



THE NEW VISION

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*"We must destroy the myths once
and for all...
shatter them.*

*We must continue to speak out and
most importantly -
most importantly -
every gay person must
come out.*

*As difficult as it is,
you must tell your immediate
family,
you must tell your relatives, you
must tell your friends,
if indeed they are your friends,
you must tell your neighbors, you
must tell the people you work with,
you must tell the people in the
stores you shop in...*

*Once they realize that
we are indeed their children, that
we are indeed everywhere-
every myth,
every lie,
every innuendo
will be destroyed
once and for all."*

Harvey Milk



**October 11
National Coming Out Day**

Take Your Next Step!

Stockyard Stampede at Share the Vision

Dallas Life Magazine [August 30, 1992] reports that clog dancing is a combination of square dancing and tap dancing. "It's roots are multi-ethnic: Scottish, Irish, English, Dutch, German, American Indian and African." Webster says that the clog dance is one in which clogs are worn to beat out the rhythm and defines clogs as shoes with a wooden heel. No matter how you define it, clog dancing is the rage these days with classes springing up all over.

You will have an opportunity to see for yourself what clog dancing is all about when the Fort Worth based troupe, Stockyard Stampede, entertains us with their nimble clog dances (and teaches the brave ones among us to clog dance!) at the Share the Vision meeting on Friday, October 9.



Cloggers Fort Worth Stockyard Stampede: (front, left to right) Curtis Thomas, Mike Baxter, Ardell Chau, Jimmy Polley. (Behind): Roger McClintock

The cloggers will "step out" at 7:30 p.m. in the Activity Center of the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 2701 Reagan. There is no admission charge.

Texas Supreme Court to Decide 21.06

The Texas Supreme Court will hear arguments in the lawsuit sponsored by the Texas Human Rights Foundation challenging the constitutionality of statute 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code on January 5, 1993. Known as the "sodomy law," 21.06 makes it a misdemeanor, punishable by a \$200 fine, for consenting adults of the same sex to engage in "deviant sexual intercourse". The law applies to both males and females.

Two lower courts have struck down the statute as unconstitutional, most recently the Third District Court of Appeals in Austin in March 1992. Attorney General Dan Morales appealed the District Court's decision to both the Texas Supreme Court and the Court of Criminal Appeals. The Court of Criminal Appeals declined to hear the case, saying it did not have jurisdiction because no one had been prosecuted under the law.

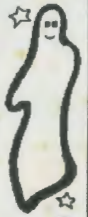
Although no one has been prosecuted, this case is critically important. The "sodomy law" has been used as the basis for much discrimination against us. (The Dallas Police Department, for example, refuses to hire homosexuals because we - with 21.06 on the books - are breaking the law.)

Three of the nine justices who sit on the Supreme Court are up for reelection this fall. THRF Director of Development Suzy Wagers observes, "We are urging everyone to get out and vote in November. It is important for people to realize that, as far as this particular case is concerned, this is it." Court costs are currently \$60,000 and are expected to exceed \$100,000. THRF desperately needs your help to fight this battle. Donations to THRF can be made to P.O. Box 49740, Austin, TX 78765. For additional information, call (512) 479-THRF.



october calendar

Oct. 2: An Evening with JoAnn Loulan. 8 p.m. at the Margo Jones Theatre in Denton, Texas. Call 898-3801 for details. (Free!)



Oct. 2-4: Lone Star Women's Music Festival in Austin. Call 512-929-0002.

Oct. 4: 1992 LifeWalk in Dallas, 1:00 p.m. Call 520-8108.

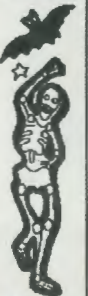
Oct. 4: Lynn Lavner in Concert at MCC in Dallas, 6:30 p.m. Call 526-6221.



Oct. 9: Share the Vision Meeting sponsored by Lesbian Visionaries, featuring the Fort Worth Stockyard Stampede Clog Dancers at 7:30 p.m. in the Activity Center of the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 2701 Reagan.

Oct. 10: Booksigning with Warren Blumenfeld, 2-5 p.m. at Crossroads Market in Dallas. Second annual Leap of Faith sponsored by First Unitarian Universalist Church. (See announcements.)

Oct. 10-11: Great Gathering of the Goddess in Austin, an event of Womanspirit. Call 512-477-6002.



Oct. 15-18: Sixth Annual Conference of Hispanic Women's Network, Harvey Hotel, Dallas. Call 464-2832.

Oct. 16-18: Herland Fall Retreat at Roman Nose State Park (See announcements.)

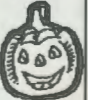
Oct. 17: Dianne Davidson in concert, sponsored by Pleiades Productions, Inc. (See ad in this issue.)



Oct. 23-Nov. 1: Austin Gay and Lesbian Film Festival, Dobie Theatre in Austin.

Oct. 25: Austin AIDS Walk for Life presented by AIDS Services of Austin. Call (512) 451-2273.

Oct. 31: Women's Arts & Crafts Fair, MCC in Dallas. Great Annual Yard Sale held along with the fair at the church. Call 526-6221.



Nov. 6-8: Beyond Vanilla Workshop, presented by the National Leather Association at the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Community Center. Call metro 817-267-7227.

CELEBRATING THE COMPANY OF WOMEN

A wonderful catalog of women's products is out just in time for your holiday gift ordering (1-800-937-1193). Not only does it have great gifts for women - Gertrude Stein Pillows, "Women who Dared" cards, trivet art, coffee mugs, t-shirts, sweats, caps, nightshirts, and safety products - but wonderful gifts for children like Safari Baby Color Dolls. Children can actually color the dolls and then they can be laundered for a new canvas. And the profits go to help women whose lives have been shattered by rape and domestic violence.

The Company of Women was started in 1987 by Melinda Little as a for-profit business to help support the Rockland Family Shelter in Spring Valley, New York. The business is still operated out of Melinda's home and is expected to reach \$1 million in sales this year. Eighty-one percent of the profits go to the family shelter and Little owns the rest.

The catalog is unique in that it gives statistics about violence against women and provides a toll free hotline number for women in trouble (1-800-333-7233). It also features products made by women which help to empower them to become independent. At a time when many shelters and services are closing their doors for lack of funding, the Rockland Family Shelter is expanding its services due to the growth of this mail order business. We salute you, Melinda Little, and The Company of Women!

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Debi, (l.), and Jennie, SPROUTS coordinators, model Visionaries' Share the Vision T-Shirts.

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★ Military Newspapers Support Gays in Military ★

Army Times and Air Force Times, newspapers independent of the military, but whose readership is predominantly military, printed an editorial on August 24th in support of lifting the ban against homosexuals in the military.

The editorial points out that the old argument that gays pose a security risk is acknowledged to be invalid even by Dick Cheney, Secretary of Defense. The editorial also makes the point that the argument that gays might make others uncomfortable by subjecting them to unwanted sexual overtures is also true of heterosexuals who subject others to unwanted sexual overtures. "Any unwanted sexual overture, regardless of the sexual orientation of those involved, constitutes sexual harassment and is barred by regulation."

The editorial comments that the military was a leader in racial integration and that "sexual preference is no more legitimate than that based on race, gender or religion".

[from The PRIDE newsletter, published by the Pride Committee of Houston, September, 1992]

Lesbians and the Myth of Inclusion

by L.B. Brumage

The lesbian community is particularly guilty of self-righteousness and hypocrisy when it comes to the issue of inclusion. Not that I don't admire the vision of lesbians transcending the bounds of racism and general stupidity. But the reality is that we are all part of the same human race, all subject to the same nasty socializations. So let's stop pretending that we are somehow superior, color-blind and all-inclusive.

Lesbians use the word "inclusive" a lot, almost as if they had invented it. But lesbians, like everyone else, only "include" what they like. If they don't like your politics, your birth sex (transsexuals), your sexual expression (leather dykes); forget it! Women of color and other minority women are faced with the same prejudices inside the community as they are in the "90% world". Lipstick lesbians are battling it out with bull dykes on national television about who the real lesbians are. (Now there's a lovely picture of inclusion for the whole world to see!)

We exclude bisexuals and accuse them of "sitting on the fence". Some separatist groups take this woman-only concept to Nazi-like proportions. Lesbian opinion and taste is expected to be homogenized through some filter of political-correctness (sorry girls, no more erotica!). We want to exclude men from our lives because they "come in and take over". (Although I've yet to hear any dialogue about our responsibility for the role we play in letting them take over. Lesbian, heal thyself!)

We pay a lot of lip service to the concept of inclusion. We make sure everybody gets an invitation (okay, almost everybody!). And still there are women in our community who are disenfranchised and demanding to be heard. Are our attempts at inclusion merely tokenism or somehow politically motivated? Do we really mean it or are we just trying to look good for the cameras?

We could all use a few lessons in compromise. Standing at opposite ends of an issue screaming at one another will solve nothing. We need to shake our leaders up (or get different ones!). It's time for some solutions, not more civil wars. So let's just cut the crap, drop the "politically-correct" banter, and make some real changes. Women have tremendous power when they work together and an equally devastating power when they work against one another. If inclusion is the goal, let's take the energy that is wasted on defending this myth of inclusion and put it into making inclusion a reality.

