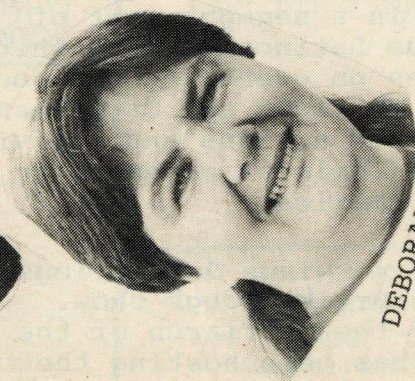


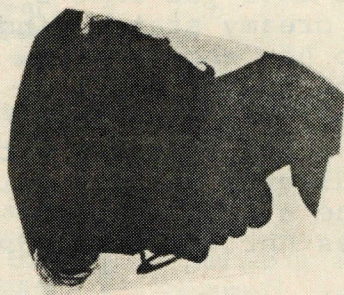
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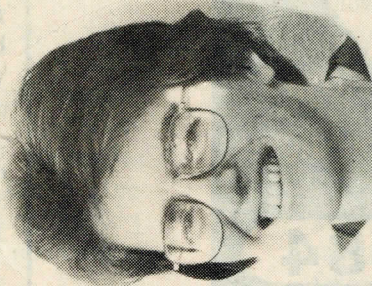
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LATINA LESBIANA ARCHIVES

I am seeking community support in organizing a Latina Lesbiana Archives. To reclaim our history is to understand that we are part of a long line of women who have come before us and who are yet to come. Let us create a home to shelter and protect the voices of our people's past.

If you are interested in the creation of a Latina Lesbiana Archives, can contribute to the archives in any way or are willing to be interviewed for a Latina Lesbiana oral history project, please contact Yolanda Leyva, 1651 N. Old Pueblo, Tucson, Arizona 85745.

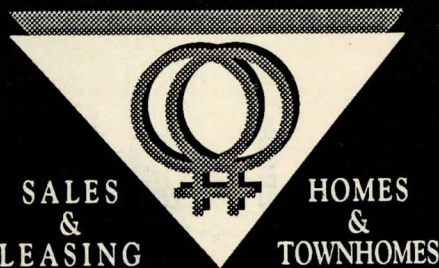


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Meeting: The University Center each Wednesday at 3:00pm
Gays and Lesbians of Rice [GALOR] 630-0247
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HeartSong [Women's Chorus]: 522-1747
Houston Area Gay & Lesbian Engineers and Scientists [HAGLES] 480-2177
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Houston Area Teenagers Coalition of Homosexuals [HATCH]: 942-7002
Houston Area Women's Center [HAWC]: 528-6798
Houston Gay/Lesbian Political Caucus [HGLPC]: 521-1000
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Integrity/Houston [Gay & Lesbian Episcopalians]
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Lambda Center [AA Groups]: 521-9772
Lambda Women's Support & Social Group - Beaumont: 409-724-1192
Lesbian/Gay Pride Week: 529-6979
Lesbians in Business [LIB]: 529-0077
Lesbians Over Age Fifty [LOAF]: 661-1482
Lone Star Symphonic Band: 862-5058
Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection [MCCR]: 861-9194
Montrose Activity Center [MAC]: to be announced
Montrose Counseling Center [MCC] - Women's Network: 529-0037
Mother's Support Web: 869-6689
[Network for Non-mothers & feminist Moms/kids]
P-FLAG [Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays] 721-0788
Queer Nation/Houston Tribe: 529-6969
Rape Crisis Hotline: 528-7273; 528-RAPE
Real Live Womyn [Group for Lesbians coming out of the closet]: 869-3358
Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League of Houston: 520-TEEN
SORA [Sex or Relationship Addictions Anonymous]: 666-8256 or 527-0342
Women Against Violence Everywhere [WAVE]: 529-7329
Women's Information and Referral Exchange [WIRES]: 528-2121
Women's Group: 529-8571
[First Unitarian Church - 5210 Fannin, Sundays 10am]
Women's Reading Group: 932-7724, 580-4305
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Please send updates to:

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About The Cover

Deborah Bell starts the week off on the Wilde & Stein Show, 9:00pm. Deborah's energetic dedication to women and their causes reflects in the type of information she presents on her show. With her co-host, Jack, you can always keep abreast of the latest politics and events.

Wednesday, 1 to 3pm brings us Cindy Freedman. The tones of her voice lull you into a relaxed, dreamy state. Cindy brings to her show a wide variety of music, and I do mean wide!! She also does interviews and features with equally diverse variety as her music. She's also as good looking as her voice sounds!

Rossana Daumas has the Thursday 9-7pm time slot. Enfoque de la Mujer is a segment part of Enfoque Latinoamericano which focuses on events by and about Latin American and Caribbean women and actions and activities of the feminist movement in Latin America.

Friday mornings 9-12 brings us the Breakthrough show. Pokey, the matriarch of the show, has been hosting the show for 11+ years. Perhaps one of the best know Lesbians of Houston, she brings us the Women's music in it's most traditional form.

Laura, a bright, bouncy personality, adds the breath of fresh air to the show. Her music spans a wide range to include everything from oldies to the most current songs on the pop charts. All women singers of course!

Suzanne, a strong dynamic woman, brings to the show, news features of current events and goings on, interviews and general topics of interest.

The three of them blend together to create a most enjoyable show to wile away three morning hours.

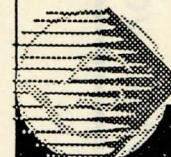
Finishing off the week is the After Hours show from Saturday midnight to 3am. The women involved in this show are Kay Harper, Diane Williams, Jewel Gray and Judy Reeves. This show is best described as an eclectic show aimed at the diversity of the lesbian/gay community, especially the youth. They are looking for some help on the show so if you are interested, call 526-5738

Houston Area Teenagers Coalition of Homosexuals (HATCH), peer support group for teens and young adult between ages 16 to 21 in greater Houston area with committee meetings, social and movie with gay theme, 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM ☎ 526-5200

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5 10am Women's Group - No scheduled speaker 2pm NOW	6 7:30pm Roller Skating	7 6:30pm Lesbian/Gay Pride Week Executive Meeting	8 7pm Women's Network Montrose Counseling Center Lucia's Garden: Begin'g Meditation	9 Class by Lucia's Garden: TAI CHI Unity in the Community 3 One Act Plays Lesbian/Bisexual Support Group	10	11 Houston Outdoor Group Guadalupe Rafting Trip
12 10am Women's Grp - Women's Art Caucus 2pm P-FLAG	13	14	15 7pm Houston Gay & Lesbian Polical Caucus (HGLPC)	16 Houston Gay & Lesbian Parents Support (HGLPS)	17 (LIB)Lesbians in Business Innova Bldg Multicultural Relationships	18
19 10am Women's Group-12 Step 1pm Mother's Web Picnic/BBQ 2pm LOAF 5pm AMIGA	20 7:30pm Roller Skating	21 7pm Lesbian Gay Pride Week - General Meeting 7:30pm Roller Skating Party	22 7pm Women's Network Montrose Counseling Center	23	24	25
26 10am Women's Group - Psychodynamics of Women Leaders	27	28	29	30	31	

