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Time For the Holidays

by Jack Valinski

With Thanksgiving having just passed us and the Christmas and New Year's holidays coming up, many gay men and lesbians go through some tough times. The traditions that surround these holidays can leave us with a real feeling of alienation. This is particularly true if we put false hopes of what we perceive this time of the year to be.

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luxury of having families that are very accepting of our life-style and are supportive. You should realize how rare and lucky you are.

If you decide to spend the holidays with your family and pretend that all is well, realize the emotional toll it places on you. How you have to answer the questions about when you are getting married. The excuse is that it would just kill them; realize how much it is really killing you. Or how much it is hurting your partner or lover if you have to spend time away from him or her.

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A Season for Lovers

by John-Michael Albert

September 6, 1990

There's a mouse king on the ballet stage,
Alleluia's ring in symph'ny hall,
And Capote's at the theater,
Hansl and Gretl heed the angel's call;
And I heard from mom just the other day,
A chatty letter in the post,
Asking me to come, in her special way,
To spend some time with childhood ghosts.

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And the one who's now so dear to me,
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From the *White Christmas* old time movies to the John-Boy scenes of *The Waltons*, we just don't seem to fit in. Many of us still try to fantasize that our lives will be like one of those make believe stories. We do have some options at this time of the year in dealing with our biological family. We can join our family, be closeted and just pretend we are like everybody else. Just as many of us did growing up before we realized there were others like us. We can join our family and be out and confrontational. Or we can decide to be away from them and build our own chosen family and build new traditions.

Of course there are some who have the

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It has been said you can never go home again. Perhaps that is true if you decide that you need to be open with your family and they are not supportive. Is it worth the confrontation of family fights during such a time of year when emotions are already running so high? And it is one step to be open to your immediate family, but there is the question of the rest of an extended family. Just how many coming out skits can you perform?

The third option is just to forego joining your biological family and stay with your friends who you spend most of the year with already. These friends probably have become a chosen family. Even if you are new to the community or don't have a lot of friends, this option may be what you really need to do. It can be the real breaking away. The first step in forming; along with new friends, your own family. A family that is based on who you really are.

The holidays are a emotionally tough time of the year. If our expectations are what they were when we were children, we can come out of it with disappointment. If we realize that the childhood expectations were unrealistic; our expectations should be lowered.

Life is what we put into it. Perhaps we believe that we were dealt a higher burden by being gay or lesbian. But it is up to each of us to make the best of our situation. We should not feel sorry for ourselves. We should build our own families of people who are supportive of us. And start our own traditions of holiday rituals of the real meaning of a holiday time of peace, understanding and love. λ

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All I'm trying here to tell you
You're part of me each hour, each day,
And this Season's yours as well, too;
I hope you'll join me when I say:

Let's spend this Season together,
Let's, make each others New Year bright
Let's vow to be here, together; then,
Let's make our love greater here tonight.

From Thanksgiving through New Year's Eve,
With Chanukah and Christmas Tide,
It's enough to make a stone believe
In the dredl's luck and Santa's ride.

But human nature is for loving
And keeping spirits bright
And as long as we keep giving
We'll sail together through the night; so

Let's spend this Season together,
Let's make each others New Year bright
Let's vow to be here, together; then,
Let's make our love grow greater here tonight.

Childhood was the season to play and dream and grow
And fantasy's the reason we learned to love so;
But suddenly it ended, the dreams were almost gone,
The love appeared and with it our music plays, our music stays,
And we stay on.

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HUBBARD'S CUPBOARD

by Kathy Hubbard

On Monday, December 10, the trial begins in Austin for plaintiffs Morales et al. vs. the State of Texas. This is the one managed by the Texas Human Rights Foundation to overturn Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code. The State will be defending its' assumption that homosexuality, unlike hetero and mono sexuality, is harmful to society. THRF, we hope, will prevail in convincing the court that the State has it backwards. Society harms homosexuals.

This is just the latest step in Society's scapegoat game. In America, lesbians and gay men are the only sociological category of people left who can be impugned without legal and social recourse. Among the educated and the politically astute, it is becoming acknowledged bad taste to trash or ignore us. When the gay and lesbian panel testified before the congressional panel which decided on the Souter nomination, CNN aired it. At 3 AM.

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KLOL just won its tussle with the FCC. Imagine drunk klansmen at a joke telling contest, and you have my impression of that station's morning show. Well, the august body of regulators listened to reams of evidence of sexual, racial, ethnic and homophobic smears. You know what they decided — oops, Bill of Rights time, lets give them free speech, the jocks didn't use any of the Seven Deadly words. Had gays not served to benefit from an enjoinder against defamations, I have no doubt that the outcome would have differed. Nonetheless, we have now extracted precedent for protection of freedom of speech that may benefit stations like KPFT. The powers that be would love to nit pick the Pacificas off the air.

Education is a long term cure for homophobia. I recently had the privilege of sitting in on a university's deviant sociology class guest lectured by Annise Parker. She was the eighth president of the Gay/Lesbian Political Caucus, and the first of those not to lose her or his job after publicly televised appearances on behalf of our civil rights. Most of the group was sympathetic and open. A few

were detached yet curious, and only one was outright hostile. Sure, in a private voting booth more than one could express hostility, but our goal is to make human kindness of word and deed, where we are concerned, socially acceptable and desirable. Someday, being gay will be as uneventful a family affair as is (finally) being left handed.



Zoologically speaking, humans are the biggest predators of humans. Overtly in war, murder, rape etc., and covertly in manipulated assets, caste systems, earth pollution etc., we are ingeniously our own worst enemy. As we teeter on the brink of a Holy Oil war, it is refreshing to note that today's pollsters are relaying hefty disapproval ratings to the White House about the C. in C.'s behavior. All of us are involved; our families, our economies, our futures, our health. Evidence has been uncovered showing that the CIA was supporting (if not masterminding) efforts by Kuwait months ago to bankrupt Iraq. This war is not about standing by our friends. If we were standing for ours, we would not let see Hubbard page 8

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As time went on, the Newsletter grew. With the support of Ray Hill, then president of MAC and later with Jim Owens as president, I got nothing but encouragement. The Montrose Activity Center began to shelter more groups and the Newsletter was used as a networking source. The calendar helped publicize all groups, not only MAC groups.

Eventually, in June 1989, we went to the newsprint size and began printing a thousand copies. Our list also grew. We began with 50 names and now have over 1500 on our core list with access to about 4,000 more. At present, we print 2,000 and mail to over 1,500.

I have had an immense amount of freedom during the past two years. And an vast amount of compliments on the articles we reprinted even though many articles were meant to stir up questions and give different points of view. Our calendar which grew to be the biggest in the community.

