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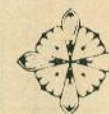
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INTERNATIONAL FEMINIST ACTIVIST
LOOKS AT CREATIVITY FOR SOCIAL
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Spending time with Kari Anderson is synonymous with regenerating spiritual creativity for social change. She truly has the power of unlocking and unleashing female moral power in order to "bring it to bear on global, national, regional, local and personal issues."

Most of all she urges innovative ways to tackle both old and new problems that we face as individuals and as nations.

Kari Anderson is the featured speaker at the Women's Group on July 9 where she will share her national and international experiences as a consultant to policymakers, as a catalyst to redefine and restructure development policies, and as a collaborator for cross-cultural organizational grass root initiatives.

Kari Anderson may have stimulated grass-root initiatives, but she certainly is not allowing the grass to grow under her feet.

In March 1989 she participated in an international workshop, "People's Initiatives to Overcome Poverty" at the Institute of Culture and Communication Resource Systems in Honolulu, Hawaii. She acted as a representative in the capacity of co-program director of the

Kari wants to create an international forum which would serve "to identify and reinforce certain values common to us all and realize the urgent need to cooperate rather than compete in our efforts to address a number of concerns which knows no borders, no gender, and cannot tolerate prejudices," she says.

Her own "spiritual awakening" came as a result of being chosen to be an American exchange student in Thailand about ten years ago. As a teenager in a small community in Minnesota, Kari would have been satisfied to become a P.E. teacher and "have a garden". Her experiences showed her another garden that needed tilling and gave her the mandate to be what she is today and what she plans for herself tomorrow.

Her first international encounter forced her to examine herself in a different light. What she found shocked her. She was embarrassingly ignorant not only about the rest of the world but also about her native country, the United States. She also discovered that "as Americans we are not living what our values are."

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In her opinion, such national and international illiteracy is disastrous given the present

communicate to as many groups as possible across the world. Her own journey as an international feminist activist has taken her from being an active observer of the world to one who feels the urgency to jolt individuals and groups into creative action. And "jolt" is a word she uses often.

She feels that "whatever topic we may choose individually as a vehicle, we need to use the opportunity to bring our local communities together while simultaneously embracing with the global network."

POST SCRIPT (from the writer of this article):

And what does Kari do when she is not actively involved in a cooperative initiative abroad? She wears sunglasses with excerpts from news about political refugees (let her tell her own story of how she acquired them here in Houston).

After interviewing Kari as I sped down a superhighway to get back home experiencing all the comforts our technology can offer in my airconditioned late model car, I realized that living the American dream in material ways is but a paltry experience when compared to the hour I had spent with Kari as she unfolded her spirituality and "stream-of-consciousness" thoughts.

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What concerns Kari is not only material poverty across the world, but also the spiritual poverty that she has discovered among American women. As citizens of a nation that is a forerunner in technological advances, "we have not yet figured out how to tap our spiritual energies," she says.

She herself is a living example of her emphatic philosophy that the individual makes a difference. And that difference will make it possible to find "new directions for future responsibilities in protecting and nurturing the planet earth," she explains.

Since men have so woefully failed in this regard, women constitute the true powerhouses from which creative initiatives will spring and provide solutions to socio-economic problems faced today.

But in order for that to happen women must first tap the energies of their spirituality.

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In a small school in Thailand, without the benefit of running water and air conditioning, without computers, Kari learned more about herself and her relationship to the world than she had ever learned.

She came to realize why it is so important for ordinary citizens to become more aware of the effects American policy decisions are having globally. "Our planet can ill afford ignorance in such matters. It is not enough to know that we are a 'Great Nation'."

In comparison to Third World counterparts, American women are far less informed about how policy decisions are made and what effect they have, according to Kari. She explains that ultimately there is a price to be paid for such ignorance.

As women "we must learn to think globally and act locally," is the message she wants to

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This article can do but justice in a small way to the magical aura Kari radiates as she speaks. Her voice is felt as well as heard.

Her gift of communication is rare

A note about the writer: Catharina Langhart is a freelance writer targeting non-fiction and fiction for international, national and local markets. She also teaches and lectures. Her interest is in working with women writers and special interest groups of all types giving supportive constructive criticisms and catering to a variety of writing and speaking needs.