Ongoing Events

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ONGOING WEEKLY EVENTS ➡

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
10:00am Women's Group - First Unitarian Church 1:00pm Adult Children of Alcoholics 4:00pm Lesbian Incest Survivors Anonymous (LISA) 6:00pm Women's Rugby Team Practice	12:30pm Rational Eating Group 7:00pm Lesbian Therapy Group 7:00pm Women's Support Group 9:00pm Wilde'n' Stein - KPFT	2:00pm Mother's Children (HIV) 5:30pm Lesbian and Gay Co-Dependents 7:00 Hearing Impaired (HIV) 7:30 Queer Nation 9:00pm A Woman's Place KPFT 90.1 FM	12:30pm Women's Therapy Group 6:00pm Women's Hour - KTRU 6:15pm ♀ Therapy Group-Spirituality 7:00pm ♀ "Pick Up" Basketball Game 7:00pm SORA - Sex or Relationship Addictions 7:30pm ♀ Therapy Gr Inner Child Focus	7pm Enfoque de la Mujer-KPFT 90.1 7pm AfroFemcentric 7pm Support Group for Women Facing Life Challenging Health Concerns 7pm Womens Rugby Team Practice Feminist Golfing	9:05am until noon Breakthrough KPFT 90.1 FM Women's Music <i>Listen to the Calendar at 10:30am for the latest updates on Community Events</i>	 MATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS VISIT INKLINGS Bookshop & LUCIA'S GARDEN

Sunday

The Women's Group meets every Sunday at 10 a.m. at the First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin at Southmore in the Soujourner Truth room upstairs. Call 529-1886 for information.

Adult Children of Alcoholic & Dysfunctional Families, a twelve step support group, meets Sundays at 1:00 p.m. at Dawn of Faith MCC, 10595 Telephone Road at Fuqua, Houston, Texas 77075, 991-6766. Although primarily attended by lesbians, the only requirement is to be a child of a dysfunctional family.

Lesbian Incest Survivors Anonymous (LISA) meets every Sunday from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Inklings upstairs, 1846 Richmond. For more information, call Sherry at 527-8712.

Houston Women's Rugby Team Practice begins at 6pm at the Bellaire YMCB. For more information call Shelly at 776-9451. Practice is also scheduled on Thursdays.

Monday

Rational Eating Support Group facilitated by Kathy Sitarski, Janet Hudson of "A New Way" meets every Monday from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., at 5906 Dolores, Suite 201. Open to all women. Sliding scale fee. FMI, 784-6511.

Women's Support Group, Montrose Resource Center, 811 Westheimer #104. 6pm. Call 524-1069. Free self help service to the community sponsored by Stafford Meadows Hospital.

Lesbian Therapy Group. Therapy group addressing relationships and issues surrounding being a lesbian and a woman. Sharon Stone and Associates, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., 3935 Westheimer, Suite 350, call 623-6081 for information.

Wilde 'n' Stein - KPFT 90.1 FM, Mondays from 9:00-10:00 p.m. Lesbian and gay issues, interviews, music and news presented by those courageous community activists, Deborah Bell and Jack Valinski.

Tuesday

Mothers and Children Group, for HIV positive Mothers and Children meets every Tuesday from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Multi-Service Center, 1475 WestGray, Suite 163. The meetings are informal gatherings with speakers, refreshments, games and companionship. FMI, call 522-5428.

Support Group for Gay and Lesbian Codependents Anonymous. This is a non-smoking discussion group for the gay and lesbian community with issues related to codependency. No membership required. 5:30 p.m., Montrose Counseling Center, Suite 203, 900 Lovett, call Sharon 893-0514 or Jack 523-4863 for information.

Queer Nation meets at 7:30pm at the Montrose Palace on the corner of Commonwealth and Nevada each Tuesday. For info, call 529-0100.

Deaf Hearing-Impaired Group - A group facilitated in sign, for hearing-impaired people with concerns about HIV; this group includes PWA's, "worried well", and significant others and offers support and education. Walk-in. American Sign Language Interpreter. Meets 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett Blvd, Room 3. For more info, call 529-0037.

A Woman's Place - KPFT 90.1 FM, Tuesdays from 9:00-10:00 p.m. Feminist issues and herstorical portraits with that tireless educator, Klara Kern

Wednesday

Women's Support Group facilitated by "A New Way" meets every Wednesday from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., at 5906 Dolores, Suite 201. Open to all women. Sliding scale fee. For more info, call Linda Bedre at 784-6511.

Women's Hour - KTRU 91.7 FM, Wednesdays from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Although 'music' isn't part of the name anymore, women's music is still an integral part of the show. Claire and Yoshiko have always played music by, for, and about women. Now they have added interviews, news stories, and a women's calendar to their show. For information, call 527-4050.

Women's Therapy Group with an emphasis on spirituality meets Wednesdays from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. at 6300 West Loop South. Led by Karen Hanson, CSW-ACP. Open to new members. Sliding scale. FMI, call 667-5733.

SORA (Sex or Relationship Addicts Anonymous) meets every Wednesday from 7:00 to 8:00pm. SORA is a support group for lesbians who desire to stop acting on their sex, romance and/or relationship addiction and learn how to have healthy relationships. They meet at MCCR, 1919 Decatur in the library. For more information, call Glenda (666-8256) or Beth (527-0342).

Women's Therapy Group with inner child focus meets every Wednesday from 7:30-9:00 p.m. at 6300 West Loop South, Suite 215. Facilitated by Joyce M. Gayles, Ph.D. Open to new members. FMI, call 667-6047.

Ongoing Events continued

Women's Network is a support group, established to serve the lesbian and bisexual women's community of Houston; any woman who is sensitive to and comfortable with lesbians, is welcome. The network provides an opportunity to discuss women's issues in a safe environment, network with other women, and socialize with old and new friends. A donation of \$3 to \$5 per meeting is requested, but any woman is welcome regardless of her ability to pay. Meetings are every 2nd and 4th Wednesday, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at the Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett, 2nd floor. For information, call 529-0037.

Thursday

Support Group for Women Facing Life Challenging Health Concerns. This new group will provide support for women whose lives are being impacted by health issues. Meetings will be each Thursday at 7:00 p.m. For more information, call the Montrose Counseling Center at 529-0037.

Houston Women's Rugby Team Practice begins at 7pm at the Memorial Park Rugby Pitch. For more information call Shelly at 776-9451. Practice is also held on Sundays. **Enfoque de la Mujer** is a segment of KPFT's **Enfoque Latino Americano** program which airs from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. **Enfoque de la Mujer** brings news on Latin American and Caribbean women as well as feminist commentaries, interviews and literary analysis. FMI, call Rossana Daumas at 526-4000.

Friday

Breakthrough KPFT 90.1 FM, Friday mornings from 9:05am to noon. Women's music, calendar of events and interviews hosted by Pokéy, Laura, and Suzanne. Breakthrough has served the community for over ten years.

