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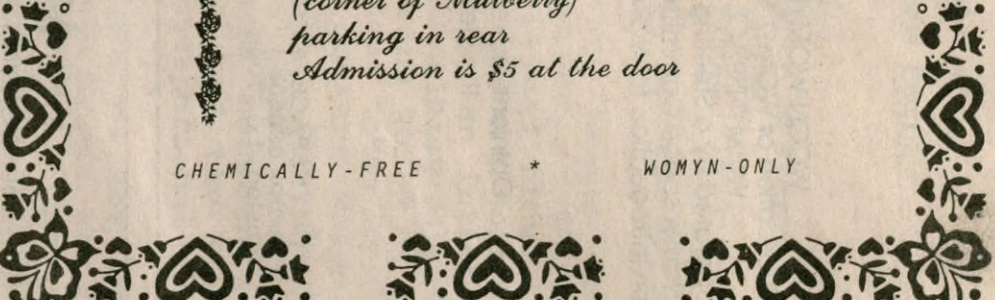
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WCCN-WOMYNSPACE COMMUNITY CALENDAR /NEWSLETTER is a monthly publication of WOMYNSPACE.

WOMYNSPACE is a non-profit organization designed by and for womyn, and operated by a Steering Committee comprised of the Spokeswomyn of each Womynspace Committee, and any and all interested members who have attended an Introduction to WOMYNSPACE.

Opinions expressed in articles printed herein do not necessarily reflect the views of the editors of WCCN or the Womynspace organization as a whole.

SUBMISSIONS TO THE CALENDAR:

WOMYNSPACE, ATTN: DEBORAH BELL
P.O. Box 980601
Houston, Tx. 77098

Submissions are due the 10th of the preceding month for the next issue.

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Your WOMYNSPACE membership entitles you to the following discounts:

- ROSSANN DAUMAS, Myotherapist, 741-4420, 15% discount.
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YES, I want to join WOMYNSPACE and become part of the dream.

I want to be a SUSTAINING MEMBER. Enclosed is my first monthly pledge of \$ ____ (\$5, \$7.50, \$10, or more).

~OR~

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No, I do not wish to become a member at this time, but enclosed is \$15.00 for a subscription to the Community Calendar.

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THE FIRST CHURCH OF FEMINISM
by Barbara Becker

Most everybody in my home town went to church. There were Baptists, Methodists, First Christians, Church of Chrusters, and some Assemblies of Godses. There were also a few Catholics, but on the whole we were a Protestant town. So everybody had somewhere there were supposed to be on Sunday morning. Except me and my brothers. For while my father's family were dedicated Lutherans, my mother was a humanist. Nowadays she would be called a secular humanist.

Some people blamed her lack of interest in church activities on her preference for not awakening until after the noon hour. But while it is true my mother was a night person, I personally believe her reason for not forcing her children to attend services was that she never found a religion she could really believe in. And of course she would have had to contend with getting us all dressed up and presentable, and driving us ten miles into town, and (worse yet) she would have had to make small talk with the other church ladies. So it was easier for her to tell everyone who asked that she was raising us to worship the gods of various American Indian tribes. And as the closest reservation was several hundred miles away, she was having to do this religious training by correspondence course. (Now I know where Jerry Falwell got his idea for LUSLLL: Liberty University School of Life Long Learning.)

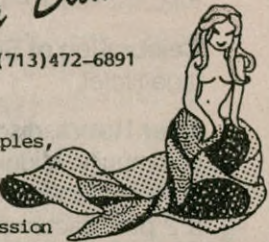
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The only problem with Mom's master plan was that she had a daughter who lacked self-confidence and who thought that if you weren't doing what everybody else was doing the same time they were doing it, then you were a failure. So I spent several frustrating years trying to fit religion into my life. I tried and tried and tried. I huffed and I puffed. But it wouldn't fit. Either secular humanism is hereditary, or I just have problems with blind faith and hypocrisy.