With any amount of success there also come problems. First, this project takes a vast amount of my time. About 60 hours per month. I now have a job that requires me to travel for about a week and a half per month. Logistically it has become a nightmare to find the

articles, get them proofed, do the layout, get it to the printer, do the mailout and then to distribute it to local business. Second, it costs about \$500 per month between printing, postage and return postage. We have been able to cover only half the cost with the contributions we receive.

There has been a disagreement between the board and me on what language could be used within these pages. Some reprinted articles contained words board members found obscene. As a result, the board voted that all articles that are to appear must have approval of all the newsletter committee members. This means that any one person could veto what goes into the Newsletter.

This was decided on by a majority of board members present at a special meeting. While I admire all the members of the MAC board, I feel that my freedom in choosing articles would be compromised if I continued as editor.

I have decided to resign as editor and as a member of the Newsletter committee. It is time for me to move on to other things in my life, including some time for myself. I have been involved with Pride Week since 1983 in some form. I have also been involved with Wilde 'n' Stein since 1982 and will continue to work on the radio show.

I will be the first to admit that my views on many topics bend toward the radical end. I feel that we activist need to be a few steps ahead of the community. Perhaps being somewhat radical is what is needed, or being a few steps ahead so that the of the community can move ahead at their more comfortable pace.

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nice doesn't work. I many times question myself why I myself am in a comfortable corporate job when my brothers are fighting for their lives. However, under its non-profit umbrella MAC needs to try to unite the community without being confrontational.

I will continue to participate in MAC with keeping the mailing list. This is the best kept and most updated in the community. I am however, also resigning from the board of MAC. This will enable the board to add a member who will concentrate on building a community center. I fully support this. The Newsletter was an attempt to do some of the outreach and networking that a full center will do. I will do what I can to help the board in putting together a center whether I am involved from the inside or not.

I don't know what the future of the Newsletter is. It takes a lot of work and money to publish and mail it. But if you have, or know someone else who has interest in this project, write us at our box number and I will put you in touch with the board.

I do want to thank everyone who has given me encouragement in putting together this Newsletter. I want to thank Annise Parker who has proofed most of my bad typos and fed us at her home during mailouts. Thanks goes to Deborah Bell who helped with the calendar. Thanks to those who wrote original articles. And of course, this Newsletter would not have been possible with the help of everyone who contributed financially and the volunteers who helped in the mailouts.

It is time to go on to another battle. And so it goes.λ

Awareness Starts in School

by Jan M. Goodman
from *Gay Community News*

This speech was originally presented at San Francisco's 1990 Gay Freedom Day

My name is Jan Goodman. I'm a member of BANGLE, the Bay Area Network of Gay and Lesbian Educators, and also the Pacific Center Speaker's Bureau. In addition, I'm an elementary school principal in our Bay Area public schools.

I am a lesbian, a feminist, a Jew, an activist and a public school principal. I'm not here to represent BANGLE, the Speaker's Bureau, my school or my school district. I'm here because, an educator, I'm concerned with a global disease that has gotten worse over the 20 years that I've worked with children.

The disease is widespread and students already have symptoms when they enter kindergarten. Adults are infected and we transmit it our children. We all must take responsibility for the cure.

The disease of intolerance, a lack of respect for differences. The symptoms are most visible on the playground . . . bigotry, prejudice, racism and homophobia. I deal with it almost every day in my interactions with children. It's a tough issue for anyone to handle, and creates a special dilemma for a lesbian principal.

The disease is everywhere. Two very upset second-grade girls complain to me because they are victims of some terrible teasing on the playground. They are best friends and often hold hands while at recess. "The kids are calling us 'lezzie . . . lezzie,'" they complain. "And we don't like it." How do you deal with this? I tell

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the students that teasing is not right, and insults are certainly wrong, but what do I say when the insult is a part of my own identity and personal pride? There are no easy answers. And, we are all responsible for the cure.

Again, a symptom. Two boys are sent to my office because they get in a fist fight. "I punched him because he called me a faggot," one kid says. "I'm not a faggot. I don't want to get AIDS." I tell the students that fighting is no way to solve a problem, and that they should talk it out . . . but what about the underlying homophobia and misinformation that is inherent in this situation? Could I say, "Hey, being gay in nothing to be ashamed of, even though I know you think that you're not . . . And did you know that one in 10 people is gay? So if there are 30 kids in your class, three may grow up to be gay and how do you know it is not going to be you? Besides, if you are gay, you must be proud! Also, if you're gay, you won't necessarily get AIDS because people get AIDS from unsafe sex or infected needles!" Where do I begin? Not easily! And we are all responsible for the cure.

The disease of intolerance continues to spread because too many of us remain in the Comfort Zone. The Comfort Zone is where we go when we are paralyzed by fear, guilt, shame and a sense that the issue is not important to us.

When we are in the Comfort Zone, we do not confront stereotypes, we do not defend ourselves or other oppressed groups, we do not challenge bigots. We think that it is easier to be silent, continue the masquerade and stand by as the disease progresses.

In order for us to build a future of tolerance and respect for all differences, each of us, not only the educators, must look deeply at ourselves, confront our fears, take risks and move out of the Comfort Zone.

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Miss Liberty the Gulag

by Neil Edwardnoah Grey

The farce

Give up your poor, give up your sick
Give them all — the suffering and oppressed
To the farce of Miss Liberty's progeny
She must be sick

A man is sick — a man is dying
Who would be so inhumane
As to not grant him his dying wish?
We ask ourselves this as a child has three months

Terminal illness
Or a woman has malignant cancer
To escape the suffering of mortality
Yet their final wish granted
To be buried here
To bequeath this to that person
To finally see America
America the land of freedom
America the land all other countries strive to copy

America the farce!
A man is sick
A man is dying of AIDS
Now how do we feel?
Who would be so inhumane
As to not grant him his dying wish?
A government agency
Immigration some synonym, some mutant homonym
For infiltration
For immunization
We must not be infiltrated by those not immune, they say

So give up your poor, give up your sick
And write a book about double standards

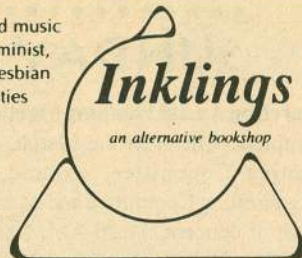
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When I took a hard look at myself, I found some startling realizations:

I discovered that the lesbian activist principle, an affectionate, caring soul, always open to hugs from children, would never initiate physical contact with female students at school. Somewhere, in the back of my mind, I wanted to be sure that if it ever "came out" that I was a lesbian, no one would have any grounds to say that I have provoked my female students. I no longer have this symptom. I've taken one small step toward the cure.

I realized that the lesbian activist principal never attended the end-of-year dinner for school district administrators because I did not want to be seen as "single" when I was in a committed relationship with a woman. I no longer have this symptom. I brought my lover to the dinner. Another small step toward the cure.