July Special Events

1 WEDNESDAY

Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus meets first & third Wednesdays at 7pm at the Montrose Palace, 1505 Nevada. For more information, call 521-1000.

Women Against Violence Everywhere (WAVE) - A group specifically focusing on violence against women and children will NOT meet this month. For more info, call Jacsun at 867-9117.

Class by Lucia's Garden: Beginning Meditation: Alyce Dabbouseh. Every Wednesday 7:30-8:30pm at the Moon Cottage (\$65/month). For info, 523-6494.

2 THURSDAY

Class by Lucia's Garden: TAI CHI instructed by Cilia Theresa each Thursday at 6:00pm (\$35/month) at Lucia's Garden, 2942 Virginia. For info, 523-6494.

LIB (Lesbians in Business) Party at the Ranch, 9218 Buffalo Speedway at 7:30. \$5, bring friends. For info, call 529-0077.

3 FRIDAY

4 SATURDAY

Real Live Womyn Resurrection meets on the first Saturday of the month, 12:00 to 2:00pm at Inklings Bookshop, 1846 Richmond. Coming out is a p-r-o-c-e-s-s. And its fun too! Come find out what lesbian life is about without that closet. For more info, call Jeraine at 869-3358.

5 JULY

The Women's Group*, No scheduled speaker. Open forum for women to evolve their own discussion. The Women's Group meets at 10am in the Sojourner Truth room (upstairs), First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin. For more info, call Iris 529-8571 or Janet 942-7717.

NOW Reproductive Rights Task Force/Houston Defending Choice Coalition meets at Inklings Bookshop, 1846 Richmond at 2pm. The meetings will be scheduled every other Sunday instead of having weekly meetings. For info, call 668-9008.

6 MONDAY

Roller Skating 7:30-10:30pm, \$5 includes skates; closed to the general public. New location at Trade Winds Roller Rink, 5006 West 34th at 290 (next to K-Mart). First and third Mondays, sponsored by Lambda Rollerskating Club, 523-6381.

7 TUESDAY

Lesbian/Gay Pride Week - Executive Meeting on

the first Tuesday each month, 6:30pm at the Multi-Purpose Center, 1475 W. Gray. For info, call 529-6979.

8 WEDNESDAY

LIB (Lesbians in Business) Investment Group meets on the second Wednesday of the month. For info, call Peggy at 957-1669. **Women's Network***, The Women's Network meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at the Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett, 2nd floor 7:00-9pm. FMI, call 529-0037.

9 THURSDAY

Lesbian/Bisexual Support Group meets each Thursday through July 30 at "A New Way", 7-10pm, 5906 Dolores. For info, call 784-6511. **The Group (Theatre Workshop) production**, "Unity in the Community" Three comedies, "The Desired Effect" (gay male romantic comedy with a twist) by Troy Tradup and "Love Slapped Me Boom Boom Upside My Head" (lesbian comedy about love and baseball) by Claire Olivia Moed and "Out of Bounds" (Is there life after women's basketball?) by Mariah Burton Nelson opens July 9 at DiverseWorks for a two-week run, Thursdays-Sundays. Call 522-2204 for reservations.

11 SATURDAY

NOW/Houston Defending Choice will conduct **Clinic Defense Training** from 8:30 to 11:30 on Saturdays through August in preparation for defending / keeping abortion clinics open while **Operation Rescue** is in town for the **Republican Convention August 17-22**. Sign up to attend the class by calling 668-9008. The training will be at the Allen Parkway Community Center.

Houston Outdoor Group Guadelupe Rafting Trip. Reservations have been made for 20 campers for both July 11 and July 25th weekends. For info, call Joe at 649-4721. HOG is a social group for Gay men and Lesbians. Call the HOGline (526-7688) for info and free trial newsletter (subscription \$15/yr).

12 SUNDAY

The Women's Group*, Nancy Baker, The Women's Art Caucus. The Women's Art Caucus is a group of women artists grounded in nurturing and networking, as well as, politicizing the sexism found in art historically and today. The Women's Group meets at 10am in the Sojourner Truth room (upstairs), First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin. For more info, call Iris 529-8571 or Janet 942-7717.

Parents FLAG/Houston (Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays) meets the first Sunday of each month (moves to the 2nd Sunday when the 1st Sunday is a holiday weekend) at 2pm, IntraCare Hospital, 7601 Fannin. P-FLAG provides a support group for families and friends of lesbians and gays in their effort to understand, accept and support their children with love and pride. For more information, call 721-0788.

13 MONDAY

LIB (Lesbians in Business) Self Employed Group will NOT meet in July and August. Call Elizabeth at 680-3822 for more information.

14 TUESDAY

Ice Skate Nite at the Galleria from 8 to 10pm every second Tuesday (\$4.50 includes skates) sponsored by the Chain Gang Bicycle Club, the Houston Outdoor Group and the Lambda Rollerskating Club. For info call 523-6381.

15 WEDNESDAY

Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus meets first & third Wednesdays at 7pm at the Montrose Palace, 1505 Nevada. For more information, call 521-1000.

16 THURSDAY

Houston Gay and Lesbian Parents Support meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month for the adults and the youth. Childcare is provided. HGLPS provides a social outlet for the entire family. Planned outings and activities allow parents, co-parents, children, and future parents to celebrate as an extended family. For info, call 666-8256.

17 FRIDAY

LIB (Lesbians in Business), a women's empowerment group, \$10 membership, 6:30pm, 6-6:30 networking. LIB meets at a relatively new location, Innova at 20 Greenway Plaza. Directions from Montrose Area: Southbound on the Southwest Freeway, exit Summit and follow the feeder to Cummins St. Innova is located on Cummins between Portsmouth St. and Norfolk (also between Richmond and I-59). For parking, you enter the building either from the Norfolk or Portsmouth side. The meeting is located on the first floor in room 1. For info, call 529-0077.

Multicultural Relationships. One parent said to her lesbian daughter, "Your lifestyle is bad enough but then you have to sleep with a nigger too" A white male told me of wet back jokes told in his office although they know his partner is Hispanic. Let's take time out to talk in a safe, supportive environment, about the disappointments and the things that work well when we choose partners of a different race. "A New Way", 7-9:30pm, 5906 Dolores. For info, call Rolonda Teal at 784-6511.

19 SUNDAY

The Women's Group, Grainne Matthews - Feminism and Twelve Step Programs. Grainne will coordinate a panel of women discussing feminism and Twelve Step Programs. Increasing numbers of women are joining the recovery community with its focus on the Twelve Step model of Alcohol Anonymous. This model is often criticized by feminists as oppressive and patriarchal. Join us to discover how women are reconciling their feminism with their Twelve Step Program. The Women's Group meets at 10am in the Sojourner Truth Room upstairs. For more information, call Iris 529-8571 or Janet 942-7717.

Mother's Web Monthly Pot Luck Lunch / Picnic / BBQ 1-4 P.M. at Russ Pittman Park in Bellaire, exit 610 at Evergreen and go 2 blocks east (inside the loop) to the corner of Evergreen and Newcastle. Non-mothers can network with feminist mothers & their kids on the third Sunday each month at the park. FMI, call Nancy at 869-6689.

