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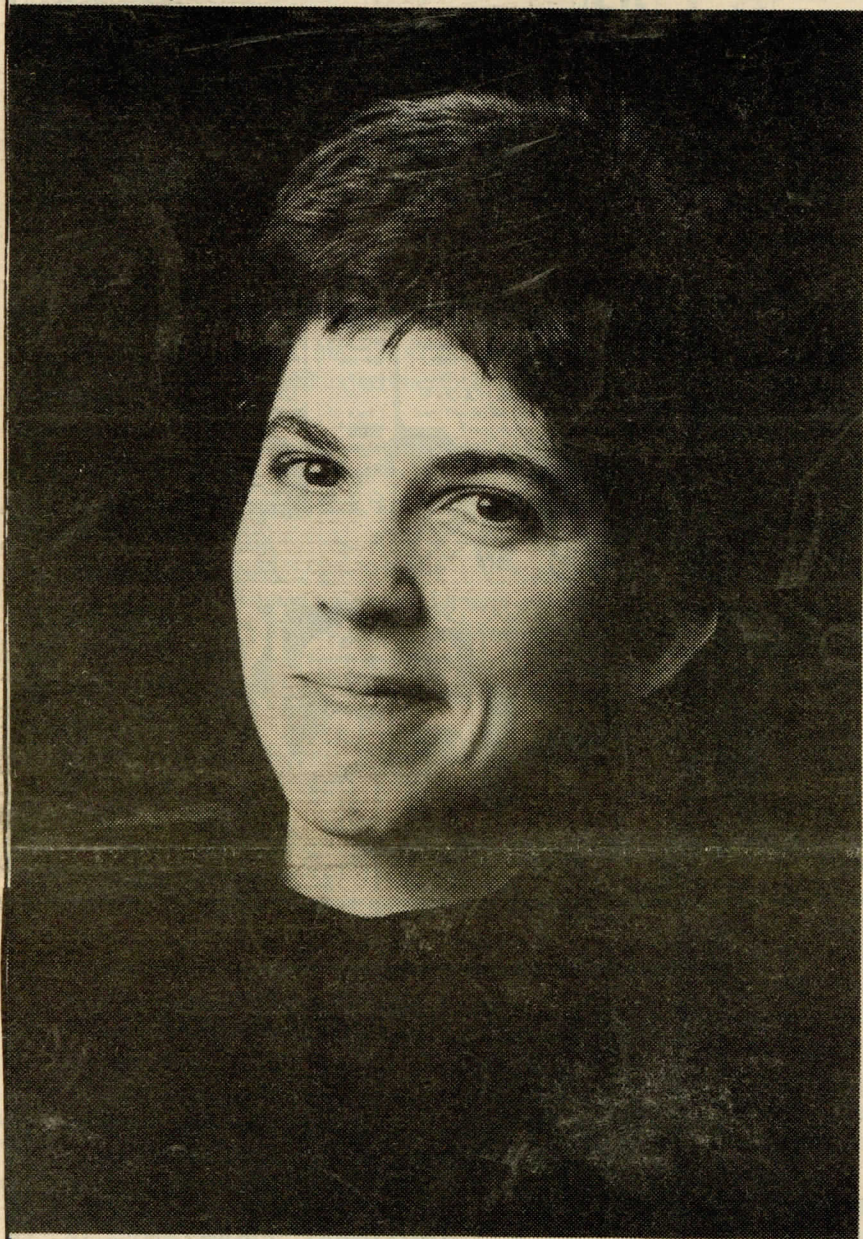
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Author Appearance at Inklings Bookshop: Achy Obejas, author of *We Came All The Way From Cuba So You Could Dress Like This*
Sunday, March 24 3:00 p.m.



Achy Obejas is a widely published poet, fiction writer and journalist. Her poetry has been published in *Conditions*, *Revista Chicano-Riquena*, and *Beloit Poetry Journal*, among others. In 1986, she received an NEA fellowship in poetry. Her short stories have been published in magazines such as *Antioch Review*, *Phoebe*, and *Third Woman*, and in numerous anthologies, including *Discontents* (Amethyst). She writes a weekly column for the Chicago Tribune and is a regular contributor to *High Performance*, *The Chicago Reader* and *Windy City Times*. She has been awarded an 1994 Literary Award from the Illinois Arts Council.