Teachers and administrators are not the only educators. Children listen to everybody and everything. They are very aware. They observe. They are taught stereotypes and intolerance by their parents who live next door to you, work with you on your jobs and shop at the grocery store with you. In reality, each of us is an educator, every day. When we stay in the Comfort Zone, what do the children learn? What do we teach them?

Every time we change a pronoun to disguise our sexuality, children learn a lesson, to reinforce their assumption that everyone is heterosexual.

Every time someone is accused of being lesbian or gay and responds with shame, children learn a lesson, that homosexuality is bad.

The cure to this disease lies within us. The cure is our responsibility whether or not we are educators or parents. I plead with you: WE MUST ALL WORK TOGETHER TO TEACH TOLERANCE AND END DISCRIMINATION NOW. Don't hesitate. It is not easy, but it is necessary. When we succeed, all children will enter kindergarten healthy and symptom free. λ

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For infiltration

For immunization

We must not be infiltrated by those not immune,
they say

So give up your poor, give up your sick
And write a book about double standards

Of a government cruel

And the population that elected them

Equally as guilty

Sitting so refined in their armchairs

Talking still how AIDS is a gay disease

Depravity of ignorance

Depravity of spirit

And wishing gays to be dead anyway

And hemophiliacs?

And drug addicts and prostitutes

And blacks and Haitians

And Africans and other continents

And children and men and women

But let's take away their dying wish

To see America

Picturesque statutes

Grotesque statutes

Statuesque monument

Monument to discriminatory standards

With the national standard itself embroiled

Used as a media symbol in a nation without
mercy

I would not grant the AIDS patient's dying wish

To see our country

Because he would probably see how ugly

This country really is λ

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UPCOMING & CONTINUING

The Houston Young Lawyers Association and the Houston Bar Association, in conjunction with the Houston Volunteer Lawyers Association, have expanded their legal services to persons with AIDS with the addition of an **AIDS Legal Hotline**. The Legal Hotline has been in operation since 1986 under the auspices of the Houston Office of the American Civil Liberties Union. Beginning November 9, persons with AIDS related legal problems can access the hotline through Houston Volunteer Lawyers as part of a program that offers free legal services to low income persons with AIDS related problems. The hotline operates Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The hotline number is 528-7702.

SUNDAY

Houston NAMES Project, a workshop is now set up for making panels for your friends, 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM, 1410 Fairview, call 52-NAMES for information

Lesbian Incest Survivors (LISA), 4:00 PM, meets at Inklings, 1846 Richmond, call Sherry for more details 527-8712

Volleyball Special Interest Group, open to everybody regardless of their level of skill to join in the fun, sponsored by the Houston Outdoor Group, afternoons in Memorial Park, call 523-3317 for information

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

TUESDAY

The 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 PM, Montrose Counseling Center, Suite 203, 900 Lovett, call Sharon 893-0514 or Jack 523-4863 for information

Action for AIDS, 7:30 PM, Multi-Service Center, 1475 W. Gray, 529-0100

WEDNESDAY

Women's Hour, Women's music is an integral part of this show. Claire and Yoshiko have added interviews, news stories, and a Women's calendar to their format, 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM, KTRU-FM, 91.7 FM, for information call 527-4050

HIV/AIDS Support Group, 7:00 PM, Unity Church, 2929 Unity Drive, call 782-1090 for information

THURSDAY

Afro Fem Centric, The first group of its kind of recent years to devote itself strictly to social and political concerns of African American Lesbians, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin, Call 688-0276 for information

FRIDAY

Breakthrough, Womyn's Music, with Pokey Anderson and Cherry Wolf, interviews and an extensive calendar at 9:15 AM, 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM, KPFT 90.1 FM,

SATURDAY

CONTINUES

After Hours, Music, discussions, interviews, etc. about the Gay and Lesbian community with the wild & crazy "After Hours" crew, Midnight to 4:00 AM, KPFT 90.1 FM

SATURDAY 1

Christmas Tree of Hope, a gathering to remember people who have died of AIDS, sponsored by Body Positive/Houston and the Houston Names Project, bring a Christmas tree ornament to put on the tree in memory of someone who has died of AIDS, music by Heartsong and the Montrose Singers, refreshments will be served, 6:00 PM, Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 W Gray, for information call 534-5424

Inklings, an alternative bookshop, will celebrate its second anniversary. Enjoy refreshments and 10% off almost everything in the store from 10:30 AM-6:30 PM, 1846 Richmond, for information call 521-3369

Blank Out, nearly 100 million households will find themselves without television because for one minute two dozen cable networks will join together for **A Moment Without Television**, a memorial to those living with AIDS, 8:00 PM

SUNDAY 2

FULL MOON

A Christmas Songfest, a benefit for the Omega House Building Fund, caroling concert, dance and silent auction starts at 5:00 PM, Sheraton Astrodome Hotel, Kirby and South Loop, \$20
The Women's Group, Theresa Blackburn, MD., a psychiatrist, will speak to us about

MONDAY 3

Town Meeting II, a planning meeting of interested people who want to have input into such an event, 6:00 PM, Montrose Library, 4100 Montrose, call 523-6969 for information

Lucia's Garden Full Moon Meditation, at 7:30 PM. Cost is \$8 per person. For women only, for information and reservations, call 523-6494.

Wilde 'n' Stein, Tune-in to a radio interview with Dell Richards, author of the new book *Lesbian Lists*, as she talks about lesbian superstars of today and yesterday. Discussion, news, features, events calendar, music and opinion on issues in the gay and lesbian community, tune in to join activists Deborah Bell and Jack Valinski, 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM, KPFT, 90.1 FM, call 526-4000 for information

WEDNESDAY 5

WAVE: Women Against Violence Everywhere, meets at 7:30 PM at the First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin, for information call 529-7329

Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, 7:30 PM, Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 W. Gray, Between Dunlavy & Waugh Dr., for information call 521-1000

Delta Lambda Phi Fraternity, DLF, A progressive fraternity which promotes purposeful social, recreational and service activities for gay men. Memberships are not limited to students., 6:30 PM, University Center at U of H, 4800 Calhoun, 529-3211 (GLSH)

FRIDAY 7

Bachelor/Bachelorette Auction, benefit for Gay Lesbian Pride Week 1991, 7:00 PM with Auction at 8:00 PM, Miss Kitty's, 710 Pacific

meets at Inklings, 1846 Richmond, call Sherry for more details 527-8712

Volleyball Special Interest Group, open to everybody regardless of their level of skill to join in the fun, sponsored by the Houston Outdoor Group, afternoons in Memorial Park, call 523-3317 for information

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

MONDAY

Lesbian Therapy Group, Therapy group addressing relationships and issues surrounding being a lesbian and a woman, Sharon Stone and Associates, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, 3935 Westheimer, Suite 360, call 623-6081 for information

Adult Children of Alcoholics, 7:30 PM, Church of Religious Science, North Houston, call 350-9378 for information

Lone Star Symphonic Band, Rehearsal Night, 7:30 PM to 10:00 PM, 1919 Decatur, for information call 862-5058