Like all communities, we have our differences. That will never change (and I for one wouldn't want it to change). But we also have a choice. We can find ways to make our differences the bridges between us and our future. Or we will make certain that those differences remain the walls that separate us all.



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THE QUILT

As we reported last month, the entire AIDS Memorial Quilt will be on display in Washington, D.C., October 9-11. This is only the second time ever that the Quilt in its entirety has been displayed. The first time was the first National March on Washington in 1987.

The Quilt numbers over 20,000 panels, each three by six feet. If placed end to end, the panels of The Quilt would stretch a distance of over 22 miles. On display, it will cover an area greater than the combined size of 10 football fields. The display this month will require approximately 5,000 volunteers to lay it out, monitor it, handle the more than 300,000 expected visitors, and clean up afterwards.

Frequently Asked Questions About The Quilt

Do females have panels? Yes! There are panels for women, children and men.

Are all these panels for gay people? No, they are not. Anyone can contract HIV -- anyone who receives blood or blood products, children born to a mother with HIV, or anyone engaging in unprotected sex.

Who makes panels? Anyone -- family, friends, parents, lovers, co-workers, church organizations, school organizations, neighbors, people who never knew anyone with AIDS yet were moved by compassion to do something.

Why the size of individual panels? 3 feet by 6 feet is the average grave size.

How did "The Quilt" begin? In November 1985, Cleve Jones got the idea when he saw friends taping the names of people who had died of AIDS onto a wall in San Francisco following a peaceful demonstration march. He watched the taped pieces of paper fall off the wall and wanted a more permanent way to remember friends.

Why a Quilt? Quilts are traditionally warm, heart touching, personal items that invoke a warm response. The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt is an expression of love -- love felt toward a loved one who has died of AIDS.

Where is "The Quilt" kept? It is stored in the NAMES Project Workshop in San Francisco.

Who sews all these panels together? Who takes care of them? Volunteers.

Where does the donation money go? All donations go back into the local community for direct services for People With AIDS (PWAs) or families.

Does everyone who died of AIDS have a panel? No, for every panel made, there are fourteen other people who have died.

Isn't this morbid? Not to people who have been touched by the AIDS epidemic. It is our way of remembering our loved ones, and fighting back to make sure our loved ones are not just ignored. The Quilt evokes many emotions -- tears, laughter, sorrow, joy, release -- it is an individual feeling/response.

{Thank you, Fort Worth/Tarrant County Names Project, for passing on the above information. For information on making a panel, volunteering, or making a tax-deductible donation, call (817) 33-NAMES or toll-free 1-800-221-NAMES.}

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News . . . From All Over

Custody Battle

A lesbian mother was recently awarded custody of her two and one-half year old son by a Travis County (Austin) jury. The child will continue to live with the woman and her domestic partner who is an Austin policewoman. The jury, consisting of nine women and three men, voted 10-2, with two of the women casting the dissenting votes.

[from Dimensions, September, 1992]

Violence on Campus

Thinking about going back to college? Be aware that rape and sexual violence is now the number one security concern on U.S. college campuses. Congresswoman Susan Molinari of N.Y., who is co-sponsor of a bill to help stop campus assaults, states, "It is time to make college a place of learning for young women rather than a place of fear!"

[from New Woman, August, 1992]

Improving Women's Lives

Are you tired of women getting the short shrift, but don't know how to fight back? A new book entitled, How to Make the World a Better Place for Women--in Five Minutes a Day, by Donna Jackson, editor-at-large of New Woman (Hyperion, \$7.95), will give you some great tips on how to do something to improve the lives of women.

Naturally Brown

A new colored cotton fiber developed by a woman, Sally Fox, and patented under the name of "Fox Fibre" will be introduced this fall by Levi's Naturals for Women. The new brown colored cotton fibre contains no polluting dyes. It has been naturally grown as brown colored. Levi's plans to introduce natural green-colored jeans in 1993.

[from New Woman, September, 1992]

New Movie Company

Geena Davis, star of "A League of Their Own" has formed a production company, Genial Pictures, to develop works by women and roles for herself. Lesbian director Jan Oxenberg will be doing a film with Geena.

[from Deneuve, October, 1992]

Body Builders

Congrats to Dallas lesbian body builders, Danney D'Alexandris and Donna Jean Macey for taking first and second places at the North American Gay and Lesbian Body Building Championships held in Dallas on August 29th. Muscles, muscles, everywhere...

[from the Dallas Voice, September 4, 1992]

Urvashi Retires

Urvashi Vaid, the executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, has resigned her position to pursue research and writing. Her advice to the next person who seeks the job with NGLTF? "Have a thick skin and have a big heart. Have a huge heart of love because it's a very bitter and hostile world. It's a world that hates our guts."

[from The Advocate, August 13, 1992]

More Movie News

Rumor has it that Lily Tomlin and Jane Wagner are fighting to regain the rights to the film, "Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe," before it can be sold. Orion Pictures has filed bankruptcy.

[from Deneuve, October, 1992]

Earthshaking Parade

Mother Nature was rooting for the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade this year. It seems that two sizable earth-

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Pleiades Productions Inc. Presents in Concert

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October 17, 1992 8 p.m.

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quakes shook Southern California on the morning of June 28th and officials considered canceling the parade. However, the parade was allowed and thousands marched despite the rattle of aftershocks. Lesbian seismologist Kate Hutton said that the fault pattern caused by the quakes formed a giant lambda symbol. "It's a little unusual," says Kate, "Faults are more often perpendicular and usually straight. This was not."

[from The Advocate, August 25, 1992]

New Writer

Keep your eyes open for future novels from Lesbian author Jennifer DiMarco. Jennifer is an 18-year-old Seattle woman who wrote her first lesbian novel at age 10 and has since self-published 7 others! Jennifer has won several writing awards and literary critics say her works have "star quality."

[from The Advocate, July 30, 1992]

Will You Marry Me?

On Our Backs *[September/October, 1992]* asked,

"What does the 'Dyke on the Street' think about Lesbian Marriage?"

99%: "Great"; 1%: "It's insane"

What kind of bachelorette party would you have?

39%: a Sex party; 2%: a "butch affair" -cigars/cards/beer

Where would you go on your honeymoon?

43%: Hawaii/tropical island; 17%: Amsterdam

What would you wear?

24%: Birthday Suit; 24%: Tuxedos; 16%: Leather; 16%: Lace

Who would perform the Ceremony?

24%: My Cat; 19%: Priestess; 19%: Cher; 10%: My Therapist

How would you keep sex alive?

25%: Imagination; 21%: Videos/sex toys; stay romantic/ take exotic trips/ have sex all the time each received 12%

What's the worst thing about lesbian marriage?

33%: Boring!; 24%: No legal rights; 11%: Society's attitudes and one couple said, "You start to look like each other!"

Wedding Bell Blues

Local Christian radio announcer Jack Chambers ripped up the wedding announcement of lesbian couple, Sara Strandtman and Karen Umminger, which appeared in the July 13th *Austin American Statesman* and declared, "This is an outright frontal attack on the most holy institution -- the institution of marriage!" *Statesman* publisher Roger Kintzel replied, "Jack, the times they are a-changin'. Gays and lesbians are a part of society, they are a part of the diversity of Austin." Sara encourages more couples to come out publicly because she says, "the more old stereotypes will fall."

[from The Advocate, August 25, 1992]

Liz & AIDS

Elizabeth Taylor's criticism of the Bush administration regarding its travel and immigration restrictions against people with AIDS has been fierce: "President Bush, Mr. Quayle, Senator Helms, your policy is wrong--dead wrong--and you know it. Wake up and join the family of civilized nations!"

[from Positively Aware, Summer, 1992]

Lesbian Foster Parent

Sharon McCracken, openly lesbian, was recently licensed as a foster parent by the State of Florida. Officials believe she

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is the first known lesbian woman to be licensed as a foster parent. The state still restricts lesbians and gay men from adopting. In fact, it restricts homosexuals from even applying for adoption which attorney Fran Tetunic calls bizarre because "there's no mention of homicidal maniacs or child molesters or rapists or any other group" being restricted.

*[from The Advocate, September 22, 1992;
and Mom's Apple Pie, Fall '92]*

Lesbian Moms

Some New York clinics and doctor's offices are now requiring lesbians and single women to submit to psychological screening (at their own expense) before they can begin alternative insemination.

[from Mom's Apple Pie, Fall, 1992]

Lesbian... Not

Gloria O'Dell, a Democratic candidate for Senator in Kansas, has filed a complaint against Topeka fundamentalist minister Fred Phelps Sr., for falsely calling her a lesbian and carrying signs that read "Gays Are Worthy of Death". Gloria refused to respond to the charges during her campaign against Phelps (whom she defeated soundly in the primaries), but Phelps has continued to attack her after his defeat and Gloria has had enough!

[from The Advocate, September 22, 1992]

Lesbian Grief

Be prepared for more bad press for lesbians... we have a gruesome murder involving five teenage girls involved in lesbian activity coming to us from Madison, Indiana. The

murder was committed on January 11, 1992, but the details are just starting to leak out. The news coverage will be sensational since four teenage girls are charged with torturing and burning alive a 12-year-old lesbian. (Goddess help us all!)