The following review is excerpted from Lambda Book Report.

Island People

by Terri de la Perla

During my early childhood, my parents were friends with Reina and Fico, a middle-aged Cuban couple. Cubans were rare (at least to me) in 1950s southern California, and in my little girl eyes more fascinating than provincial Mexican-American relatives. Cubans were Latinos like us--yet totally unlike us. They came from an island, spoke Spanish faster, used different phrases and dropped their syllables. They even spiced their meals with unusual flavors. Though I have faded memories of bird-like Reina, and no doubt my reminiscences confuse boisterous Fico with my beloved Desi Arnaz, I definitely recall that couple's fun-loving personalities, their contagious laughter! My 85 year old mother remembers her friends with fondness, she honors Reina every Thanksgiving by recreating her tantalizing cornbread-and-raisin turkey stuffing.

While reading Achy Obejas' seven brilliant stories in *We Came All The Way From Cuba So You Could Dress Like This*?, I wondered what Reina and Fico or even my mother would think about this intimate look by a Cuban immigrant writer into an urban Chicago filled with Latina lesbians, Latino gays, people with AIDS, immigrants and addicts. Doubtless the older folks would be scandalized by these stories, which means the rest of us are guaranteed to love them, no? My immediate response to both the *cuentos* and the book's title is this: anyone who can write with the fluid versatility, the sensitivity, honesty and humor of Achy Obejas can wear any damn thing she wants! For clarity's sake, the title refers to the horrified reaction of a Cuban-born father to his consciousness-raised daughter's suede, fringe and bell-bottomed outfit. She answers him "...you didn't come [to the U.S.] for me, you came for you." While this story seems the most personal, the other six stories are unparalleled in their first-person candor, their blunt realism.

Each story reminds me of a performance piece, a spoken monologue rife with on-the-edge-hilarity. In "Wrecks", a Latina lesbian admits to an inevitable car accident after each break-up. Though "The Cradleland" recounts a sexual fantasy turned real, its finely crafted lines reveal more substance: the long friendship between a Latina Lesbian and a Latino gay with AIDS. "Man, Oh Man" actually was adapted for the stage; I won't give away its grittiness. The lesbian activist in "Forever" tells us about "being a woman-loving-woman in the face of danger as well as boredom." In this story, Obejas write of the pleasures -- and troubles -- of being out, and a sometimes unwilling role model.

Achy Obejas is one companera whose works I want to feast on again and again. Her fiction is sumptuous, delicious, spiced with credible characters and on-the-mark dialogue--and I want to read many, many more of her stories.

Terri de la Perla is the author of two novels, *Latin Satins* and *Margins*, both from Seal Press.

Houston Texas Lesbian Conference Planning Meeting

Houston, Texas -- A meeting for all lesbians interested in planning and organizing the 1997 Houston Texas Lesbian Conference will be held on Monday, March 18, 1996, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be at the offices of Suzanne Anderson Properties, 239 Westheimer. For more information, please page Torrie Justus at 916-8110.

The theme for the 1996 conference is "Telling and Tracing Our Past, Living and Loving Our Present, & Charting and Challenging Our Future." The 1996 conference is scheduled for May 3-5 in the Dallas Grand Hotel, Dallas, Texas. Write T.L.C. Inc., P. O. Box 191069, Dallas, Texas 75219 to register.

Dykes To Watch Out For

A Smidge Too Far

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IN OUR LAST TEMPESTUOUS EPISODE, THEA APPEARED TO HAVE HAD A PRIOR ACQUAINTANCE WITH A PARTICULAR POMPUS PROFESSOR.



BUT AFTER SYDNEY LEAVES, THEA IS A LAD RETICENT WITH THE DETAILS.



YEAH! MAYBE THEY MET IN ONE OF THOSE "EX-GAY" MINISTRIES, TRYING TO OVERCOME THEIR UNWOMANLY DESIRES!



MAYBE SYDNEY HOSTED A FUCKER-WARE PARTY WHERE THEA BOUGHT A MARITAL AID THAT SHORT-CIRCUITED AND ELECTRIFIED ALL HER LOVER'S PUBIC HAIR.



NO, I KNOW! THEY USED TO BE LOVERS UNTIL ONE DAY THEA CAME HOME EARLY AND DISCOVERED SYDNEY'S PENCHANT FOR CROSS-DRESSING AS BEVERLY LA HAYE!



