

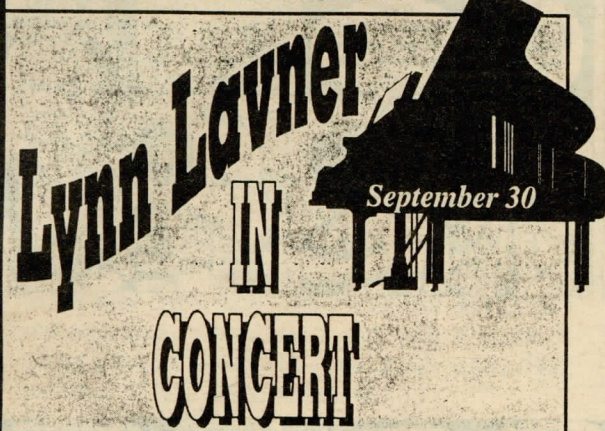


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Womynspace Activities/Networking Directory

An MCCR Tradition...



Sponsored by the Music Ministry of MCCR

Lynn Lavner will perform in the MCCR sanctuary on Saturday, September 30 at 7:00pm. In a world where "going mainstream" has become the end of the rainbow for many performers, Lynn Lavner happily remains a minority of one. "My songs and humor are drawn," she says, "from my own experiences as a short, left-handed Jewish lesbian from New York". And the quick-witted Lavner, who stands only five feet tall, performs in black leather. Billed as "America's most politically-incorrect entertainer," Lavner has taken her original brand of music and comedy to 40 states and five foreign countries ("six in you count Provincetown") bowling over audiences and critics alike. For more information, call MCCR at 861-9149.

Community Forum set to discuss Pride Parade Issues Sunday, September 17

Lesbian-Gay Pride Week 1996 elects co-chairs, officers reports the Houston Voice in the Aug. 18 issue. Elected as co-chairs for L/GPW '96 were Terry Vega, who served on the executive committee as parade chair in 1995 and Howard McHale, previously involved with various local gay and lesbian broadcasting/media collectives. Community observers expect an interesting and eventful planning cycle for the city's 16th annual observance.

For the past two years, organizers have been besieged with suggestions to change the scheduling of the parade, citing Houston's searing summer shear and its health effects on some parade participants and observers, particularly people with AIDS.

The Pride committee has scheduled a community forum in September to discuss the parade and other Lesbian/Gay Pride Week issues. The intensive meeting, at which organizers hope to gain input from a broad-based pool of community members, is set for Sunday, Sept. 17 1:00-5:00pm at the Harvey Hotel. An outside moderator will facilitate the discussion.

Houston Women's Festival Planned for Saturday, October 28

October is looking like a great month for Texans who enjoy women's music. Early in the month, the Lone Star Women's Music Festival is scheduled to take place on the Guadalupe River in the Texas hill country. They offer three days of music, workshops, comedy, and camping. Later in the month, Mary Chapin Carpenter is coming to Houston - well, actually the Woodlands. Look for her stimulating performance around the middle of October.

On the last weekend of October, look for the first annual Houston Women's Festival to take place on Saturday 28th. The festival looks very exciting with many activities taking place during the afternoon and wrapping up in the evening with an amazing concert featuring a wide selection of musicians, from a few Houston groups as well as a headliner or two from Austin. The concert is destined to be a high energy empowerment event topping off the festival on an upbeat note.

In addition to the music, the festival is planned to provide for the display of works from women painters, sculptors, and performance artists. Also, booths are being rented to individuals and businesses who wish to display their crafts, products, and services. To accommodate all of these events in one location, the festival is being held on an entire city block, south of downtown Houston, with easy access from the Gulf Freeway. The main concert hall is an aircraft hanger from Galveston which was taken apart beam by beam, placed on a barge and then shipped up to Houston for reassembly at its present location. The acoustics of this venue promise to be powerful.

The festival is being ambiguously produced by three local women. Each woman has a business that she has committed to sponsor the festival. The name of Planet Earth Productions should be familiar as a source of exciting women's entertainment in Houston since 1990, producing shows of Monica Grant, Deidre McCalla, and most recently, Girls in the Nose and Jamie Anderson. The experience that P.E.P. brings to the festival is almost certain to guarantee an event that is not to be missed.

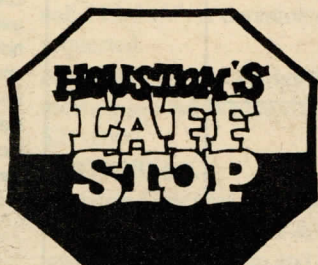
In addition to P.E.P., Fem TV should also be a familiar name Fem TV has filmed, edited, and produced many excellent programs regarding women's issues and interests. Fem TV is carried by the local access channel. Possibly, look for the festival to appear in a future episode.