[from The Advocate, September 22, 1992]

DGLA Membership Drive

The Dallas Gay and Lesbian Alliance wants you to have a voice in the affairs of our community by joining the DGLA. If you join during the month of October 1992, you will be eligible for several great prizes generously donated by community organizations and businesses. Watch for flyers about this event at the Community Center and businesses in the area. A drawing for prizes from among those people who join in October will be held at the DGLA General Membership meeting on Monday, November 9th.

" Lesbians are the only people I know who go out for six months, spend a year and a half breaking up, and then become friends for life."

Leslea Newman in *Secrets*

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Michigan . . . Magic!

by Donna Ludlum

I can only imagine that after the last camp was struck, after the last RV rolled through the front gates and womyn's feet no longer tread that earth, that the land and the wind continued to echo with the sound of womyn's laughter, womyn's music and womyn's voices. Because Michigan is magic.

The 17th annual Michigan Womyn's Music Festival was held August 11-16. It was my second and, certainly, not my last. If you have never attended a womyn's music festival, it is way past time for you to discover the wonder and joy of being on womyn's-only land. Speaking only for myself, although I have heard these same sentiments echoed by others, I find the land the safest place I have ever been. Is it the absence of men? Is it the positive energy that each woman brings? I think it is a little of both. Let me tell you what this festival is like.

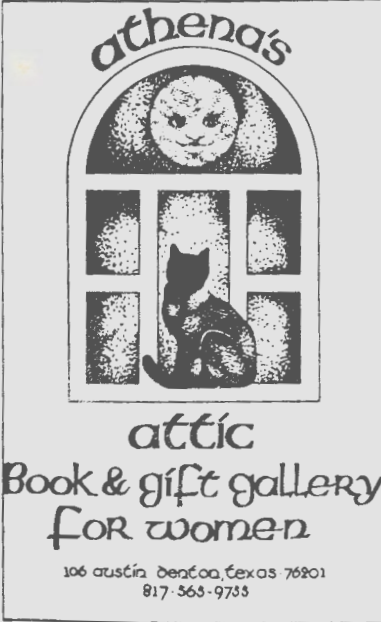
Many womyn opt to come on Monday, the first day the land is opened. (Officially, however, the festival begins on Tuesday.) Since you and all your sisters throughout this country (and from other countries, as well) have decided to come on Monday, you line up on the dirt country road that leads to the front gate of (drum roll, please) M I C H I G A N ! (yea!) You turn off your engine, you remove yourself from your vehicle and get to know your neighbors. (Ours were from Toronto.) Don't worry, within a couple of hours, you'll be inside. You'll have signed up for two

4-hour workshifts (I took parking and a stint in the little 4-10 year old boys' camp - which is separate from the womyn's camping area). You also will have removed all your gear from your car and be waiting on a shuttle (a bus, a flatbed pulled by a tractor, a van, or a pickup driven by the gorgeous Keven). Onto that shuttle goes you and your gear (with the help of womyn you don't even know - yea!). You will be dropped at the shuttle stop nearest the camping designation you prefer (ours was chem-free, Bread and Roses).

Ok, you're in Michigan. Now how do you meet womyn? (If you haven't met any by now, better take those blinders off because womyn are everywhere just waiting to be met!) You meet womyn on your workshifts, you meet womyn at any of the many workshops that are provided from Tuesday through Sunday. You meet womyn at Sober Support where 12-step programs are the order of EVERY day. You meet womyn watching movies at the Acoustic Stage on Monday and Tuesday nights. Join the chorus, join the band. (Take your instrument!) You meet womyn at the porta-janes (the cleanest portable facilities I have ever experienced). Topless womyn, naked womyn, fully clothed (ah, c'mon) womyn... (It has been a wonderful experience for me to be topless around 7500 lesbians and not have one bad incident or comment made - except from my camping buddies - thanks, friends.) And, you meet womyn in line for the showers. Now, here you can't be shy. The showers are open-air and hung off a swingset frame (one shower does have a curtain around it). When you are about fifth in line, you strip naked and with soap, washcloth, and shampoo in hand, wait for your turn. (yea!)

Music starts on Wednesday. (This is why you may want a watch.) Music on the Day Stage starts at noon; music on the Acoustic Stage starts at 4:00 p.m.; music on the Night Stage starts at 8:00 p.m. (Music and womyn? When I die, I want to go to Michigan!)

Oh, I can't forget the meals. Ummm ummm, tofu... enough said. No, seriously, the meals are provided (provided you like vegetarian). A sample fare would be: breakfast - granola, yogurt, fruit, bread and peanut butter; lunch - salad, fresh veggies, fruit, bread and peanut butter; supper - tofu-and-something or rice-and-something, fresh veggies, fruit, bread and peanut butter. Oh, and honey... Is your mind screaming, what about sugar and caffeine? Well, for those folks less dietetically enlight-



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ened, stands sell ice cream, coffee, sodas, donuts. (Personally, while on my parking shift in the RV area, I begged fresh meat from some kind-hearted womyn. If you look as pathetic as I did, it works.)

For your friends who have been unfortunate enough to be left at home, the Crafts area provides a place to purchase souvenirs. What a wonderful place to go and find incredible things made by talented, loving, friendly, happy womyn.

What have I forgotten? The Chorus Womyn singing - their voices drifting through the trees? Mozart on woodwinds floating in the air? The sound of womyn playing volleyball? Laughter (last year I was surprised at the fact that I didn't hear ANY arguments)? And, last year I awoke one morning at about 3:00 a.m. to the sound of womyn who were, obviously, going home. The were singing "Leaving On a Jet Plane". After a few lines, they started laughing. And then they broke into a chorus of "You've Got a Friend"...

And, then, there is Jan from Seattle. There are Jennifer and Heather from Toledo. Katie is from Boston. Mary is from Ireland, lives in London and is staying in New Jersey for a couple of months. Jackie is from Champaign, Illinois. Janet (oh, I love Janet) is from Rhode Island. Rhonda is from Madison, Wisconsin and never knew I wanted to marry her.

And, damn, now I'm crying. Because I miss it. But, I know that somewhere, even now, near Hart, Michigan on 623 acres of land, the wind is fairly bursting with the loving sounds of womyn - their laughter and their music and their voices. I know. Because Michigan is magic.

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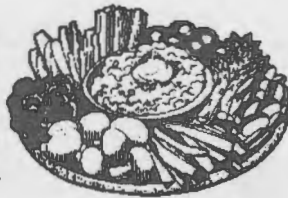
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Lesbian Smorgasbord



A Unique Mix of Stuff to Digest

By Paula Matthies

Did watching the Republican Convention make you as angry as it did me? But what a hysterically funny moment for gays and lesbians when George came strolling out to greet Barbara to the strains of "The Best of Times is Now" from the madcap gay musical, *La Cage aux Folles!* Does George have a "Secret Little Fairy" helping with his campaign?

Quote from George Bush from the book, *Political Babble: The 1,000 Dumbest Things Ever Said by Politicians*: "I have opinions of my own--strong opinions--but I don't always agree with them." (We don't either, George!)

We all know that Dan Quayle cannot spell, but does George Bush understand the meaning of words? He recently vetoed a bill (HR 2507, primarily a women's health bill for breast cancer research) with this statement, "It is not necessary to increase support for research targeted at women's health needs. Great progress is being made in the area of women's health." (Breast cancer has taken more lives than AIDS since 1980... currently 46,000 in America per year. This is progress?)

[Statistic from *New Woman*, August, 1992]

Also from *New Woman* [September, 1992]: less than 5 percent of top management positions of America's largest corporations are held by women although women make up al-

most half of the nation's work force. Are we making progress at all? The number of women in managerial positions increased 3.5% from 1983 to 1991. That's less than one-half of one percent each year.

In Southern California women are starting to wear peach-colored ribbons to show support for women with breast cancer just as people show support for those with AIDS with a red ribbon. Let's get the peach colored ribbons started all over Texas!

[from *Lesbian Uprisings!* August, 1992]

Didn't you adore the statement by Republican religious leader, Pat Robertson, about the Equal Rights Amendment? "(The ERA) is not about equal rights for women... it is about a socialist, anti-family political movement that encourages women to leave their husbands, kill their children, practice witchcraft, destroy capitalism and become lesbians."

[Wire Reports, *Dallas Morning News*, August 26, 1992]

It seems more likely to me that guys like Pat Robertson would make women want to become lesbians!

I love the name of the new women's festival held recently in Amsterdam, Holland. It's called, "Finger in the Dyke Women's Music Festival"...YES!

