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A Few Words . . .

by Christine Jarosz
Director/Coordinator

Do you believe everything you read? everything you hear?

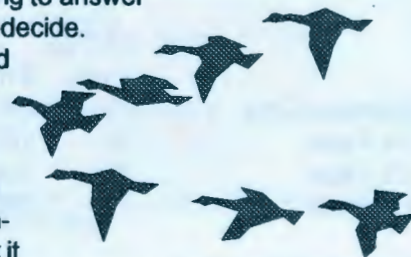
Last Sunday,
the Morning
News
ran an
article
about the
killing of 12
year old Santos

I was pretty nervous...I had addressed large crowds before but not one like this...one organized by men.) What happened has stuck with me to this day...as I was talking about the loss of this one little boy and the impact of this on my life and the lives of all of us, the men in uniform behind me started hissing. I was really shocked. I turned around to look at them ("Um", I thought, "guess these guys don't talk much about sexism and misogyny at their meetings."); I couldn't figure it out. (But, of course, I could!) I had thought we were all there together for one reason: to protest the death of the innocent... minority peoples and groups as well as this child. But at that time I didn't know that a lot of people and groups have their own agendas. That some people prefer to fight their own battles alone because it's easier to look at everyone else as the enemy...it's not so easy to figure out ways for different people to work together. I was very sad that day...for

the family of Santos...for his friends...for all people without justice...for people who think they are alone. But I was also glad to be there...standing with others to protest what was so very wrong. What I wanted (and strains of that Coca Cola commercial ring through my head) was for all people to love, respect, and understand one another. To work on our separate issues, support each other, and come together as often as possible. What an idealist...what a romantic! But, there it is—that's me. And, I have worked to this very day for all people, for the memory of that little boy, and, in particular, for all womyn.

Now to the main point of these few words. The Morning News reported that Hispanics protested the 1978 Justice Department's decision. That statement, though not totally incorrect, creates a false impression. Hundreds of people of all races were there...because issues of this nature affect all of us. But sometimes I wonder if the media and others who write have their own agenda. Is it better for them to make their readers think that people are not united on issues? Is promoting cooperation not in the best interests of the government and the media? I'm not going to answer that...I know what I think. You have to decide.

But I do want to say...when you read something or hear something, no matter where you read it or where you hear it, be sure you know what that person's agenda really is. It may very well cloud their thinking, their writing, their conversation. Before rushing to judgement.. check it out. It saves lots of confusion...and the truth is worth it.



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The Lesbian Resource Centre exists to create physical space where lesbians are valued for themselves. This space, committed to a feminist philosophy, will provide resources to all lesbians. The LRC Newsletter is published monthly and is distributed to over 650 womyn by the LRC, P.O. Box 180446, Dallas, TX 75218-0446. (214) 821-3999.

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We welcome your comments, news, suggestions, and contributions. All material is due in the editors mailbox at the LRC by 7:00 p.m. on the first Friday of the month. Letters to the editor and articles must be signed and include a phone number, and are limited to a maximum length of 750 words. Names will be withheld upon request. Submissions should be made on diskette, in any PC readable format; please call the LRC to shedule access to the computer, if needed. Submissions will be printed on a 'space available' basis, in the following order of priority:

1. The Legal Stuff & Membership Application
2. News About the Centre & Committee Reports
3. Calendar
4. Paid Ads
5. Misc. Articles, Art, Personals, Classified

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AIR CONDITIONING...OR LACK THEREOF



Repairing the AC has been an all summer event. The AC would be fixed...then something else would go wrong with it. Probably the most significant situation was that there was no single person working on the repairs from the very first. Once that was taken care of and once the little idiosyncracies of the unit were conquered everything started working more efficiently. LRC must thank the new Facilities Coordinator, **Diane G**, for her monumental efforts in this venture. And LRC appreciates your patience. It certainly has been unbearably hot and uncomfortable.

