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IN HONOR OF CRAIG WASHINGTON

Rare is the politician who is not only right on all the issues but is out front on these issues as well. The Houston feminist community has a number of friendly elected officials, locally and in Austin, who can be counted on for a needed vote if the issue is not too controversial. But elected officials whose personal priorities and professional concerns are so inclusive that feminist, lesbian/gay, and other progressive issues are an integral part of their legislative agenda are not so common.

The Houston feminist and lesbian communities know too well what the politics of expediency can mean: every city official deserted lesbian issues after the referendum. When political expediency outweighs moral integrity the issue of human rights for lesbians and feminists are endangered.

During this period of right wing revival and AIDS explosion expediency takes on an extremely sinister threat. From homophobic activities in Austin that literally can cause lives to Supreme Court decisions that would force us back into closets or into back alley abortion clinics, the climate for acceptance of progressive issues is cool indeed.

Thus having a supporter like Senator Craig Washington is especially important. Ever since he entered public service, Senator Washington has been that exceptional friend. As a freshman state Representative in 1973, Craig attempted to repeal Sec. 21.06 of the penal code, which criminalizes lesbian/Gay people.

Battled for passage of meaningful affirmative action programs able to meet criteria recently set out by the U.S. Supreme Court. Sought greater participation by minority and women-owned firms in state contracts and purchasing programs.

Battled the rise of hate and Neo-Nazi-related violence in our state by sponsoring "hate crimes" bill to increase penalties for violent crimes motivated by a factor such as the victim's race, sex, religion or sexual orientation. Senate sponsor of the successful bill that increased penalties for vandalizing a place of worship or a community center.

Worked to pass a bill that added Sexual Harassment to the list of offenses covered by our state's Official Oppression law.

Negotiated compromise with representatives of the life and health insurance industry as Senate sponsor of HB 2608, which embodied many of the Task Force's insurance-related recommendations. In addition to regulating HIV testing by insurance companies, it requires the State Board of insurance to collect statistics.

Served as Senate sponsor of HB 976, which amended our state's real estate licensing laws to clarify a realtor's obligation to disclose whether a current or previous occupant of real property had or has AIDS or an HIV-related condition.

Passed three bills of particular import to our state's citizens who are deaf or hearing-impaired.

Fought to preserve the civil rights and civil liberties and to ensure greater participation in state government by women and minorities.

At a time when many present activists were still in the closet, Senator Washington's initiative was truly courageous...with little political pay off. This action prefaced a decade and half of commitment that has been as unrelenting as it has been unselfish. Truly the conscience of Texas, he has received every conceivable award and recognition from groups as diverse as the Anti-Defamation League to the Texas Women's Political Caucus, the Texas Human Rights Foundation to the Legislative Black Caucus.

Specifically: followed upon the efforts of the Legislative Task Force on AIDS by sponsoring or co-sponsoring more than a dozen bills dealing with various aspects of our state's fight against the HIV epidemic.

Fought to preserve a woman's right to control her own body. Filed an amicus brief with the U.S. Supreme Court in support of preserving the original decision in Roe v. Wade. Sought passage of legislation that would increase penalties for illegal trespass at health care facilities such as family planning and abortion clinics.

In the course of considering gubernatorial appointees to state boards and commissions, repeatedly sought the appointment of more minorities and women.

Pushed for the adoption of single-member judicial districts in an effort to ensure equal representation for minority voters and to bring about more responsive government.

In the past year alone Craig has done more for progressive issues in general and issues of particular interest to the feminist and lesbian communities than probably any other legislator in our state.

Worked with Amnesty International, and other groups to oppose a host of bills that would have expanded the list of capital crimes in Texas.

Senator Washington was the first recipient of the Houston Gay/Lesbian Political Caucus' first Bayard Rustin Award for Civil Rights in 1988 and will receive the Texas Human Rights Foundation's Legislator of the year award for 1989. In addition he has been chosen as this year's speaker for the Human Rights Campaign Fund Dinner in Dallas.

Too rarely do we have an opportunity to show our appreciation for someone like the Senator. On Thursday September 7, the Texas Human Rights Foundation will host an appreciation reception for Senator Washington at Treebeard's Restaurant (315 Travis on Old Market Square). A \$15 donation is requested, but no one will be turned away due to inability to pay.

