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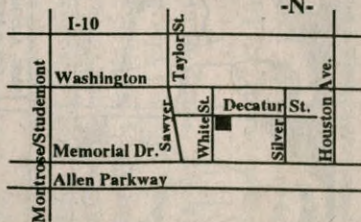
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Ongoing Events

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 WEDNESDAY

Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus board meeting first & third Wednesdays at 7:30pm at the Montrose Activity Center, 3330 Graustark. 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.

Diversity, Culture & Recovery, an experiential, educational program led by Hitaji Aziz at A New Way, 5906 Dolores #201, 6:30-9:30pm, 3 credits TAADAC. \$30. Reservations: 784-6511.

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3 FRIDAY

4 SATURDAY

Real Live Womyn meets on the first Saturday of the month, 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).

5 SUNDAY

The Women's Group*, 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.

First Sunday Luncheon - bring a dish or some food to share with women in Bell Park.

Arts and Crafts Sale after the Women's Group, First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin.

Parents FLAG/Houston (Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays) meets the first Sunday of each month (moves to the 2nd Sunday when the 1st Sunday is a holiday weekend) at 2pm, IntraCare Hospital, 7601 Fannin. P-FLAG provides a support group for families and friends of lesbians and gays in their effort to understand, accept and support their children with love and pride. For more information, call 721-0788.

L.I.S.A. - Lesbian Incest Survivors meets at Inklings Bookshop at 4-5pm.

6 MONDAY

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 Mondays, sponsored by Lambda Rollerskating Club, 862-4875 or 933-5818. Club also has weekly Outdoor Skates & Roller Hockey games.

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Gay/Lesbian Pride Week - Executive Meeting at 7-9pm at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 W. Gray. For info, call 529-6979.

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, Sep 2.

8 WEDNESDAY

Women's Network - Relationship Commitment Rites-Validating Our Unions. Many lesbian couples are choosing to more formally celebrate their commitments to each other. Please join us this evening with a panel of lesbian couples in sharing why and how they formalized their partnerships. Pictures, videos, and tapes of ceremonies are welcomed.

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10 FRIDAY

11 SATURDAY

Second Annual H.A.T.C.H. (Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals) Awards Reception will be held at the First Unitarian Universalist Church 7:00pm-10:00pm, \$15 donation requested. Articles about HATCH have appeared in the Houston Post and state-wide gay papers. HATCH was profiled in a special HBO documentary on the struggles of gay/lesbian youth with premiered on August 10, 1993. For info, call Phil at 669-0452.

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DIPPITY DOG - Basic Brothers and Pet Patrol invite you to de-flea your dog at The Dog Dip Days of Summer 10am to 1pm. Bring your dog (on the required leash) and a towel to Basic Brothers, 1232 Westheimer. Sorry, no cats invited.

\$5 donation benefits The Pet Patrol, a non-profit organization whose volunteers care for pets in the homes of people with AIDS. Free to Pet Patrol Clients and volunteers.

13 MONDAY

14 TUESDAY

Ice Skating with Montrose Ice Picks at the Galleria Ice Rink at 5015 Westheimer from 8 to 10pm (\$4.50 includes skates). Rink also open to the general public. Skaters urged to wear pink or gay/lesbian organization, business or Pride T-shirts. For info call 526-8764 or 523-6381.

Lucia's Garden - Intro to Growing Herbs in Houston 7:00-9:30pm. \$20. For info, call 523-6494.

Self Defense for Women (weaponless), The Unitarian Fellowship of Houston, 1504 Wirt Road. 6 sessions: Sept 14, 21 28, Oct 7, 7-9pm and Sept 18, Oct 2, 1-3pm. \$45, to enroll, contact Jane Erwin, 496-0058. The course is a program of the church's women's spirituality/feminist theology group. Instructed by Aleithia Bower, a martial artist and founder of T.N.T., Top Notch Training.

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17 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).

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19 SUNDAY

The Women's Group*, Taking Pornography Personally. Monica Vaughan weaves personal experience with feminist theory to create a justice seeking perspective on pornography. 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.

AMIGA de Houston meets on the third Sunday of each month at 5:00 pm for our business meeting and potluck dinner. While the focus of this group is Latina/Lesbiana - all mujeres interested in getting active are invited to join us. FMI, call 520-5667

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21 TUESDAY

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.

Lucia's Garden Autumn Equinox Meditation for Women - A special time to honor the in-gathering

Suzanne Anderson

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UNIQUE BOUTIQUE THANKS THE COMMUNITY. The Lesbian Art Show & Sale last month at Unique Boutique was a great success. Thanks to all the supportive efforts of those involved. Appreciation to the artists for sharing their works with us, those who donated time, food, & flowers, and everyone who came out to support LIB!