GROW UP, ASSHOLE!



THAT EVENING...



HI.



UM... ARE CLARICE AND TONI HERE? I, UM... HAVE SOMETHING TO DROP OFF.



COME ON IN! THEY'RE OUT TO DINNER. I'M CARLOS, THE MALE ROLE MODEL.



OH, RIGHT! NICE TO MEET YOU. I'M MO. SO HOW'S IT GOING?



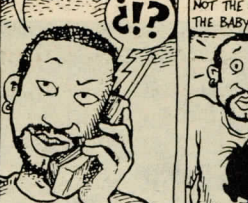
IT'S GOING GREAT! TODAY WE PRACTICED STANDING UP TO PEE, AND THEN WE REWID THE POLL-HOUSE PRAPES! RIGHT, RAFFLES?



RING! OH, THAT'S PROBABLY TONI NOW. HANG ON.



MANLY-MAN TRAINING ACADEMY, BUTCH SPEAKING!



OH! SEÑOR ORTIZ! SI, THIS IS TONI'S NUMBER. ... ¿DE QUE ESTAS HABLANDO?! I NO! I'M NOT THE FATHER! I'M JUST THE BABYSITTER, I SWEAR!



¿QUE? YOU WANT ME TO MARRY YOUR DAUGHTER? WELL OKAY, BUT I'M KEEPING MY OWN NAME!



SOMEHOW, I DON'T THINK THAT HELPED TONI'S CHANCES FOR A MOVING RECONCILIATION WITH HER PARENTS.



Dykes To Watch Out For

INDECENT PROPOSAL

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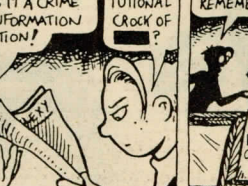
COOL. DOES THAT MEAN ALL THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES' WEB SITES WILL COME DOWN?



NO. JUST EVERYTHING THAT "DEPICTS OR DESCRIBES, IN TERMS PATENTLY OFFENSIVE, AS MEASURED BY CURRENT COMMUNITY STANDARDS, SEXUAL OR EXCRETORY ACTIVITIES OR ORGANS."



OOH. STOP. MY IS GETTING ENGORGED.



WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? IS HIV PREVENTION INFO ILLEGAL? WHAT ABOUT PFLAG, OR THE NATIONAL AND TASK FORCE?



WHY'D CONGRESS PASS SUCH AN UNCONSTITUTIONAL CROCK OF...?



OH, DON'T WORRY! THE REST OF THE BILL DEREGULATES THE WHOLE INDUSTRY! SOON WE'LL BE LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES OF AT&T!



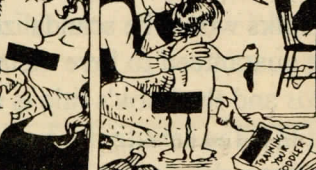
MEANWHILE...



HEY, SPORT! ISN'T IT A LITTLE COLD FOR THAT OUTFIT?



EVERY TIME I TURN AROUND, HE'S UNDRRESSED AGAIN!



HI, BABY! MMM. HI.



LET'S GET YOUR CLOTHES ON, OKAY, RAFFI?



TRY PUTTING HIS OVERALLS ON BACKWARDS SO HE CAN'T UNDO THEM.



SO TONI, TODAY I GOT ASKED TO BE ON THE BOARD OF THE NEW CANCER PROJECT AT THE AND COMMUNITY CENTER.



THAT'S NICE, DID YOU TELL THEM YOU WEREN'T A GOOD CANDIDATE BECAUSE YOU NEVER DO YOUR MONTHLY SELF-EXAM?



My Food, My Feelings

I need to stop drinking
Raspberry beer
It reminds me of her
And she's no longer here.
I suppose the warm, comforting,
Toll House cookies must go
A gentle reminder
Of childhood long ago.
I look back with longing
On intimate nights
Devouring hot pizza
Till it was lost out of sight.
The chips, the chocolate
The raspberry beer
All methods of numbing
The feelings I fear.
The shame and self-hatred
The feelings of doubt
The food is not the problem
It's what I'm all about.