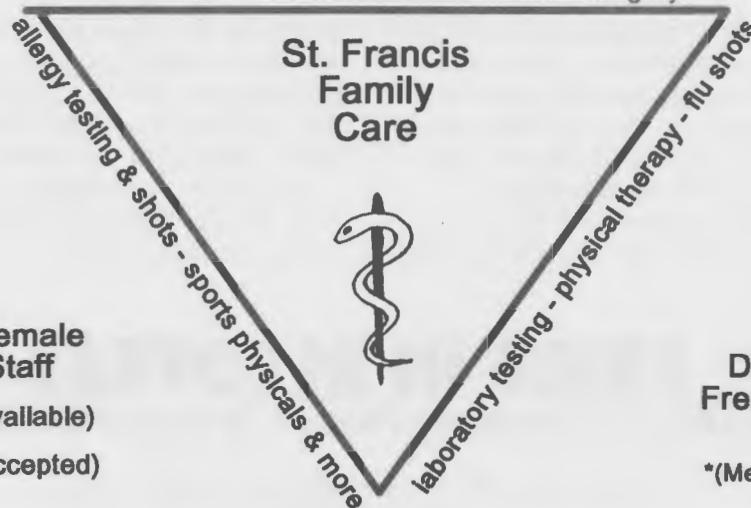
[from *Lesbian Uprisings!*, August, 1992]

How do you feel about "outing"? I think it stinks... unless the person is working against gay and lesbian people. *The Advocate* recently "outed" Congressman Jim McCrery, a conservative Republican from Shreveport because of his voting record against gay and lesbian issues. Three men have signed affidavits that they have had sex with the Congressman. Jeff Yarbrough, Editor in Chief of *The Advocate*, stated, "If he is engaging in homosexual sex and voting down

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issues and bills that would make life for gays and lesbians easier, then he's being a hypocrite... It merits him being dragged kicking and screaming out of his little closet."

[from the Dallas Morning News, September 1, 1992]

Jerry Falwell says that he received a container of urine injected with HIV through the mails. He blames the group, Queer Nation for sending the package. Queer Nation denies it, but thinks it was a good idea. Reports are that Falwell's Liberty University, founded in 1971, is \$73 million in debt and is facing bankruptcy. (It couldn't happen to a nicer guy!)

[from The Advocate, September 22, 1992]

The July, 1992 issue of *The Guide* reports that Ed Savitz, the "sicko" gay man arrested in Philadelphia for having sex with teenage street hustlers, was voted by his high school class to be "the kid most likely to become a Supreme Court justice." Sorry, Ed... Clarence Thomas got the job first!

By the way, *Lesbian Connection* [September/October, 1992] reports that eight months after the Hill-Thomas hearings, sexual harassment charges filed with the federal government have increased by more than 50%.



Are you a typical American? The typical American is a white woman, age 32.7, who is married and a mother. She is a high school graduate employed as a clerical worker. She likes seafood appetizers, salad, steak, potatoes, and... broccoli!
(George, your out of step again!)

And speaking of broccoli... scientists at Johns Hopkins University and Mount Sinai Medical Center now believe that broccoli contains the most powerful anti-cancer compound ever detected. It's called Sulforaphane. It's also found in brussel sprouts (yuck!), cauliflower and carrots.

[from New Woman, September, 1992]

Ever wonder about the song "Yankee Doodle Dandy" ? "...stuck a feather in his hat, and called it Macaroni!" Do you imagine little sticky pieces of noodles stuck to his hat? Well, according to Blanche Poubelle of *The Guide* [July, 1992], macaroni in this song does not mean pasta. It was a style of dress and behavior in the late 18th century. Macaronis were men who dressed in the finest clothes, carried looking glasses, and were effeminate... spiritual ancestors of our piss-elegant drag queens!

Dallas listeners to KNON 89.3 FM *Lambda Weekly* (2-4 p.m. Sundays) will miss the velvet voice of Bill Travis and the witty humor of Alonso Duralde who devoted many years to providing gay and lesbian programming to the Dallas Metroplex. Thanks Guys! The new host for *Lambda Weekly* is Steve Walters. Steve was a little nervous for his first

broadcast on Sunday, September 5th, but he did a great job. Hang in there, Steve, we're all in your corner!

Overheard on *Lambda Weekly*: Fifteen guys from the group, **Outrage**, donned nuns' outfits and invaded morning mass at Westminster Cathedral in London to protest the recent homophobic Vatican document. They weren't prepared for these "sisters"!

BankAmerica Corporation chickened-out on us and now is funding the **Boy Scouts**. (Do I hear the sound of gays & lesbians cutting plastic?)

[from the Dallas Voice, September 4, 1992]

Kudos to country music star **Garth Brooks**, who blasted the Republicans about their "family values" propaganda, saying, "I think the Republicans' big problem is that they believe family values are June and Ward and 2.3 children. To me it means laughing, being able to dream. It means that if a set of parents are black or white, or two people of the same sex, or if one man or one woman acts as a parent, that the children grow up happy and healthy: that's what family values are." Buy Garth's new album, **The Chase!**

[from the Dallas Voice, September 4, 1992]

Remember the **Stone Age man**, named "Iceman from the Similaun", discovered buried in glacier ice in the Alps last year? His body, carbon-dated at 5,477 years old, is so well preserved that tatoos are visible on the skin, and his colorful two-piece outfit made of woven hair and a pair of matching moccasins are still in good shape. Scientist have now discovered semen in his anus and intestines indicating that he had recently had sex with another Stone Age man.


[from The Guide, September, 1992, The Advocate, September 22, 1992, and the Dallas Times Herald, September 26, 1991]

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(Why am I writing about men? Isn't this a women/lesbian column?)

I was very disturbed to read the article entitled, "What Price Political Correctness?" by Tammye Nash [*Dallas Voice*, September 4, 1992] about Naiad Press' treatment of Houston author Deborah Powell (*Bayou City Secrets* and *Houston Town*). From the article it appears that Naiad publisher, Barbara Grier is into her own brand of censorship. This controversy certainly warrants further investigation by lesbian readers....

I'm not ready... for k.d. Lang as a "lipstick-laden femme-fatale, poured into a low-cut, floor-length gown wearing a gigantic bouffant hairdo"! Check out her new video, "Miss Chatelaine"... you're in for a shock!

[from *The Advocate*, August 13, 1992]

Mattel's newest toys for Christmas are Ren and Stimpy dolls based on the Ren and Stimpy Show cartoons on the Nickelodeon cable network. The new dolls will make undignified noises of intestinal distress when their midsections are squeezed. (Some of their other toys will be equally disgusting.)

[from the *Dallas Morning News*, September 1, 1992]

Speaking of disgusting... Melissa Etheridge made some of us lesbians gag when she flirted with Dave Letterman in a recent appearance... guess she's decided to do the "straight" and narrow....

[from *Deneuve*, October, 1992]

From the television and movies set...

Candice Bergen thanked Dan Quayle for helping Murphy Brown to get her EMMY. I can't wait for the new season of Murphy Brown to start. I believe Dan Quayle is in for some major "Murphy-Barbs".

Cheers to Cher who recently stated about her son, "Elijah thinks Chastity (her lesbian daughter) is a weirdo. I've tried to explain to him that love between two women can be just as meaningful as love between a man and a woman."

[from *The Advocate*, September 22, 1992]

The biography, Blue Angel: The Life of Marlene Dietrich, reveals that the late singer/actress was bisexual... but had a definite preference for women. The criteria for her lovers? They had to be less famous. (Guess Marlene and Garbo never made woopie.)

[from *On Our Backs*, September/October, 1992]



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Rumor has it that Lily Tomlin and Jane Wagner are fighting to regain the rights to the film, "Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe," before it can be sold. Orion Pictures has filed bankruptcy.

[from *Deneuve*, October, 1992]

Sandra Bernhard fans can see all of her in the nude layout of the September issue of *Playboy*....

[from *The Advocate*, September 22, 1992]

"Demi Moore attended a Hollywood fundraiser with two interesting looking women... Imagine Barbara Bush as a lesbian... wouldn't she wear birkenstocks and overalls? Hillary Clinton?... definitely a corporate dyke.

[from *Deneuve*, October, 1992]

It's nice to have friends like Roseanne and Tom Arnold. Tom heard about Oregon's proposed ballot Measure 9 which is designed to legalize discrimination against Oregon gays and lesbians, and called up his friend, Gus Van Sant, the gay director. They are making a commercial to help defeat Measure 9 which is on the November 3rd ballot. "When we heard about (the proposed measure) we couldn't believe it," bellows Tom Arnold. "It's Bullshit!" The commercial, which will be shown in Oregon this October, will be informative but laced with creepy humor... like "Nazis marching by and stuff," says Tom.

[from *The Advocate*, August 25, 1992]

On the home front... Candace Marcum, Dallas psychotherapist, kept the audience laughing at the DGLA general membership meeting on Monday, Sept. 14th, as she discussed the "Happy, Healthy Homosexual". Ask her to tell you her "Mata-dor" story! Thanks for a real fun time, Candy.

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Deb Elder, new President of the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Alliance and a long-time community leader, was honored at a reception at Sue Ellen's on September 9th. Various community leaders "roasted" Deb as they recalled some of her past exploits. Will Deb's face remain a permanent shade of hot pink?

Dennis Vercher, editor of the *Dallas Voice*, recalled the night of Feb. 4, 1988 when Deb and other members of Lesbian Visionaries christened him and two other gay men (**Bill Hunt**, and **Don Baker**) as "Honorary Lesbians" for their unflinching support of the lesbian community of Dallas. Dennis said that he was really happy to receive the award... primarily because as a lesbian he would be able to have multiple orgasms... and he was extremely disappointed that it didn't work! Deb responded, "Oh, I'm so sorry, Dennis, did we forget to tell you about the candles? Every lesbian knows that you must have candles to have multiple orgasms!"

Until next month....keep your candles burning!



-Paula

Happy Birthday to "The Amazon"

It is fitting in the "Coming Out" month of October that we wish happy birthday to a woman who lived all her life as an "out and proud" lesbian! In fact, she considered that... "Being other than normal is a perilous advantage."