Lesbian and Gay Voices

new community radio show
featuring local and national interviews
with community leaders
reviews of cultural events
Lesbian and Gay music

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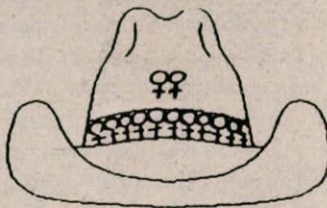
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7:30-9:30pm. \$10. For info, call 523-6494.

22 WEDNESDAY

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.

Women's Network - Lesbians and our Relationships with Animals. Many lesbian women have special interests/relationships with pets or other animals. Come to the Network this evening to listen and participate with a panel of such women who will focus on this interest. Your own experience and pictures are welcome.

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Lucia's Garden - Potpourri Making 7:30-9:30, \$20. For info, call 523-6494.

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24 FRIDAY

25 SATURDAY

Unique Boutique Art Show & Sale 6-10pm. Featured artist: Nedra Hawks. 4317 Montrose. 526-5266.

26 SUNDAY

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Women's Network
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LTN

Teacher's Network
P.O.Box 1835
Bellaire, TX 77402-1835
casual meeting Thursdays
BRB Hamburger Night

LTN Business Meeting

September 19 at Inklings Bookshop
2-3pm. Come plan a camping trip for
November 12, 13, 14
LTN line: 713-665-1507

Lesbian Oaks Residents

The next meeting is Sept 19 at 2:30 pm. Don't miss this one! This is a POOL PARTY! Considering the weather lately, this should be just what we all need!

Judy asks that you bring whatever you want to drink and your favorite covered dish or snack to add to the meal.

Her home is in Garden Oaks and her number is 686-5454. Give her a call for directions.

HOUSEHOLD EMPLOYEE TAX

BAR ASSOCIATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS OF GREATER HOUSTON, INC.

THE NANNYGATE SOLUTION

The last Friday of the month, September 24, the BHR luncheon lecture will be by tax consultant Kathy Hubbard, presenting Household Employee Taxes. The meeting will be at Giorgine's Italian Restaurant, 219 Westheimer, from 12 Noon to 1:30 p.m. Meetings are open to all; you pay for your own lunch. BHR members attending can earn 1 hour of CLE.

MIDLIFE TRANSITION: FROM CRISIS TO TRANSFORMATION

by Joyce M. Gayles, PHD

Midlife transition is a period of life about which I had disbelief until 5 years ago I awakened to discover that I was in it! I am a well trained psychologist and psychotherapist, who thought that midlife "crisis" was an anachronism, at worst a construction of patriarchial culture, at best a simple developmental stage. Anything, but an unrelenting, chaotic, sometimes wonderous, often painful, piece of experience that has power to transform ones life.

Midlife is about change and choices. It is about making changes in your internal and external world, reconceptualizing who you are; getting in touch with your inner core and with parts of yourself that have been disowned or been dormant. Midlife is a time of taking risks that you would never have dreamt of taking before, and it is a time of deciding that you no longer want to spend your precious life energy doing what you don't want to do.

Midlife transition is an organic process that seems basic to life in our culture in much the same way that adolescence is basic. In other words, there is nothing we can do to not experience it. We can, however, determine how we go through the process and the quality of results with which we emerge. So, the first important question is **how do I recognize when I'm in midlife?** From the perspective of midlife as an organic process, the answer is very simple. According to such writers as Barbara Hand-Clow, the time of midlife is determined by your **Uranus Opposition**. Uranus Opposition occurs when Uranus is in a position opposite where it was when you were born and that is roughly between **ages 38 and 45**. Uranus Opposition stimulates the **life energy** to begin to rise in us. This energy, which is called **Kundalini** or **Chi** in non-western cultures, is believed to lie dormant at the base of the spine until we have sufficiently cleared our emotional, mental, and energetic blocks. At midlife, the life energy becomes abundantly and suddenly available for our growth and transformation.

Midlife is recognizable by a number of physical and psychological signs and symptoms. Some of the physical symptoms that you can expect are **tingling** sensations, strange **aches and pains, hot and cold flashes**, perceptions of **inner lights and sounds**. Because of the disruptive and often distressing nature of these experiences, I recommend you have a thorough physical exam around the time of midlife. A physical will give you a baseline about your body and will help you to monitor changes over time. On the psychological level, there are changes in self perception, changes in mood or emotions, changes in thought processes, and changes in how we relate to other people. While such changes are a natural part of our psychological evolution, during midlife, they tend to be more dramatic and sudden.

