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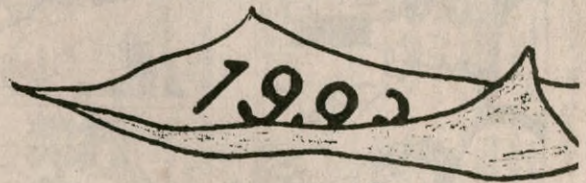
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ON THE WINDS OF TIME

The WAND staff wishes everyone a peaceful, prosperous and joyous New Year! Blessed Be

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Real Live Womyn NO MEETING (see next Saturday)

Ongoing Events

SUNDAY
Women's Group, 10am, First Unitarian Church, 5200 Fannin, Sojourner Truth room upstairs.

TUESDAY
FRIENDS, LOVERS, and SIGNIFICANT OTHERS of people with HIV, Montrose Counseling Center, 701 Richmond, 7:30-9p.m. Donation. Info: 529-0037.
Women's support group for Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and Chronic Epstein-Barr virus. Every Tuesday evening. No fee. Info: 524-1874

WEDNESDAY
FAMILY OF ORIGIN IN SOBRIETY for Lesbians and Gays. Explore your family's role in your use and recovery. Montrose Counseling Center, 701 Richmond, 6-7:30p.m. Sliding Scale. Info: 529-0037.

THURSDAYS
LESBIAN PARTNERS of SURVIVORS of INCEST. First and third Thursday of month. Montrose Counseling Center, 701 Richmond, 7-8:30p.m. Info: 529-0037.
Lesbian/Bi-sexual Support Group-A New Way. open to all women. Let's explore the myths, fears and misinformation that keeps us from having the closely connected relationships we want. Meets every Thursday 7-9pm. For info, call 784-6511.
Lesbian Therapy Group, Therapist: Evelyn Virnau CADAC / LCDC. New Start Counseling Services, 3935 Westheimer, Suite 301. For privacy and information, call 713-260-2599.

FRIDAY
Gay & Lesbian Voices 6-8pm KPFT 90.1 FM

SATURDAY
WOMEN'S THERAPY GROUP for Lesbians and Bisexuals to support each other and grow. Montrose Counseling Center, 701 Richmond, 10:30a.m.-noon. Sliding scale. Info: 529-0037.

1 SATURDAY

Real Live Women will NOT meet today. Meeting will be January 8.

2 SUNDAY

The Women's Group*, No scheduled speaker. The group will meet for brunch and go to a movie. The Women's Group meets at 10am in the Sojourner Truth room (upstairs), First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin. For more info, call Iris 529-8571 or Janet 942-7717.

3 MONDAY

4 TUESDAY

Roller Skating 7:30-10:30pm, \$5 includes skates; closed to the general public. New location at Hobby Skate World, 6804 Easthaven, 2 blks East I-45 & Monroe). First, third and fifth Tuesdays sponsored by Lambda Rollerskating Club, 862-4875 or 933-5818. Club also has weekly Outdoor Skates & Roller Hockey games.

5 WEDNESDAY

Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus general meeting first Wednesdays at 7:30pm. For more information, call 521-1000.

Gay Lesbian Hispanic Unidos (GLHU) regular monthly meeting, 7:30pm. Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray, 270-GLHU.

6 THURSDAY

The Lesbian Health Initiative (LHI) will hold its first monthly meeting of 1994 at Inklings Bookshop at 7:30p.m. LHI is working to improve the health of lesbians in the Houston area. For more information, call Becky at 469-9665.

Support Group for Lesbian Partners of Survivors of Incest. 7pm Montrose Counseling Center 529-0037, will meet through 1st and 3rd Thursdays during the summer. Survivor skills learned during times of trauma can contribute to relationship difficulties long after the abuse is over. For those who love these women, the issues may be quite challenging at times. This support group can provide an environment of affirmation, understanding of interactions and reactions, and discovery of personal power in a loving relationship.

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Lesbian Therapy Group, Therapist: Evelyn Virnau CADAC / LCDC. Explores issues of addiction, relationship, coming out, sexual encounter, family issues, flirting and many others. New Start Counseling Services, 3935 Westheimer, Suite 301. For privacy and information, call 713-260-2599.