And it's not like I didn't try to find a religion I could live with. I tried Christianity, both Protestant and Catholic. I researched Judaism, and Buddhism, and Hinduism. I read about the Mayas, the Incas, the Navajo, and the Sioux. No luck. I resigned myself to always having a moral void in my life.

Then one day someone called and asked me to attend a NOW meeting. While it didn't happen immediately, one day I realized that the void was gone. I had found my religion. I wasn't a Lutheran, or a Baptist, or a Catholic. I was a Feminist.

Feminism is the philosophy of equality by which I live my life. It is the basis for my value judgments and critical decisions. It is how I think and how I feel. And the church at which I choose to practice my religion is the First Church of Feminism, NOW Congregation.

I tithe to it. I preach about it. I recruit members into it. But I don't get dressed up for it. Moreover, I don't care where everybody else goes on Sunday mornings, except when too many people reserve that time for doing their laundry and all the washers are in use.

ANNOUNCING:

February 24, a Saturday, at 8 p.m. at Norma's on Valverde, Liz and Karen are having A Belated Birthday Party! Cherry Wolf will DJ. Bring yourself and friends -- no other gifts needed.

MOTHERS' SUPPORT WEB

- WHAT: Potluck lunch
- WHEN: 1-3 p.m., first Sundays of month
- WHERE: First Unitarian Church in room used by Women's Group, 2nd floor, 5210 Fannin.
- BRING: Potluck dish, drinks, and toys.
- WHY: A social gathering of mothers/partners and their children together with womyn interested in supporting their needs (childcare, etc.) to find others with common interests, child-rearing philosophies, and locations, so that womyn can spin mutually supportive webs.
- ? Nancy 529-3362



Book Review Corner

SHADOWDANCE
A Womansleuth mystery
by Agnes Bushell
Crossing Press, 1989

Reviewed by Harriet Edwards

If your tastes run more toward mystery and intrigue than hearts and flowers, this is a book you are going to enjoy. Set in an international milieu of feminist activism and the glamorous world of ballet, "Shadowdance" takes us into the world of Johanna Wilder, aka Jana Wilde, aka Jana Vildurkursky, as she unravels the connections between murder, terrorism, and the power and pain of interpersonal relationships.

Johanna Wilder and her partner Ruth Wilson are private investigators based in Portland, Maine, a long, long way from Johanna's roots as the daughter of Russian emigres well launched in a career as a prima ballerina. A plea from a friend plunges Johanna back into her painful past, where her familiarity with the varying threads of this tale lead her to the ultimate solution of this very cleverly plotted mystery.

Along the way we meet stars of the international ballet world, an internationally involved feminist and her entourage on both sides of the ocean, and Johanna/Jana's lifetime of family, friends and colleagues.

The author has a sure touch with the various subplots in this novel and the reader is confident throughout that these seemingly unconnected story lines will be reconciled.

While you might hope for a little more depth of character development and particularly of the romantic entanglements (which are minimal and understated), you will find no lack of excitement, puzzlement, and good writing in this book, and the conclusion is solidly satisfying.

You'll have to be alert to the Russian names, to people who pop up unexplained, and a loose end or two, but that is a small price to pay. You'll applaud the strength and courage with which Jana meets the challenges of her task and the strain of her involvement with her new/old world. She's a worthy heroine and one you'll enjoy reading about.

FEBRUARY

SUNDAYS

LISA, Lesbian Incest Survivors Anonymous meets at Inklings, 1846 Richmond, at 4:00 PM and partners of LISA meet at 3:00 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.

Lesbian Therapy Group, Therapy group addressing relationships and issues surrounding being a lesbian and a woman, Sharon Stone and Associates, 3935 Westheimer, Suite 306, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, call 623-6081 for more information.

TUESDAYS

The **Support Group for Gay and Lesbian Codependents Anonymous**, this is a discussion group for the gay and lesbian community with issues related to codependency. No membership required, 6:30 PM at the Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett, round room, call Sharon J. at 893-0514 for further information.