Lesbians Over Age Fifty (LOAF) meets the third Sunday of each month, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., now at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray. The mailing address is still P.O.B. 980601 Houston, Tx. 77098. For more info, call 661-1482.

AMIGA de Houston meets on the third Sunday of each month at 5:00 pm for our business meeting and potluck dinner. While the focus of this group is Latina/Lesbiana - all mujeres interested in getting active are invited to join us. FMI, call 520-5667.

20 MONDAY

Roller Skating 7:30-10:30pm, \$5 includes skates; closed to the general public. New location at Trade Winds Roller Rink, 5006 West 34th at 290 (next to K-Mart). First and third Mondays, sponsored by Lambda Rollerskating Club, 523-6381.

21 TUESDAY

Lesbian/Gay Pride Week - General Meeting on the third Tuesday each month, 7pm at the Multi-purpose Center, 1475 W. Gray. For info, call 529-6979.

22 WEDNESDAY

Women's Network*, Topic to be Announced. The Women's Network meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at the Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett, 2nd floor 7:00-9pm. FMI, call 529-0037.

24 FRIDAY

Fourth Friday Socials, open social gathering at MCCR for fellowship and snacks, play cards, board games. 7pm MCCR Fellowship Hall, 1919 Decatur, 861-9149.

26 SUNDAY

The Women's Group*, Kimberly Arlinghaus, M.D. - The Psychodynamics of Women Leaders. Dr Arlinghaus is the Director of Psychiatric Services at The Institute of Rehabilitation and Research. We will question why there are so few women in leadership roles and how women

leaders (ex Hillary Clinton) are perceived by men, by other women, by institutions and in politics. We will explore some of the psychological fears operation within women, the men and women around them, as well as, societal fears and backlash in regard to female leadership. The Women's Group meets at 10am in the Sojourner Truth room (upstairs), First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin. For more info, call Iris 529-8571 or Janet 942-7717.

28 TUESDAY

Ice Skate Nite at the Galleria from 8 to 10pm (\$4.50 includes skates) sponsored by the Chain Gang Bicycle Club, the Houston Outdoor Group and the Lambda Rollerskating Club. Wear pink or Lesbian/Gay pride shirts/blouses. For info call 523-6381.

31 FRIDAY

Feminism & Wicca: A Women's Study Group for women only, meeting on the Friday nearest the new moon. We will explore diverse aspects of feminism -- through such topics as gender bias, language, stereotypes, role expectations, and misogyny in our culture -- and attempt to integrate these aspects with our shared knowledge of the Craft and Womyn's Spirituality. The Magic Cauldron, 11311 Katy Freeway, Houston, TX 77079. For info, call 468-8031.

August 8 and 9, 1992

Women's Group Annual Garage Sale. Please bring items to the First Unitarian Church for the garage sale. Call Iris (529-8571) for pick up of larger items.

Saturday, August 15, 1992

Pro-Choice Rally sponsored by NOW and other reproductive rights organizations. Location to be announced. The rally is to precede the Republican Convention which is August 17-22. For info, call Houston Area NOW at 668-9008.

FUTURE 1992 EVENTS

GLOBAL COMMUNITY EVENTS (for more info, see Bulletin Board at Inklings)

STUPID QUESTIONS

Marilyn vos Savant is listed in the "Guinness Book of World's Records Hall of Fame" for having the Highest IQ. She has a weekly column which is featured in the Houston Chronicle "Parade" section on Sundays where readers send in questions for her to answer. Often these questions are "brain teasers" or tricky mathematical problems. Recently Marilyn was asked this question:

"Do you agree, as some philosophers do, that there are no stupid questions - only stupid answers?"

Marilyn answers: "Definitely not. And as a prime example, please have a look at the following question, from a reader whose name has been withheld for his own protection."

Would you have been significantly more intelligent or marginally more intelligent had you been born a male?"

--Anonymous

TEXACO TO PBS: NO SUPPORT FOR NONTRADITIONAL TV

Texaco, the long-time corporate underwriter for PBS's *Great Performances* arts series, will end its support as of June 10th. *The Lost Language of Cranes*, a BBC/WNET adaptation of David Leavitt's novel about the parallel coming out of a gay father and son, was screened by company officials prior to their announcement. *Cranes* airs June 24th on *Great Performances*.

Texaco denies charges by Out in Film, an association of lesbian and gay film professionals, that it acted to avoid supporting an explicitly gay-themed drama. The oil giant says its move was based on "a review of both the current and future direction of the series" that found it moving away from "traditional and classical works."

Earlier this season *Great Performances* broadcast "Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane and Company," which included homoerotic dance scenes and a moving interview with choreographer Jones about the AIDS-related death of his lover and "one true companion," Arnie Zane.

The suddenness of Texaco's announcement and the fact that *Great Performances* has aired contemporary dramas in the past lends credence to Out in Film's charges. Express your displeasure to Texaco and encourage the company to support programming that deals with gay themes and issues on PBS and on the commercial networks.

Gays buy gas, too! Write James W. Kinnear, President & CEO, Texaco, Inc., 2000 Westchester Ave., White Plains, NY 10650, fax: 914/253-7753.

Also, praise *Great Performances* for its inclusion of gay-themed works. Write Jac Venza, Executive Producer, *Great Performances*, WNET, 356 W. 58th Street, New York, NY 10019.

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A very nice person who I talked with recently told me an interesting story. "James" is a Transgenderal person who has undergone surgery from female to male. He told me that after the surgery he got a \$10,000 a year raise. Same job, same position, same company -- makes you think doesn't it? It should not surprise me, only serves to remind me once again that sexism runs deep.

Urban Wasteland

I recline on the tailgate
of my company's truck,
on such a fine spring day,
and let the sun renew my spirits,
watch the ants make their way
through the clutter and trash
in unmowed lawns.
A sleepy tomcat,
on an old junk car,
arches and stretches
with a giant yawn,
looks at me with some distaste
deciding to move on
saunters down the street,
never giving me a second look.
A timid mongrel dog
comes venturing out from under
a termite infested frame house
groveling and sidestepping
wagging her tail
hoping for an offer of petting
or any words of kindness.
I always keep pet food
in the cab of my truck
or some other tidbit to munch.
After all, I never know
who'll be joining me for lunch.
Filthy, runny-nosed babies
play in the oil soaked dirt
left by some leaky motor,
managing not to get hurt.
It's not pleasant or carefree
working in the suburban slums,
day after day, year after year,
seeing the poverty
it's really made clear
what depths the human
can slide or sink to.
I wonder why,
in this day and age,
when every shack has a TV
why people choose to live
with trash-filled yards
and unkept houses,
when they can easily see
that it doesn't require a fortune
to be neat and clean.
It's a daily struggle
not to let it get to me.
I work to keep positive thoughts
and look for some beauty

amid the squalor
From what I observe
I don't think that we
have made much progress
at becoming civilized
in the span of our history.
At least the animals
have some sense of worth,
a purpose in their behavior,
a harmony with the earth.
I get on my knees
and study the flowers
and the honey bees
and all their tiny parts.
There are the things
that feed my inner peace
help me to survive
and keep my sanity
in this urban wasteland
we call a modern city.