7 FRIDAY

8 SATURDAY

Real Live Womyn meets on the first Saturday of the month (postponed till the second Saturday for New Year's Day). 12:00 to 2:00pm at Inklings Bookshop, 1846 Richmond. Coming out is a p-r-o-c-e-s-s. And its fun too! Come find out what lesbian life is about without that closet. For more info, call Jeraine at 869-3358.

Chain Gang Bicycling Club - Info 522-4481 or 863-1860. Have rides every Saturday and Sunday. Divisions: Easy Riders (Montrose area rides), Chainsmokers (faster/longer rides), Rough Riders (off-road).

After Hours - Gay & Lesbian Late Nite Radio, Saturdays midnight to 3:00am. KPFT 90.1 FM

9 SUNDAY

The Women's Group*, Bruncha Milezewski, Career Counselor will be the speaker.

The Women's Group meets at 10am in the Sojourner Truth room (upstairs), First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin. For more info, call Iris 529-8571 or Janet 942-7717.

11 TUESDAY

New Group - Lesbians on the Go (LOG) will have it's second meeting at Inklings Bookshop, 1846 Richmond from 6:00 to 7:00pm. A social group for lesbians who occasionally go to politically incorrect

movies. For info, call Sue at 664-9215.

Women's support group for Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and Chronic Epstein-Barr virus. Every Tuesday evening. No fee. Info: 524-1874/
Gay/Bi-sexual Support Group-A New Way. Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month from 7-9pm. For info, call 784-6511.

New Start Lesbian Therapy Group - Evelyn Virnau. See entry for Thursday, Jan 6.

12 WEDNESDAY

Women's Network*, LESBIAN HEALTH ISSUES. Join us tonight in hearing a panel from the Lesbian Health Initiative group talk about health issues which affect lesbians. Some of the topics to be addressed will be: increased risk of breast cancer, alcohol and drug abuse, spinal health, depression and suicide and preventative care. The Women's Network meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at the Montrose Counseling Center, 701 Richmond, 7:00-9pm. FMI, call 529-0037.

Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus board meeting second Wednesdays at 7:30pm. For more information, call 521-1000.

13 THURSDAY

Ice Skating with Montrose Ice Picks at the Galleria Ice Rink at 5015 Westheimer from 8 to 10pm (\$5 plus \$2 for skates) every second Thursday. Rink also open to the general public. Skaters urged to wear gay/lesbian organization, business or Pride T-shirts. For info call 523-6381.

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14 FRIDAY

15 SATURDAY

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16 SUNDAY

The Women's Group*, A Panel of African American Women will define issues; this Sunday is the anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday. The Women's Group meets at 10am in the Sojourner Truth room (upstairs), First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin. For more info, call Iris 529-8571 or Janet 942-7717.

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Lesbian/Gay Pride Week - General Meeting on the third Tuesday each month, 7pm at the Multi-purpose Center, 1475 W. Gray. For info, call 529-6979.

19 WEDNESDAY

Women with Life Challenging Illnesses meets on the third Wednesday of the month, 7:00-8:30p.m. For information, call Marion at 667-8735 or Leila at 728-1914.

20 THURSDAY

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21 FRIDAY

LIB (Lesbians in Business), a women's empowerment group, 6:00-8:30pm For info, call 529-0077. The meeting is \$3 for members (\$10 annual membership), and \$5 for non-members. Innova at 20 Greenway Plaza. Directions from Montrose Area: Southbound on the Southwest Freeway, exit Summit and follow the feeder to Cummins St. Innova is located on Cummins between Portsmouth St. and Norfolk (also between Richmond and I-59).

22 SATURDAY

After Hours - Gay & Lesbian Late Nite Radio, Saturdays midnight to 3:00am. KPFT 90.1 FM

23 SUNDAY

The Women's Group*, Dr. Sandra Scurria, MD., Board Certified Family Practitioner will discuss women's health and health initiatives. The Women's Group meets at 10am in the Sojourner Truth room (upstairs), First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin. For more info, call Iris 529-8571 or Janet 942-7717.