The **Women's Support Group**, women affected with AIDS, HIV+, or in a relationship with an HIV+ partner meet at Bering Memorial United Church, 1440 Harold, call 526-1017 for more information.

Wilde 'n' Stein Radio, discussion about Gay and Lesbian community, 9:00 PM to 11:00 PM, KPFT 90.1 FM. with Jack Valinski and Deborah Bell.

WEDNESDAYS

Womyn's Music weekly hour of music of women starting at 6:00 PM on KTRU 91.7 FM.

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

Women's Therapy Group with inner child focus. Meets every Wednesday from 7:30-8:45 PM, 1807 Lexington. Facilitated by Joyce Gayles, PHD. For information call 528-4863.

THURSDAYS

Gay/Lesbian Parents Support Group meets various locations, to share what it is like to be a parent, children are welcome. Also for those who are interested in becoming parents, call 666-1616 for more information. The group meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays.

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.

FRIDAYS

Breakthrough, Womyn's Music, 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM, KPFT 90.1 FM with Pokey Anderson and Cherry Wolf.

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

SATURDAYS

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

Shop Elsewhere a campaign asking people to shop other than Randall's because of the company's blatant discriminatory policy in matters concerning AIDS and Gay/Lesbian. (In June of 1985, Mr. Steven Little, a meat cutter at Randall's Store #30, was forced to resign his position because they believed Steve's roommate had AIDS. He did not.) ActUP Houston and the Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus are sponsoring a picket every Saturday until further notice at 12 Noon, park elsewhere and join your brothers and sisters in this fight. South Shepherd and Westheimer. Call 521-1000 for more information.

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

1 THURSDAY

"At Home With Themselves: Gay and Lesbian Couples," a compelling photographic exhibition of lesbian and gay couples in their homes. The work by Sage Sohler will be at the Houston Center for Photography main gallery, 1441 West Alabama through February 4, 1990.

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2 FRIDAY

Gay/Lesbian Switchboard Houston, training session for new volunteers, this 30 hour session will continue this weekend and next weekend, call 529-3211 for more information.

3 SATURDAY

Heart Strings an upbeat two act musical review produced by the Design Industries Foundation for AIDS (DIFFA). The local production is co-sponsored by DIFFA/Houston and Bering Community Service Foundation. The "Evening of Hope for the Healing of AIDS," is designed to educate audiences and inspire investment in our nation's response to AIDS. Tickets are \$25 to \$250 and are available at Ticketron, 526-1709.

Hazelwitch presents, an evening of music and humor with **Jamie Anderson** and **Nancy Scott** in Concert, 8:00 PM, Autrey House, 6265 Main Street, tickets \$6.50 advance and available at Lucia's Garden, 2213 Portsmouth and Inklings, 1846 Richmond and \$8.00 at the door

4 SUNDAY

The Women's Group 10:00 AM at First Unitarian Church Universalist, 5210 Fannin, Karen Baird will speak on Socialist Feminism: what it is, where it has been and where it is going. How does it compare to other strands of feminist thought.

Mothers' Support Web, A social gathering of mothers/partners and their children together with womyn interested in supporting their needs (child-care, ect.) to find others with common interests, childrearing philosophies, and locations, so that womyn can spin mutually supportive webs, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, 2nd floor, First Unitarian Universalist Church, 5210 Fannin, call Nancy at 529-3362 for more information.

6 TUESDAY

Wilde 'n' Stein Radio, discussion about Gay and Lesbian community, 9:00 PM to 11:00 PM, KPFT 90.1 FM. Bart Loeser, Education Coordinator of AIDS Foundation Houston, will give a *safer sex* workshop on radio.

7 WEDNESDAY

Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray, 7:30 PM, Call 521-1000 for more information.

