

DA CANDIDATES TO PRESENT CASES

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Messages from Four Are
Almost Unchanged

When Harry Connick, Jim Garrison, Ross Scaccia and Charles Ward get together these days, the outcome of the meeting is predictable.

All four are running for district attorney of New Orleans in next month's Democratic primary election. Each has his own case to present.

Not much changed Tuesday night when the men took their cases to the St. Thomas More Law Club of Loyola University.

The candidates' campaigning was somewhat louder, but their messages were almost unchanged.

Connick complained that Garrison, the incumbent in the race, perpetrated "one of the grossest, most severe miscarriages of justice in the history of America" when he took Clay Shaw to court and on charges that he conspired to murder President John L. Kennedy.

Scaccia said he feels Garrison has too much power as District Attorney of New Orleans and that five of the 10 Criminal Court judges owe their positions to him.

Ward also attacked Garrison, saying the Shaw investigation "should have been stopped three years ago." Ward said he knows Garrison "better than anyone in his office" and that the incumbent DA doesn't have the fine office he began with seven years ago.

Garrison, in turn, defended himself against charges by the preceding candidates and added that the "Shaw case is not closed yet. Not by a long shot. When it's over you'll be proud of your DA."