The lost little girl
Whose needs were never met
Stopped feeling her feelings
And ate instead.
Happiness, sadness
Feelings of shame
Food was used
To anesthetize the pain.
I've served my time in 12-step groups
Trying to live "one day at a time"
I've journaled, I've sponsored, I've read the Big Book
And now I've come to find
A broken soul, a misfit child
Who ate instead of feel
Learns how to cope without the food
And face in life what's real.
Coming out of the shadows
Out of the past
My "self" emerges
Finally, at last!

---Tabbi Arnold



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Weekly Events

SUNDAYS

Bering Memorial United Methodist Church - A Reconciling Congregation, 1440 Harold St. Sunday school 9:15am, Sunday Worship 10:50am.

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 the **First Unitarian Church, 5200 Fannin at Southmore at 10:45am** on the third floor. For more info, call Iris 529-8571.

Dignity 11am-2pm Coffee, snacks and conversation 5:30pm Holy Eucharist Worship, 1307 Yale. See Jul 8. **Houston Tennis Club (HTC)**, Memorial Park Tennis Center, meets from 9am to noon. HTC is a lesbian gay tennis club with members of all levels of play - beginner to advanced. For more info, call Bobby Riggins at 868-5039.

Montrose Flag Football, 1:00pm at Memorial Park. For more info, call 526-7271.

MONDAYS

HeartSong Women's Chorus rehearses at 7pm on the third floor of the First Unitarian Church, 5200 Fannin at Southmore. New and former members welcome. For info, call 947-1488.

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

HIV Resource Network Meeting at Bering Memorial United Methodist Church, 1440 Harold. 6:45pm Potluck; 7:30pm group meetings: family groups, women's group, caregivers group, mixed HIV groups and HIV+ only groups.

Lambda Rollerskating Club Skate Night each Wednesday at Starlite Skating Rink, 8075 Cook Road at Beechnut, 575-7655, 8:30-10:30p.m. \$5 admission, \$6 if you rent their skates. Take I59 South, exit and turn right on Beechnut. Stay on Beechnut past the Sam Houston Parkway and turn right on Cook Road. For more info, call Keith at 933-5818.

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.

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

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.

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.

Community Calendar

1 FRIDAY

2 SATURDAY

3 SUNDAY

The Women's Group Meets at the First Unitarian Church, 5200 Fannin in the Sojourner Truth room, third floor at 10:45am. Call Iris at 529-8571 for info.

P-FLAG Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians & Gays general meeting - Winter Party call Susan Upchurch at 995-9777 to RSVP. 2pm St. Francis Episcopal Church, 345 Piney Point Road, 867-9020.

For Women Only: How to Buy Insurance, 9am-noon at Sunset Tea Room, on Sunset off Kirby. Presented by Dale Englefield. Free to readers of The Wand. RSVP to 439-1700 as there is room for but twenty.

4 MONDAY

Greater Houston Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce Dinner/Speaker Meeting. 6:30pm Doubletree Hotel 759-0202, 400 Dallas St, downtown. \$20per person fee, cash or check. RSVP to GHGLCC Voice Mail 523-7576.

5 TUESDAY

Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week executive committee meets at 6:30pm at 2700 Albany, Suite 304. FYI 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.

7 THURSDAY

Lesbian & Gay Voices 90.1 KPFT FM 9-11pm

8 FRIDAY

The Sound of Encodings, a reading by women writers to support ENCODINGS: A Feminist Literary Journal, 8pm at the First Unitarian Church, 5200 Fannin. Suggested donation \$3-\$5. For info, call 529-7329

9 SATURDAY

Houston Outdoor Group HOG Breakfast at La Mexicana, Fairview at Montrose at 9am. HOG is a social group for gays and lesbians who enjoy the outdoors. Call the Hogline at K-A-M-P-O-U-T.

12 Step Women's Support Group for addictions, grief work, healing and empowerment, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the 2nd Saturday of each month for women with at least a year of sobriety. Sliding scale. For info, call Peacemaker at 293-8653.

10 SUNDAY

The Women's Group -The Women's Group meets at the First Unitarian Church, 5200 Fannin on the third floor at 10:45am. Call Iris at 529-8571 for info.

Sisters (for African-American women, meets every second Sunday) Montrose Counseling Center, 701 Richmond 5-8 pm. 446-4115

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 every other Monday at the Montrose Counseling Center 6:30-8:00pm. For info, call Virginia at 681-1309.