Natalie Clifford Barney, was born October 31, 1876 in Dayton, Ohio, but lived most of her life in Paris. Natalie Barney is probably one of the two most famous lesbians of all time and certainly the most notorious. She was rich (worth about a billion dollars by today's standards), talented, outspoken, witty, intelligent, free-thinking, free loving, and downright outrageous! Barney mocked heterosexuals, particularly men, and was an outspoken feminist since childhood. Two of Natalie's favorite targets for attack were marriage and religion. Original sin to her way of thinking was not all that "original" and she "hoped that all those "right thinking" Christians could be replaced by people who think, presumably for themselves." (Hear! Hear!)

**"Of I had one ambition, it was to
make my life itself into a poem."**

Natalie Clifford Barney

Natalie Barney had many, many affairs with well known women (Renee Vivien, Dolly Wilde, Romaine Brooks) throughout her long life. She was still attractive to women and sexually active in her late seventies when she began an affair that lasted until she died in 1972 at the age of 96 years. In fact, Romaine Brooks broke off her relationship with 70+ year old Natalie because of Natalie's roving eye.

Natalie Barney was called the "Amazon of Letters", but few people in this country have read her writings because she chose to write in French. Finally a new English translation of her work is available for lesbian readers. The information and quotations in this article are from this new book, *A Perilous Advantage*, edited and translated by Anna Livia, New Victoria Publishers, Box 27, Norwich, Vermont 05055. Write them or call your favorite bookstore because at \$10.95, this book is a real treasure!

From Laurie Eiserloh

Executive Director/Lobbyist, The Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas:

The Allan G. Calkin Fund, the research and education branch of the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas, has issued a statewide call for resumes to build the pool of potential candidates for appointments to state boards and commissions.

During her term of office, Governor Ann Richards will make over 4,000 appointments to state boards and commissions which regulate everything from the statewide university systems to the coordination of statewide health care. Persons appointed to these boards and commissions set public policy and are considered appointed state officials. It is imperative for lesbian/gay people to be appointed to a significant number of these government posts.

A list of appointments important to the lesbian/gay community has been sent to LGRL members across the state. Additional copies of this list will be made available at LGRL events and at interested lesbian/gay businesses. If you are interested in a state board or commission, if your business is interested in receiving copies of the list, or if you would like to make a tax deductible donation to the Calkin Fund to help support this project, please contact the Calkin Fund at P.O. Box 2579, Austin, TX 78768.



The Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas is offering marriage certificates for lesbian and gay people. Each certificate is individually numbered and State Representative Glen Maxey and Laurie Eiserloh, Executive Director of LGRL, will personally sign each certificate. They are sealed with the House of Representatives state seal. These certificates are not actual legal documents, (gay/lesbian marriage is not legal in the state of Texas), but rather a certificate that recognizes your commitment to one another. Each union is entered in the LGRL registry of marriage. Marriage certificates may be used by those who are already united and by those who intend to unite. If you would like a marriage certificate, please send your names as you would like them to appear on the certificate and \$30 to LGRL, P.O. Box 2579, Austin, TX 78768. Please include a return address. Delivery will be in one to four weeks.

[from *A Feminist Perspective*, a monthly column from the Lesbian Gay Rights Lobby, written by Laurie Eiserloh, Executive Director]

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Love At First Hearing

I was minding my own business
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when a happenstance phone call
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my contented floating in tranquil waters was interrupted.

Your voice flowing with liquid sex appeal,
drawing and painting featherlight tremors on my scalp.
Oblivious you were, to the overheated telephone wires
crackling and popping as they short-circuited.

Startled, I suddenly knew the truth in
one who does not believe herself lost, surely is lost.

All this from the voice of a stranger--
Oh, my Karma, my Karma? my Karma!
Sweet passions flare
and my fantasies dare.

I need to sit for a spell.

- Kelli Perriello

Kelli, who is a Social Worker, received her MA in Psychology from Stephen F. Austin. She's passionate about travel. After living in San Diego and Washington, D.C., Kelli now calls Austin her home.

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LEE LYNCH IS DELIGHTFUL!



With her neon, multi-blue tie, white shirt, jeans, and butchy friendliness, author Lee Lynch delighted the crowd of about 30 women at Crossroads Market in Dallas as she talked about and read from her newest novel, Morton River Valley on Saturday, September 12th in Dallas. Lee also spoke passionately about the movement in her home state of Oregon to allow discrimination against gays and lesbians. She encouraged all gays and lesbians to "come out" of the closet and fight for our rights! Watch for future novels entitled, Cactus House and Annie Heaphy which Lee currently has in the works.



The Gilda Stories
by Jewelle Gomez
(Firebrand Books, \$9.95)

Reviewed by Maria Hopewell

Jewelle Gomez was a double winner at this year's annual Lambda Literary Awards. Her first novel, The Gilda Stories, won for both Lesbian Fiction and Lesbian Science Fiction/Fantasy.

Gomez's lesbian vampire heroine strides across time listening to the sounds of the world and trying to add her own voice. She learns that immortality is not simple. The Girl, a runaway slave, meets Gilda, a white female who could talk without speaking. They meet at night in the root cellar of the farmhouse that Gilda owns and where the Girl is hiding.

"Woodard's was the most prosperous establishment in the area and enjoyed the patronage of some of the most esteemed men and women of the country. Gilda employed eight girls, none yet 20, who lived in the house and worked hard hours being what others imagined women should be."

Gilda is a vampire. She is also the madam of a brothel in Louisiana, circa 1850, and has an Indian female lover named Bird. Bird manages the house and teaches the Girl to read in English and French. Then Gilda offers the Girl the life of a vampire, not that the word is ever spoken. They, Bird and Gilda, choose the Girl as their "daughter." Then Gilda leaves for the true death. "She asked to rest, free from the interperate demands of time. Often she'd tried to explain this burden to Bird, the need to let go." And so, with the true death for Gilda, the Girl is named Gilda and her adventures begin!

Gilda travels to San Francisco of the 1890's to stay with Sorel at his hotel that has gambling rooms. Here she meets "family," for Sorel and his lover Anthony are also vampires and have much to teach her. Gilda meets the beautiful Eleanor who bewitches all she meets for the thrill of it. Eleanor lives through deception and the thrill of conquest. Gilda is a challenge, an equal and a mystery to Eleanor. They have trips to the dressmaker and opera and to Mt. Tamalpais and a final power struggle that is not to be missed.

Gilda's next adventures are in Rosebud, Missouri in the year 1921 with a young black widow whom she desires but does not feel right about introducing to vampire life. We next journey with Gilda to Boston of 1955 where she is a beautician in her own shop in the South End.

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Book Review *continued*

This is my favorite section of the book. I loved all the people she meets, especially Toya, a young hooker whom she helps escape from her violent and abusive pimp. Gilda and Bird are finally reunited after decades of being separated: "Gilda closed her eyes, not thinking of Bird's rejection years before but of the woman who had loved them both, who'd brought them together, then taken the true death." Their love making is very tender, magical and mental. Gilda and Bird do succeed in rescuing the young Toya, but I don't want to give away how, just that it is very exciting and takes a lot of energy to fight another vampire - an evil one!

Then we have Gilda working in an off Broadway theater in 1971 with more interesting people from the theater world. Gilda finally creates a "brother" for herself and Bird, Sorel and Anthony. We then move on to New York of 1981 with very contemporary lesbians, with Gilda writing songs. Finally, we fast forward to two places in the future on this continent.

So many stories, so many people, sure to be a favorite novel for people who enjoy an excellent read. For those who enjoy historical stories, contemporary and futuristic stories, this novel has it all with Gilda as the "thread" that holds it all together. I highly recommend *The Gilda Stories*. What a wonderful character Gilda is, a black lesbian vampire with heart and conscience that I wish "mortals" had!

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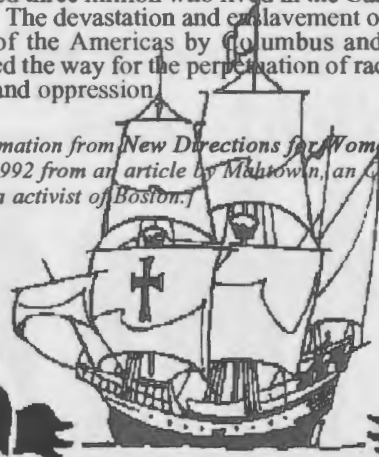
Fact: Europeans already knew the world was round. Columbus simply wanted to get rich. He was promised 10% of the riches he brought back with him and 10% of the riches brought back by others from lands that he discovered.

Fact: Columbus did not discover anything. Chinese, Africans, and Vikings had been visiting the Americas long before 1492.

Fact: On Oct. 12, 1492, Columbus landed in the Bahamas and met the Arawaks. Columbus wrote in his diary, "They are so naive and free with their possessions that no one who has not witnessed it would believe it. When you ask them for something they have, they never say no... they offer to share with anyone. They do not bear arms and do not know them, for I showed them a sword, they took it by the edge and cut themselves out of ignorance. They would make fine servants. With 50 men we could subjugate them all and do whatever we want... As soon as I arrived, on the first island which I found, I took some of the Natives by force."

Today not a single Arawak survives out of the estimated three million who lived in the Caribbean in 1492. The devastation and enslavement of the peoples of the Americas by Columbus and his men opened the way for the perpetuation of racism, sexism, and oppression.