The core challenge of midlife is to return to the "unbounded state". We all start to lose touch with this state very early in our lives as a result of trauma and the common, everyday woundings that result from growing up in our cultural reality. These experiences leave us with emotional blocks, psychological complexes, limiting mental states, physical imbalances, and part-selves.

The tasks of mid-life are three fold. A task of the psyche is to integrate disowned or dissociated parts of the self, such as the anima/animus, the inner children, or shadow parts. Another task of the psyche is to find meaning in life. Some of the most haunting questions of midlife are "Who am I?", "Why am I here?", "What's the meaning of this reality?" Tasks of the mind during midlife are focused on exploring intellectual and creative expression and integrating left and right brain. On the physical level, the task is to become more fully grounded in the body and on the earth.

So, you recognize that you're probably in midlife! The next important question is, **how do I get through this time and come out more wholly who I am?** The answer is:

RECEIVE SUPPORT. Psychotherapies that emphasize mind-body wholism, resolution of trauma, and integrative work are very useful during midlife. Experientially-based group therapy is especially helpful in normalizing your experience. Journal writing, dream work, past life regression, and astrological information are also useful. Various forms of bodywork can support you with the physical and energetic changes that are taking place. Being more conscious of what you eat and getting regular exercise are essential components of midlife management.

Midlife is never easy, but it need not be miserable, mysterious, or damaging. The key to moving through midlife and coming out having grown to your fullest potential is knowing that you are in the process, knowing what to expect, and getting the support you need to move through this important time in your life.

Dr. Joyce Gayles is a clinical psychologist and psychotherapist in private practice. She specializes in life transition and growth issues and is recognized as an expert in adult survivor issues resulting from trauma. Dr. Gayles is facilitating a midlife transition group for women in September. For information call her at 667-6047.

Midlife Transition Group: From Crisis to Transformation is a six-week group experience designed to help you discover and expand the possibilities within yourself as a woman in midlife. The group is facilitated by Dr. Joyce Gayles (see her article in this issue), a psychologist who is well known for her work with life transition and growth issues. Beginning Thursday, September 2nd, 7:15-8:45pm. Call 667-6047 for information and to register.



5th Annual Texas Vegetarian Chili Cook-off

Try the new Taste of Texas -
Chili without Meat

Where: Eisenhower Park(N.W. Military Rd.
at Loop 1604, near Camp Bullis)

When: October 3rd, 1993 Noon to 4:00pm
5k/1k Fun Run, 9:30am

What: Contestants throughout Texas and
neighboring states will compete
for cash and trophies for the best
Vegetarian chili(formally judged,
popular vote, best showmanship)

HOW: Admission Fee: \$5.00, includes
samples of all chili entries, door
prizes, educational literature.

FEATURING...
Celebrity Judges, musical and dancing entertainment, A 5k FUN RUN
and 1k Kids' FUN TRAIL RUN, vegetarian food sales, educational
tables, door prizes for all, children's activities.

Proceeds benefit the community education outreach by the San
Antonio Vegetarian Society and other non-profit groups who aspire
to make San Antonio a more healthy and liveable city.

Contact San Antonio Vegetarian Society for further info. 646-7432
P.O. Box 790391 San Antonio, TX. 78279

Author of "Homosexuality and
Biology" to Visit Houston
by Cicely Wynne

Chandler E. Burr, author of "Homosexuality and Biology" will be speaking in Houston at the Bering Memorial United Methodist Church on Thursday, September 24, 1993, at 7:30 pm. The church is located at 1440 Harold in Montrose. Crossroads Market, and Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) are sponsors of the event.

The Agora is also sponsoring a reception for Burr on Friday, September 25th. A \$10.00 donation is being requested, with the proceeds used by The Agora in its mission to provide a more positive image of the gay and lesbian community. The reception will be held the Crossroads Market & Bookstore, located at 610 West Alabama. Reprints of Burr's article are available at Crossroads Market and Bookstore.

For further information call 729-4267.

NEW HOT LINE - HONG KONG

"Horizon" is a new group which runs a lesbian & gay hotline operating in the evening till late at night on Tuesdays & Thursdays. The phone numbers are 8930208 & 8930209. They give information about gay & lesbian activities, AIDS information & telephone counseling for lesbians & gays. They also organize social activities as well as discussion sessions on lesbian & gay rights, which are open to the public. "Horizon" keeps in close contact with the "10% Club", the other Hong Kong group. Write to Horizon, P.O. Box 33151, Sheung Wan Post Office, H O N G K O N G.