The third partner, Active Imaginations, is new to the Houston area, and promises to bring a breath of fresh air to the festival. Active Imaginations is in the business of designing and distributing environmental conscious-raising t-shirts. Their specialty shirts profile stunning representations of endangered animals, birds, reptiles, and fish along with a narrative on the history and the future of the featured creature. This sensitivity to the environment clearly has connections to the threatened survivability of women, feminists, and lesbians -- an issue explored by the festival itself. Active Imaginations will also be designing a one-of-a-kind festival t-shirt which will be available at locations around the Montrose.

Frankly, enough can't be said about the good things that the festival hopes to accomplish and promote. Tickets go on sale at the first of October. Mark your calendars for this event.

Help Celebrate National Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual History Month in October

Write to: History Month, c/o GLSTN Broadway Box 160, NY, NY 10023-1722



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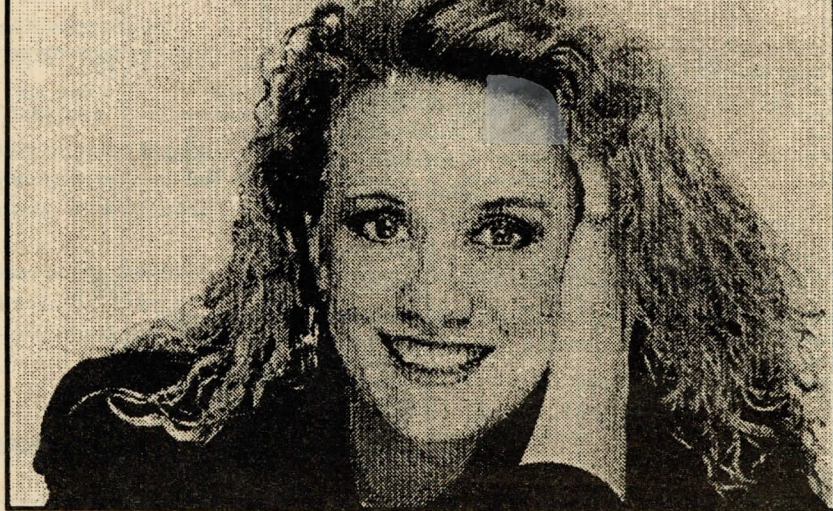
TUESDAY
OCTOBER 3

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\$18 day of show

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"Nothing In My Closet But Clothes"

Dykes To Watch Out For

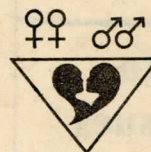


Dykes To Watch Out For



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• \$500 per couple after Sept. •

For More Information and to Reserve a Space, Please Call Patrick J. Vachon at (713) 529-1913, Voice Mail #4.
NEW IN HOUSTON!

TEAM HOUSTON For The Games, Inc. is a non-profit organization which was formed to educate and inform all peoples about gay and lesbian sports competitions and to encourage participation in the Gay Games and Cultural Festival. Our objectives include increasing community awareness of lesbian and gay sports, participation and support of the Houston Team to the Gay Games. The next Gay Games will take place in Amsterdam, August 1-8, 1988. Team Houston, PO Box 66405, Houston, TX 77266-6405. (713) 935-1060.

Weekly Events

SUNDAYS

Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection, 1919 Decatur 861-9149. Holy Eucharist Service at 8:30am (45 min). Choir Rehearsal 9:30am. Traditional Service 10:45am (Signed for hearing impaired and nursery available)

The Women's Group - The Women's Group meets at Central Congregational Church, 1311 Holman at 3:30pm. Soon the Women's Group will be back at their original location, the First Unitarian Church on Fannin. Check Inklings Bookshop for the August Schedule. For more info, call Iris 529-8571.

Dignity 11am-2pm Coffee, snacks and conversation 5:30pm Holy Eucharist Worship, 1307 Yale. See Jul 8.

MONDAYS

HeartSong Women's Chorus rehearses at 7pm in the Community Room in Sharpstown Center. New and former members welcome. For info, call 526-9095.

Women's Roller Hockey 6-8pm at Trade Winds Roller Rink, 5006 West 34th at 290. All skill levels welcome. Bring your skates, a stick, pads & a helmet. \$8 per person. For info, call Trade Winds at 682-5312 or Houston Inline Association at 863-1107.