She is the director of Synergesis, an international writers' network.

For more information of how she may serve the Houston community, call 446-6734.)

July

1 - SATURDAY

WOMEN FOR SOBRIETY - Lesbian/Bisexual Women with drinking problems. Meets 10 to 11:30am every Saturday at the Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett Blvd. Suite 201-A. Contact Pat Bernstein or Terry Spears @ 460-9208.

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PARTY FOR SAMMIE COHEN AT NORMA'S 5611 - FOR SAMMIE'S BIRTHDAY, COME JOIN THE CELEBRATION. 8:00pm

Cherry Wolf, our favorite DJ, will be bringing her special blend of dance music to NORMA'S 5611 Club One block south of Westheimer off Chimney Rock @ 5611 Val Verde, for more information: 782-4761 - \$2 cover. Also on July 8.

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Youth Concerned w/ Lesbian & Gay Issues - 7:30 to 9pm at the First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin. Call Melinda @ 661-0078 for info.

2 - SUNDAY - NEW MOON

THE WOMEN'S GROUP meets every Sunday at 10am @ First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin.

The Center for Human Development* is offering a lecture entitled "Dynamics of Sexual Abuse & Incest." Topics included are types of abuse, post traumatic stress patterns, to survive, conflict resolution, long term effects.

6 - THURSDAY

Gay/Lesbian Parents Support Group* meets every Thursdays, various locations, call 666-1616.

Women's Therapy Group w/ special emphasis on Spirituality - 4:00pm every Thursday, led by Karen Hanson, CSW, ACP - 364-3843

7 - FRIDAY

The Houston Area Greens* meet every Friday at 7:00pm, for information concerning location call Dana at 952-5024.

8 - SATURDAY

Women for Sobriety - meets every Saturday, see July 1 listing.

DJ Cherry Wolf spins the discs at Norma's 5611 Club for dancing on the new larger dance floor. \$2 cover, call 782-4761 for info.

9 - SUNDAY

THE WOMEN'S GROUP meets at 10am at First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin.

The Women's Reading Group - meets 4:00 to 6:00pm on Second Sunday of each month. All interested women are welcome. For information call Kathy 664-7438 or Cicely 522-9837.

LISA - Lesbian Incest Survivors Anonymous, see July 1 listing.

13 - THURSDAY

Women's Therapy Group see July 6 listing for more information.

Gay/Lesbian Parents Support Group* see July 6 listing.

14 - FRIDAY

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15 - SATURDAY

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HEARTSONG performs in concert, see cover for information

16 - SUNDAY

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The Center for Human Development* see July 2 listing for info.

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LOAF (Lesbians over age 50) meets at the Autry House, 6265 S. Main, 2 - 4pm. We are a social networking group for lesbians age 50 & over. For information call 661-1482.

17 - MONDAY

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LISA - LESBIAN INCEST SURVIVORS ANONYMOUS meets at INKLINGS every Sunday from 4 to 5pm, call Sherry for more details 527-8712.

4 - TUESDAY - INDEPENDENCE DAY

MILLER MERRYMAKING* bring a picnic and join us at 7pm on the hill at Miller Theatre for the Fourth of July concert. Everyone is welcome. Just look for the purple balloon to find the right spot.

5 - WEDNESDAY

AMAC (Adults Molested as Children)* meets @ Family Services Center, Lillian St. @ Shepherd

Gay/Lesbian Political Caucus* (GLPC) meets at 7:30pm at the Multi-service center, 1475 W. Gray, call 521-1000 for information.

*Open to men.

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10 - MONDAY

Houston Area Women's Center* Volunteer Orientation every 2nd Monday at 4 Chelsea Place, call Brenda Foote @ 528-6798 for info.

11 - TUESDAY

Friends & Family of Rape Survivors* Support Group meets at 7:00pm at Houston Area Women's Center, call 528-6798 for more information.

12 - WEDNESDAY

HART (Houston Animal Rights Team)* meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm, 3707 Westcenter, Call 975-7973 for information.