Wilde 'n' Stein, Discussion, news, features, events calendar, music and opinion on issues in the gay and lesbian community, tune in to join activists Deborah Bell and Jack Valinski, 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM, KPFT, 90.1 FM, call 526-4000 for information

Afro Fem Centric, The first group of its kind of recent years to devote itself strictly to social and political concerns of African American Lesbians, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin, Call 688-0276 for information

FRIDAY

Breakthrough, Womyn's Music, with Pokey Anderson and Cherry Wolf, interviews and an extensive calendar at 9:15 AM, 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM, KPFT 90.1 FM,

SATURDAY

Houston NAMES Project, a workshop is now set up for making panels for your friends, 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM, 1410 Fairview, call 52-NAMES for information

The Support Group for Gay and Lesbian Codependents Anonymous, This is a discussion group for the gay and lesbian community with issues related to codependency. No membership required, 5:00 PM, Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett, round room, call Sharon 893-0514 or Jack 523-4863 for information

Dignity/Houston Mass, social hour follows, 7:30 PM, Dignity Center, 3217 Fannin, for information at 528-0111

S.O.S., the Secular Organization for Sobriety, Weekly meeting non-religious self-help group for recovering chemically dependent persons. Open to Gay/Lesbian community as well as others, 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM, First Unitarian Universalist Church, 5210 Fannin, at Southmore (art museum area), 721-0371 for information

memorial to those living with AIDS, 8:00 PM

SUNDAY 2 FULL MOON

A Christmas Songfest, a benefit for the Omega House Building Fund, caroling concert, dance and silent auction starts at 5:00 PM, Sheraton Astrodoma Hotel, Kirby and South Loop, \$20

The Women's Group, Theresa Blackburn, MD., a psychiatrist, will speak to us about women's issues, 10:00 AM, in the Sojourner Truth Room, First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin, call 529-7329 for information

Gay Cycling Club, Come out and ride with the new Gay Cycling Club. "The Colleges Tour" will meander through Houston on a circuit of the colleges and universities. The ride will start from The Montrose Mining Company parking lot at 10 AM. Rides will vary in length from 15-23 miles for information, call Dee at 480-7998 or Marion at 528-3401

Inklings, an alternative bookshop, will celebrate its second anniversary. Enjoy refreshments and 10% off almost everything in the store from Noon to 5:00 PM, 1846 Richmond, for information call 521-3369

Lucia's Garden Christmas Show, Come shop for your Christmas favorites: herbal vinegars, wreaths, bayberry candles, special potpourris, pottery, and other items to brighten your holiday home. We will be serving hot wassail and baked goods from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM

information call 521-1000
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SUNDAY 9

March on Austin Planning Meeting, will adopt complete policies of the March, elect the Executive Committee, expand the March Organizing Committee and address any other issue of concern, 11:30 AM, Radisson Hotel, 700 San Jacinto, Austin, call 512-474-5475, write Box 2579, Austin, 78768 or call Keith Wright, Houston/Southeast Texas Coordinator at 520-7112

Lady Victoria Lust's Fourth Annual PWA Christmas, a community benefit, at the Brazos River Bottom, 2400 Brazos, call 524-6344 for information

Women's Reading Group, meets the second Sunday of each month from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM in a member's home. This month's selection is *Bingo* by Rita Mae Brown, for information call Ibis at 795-0984

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SUNDAY 9

The Women's Group, Women, Dance, and Song, Carole Etzler and Bren Chambers visit us from Vermont to share their travels, music, art, and stories with us. They both have studied with the Seneca Indian teacher Yehwehnode (She whose voice rides the wind). Carole is a former writer and photographer and has won many awards for her work in radio and film production. Bren is a classical cellist and has developed a string educational program for public schools, 10:00 AM, in the Sojourner Truth Room, First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin, call 529-7329 for information

Carole Etzler and Bren Chambers, will perform for us at 7:00 PM in Channing Hall. for information, call 529-8571

MONDAY 10

American Gay Athelists, regular monthly meeting, 7:30 PM, Metropolitan-Multi Service Center, 1475 W Gray, call 862-3283 for information

Wilde 'n' Stein, Donald Skipwith, vice-chair of Texas Human Rights Foundation, will discuss the 21.06 trial scheduled to open December 10. Discussion, news, features, events calendar, music and opinion on issues in the gay and lesbian community, tune in to join activists Deborah Bell and Jack Valinski, 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM, KPFT, 90.1 FM, call 526-4000 for information

TUESDAY 11

Names Project Chapter Meeting, 1410 Fairview, at 7:00 PM. for information call 52-NAMES.

Gay Fathers, 8:00 PM, Dignity Center, 3217

FRIDAY 14

Five noted design professionals and the two co-chairs of Houston Gay/Lesbian Pride Week 1991 will serve as a panel of judges for the HG/LPW Logo Contest. The judges which will select the top five entries will be presented to the general membership for a final vote on December 18. Viewing of the entries will be from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Gentrys, 2303 Richmond. Happy hour prices will be in effect and hors d'oeuvres will be served

Southwest Conference of the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations, will meet December 14, 15, & 16 at the Ramada Hotel-Love Field in Dallas, Texas. For further information on events, prices, and how to register, contact Congregation Beth El Binah at 214-840-3553

SATURDAY 15

The Montrose Activity Center Community Christmas Party, Buffet, Beverages, Entertainment, Silent Auction, hosted by the MAC Board of Directors and Supporters, \$5.00 requested, 8:00 PM to Midnight, 2400 Hackett Drive, off of 610 and Ella

Gay Cycling Club, Come out and ride with the new Gay Cycling Club. "The Fancy HomeTour" will meander through the Heights and River Oaks areas. The ride will start from The Montrose Mining Company parking lot at 10:00 AM. Rides will vary in length from 15-23 miles. For information, call Dee at 480-7998 or Marion at 528-3401.

SUNDAY 16

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Call for program information, Grace Lutheran Church, 2:00 PM, 2515 W. ...