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A View from the Outside

I saw and talked with a womyn, who happens to be Vietnamese, the other day that I hadn't seen at the Centre in months. Before I could ask her why she hadn't been around (which is always of interest to me), she told me. She said she wasn't an activist type person and felt uncomfortable at the Centre...that her ideas her not well received...and that she missed being around it. I tried to encourage her to take another chance at the LRC because it was important for all of us to be around people with different focuses in life. It's impossible to learn about different lifestyles and ideas without exposure to them. If she were missing being at the Centre, she had to take some chances and some risks and be willing to be patient. Just as we all have to. Being shy or unassertive can certainly make it more difficult to feel included. And facing womyn who are intolerant of different ideas or styles makes it impossible. We all have to do our part to build a better world. So, she said she'd try again. So must everyone of us.

Has anybody written to Kodak and received a response?

If so, please call Judy at 327_8868.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Christine Jarosz has invested herself, her time, and her energy into the Lesbian Resource Center. Because of the role she has played in birthing and nurturing the center, I think some of us have unrealistic expectations of her. Just as we looked to, or dreamed of looking to, our mother to provide a safe and secure home, we look to Christine to create a safe and secure center. Christine has been criticized for being too controlling and for not taking enough control. She has been criticized for being too friendly and for not being friendly enough. We look to her to settle disputes between members. We are like children who want our mother to magically know what we want and to provide it. In reality, we are all adults, and if we want a safe and secure center, we have to create it. In this time of struggle, we need to avoid extremes. We are not dependent children who need Christine's mothering. We are also not adolescents who must rebel against her in order to define ourselves. We are wonderful adult women with tremendous wisdom and resources among us. Christine's dream was to provide a place for us to gather. She has done that. Now, let's do our part to empower ourselves, each other, and the center. And, let's tell Christine thanks for the wonderful opportunity she gives us to do that.

Judith Cannon



Dear LRC,

I must admit that this letter is long overdue. Yes, it is in reference to Barbara's infamous anti-semitic remark. She has apologized and explained that it was not made out of malice; but in jest of her own Jewish ancestry.

The uproar over the remark worries me a great deal. Censorship is looming over the horizon as we lose a piece of our freedom continuously. This seems like such negative energy wasted on issues that are not at the top of the agenda of lesbians or women in general. Does this mean that it will be necessary for the LRC to elect a review board for future shows to determine what is suitable for us to see and hear? Does this also mean that the review board examine all the books and publications in the LRC library? What happens then?

Too much time has been lost on this issue. There are great strides yet to be made by us as women and lesbians. We need to join together and empower ourselves. We deserve acceptance for our intelligence and for whomever we choose to be our lovers. The more progress we make now will lessen the struggle for our daughters.

Sincerely,

Randa Hope
Maria Candiloros

PUBLIC NOTICE!!

A BYLAWS COMMITTEE has been approved and appointed by the Lesbian Resource Center Board. The purpose of this committee is to review the current bylaws and accept proposed changes or amendments to the BYLAWS that are submitted by members of the LRC. The proposed submission should contain the BYLAW(S) at it is currently worded, the proposed change, and a brief explanation for the change.

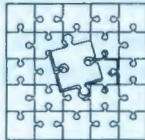
Please submit your proposals to
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You may also contact Pam Tise @ (214) 475-2361

GAME NIGHT

Carla Dolce

Board games, card games, action games, and all other games have begun arriving every third Saturday of the month to provide an enjoyable evening of fun and games. If you missed the first fun-packed game night August 21, 1993, be sure not to miss the next one, **Saturday, September 18**, at the LRC! Hosted by the "38 and Upwards" group, game time is around 7:30 PM> Bring your favorite games. I'll see you there!



Womyn for Womyn Membership Form

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**WOMYN EN CAMBIO: GROWTH, DIVERSITY,
AND CHANGE**

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WEC's accomplishments to date include involvement in several open forums which allowed womyn to dialogue about issues and concerns regarding the LRC. A By-Laws Committee was formed by the LRC Board in August when the group urged that the Centre review its existing policies which have been in effect since the LRC's inception. In addition, WEC initiated the draft and subsequent posting of the LRC's Policy Statement on Diversity. Womyn en Cambio hopes to provide encouragement and support of any and all womyn who have a genuine desire to contribute and be involved in a growing, thriving, and positively changing LRC.