HONG KONG 10% CLUB

The five year old "10% Club" of Hong Kong is now a registered association. The group is comprised of gay men & lesbians & they organize discussion groups & also hold social activities such as cycling, BBQs & camping. Write to: Mr. Wong, T.S.T., P.O. Box 90708, Hong Kong. Tel: 692-7506. Don't use 10% Club on the envelope.

NEW ARGENTINEAN PUBLICATION

"Ka-buum" is an informative activist newsletter covering gay/lesbian news in Argentina, Uruguay & Chile. The 8 page publication in Spanish is free for those in Argentina, Chile & Uruguay & costs \$2 per issue in the USA & \$3 elsewhere. "Ka-buum" replaces "Gay Gaia" & includes a complete directory of groups, AIDS organizations & bars and clubs in the three countries. Published in the USA, you can order a copy from Sam Larson, Editor; 120 Sanford St, 2nd Floor; New Brunswick, NJ 08901; USA.



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July-September, 1993

ASIAN LESBIAN CONFERENCE

The second Asian Lesbian Network Conference was held in the Spring of 1992 in Japan. 170 Asian lesbians from 16 countries attended. Formed in 1986, the Asian Lesbian Network (ALN) seeks to gather resources & develop gatherings to give voice & visibility to Asian lesbians in their home countries.

The four day conference was a combination of workshops, sports, music, & video presentations about Asian lesbians.

The third ALN conference will be held in Taiwan in August, 1994. For conference information, write to ALN Taiwan, P.O. Box 7-760, Taipei 106, Taiwan, R.O.C.

MALAYSIAN LESBIAN GROUP

In 1992, a group of women in Malaysia who knew of each other, met & decided to set up a group for lesbians. The "Elle Club" currently consists of about 20 lesbians, the majority of whom are Chinese professional women.

The group aims to be a lesbian support group as well as furthering women's interests in Malaysia & fighting AIDS.

The group would like to have contacts with other Lesbian groups & interested individuals. Write to Elle Club; c/o Pink Triangle; 42/13F City Tower; Jl. Alor; 50200 Kuala Lumpur; M A L A Y S I A.

"NEW DRAGON" OF TAIWAN

"New Dragon" is the first gay mag in Taiwan. For more information write to Lin, Kuo-Tai; New Dragon; P.O. Box 2-11; Hsin Chuang; Taiwan; R.O.C. Support & news items will be appreciated by Mr. Lin & his team.

LESBIAN GROUP IN INDIA GROWS

The SAKHI Lesbian group in New Delhi, founded in 1991, has started a lesbian resource center, collecting books, periodicals, films, tapes, etc. They also have a guest room for traveling lesbians. Contributions for their library & letters of support can be sent to SAKHI, P.O. Box 7032, Srinivasapuri, New Delhi 110065, India.

PINK TRIANGLE MALAYSIA

Pink Triangle Malaysia produces a range of informative materials about HIV & AIDS under the title "Positive Living" in several languages, including Malay & Chinese. For copies or more information contact Pink Triangle; P.O. Box 11859; Kuala Lumpur; Malaysia. Contributions, either financial to help their work or publications for their library, will be most appreciated.

ASIAN LESBIAN NETWORK MOVES

The Secretariat of the Asian Lesbian Network has moved from Bangkok, Thailand to Tokyo, Japan.

The Thai group, Anjaree, organized the Network in 1986 with the help of the International Lesbian Information Service, based in Amsterdam.

The new ALN Secretariat is ALN Nippon; c/o Regumi Studio Tokyo, JOKI; Nakazawa Building 3F; 23 Araki-cho, Shinjuku-ku; Tokyo 160; Japan. They also publish in English the 12 page "Asian Lesbian Network Newsletter".

ACTIVISTS IN RIO DE JANEIRO

Atobá, a gay group in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, participates in international conferences held in Rio by such organizations as the United Nations by putting up a big stand with information highlighting the global oppression of lesbians & gay men, as well as information on AIDS prevention.

Atobá recently organized the 6th Brazilian Gay & Lesbian Conference in Rio with eight groups taking part.

Contact: Atobá; Rua Prof. Carvalho de Melo, 471; Magalhães Bastos; 21730 Rio de Janeiro-RJ; B R A S I L.

THAI GAY COMMUNITY COMING TOGETHER

FACT, the Fraternity for AIDS Cessation in Thailand, has opened the FACT House, a club house designed to serve as a gay community center.