MONDAY 17

NEW MOON

Nutrition and HIV, a traditional approach to good nutrition by HIV Dietary Specialist Richard Elbein, M.S., R.D. He will discuss the major components of nutritional intake, eating patterns supplements, food contamination, fluids, "food drugs," stress and exercise, Snacks and informational hand-outs will be available and there will be plenty of opportunity for questions and answers, sponsored by AIDS Foundation Houston, 7:00 PM, Montrose Library, 4100 Montrose, call 623-6796 for information

Wilde 'n' Stein, scheduled: Deborah Danburg, Texas State Representative from Montrose will discuss the upcoming legislative session. Discussion, news, features, events calendar, music and opinion on issues in the gay and lesbian community, tune in to join activists Deborah Bell and Jack Valinski, 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM, KPFT, 90.1 FM, call 526-4000 for information

TUESDAY 18

Sensuality/Sexuality Workshop, will explore the fun and excitement of safe, sensuous sex as it relates to each individual. The purpose is to help eliminate many of the fears, rumors and uncertainty regarding HIV transmission and promote safer sexuality through games, diagrams and "lively" discussion. This workshop is for anyone who has never attended a safer sex class so they can affirm their commitment to a healthier happier lifestyle. This program is also offered free to any organization or anyone wishing to host a group of their friends in their home. Sponsored by AIDS Foundation Houston, 3927 Essex Lane, call 623-6796 for information

Gay/Lesbian Pride Week 1991, 7:00 PM, Montrose Library, 4100 Montrose, call 623-6796 for information

SUNDAY 23

The Women's Group, Come share a short story, poem, song or personal experience. Enjoy the richness of being a woman. Bring a holiday sweet to share, 10:00 AM, in the Sojourner Truth Room, First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin, call 529-7329 for information

MONDAY 24

Midnight Mass, Celebration of Christmas Midnight Mass in the gay and lesbian parish of Montrose, Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 1218 Welch St., between Montrose and Waugh, at 12:00 am. for information, call 528-0012

Wilde 'n' Stein, A special holiday show, featuring Deborah Bell and Jack Valinski opening their presents. Discussion, news, features, events calendar, music and opinion on issues in the gay and lesbian community, 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM, KPFT, 90.1 FM, call 526-4000 for information

TUESDAY 25

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SUNDAY 30

The Women's Group, How can we raise our consciousness in the New Year? Come celebrate the Feminist Perspectives for 1991 with friends, music, and champagne, 10:00 AM, in the Sojourner Truth room, First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin, call 529-7329 for information

MONDAY 31

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WEDNESDAY 12

Women's Network, join us for a holiday celebration! -Share the Joy! All participants please bring four things: a wish written on a piece of paper, something you are thankful for written on a piece of paper, a non-perishable food item to be given to a family in need, and most important, special friends to share in our celebration. Participants are invited to bring finger foods and munchies. 7:00 to 9:00 PM, Montrose Counseling Center, 2nd floor, 900 Lovett, call 529-0037 for information

Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, Board meeting, all are welcome, 7:30 PM, 900 Lovett, for information call 521-1000

Gay/Lesbian Hispanics Unidos (GLHU), monthly meeting 7:30 PM, Dignity Center, 3217 Fannin, call 880-GLHU for information

Gay Cycling Club, Come out and ride with the new Gay Cycling Club. "The Fancy HomeTour" will meander through the Heights and River Oaks areas. The ride will start from The Montrose Mining Company parking lot at 10:00 AM. Rides will vary in length from 15-23 miles. For information, call Dee at 480-7998 or Marion at 528-3401.

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Lesbians Over Age Fifty (LOAF), 2:00 PM, Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray, 661-1482

The Women's Group, presents "The Herstory of Womynspace." Join panel members in discussing the past, present, and future of Womynspace. Womynspace, the brain child of the Women's Group, provides women a womyn only, chem-free environment to enjoy each other's company. All present and past Womynspace members are encouraged to attend to share your stories and memories. Come and contribute your thoughts, 10:00 AM, in the Sojourner Truth Room, First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin, call 529-7329 for information

AMIGA de Houston, holds its business meeting, with potluck dinner following. While the focus of this group is Latina/ Lesbiana - All Mujeres Interested in Getting Active invites all women to join them, 5:00 PM, call 520-5667 for information

the fun and excitement of safe, sensuous sex as it relates to each individual. The purpose is to help eliminate many of the fears, rumors and uncertainty regarding HIV transmission and promote safer sexuality through games, diagrams and "lively" discussion. This workshop is for anyone who has never attended a safer sex class so they can affirm their commitment to a healthier happier lifestyle. This program is also offered free to any organization or anyone wishing to host a group of their friends in their home. Sponsored by AIDS Foundation Houston, 3927 Essex Lane, call 623-6796 for information

Gay/Lesbian Pride Week 1991, 7:00 PM, Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 W Gray, call 523-5263 for information

WAND Layout, for information, call Kathy at 664-7438

WEDNESDAY 19

Marian's Macro Center, "Woman's Issues" at 7-9:00 PM. for information, call 523-0171

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THURSDAY 20

Marian's Macro Center, "Holiday Party" at 7-10:00 PM. Join us. for information, call 523-0171

FRIDAY 21

Happy Winter Solstice Earthlings

Afro FemCentric and First Unitarian Women's Group present an evening of celebrating poems, 8:00 PM, Inklings, 1846 Richmond, for information call 529-7329

Lone Star Symphonic Band, annual Holiday Concert *A Winter Fantasy*, featuring *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*, *Home for Christmas* and others, including Lone Star Woodwind Quintet, \$5.00, 8:00 PM, Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection, 1919 Decatur, for information call 862-5058

SUNDAY 30

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MONDAY 31

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Gay and Lesbian Hispanics Unidos New Year's Eve Party, Bayou Terrace, 715, Franklin at Milam, call 880-GLHU for information.

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APRIL 24-28

National Lesbian Conference, Diversity, Solidarity, Empowerment, proposals are now being sought to fill 400 slots for workshops and panels in both traditional and non-traditional formats, over 5,000 lesbians are expected to participate in this gathering, write Box 1999, Decatur, GA 30031 or call 404-373-0000

JUNE 14-23

Gay/Lesbian Pride Week 1991, numerous events including the annual parade on June 24, to get involved call 523-5263 or write GLPW, Box 66071, Houston, TX 77266-6071

The Montrose Activity Center

Community Christmas Party

Saturday, December 15, 1990

8 PM to Midnight

2400 Hackett Drive (610 and Ella)

\$5 Donation Requested



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Greater Montrose Business Guild

Purpose: To promote Montrose as a good place in which to live, invest and do business through networking with business members and their customers. Meetings: 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM Box 66051, Houston, TX 77266-6501 Phone: 528-1111

Neartown Association

Purpose: Promoting Montrose as an attractive residential area is a goal of Neartown Association. Meetings: 4th Tuesday of month, 7:30 PM, Bering Memorial United Methodist Church, 1440 Harold. Dues: \$10 individual 1413 Westheimer, Houston, TX 77006 Phone: 529-1110

North Montrose Civic Association

Purpose: Promoting the area from Peden north to Allen Parkway and from Taft west to S. Shepherd as attractive residential community. Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of month, 7:00 PM, Graphic Arts Center, 1324 W Clay. Dues: \$6 to \$36. Box 130184, Houston, TX 77219-0184. Phone: 528-2652

HEALTH

AIDS Legal Resource Project

2201 N Lamar, Suite 230, Austin, TX

The Assistance Fund

Purpose: Pay insurance premiums and assist with prescription drugs for PWA's, a totally volunteer organization, 2476 Bolsover, Suite 455, Houston, TX 77005 Phone: 529-4788

Amigos Volunteers in Education and Services (AVES)