8 THURSDAY

Women taking Charge in The 90's: A free seminar to explore new options for your financial, legal, and emotional well-being. 7:00 to 9:00 PM, Montrose Public Library, 4100 Montrose Blvd. For reservations and information, call 522-4282. Seating is limited.

A lecture on **Why Animals Should Not be used in Medical Research** is being sponsored by the Houston Animal Rights Team, guest speaker Syd Singer, a first-year medical student at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. Last fall, Singer was excused from lab exercises using animals after challenging the university's mandatory use of animals in medical education, 7:00 PM at the Downtown Public Library, 500 McKinney, call 975-7973 for more information.

9 FRIDAY FULL MOON

Celebration of Sisterhood, presented by Southwest Unitarian Universalist Women. A conference exploring The Ritual Path to Empowerment for Making Changes in Our Lives, in the World. Merlin Stone, author of WHEN GOD WAS A WOMAN, is the theme speaker and will also join in a ritual on Saturday night. Conference brochures describing the workshops are available at First Unitarian Universalist Church Women's Group room, at Lucia's Garden, at Inklings Bookshop, or by calling Anita at 526-1571.

10 SATURDAY

Celebration of Sisterhood continues at AstroVillage Hotel.

After Hours, discussion about Gay and Lesbian community, Midnight to 4:00 AM, KPFT 90.1 FM. "Nelson Mandella: Noblest Son of Africa," part 1 of a 2 part documentary containing South African people talking about their experience with Nelson Mandella and the fight against apartheid.

11 SUNDAY

The Women's Group 10:00 AM at First Unitarian Universalist Church, 5210 Fannin. "La Ultima Madre—The Total Mother", presented by Rebecca Brown, a 37 year old radical feminist, witch, mother of three daughters, archaeologist, geologist and environmentalist. This workshop was developed through study and personal meditation.

The Women's Spirituality Movement Today, a talk by Merlin Stone, author of "When God was a Woman" and "Ancient Mirrors of Womanhood", First Unitarian Universalist Church, 5210 Fannin, 11:15 AM in the Sanctuary. Sunday service, open to the public.

12 MONDAY

Gay/Lesbian Hispanics Unidos (GLHU) meet at Dignity Center, 3217 Fannin at 7:30 PM. Call 880-GLHU. (This meeting is normally held on the second Wednesday of the month.)

13 TUESDAY

Wilde 'n' Stein Radio, discussion about Gay and Lesbian community, 9:00 PM to 11:00 PM, KPFT 90.1 FM.

14 WEDNESDAY

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

Women's Network, "Nurturing Our Coupleships." A panel of lesbian couples will share their experiences of creating and nourishing their partnerships. There will be an opportunity for all women to ask questions and share ideas about living and loving as lesbian couples. Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett, 2nd floor, 7:00 PM.

15 THURSDAY

Gay/Lesbian Parents Support Group meets various locations, to share what it is like to be a parent, children are welcome. Also for those who are interested in becoming parents, call 666-1616 for more information.

17 SATURDAY

The Bard's Song, a musical workshop presented by Kenny and Tzipora. Using song, drumming, story and dance to create sacred space. You do not need skills in music or story-telling to participate in this workshop. Admission \$10 - \$20 sliding scale (more if you can, less if you can't) and children 12 and under free. First Unitarian Universalist Church, 5210 Fannin at Southmore. 7:00-10:00 PM. For more information, call Anita at 526-1571.

Valentina Dance—Extravaganza, for singles and couples, sponsored by Womynspace, 8:00 PM to 12 Midnight, Bering Memorial Church Fellowship Hall, 1440 Harold (at Mulberry) with DJ Cherry Wolf, tickets \$5 at the door, Women only, chemically-free, for more information call 521-0780.

18 SUNDAY

The Women's Group 10:00 AM at First Unitarian Universalist Church, 5210 Fannin Dr. Diane Strassman, Assistant Professor of Economics at Rice University will discuss how women's experience is rendered invisible by the androcentric bias in the current models of economic theory.