Mother's Web Monthly Pot Luck Lunch / Picnic / BBQ 1-4 P.M. at Russ Pittman Park in Bellaire, exit 610 at Evergreen and go 2 blocks east (inside the loop) to the corner of Evergreen and Newcastle. Non-mothers can network with feminist mothers & their kids on the third Sunday each month at the park. FMI, call Nancy at 869-6689.

Lesbians Over Age Fifty (LOAF) meets the third Sunday of each month, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., now at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray. The mailing address is still P.O.B. 980601 Houston, Tx. 77098. For more info, call 661-1482.

L.I.S.A. - Lesbian Incest Survivors is open to any self-identified lesbian whoklings Bookshop's meeting room, 1846 Richmond 4-5pm.

24 MONDAY

The Agora, dedicated to presenting positive media portrayals of lesbians and gay men, meets at 7:30p.m. at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 W. Gray. The organization, which produces Out! in Houston on the Cable Access Channel, meets the fourth Monday of every month. For more information, call 522-9837.

26 WEDNESDAY

Women's Network*, WOMEN AND FOOD. Carol Marashi, author of the book "Sensual Eating: will speak about women and food. Carol is a registered dietician with a master's degree in psychology. She has specialized in eating disorders for the past nine years. The Women's Network meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at the Montrose Counseling Center, 701 Richmond, 7:00-9pm. FMI, call 529-0037.

Houston Outdoor Group (HOG) monthly business meeting & mailout party for the HOG newsletter are held the 4th Wednesday each month at 7:30pm. Call Don at 522-7809 for meeting info. All members are invited to attend. HOG is a social group for Gay men and Lesbians who enjoy the outdoors. Call the HOG hotline (KAMPOUT) for info and free trial newsletter.

27 THURSDAY

Lesbian/Bi-sexual Therapy Group - A New Way See entry for Thursday, Jan 6.

New Start Lesbian Therapy Group - Evelyn Virnau. See entry for Thursday, Jan 6.

28 FRIDAY

Charlie King, progressive folksinger will be in concert. For more information, call Nancy at 661-9737.

29 SUNDAY

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30 SUNDAY

The Women's Group*, Panel to discuss the film, "The Piano". The Women's Group meets at 10am in the Sojourner Truth room (upstairs), First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin. For more info, call Iris 529-8571 or Janet 942-7717.

31 MONDAY

FEBRUARY 9, 1994 - WEDNESDAY

Women's Network, **LOVING FOR THE LONG HAUL -- NOT THE U-HAUL**. Yes, lesbians can create fulfilling long term relationships - and it ain't easy! Join this lively and empowering discussion as Angela Passaretti, LMSW-ACP, shares a "model in progress" for beginning and maintaining relationships which are deeply alive. Angela is a psychotherapist in private practice who is lesbian and has worked with lesbian clients since 1985. The Women's Network meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at the Montrose Counseling Center, 701 Richmond, 7:00-9pm. FMI, call 529-0037.

Saturday, February 12

Dating Workshop presented by Joyce Gayles and Susan Turrel.

Support Group for Women with Life Challenging Illnesses.

This group provides emotional support for women (lesbian, bisexual, or at least lesbian friendly) whose lives are being impacted by health issues; the emphasis is on "life challenging" as opposed to life threatening. A sampling of diseases current members deal with include cancer, leukemia, scleroderma, ulcerative colitis, diabetes, osteoporosis, lupus, chronic fatigue syndrome, and other immune disorders. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month from 7:00-8:30 P.M. Significant others are encouraged to attend. For more information and meeting location, call Leila at 728-1914, or Marian at 667-8735.



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FACILITATORS

Joyce M. Gayles, Ph.D.

Is a Clinical Psychologist and Psychotherapist. She is well known in the Community for her work with life transition and growth issues. She is a frequent speaker to women's groups and a lively Workshop Facilitator.

Susan C. Turell, Ph.D.

Is a Counseling Psychologist who is a Psychotherapist at the Women's Wellness Center. She teaches Women's Studies and Psychology at UH-Clear Lake. Susan has been a active in the Feminist and Lesbian Community for over a decade. Most recently she Chaired the 1993 Texas Lesbian Conference.

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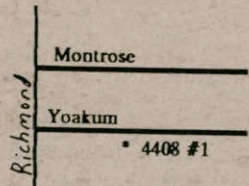
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Saturday, January 29
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Tuesday & Wednesday, February 8 & 9
FROM 6 P.M. to 9 P.M.