Join the prestigious host committee and show Craig that we appreciate his long time support and friendship. The host committee itself is an indication of Craig's prestige with nearly 75 local personalities including Diana Hobby, Rev. Chris Steele, Billie Carr, Marion Coleman, Ray Hill, Barbara Goldfield, Deborah Bell, Linda Morales, JoAnn Evansgardner and Sissy Farenthold.

The evening includes food, art, "flags and special action", and feminist music! Take the time to say thank you!

KPFT MARATHON DRIVES INTO THE '90s

Jean Palmquist is leaving her position of General Manager at KPFT after 8 years. Jean brought her strong commitment to feminism with her when she began her job at KPFT. In fact, her feminist activism led her to her involvement in community radio to begin with. Speaking at the appreciation dinner in her honor recently, Jean expressed the mission of KPFT as being one working for positive social change and serving as a vehicle for that. Jean is leaving many friends here in Houston and will be missed while she pursues her advanced degree in communications at Ohio State. We wish her a lot of luck. Acting as interim General Manager is a longtime Feminist activist, Mary Helen Merzbacher, who will follow the course Jean has set with the same dedication.

Tuesday, September 5 begins the marathon fundraising for our favorite local public radio station. KPFT, 90.1fm is financed by the support of its listeners. Programming is diverse and includes foreign language, public affairs & alternative talk shows. Since the station operates "commercial-free" your support is needed.

Several of the shows are of special interest to Feminists and to the Lesbian community. This is a great time to tune in and you are invited to volunteer to answer phones to take the called in pledges from other listeners. Invite your friends to call with their donation while you are staffing the phones. It is a kick.

Please show your support for the station during this time. If you are not currently a listener, tune in now and hear what you've been missing.

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAYS

After Hours, discussion about Gay and Lesbian community, 2:00 AM to 4:00 AM, KPFT 90.1 FM.

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

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

The Women's Support Group, woman affected with AIDS, meets at Bering Memorial United Church, 1440 Harold, call 526-1017 for more information.

Wilde 'n' Stein Radio, discussion about Gay and Lesbian community, 10:00 PM, KPFT 90.1 FM.

WEDNESDAY

Houston Greens, a group interested in working locally to address global issues such as environment, hunger, nonviolence, racism and feminism, meets at different locations, call 524-3228 for more info.

THURSDAYS

Gay Fathers of Houston have formed a support group that will include mothers as well as fathers in the gay community. The group will meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday. For more information call 861-6495.

Recovery Experience Group is a new program for those who want to stay on the wagon, giving up booze and drugs. This is for anyone currently on a 12-step program. For more information call the Montrose Counseling Center. Call 529-0037 for more information.

Houston Greens, the Gay and Lesbian Spirituality sub-group, a group interested in working locally to address global issues such as environment, hunger, nonviolence, racism and feminism, meets at different locations, call 524-3228 for more info.

FRIDAYS

Breakthrough, Womyn's Music, 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM, KPFT 90.1 FM

Dateline Earth, 4:00 PM, news program on KPFT 90.1 FM includes a series on AIDS.

SATURDAYS

Women for Sobriety, Lesbian/Bisexual Women with drinking problems. Meets 10:00 AM at the Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett, Suite 201-A. Contact Pat Bernstein or Terry Spears at 460-9208.

Youth Concerned with Lesbian and Gay Issues, 7:30 PM at First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin.

3 SUNDAY

The Women's Group, 10:00 AM at First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin. No scheduled speaker due to the Labor Day Holiday.

5 TUESDAY

KPFT's Drive into the 90's, beginning of fundraiser. Help support the radio station that provides a variety of programs of interest of gay, lesbian and all people of the greater Houston area.

6 WEDNESDAY

Women's Therapy Group with special emphasis on Spirituality, 6:30 PM lead by Karen Hanson, CSW, ACP 364-3843.

Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus meeting special election for board member, also the beginning of voter registration month, at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray, 7:30 PM, Call 521-1000 for more information.

7 THURSDAY

Gay/Lesbian Parents Support Group meets various locations, call 666-1616 for more information.

ACT UP (AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power) Houston, general meeting concerning the AIDS crisis and the ways to educate the community, at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray, 7:00 PM.

