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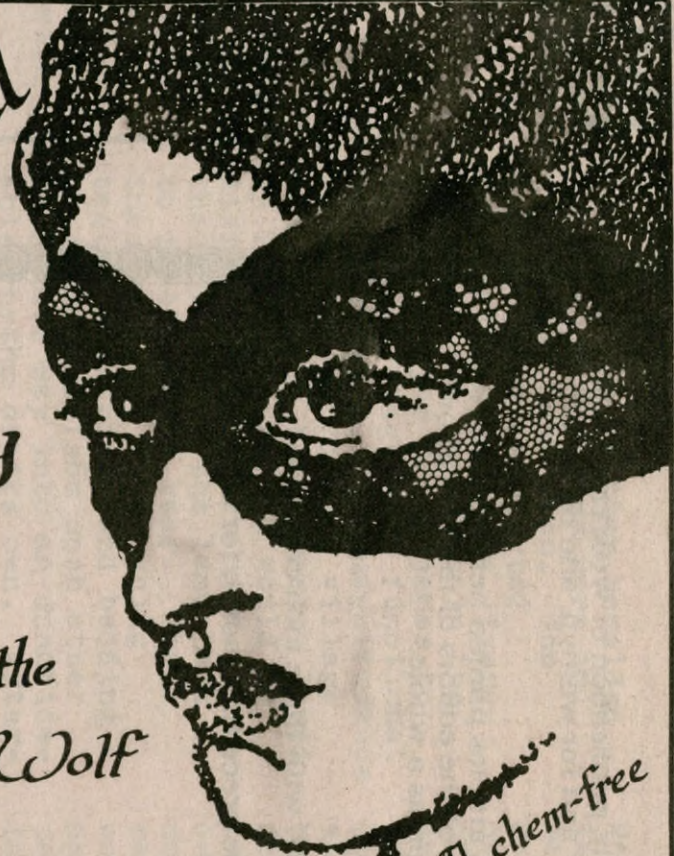
Womynspace Activities/Networking Directory

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Womynspace
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Saturday
Oct. 27



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Michigan Women's Music Festival

Michigan...

As Mecca is a place for restoring and enhancing the faith of Moslems, so Michigan in the full moon of August is a place for feminist and lesbian women to restore their self-esteem and to enhance their sense of value to themselves and to their community. Their community, our community. As a first timer, a "Festival Virgin" as first timers are called, I made this pilgrimage alone, unencumbered with relationships or others' space, free to absorb whatever came naturally of its own accord. The only time of melancholy occurred when I forlornly put up my tent by myself. But even then the folks tenting behind me offered to help blow up my air mattress. From that point on I belonged in and was a part of a real community that swelled from 2,000 that Tuesday to over 8,000 on the following Sunday.

The women were joyous to be returning to the land. Over and over I heard women talking about their spiritual connection to this piece of land--a square mile deep into the woods, isolated, beautiful, and special. By the hour through the day tents sprang up like mushrooms in the camp grounds creating a need to reorient oneself through the dense trees and fern back to one's own tent to meet new neighbors from far away places. Many tents

and grouping of them heralded banners of who they were and where they came from. The folks behind me sported Ohio Lesbian Archives. Everything on the land was in the present. The porta janes to the night stage were functional but temporary. The magnificence of a self-sufficient village was built in three weeks, lived in for one week and would be dismantled in three days. Thereby giving the land back to itself for a year. The inconvenience of brushing teeth, showering, and bedding at distances from each other soon gave way into an unnoticeable rhythm of its own. After all we were there to be at a festival celebrating ourselves and each other. The time was so present, so precious not even a moment of it was wasted. It took a couple of days for the eyes to believe there were only women: laughing, laughing, smiling, grinning, winking, walking arm in arm, giving salutation to sisters. Some were half nude, some naked with loin cloths, or just fanny packs, or costumes and even plain summer clothes. Breasts of every size and description were all proclaiming I'm just myself neither shameful nor exhibitionist, just perfect being me. Never had I been anywhere that sustained the ethics of the Judeo/Christian religions: courtesy, consideration, acceptance of other. Belongings were strewn about without fear of theft. Trails were hiked all night without fear of harm. Each of us was the festival.