[Information from New Directions for Women, Sept-Oct, 1992 from an article by Mahtown, an Oglala Lakota activist of Boston.]



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[NARAL (reproductive rights group) as reported in MS Magazine, July/Aug., 1991]

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[from GLAAD Tidings by Donald Suggs and Josh Machleder, This Week in Texas, September 10, 1992]

Don't Kill the Messenger

Pauline Bart, one of the founding mothers of university Women's Studies and a tenured full professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Illinois at Chicago, is no longer allowed to teach courses in Sociology or Women's Studies because of an informal complaint made by one male student. The student charged "sexual harassment" when Professor Bart confronted him with the fact that other students had stopped coming to her Gender and Society class because he intimidated the women and verbally abused other students, claiming that rape and incest do not exist. The University is pressuring Professor Bart to take early retirement.

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Pauline Bart founded the first Women's Studies course at the University of California in 1969. She is the author of a series of books and papers which have guided other researchers and contributed to our understanding of rape, incest, pornography and sexual harassment. Her newest book, Violations: The Bloody Footprints, is due out in January. To contribute to Professor Bart's legal battle, write Don't Kill the Messenger Fund, 4669 N. Manor Ave., Chicago, IL 60625. Or express your dismay directly to the University by writing the Director of the Women's Studies program, Stephanie Riger, at Women's Studies Program, M/C 360, University of Illinois at Chicago, Box 4348, Chicago, IL 60680; or call (312) 996-2441.

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- ☞ 7. to represent the film festival at local clubs: to conduct drawings, raffles, etc. to give away free passes to the festival as a means of advertising the event;
- ☞ 8. to take tickets, work concessions, and clean up during the five days of the festival;

Please call Paula at 406-9123 if you would like to volunteer to assist with the film festival.

and your brain...

Women's Think Tank

The Women's Health Program of the Nelson-Tebedo Clinic is holding a Think Tank and Planning Meeting on Tuesday, October 13th at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be to discuss strategies, outreaches and educational programs to target women's health issues. If you have ideas and would like to be part of a dynamic and energetic group of women, please attend the meeting! The Think Tank will be held at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 2701 Reagan at Brown. For more information, call Debbie Trott (214) 528-2336; or Ila Davies (214) 521-5131.

October Announcements

Austin

LSWMF

Tickets to the Lone Star Women's Music Festival, October 2-4, are available at the gate for the still low price of \$75. Staged on the banks of the Guadalupe River near New Braunfels, LSWMF will feature numerous local talent as well as nationally known entertainers. For information, call LSWMF at (512) 929-0002.

The Walk

The AIDS Services of Austin (ASA) will host the fifth annual "From All Walks of Life, '92" on Sunday, October 25th. The walk is a pledge drive to raise funds for AIDS services. Last year over 3,500 people participated in the walk and raised \$178,000.

Newsletter & Phone Line

The Capital City Community Center, a gay and lesbian group for Austinites, has recently started two new projects - a newsletter and an automated phone line. The group hosts community meetings each second Saturday from 3-6:00 p.m. at the downtown Austin Public Library.

Film Festival

The Austin Gay and Lesbian Film Festival will be October 23rd through November 1st at the Dobie Theatre. The opening performances will benefit the Capital City Community Center. Armisted Maupin, author of Maybe the Moon, will speak at the Festival on November 1st and be available to autograph his book at a booksigning at Liberty Books that same day.

Dallas

Women's Arts & Crafts

The second annual Women's Arts & Crafts Festival, an opportunity to showcase women artists and the arts and crafts created by women, is Saturday, October 31st at the Cathedral of Hope Metropolitan Church, 5353 Maple.

Lynn Lavner in Concert

The Cathedral of Hope Metropolitan Community Church will feature Lynn Lavner in concert on Sunday, October 4th at 6:30 p.m. Advance tickets available at the church are \$10. Tickets at the door will be \$12. For information, call (214) 526-6221.

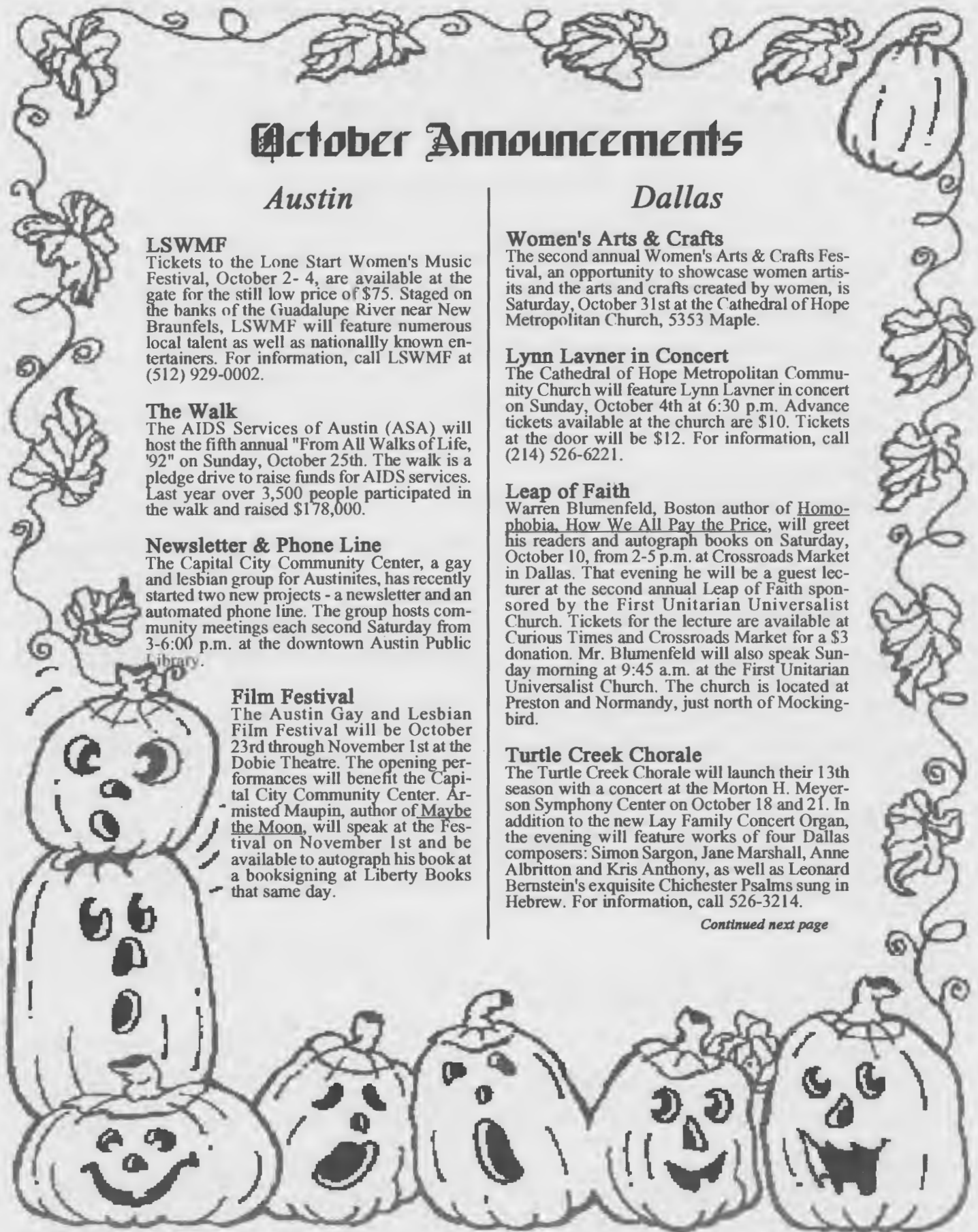
Leap of Faith

Warren Blumenfeld, Boston author of Homophobia. How We All Pay the Price, will greet his readers and autograph books on Saturday, October 10, from 2-5 p.m. at Crossroads Market in Dallas. That evening he will be a guest lecturer at the second annual Leap of Faith sponsored by the First Unitarian Universalist Church. Tickets for the lecture are available at Curious Times and Crossroads Market for a \$3 donation. Mr. Blumenfeld will also speak Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. at the First Unitarian Universalist Church. The church is located at Preston and Normandy, just north of Mockingbird.

Turtle Creek Chorale

The Turtle Creek Chorale will launch their 13th season with a concert at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center on October 18 and 21. In addition to the new Lay Family Concert Organ, the evening will feature works of four Dallas composers: Simon Sargon, Jane Marshall, Anne Albritton and Kris Anthony, as well as Leonard Bernstein's exquisite Chichester Psalms sung in Hebrew. For information, call 526-3214.

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Hispanic Womens Conference

About 500 Hispanic women will gather in Dallas on October 15-18 at the Harvey Hotel for the sixth annual State Conference of Hispanic Women's Network. The group was founded in 1987 to advance the educational, cultural, social, legal and economic well-being of all Hispanic women. For information about registration and exhibits, call Ms. Garza Fracchia at 464-2832.

Chocolate?

The National Leather Association of Dallas will present a "Beyond Vanilla" Workshop at the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 2701 Reagan on November 6-8. The workshop is to educate women and men about leather, S&M, safer sex, etc. To register, call Artemis at metro (817) 267-7227.