Senator Craig Washington honored at an appreciation reception at Treebeard's Restaurant, 315 Travis, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, proceeds go to Texas Human Rights Foundation. Senator Washington has consistently fought for our rights, including attempts to repeal Sec. 21.06. During the last session he authored the senate's progressive AIDS legislation, sponsored the proposed Hate Crimes Bill and AIDS Discrimination Bill and fought for a number of human and First Amendment rights causes. For more information call Joel Martinez at 526-7021.

8 FRIDAY

Lucia's Garden presents **Kay Gardner**, internationally known musician and teacher for music and healing, a two hour introductory session on music, color and chakra, also including Heartsong 5200 Montrose, 7:30 PM, \$20.00. For more information call 523-6494.

9 SATURDAY

Lucia's Garden presents **Kay Gardner**, internationally known musician and teacher for music and healing, a fire hour intensive with lunch break, a leaning of how to sing healing sounds and special melodies invented by ancient women, and still powerful for today's women, 5200 Montrose, 10:00 AM, \$65.00. For more information call 523-6494.

Kay Gardner with Heartsong in concert, 8:00 PM, Hamman Hall, Rice University, call Lucia's Garden 523-6494 for more information.

10 SUNDAY

The Women's Group, 10:00 AM at First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin. Recovery from Incest, recovery is more than survival. This talk will concentrate on the ingredients needed for full recovery happiness, self-respect and serenity. Karen Hanson, CSW-ACP is a clinical social worker and feminist lesbian therapist in private practice. She has worked in the women's community in Houston for many years, and was formerly Director of the Women's Program at the Montrose Counseling Center. She is also a poet and author of a book of poems, *Spine*.

The Women's Reading Group meets 4:00 PM. *Lesbian Ethics*, by Sara Lucia Holgans, at Bernadette's. For information call Kathy 664-7438 or Cicely 522-9837.

OWL (Older Women's League), meets call 292-8844 for more information.

11 MONDAY

Houston Area Women's Center Volunteer Orientation, 6:00 PM, Call Brenda Foote at 528-6798 for more information.

HAGLES (Houston Area Gay/Lesbian Engineers and Scientists), call Carl at 664-6459 for more information.

12 TUESDAY

Wilde n' Stein Radio, discussion about Gay and Lesbian community, 10:00 PM, KPFT 90.1 FM. Special 90 minute edition for marathon featuring Angela Passaretti, Woman's Program Coordinator for the Montrose Counseling Center, discussing the women's programs.

13 WEDNESDAY

Looking Back: Our Local Foremothers Share Their Stories, our elder sisters of LOAF (Lesbians Over Age Fifty), will share their herstories as pioneer lesbians in Houston and elsewhere. Join us for a rich evening of local Lesbian-lore and personal commentary. Women's Network, Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett, 2nd floor, 7:00 PM, call 529-0037 for more information.

Gay/Lesbian Political Caucus Board meeting at 900 Lovett, 7:30 PM call 521-1000 for more information.

Women in Medicine and the Healing Arts, will meet for an informal dinner/discussion at Hungry International Restaurant, on Rice Blvd. Call 861-4552 for more information.

Women's Political Caucus, meets 7:15 PM, Houston Water Authority, call 665-2236 for more information.

16 SATURDAY

The Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus sponsors a food drive for **Stone Soup** in the memory of Mickey Leland, at Mary's, 1022 Westheimer, 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Call 521-1000 for more information.

Womtnspace Presents: **The Debutante Ball**, a chance to come out in style, see cover for more information.



17 SUNDAY

The Women's Group, 10:00 AM at First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin. Dr. Karen Stout Ph.D. of the University of Houston Psychology School of Social Work will speak in "Intimate Femicide."

LOAF (Lesbians Over Age 50) meets at Autry House, 6265 South Main, 2:00 PM. LOAF is a social network group for Lesbians age 50 & over. For more information call 661-1428.

20 WEDNESDAY

Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus meeting, at Viscount/Travel Lodge, 2828 SouthWest Freeway, between Kirby and Buffalo Speedway, 7:30 PM, Call 521-1000 for more information. Special meeting to endorse candidates in Houston City Election.

21 THURSDAY

The Women's Forum, a networking group for business and professional women, 5:30 PM, with supper for \$5.00. For more information call 790-1234 ext. 5911 for more information.