Womynspace meets at Inklings, 1846 Richmond for potluck lunch at 12 noon with business meeting following at 1:30 PM, Further discussion and decision making on joining as a committee of the Montrose Activity Center. All interested women are invited to attend, to receive newsletter or for more information about Womynspace please call Deborah at 521-0780.

Religion and Homosexuality, Ministering to the Gay Community, panel discussions sponsored by Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, 2:00 PM, Grace Lutheran Church, 2515 Waugh.

Kenny and Tzipora in Concert. Singing songs of our Mother the Earth, nature and the lives of women and the peasantry. Music in the styles of Britain, Eastern Europe and America on fiddle, flute, piccolo, guitar, mandolin and tin whistle. Admission is \$7; children 12 and under free. First Unitarian Universalist Church, 5210 Fannin @ Southmore. 2:30 - 4:30 PM. Call Anita at 526-1571 for more information.

Lesbians Over Age Fifty (LOAF) meets the third Sunday of each month at Autry House, 6265 S. Main at 2:00 PM with speakers, refreshments and fellowship.

AMIGA de Houston holds its business meeting at 5:00 PM with potluck dinner. Call 520-5667 for information.

20 TUESDAY

Wilde 'n' Stein Radio, discussion about Gay and Lesbian community, 9:00 PM to 11:00 PM, KPFT 90.1 FM. "Black Lesbian and Gay Perspectives: Then and Now."

21 WEDNESDAY

Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus meeting to endorse candidates in the primary election, at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray, 7:30 PM, Call 521-1000 for more information.

25 SUNDAY NEW MOON

The Women's Group 10:00 AM at First Unitarian Universalist Church, 5210 Fannin, Tax return time is almost upon us again. Margaret Harrison, who works for a local Public Accounting firm, will bring some helpful hints on how to legally minimize that tax bite into your dollar. She will also try to answer any questions you have about those dreaded 1040's.

27 TUESDAY

Wilde 'n' Stein Radio, discussion about Gay and Lesbian community, 9:00 PM to 11:00 PM, KPFT 90.1 FM.

28 WEDNESDAY

Women's Network, "Loving Ourselves—The Cornerstone." This evening will focus participants on the meaning and importance of living oneself. The group will explore stumbling blocks and creative solutions to enhancing the self-nurturance in our daily lives. Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett, 2nd floor, 7:00 PM.

MARCH 12

Montrose Activity Center, board meeting, 7:00 PM, at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray, call 529-1223 for more information.

MARCH 22-25

Southeastern Conference for Lesbians and Gay Men, the oldest regional conference in the nation is now in its 15th year. Workshops already scheduled are on sodomy laws and the effect of AIDS on society. Also covered will be topics concerning the conference theme "Working to Strengthen our Southeastern Communities." For more information: SECLGM, Box 28863, Raleigh, NC 27611-8863 or 919-833-1209

APRIL 12-15

Second Annual Gulf Coast Women's Festival, in Gulfport, Mississippi, call 601-896-6453 or 601-896-3196 for information.

MAY 18-19

Lesbians in the 90s, "Speaking Out," third annual Texas Lesbian Conference, San Antonio, call 512-828-1761.



WOMYNSPACE is a feminist organization whose concept is to provide alternative space for women in a women-only, chemically free, supportive environment. Founded in 1984, the group publishes THE WAND, a community calendar/newsletter, sponsors various events throughout the year*, such as dances, concerts and video showings, sponsors CR and other types of support/recovery groups for women and a networking system.

Membership is open to all women who pay annual dues (or do a work exchange). Members receive THE WAND, discounts with some of our advertisers and opportunity for involvement in the community.

WOMYNSPACE may be contacted through writing to P.O. Box 980601, Houston, TX 77098-0601 or by calling Erika at 713/880-9517 or Deborah 713/521-0780.

*Several of the events are open to men as well.