12 TUESDAY

Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week fact finding committee to research moving the parade date meets at 6:30pm at 2700 Albany, Suite 304. FYI 529-6979.

Houston Gay and Lesbian Parents- a support group for the parents on the second Tuesday of the month and also a monthly family activity, MCCR, 1919 Decatur, 980-7995.

13 WEDNESDAY

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

Women's Network-Activism in the Lesbian

Community. 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. **If You Love This Planet, starring Helen Caldicott, M.D.** A Salute to this Champion of Children & Enemy of All Thing Nuclear. Rice Media Center, Entrance 8 off University Boulevard 524-2682.

14 THURSDAY

The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe starring Dee Macaluso at The New Heights Theatre. 8pm and plays Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 and Sunday at 2:30 through March 17. 869-8927.

Sunday March 10

15 FRIDAY

LiB (Lesbians in Business), a woman's empowerment group, Networking 6:00-6:30pm. Program/speaker **Menopause and Hormone Replacement**, 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.

16 SATURDAY

Theatre LAB Houston, 1706 Alamo, presents Suburbia, a generation lost in the parking lot of life. Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm. 868-7516

17 SUNDAY

The Women's Group Meets at the First Unitarian Church, 5200 Fannin in a room on the third floor at 10:45am. Call Iris at 529-8571 for info.

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.

Women Make Music III: On the Podium. Featuring 3 documentaries: Antonia, Portrait of a Conductor; A Woman is a Risky Bet; A Leap Across the Bar Lines. Rice Media Center, 7:30pm. Entrance #8 off of University Blvd at Stockton St. \$4.50 admission. 527-4853.

Ceili's Muse at the McDonigel's Mucky Duck at 2425 Norfolk on St. Patrick's Day around 6pm. 528-5999. Tickets are \$6.

Play: My Left Breast at New Heights Theatre. The play follows the intimate journey of a woman from her discovery of a cancerous tumor through the process of the tumultuous cure interlacing poignant moments with humorous ones. Encore performance at 5pm on Sunday March 17. For reservations, call 869-8927.

18 MONDAY

1997 Houston Texas Lesbian Conference Planning Meeting, 7pm at Suzanne Anderson Properties, 239 Westheimer. For info page Torrie Justus at 916-8110.

19 TUESDAY

Famous Lesbian Comedian Georgia Ragsdale direct from her HBO show "Women Aloud". Laff Stop, 1952 West Gray, River Oaks Center. 524-2333. \$12 advance/ \$15 at the door.

Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week general meeting at 6:30pm at 2700 Albany, Suite 304. FYI 529-6979.

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.

OutVote general meeting third Wednesdays. 7:00 pm 2700 Albany, Suite 304. FYI 713-521-1000.

21 THURSDAY

Lucia's Garden presents J. Ruth Gendler author of The Book of Qualities and Changing Light. Giving Voice to the Soul 7:30-10pm, Spectrum Center, 4100 Westheimer Suite 235, \$10; Workshop Saturday and Sunday: Creativity - Making a Beautiful Life \$75 523-6494.

22 FRIDAY

23 SATURDAY

24 SUNDAY

Author appearance at Inklings: Achy Obejas, author of *We Came All the Way From Cuba So You Could Dress Like This?* will read from her book and meet people at 3 p.m. Achy is a Latina immigrant and a lesbian. Her stories chronicle the ironic self-awareness of the disenfranchised, as well as the confused alliances of the heart. Her writing is marked by irrepressible wit and dark humor. Inklings is located at 1846 Richmond, 521-3369.

The Women's Group New Meets at the First Unitarian Church, 5200 Fannin in a room on the third floor at 10:45am. Call Iris at 529-8571 for info.

Houston Gay and Lesbian Parents Just For Us, social and support group for youth in 6th through 12th grades who have gay or lesbian parents. 6:00-7:00pm. Call 980-7995.

25 MONDAY

Cancer Support Group meets every other Monday at the Montrose Counseling Center 6:30-8:00pm. For info, call Virginia at 681-1309.

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

26 TUESDAY

27 WEDNESDAY

Women's Network-Film Series Honoring Women's History Month. 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.