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Gay/Lesbian Parents Support Group meets various locations, call 666-1616 for more information.

22 FRIDAY

Deadline for September **Montrose Activity Center Newsletter**, call 529-1223 for more information.

LGRL (Lesbian Gay Rights Lobby), board meeting in Dallas, 12 Noon, location to be announced.

23 SATURDAY

LGRL (Lesbian Gay Rights Lobby), Board meeting, 12 Noon, Dallas, location TBA

24 SUNDAY

The Women's Group 10:00 AM at First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin. A Mental Health Association representative will show a video depicting adults confronted with children disclosing their abusive experiences; followed by group discussion on how we would respond if confronted by these situations ourselves.

Womynspace meets 12 Noon for scrumptious potluck brunch (bring something delicious to share), stimulating conversation (the latest gossip) and sisterhood, showing "The Best of Gilda Radner", Inklings Bookshop, 1846 Richmond, upstairs, call Deborah 521-0780 for more information.

27 WEDNESDAY

Lesbian Elder Care, what questions arise as we consider the needs of our aging sisters today, as well as meeting the needs of our community in general? Issues for caregivers as well as those of elderly women will be addressed by a panel of women who work professionally with the elderly. Women's Network, Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett, 2nd floor, 7:00 PM, call 529-0037 for more information.

Lesbian/Gay Pride Week 1990, meeting at Dignity Center, 3217 Fannin, 7:00 PM for more information call 523-2575.

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28 THURSDAY

Women's Fund for Research and Education, a non-profit organization dedicated to women's health, presents author/counselor John Brandshaw as speaker for it's 7th annual benefit luncheon. This year's event will honor Houstonian Terrylin Gregory Neale (executive director of the Wortham Theater Foundation and president of the U. of H. Foundation), 11:30 AM, Westin Galleria Hotel. Contact the Women's Fund office for further information 880-6700.

OCTOBER 7

The Woman's Group, presents **Sonia Johnson**, feminist visionary and author, First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin, 8:00 PM.

OCTOBER 5-9

The eighth annual conference of **The International Association of Lesbian & Gay Pride Coordinators**, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, contact Jack Valinski, 529-1223 for more information.

OCTOBER 15

From All Walks of LIFE will be sponsored by the AIDS Foundation, the ten kilometer Walkathon will benefit AIDS service providers, education providers and agencies involved in the fight against AIDS, call 623-6796 for more information

Other Faces of AIDS, shows the impact of AIDS on minority communities in the U.S., a comprehensive program narrated by ABC's medical correspondent George Strait, 4:00 PM, KUHT Channel 8.

NOVEMBER 10-12

Creating Change, a national conference for Gay and Lesbian organizing and skill building, sponsored by National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Holiday Inn, Bethesda, MD, for more information, 202-332-6483.

NOVEMBER 12

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528-6798

Houston Gay/Lesbian Political Caucus (HGLPC): 521-1000

Houston Area NOW (National Organization for Women): 522-6673

Lambda Center (AA Groups):
521-9772

Lesbians Over Age Fifty (LOAF):
661-1482

Montrose Activity Center (MAC):
529-1223

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529-0037

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522-1014

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Women's Group at The First Unitarian Church - 5210 Fannin:
723-4237 or 522-9113.

Women's Reading Group:
589-0005 or 522-9837

WOMYNSPACE: 880-9517

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

RESPONSE TO "A Personal View"

My compliments go to the "Wand" for publishing an article by Margarita expressing her "Personal View" on abortion in the August issue. Margarita's article provided a thoughtful counterpoint to the other articles in that largely pro-choice issue of the "Wand". She pointed out the difficulty of the decision that women have to face in having an abortion and challenged us to explore and support efforts to find alternative ways to prevent unwanted pregnancies.

I was particularly moved by the article because Margarita, a friend whom I've grown to love, relayed that her mother, who was not married at the time Margarita was conceived, had faced the choice of having an abortion and had decided not to do so. I feel grateful that her mother made the choice she did.

Women should be free to choose -- to say no to the system of patriarchy that promotes and creates ever more sophisticated technologies of war and death; to say no to individual men who seek to dominate individual women's bodies and rule their lives; and to say yes to ways to nurture and celebrate and sustain and cherish the lives of women and their power to give and sustain life. "Pro-choice" should enable women many choices -- not simply one choice.