Film Festival

The Dallas Lesbian and Gay Film Festival will reel off on December 2-6, 1992 at the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 2701 Reagan. Want to help with this fun event? Call Paula at (214) 406-9123.

Great Annual Yard Sale

The Cathedral of Hope Metropolitan Community Church, 5353 Maple, will host its annual yard sale on Thursday and Friday, October 29-30th. Pickup service is available for furniture and appliances. For information, call (214) 526-6221.

SDA Kinship

SDA Kinship is a support group for gay and lesbian Seventh-Day Adventists. Meetings are held in members' homes. For information, write P.O. Box 38454, Dallas, TX 75238. In Dallas, call (214) 373-8484 or statewide call toll free 1-800-4GAY-SDA.

Athletes

Pink Triangle welcomes all athletes in the north Texas area to join them in participation in "Unity '94: Gay Games" to be held in New York. For information and a copy of their newsletter, write P.O. Box 190712, Dallas, TX 75219.

Lesbian Parenting

The women of Oak Lawn Community Services are offering a workshop for lesbian parents and women considering motherhood on Saturday, October 17th, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Tickets are \$15 at the door. For information, call (214) 361-5437.

LifeWalk '92

The 1992 LifeWalk kicks off in Dallas at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 4th from Lee Park, Lemmon Avenue at Turtle Creek. Participants should check in at noon. For information on LifeWalk '92, call OLCS at (214) 520-8108.

HIV Testing

The Nelson-Tebedo Community Clinic offers anonymous and confidential HIV testing and counseling for women every Wednesday from 5-7 p.m. For information, call the Clinic at (214) 521-5131.

New Volleyball League

A co-ed volleyball league is being formed for Monday evenings in October and November by the Cathedral of Hope Metropolitan Community Church. Each team consists of three men and three women plus substitutes. Teams may be independent or may be sponsored by an organization or private business. For information on the league, call the church at (214) 526-6221.

Lesbian Mothers Support Group

The first gathering of the Lesbian Mothers Support Group will be a potluck picnic at Lee Park on Sunday, October 18 at 3 p.m. Bring your kids, lawn chairs, blankets, games and your ideas for the group. For more info, call Carolyn Dunbar at 526-5088.



Announcements *continued*

Denton

The Denton Area Lesbian/Gay Alliance (DALGA) consists of more women than men, welcomes straights, and does volunteer work hand-in-hand with several Denton social help agencies. As a gay group working with the straight community, DALGA hopes to present an image of gays as just normal people and break down the negative stereotype many straight people hold. The group meets every Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Recycled Books, 200 N. Locust.

[Dallas Gay and Lesbian Community Center News, September, 1992]

Fort Worth

Concert

Pleiades Productions is proud to present Dianne Davidson in concert on Saturday, October 17th, 8:00 p.m. at Orchestra Hall, 4401 Trail Lake Drive in Fort Worth. Opening for Ms. Davidson will be The Therapy Sisters. Advance tickets are \$13 at Connections Bookstore and Agape MCC in Fort Worth; at Curious Times, Crossroads Market, and Renaissance & Romance in Dallas; and at Athena's Attic in Denton. Tickets at the door are \$16.

A Tuna Christmas



Don't miss this special visit with our friends from Greater Tuna appearing at Casa Manana Theatre, 3101 W. Lancaster in Fort Worth through October 10th. Tickets are available through Rainbow-TicketMaster, (817) 332-CASA or metro (214) 647-5700.

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Houston

Softball

The Houston Women's Softball League is participating in a Fall seven-week season. For information on joining the League, write 19327 Bristle Star, Katy, TX 77449.

WAC

The Women's Action Coalition is a non-hierarchical, democratic women's group which advocates a direct action response to issues affecting women. To become a part of this group or for more information, call (713) 528-5858.

HIPY House

Gay and lesbian teens who have been rejected by their families are being accepted into the Houston Institute for the Protection of Youth, tentatively named "HIPY House". The residence, currently under renovation, already houses four youth and remodeling plans are underway to house four more. The organizers of HIPY House report that due to word-of-mouth alone, there is already a waiting list. They hope to get government assistance to help with the costs. HIPY could use donations of clothing and furniture as well as money. Donations are tax-deductible. Call (713) 942-YUTH.

Music



HeartSong invites women who love to sing to join them at rehearsals every Monday night from 7-9 p.m. For information, write P.O. Box 980243, Houston, TX 77098-0243, or call (713) 667-2932.

Mental Health Services

The Women's Program of the Montrose Counseling Center offers affordable mental health services to women. They meet every second and fourth Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. For information, call (713) 529-0037.

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LESBIAN MOTHERS Support Group

First gathering

October 18th

3:00pm

Potluck Picnic at Lee Park

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Bring your kids, lawn chairs, blankets,
games and **YOUR IDEAS** for this group.

For more information call

Carolyn Dunbar

526-5088

Rain Location - Lesbian & Gay Community Center



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Women Against Violence Everywhere

WAVE, a group which focuses on ending violence against women and children, meets at the First Unitarian church, 5200 Fannin at Sourdmore. For more information, call (713) 867-9117.

New Teen Magazine

Positive Choices is a new gay and lesbian teen/young adult magazine being formed. Writers, poets, cartoonists, health professionals and just about anyone else with something to share are invited to submit their work to Jimmy Brown, c/o Perfect Scents, 6330 Windswept Ln., #74, Houston, TX 77057 or call (713) 785-2659.

SOLs

(Slightly Older Lesbians) Lesbians Over Age 50 (LOAF) meets for social and educational fellowship every third Sunday at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 W. Gray. For information, call (713) 661-1482.

San Antonio

TRI HOPE is a support group for gay, lesbian and bisexual youth under 22 years of age who are questioning their sexual orientation. Activities include social events, speakers, films, meetings and alternative proms. For more information, write P.O. Box 681906, San Antonio, Tx 78268, or call (512) 690-7710.

East Texas

Angleton

(Freeport/Houston area) Brazoria County Friends is a network of friends who meet periodically for fellowship retreats. For information on the next gathering of Brazoria County Friends, call (409) 848-8407.

Beaumont

The Lambda Women's Support and Social Group is a support network offering discussion, referrals and social activities. For information, call 736-1439.

Women's Retreat

Herland Sister Resources in Oklahoma City announce their Fall Retreat to be held at Roman Nose State Park, Watonga, Oklahoma (about one hour west of OKC) on October 16-18. The featured entertainer for the Saturday evening get-together will be Judy Fjell. Pre-registration fees, which are based on annual income, range from \$15 to \$40; on-site registration is \$10 more. Registration includes cabin space, Friday night supper, and brunch on Saturday and Sunday. Participants are requested to bring a dish for the Pot Luck dinner on Saturday Night. To pre-register, call (405) 521-9696.

Lesbian Magazines

Dyke Review, a quarterly lesbian magazine is available by subscription by writing 584 Castro St., Suite 456, San Francisco, CA 94114.

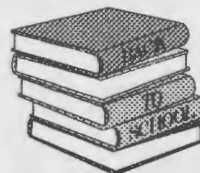
Weird Lesbo Artist/GirlJock is a new lesbian magazine consisting of articles, photos, cartoons, graphics, etc. Subscriptions, \$12.00, are available from ROX-a-Tronic, 2060 Third St., Berkeley, CA 94710.

[from *LesbianLine*, Sept., 1992]

March on Washington

The March on Washington, scheduled for April 25, 1993, will host its next National planning meeting in Denver on October 3-4. For information, call 1-800-832-2889. Region 6, which includes Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma needs volunteers to help mobilize the one million people who will attend the March. To volunteer for this worthy cause, call the Region 6 MOW Committee at (214) 528-4233.

Education Benefits



Need help going back to school? The American Association of University Women offers scholarships and fellowships ranging from \$2,500 to \$9,000 to women entering graduate study or advanced research. For information, write them at 1111 16th St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20036. The Business and Professional Women's Foundation also offers scholarship help to women with financial need. Write them at 2012 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20036

[from *New Woman*, September, 1992]

LMNDF

Lesbian Mothers National Defense Fund offers personal and emotional support to lesbian mothers, their supporters, and professionals. Their 24-hour voice mail service is (206) 325-2643. They offer various publications and publish a quarterly newsletter, Mom's Apple Pie (\$15.00). Write them at P.O. Box 21567, Seattle, WA 98111.



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[Ed. note: The following press release is from the Conference for Catholic Lesbians regarding the Vatican letter to U.S. Bishops released June 25th. The Vatican letter recalls and reiterates passages from a similar document issued in 1986 and states, among other things, that "the proper reaction to crimes committed against homosexual persons should not be to claim that the homosexual condition is not disordered. When such a claim is made and when homosexual activity is consequently condoned, or when civil legislation is introduced to protect behavior to which no one has any conceivable right, neither the Church nor society at large should be surprised when other distorted notions and practices gain ground, and irrational and violent reactions increase." The letter goes on to state that since homosexuality is "inherently disordered", the state has the right to restrict the rights of homosexuals just as it does with the mentally ill - "to protect the common good". The letter also states, "There are areas in which it is not unjust discrimination to take sexual orientation into account, for example, in the assignment of children to adoption or foster care, in employment of teachers or coaches, and in military recruitment."