Monday Nite Women's Bowling League reports Legal Insanity is in first while Maybe, Maybe Not is in second. Nine is Fine is third and Walking Wounded is 4th. For info, call Pat 437-6218 or Marla at 862-3630.

TUESDAYS

Women's Clarity Group - A New Way 7pm to 9pm. 5906 Dolores #201, 784-6511. Facilitated by Linda Bedre.

CODA Support Group (CoDependency) at 7:00pm MCCR, 1919 Decatur, 861-9149.

Southern Country Country Western Dance lessons at The Ranch, 9200 Buffalo Speedway, 8:00pm.

WEDNESDAYS

Women's Action Coalition (WAC) is an open alliance of women committed to Direct Action on issues affecting the rights of all women. Voice Mail 867-9581, PO Box 131148, Houston, TX 77219-1148. Meetings are Wednesdays at Toupees at 7pm.

Bi-NET Bisexual Network of Houston meets 7pm Wednesdays at MCCR, 1919 Decatur St. 861-9149.

MCCR Jubilation Mixed Ensemble 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal or Bible Study at 7:30pm, 1919 Decatur.

Get your instruments out of the closet! The Houston Pride Band has formed to provide musical entertainment for the lesbian and gay community. We are actively seeking musicians of all skill levels and instrumentation. Rehearsals are held at Dignity Houston, 1307 Yale on Wednesday nights from 7:00 to 9:00pm. Contact Russell Williams for further details at 524-0218 or send E-mail HousTxBand@aol.com.

THURSDAYS

Nancy Ford at Ms. Bs performing music and comedy at 8:30pm, 9200 Buffalo Speedway.

Lesbian & Gay Voices, 9-11pm 90.1FM KPFT Womyn's music, reviews of gay and lesbian cultural events, new s from This Way Out.

FRIDAYS

CODA Support Group (CoDependency) at 7:00pm MCCR, 1919 Decatur, 861-9149 See entry for July 2.

The Sound of Encodings, a reading by women writers to support ENCODINGS: A Feminist Literary Journal, 8pm at the Central Congregational Church, 1311 Holman (between Austin & Caroline, near HCC). Suggested donation \$3-\$5. For info, call 529-7329.

SATURDAYS

Dignity serving Houston's community of Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual Catholics and friends - 7:30pm Traditional Worship 1307 Yale Ste. H in the Heights. Call for events, schedule, movie night 880-2872.

Movie Club for gay/lesbian movie go-ers meets each Saturday to have dinner and watch the latest movies on the big screen. Call 395-2126.

New group Calendar Girls

We are a new group of women looking for a diverse social outlet. Our main goal is to have fun and meet people. We meet once a month to plan a calendar for the following month. This is how it works: If there's an activity, hobby, etc., you would like to put on the calendar, come to the meeting and we'll put it on the next month's calendar. If you can't make the meeting, you can call Cheryl at 523-4510 or Robin at 942-8888

Community Calendar

1 FRIDAY

2 SATURDAY

3 SUNDAY

4 MONDAY

5 TUESDAY

Pride Committee of Houston, Executive Committee Meeting, 7pm 2700 Albany #304, 529-6979.

6 WEDNESDAY

Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus general meeting first Wednesdays at 7:30pm, 2700 Albany 304. For info, call 521-1000.

Gay Lesbian Hispanics Unidos (GLHU) regular monthly meeting, 7:30pm. Metropolitan Multi Service Center, 1475 West Gray. 270-GLHU.

Amy Denio 8pm Hamman Hall at Rice University (Entrance 14 off Rice Blvd). Free workshop on Thursday. Tickets \$10, \$7 DiverseWorks members, \$5 students with ID. Call 228-0914 to reserve tickets or a workshop space.

Lambda Roller Skating Club will not have skate nites this month. Seeking new location. Watch for flyers announcing October schedule or call 933-5818.

7 THURSDAY

Montrose Ice Picks 8pm, Galleria Ice Rink 629-1432.

Any Denio leads Free Workshop 2-4pm at

DiverseWorks focusing on voice, rhythm and humor in music. Extended vocal techniques will be explored, as well as rhythms and sounds made be the body. Participants will create a group piece. Call 228-0914 to reserve tickets or a workshop space.

8 FRIDAY

Catholic School Girls and Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It all for You presented by Theater LaB Houston through September 24.

9 SATURDAY

Houston Gay and Lesbian Parents Pool Party. Call 980-7995 for info.

10 SUNDAY

P-FLAG Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians & Gays general meeting.. 2pm St. Francis Episcopal Church, 345 Piney Point Road, 867-9020.