Susan 92

Dykes To Watch Out For

VIDEO DISPLAY

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Malika's visit is coming to an exciting anticlimax!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, YOU DON'T HAVE ORGASMS WITH A PARTNER? MAYBE ALL YOUR OTHER PARTNERS WERE JUST BAD LOVERS! LEMME TRY AGAIN!

WHOA, BABE. RELAX. I'D BE VERY HAPPY TO MAKE LOVE SOME MORE, BUT NOT JUST SO YOU CAN "GIVE" ME AN ORGASM. I WISH EVERYONE DIDN'T MAKE SUCH A BIG DEAL OUT OF A FEW MUSCULAR CONTRACTIONS.

WELL, UM... D'YOU WANNA MAKE YOURSELF COME?

GINGER, IF THAT'S ALL I WANTED, I COULDA SAVED A COUPLA HUNDRED BUCKS AND STAYED IN SAN FRANCISCO. LOOK, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, OKAY?

OKAY, OKAY. NO PRESSURE. COME BACK TO BED AND I PROMISE I WON'T TRY TO MAKE YOU HAVE AN ORGASM. DEAL?

DEAL.

OH! WAIT A SECOND! I BROUGHT SOMETHING!

UH-OH. SOME KIND OF WILD SEX TOY FROM THE BIG BAD CITY?

YOU COULD CALL IT THAT. I WANTED TO HAVE SOMETHING TO REMEMBER YOU BY. I'LL SEND YOU A COPY.

MEANWHILE... MO & HARRIET ARE EXPERIENCING TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES OF THEIR OWN.

BUT YOU DIDN'T EVEN ASK ME!

I KNEW YOU'D JUST TRY TO GUILT-TRIP ME! BESIDES, IT'S MY MONEY AND I'VE WANTED A VCR FOR A LONG TIME.

WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL? YOU'RE ALWAYS WATCHING MOVIES OVER ON LOIS & GINGER'S! ISN'T IT A LITTLE HYPOCRITICAL TO ACT LIKE YOU'RE TOO PURE TO HAVE ONE YOURSELF?

NO! SHARING THINGS WITH FRIENDS IS A GOOD WAY TO REDUCE THE RAMPANT JUNK PRODUCTION AND MINDLESS CONSUMERISM THAT'S KILLING OUR PLANET!

LOOK, I JUST WANNA FUCKING TAPE "ALL MY CHILDREN."

RIGHT. NEXT YOU'LL NEED A BIGGER TV, THEN AN "ENTERTAINMENT CENTER" TO PUT IT IN AND A RECLINER TO WATCH IT FROM... THEN CABLE! IT'S AN ADDICTIVE SPIRAL! THE MORE YOU BUY, THE MORE YOU NEED! IT'S BETTER TO QUIT NOW, HARRIET!

OKAY, FINE. I'M MOVING OUT.

Breaking Down is Hard To Do

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SO HARRIET'S MOVING OUT. MY LIFE IS A MESS.

AND WHY SHOULDN'T IT BE? WHY SHOULD MY PERSONAL LIFE GO SMOOTHLY IN SUCH A VIOLENT, EVIL WORLD?

I CAN'T BELIEVE THOSE COPS GOT ACQUITTED IN L.A.!

HOW COULD THE NON-BLACK JURY SAY THEIR DECISION HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE FACT THAT RODNEY KING IS BLACK? I'M SO SICK OF WHITE PEOPLE WHO THINK THEY'RE NOT RACIST JUST BECAUSE THEY WATCH THE COSBY SHOW!

THIS COUNTRY IS BUILT ON RACISM, AND THE SOONER WE ALL ADMIT IT, THE SOONER WE CAN START FIXING IT.

SO WHAT DOES GEORGE BUSH DO? BLAMES THE RIOTS ON "LIBERAL PROGRAMS OF THE 60'S AND 70'S" THEN JETS IN FOR A PHOTO OP!

JEEZIZ, IT'S JUST ALL SO HORRIBLE.

WHY ARE PEOPLE SO MEAN? WHY DO THEY HURT EACH OTHER?

SOB! CHOKES

IT'S OKAY, MO. LET IT COME.

TEN MINUTES LATER...

HA! NO, NOT QUITE! HOW DO YOU FEEL? YOU'VE NEVER REALLY LET YOURSELF CRY WITH ME BEFORE.

OH, I FEEL GREAT, ANYA! THE WORLD'S STILL FUCKED UP, MY GIRLFRIEND'S STILL LEAVING ME... BUT NOW I HAVE A SPLITTING HEADACHE TO TAKE MY MIND OFF IT.

stunned

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I LOVE YOU A LOT MO, BUT I'M JUST NOT IN LOVE ANY MORE. I'M STARTING TO REALIZE THAT I'VE BEEN UNHAPPY FOR A LONG TIME NOW.

THINGS HAVE GOTTEN SO... SO STAGNANT BETWEEN US. WE'VE STOPPED GROWING.

I NEED TO BE ALONE FOR A WHILE, SORT OUT MY FEELINGS, GET IN TOUCH WITH MYSELF.

MO, TALK TO ME!

WHAT'S LEFT TO SAY HARRIET? YOU USED UP ALL THE GOOD CLICHES! GOD, I FEEL LIKE I'M TRAPPED IN A BAD SOAP OPERA!

LEMME THINK A MINUTE... OH! I KNOW! HOW ABOUT THIS? "IS THERE SOMEONE ELSE, HARRIET?"

NO, NOBODY! I ALREADY TOLD YOU. NOBODY IN PARTICULAR ANYWAY.

JEEZIZ, HARRIET! I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S WORSE! BEING DUMPED FOR NOBODY OR FOR NOBODY IN PARTICULAR! YOU COULD AT LEAST HAVE HAD THE DECENCY TO HAVE AN AFFAIR!

IT'S JUST THAT I'VE BEEN MEETING A LOT OF NEW PEOPLE SINCE I STARTED VOLUNTEERING FOR THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON. I'M REALIZING THERE ARE THINGS I WANT THAT I'M NOT GETTING HERE.

LIKE WHAT? SOMEONE WHO MAKES LOTS OF MONEY AND LIKES TO SPEND IT ON ELECTRONIC GADGETS? SOMEONE WHO'LL EAT AT BURGER KING WITH YOU? WHAT!

LIKE SOMEONE WHO'S NOT SO NEGATIVE AND JUDGMENTAL! SOMEONE WHO CAN GIVE ME SOME SUPPORT INSTEAD OF WHINING ALL THE TIME! I'M TIRED OF THIS!

FINE! THEN LEAVE! GO GET SOME "SUPPORT" FROM YOUR NEW FRIENDS! GO ON! WHO'S STOPPING YOU?

FINE. I DON'T HAVE TO LISTEN TO THIS. I'M GOING TO A COMMITTEE MEETING.

WHAT TIME WILL YOU BE BACK? I'LL SAVE YOU SOME CURRIED SPINACH SURPRISE!