As we go to press, CCL is planning a protest demonstration at the Vatican Mission to the United Nations on September 19th. For more information about CCL, contact Ann Marie Mills, Public Relations Chairperson at (607) 432-9295.]

The Conference for Catholic Lesbians Saddened by the Vatican's Anti-Gospel Values

The Collective for the Conference for Catholic Lesbians stands in strong opposition to the June 26, 1992 Vatican document, informing U.S. Bishops of their obligation to actively discriminate against homosexuals.

This request of Bishops, coming from the office of the General Secretary of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, is blatantly anti-Gospel because it actively promotes discrimination and violence against homosexuals. This sanctimonious document exemplifies the writing of a person or persons filled with internalized hatred and self-loathing. It clearly demonstrates both a dysfunctional and irrational thinking process and systems. A system which is unable to utilize the clear scientific data indicating that homosexuality is not disordered.

It becomes clear that the fundamentalist Fascist regime has begun to disguise itself under the pretense of Religion. It seems significant to us, in this election year, in this time of numerous ethical and moral dilemmas, that we must not waste our precious energies and time on such clearly Anti-Christian teachings. We must not allow ourselves to be scapegoats for a political showdown.

We call on Catholics to be wary of such seduction. We must double our justice seeking efforts and urge our friends and family members to express their rejection of these false teachings. As stated in the Vatican II letter of 12/7/65, Chapter 2, No. 26, "We accept that all persons have the right to food, clothing, housing... the right to act according to the dictates of conscience... and rightful freedom, even in matters of Religion". It seems unfortunate that the Vatican is so clearly unable to see the right side of justice.



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by Rustie Hill

As of this writing, the Seventh Day Adventist Church does not allow gays or lesbians to have membership in their denomination. I'm gay, and for twenty years they were happy to have me among them. Now, they are outraged I would even be at church.

The pastor of the church called me. He would have been okay if after the first forty minutes of the conversation, he would have just said goodnight. But being a man, he just couldn't accept my arguments with grace, so he kept on going. Most Seventh Day Adventists are shy, retiring, non-aggressive types. I wasn't born adventist, I have some worldly notions and I honestly don't know many lesbians of my age who aren't used to demonstrations and fighting for their Rights.

Some of his arguments: If I am an Adventist, I wouldn't be gay. If I wanted to stay an Adventist, I would stop being gay and stay away from Kinship. [SDA Kinship is the gay/lesbian group of Seventh-Day Adventists.]

My reaction is one of shock. I am hurt, but at least I've stopped wanting to poof the whole SDA Church into oblivion. Now I'm just happy I don't have to go in drag anymore. If I go back to the straight SDA Church, I'll go in my suits, and damn the heels. The battle is lost; but, one battle does not a war make. I will win back my membership in the SDA Church. What makes it so important to me? I am an Adventist. I believe in their principles. I believe I have a Right to worship God, be gay, be an Adventist, and be ME!

[For information about SDA Kinship, call Rustie, the Women's Coordinator, at (214) 360-0374.]

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SHARE THE VISION: *Women Learn About Menopause*

Lesbian Visionaries' Share the Vision meeting on September 11th was attended by 41 pre-menopausal and post-menopausal women and one pre-pre-pre-menopausal woman (everybody's sweet baby, Allison Dunbar). What a great meeting! Dr. Karen King, therapist Ila Davies and Rev. Brenda Hunt of Agape MCC in Fort Worth not only gave us some excellent information about menopause, but also entertained us with a lively and enjoyable presentation. We are grateful to Rev. Brenda Hunt for filling in for Rev. Carol West who was called out of town on an emergency. Rev. Hunt had very short notice, but cheerfully drove from Fort Worth in heavy traffic to assist us. Thanks a million, Brenda!

Panelists at the September 11th Share the Vision meeting were (l. to r.) Dr. Karen King, Ila Davies, and Rev. Brenda Hunt.



Some of the things we learned at this meeting on menopause are:

1. Find a woman doctor and ask her lots of questions.
2. Find out the facts about menopause and treatments for menopausal symptoms for yourself...there are lots of good sources for information including books, and free pamphlets (drop a note to Visionaries or call the LIL line (214) 528-2426, and we will send you a resource list).
3. Are you suffering from P.M.S.? Call the P.M.S. Access Hotline, 1-800-222-4PMS.
4. You may develop P.M.Z. after menopause...that's Post Menopausal Zest - a new positive outlook on life and more involvement in your world during the last third of your life.

Note to Readers: Visionaries constantly receive letters and phone calls from lesbians wanting to know the names, addresses, and phone numbers of lesbian and/or lesbian-sympathetic female doctors in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. If you know of any such doctors who would like referrals of lesbian patients, please call Paula at (214) 406-9123. Thanks.



from our readers...

Dear Visionaries,
Thank you for publishing the review of my latest recording, "Center of Balance." [August, 1992] It always helps our tiny lesbian-positive company when reviews are written about our recordings. I'm happy that Brimm, the reviewer, enjoyed "Center of Balance."

There are, however, a few inaccuracies in the review. It states, "'Center of Balance' speaks of many lesbian experiences, from love to lust." That's a rather limited range -- the recording is also about anger, humor, happiness, and so much more! For instance, there's "No Closet", a gay/lesbian coming out song. "All of Me" is a humorous song about body image, and "Looks Can Kill" is also about body image but it's presented seriously.

I'm glad that Brimm enjoyed "Loretta and Bernadine." However, the women in the story may not have been lovers as Brimm states. The song is a true story about someone in my family. Nowhere in the song do I say that they are lovers, just that they lived together for many years. Simply, they are family to each other and that has many meanings. Of course, I'd be delighted if they had been lovers, but I don't know that for sure.

Another thing that concerns me are the graphics included

with the review. I'm sure that they were used because they were convenient, but they're misleading. On one side was the drawing of an electric guitar, even though an electric guitar appears only on one song on the entire recording. The graphic of a woman on the other side is objectionable. As a feminist, one of the things that angers me is the image of the "perfect woman" that is so often presented in the media. We are all supposed to be thin, have big breasts, and wear high heels -- just like the woman in the picture. In reality, we come in all sizes and shapes and that's one of the things I sing about. So, it's particularly ironic that this graphic appears in conjunction with a review of my recording.

I'm sorry if all of this seems harsh. I really do appreciate that you published a favorable review, but I felt that it was important that I say something I felt so strongly about. This is not a negative comment on your publication. Thanks for taking the time to consider my concerns.

Jamie Anderson

Dear Visionaries,
I've just opened *The New Vision* and I'm again so impressed with what you have made of this publication! It truly gives us a good overall sense of what is happening in Dallas as well as other parts of the country. Your dedication is wonderful and I truly appreciate all you do for the women of the Dallas area. I've sent the publication to several people who do not live here and they are delighted to see all that we have happening here. You are to be commended for a job well done!

T.A.Hines

Personal Ads

Looking for Ms. Right! I'm 28, 5'2", eyes of blue, brown hair, and approx. 135 lbs. Consider myself to be intelligent, mature, sensitive, shy, and incurably romantic -- with an offbeat sense of humor. I enjoy sports, cooking, animals, outdoors, and various music - especially the "oldies". Sound familiar? Please respond with descriptive letter for more. Respond to ad #921001.

Lesbian health care professional looking for new friends age 30 or over. My passions include shopping, decorating, music, dogs, arts and crafts, and flowers. I also enjoy travel, dining out, bowling and movies. I'm attractive, petite, feminine, shy, conservative and sincere. Non-smokers only. Please describe yourself and send photo if possible. Respond to ad #921002.

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 Pride in Recovery Program, Charter Hospital of
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 The Centre on Turtle Creek: 739-6644

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 Sheila, 331-5513
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 Woman's Space): Lending library, Friday night
 dinners, dances, sports, 1315 Skiles, 821-3999
 Little Feather Productions (women's music): 372-2796
 MCC Women's Coffeehouse: Games, entertainment,
 open mike, refreshments. 2nd Saturday, 7 PM,
 526-6221
 North Texas Women's Sports Association:
 Ft. Worth, Arlington - (817)738-0174
 Dallas - 986-6185
 SPROUTS: Social support "coming out" group for
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 Tuesday Night Discussion Group: 1st & 3rd Wed-
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 Umojas Hermanas United Sisters/Lesbians of Color:
 943-8750
 Women's Chorus of Dallas: Lory, 902-9999

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 Extra Mile Awards (for women): Lory, 902-9999
 Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation
 (GLAAD): 526-4523
 Gay/Lesbian Parents Coalition (Gay/Lesbian parents with
 children): Gerry, 259-4127
 Gay/Lesbian Young Adults (GLYA): 528-4233
 Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas (LGRL): Laurie
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 Lesbian/Gay Political Coalition: 828-9882
 Mid-Cities (Lesbian/Gay) Social Club: PO Box
 211104, Bedford, TX 76021
 National Leather Association/Dallas: 642-7881
 Parents/Friends of Lesbians/Gays (PFLAG): 556-6640
 Pleiades Productions: (817)924-4757
 Routh Street Women's Clinic (insemination info):
 748-8611
 Silver Sabres (drill & performance group): 521-8616
 Singles Group (for women & men): 526-6221
 SMU Student Organization: 987-4997
 Tarrant County Lesbian/Gay Alliance, P.O.Box 11044,
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 Team Pegasus (Gay/Lesbian sports): 821-1653
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