11 MONDAY

Texas Medical Center LAMBDA Network meeting, 5pm second Monday each month. RAS W-204 (School of Public Health Bldg). We welcome all TMC Lesbian, Gay and Bi- friendly students, staff and faculty. For info, call 523-5539 or sph1319@utsph.sph.uth.tmc.edu

Cancer Support Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday at the Montrose Counseling Center 6:30-8:00pm. For info, call Virginia at 681-1309.

12 TUESDAY

13 WEDNESDAY

Women's Network-The Women's Network meets on 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7-9pm at the Montrose Counseling Center, 701 Richmond, Room 15. For info, call 529-0037. A donation of \$3-\$5 per meeting is requested.

Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus board meeting second Wednesdays at 7:30pm. For info, call 521-1000.

14 THURSDAY

Houston Gay and Lesbian Parents Support Group will be hosted by Moore & Hunt who will speak on the legal issues for lesbian and gay parents. 3608 Audobon Place. 7-8:30pm.

The Montrose Ice Picks (skate nites on the second Thursday of the month) from 8-10pm at the Galleria Ice Rink, 5015 Westheimer, \$5 plus \$2 for skates. For more info, call Angel at 629-1432.

15 FRIDAY

LiB (Lesbians in Business), a woman's empowerment group. Dr. Kimberly A. Arlinghaus will speak on the topic of "Psychodynamics of Women in Leadership". Networking 6:00-6:30pm. Program/speaker begins at 6:30pm. For info, call 529-0077. LiB meets at Innova Bldg one block south of Richmond between Wesleyan and Buffalo Speedway (on Cummins between Portsmouth and Norfolk). \$3 members/ \$5 non-members.

Getting the Love You Want - A Workshop for Lesbian and Gay Couples. \$400 per couple. Call Patrick J. Vachon at 529-1913.

16 SATURDAY

Planet Hair "A Spray in Time" 27th edition of "Miss Camp America" benefiting the Names Project, Bering Dental, Colt 45 AIDS Trouble Fund and PWA Coalition Warehouse Program. 8pm Cullen Performance Hall, U of H. 227-ARTS for tickets \$52.50, \$42.50, \$26.50.

17 SUNDAY

Forun for Houston Lesbian Gay Pride Week Issues 1:00-5:00pm at the Harvey Hotel. One of th issues discussed will be moving the Pride Parade to a weekend in the spring to avoid the heat. 529-6979

Lesbians Over Age Fifty (LOAF) meets the third Sunday of each month, from 2:00 to 4:00pm at the Houston Mission Church. The mailing address is POB 98601 Houston, TX 77098. For info, call 661-1482. Tickets are \$20 and available at the door. Rich's is at 2401 San Jacinto, 639-5910.

18 MONDAY

19 TUESDAY

20 WEDNESDAY

Women with Life Challenging Illnesses meets on the third Wednesday of the month, 7:00-8:30pm. For info, call Marion at 667-8735 or Leila at 728-1914.

Lambda Roller Skating Club-No skates this month

21 THURSDAY

NOW Lecture Series: Interfaith Ministries, 3217 Montrose at Lovett. Legal Rights of Women who Live with Men. Registration and social 6:30-7pm. followed by Lecture and questions 7-8:30pm. No admission/donations appreciated. For info on NOW, call 665-8669.

22 FRIDAY

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24 SUNDAY

25 MONDAY

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The Agora, monthly meeting, 7:30p.m. AIDS Foundation Houston, 3202 Wesleyan, 729-4267.

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Lynn Lavner in Concert at the MCCR Sanctuary, 1919 Decatur, 7:00pm. For info, call 861-9149.

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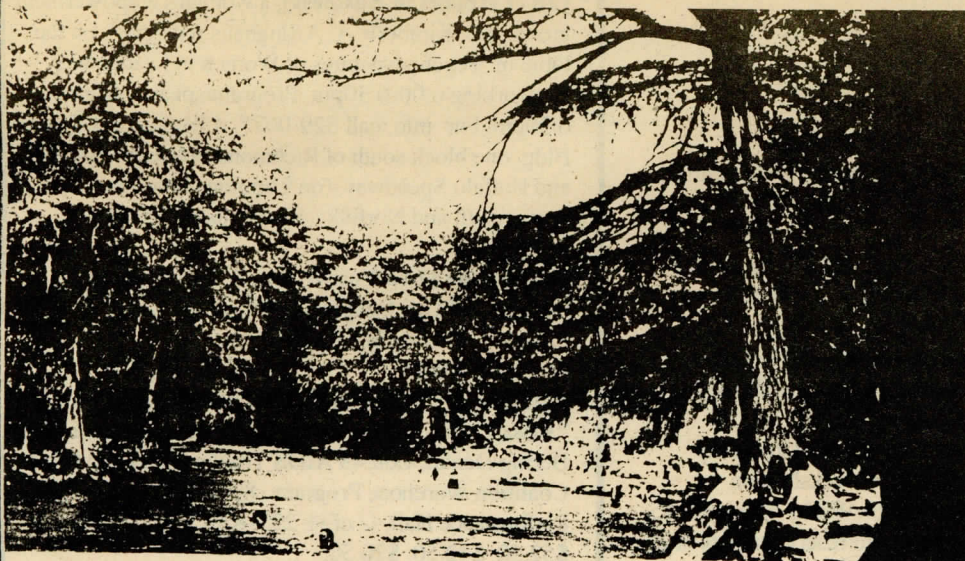
Oct 2 MONDAY