Purpose: Amigos Volunteers in Education and Services (AVES) provides free bilingual (English and Spanish) information, educating and support to Hispanics affected by AIDS and their loved ones. Services include: Bilingual AIDS Education Workshops, Amigos Support Group, Amigos Visiting Team and Amigos Line, a bilingual information and referral telephone line, 2510 Broad, Suite 200, Houston, TX 77087. Phone: 923-1439

Bering Care Center

Purpose: The Bering Care Center serves the special needs of adult individuals with AIDS or AIDS-related diseases, limited financial resources, and a desire for social interaction. Clients with physical or mental limitations and who require supervision are welcome. The Care Center operates five days a week from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. It is staffed primarily by volunteers. Recreation, group activities and meal programs are coordinated by a permanent director. There are no fees. 1440 Harold Street, Houston, TX 77006. Phone: 520-7070

Bering Dental Clinic

Purpose: Dental clinic services are reserved exclusively for individuals with AIDS, ARC or AIDS-related disease, and those diagnosed as HIV+. Its staff, comprising a full-time paid professional dentist and a pool of volunteer professional dentists and dental hygienists, offer a full range of dental services. A first-visit fee of \$20 is requested, but no one is turned away because they cannot pay. Patients with sufficient funds or insurance are referred to private practitioners when possible. 1440 Harold Street, Houston, TX 77006 Phone: 520-7070

Montrose Counseling Center Women's Program

Purpose: To provide the women's community with high quality, woman affordable mental health services which are conscious of, sensitive to and informed about the psychology and social experience of women in general, and of the lesbian community in particular. Meetings: Second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:00 PM 900 Lovett, Suite 203, Houston, TX 77006. Phone: 529-0037

Omega House

Purpose: A residential hospice for homeless, terminal-phase AIDS patients. The hospice provides housing as well as spiritual, psychological and palliative medical care. Residents are admitted without regard for their ability to pay. 2615 Waugh Drive, Suite 286, Houston, TX 77006 Phone: 523-1139

People with AIDS Coalition Houston

Purpose: The People with AIDS Coalition of Houston provides psychosocial support through peer counseling and referrals. We also offer resource referrals, roommate and job placement, intakes for financial assistance through community organizations, distribution of tickets to social and educational events. We also provide household items (furniture, kitchen articles, appliances) and a clothing bank for our PWA's in need. We have monthly meetings on the 3rd Monday of every month at 7:00 PM. 1475 West Gray, Houston, TX 77019. Phone: 522-2674

Thomas Audette Memorial Clinic (formerly Montrose Clinic)

Sexually Transmitted Diseases Clinic: Hours, Monday to Friday 6:00 PM to 9:30 PM, no appointment necessary. Also T4/T8 testing available. Marion Panzer Women's

Montrose Voice

Free weekly local publication includes news, views, gossip and entertainment. Comes out on Fridays and is in two sections. 408 Avondale, Houston, TX 77006. Phone: 529-8490

TWT

Free weekly statewide publication includes news, views, gossip and entertainment. Comes out on Fridays 811 Westheimer, Houston, TX 77006. Phone: 527-9111

POLITICAL

ACT-UP Houston (AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power)

Purpose: Act-UP is a non-partisan group of diverse individuals united in anger and committed to direct action in the face of the AIDS crisis. We are not silent. Act-UP, Fight Back, Fight AIDS. Meetings: First and third Thursday at Metropolitan Multi-Purpose Center, 1425 W Gray. Box 66275, Houston, TX 77266-6275

Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus

Purpose: A grass roots political organization celebrating its fifteenth year working for the civil rights of gay and lesbian people. Activities include participating during local, state and national elections, registering voters, and other political activities. Meetings: Meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Metropolitan Multi-purpose Center, 1475 West Gray, at 7:30 PM. Dues: \$30 per year. Box 66664 (office 900 Lovett, Suite 101), Houston, TX 77266-6664. Phone: 713-529-1000

HEALTH

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The Assistance Fund

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AIDS Foundation Houston Inc.

Purpose: To serve people with AIDS and ARC by offering education and social services, financial assistance and medical referrals; to provide support and referral services for people with AIDS and ARC. 3927 Essex Lane, Houston, TX 77027 Phone: 623-6796, Hotline: 524-AIDS

AIDS Project

Purpose: Provides a full range of counseling and support group for those affected by AIDS. The professional staff has been specially trained and referral information is available for help from other community resources. The project also performs individual case management. Meetings: Second and Fourth Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. 900 Lovett, Suite 203, Houston, TX 77006. Phone: 529-0037

AIDS Resource for Greater Houston, City of Houston

Purpose: The City of Houston Health Department offers a printed listing of the many AIDS related resources in the area. Also, educational materials on AIDS are available at no charge, 8000 North Stadium Drive, Houston, TX 77054. Phone: 749-9181

Purpose: Dental clinic services are reserved exclusively for individuals with AIDS, ARC or AIDS-related disease, and those diagnosed as HIV+. Its staff, comprising a full-time paid professional dentist and a pool of volunteer professional dentists and dental hygienists, offer a full range of dental services. A first-visit fee of \$20 is requested, but no one is turned away because they cannot pay. Patients with sufficient funds or insurance are referred to private practitioners when possible. 1440 Harold Street, Houston, TX 77006 Phone: 520-7070

Colt 45's AIDS Trouble Fund

Purpose: To assist persons with AIDS by providing nutritional information, vitamin therapy and physical therapy, if desired; to provide financial support for persons with immediate financial needs; referral services. To fund financial assistance through fund raisers, donations, and money jars. Box 66804, Houston, TX 77266-6804. Phone: 526-6077

MacAdory House, c/o AIDS Foundation Houston

Purpose: A temporary (90 day) residence facility for people with AIDS who are readjusting to living independently. Phone: 623-6796

Montrose Counseling Center

Purpose: To provide quality, affordable, comprehensive, mental health services in metropolitan Houston and surrounding area. The center is sensitive to and knowledgeable of gay and lesbian individuals and their significant others and provides research and education to the community and other mental health professionals. Box 66804, Houston, TX 77266-6804. Phone: 526-6077

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MEDIA

KPFT 90.1 FM

Purpose: KPFT is a Pacifica public radio station and has several programs directed at the gay and lesbian community. After Hours Celebrating Life in the heart of Montrose is KPFT's newest addition to gay/lesbian radio and is heard each Saturday night/Sunday morning from midnight to 4:00 AM. Produced by Buddy Johnson, the show espouses the necessity of coming out and standing up for your rights. For information call 529-4636. Wilde 'n' Stein, produced by Deborah Bell and Jack Valinski, features news, interviews and commentary on the lesbian and gay community. This is the longest running show of its kind in the country and is heard every Monday evening from 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Breakthrough is broadcast every Friday morning from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. to present a radio program featuring women's music of all styles, interviews and a weekly calendar of local events of interest to lesbians, feminists and gay men. The award-winning program began nine years ago and is produced by Pokey Anderson and Cherry Wolf. 419 Lovett, Houston, TX 77006. Phone: 526-4000