DIRECTORY

AMIGA (All Mujeres Interested in Getting Active): 520-5667

Gay/Lesbian Switchboard - 529-3211

Heartsong (Women's Chorus): 522-1747

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

Houston Area Women's Center: 528-6798

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

Lambda Center (AA Groups): 521-9772

Lesbians Over Age Fifty (LOAF): 661-1482

Montrose Activity Center (MAC): 529-1223

Montrose Counseling Center: 529-0037

Single Lesbians Group: 522-1014

Rape Crisis Hotline 528-7273 (528-RAPE)

WIRES (Women's Information and Referral Exchange): 528-2121

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 or 521-0780

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

MEETING NEWS

Sixteen womyn were present for the annual meeting on January 21. Womynspace was soul searching. Should the group continue? If so, in what form? Is the community losing interest? What is the group's vision? Is it's founding purpose still viable? Would using the umbrella of MAC compromise independence? Would joining MAC relieve our procedural (bookkeeping and tax) burdens?

There were too many issues to explore for time available. Some wanted to continue the process while it was fresh in mind, and a continuation meeting was scheduled for the following Sunday, January 28, noon at Inklings.

The continuation meeting lasted an hour and a half. No one there wanted to see the group disband. Several expressed strong feelings about the importance of Womynspaces' contribution to the community. That community has supported Womynspace for years on many levels. Focus, definition and goals will continue as a topic for the February 18 meeting.

Also..... Kathy W. resigned from her position as the membership committee. For a year and a half she has kept the mailing list current, and kept track of members, subscribers and advertisers. She was accurate and reliable. Her contribution will be sorely missed.

A volunteer is needed to take over that committee. She will need access to a computer, a mailing label program, and a printer.

WAND POLITICAL ADS POLICY

Recently questions have been raised regarding the presence of political ads in the WAND. Our policy in the past has been to not accept political ads in our newsletter. This issue was discussed in our January meeting. Apparently the individuals who accepted the political ads were not aware of the Womynspace policy. We agreed that we would follow this policy in the future and not accept political ads in the WAND. We appreciate the input of concerned members and Womynspace supporters on this topic and any other matters regarding the WAND.

--Dorothy

DECEMBER 1989 FINANCIAL REPORT

OPERATING ACCOUNT

Sources of Funds

New Memberships	\$ 35.00
Renewing Members	75.00
WAND Subscriptions	15.00
Business Ads	277.50
Classified Ads	8.00

Total Sources \$ 418.50

Uses of Funds

Final TLC Exp.	\$ 195.80
Postage	25.00
P.O. Box Rent	14.00
Bank charges	2.11
WAND Expense	344.44

Total Uses \$ 581.35

Fund Increase or (Decrease) (\$ 162.85)

SPECIAL EVENT - DANCE 12/30

Funds Received \$ 395.00

<u>Funds Used</u>	
Rent	\$ 75.00
D.J.	150.00
Champagne Toast	36.32
Food	79.52
Decorations	8.51
Ice	6.42

Total Uses \$ 355.77

Net Funds Raised \$ 39.23

Recovery Conference

The National Women's Recovery Roundup, a non-profit organization, is producing a convention for all women in recovery. Planned are speakers, workshops, on site child care, a dance, celebrations of recovery and more.

Houston will be the host city. The conference is scheduled for April 13-15, 1990. For more information, call Dee or Charlene at 868-3919 for more information. Donations are welcomed at P.O. Box 980131, Houston, Texas, 77098-0131.



1989-90 LADY COUGAR BASKETBALL

REMAINING WOMEN'S BASKETBALL HOME GAMES IN THE 89-90 SEASON

Feb. 7	Rice	5 p.m.
Feb. 17	Baylor	5 p.m.
Feb. 21	TCU	5 p.m.
Mar. 4	Texas	2 p.m.

Admission: \$3.00

REGARDING SUBMISSIONS TO THE WAND

Original writing by women is desired for publication in The WAND. Writing may be poetry, news articles, commentary, etc. Also original drawings and cartoons are welcome. 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

Donations to help us defray the cost of printing are appreciated.