The FACT House offers drinks, karaoke, dance entertainment, discussion groups & a library. It is open daily from 7PM until midnight & is located on Pahonyothin Road, near Pahonyothin Soi 5. (279-0314 Ext 115) Thais & foreigners alike are welcome.

FACT also has a Helpline (574-1100), an AIDS outreach program, a social program, a publication "FACT Sheet" in Thai/English, & the White Line Dance Troupe, which performs AIDS educational shows throughout Thailand & Southeast Asia.

Their address is: F.A.C.T.; 98/22 Moo 2 Soi Meesuk; Wipawadee-Rangsit Road; Tambon Thoongsonghong; Don Meuang District; Bangkok 10210; Thailand. Library contributions, as well as financial, appreciated.

U.S.A. ASIAN GROUPS PLAN INTERNATIONAL NETWORK

About 20 to 25 Asian groups in the USA, Canada, Europe, Australia & Asia are presently discussing plans to form an international Asians & Friends Network aimed at supporting member organizations, sharing information, developing friendships & networking between organizations. The group, presently known as the "Umbrella Committee" likely will be formed at the International Friendship Weekend to be held in Pittsburgh in September, 1993. The new international network may also work to assist new & emerging groups in Asia with the idea of speeding up gay liberation opportunities in Asia & improving the quality of life for Asian homosexuals.

Nicolas Shi of Asians & Friends-Washington, DC & Michael Barnett of Asians & Friends-Chicago are co-chairs of the Umbrella Committee. For more information about the Network or the September International Friendship Weekend, write to IFW '93, P.O. Box 219, Sewickley, PA 15143.

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NEW GROUP - ARGENTINA

A new group, in formation, in Buenos Aires would like contacts with other groups & individuals to help them realize their goal of being a group dedicated to defending the rights & freedoms of Gay people.

Their principal project so far has been to visit people with HIV & AIDS in the hospitals.

To offer encouragement, write Jorge Mario Lezcano W.; Casilla de Correos 3.069; 1000 Correo Central; Buenos Aires; A R G E N T I N A .

GAY HANDICAPED GROUP

The Grupo de Minusvalidas-os (handicaped group) of Malaga, Spain, would like to interchange photos, publications, stamps & experiences with people from everywhere in Spanish. Those who have any handicap, please write. Contact Juan Martinez, Apartado 5.009, 29080 Malaga, Spain.

GAY MARRIAGES - NORWAY

The Norwegian Parliament has passed a bill recognizing lesbian & gay partnerships which will become effective August 1, 1993. According to "Gayzette" of Australia, Norwegian activists say the law is modelled on a similar Danish law, making Norway the second country to recognize same-sex partnerships. The new Norwegian law will give gay & lesbian couples the same legal rights as hetero married couples except the right to adopt children or to marry in church. Sweden & Finland should be the next to pass gay marriage legislation.

GAY MURDERS IN MEXICO

Murders of gay leaders and transvestites continue to occur throughout Mexico. The Mexican government has said it will not protect transvestites unless they are dressed like men, insinuating that it is OK to kill homosexuals if they are visible. Of the 23 known murders of gay men in Mexico in 1992 most were shot by the same type of weapon, a high caliber gun. The police for years have been openly harassing gays and Mexican gay leaders say that the killings have been part of a pattern of right-wing violence against gay and AIDS activists. They claim that the police and Mexican Army are involved in the killings. Amnesty International and the ILGA both urge letters to Presidente Carlos Salinas de Gortari, Palacio Nacional, Mexico, D.F., Mexico, requesting a speedy and serious investigation into the murders.

NEW GROUP IN CHINA

"Gay Times" of London reports that a new group called the Suzhou Gay Group has formed in the People's Republic of China to promote gay liberation. Located in Jiangsu province, south east of Beijing, members report that they are oppressed by the police and by society at large. Most gays don't tell their families about their sexual orientation because they would be regarded as sick or abnormal. The group has applied to join the International Lesbian & Gay Association (ILGA). They can be contacted via the ILGA Information Secretariat; 81 rue Marché au Charbon; B-1000 Brussels; Belgium. Send postage or International Postal Reply Coupons.



ILGA NEEDS HELP!

The International Lesbian & Gay Association (ILGA) needs another \$20,000 US to cover 1993 expenses. The most important lesbian & gay international liberation organization has elected Secretaries-General and Secretariats in three continents. They are doing great things, but the ILGA has to pay some of their basic costs.