WOMEN'S NETWORK @ the Montrose Counseling Center presents "Food: Friend or Foe?" by Toby D. Solomon, M.A., L.P.C. Too often food is a double-edged sword -- a comfort and a coping tool on the one hand, and on the other, an enemy that seems to control our feelings, our bodies and our self-esteem. Learn more about your relationship with food, and how to free yourself from the inner turmoil. To eat or not to eat -- that's the real question.

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20 - THURSDAY

WOMEN POLITICALLY INVOLVED, A group to empower women within the political process and to motivate participation based on feminist issues. We will meet at INKLINGS 1846 Richmond at 7:30pm. Call Pat at 527-9143 or Deborah at 521-0780.

Gay/Lesbian Parents Support Group* see July 6 listing.

21 - FRIDAY

The Houston Area Greens*, see listing for July 7.

22 - SATURDAY

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528-6798

Houston Gay/Lesbian Political
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River Oaks Theatre
Studio 13
The Firehouse
The Ranch
The Rock Horse
Whole Foods
YWCA (Willa @ Waugh)

WOMYNSPACE is a feminist organization whose concept is to provide alternative space for women in a women-only, chemically free, supportive environment. Founded in 1984, the group publishes THE WAND, a community calendar/newsletter, sponsors various events throughout the year*, such as dances, concerts and video showings, sponsors CR and other types of support/recovery groups for women and a networking system.

Membership is open to all supportive individuals who pay annual dues (or do a work exchange). Members receive THE WAND, discounts with some of our advertisers and opportunity for involvement in the community.

WOMYNSPACE may be contacted through writing to P.O. Box 980601, Houston, TX 77098-0601 or by calling Erika at 713/880-9517 or Deborah 713/521-0780.

*Several of the events are open to men as well.

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Houston Gay/Lesbian Political
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Houston Area NOW (National Organization for Women): 522-6673

Lambda Center (AA Groups):
521-9772

Lesbians Over Age Fifty (LOAF):
661-1482

Montrose Activity Center (MAC):
529-1223

Montrose Counseling Center:
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Single Lesbians Group:
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WIRES (Women's Information and Referral Exchange): 528-2121

Women's Group at The First Unitarian Church - 5210 Fannin:
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Women's Reading Group:
589-0005 or 522-9837

WOMYNSPACE: 880-9517

YWCA (Willa @ Waugh)
Masterson Branch: 868-6075

PUSSY POEM

Pussy is better than custard pie
better than grass or a cocaine high
she's hot, she shivers, she sucks you in
sticky and drooly all over your chin;
oh, better than diamonds or boxes of sweets
is a cunt-eating session under the sheets.

You slurp and she shudders, the bedsprings announce
your game to the neighbors with each happy bounce
she bucks like a mustang, you lift off the bed
your lips glued together, her thighs squeeze your head;
one hand grabs a nipple, another her ass,
she howls like a freight train descending a pass.
Your tongue moves like lightning, her blood answers thunder
wave after wave till you're both going under
oh happy oyster, you're drowning, you're drunk,
swallowing, swimming in juice of a cunt.

Oh let's skip the moonlight, the sentiments rare
the whispery nothings, the lace underwear;
let's take off our bluejeans and give a big cheer
for a fat creamy cunt with thick curly hair.

--by Martha Shelley

HOMEWORK SUGGESTIONS FOR LESBIANS

Date - One person be responsible
for inviting her partner for a
special activity, the invitor is to
take responsibility for all aspects
of planning, reservations, trans-
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i loved her last night
with more than my body
but needed how i could show her wholly.
erotic is the word
but not like the pictures that stop
on the page,
erotic is a word i want to save
from them erotic
as the pulse of my wristblood erotic
as rocking a child to sleep
erotic
as my dreams of flying erotic
as writing with no space
between myself and the paper
erotic as bare darkness erotic
as the mountain that tendered me to tears
erotic as touching as deep
as my touch can go,
touching her,
erotic
as feeling her touch is as full erotic
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Spoon Breathing - Both partners lie close together and facing in the same direction. Gradually the woman in back begins to breath in the same rhythm as the woman in front. The couple breaths at the same pace for 10 minutes, and then switch positions and roles.

New Activity- Each woman is responsible for initiating one new sensual or sexual activity during a week.

Body Adornment- Each woman takes a turn being the recipient and the giver in a body adornment session. Body adornment can include use of jewelry, body paints, make-up, food, scarves, etc.