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).

Law enforcement officials and woman's advocates have responded to violence against women by forming a network to provide help that is often only a phone call away.

IN AN EMERGENCY

- Police or sheriff's department: 911.
- WIRES (Women's Information and Referral Exchange Service): 528-2121.
- Crisis Hotline (24 hours): 228-1505.
- Crisis Hotline (Bay Area, 24 hours): 333-5111.
- Family Time Help-line (Humble, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.): 446-2615.
- Help Hotline (Fort Bend County): 342-4357.
- The Rape Crisis Program: 528-RAPE.

FOR LEGAL ASSISTANCE

- Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse: 664-AVDA. 2626 South Loop West.
- Gulf Coast Legal Foundation: 660-0077. 2626 South Loop West.
- Houston Volunteer Lawyers: 228-0732. 806 Main.
- Harris County District Attorney's Office, Family Offenses Section/Domestic Violence Unit: 221-5888. 49 San Jacinto, Room 328.
- Harris County District Attorney's Office, Victim Witness Office: 221-6655. 201 Fannin.

FOR COUNSELING & SUPPORT

- Family Service Center Domestic Violence Intervention Program: 861-4849.
- Houston Area Women's Center Outreach Service. Call 528-5785.
- Pivot Group (For Batterers): 524-HELP.
- Alcoholics Anonymous: 686-6300.
- United Way Information and Referral: 527-0222.
- Community Education and Development Program. Call 528-6798.

TO REACH A SHELTER

- Shelter for Abused Women and Their Children, call WIRES 24-hour hotline in Houston: 528-2121
- Angleton — Women's Center of Brazoria County: (409) 849-5166.
- Bay City — Matagorda County Women's Crisis Center: (409) 245-9299.
- Baytown — Baytown Area Women's Center: 422-2292.
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- Houston — The Roseate: 351-4357.
- Huntsville — Walker County Family Violence Council: (409) 291-3369.
- Pasadena — Bridge Over Troubled Water: 473-2801.
- Richmond — Fort Bend County Women's Refuge: 342-HELP.

Oh, do we stand corrected! Our cover for the January issue should have said "Join us for the gay and lesbian nineties!"

Women Taking Charge In The 90's

A free seminar to explore new options for your financial, legal, and emotional well-being.

February 8, 1990
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

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4100 Montrose Blvd

A financial plan is a lifetime process...Jane Perry, CFP, Ph.D.

- >> 3% of all Americans retire financially independent
- >> 27% need to continue to work to maintain a basic lifestyle
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Financial planning is no longer just for the wealthy. It is time for you to take control of your financial future. Begin a personal commitment to wealth building by attending this seminar and learn what Jane can do to assist you in becoming part of that three percent.

How to choose a psychotherapist...Susan C. Turell, M.Ed.

There are many considerations when choosing a therapist, such as philosophy, style of therapy, and personality. If you are considering therapy, this seminar will help you to discover different options you may not know are available.

Legal Issues For Lovers and Friends...Connie Moore & Debra Hunt

If you are "legally single" but definitely involved, there are documents you can create which will protect you and your mate in the event of a life or medical emergency. Two local feminist attorneys explore the advantages of documenting your relationship.

For reservations or information, call 522-4282

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ON INTIMACY

for Gurumayi Chidvilasananda
and the Women's Network of Houston

It starts in the heart,
and has no place of its own.
The wind, which is everywhere,
Befriends it, a true companion.

When the Universe had finished
With the trees and the vegetables,
And started on the flowers,
It was there, making its white mark
Of mother's milk, refusing
To be buried, while full
Of bending, bowing

It cannot be caught in the net
Of these words, but its gesture
Is fearlessness,
Even in tears. Do not be fooled
By the liars who preach about
Caution, defenses, and guards.
There is only one safety.
You meet it when you see
Someone or something through
the eyes of love

Which has no place of its own
Being everywhere at once
It starts in the heart

In Case You Missed The Tabloids -or- Recycled Trash, Anyone?