28 THURSDAY

7:30pm Peace Forum Program - War & Rape: An Analytical Approach. A review of Ruth Seifert's book presented by Lynn Furay. First Unitarian Church (upstairs), 5200 Fannin 681-6267

29 FRIDAY

30 SATURDAY

Interfaith Service - Binding the Wounds of War: Int'l Women's Month, Rothko Chapel Yupon at Sul Ross, 11am, 524-9839.

30-31 SATURDAY & SUNDAY SCRATCH & DENT SALE

at Inklings Bookshop. 11-6p.m. Saturday, noon-5 Sunday. Used or dented books are on sale for about half price. Also, bring in your used books--lesbian, feminist, or other Inklings-type topics--and trade them; two books are worth one of similar value in exchange. Inklings upstairs, 1846 Richmond, 521-3369.

Tuesday April 2

Lesbian Health Initiative meets at 7:00pm on the first Tuesday of the month at the Montrose Counseling Center. For info, call 681-1309.

Kate Clinton Sunday, April 21
Rockefeller's - 869-8427

Saturday, April 20

Women's Group Annual Rummage Sale

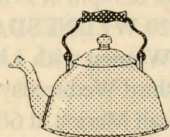
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Grandmother Mills' Recipes



JELLO SALAD

2 cups Applesauce
2 packages Jello (any flavor)
2 cups 7-Up
Heat applesauce to boiling. Stir in Jello and continue cooking until all the gelatin is dissolved. Remove from heat and stir in 7-Up. Pour in suitably sized pan and refrigerate until set. Serve with whipped cream. Note: This recipe is just as tasty with unsweetened applesauce, sugar-free Jello, diet 7-Up and low-cal whipped topping but don't tell Grandmother Mills.
--Beth Killfoile

Texas Lesbian Conference

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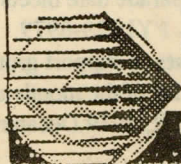
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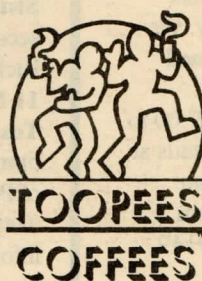
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Clinical Psychologist

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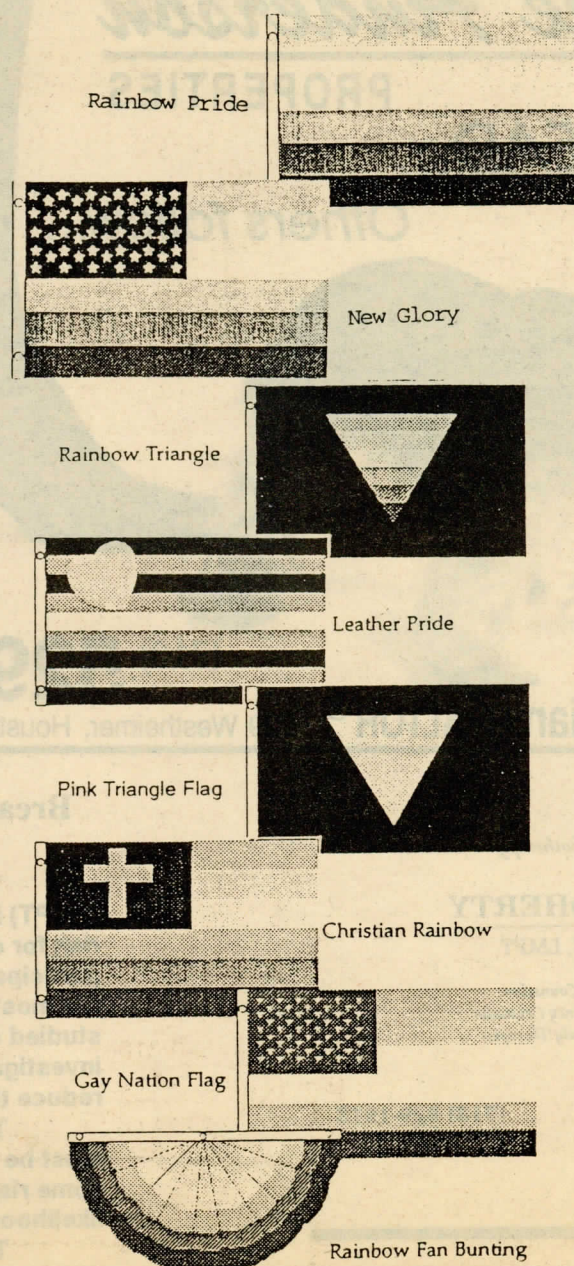
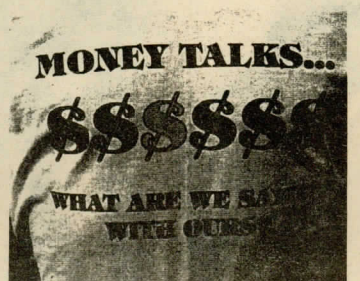
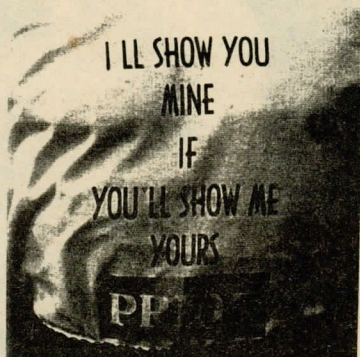
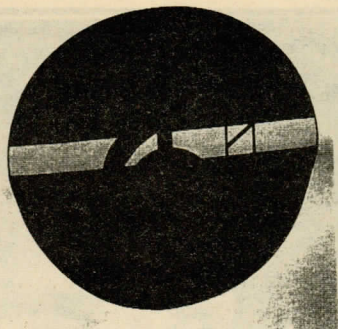
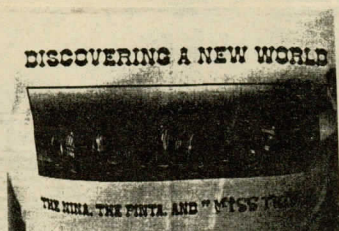