What's in the GO FISH

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While Harriet packs to leave their apartment, Mo turns to her devoted friends for solace and understanding.

JEEZ, MO! DON'T BE SO BUMMED! I NEVER THOUGHT HARRIET WAS RIGHT FOR YOU ANYWAY. THERE'S PLENTY MORE FISH IN THE SEA! IT'S PARTY TIME!

LOIS, BE QUIET. I NEED TO CONCENTRATE. HMM... THE THREE OF SWORDS... THAT'S REALLY INTERESTING, MO. IT MEANS YOU'RE EXPERIENCING PAIN AND SORROW... POSSIBLY THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE.

NO SHIT, MADAME SHERLOCK. FORGET THE CARDS, MO. WHAT YOU NEED IS TO GET BACK INTO CIRCULATION.

LEAVE HER ALONE, LOIS. GRIEF IS A NATURAL PROCESS. YOU DON'T HEAL BY DISTRACTING YOURSELF WITH NEW PROSPECTS.

OH, COME ON. WE'VE ALL DONE IT. IT MAKES YOU FEEL BETTER.

THAT'S FOR SURE. HOPE DOES SPRING ETERNAL, DOESN'T IT? NO MATTER HOW BAD I'VE BEEN BURNED IN BREAKUPS, PART OF ME ALWAYS FELT EXCITED ABOUT HAVING ANOTHER CHANCE TO FIND THE REAL MS. RIGHT.

COMPLETE WITH SHINING ARMOR, A WHITE HORSE, AND NO BAGGAGE?

YEAH. SOMEONE MYSTERIOUS, BEGUILING. SOMEONE WHO'LL SAY THE THINGS YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO HEAR. SOMEONE WHO'S NOTHING LIKE ANY OF YOUR EXES.

AT LEAST NOT UNTIL YOU GET TO KNOW HER. THEN YOU FIND OUT SHE'S EXACTLY LIKE YOUR EXES, ONLY WORSE.

OH, LIGHTEN UP! THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH A LITTLE ROMANCE TO TAKE YOUR MIND OFF YOUR TROUBLES.

SPOKEN LIKE A TRUE ADDICT. SEARCH FOR THE PERFECT LOVER TO SOLVE ALL YOUR PROBLEMS RATHER THAN FACE THEM ON YOUR OWN. NOW LEAVE US ALONE! I'M TRYING TO GIVE MO HERE.

IT WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE A GIRLFRIEND WHO REALLY APPRECIATED ME FOR ONCE. MAYBE SOMEONE WHO COULD PLAY GUITAR... AND COOK THAI FOOD...

MMM. THE FOOL. THIS IS A POWERFUL CARD, MO. ITS DIVINATORY SYMBOLISM IS EVOCATIVE AND COMPLEX.

REALLY? WHAT'S IT MEAN?

IT MEANS "WATCH IT, BABE. OR YOU COULD DO SOMETHING REALLY STUPID."

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Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the coverage you extended me in your June issue. I am getting more women to interview with me as a result of your help, and their voices are extremely valuable in helping me document our history.

Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

Jazz

*You are welcome!
Jazz!
WAND
STAFF*



The Goddess Returns



There once was a time when women and the Great Goddess were respected and revered... a time when we knew we were a part of nature, not separate from her. Now, as our suffering world approaches the end of the millennium, memories of the beginning of civilization when women and men lived in harmony with each other and with the natural world are returning as images of the Great Goddess are appearing all around us.

Houston Defending Choice/NOW Clinic Defense

Operation Rescue (OR) is coming to Houston for the Republican Convention. OR will go to clinics around town (17 clinics) that provide abortion services and try to shut the clinics down and prevent women from having abortions. The clinics call Operation Rescue, Operation Reschedule since OR does not prevent abortions; the clients just reschedule. Pro-choice groups have formed a coalition to defend the clinics. The coalition will need hundreds of volunteers to cover all the clinics. Clinic defense involves getting to the staging area at 5am. The coordinators will send volunteers to the clinics that OR has targeted that day. The pro-choice supporters defend the clinics by lining up three people deep or more on each side to form a human corridor in front of the entrance to the clinic. Clients are escorted through the corridor, so they can get in the clinic. The goal is to keep the clinic open so Operation Rescue can't get media coverage saying they shut down a clinic.

Patricia Ireland, President of NOW, facilitated a clinic defense class with other officers of national NOW at the Jewish Community Center on June 16. The Jewish Community Center would not allow reporters inside the building, so the 500 supporters went into the parking lot and formed "hassle lines". Two rows of people face each other and one row is designated the clinic defenders and the other row pretends to be Operation Rescue, and they yell and call the clinic defenders names, etc. This gives volunteers an opportunity to see how they will respond to hecklers at the clinics. A big point made at the training, is that the clinics are inviting the pro-choice supporters to defend the clinics. This activity has different rules from a protest. The big advantage for the clinics is having a tremendous number of pro-choice volunteers. Having the sheer numbers will keep Operation Rescue from dominating the situation and giving the public the messages that Houston does not support reproductive rights. So let's get everyone out to help Houston defend choice.



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AT GATE, TICKETS ARE \$125 EACH. CASH ONLY.

Ticket Price Includes: breakfast, dinner, workshops, dances, concerts, a crafts/business market, barter market, accommodations, child care, disability services, medical or holistic healthcare for needs of a temporary nature, campfires, and sing-alongs.

T-SHIRTS

With festival logo. Pre-orders will ensure that you get a shirt(s). We will not have many extras.

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By purchasing your ticket early, your money allows us to have start-up funds. To produce a festival, it is very costly and we do not have financial backers. Most of the festival expense must be paid before we go on the land. So we can estimate how much food to buy and to pay other pre-fest expenses, pre-registration is necessary. Plus, we cannot exceed the camp's capacity, so please be sure to pre-register by August 1, 1992. No refunds, as all funds are spent as they come in.

TICKET PRICES

We have had many requests for reduced-rate tickets. Approximately 70% of all tickets we sold last year were below the breakeven costs. To reduce the cost of the tickets, we have reduced the number of paid performers. Ticket prices this year cost 1/3 of what they did last year. If you can pay higher on the scale, please do. Together, we can break the chains of classism. Regardless of whether you are with us 4, 3, or 2 days and nights, the ticket price is the same.

Send check or Money Order payable to: SPIRIT FEST, 1806 Curcor Dr., Gulfport, MS 39507.

For more info, call (601) 896-3196, voice only. Sorry, no TTY phone. No personal checks. Your ticket, map, and pre-festival brochure will be mailed Aug. 1, 1992. Gate open Thursday 8:00 a.m. and workshops begin at 1:00 p.m. Festival ends Sunday at 12 noon. No refunds.

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What area of festival do you wish your accommodations:
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T-shirts: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, \$13. Short Sleeve.
Size(s) and number of each _____

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*** Add \$20 to the cost of your ticket if you choose not to do a workshift.