Saturday, February 26
FROM 8 A.M. to 3 P.M.

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FROM 6 P.M. to 9 P.M.

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Question: Does your mother know
you're a lesbian?

Answer: Ten years ago I told her I
would not be anybody's dirty little secret! I
am her lesbian daughter!

[Thanks to Blanca B. for this.]

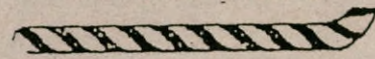


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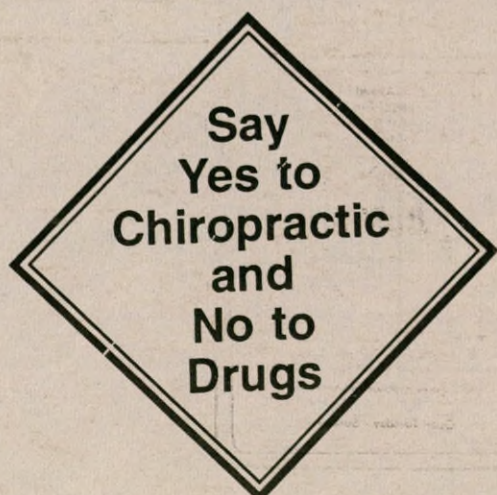
The Value of Group Therapy
 Lee Willis, MA, LPC, RN
 LIFE Program Coordinator

I remember early in my training, a professor saying that "we get sick in groups and that we can get well in groups". Through the years this saying has remained with me and continues to make sense. I got measles and all my colds from associations with family and friends. I even picked up some peculiar ideas and some inappropriate behaviors during my early years.

Being in a group is a powerful concept. We are never far away from participation in groups, especially if we live with someone. In our formative years, we found ourselves being shaped by our family's traditions, values, and beliefs. Institutions, school groups and peers continued to provide arenas for our struggles with identification, power, jealousy, dependency and autonomy. We looked for emotional support and hoped that our group would be tolerant of our differences and personal idiosyncracies. For some of us, the groups did not treat us well. Our personal needs, development and growth had to be put on hold in order to survive in a non-supportive or abusive environment. As adults, we have become aware that interactions in personal relationships with co-workers, family members, or friends may not been as satisfying as we would wish.

In thinking about the "getting well" or curative value of groups, there are several things to consider. Group therapy can provide a safe and controlled atmosphere to work on relationships with people. The practice area is reduced to the group members instead of...the entire world. Especially for women, the small group provides a feeling of cohesion that allows us to experience acceptance, nurturance, hope, a sense of identification, and a knowledge that we are not alone in our struggles. Evidence has shown that therapy for incest, domestic abuse, anxiety, bereavement, depression, identity struggles, are effective in a group setting. Finally, group therapy is regarded as more cost-effective for the client. Sarah Pearlman wrote that "the need to belong or feel a part of a particular group is a deeply human urge. For Lesbians, it has special importance - for a sense of community helps to establish and maintain lesbian identity, gives one a sense of belonging somewhere, and provides the affirmation and acceptance that is missing in the larger culture."

Montrose Counseling Center offers a number of opportunities for women to experience the benefit of working with a group. The Women's Network, Incest Therapy Group, Women's Process Group, and the Partners of Incest Support Group are currently offered. Other groups which can be offered, with enough interest from the community, include a bereavement and a coming-out group. Call the Center at (713) 529-0037 for further information.



The GRAPEVINE

newsletter from *the land*

Sister Spirit Incorporated News

October 11, 1993 Vol.1, #2.

-- May, 73 years ago, spoke these words when she was questioned, Why a poor woman would risk her family's resources to make available a loan for start-up funds for her church. Her vision for her community life's work, example, of faith, priority and Wishing to remain anonymous, lives on in her Lesbian daughter. treated differently by Lesbians in "because this is important." by my work, like everyone else". -- May, 1920 our Sister's (May's daughter's) request.