The group plans to continue being an active and vital voice within the LRC by effecting change and providing focus for the Centre. This continues to be accomplished in a variety of different ways. WEC's members remain visible within the Centre and are involved in a number of committees such as By-Laws, Communication, Education, and Facilities.

Womyn en Cambio meets regularly and holds a monthly meeting at the LRC. Interested and prospective members are encouraged to contact Lori Strong at 275-0708 for meeting times, places, and any additional information.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

BY ANN BROWN

A planning and working committee for Special Events will meet August 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Anyone with ideas for special projects or events is invited to attend. Please bring your calendar, creativity, expertise, team spirit, and problem-solving skills.

[Please leave a message at the LRC for Ann Brown if you are interested in working on this committee but can't attend.]

A special thanks from the editor to all of you who contributed articles to this edition of the HoneyPot. The majority of submissions were on diskette - thank you thank you thank you. What with the problems of having the locks changed at the Centre, missed connections, etc. your cooperation is the only thing that allowed this newsletter to get to the printer on time.

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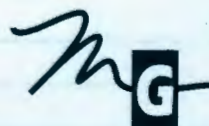
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FACILITATOR NEEDED

The Tuesday Night Discussion Group is seeking a facilitator to lead discussions on the first and third Wednesday of each month. This is an excellent opportunity to be involved in a valuable Centre activity and it's also lots of fun! For more details, contact Lori Strong at 275-0708.

38 AND UPWARDS

Carla Dolce

No, certainly not "over the hill!" This lively group meets the **2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM** at the LRC, for a supportive discussion of topics of interest to the "38 & Upwards" crowd. At our recent discussion of the herstory of Dallas lesbians, we shared many interesting stories of "coming out" at a time when the social climate was even more repressive than it is today. In discussions stimulated by the recent Lesbian Health Fair, we enjoyed sharing our views on lesbian health issues.

"38 & Upwards" has a social gathering the 4th Tuesday of each month that is often held at the LRC and sometimes at other locations as decided at the 2nd Tuesday meeting.

It's always a pleasure having the continuity of seeing the same womyn each month and hearing from the new ones who join us. If you're 38 and upwards, do not hesitate to join us for the 2nd Tuesday supportive discussion and the 4th Tuesday social.

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Registration Fee:
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* Attend 6 courses and receive a W for WU T-Shirt.

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August 29 - October 9, 1993

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| Sept 5 10:30am Women's Lodge (Recovery and Support) 1:00pm -5 Librarian's Open House 2:00pm Writers' Group 2:00pm Library Committee | Sept 6 Labor Day | Sept 7 7:15pm LRC Board Meeting | Sept 8 | Sept 9 ● LQ 7:00pm Women's Lodge (Recovery and Support) | Sept 10 7:30pm Friday Night Dinners | Sept 11 11:00am -1 Womyn for Womyn University 3:00pm -5:00 Under 30's 7:00pm Umoja Hermanas |
| Sept 12 10:30am Women's Lodge (Recovery and Support) 1:00pm -5 Librarian's Open House | Sept 13 | Sept 14 5:30pm Domestic Violence Task force 7:30pm Over 38's Group | Sept 15 ● NM 7:30pm Tuesday Night Discussion Group | Sept 16 Rosh Hashanah 7:00pm Women's Lodge (Recovery and Support) | Sept 17 6:00pm Newsletter Mailing 6:30pm Membership Committee 7:30pm Friday Night Dinners | Sept 18 11:00am -1 Womyn for Womyn University 3:00pm -5:00 Under 30's 3:00pm Recycling Party by Under 30's Group 7:30pm LRC Fun and Games Night |
| Sept 19 10:30am Women's Lodge (Recovery and Support) 1:00pm -5 Librarian's Open House 2:00pm Writers' Group 5:00pm Womyn of Color Poetry and Short Story Session | Sept 20 | Sept 21 7:00pm -9:00 Womyn Overcoming Racism | Sept 22 ● FQ Autumn begins 8:00pm NLP Orientation | Sept 23 7:00pm Women's Lodge (Recovery and Support) | Sept 24 7:30pm Friday Night Dinners | Sept 25 Yom Kippur 11:00am -1 Womyn for Womyn University 3:00pm -5:00 Under 30's |
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