So far in 1993, ILGA has:

- 1) obtained consultative status with the UN after a campaign of many years;
- 2) seen the launch of the ILGA-inspired report on homosexuality in the European Community; 3) been invited onto the NGO (Non Gov't. Org.) organizing committee of the U.N. World Conference on Human Rights;
- 4) initiated dozens of Action Campaigns to correct abuses in individual countries.

Send checks or international money orders to ILGA, Financial Secretariat c/o ILGA London Support Group; 141 Cloudesley Road; London N1 0EN; England. Tel: +44-071-278-1496.

LESBIAN PRIDE WEEKEND - THAILAND

Anjaree, the seven year old Thai Lesbian group, organized a weekend on the beach the last weekend in June. The second annual event provided an opportunity for lesbians to meet and to get to know each other, to celebrate lesbian pride & to stimulate interest in organizing activities for lesbians. Anjaree, P.O. Box 322, Rajdamnern, Bangkok 10200, Thailand.

NEW GROUP IN DELHI

ARAMBH is a new group in India which aims to create a new movement; "that of building a new social order liberating gays & lesbians from the shackles that society has woven around us, and to integrate gays

totally into the mainstream society."

ARAMBH seeks to base its society on Indian values, customs & mores & they plan to become their own role models.

For more information write to: ARAMBH, c/o Aalok, P.O. Box 9522, Delhi 110 095, India. They are starting a library & would appreciate any donations of gay books & periodicals.

GAY MONUMENT IN BRAZIL

Aracaju, one of the most beautiful cities in Brazil, recently inaugurated the first public monument in Brazil honoring the Stonewall Riots: the "Rua 28 de Junho" (June 28 Street).

Dialogay, an eleven year old gay group in Aracaju, arranged the homage to homosexual awareness & the opening of Rua 28 de Junho was attended by Brazilian politicians & cinema stars. The Town Council of Aracaju provided a stage with performances by rock bands & African dance troops. All Rua 28 de Junho street signs are specially designed in white with pink letters.

Dialogay can be contacted at Caixa Postal 298; 49000 Aracaju, Sergipe; Brasil.

PyL International Development Fund

The following awards, from funds sent in by PyL readers, have been made this issue.

\$50 to Regumi Studio Tokyo in Japan to help with the Asian Lesbian Network Newsletter costs.

\$50 to FACT in Thailand for materials for the FACT House library. The IDF balance is \$155.00.



JAPANESE GROUP EDUCATING STRAIGHT PRESS

Occur, one of Japan's largest gay & lesbian liberation groups, has published a 10 page guide "Reporting on Homosexuals" in Japanese. This pamphlet, covering themes such as the use of proper terminology for gay people and eliminating contempt and ridicule when reporting on lesbians & gays, was sent to publishers, newspapers & broadcasting stations nationwide.

Occur, which started about five years ago as a youth group, can be contacted at: OCCUR; 4-2-9-13, Chuo; Nakano-ku; Tokyo 164; Japan. Their three year old court case against the Tokyo Metropolitan Government for anti-gay discrimination is due to be decided soon.

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NO ONE DIES FROM PAIN, BUT MANY VICTIMS SUFFER

by Linda J. Weyandt, MD

"The magnitude of human pain and suffering is both profound and escalating."

C. David Tollison, Ph.D.

An estimated 20 million Americans suffer from migraine headaches. Some 70 million are afflicted with back pain. Up to 50 million endure the distress of arthritis. Chronic pain costs the public and private concerns in the United States as much as \$90 billion a year.

The good news is that awareness of the problem of chronic pain has increased dramatically in recent years, with professionals from a variety of backgrounds joining forces to foster a multi-disciplinary approach to pain management.

Recently, I came across an article citing a study regarding the use of hypnosis in reducing pain during the treatment of burn victims. Dave Patterson, a psychologist with the University of Washington's Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, has been studying the effects of hypnosis on burn patients for three years. According to this study done at Seattle's Harborview Medical Center, using hypnosis alongside traditional medication appeared to significantly reduce burn patients pain during various treatments. He concludes that physician or psychologist aided hypnosis results in much greater reduction in pain than medication alone, or when medicine is coupled with "placebo hypnosis," in which patients experience relief because they thought they were hypnotized.

One-fourth of the 200 U.S. burn centers have tried hypnosis for relieving pain with impressive results.

In addition to managing the pain of burn patients, hypnotherapy has been employed in controlling other types of pain.