Sensual Bathing- Each woman takes a turn being the recipient and the giver. The giver may use bath oils, special soap, candlelight and is urged to be creative.

Erotic Massage- This massage may or may not include genital touching. The massager is instructed to gather objects of different textures like, feathers, fur, velvet, smooth rock, brush, or different scented items, and to slowly rub each item over the

partners body. The receiver is instructed to inform her partner if any part of the massage is uncomfortable or unpleasant.

Self Sexuality Sessions- Each member of the couple takes individual private time to take a sensual bath, look at herself carefully in a mirror, or to masturbate in a familiar or new way. They may want to share information with other from these sessions.

Sharing Masturbation- The couple can discuss their feelings about masturbation and ways that each woman pleasures herself. Each woman can demonstrate how she stimulates herself. The exercise is useful in developing the concept that they both do not have to be genitally sexual in the same touching session

Prohibition of Genital Contact- Be creative in developing a wide range of sensual activities that do not include genital contact.

Sharing Sexual Fantasies- Encourage the couple to share information about their sexual fantasies, and to discuss if they would like to incorporate any part of their sexual fantasy into their sexual relationship.

-- from Sexual Diversity Workshop handout at the Texas Lesbian Conference, presented by Dr. Wendy Stock. From "Sex Therapy and Education with Lesbian and Bisexual Women: A Model for Intervention" by Laura Brown, Rae Larson, and Deborah DeWolfe.

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Donations	- 10.00
TOTAL	- \$ 535.50

Uses of Funds

THE WAND	- \$ 344.48
Misc.	100.00
(S. Central Women's Studies Gay/Lesbian Pride Week GLPC)	
TOTAL	- \$ 444.58

Total Income over expenses
- \$ 91.08

Houston Women's Community Chorus
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HeartSong

HeartSong, Houston Women's Community Chorus, under the direction of Lynne Weynand, celebrated its third anniversary in June. Under Lynne's leadership the chorus has grown to 40 members.

Preparations are well underway for **HeartSong's** Second Solo Concert, "Creating Harmony . . . our music, your heart". The performance will be presented at Hamman Hall on the Rice University Campus on July 15, at 7:30 pm. Last year's concert at First Unitarian Church sold out so get your tickets in advance. Prices have been kept low at \$6.50.

Proceeds from "Creating Harmony" will help defray expenses of **HeartSong's** trip to Kansas City in October. The chorus will join hundreds of members of women's choruses from around the country in "Festival", a bi-annual gathering of choruses.

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Donations to help us defray the cost of printing are appreciated.

Articles submitted are also subject to acceptance for publication at the discretion of the committee. We try to use what we can as space allows. For the return of any material, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. It is best if articles are typed in column width of 3" (length is not a problem provided material is not too lengthy).

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An organizing meeting was held on June 16 to initiate dialogue concerning how we as feminists can meet the challenge of the times. There was discussion on what our interests were and what goals we should establish. We talked about being motivated by issues. Choice, Domestic Violence, judicial reform and 21.06 were some of the concerns. There were questions about taking this action within a political party, and whether we must align ourselves one way or another. While our purpose states that we intend to do this within or without existing party structures, it is thought that our best hope is to work within the Democratic party in order to take advantage of an existing political base.

See July 20 calendar listing for more information about the next scheduled meeting of this new dynamic effort.

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Highlights included the presentations by AMIGA and WOMYNSPACE that opened the conference, and the "\$1 a dance" fundraiser for The Texas Human Rights Fund. Linda Morales of AMIGA is the lead plaintiff in the lawsuit against the state of Texas that challenges Article 21.06 of the Penal code, which makes certain same sex practices illegal. Attendees had a chance to dance with Linda (an excellent dancer by the way) for \$1 a piece -- over \$75 was collected this way! The Saturday night dance with over 350 attending and the Sunday afternoon concert emceed by Nancy Ford with an array of local talent such as Heartsong (the Houston Women's Chorus), Maryanne Pendino, Edna Garcia, Rawslyn Ruffin and Compenaras donating their talents also proved to be outstanding events.

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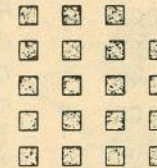
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