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THE CAMP

Festival will be in the same state park north of New Orleans, which totals 2,900 acres, as last year. Concrete sidewalks connect all buildings and make for excellent wheelchair access. All areas of festival are centrally located because the buildings are arranged in a circle. The land is flat. Outside our group camp area is a swimming pool reserved for us 4 hours per day. And you are welcomed to enjoy the state park's facilities. A map will be sent with ticket purchase.

CABINS

The "group camp" has 180 beds; air conditioned; flush toilets; hot-water showers.

TENTS

A tent camping area complete with its own bath house and open pyramid-shaped buildings.

RVs

Hookups available. You must pre-register ASAP so we can reserve you a space. Use sliding scale for ticket price and add \$15.00 per night for RV space.

WORKSHOPS

SPIRIT FEST makes available space for workshops. If you are interested send a description of yourself and your workshop, along with your ticket purchase.

CRAFTSWOMYN

We have 20 available spaces, all are indoors. The craftswomyn create lasting goods that represent our womancentered culture and diversity. You will have an opportunity to buy unique gifts that you will find at the Craftswomyn's Market. Write for a crafts application.

BARTER MARKET

On Saturday in the crafts area, a table will be set up for barter. Bring your womanmade items and trade.

CREATING WIMMIN'S CULTURE

Workshops, arts/crafts, womyn's music, drumming, fire circles, dancing, swimming, jogging and just plain visiting with each other so we can celebrate the lives of Southern women and our friends. This is SPIRIT FEST.

For four days we will celebrate our lives — some wimmin will offer their skills as workshops; some wimmin will pick up trash on the shoreline; some wimmin will jog over the entire camp; some wimmin will lay back and rest; some wimmin will go to the pool and swim or catch the sun's rays; some wimmin will bring their sporting equipment and will ask other wimmin to join the fun; some wimmin will fish; some wimmin will enjoy the nature trails — the Spanish moss draped trees, deer, wild turkeys, alligators.

WHO WE ARE

SPIRIT FEST welcomes all women and girls. Boy children 8 and under are also welcomed. Women and children of every culture, class, size, ability, age, relational, spiritual and religious preference are invited to create SPIRIT FEST.

SAFESPACE FESTIVAL

Our space is a "safespace": No violence in word, deed, images, or display. We reserve the right to refuse any workshop, performance, literature, art or craft that would be contrary to the politics of the space we are creating or that might be potentially harmful to one's health.

HOW FESTIVAL WORKS

Workshifts make the festival happen. At registration, you'll have an opportunity to sign up.

PROGRAM AD SPACE

If you would like to advertise in our festival program, send your ad camera ready. Deadline is Aug. 15. Program ads are available at the following rates: 2x3-1/2 (business card size) - \$25.00; 1/4 page - \$40.00; 1/2 page - \$75.00; full page - \$125.00.

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY EVENING CELEBRATIONS

Southern Women Artist. If you are interested in performing, please contact Henson Productions (601) 896-3196. Come and join in the fun and creation of these events.

FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE! — by DJ: DEMIAN

SATURDAY EVENING CELEBRATION

Kay Gardner, composer/transformation artist, will create a participatory celebration that will begin at the nightstage and end by the warm glow of the campfire! Through Kay's "warm presence and superb musicianship, her concerts are transformed into times of shared musical creativity and group improvisation..." Truly a night to cherish!

SILENT AUCTION

To benefit Sister Spirit Incorporated:
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FOOD

The food we serve is indigenous to our area. A book listing all food we serve will be available. Vegetarian and non-vegetarian.

CONCESSION STAND

Oat burgers, turkey franks, hamburgers, soft drinks, bottled water, coffee (regular and decaf), snacks, bagged ice.

AIR TRAVEL

A shuttle will be provided by **SPRIT FEST** from New Orleans International Airport for a \$10.00 fee. Send a copy of your flight reservations before Aug. 15 for this service or call (601) 896-3196.

GAY & LESBIAN ALLIANCE AGAINST DEFAMATION

PRIME TIME GAY? (YOUR VOICE HAS A SAY!)

The 30-week TV season has just ended. The networks, we're told, count every letter they receive as if it represents 20,000 people! In short, your letters about these recent episodes will translate into more gay stories next year:

"THREE 'CHEERS' FOR HARVEY

Near the season's end, *Cheers* featured openly gay actor/playwright/wit Harvey Fierstein as Mark Newberger, who was Rebecca's high school sweetheart before he came out. Fierstein says the openly gay character could return in future episodes if viewer response is positive. So write Les and Glen Charles, James Burrows, Executive Producers, *Cheers*, Charles/Burrows/Charles Productions, Paramount Television, 5555 Melrose Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90038.

Be sure to send a copy to Warren Littlefield, President, NBC Entertainment, 3000 West Alameda Avenue, Burbank, CA 91523.

MURPHY BROWN: PROGRESS & BACKLASH

An openly gay character named Rick joined the staff at "FYI" (the series' fictional news program). The show sensitively provided insight into heterosexual angst (Murphy's straight boss, Miles, became worried after he dreamt about Rick) while slamming false stereotypes about gay men.

In real life, gay staff on shows such as "FYI" are increasingly open about who they are. Unfortunately, Rick only appeared once this season. Ask that Rick and other gay and lesbian characters be included as *regulars* by writing Diane English and Joel Shukovsky, Executive Producers, *Murphy Brown*, 4000 Warner Blvd., Burbank, CA 91522.

Copies to Jeff Sagansky, President, CBS Entertainment, 7800 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90036.

ROSEANNE: EXIT LEON

Roseanne, winner of a 1992 GLAAD Media Award, was the only sitcom on TV to feature a recurring gay character (Martin Mull as Leon, *Roseanne's* openly gay boss). On a recent episode Mull broke up with his lover but started dating someone new (Rick Dees, in a guest appearance).

Mull is moving on and will not be returning next season, but ask the producers to continue their groundbreaking inclusion of gay characters on TV's highest-rated series.

Write to Marcy Carsey and Tom Werner, Executive Producers, *Roseanne*, Carsey-Werner Co., 4024 Radford Avenue, Studio City, CA 91604.

Copies to Robert Iger, President, ABC Entertainment, 2040 Avenue of the Stars, Los Angeles, CA 90067.

Flash: In April the American Family Association targeted *Murphy Brown's* biggest advertisers for "promoting homosexuality" on TV (and both received hundreds of complaints). To counter anti-gay censorship, ask for further sponsorship of shows with gay and lesbian characters and story lines. Write to Chrm. Charles M. Harper, ConAgra, Inc., One ConAgra Drive, Omaha, NE 68102, fax 402/595-4665 (Healthy Choice foods, Morton frozen foods) and to Chrm. Henry Wendt, SmithKline Beecham, P.O. Box 7929, Philadelphia, PA 19101, fax 215/751-4306 (Aqua Velva, Calgon bath products, Massengill douches, Contact decongenstant).

STAR TREK'S MIXED MESSAGE

Star Trek: The Next Generation garnered mixed reviews for its March episode "The Outcast," in which the crew encountered an androgynous race. One of the aliens, Soren (Melinda Cullen), tells Commander Will Riker of being born with the feelings of a female. They fall in love but when their relationship is discovered Soren is put on trial and

sentenced by her people to curative "psychotechnic" treatment.