For example, hypnosis has been used extensively in managing labor pains during childbirth. Most people associate the birth process with pain. During labor, the uterus contracts. The message is sent to the brain and the brain selects a response. The most basic response to pain is tension, which magnifies the unwanted sensation. Without hypnosis, the untrained woman has no alternative but to concentrate on her contractions. But with hypnosis, the expectant mother has an alternative: she can reinterpret the pain. During labor, when the message of the contraction reaches the brain, her new response will be controlled relaxation and correct breathing. She can use the resources of hypnotic relaxation training and positive imagery to facilitate the birthing process.

Should additional analgesia or anesthesia be needed for a Cesarean Section, hypnosis can help to minimize the amount of drugs needed consequently decreasing exposure of the unborn infant to these medications.

The mother-to-be can enter into the birthing process well equipped for total success.

The pain and stress associated with life threatening illnesses is an experience that one may also add hypnotherapy to their medical regime. The physical and psychological stress placed on the body by this process can be overpowering. The same hypnotic principles are utilized. Teaching the individual to displace, transform or alterate the discomfort, helps them to obtain quality time in their lives to participate in the activities they once enjoyed.

Immunologists tell us that in addition to other diseases, stress can cause the immune system to falter or breakdown. Since Cancer and diseases such as Aids impair the Immune System's ability to fight back, hypnotherapy can serve in the capacity of reducing or alleviating pain and stress, maximizing the ability of medical treatment to challenge the disease.

To achieve a reduction or elimination of pain utilizing hypnosis, three fundamental techniques are utilized. First, a transformation, alteration, or displacement of pain is initiated by hypnotic induction. Second, the pain would be directly addressed and the suggestion that it decreases be given. Third, the individuals attention would be directed away from the pain so they may experience the benefits of tranquil, peaceful imagery.

Through Hypnosis, one is taught to own their pain and control it. To numb that part of the body which is painful and to visualize themselves as healed and strong.

Dr. Weyandt is a Diplomate in The American Academy of Pain Management and a Board Certified Hypnotherapist.

MONTROSE ICE PICKS

Thursday, August 12, 8-10PM - "Beat The Heat" Skate!
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The Second Annual H.A.T.C.H. Awards reception will be held on Saturday, September 11, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the First Unitarian Universalist Church at 5200 Fannin. Six major awards in honor of persons who have made significant contributions to H.A.T.C.H. throughout the past year will be presented. Other certificates of appreciation and recognition will be conferred to people and organizations who have served the causes of gay/lesbian youth.

Recipients of the six major awards are as follows: Outstanding Community Involvement for Youth Fulfillment - Tracy Brown. Outstanding Contribution by a H.A.T.C.H. Facilitator (Female) - Johanna Johanson and Joarne Morphew, Outstanding Contribution by a H.A.T.C.H. Facilitator (Male) - Don Carlson, Outstanding Contribution by a H.A.T.C.H. Youth (Male) - Bobby Bass, Outstanding Contribution by a H.A.T.C.H. Youth (Female) - Alma Aguire. H.A.T.C.H. Board Chairperson Jay Asher and Vice Chairperson Trish Morgan, to whom the evening is dedicated, will be presented with an award for their remarkable work throughout the past two years on behalf of this city's lesbian/gay youth.

The efforts of H.A.T.C.H. have gained the attention of the local and national media. Articles about H.A.T.C.H. have appeared in the *Houston Post* and state-wide gay newspapers. H.A.T.C.H. will also be profiled in a special HBO documentary on the struggles of gay/lesbian youth to premier on August 10. H.A.T.C.H. was chosen over other similar groups across the country for its tireless dedication to young gay men and women.

The H.A.T.C.H. Awards provide a way for the young gays and lesbians of H.A.T.C.H. to recognize deserving members of the community. Your support of H.A.T.C.H. and this event are critical to our success in creating a safe haven for young homosexuals. Please help us by announcing this event in your organization's newsletter or by announcing this invitation at your next meeting.

This year's reception will include a guest speaker of notoriety, quality entertainment, and refreshments. Again, the Second Annual H.A.T.C.H. Awards will be held on Saturday, September 11 from 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. at the First Unitarian Universalist Church at 5200 Fannin. A donation of \$15.00 is requested.

Many thanks in advance for your cooperation. Please feel free to contact Phil Batdorf at the listed telephone numbers if you need assistance or send a fax to (713) 669-0452.

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The Alternative Broadcasting Service has completed a video production of the 1993 Lesbian and Gay Pride Week parade. Copies are now available to the general public for \$19.95 + \$3.50 shipping/handling. The proceeds go directly to the Pride Committee who will use them to pay off this year's event, and prepare for next year. If you are interested in receiving a copy of this tape, send \$19.95 + \$3.50 check or money order to The Pride Committee of Houston, P.O.Box 66071, Houston TX, 77266-6071. Include a return address and a contact telephone number. Expect about two weeks for delivery.