Oct 3 TUESDAY

Suzanne Westenhoefer at Houston's Laff Stop, Direct from Her HBO special "Nothing in My Closet But Clothes". 1952A West Gray in the River Oaks Center. Two shows at 7:30pm and 9:45pm. \$15 Advance and \$18 day of show.

by the deadline and still have your activity put on the calendar. You'll be responsible for setting it up and you'll be the contact. It's that simple! This group is designed for all of us to be a part of. No one person is in charge -- no particular activity -- strictly social. Pick up at copy of the monthly Calendar at Inklings Bookshop or Toupees Coffee & Co.

Lone Star Women's Music Festival



October 6, 7, and 8, 1995

Three days and nights of music, workshops, comedy, and camping on the beautiful whitewater Guadalupe River in the Texas hill country. Lots of bands from Austin's hip dyke music scene, plus regional favorites and performers from the national women's music circuit.

18+ musical acts, entertaining workshops, open mike stage, plus surprises.

More than 900 women attended in '94. Warm days, cool nights, and a distinctive Texas style.

Glass containers and pets are not allowed on grounds. Grounds open at noon Friday.

RV hookups are sold out. Space is available for many RV's without hookups.

Additional staff welcome. Call to volunteer.

Registration: \$75 in July//\$85 in August//\$95 in September//no refunds//no mail order after September 10//\$105 at the gate//all prices include sales tax// Meal tickets \$35, sold in advance before September 10 only. ORDER EARLY FOR A BIG DISCOUNT!

Please list names of women registering

Name _____

Mail tickets to _____

use back of form for additional names
RV hookups are SOLD OUT

Total registrations _____ at _____ each plus _____ meal tickets at \$35 each _____ enclosed
Make checks payable to Lone Star Women's Music Festival. Mail order to LSWMF, PO Box 2650, Austin, TX 78768. For more information call us at (512) 929-0002. No checks at gate.

Dance Steps for Partners

This is a womyn-only ballroom dance class. A professional dance instructor teaches the art of ballroom dancing once a month in the Montrose area. This class welcomes beginners, especially ones with two left feet, to the world of waltz, swing and foxtrot. Contact Tracy's Retreat for details. 713-529-5330.

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Excerpts from Houston Area NOW Newsletter

A Million Voices for Economic Justice

Your voice is needed to urge the President to veto any welfare measure which includes such provisions as child exclusion requirements. These programs deny incremental benefit increases that are needed to raise an additional child at a bare subsistence level and rest on myths about welfare recipients, such as:

Myth: Families that receive AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children) are generally large to begin with. **Reality:** Welfare recipients average less than two children per family. There must be at least one child to qualify initially for AFDC, most recipient families have no more than one additional child after they begin receiving benefits.

Myth: Women on welfare want more children and get pregnant because of this. **Reality:** Social welfare analysts and scholars consistently report that the great majority (80%) of pregnancies among women on AFDC are unintended.

Myth: AFDC recipients are a burden to taxpayers because of their reliance on public assistance. **Reality:** The government spends money through tax policy as well as through direct grants. The 1994 Federal Income Tax Code provided taxpayers an exemption of \$2,450 for each additional child and an Earned Income Tax Credit for lower income families. This results in a savings of \$1,736 to a two child family at the \$20,000 per year income level. A couple with an income of

\$50,000 saves \$882 a year in taxes by having an additional child. This myth hides the fact that the government also grants benefits to middle income families that increase with family size. Write to President Clinton today.

CHEERS! CHEERS! CHEERS!

Vinson & Elkins, Houston's largest law firm, for adopting a policy of non-discrimination on sexual orientation.