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RELIGIOUS

Bering Memorial United Methodist Church

Service: 10:50 AM Sunday. 1440 Harold Street, Houston, TX 77006. Phone: 526-1017

Center for a Positive Lifestyle

Purpose: A metaphysical, new age center to teach higher self-esteem and improve one's life from working within. 1505 Nevada at Commonwealth, Houston, TX 77006. Phone: 526-LOVE

Church of Religious Science

Purpose: A new thought organization whose purpose is to support people in their search for their own divinity. Service: Sunday 11:00 AM 1315 Marconi, Houston, TX 77019. Phone: 528-6309

Dignity/Houston

Purpose: To provide support and encourage the growth and development of gays and lesbians spiritually, emotionally, and socially. Meetings: Mass and social each Saturday at 7:30 PM at Dignity Center. Other social, spiritual and educational activities at other times. 3217 Fannin, Houston, TX 77266. Phone: 528-0111

First Unitarian Church

Service: 11:15 AM Sunday, 5210 Fannin, Houston, TX 77004. Phone: 526-1571

Every effort was made to include all gay and lesbian community organizations in this guide. If information is not correct or missing, please submit update information to Montrose Activity Center Newsletter, Box 66684, Houston, TX 77266-6684

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Houston Mission Church

Service 10:30 AM Sunday, 3217 Fannin, Houston, TX 77006. Phone: 529-8225 Integrity-Houston

Purpose: Gay and Lesbian Episcopalians and Their Friends to bring together members in a comfortable setting of spirituality and sexuality; to work within the church to create change; to work closely with clergy consolation on AIDS by helping people with the disease. Meeting: Autry House, 6265 South Main, on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 PM. Box 66008, Houston, TX 77266-6008

Kingdom Community Church

Purpose: As a church its collective purpose is to recapture the spirit of the early church and to model church-life and our own lives on the precepts of the Kingdom of God. Our Church is based on the ministry of Laity. Services: Sunday, 11:00 AM. 614 E 19th Street, Houston, TX 77008. Phone: 862-7533

Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection

Purpose: MCCR extends its ministry to persons of all backgrounds and races. Welcome gay and lesbian people as well as heterosexuals to worship, witness and serve together. Service: 10:45 AM and 7:15 PM Sunday, 7:15 PM Wednesday, as well as other spiritual, social and educational activities. Tuesday night - 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM Empowerment for Living with begins with pot-luck — PWA Support Group. 1919 Decatur, Houston, TX 77007. Phone: 861-9194

SOCIAL/EDUCATIONAL

AIDS Equity League

FrontRunners Houston

Purpose: Organized in 1984 to promote beginning, recreational and competitive running. Also to provide support to men and women interested in running as a means of fitness and developing friendship. All club runs are non-competitive and informal. Meetings: The Tennis Center at Memorial Park on Sundays at 9:00 AM and Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 PM. Box 66371, Houston, TX 77266-6371

Gay & Lesbian Hispanics Unidos (GLHU)

Purpose: A social, cultural and educational organization created to motivate, educate and instill pride in all gay and lesbian Hispanics, their friends and supporters. GLHU was founded as Gay Chicano Caucus in 1978 and has grown from a social gathering to a diversified organization of artists, musicians, lawyers, accountants, TV-film specialists, administrators, mechanics and much more. Meetings: Second Wednesday, Dignity Center, 3217 Fannin at 7:30 PM. Box 70153, Houston, TX 77270-0153. Phone: 880-GLHU

Gay and Lesbian Switchboard Houston

Purpose: Information of Gay community; calendar of events; AIDS/STD information; Telephone Counseling of active listening, crisis/suicide intervention; referrals of bars, restaurants, hotels, community merchants, medical, legal and mental health professionals. Box 66591, Houston, TX 77266-6591. Phone: 529-3211, TTY/TTD 529-3223

Gay Fathers of Houston

Purpose: An organization to help members who are gay fathers and others in similar situations to continue to grow and to develop in ways which draw upon the rich

Gays and Lesbians of Rice (GALOR)

Purpose: Educational offerings include holding panel discussions in classes which deal with sexuality and gender, publishing a newcomer's guide, giving a seminar on gay issues to "mentors," Rice resident associates. Also to sponsor social events for members. Meetings: Bi-weekly on Sunday during the school year. Membership is open to Rice students, faculty, alumni students from other universities and friends of members. Dues: \$5 c/o Student Activities - Rice University, Box 1892, Houston, TX 77251-1892. Phone: 630-0247

Gulf Coast Legal Foundation

Purpose: To provide legal assistance to indigent persons in Houston and surrounding 16 counties. 2626 S. Loop West, 4th Floor. Phone 660-0077, extension 247.

Hazelwitch Productions

Purpose: To produce cultural events which are validating and empowering as well as entertaining for Houston lesbian/feminist community. 1846 Richmond, Houston, TX 77098. Phone: 521-3369

Heart Song

Purpose: To provide a place for women who love to sing songs that empower people. Women who like to sing are welcome. Box 980243, Houston, TX 77098-0243

Houston Area Women's Center

Purpose: The Houston Area Women's Center provides a variety of free services for women in crisis. Programs include an emergency shelter for battered women and their children; a rape crisis program that offers a 24-hour hotline, peer support counseling and accompaniment to hospitals, police departments and courtrooms; a telephone information service to hospitals, police de-

Houston Wrestling Club

Purpose: To teach wrestling. Box 131134, Houston, TX 77219-1134. Phone: 522-4913.

LOAF, Lesbians Over Age 50

Purpose: Social and educational group of Lesbians over the age 50. Meetings: 2:00 PM, third Sunday of each month at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 W Gray, Box 980601, Houston, TX 77098-0601. Phone: 661-1482

Lone Star Nudist Group

Purpose: To join Gay or Bi men who wish to share nude experiences together, currently have 72 members in Houston area. Singles and lovers welcome. Meeting: Monthly Nude social events, massage group, out of town gatherings. Box 740572, Houston, TX 77274-0572 (check new address)

Montrose Singers

Purpose: The men's choral group of Houston's gay community, 414 Archer, Houston, TX 77009. Phone 862-5518

Lone Star Symphonic Band

Montrose's own Symphonic Band, the organization is active in promoting the community with its many concerts for various groups. Box 66613, Houston, TX 77266-6613. Phone: 862-5058

Montrose Activity Center

Purpose: A non-profit organization whose purpose is to build and run a community center for the gay and lesbian people in the greater Houston area. Also serves as a shelter for other

together. Service: 10:45 AM and 7:15 PM Sunday, 7:15 PM Wednesday, as well as other spiritual, social and educational activities. Tuesday night - 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM Empowerment for Living with begins with pot-luck — PWA Support Group. 1919 Decatur, Houston, TX 77007. Phone: 861-9194