ABS is also looking for volunteers interested in the exciting world of Gay and Lesbian Television. Call 526-3425 for more information.

The Pride Parade will also be shown on Access Television, on the Public Access Channel on Saturday, August 28, from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm, and again on Thursday, September 2, from 9:00 pm to 11:00 pm. Check your Post of Chronicle TV Guide for exact channel locations for your cable area.

Registration

Since this event is a women's retreat, registration is limited to women.

Total registrations _____
 before 8-1 (\$65) _____
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 Meal tickets (\$30) _____
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**Lone Star Women's
Music Festival**

Now in its fourth year, the Lone Star Women's Music Festival is bigger and better than ever - and word's getting around fast? Producers Bonnie Moore and Kathy Mills are gearing up to welcome an estimated 1,000 women to this year's Texas-flavored women's retreat - more than three times the first year's attendance. The festival takes place this year from October 1 to 3 at its regular site on the banks of the Guadalupe river near New Braunfels, 30 miles south of Austin. While the emphasis as usual is on local and regional talent, a glance at this year's program shows upwards of 25 acts with performers coming from as far away as Vermont, and including such unusual acts as a 7-piece drum troupe from New Orleans.

Also "head lesbian" Alex Dobkin and powerful folk-blues singer Odetta. "We have the widest variety of music of any women's music festival - everything from rock to cajun" says Moore, who also tries to keep ticket prices at a third of those at other festivals.

The three nights of music kick off on Friday with Alabama comedian Matina Bevis, singer/songwriter Diana Jones and the conjunto sounds of the Texana Dames.

Saturday, hosted by the popular and funny Robyn E. from New Orleans, includes the group, BETTY from New York, Girls in the Nose, and the rock band Power Snatch. Sunday's lineup includes three Austin institutions - Nancy Scott, Sarah Elizabeth Campbell and Emily Kaitz and winds up with Lynzi Wildheart and the Amazon Range Riders.

For those women who don't mind working in return for enjoying such great woman-inspired music, the call is out for volunteers.

Tickets for the Festival are available at Inklings Bookshop, 1846 Richmond.



MCCR PRESENTS PLAY

The Resurrection Players; the Drama Ministry at Metropolitan Community Church Of The Resurrection would like to announce the cast and production staff of their upcoming production of Jane Chamber's "Last Summer at Bluefish Cove." This dramatic comedy examines Lesbian relationships as a group of friends get together for one last summer at Bluefish Cove and share laughter, love friendship and tragedy.

The Cast (in alphabetical order:)

Page Allen as Sue
 Suzanne Anderson as Rita
 Berit Bihl as Rita
 Annette Kalandros as Lil
 Debbie Pazdera as Donna
 Lisa Marie Reichle as Rae
 Kimberly Robbins as Annie
 Ronda Roush as Eva

Director: Philip N. Manthie

This touching and thought-provoking play will be presented at the Heinen Theater (located on the Houston Community College Campus-Downtown) on October 7, 8, 9, and 10. The performance on Thursday, October 7th will be a benefit performance for the Montrose Counseling Center. Ticket prices will be \$15.00.

Ticket prices for all other performances will be \$10.00 in advance and \$12.50 at the door. Tickets may be purchased at Crossroads Market, Inklings, and MCCR beginning in September. We request cash or checks only - please. Checks will need to be made Payable to MCCR Drama Ministry.

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ACLU SEEKING CHALLENGE TO MILITARY'S GAY BAN POLICY

The American Civil Liberties Union is interested in challenging the Clinton Administration's new policy on homosexuals in the military. Texas ACLU Director, Jay Jacobson, stated, "Our national legal staff is reviewing cases of gay and lesbian military personnel who are not 'out of the closet' and who would be willing to come out for this litigation." It will be a test of the President who ran on a platform of equality for gays and lesbians to see if he will order his Justice Department to take a legal position denying this equality.

"No longer able to hide behind the powerlessness of gay people in the political arena, the Justice Department will be forced to defend any new policy in court, forced that is to argue that the new policy does not violate the Constitutional rights of lesbians and gay men," said Bill Rubenstein, Director of the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project.

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- YES, I want to join Womynspace and become part of the dream. Enclosed is \$_____ dues for one year. The suggested contribution for membership is \$25.00 on the basis of "more if you can, less if you can't." LIFE MEMBERSHIPS \$500.00.
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