President Bill Clinton: For signing an executive order barring the Federal Government from denying security clearances to gay men and lesbians simply on the basis of their sexual orientation.

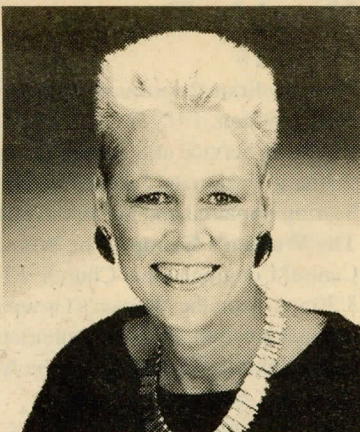
Laura Groppe: For starting Girl Games Inc. A Software Company that has designed an interactive CD-Rom series called *Being U*. Her company founded in May 1994, is made up primarily of female designers, developers, artists and writers. It targets girls ages 7 - 17. While other software companies are producing products that focus on how important it is to look cute, to get the boy, to get the date and the cute car Groppe is determined that Girl Games not produce games that reinforce "arcane attitudes about women."

Mark Wynn a Nashville police sergeant leads a domestic violence initiative that has sharply cut the city's family murder rate (by 70% during the first half of this year). As a child he tried to kill his abusive stepfather. Officers in Nashville talk to community groups about violence prevention & misdemeanor cases are prosecuted aggressively to keep people from returning as felons. There are counselors for victims and the police work closely with Legal Aid to help people get out of violent households. He has joined with other men such as **Byron Hurt**, a former quarterback who is part of Northeastern University's **Mentors in Violence Prevention** program which uses sports jargon to show young athletes that "real men" don't hurt women or let their friends do so.

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New Books at Inklings

Erotic or even sensuous images of lesbians aren't exactly rampant in mainstream media. This month we take a look at a trio of new books.

Just released is Lesbian Sacred Sexuality (photography by Marcelina Martin, text by Diane Mariechild, \$24.95). Thoughtful and joyous images of women in natural settings are interspersed with poetry by authors such as Elsa Gidlow, Audre Lorde, and Chrystos, and emotionally revealing interviews.

A sample:

Sacred sexuality needs neither fancy techniques nor a partner. It flows from an openness to the creative energy of the universe.

Also new is Making Out: The Book of Lesbian Sex and Sexuality (photography by Laurence Jaugey-Paget, text by Zoe Schramm-Evans, \$24). Where Lesbian Sacred Sexuality has waterfalls, Making Out has tattoos and black lingerie. The text includes most every possible sexual taste, but in a preachy style... sort of as if Pat Califia were your high school health teacher.

A sample:

If you decide you want an orgy, plan carefully, there's nothing worse than getting into a party and realizing you've run out of 'whatever'!

Our last book in this category, A Lesbian Pillow Book (\$8), fits in the palm of your hand. Pillow books have been exchanged between lovers since at least the fourteenth century. This charming collection includes color plates and brief poems from ancient to modern times, from East to West. A great little gift for someone special.

P.S. For those of you who loved the movie "Go Fish" but couldn't hear all the dialogue, the book is now available: Go Fish (by Turner & Troche, \$15.95). "Go Fish" will be available on video in November (\$89.95).

Contributed by Pokey Anderson,
Inklings Bookshop

LiB September 15 Program Psychodynamics of Women in Leadership

Dr. Kimberly A. Arlinghaus will speak about the Psychodynamics of Women in Leadership: why some women choose to lead and others follow, and how women leaders are perceived by men, women and the institutions in which they live and work. Dr. Arlinghaus has been a Houstonian since 1969, and graduated Salutatorian from Sharpstown High School in 1978. She received her B.A. from UT Austin in 1982 with highest honors, and her M.D. from Baylor College of Medicine in 1986 with honor. She completed a residency in psychiatry at Baylor College of Medicine in 1990. Since then she has been Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Baylor College of Medicine, and served as The Director of Psychiatric Services at The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research, and Co-Director of Rice University Psychiatric Service. In 1995, She became Associate Chief of Psychiatry at the Houston VA Medical Center. Dr. Arlinghaus is a nationally recognized speaker on traumatic brain injury, substance abuse, and women in leadership.

Lucia's Garden September Calendar
There's always something happening at Lucia's Garden. Featuring in September:

*September 6: Full Moon Meditation for Women 7:30pm-9:30pm. \$10.00

*September 14: Growing Herbs in Houston This class focuses on herb gardening in Houston. You will be introduced to 30 culinary herbs and given notes on how to grow and cook with them. You will also receive a booklet on gardening tips and an herb plant to begin your garden. 7:00-9:30pm. \$25.00

*September 17, 24, and 31- An Introduction to Aromatherapy: This three night class will give you the basics in Aromatherapy through hands-on methods. Every student will prepare an aromatic massage blend of their own design. Classes fill up quickly. \$65 + \$11 materials fee.