SOCIAL/EDUCATIONAL

AIDS Equity League

Box 980307, Houston, TX 77098-0307.
Phone: 748-3555

AMIGA de Houston

Purpose: Created to further the commitment of Lesbian Latinas in the quest for equality for all. Meetings: Third Sunday of the month Dues: \$15 for newsletter quarterly. Box 980134, Houston, TX 77098-0134. Phone: 520-5667

American Gay Atheists

Purpose: American Gay Atheists is a non-profit, non-political, educational organization devoted to the constitutional principle of separation of state and church. We have served the gay atheist community for over six years on a local and national level. Box 66711, Houston, TX 77266-6711. Phone: 880-4242

Couples/Houston

Purpose: To provide social/educational outreach to persons participating in an alternative lifestyle relationship; to support the positive aspects of a relationship and the sense of stability that they represent in the community and lifestyle. Box 70884, Houston, TX 77270-0084

Crisis Hotline

Purpose: A 24 hour, 7 day-a-week crisis intervention telephone service is provided. Crisis counseling and specific information and referral on a wide range of topics including suicide, AIDS and mental health issues. Box 130866, Houston, TX 77219-0866. Phone: 228-1505

Purpose: Information for gay community; calendar of events; AIDS/STD information; Telephone Counseling of active listening, crisis/suicide intervention; referrals of bars, restaurants, hotels, community merchants, medical, legal and mental health professionals. Box 66591, Houston, TX 77266-6591. Phone: 529-3211, TTY/TTD 529-3223

Gay Fathers of Houston

Purpose: An organization to help members who are gay fathers and others in similar situations to continue to grow and to develop in ways which draw upon the rich experiences of both being gay and being fathers. To form mutually supportive groups for building positive self-image and for creative problem-solving and by educating the gay community, professionals, and the general public both to their strengths and special concerns. Meeting: Dignity Center, 3217 Fannin, second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 8:00 PM. Box 981053, Houston, TX 77098-1053. Phone: 522-6766

Gay Men's Network

Purpose: Discussion group for social and educational development. Meeting: Bering Methodist Church, 1440 Harold, Room 102, every Wednesday from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM. Phone: 529-3211

Gay/Lesbian Pride Week 1991

Purpose: Planning Committee for Pride Activities last two week in June, our annual celebration of the Stonewall riots. Meeting: Third Tuesday, 7:00 PM at Metropolitan Multi-Purpose Center, 1475 W Gray, for information call 523-5263 or write Box 66071, Houston, Tx 7266-6071

Gay/Lesbian Student Association of the University of Houston

Purpose: To enhance the lives of its members by offering support groups, recreational activities, educational programs and various panel discussions on important issues. Meeting: The University Center each Wednesday at 3:00 PM

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Houston NAMES Project

Purpose: To create memorial panels in tribute to someone who has touched their lives and died from AIDS. Workshop: Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. 1410 Fairview, Houston, TX 77006. Phone: 52-NAMES

Houston Outdoor Group

Purpose: To provide an opportunity for Gay/Lesbian people to meet one another and to organize for various activities, including (but not restricted to) camping, hiking, cycling, canoeing, bowling, skating, touring, etc.. Meetings: Socials once each month; various activities throughout the calendar. Dues: \$10 per year to receive monthly newsletter. Box 980839, Houston, TX 77098-0893

Houston Women's Softball League

Purpose: To promote the enjoyment of team sports and the friendship of other gay women, Spring and Fall seven week seasons. 19327 Bristle Star, Katy, TX 77449

Montrose Activity Center

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National Organization for Women at University of Houston

Purpose: To take action to bring women into full participation in the mainstream of American society NOW, exercising all the privileges and responsibilities thereof in truly equal partnership with men. The group advocates and works for political, social and economic equality between all women and men. Meeting: University Center, Underground, NOW office, UH every Tuesday at 3:30 PM. 4800 Calhoun, UC, Box 509, Houston, TX 77004

Parents FLAG/Houston

Purpose: To promote understanding and education within the family and friends. Meeting every third Sunday at 2:00 PM, Grace Lutheran Church, 2515 Waugh, Box 31853, Houston, TX 77231-1853. Phone: 952-2525

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RESOURCE GUIDE RESOURCE

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Paz y Liberacion

Purpose: Publish newsletter about lesbian and gay groups and liberation events in Latin America, Asia, Africa and the Middle East. Also provide free penpal service world wide to Americans. Volunteers needed to help with USA correspondence and Spanish mail. Subscriptions: \$3 or \$10, free sample. Box 66450, Houston, TX 77266-6450. Phone: 523-6381

Texas Gay Rodeo Association

Purpose: Founded in July, 1983, to raise money for charity by giving an annual rodeo. Chapters exist in Austin, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Lubbock, Fort Worth, Houston, San Angelo and San Antonio. Box 66973, Houston, TX 77266-6973

Texas Human Rights Foundation

Purpose: THRF is a non-profit, public interest law-firm working to insure recognition of the legal and civil rights of lesbians, gay men and persons with AIDS in the State of Texas. Meetings: Quarterly board meetings open to the public. 2201 N Lamar, Suite 203, Austin, TX 78705. 512-479-8473

The Company we Keep

Purpose: To showcase the theatrical and performing arts talents of Lesbians and Gay Men. Phone: 523-9000

The Group

Purpose: Production of theater with gay and lesbian themes. Phone: 522-2204.

Womynspace

Purpose: To provide gathering/healing support space for womyn. The organization offers activities and events which are chemically free and also publishes a newsletter. Box 980601, Houston, TX 77098-0601. Phone: 664-7438

OUT OF TOWN

AIDS Action Council

729 8th St., SE, Suite 2000, Washington, DC 20003. Phone: 202-547-3101

Human Rights Campaign Fund

Box 1396, Washington, DC 20013. Phone: 202-628-4160

Lambda Legal Defense

666 Broadway, New York, NY 10012. Phone: 212-955-8585

Lesbian Visionaries

Purpose: To promote and facilitate communication and educational activities among organizations and individuals concerned with the welfare of the Texas Lesbian Community. Dues: \$15 individual, \$25 Couple, MCC Activities Center, Box 191443, Dallas, TX 75219-1443. Phone: 214-528-2426

National Association of Black and White Men Together

584 Castro, Suite 140, San Francisco, CA 94114. Phone: 415-431-1976

National Gay Alliance for Young Adults (NGAYA)

Box 190426, Dallas, TX 75219-0426

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force

1517 U Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009

National Gay Health Educational Foundation

Box 784, New York, NY 10036. Phone: 212-563-6313

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"These are the people who deserve awards so much more than me. So to the handful of people that I have known and loved dearly who have died of AIDS, to the thousands I have heard and millions I will never know, I share this award with you. You are my heroes."

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