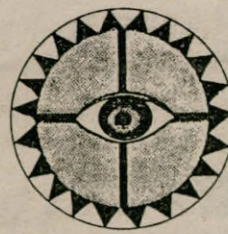
Closing out the eighties, Chastity Bono came out to her mother. Cher is said to have reacted as though she were shot.

Chastity's story sold so many papers that they ran a follow up screamer on the gay lady. The letters to the editor were great. Sounded like everyone in PFLAG sat down and wrote. "My own beautiful daughter told me the same news...I will always be proud of her."

Music critic Ann Powers wrote "Madonna's lyrics can be unmemorable, but what other major female pop star has the guts to date a woman in public (k. d. lang sure doesn't, nor does Tracy Chapman)?"

Neither does... oh, never mind!

Zsa Zsa Gabor's televised apology to the lesbian community was dahling. Over and over she gushed "I love lesbians!" (Me too, Zsa Zsa.)



Women's Therapy Group

Insurance Accepted

Weekly Weds. 6:00 - 7:30

Sliding Scale

Initial interview free: Call 364-3843 for an appointment.

This group is therapy blended with spirituality: in fact, the two have existed together since ancient times. Whether we define it as such or not, the movement towards wholeness, self-acceptance and love of life is essentially a spiritual process. Therefore, members will be encouraged to apply their spiritual experiences to the problems of daily life. All the issues we bring to therapy (self-esteem, codependency, childhood traumas, addictions, etc.) are appropriate for this group, with the added dimension of such questions as:

- How does this look from my spiritual perspective?
- What is my spiritual path, and what is its goal?
- How do I establish contact with my Inner Voice?

For women in twelve step programs who find it difficult to talk about their personal spirituality in a traditional context, this group may serve as the bridge in finding ways to "work the steps" that fit your unique, female experience.

As women, we have often divorced ourselves from our spiritual natures because of the negative attitudes exhibited towards us by predominant religions. This may be one of our greatest losses - to have become separated from our Inner Being with all its tremendous power and love. But women now are reclaiming their relationship with this Power, and we are free to envision, this in whatever way feels right for each of us.

This group is a vehicle for women to initiate, nourish, and sustain this most sacred relationship, and to clear away the debris of received opinions that obstruct the path towards inner strength, lovingness, serenity, and freedom. The only way out of depending on others for our happiness is to look within.

There is a brief meditation at the beginning and end of each session. Members are encouraged to keep a journal in which they can continue the therapy process at home, and suggestions for journal work are given from time to time. Meditation instructions are incorporated in the group process, and daily practice is encouraged.

Karen J. Hanson, ACSW, CSW-ACP

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The 1990 Pride Committee has asked several community organizations, Womynspace among them, to offer nominations for Pride Week Awards. Bring ideas to the February meeting.

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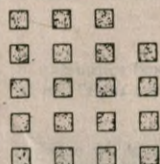
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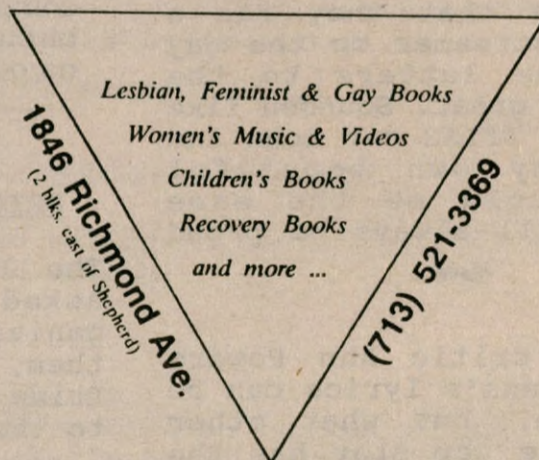
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