Lesbian, Gay And Bisexual History Month 1995

This October, the winning entries of two national student competitions in art and in essay will be placed in mainstream and gay publications around the country. The Visual Arts Competition determines the official logo of the Second Annual Lesbian, Gay, and

Bisexual History Month which will be sold on T-shirts and posters to help fund activities. On Oct. 14, a 400 person conference will be held in Oakland California to commemorate the month and its goals. GLSTN provides resources, support, and ideas to local activists so that they can be more effective organizers in their communities. The bulk of the work for History Month is done on a local level. GLSTN is asking local organizations to:

* Arrange book displays at local bookstores and public libraries.

* Write columns and letters to the editor in local newspapers recognizing the month and educating the public about contributions made by local lesbian, gay, and bisexual figures.

* Donate history books to local public and school libraries.

* Publicize the graces of local lesbian, gay, and bisexual people who made a significant contribution to the community as a way of raising media and public awareness of this history.

* Organize a reading group that focuses on gay, lesbian, and bisexual history books.

* Advocate with state and local school boards for inclusive curricular policies so that full, fair, and factual information about lesbian, gay, and bisexual history is included in textbooks. GLSTN also asks local activists to make sure schools know that October is Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual History Month and to help them plan appropriate activities similar to those many schools sponsor for Black and Women's History Months. Some specific ideas include establishing bulletin boards or posting flyers to educate the community about lesbian, gay, and bisexual history; inviting scholars to give lectures on their work to students; arranging for older lesbian, gay, and bisexual members of the local community to come to share their own experiences in classes or public forums, and asking college presidents or school principals to officially endorse the month and to make plans for redressing the current lack of information on lesbian, gay, and bisexual history in their curriculum or library.

Jennings said, "As confident as I am about our eventual victory, I have some serious short-term concerns about the coming months and elections. ... As rapidly as we have grown, I know that we must move even further and faster than we have if we to match their commitment. Now is the time to make our greatest commitment ever to saving the next generation from the bigotry with which we were all raised." **FROM THE HOUSTON VOICE**

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A Lesbian Feminist Look: "Jeffrey"

I have read 3 or 4 reviews ("The Voice", "OutSmart" and "The Texas Triangle") of the movie **JEFFREY**. There is a voice in my head that says "Why do you have to tear analyze everything to pieces? I think people tend to be more critical of movies that hit closest to home. "The Incredibly True Adventures of Two Girls in Love" was a lesbian love story, but it is about falling in love at a very young age, high school age. If you didn't have that experience, it is too late now for many of us. **JEFFREY** resonates with single people because it is about finding a lover as an adult. Jeffrey (Steven Weber) is a gay man who gives up sex in fear of AIDS and then falls in love with an incredibly sexy, HIV positive man, Steve (Michael T. Weiss). As in any romance, there is an obstacle to be overcome, before the lovers can be reunited. In **JEFFREY**, the obstacle is making the choice to love someone who is sick.

Here's a snippet from the "OutSmart" review (on the news stands until September 14) by Steven Foster: "Jeffrey's ultra-cautious approach to sex (a terrible psychological cover for his paralyzing fear of intimacy), forces him to make so many bad decisions in his life you just want to smack him. There are sparks of life in [actor] Weber, however, especially when he is moved to tears by his own painful dilemma, and when he is full of rage".

"I hate sex. And I hate love. I hate the world for giving it to me and then taking it all back!" Jeffrey screams. Not just an AIDS line, not merely a line for gay people, it's communal. We've all been there, done that, bought the T-shirt and left the park early. In these moments of universality, **JEFFREY** really sparkles.....Sounds tame enough until you realize that it's a very gay love story with a very deadly four-letter named character [AIDS]."

JEFFREY is very fast paced, sometimes creating a character in one line. Actors speak to the camera in a Woody Allen style: Jeffrey sits on the floor in his kitchen eating popcorn and asks the audience "Can you tell if you're having a nervous breakdown?". A lesbian would have asked her cat, dog or bird that question. Concentrated searing honesty is interspersed with the laughs and the one-liners. Jeffrey and Steve have a break-up before their first date and you get all the intensity of hurting someone and being hurt and not being able to stop -- in about two minutes. If they had been lesbians, they would have processed all night.