"because this is important."
 -- May, 1920

"because I do not want to be community. I want to be known Sister Spirit Incorporated respects

Dear Sisters,

The first 60 days of creating Camp Sister Spirit has been very exciting! This is what we've done: Cleared the roadway with cloppers so cars wouldn't get scratched; published the first issue of the Grapevine; repaired our waterlines on the easement in the neighbor's field -- 5ft.x5ft.down with shovels, hunted the capped off waterlines -- took 10 days to find and repair them; 1st waterhose shower established at the 4th pigbarn in the pine tree (nice enough for two); hired the contractor to build the main roads (with bulldozer, five culverts, and 20, 18-wheeler loads of various gravels), repaired the road to the fishing pond, cut a new roadway along the property line and connected it into the old road to the creek which gives us a road that can be used for an emergency vehicle to the creek, scraped a path on the northwest side of the land where the acres for lease will be surveyed, cut RV and tent sites, fire ring and stage areas, drains cut; bushhog work done along roadways and opened old roadways; hired surveyor to establish and mark the property boundaries; put up 2 gates and barb-wired one entrance to the land; broadcast three different types of grass seeds (rye, bahia, and bermuda) along the roadways and covered the areas with hay and fertilizer; built office space, temporary living space and toolroom in the barn; temporary shower built at barn and moved so electrical wiring and phone could be put in; hotwater heater moved to the barn; added commode and another cold water shower; built cooking area in the barn; planted a patch of mustard greens and a patch of collards; picked muscadines.

To build Camp Sister Spirit into an educational and cultural retreat center, we are working on pulling together the resources that are in the womyn's community. Because we do not know who has what in the way of resources or what kinds of resources that are available, we have been talking with Sisters and been trying to figure out how to facilitate this process. Here's what has happend: Brenda and Wanda are on the land five days a week doing Land-Dyke work. The office for Sister Spirit Incorporated remains in Gulfport for the time being. Cheri has moved onto the land full-time as one of the land caregivers and brought with her what we are calling a hardware store. Eva and Hobby brought their camper trailer to the land, set it up and loaned it to us, as temporary living quarters. They also loaned us a bicycle and a microwave oven. Billie donated 108 mattresses and 300 bed sheets. Joyce and Beth donated fencing, brick and other supplies. R.C. and Laura W. hauled the fencing to the land and stacked it so it could dry. Elise and Zooey brought a refrigerator and hammock. Pat rescued a barn cat and gave her to the camp and made jelly out of the foxgrapes. Shirley, Annabelle and Wanda worked on the lease and loan agreement forms. Jody brought her chainsaw and we've just about worn it out.

Construction work is being facilitated by Cheri and the following Sisters worked in various ways on the above projects: Betsy, Billie, Brenda, Elise, Jo, Laura B., Lorna, Luke, Shirley, Wanda and Zooey.

Clearing parts of the land and Roadwork crew consisted of Andi, Billie, Brenda, Cheri, Elise, Judy U., Laura B., Laura W., Lori, Nancy, Pat, Pauline, R.C., Shirley, Sidney, Vanessa, Wanda and Zooey.

Sisters who came to visit and to learn more about the camp were: Ann, Beth, Clay, Dawn, Dorothy, Ellen, Jody, Johnnie, Joyce, Judy G., Louise, Marilyn, Mary, Melissa and Mindy.

Sisters who could, helped with cooking, laundry, cleanup, fire circles, phone calls, errands, words of encouragement and sweet smiles. Many tears have been shed for the realization that we've done it (got the land) and can together we are creating safespace. I hope this account does not leave out anything or anyone's contribution. Please let us know if we did.

MONEY

About the money situation. Along with a grant from the Lesbian Natural Resources, generous Sisters have loaned and donated all that was needed to pay the land off. Some of the donors have requested anonymity. **September 29th we paid-in-full for the land a total of \$60,000.00.** Renovations of the camp is being done from money generated through lease agreements and other loans and donations. If you would like more information regarding the lease agreement, to make loans or donations (money or building supplies), write to: Sister Spirit Incorporated, 1806 Curcor Drive, Gulfport, MS 39507. We must raise \$100,000 to completely build this retreat center. Have you done what you can do, given the resources that you have? Can you support this Lesbian Community Project?

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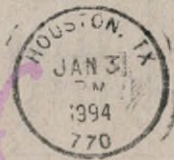
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