On the one hand, Soren gave an impassioned speech saying "I am female. I was born that way...All of the loving things you do with each other, that is what we do. And for that we are called misfits and deviants and criminals." But in the end she is "cured," or maybe brainwashed, and rejects Riker. Many found the conclusion ambiguous and disturbing.

While there were elements to praise, no mention was made of gays or lesbians in the future or about anti-gay discrimination in Earth's past. Both would have been natural to mention.

Before his death, *Star Trek* creator Gene Roddenberry told *The Advocate* "In the fifth season...viewers will see more of shipboard life [including] gay crew members in day-to-day circumstances." This didn't happen.

Ask for *real* gay characters next season by writing Rick Berman, Executive Producer, *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, Paramount Pictures, 5555 Melrose Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90038.

MAPLE DRIVE: GAY FAMILY DRAMA

Doing Time on Maple Drive, a TV movie broadcast last March on Fox, was a realistic and moving look at a closeted gay son driven to attempt suicide because of his family's rigid expectations. "Matt," (William McNamara) later comes out and mends fences with his lover and with his family. The final reconciliation scene with his conservative father (James Sikking) was particularly affecting. (The film was directed by *thirty-something's* Ken Olin.)

It's important to give Fox positive feedback (and ask for more gay inclusion in future projects) by writing Peter Chernin, President, Fox Broadcasting, 10201 West Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90035

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Legislative Update By Laurie Eiserloh, Executive Director, Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas.

Martha Fitzwater has been appointed to the Texas Funeral Services Commission. She is the first "out" lesbian appointed by the Richards administration. She is also the only woman to serve on this commission. Discrimination against the lesbian and gay community by the funeral industry is a commonplace occurrence. Often funeral homes will refuse to bury the bodies of those who have died from AIDS. Also, funeral homes often refuse to follow directives left by lesbian or gay people for the disposal of the body. For instance if a lesbian couple were to purchase a funeral plot and state in their wills, as allowed by Texas law, that they wish to be buried together, blood relatives may easily challenge the directives. Fitzwater will be working closely with lesbian and gay activists to revise these discriminatory practices.

Another historic appointment was made this week when Governor Richards appointed Jerry Birdwell to the 195th District Court in Dallas. Birdwell has acknowledged that he is a gay man.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals has refused to hear Morales et al v. State. Morales is the Texas Human Rights Foundation's challenge to the Texas Sodomy Statute. The sodomy statute makes same sex sexual contact between consenting adults illegal in the state of Texas. Although persons are rarely charged with violating this statute, it is used to justify discrimination against lesbian and gay people in employment, education, AIDS funding, AIDS education, and law making.

Because of the Morales case, 21.06 was declared unconstitutional by both the trial court and the Third Court of Appeals. Attorney General Dan Morales appealed this case from the Third Court of Appeals to both the Court of Criminal Appeals, the state's highest criminal court (This court has a liberal reputation), and the Texas Supreme Court, the state's highest civil court (The Supreme Court has a conservative reputation.) Now that the Court of Criminal Appeals has refused to hear the case because of lack of jurisdiction, the Texas Supreme Court must decide what action it will take. The Supreme Court will probably do one of four things: 1. it may remand the case back to the Third Court of Appeals to dispose of issues not addressed in its original opinion 2. it may decline to hear the case and let the opinion of the Third Court of Appeals stand 3. it may hear the case and sustain the opinion of the Third Court of Appeals, or 4. it may overrule the opinion of the Third Court of Appeals. Options two and three would be the most beneficial for our community. Option four the most detrimental.

The Supreme Court's decision in this case will not only be very important for the lesbian and gay community, but also very important for choice activists. Morales et al v. State was held unconstitutional under the Texas Constitution because it violates the right to privacy. Abortion rights are also based upon the constitutional right to privacy. Any erosion in this fundamental right will leave both lesbian/gay activists and choice activists searching for new theories of legal protection. If the right to privacy is overruled, another possible theory of legal protection is the equal protection clause, although this will be very difficult to establish.

In addition to the court repeal of 21.06, there is also a legislative repeal in process. This repeal is being handled by the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas and will continue even if our community is victorious in court. The legislative repeal continues to be important because court based law, such as Roe v. Wade, is always subject to challenge. Thus, it is important to have 21.06 legislatively removed from the criminal code. When the legislature goes back into session in January, there is a possibility of legislative repeal.

GAY & LESBIAN ALLIANCE AGAINST DEFAMATION

MORT ZUCKERMAN: WHERE'S THE BALANCE?

John Leo, whose column runs weekly in *U.S. News & World Report*, strikes again -- while financier/publisher Mortimer Zuckerman turns a deaf ear to protests about his magazine's one-sided coverage of gay issues.

In an April 6 diatribe, "The Politics of Intimidation," Leo used gay protests, including those against *Basic Instinct*, as a pretext to once again savage Act Up, Queer Nation and gay activism in general. Protesting the movie's representation of lesbians and bisexual women as man-hating murderers was an "attempt to censor the script." Moreover, "Gays count verbal slurs against homosexuals as 'violent' incidents and sometimes as 'hate crimes,' but the disruption of masses and the regular vilification of Catholics do not count at all," fumed Leo.

More disturbing is that Leo's column was the only coverage in *U.S. News* of the controversy over *Basic Instinct* and, more generally, Hollywood's homophobia. In the past, Leo has lambasted the gay movement on a regular basis (hate crime legislation and gay family rights are among his pet peeves). Last year's column accusing Irish lesbians and gays who fought to march in New York's St. Patrick's Day parade of "Catholic-bashing" was the only coverage of the parade in *U.S. News*.

Zuckerman has ignored GLAAD's request to provide gay-supportive voices to counter Leo's (or at least to objectively cover the stories that Leo uses for fodder in his columns). Since *U.S. News* is surpassing *Newsweek* as the country's number 2 news weekly (behind *Time*), its importance can't be underestimated. Write Mortimer Zuckerman, Chairman and Editor-in-Chief, *U.S. News & World Report*, 2400 N Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037-1196

CRACKER CHANNEL? LEGITIMATIZING BIGOTRY

Cracker Barrel Old Country Store restaurants -- "good country cookin'" in 118 outlets throughout the South -- last year fired all its lesbian and gay employees. The chain's commercials are now running nationally on cable's The Nashville Network.

Cracker Barrel, whose policy is not to employ people "whose sexual preferences fail to demonstrate normal heterosexual values which have been the foundation of families in our society," has been the subject of widely publicized protests (major stories ran recently in *The New York Times* and on 20/20). We doubt The Nashville Network would sell commercial space to any company as racist or anti-Semitic as Cracker Barrel is homophobic. (Cracker Barrel now disingenuously claims its employment policies are based on "merit," but no fired lesbian or gay workers have been rehired; no laws protect gay workers in these states.)

Ask the network to stop doing business with bigots. Write E.W. Wendell, President, The Nashville Network, 2806 Opryland Drive, Nashville, TN 37214.

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☐ YES, I want to join Womynspace and become part of the dream. Enclosed is \$_____ dues for one year.

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