One of the more whimsical moments in **JEFFREY**, is a game show spoof called "It's Just Sex". This interlude is a humorous way of looking at a painful subject (celibacy). The 3 minute game show highlights the issues of bisexuals, substituting work for sex, unemployed actors and the objectification of women/game show hostesses. The point is made that gay men objectify each other in a culture where everyone else objectifies women. Plus 5 or 6 big laughs. And **JEFFREY** presents racial diversity. What more can you ask for?

My biggest disappointment in **JEFFREY** was there was one line about lesbians in the movie. You'll never guess what it was. When Jeffrey is walking down Christopher Street, he runs into Sterling (Patrick Stewart) and Darius (Brian Batt) as Pink Panthers on patrol against gay bashers. They run across the street to see the gay pride statutes- a male couple standing and a lesbian couple sitting on a bench. Darius plays ventriloquist with the female couple, saying "Stop it. You're not fat". That's it folks. I would have been happy if it had been anything else. Maybe "How long have you been a vegetarian?" or "Are you in a monogamous relationship?" Maybe it was supposed to show that Darius is a shallow person. Darius is a dancer and dancers do obsess about weight. They could have had a sweepstakes: I am sure Kate Clinton, Lea Delaria, Suzanne Westenhoeffer, Margo Gomez or Joann Loulan would have been happy to write a one-liner for the movie for free. There is a character, Angelique, a pre-operative transsexual lesbian son who goes to the Pride Parade with her mom (Olympia Dukakis). That is more about parents accepting their gay and lesbian children, than about lesbians in particular. There are also some shots of lesbians in the footage from "Stonewall 25".

The other flaw I saw is where the movie takes a cheap shot at fat women. I can say "fat" because I am fat. In the scene where a crowd gathers on the street to persuade Jeffrey to accept a dinner date with Steve, a fat woman says "There will be appetizers!". That line would have had a whole different innuendo if someone lean and hungry like Grace Jones has said "appetizers".

Then there's the scene with New Age Evangelist, Debra (Sigourney Weaver). A fat woman, "the bad perm" goes onstage to personally ask Debra advice. She throws her arms around Debra and the microphone THUDS. It was slapstick comedy but kinda icky as well. In a better world, big women could be funny without being a sight gag. I was glad to see big women in the movie: I don't remember any in "Bar Girls" or "The Incredibly True Adventures of Two Girls in Love". Eventually, media portrayals of minority groups including women, fat people and the disabled will gradually evolve from negative to increasingly positive images. In the meantime, you can find a positive images of women of all sizes and ages in *Lesbian Sacred Sexuality* by Diane Mariechild and Marcelina Martin and a few other books at your favorite women's bookstore.

There are other stereotypes / caricatures in the movie - the socialite MC at the Ho-Down for AIDS, the speakers at the meeting for sexual compulsives, Jeffrey's parents and Mother Theresa. I thought they were hilarious but they probably pushed other people's buttons. One reviewer found the gay Catholic priest was a little presumptuous "Aren't you supposed to be straight and celibate?" "Maybe you did not hear me - I am a Ca-tho-lic priest. Historically, that's somewhere between chorus boy and florist."

In "The Texas Triangle" review, producer Victoria Maxwell said that initially it was difficult getting actors to commit the controversial project. Sigourney Weaver changed all that. The actress immediately agreed to play the flashy role of New Age evangelist Debra Moorhouse and her involvement created newfound interest overnight, Maxwell said.

Weaver said that "one good thing about achieving a certain status in this industry is you can help fund a picture. I was delighted I could help get **JEFFREY** made. I was attracted to the part because she was such a seductive and wicked character. Here was a very attractive women using her skills to feed off lost people I also got a kick out of the fact that my character insisted that her acolytes wear nothing but beige so that she, Debra, would always stand out."

Don't miss **JEFFREY**. It's fabulous. Sue Cox



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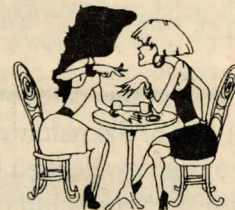
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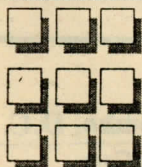
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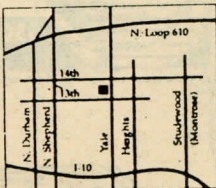
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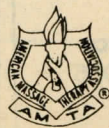
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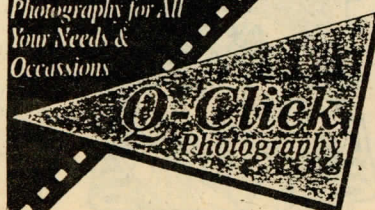
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