985 and October 1986, officials said.

Police said they believe the slayings were sexually motivated and started when the victims propositioned Terry, who was arrested Nov. 26.

"The (the victims) appeared to hang out in areas gays are normally found,"

police Lt. Horace Walker said. "He (Terry) would position himself on the city street and wait for somebody to come along and make an offer to him."

Police detective Marcellus Head said Terry confessed to the slayings, which happened in abandoned houses and empty lots after Terry had sex with the men. All the victims were naked from the waist down, police said.

Bill Gripp of the Atlanta Gay Center said Terry's arrest sends a message to both homosexual and heterosexual communities.

"I hope they (police) couple it (the arrest) with a statement that these kinds of crimes will not be permitted. Crimes against gays and lesbians will not be tolerated," he said.

The victims were Richard Williams, 25; Curtis Brown, 22; Alvin George, 32; Jason McColley, 18; Daryl Williams, 20, and George Willingham, 30.

Head said employees at a tire shop where Terry formerly worked told him the suspect was known as "Mr. T."

"That's what I was told by one of the people I talked to," Head said. "It was because of his build, you know."

Terry's co-workers at the tire shop said he mainly kept to himself. "He wasn't somebody to do a lot of associating with anybody else," said Tollie Martin.

## Controversial Teacher's Name Removed from Class Schedule

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The removal of the Rev. Charles Curran's name from Catholic University's class schedule for next semester does not necessarily mean the professor will be prohibited from teaching at the school, university officials said recently.

Curran's name was deleted from the schedule even though the formal Vatican procedures to investigate Vatican charges against him have just begun.

Curran, a tenured professor of moral theology who is on sabbatical leave until Dec. 31, is slated to teach three courses next semester. In the schedule published this month, however, the instructor column lists "TBA—To Be Arranged"—instead of his name.

"TBA is a temporary administrative action that keeps the university's option open," said Ann Smith, a spokeswoman for Catholic. "In a case like this, with Rev. Curran's proceedings just starting, no one is sure how things are going to turn out."

"While the chancellor can suspend a faculty member while he is undergoing due process, there is definitely a possibility that he will be teaching here next semester," she said.

Curran called the action "almost a de facto suspension," that violates the due process guarantees the faculty has sought to ensure. He said he would return to school in January.

"I am scheduled to teach. I am planning to teach. I am ready, willing and able to teach," he said.

Curran, a popular instructor and an internationally known theologian, is embattled with the Vatican over his departure from traditional church teachings on some points of sexual ethics.

The professor contends that "irreversible" homosexuals, "homosexual acts in the context of a loving relationship striving for permanency can in a sense be objectively morally acceptable."