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Diana Jones' CD Release Party at Ms. Bs Saturday, April 13

Come celebrate the release of Diana Jones' first compact disc recording Saturday, April 13th at Ms. B's in the Ranch. Diana Jones, the Austin-based singer/songwriter/guitarist, is known for her impassioned songs and her distinctly beautiful voice.

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Jones is a frequent headliner at Austin-area clubs and is currently touring the major cities in Texas. She is regularly invited to perform at the annual Lone Star Women's Music Festival where she appears on both the main stage and at the closing night campfire. She was last seen in Houston at the Houston Women's Festival (October 28, 1995) where she was a crowd favorite.

Her first compact disc recording titled "Imagine Me" is eagerly anticipated by her many fans. Jones will sign copies of her new CD after her performance.

The event will kick off at 8 p.m. with opening act Girls with Guitars. Ms. B's is located at 9218 Buffalo Speedway. Admission is \$4. The event is produced by The Athena Art Project, a non-profit organization supporting the artistic endeavors of women.



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Submissions to the calendar: Groups may send us notice of their regular meetings and special events by the 15th of the month for next month's issue. We are glad to network with other groups that work for social change and share a feminist perspective.

Submissions of articles, poetry and cover art should have positive, coalition building content. Articles may be submitted on IBM 3.5" diskettes, ASCII or WordPerfect format. Please use 3" columns for typed submissions. Sign and include a phone number.

WAND Layout is scheduled around the 20th of the month. Check the calendar for date or call **664-9215**. We need community support to ensure the WAND is a comprehensive networking directory for the women's community. WAND distribution is 2,000 copies.

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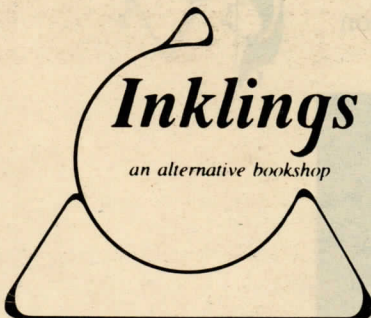
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GLOBAL [University of Houston Gay Les Bi Alliance] 743-5180
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Houston Area Teenagers Coalition of Homosexuals [HATCH] 669-0452
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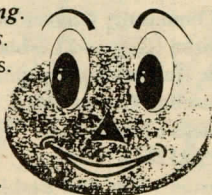
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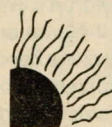
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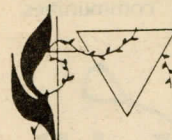
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