A Friend

Another Response:

The article by Margarita was presented as a personal viewpoint. I did not see it as a counterpoint to a "pro-choice" stance. It gave insightful thought to some of the complexities of our society. All Pro-choice people I know favor education and birth-control first and an abortion only when it is the only option left to continuing an unwanted pregnancy. Many of us would not have abortions ourselves, but we as feminists have to support the choices women make, and if abortion is illegal, women's choices are limited. "Pro-choice" does enable women many choices. It has never advocated only one choice. These choices include proper prenatal care, birthing choices, access to safe, readily available birth control, education, and family planning issues and a whole range of other reproductive rights.

The choice we are talking about is having men have control of our lives by making laws regarding our most private, personal decisions - abortion being illegal - or women having the personal integrity to make choices for themselves and having the legal option to do so - medically safe abortion.

Deborah Bell

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**WOMEN'S NETWORK SALUTES
OUR LESBIAN FOREMOTHERS**
by Angela Passaretti, MSW-CSW,
Women's Program Coordinator

The Montrose Counseling Center Women's Network is proud to honor our local Lesbian foremothers during the month of September. On September 14, LOAF, or Lesbians Over Age Fifty, will share their herstories with us as pioneer Lesbians in Houston and elsewhere. Judging by my brief encounter with some of the women from LOAF, I look forward to an evening rich with local Lesbian-lore and personal commentary, both touching and humorous.

On September 27, we will present a discussion of issues related to Lesbian Elder Care, which will be led by a panel of women who specialize in working the elderly. To date, Kate Nauman and Bonnie Kell will be members of the panel, with possible additions. Issues discussed will be of interest to our elder sisters as well as to those of us who are, or will be caregivers.

REGARDING SUBMISSIONS TO THE WAND

Groups may send us notice of their regular meetings and special events by the 10th of the month for the next month's issue. Use of any submitted material is at the discretion of the Newsletter committee. We are glad to network with other groups that work for social change and share a perspective in line with the feminist concept of WOMYNSPACE

These topics, as well as many others, were generated by the participants in the August 9 brainstorming session. The group consisted of women who had attended Women's Network in her infancy, some who have attended recently and some who were new Houston and hadn't yet participated. Women from LOAF, WOMYNSPACE, and Women's Group were present, which enabled us to discuss the role of the Network in relation with these other groups. We exchanged ideas about topics and format, and openly shared feelings about how network meetings can become more enriching.

Participants strongly expressed the desire for ample time at each meeting for networking and social interaction. Also expressed was the opinion that small group discussions of earlier years were extremely valuable in providing a time for women to establish a connection with at least a few numbers of the group before leaving for the evening.

Throughout the meeting, various ideas came forth, such as performing rituals, creating a Lesbian Services Directory, group participation in athletic events, fundraisers to support Lesbian mothers and their children, addressing issues of elderly Lesbians and Lesbians of Color, and the creation of an original banner or mural which would hang in the Network space during every meeting. As these ideas illustrate, the energy in the group was high and the spirit of creativity and connectedness was effervescent. The meeting ended with a lively discussion of back rubs and hugs, which we delightfully partook of as we said our good-byes.

In closing, I would like to thank all those warm and gifted women who so generously shared their energy on August 9. And to all women who are reading this, please become a part of Women's Network, every 2nd and 4th Wednesday, at 900 Lovett, on the 2nd floor, in the "Round Room". With a shared vision and a collective effort, we will surpass our fondest dreams... and have a great time doing it!

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

I DREAM A WORLD

I Dream A World, a beautiful work of photography focuses on the lives of 75 black women. Compiled over 2 years by Brian Lanker, a big, burly, bearded sort of fellow who says the work is the result of his growing awareness of the vast contribution black women have made to this country and society, one that seems to have gone largely unnoticed. Women who have dreamed of a world not only better for themselves but for generations to come, where character and ability matter, not color or gender. As they dreamed that world, they acted on those dreams, and they changed America.

The book features Barbara Jordan, Alice Walker, Wilma Rudolph, Faye Wattleton, and Maya Angelou (who writes the forward to the book) to name a few. In researching the project, Brian found that "some of the women I knew to be notable had little representation. You soon realize who wrote the history books. It wasn't women." Brian proves himself an exceptional male in the creation of this work. A contribution which will make sure these women are given the recognition they deserve.

2 NICE GIRLS

2 NICE GIRLS is a group of four marvelous young women. They are an Austin based band that sing unabashingly and proudly of Lesbian love (and sometimes woe). They appeared recently in Houston for two nights at the Washington Street Show Bar. Lead by Gretchen Phillips, a Houston High School for the Performing and Visual Arts graduate. Their trademark song "I Spent My Last Ten Bucks" (on birth control and beer) brought down the house. These women provided a number of delightful original numbers, skillfully played and performed and full of politically correctness and incorrectness alike. I was particularly fond of "Lover as Superheroine" (dedicated to Shera, Princess of Power) and "Just Looking Out". Then this dynamic quartet proved they could really rock n' roll with "Purple Haze" as an encore number.

Gretchen, you and the other "girls" need to come back soon.

FINANCIAL REPORT - JULY 89

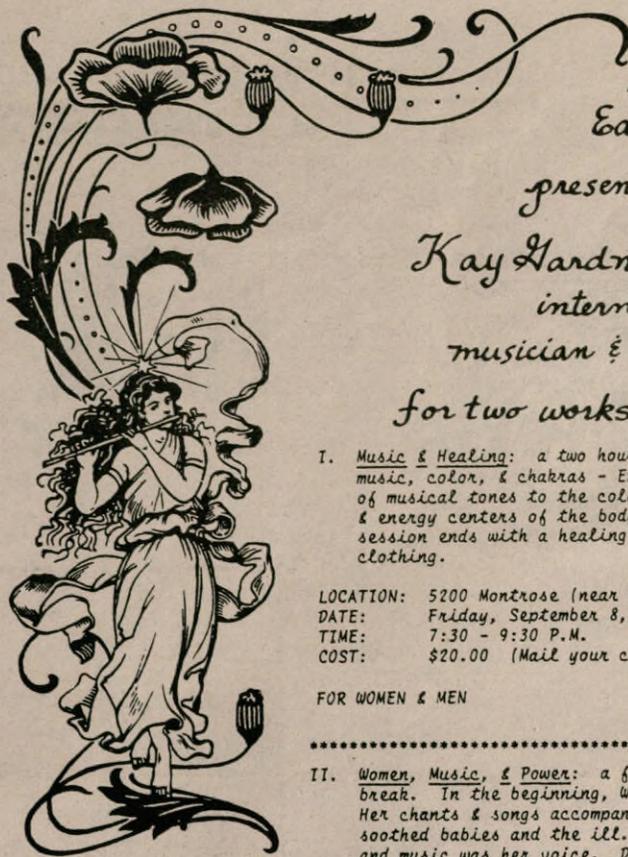
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WAND Ads	- \$ 497.50
Membership	- 75.00
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WOMEN IN THEATRE

This year's theater season provided a number of woman-identified plays. STAGES gave us, Maryanne Pendino in her "One Woman: A Million Laughs" and the true life portrayal of the life of Annie Mae Hunt in "I Am Annie Mae" featuring an outstanding female cast (males appeared in minor roles only). "Steel Magnolias" which played at the Alley in an extended run, contains a woman-only cast. While written by a man, the connectedness of women, as friends and family is captured perfectly. STAGES also did "Beehive" an all musical review of the girl groups of the sixties, bringing back many great memories. Someone told me that the songs were the best memories of those years. Once again this is an all female cast.

COMING OUT IN STYLE

The 1989 Debutante Ball will be held September 16 at Autry House, 6265 S. Main. Traditionally a Debutante Ball is when a young woman makes her entry into society or "Comes Out." We've taking this play on words for us to have annual party where we come out in our finery for a special evening. Many have described this as the "prom" we wished we had. So naturally we have to have a theme and this year it is "Night Rainbows and Starlight Dreams." There will be a full moon, beautiful women in a rainbow of attire, refreshments, a raffle and other excitement planned. Please join us; it promises to be a magical evening.

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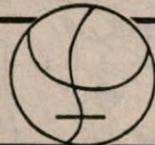
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