Wonderful yet almost incidental to the joy of being there we were mesmerized and sometimes overwhelmed with the choices of workshops, music, dancing, and gatherings. Workshops seemed to be focused on topics central to us and usually unavailable back home: erotic Lesbian poetry, female ejaculation, starting Lesbian networks in one's own community, and dozens more. The women develop a real sense of group in workshops, both in openness and anonymity. A favorite past time for everyone was talking to people while waiting in line for dinner, The Cuntree Store, the concerts and the porta janes. Learning what other women were doing across the continent was reinforcing. My greatest grief came from talking to Canadian women from the Yukon to Montreal; more than a dozen, to learn that they knew not to tell the Americans on crossing the border that they were going to the Michigan's Women's Music Festival. They would be considered undesirables and would not be admitted! I was sick. I was embarrassed in the beginning. I began apologizing. "Don't," they said. The homophobia is as bad on the other side. On returning to their own country if suspected of being at the festival, they are detained for hours, their baggage searched and their souvenirs and feminist jewelry confiscated. Such revelations create even more of an investment in the festival knowing what a precarious reality it is.

By Sunday night loaded with used film, addresses of new friends, memories, and a bag of dirty clothes I knew that it was time to leave and that I too felt the spiritual connectedness to the land I had heard about. With myself and my gear packed up how could I tell this beautiful place "thank you"?

So with arms upstretched
And knees bent round,
I tipped my head
...and kissed the ground.

An Amazon



FACING THE CHILDREN

NOVEMBER 3 & 4

I invite you to come join us in a journey toward recovering the wholeness that is your birthright.

FACING THE CHILDREN is designed for those who want to become aware of deeper parts of themselves, particularly those parts we identify as the Inner Child. This workshop is especially suited for those actively involved in some process of healing/recovery. In this two day journey you will be guided to use deep relaxation, breath work, imagery and dialogue techniques, writing, music, and movement.

WORKSHOP FACILITATORS: Joyce M. Gayles, Ph.D. and Sophia K. Havsay, Ph.D. bring to this workshop their combined expertise and experience in working with life transition, adult survivors of sexual abuse and compulsive/addictive life patterns. FOR INFORMATION OR REGISTRATION CALL 667-6047.

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ONGOING EVENTS

OCTOBER

SPECIAL EVENTS

SUNDAYS

THE WOMAN'S GROUP meets every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. at the First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin at Southmore. Call 529-7329 for information.

LESBIAN INCEST SURVIVORS ANONYMOUS (LISA) meets every Sunday from 4:00-5:00 p.m. above Inklings, 1846 Richmond. For more information, call Sherry at 527-8712.

MONDAYS

WILDE 'n' STEIN - KPFT 90.1 FM, Mondays from 9:00-10:00 p.m. Lesbian and gay issues, interviews, music and news presented by those courageous community activists, Deborah Bell and Jack Valinski.

TUESDAYS

MOTHERS AND CHILDREN GROUP, for HIV positive Mothers and Children meets every Tuesday from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Multi-Service Center, 1475 W.Gray, Suite 163. The meetings are informal gatherings with speakers, refreshments, games, and companionship. For more information, call 522-5428.

DEAF HEARING-IMPAIRED GROUP - A group, facilitated in sign, for hearing-impaired people with concerns about HIV; this group includes PWA's, "worried well", and significant others and offers support and education. Walk-in. American Sign Language Interpreter. 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett Blvd, Room 3. For more information, call 529-0037.

A WOMAN'S PLACE- KPFT 90.1 FM, Tuesdays from 9:00-10:00 p.m.. Feminist issues and herstorical portraits with that tireless educator, Klara Kern.

WEDNESDAYS

WOMEN'S HOUR- KTRU 91.7 FM, Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Although 'music' isn't part of the name anymore, women's music is still an integral part of the show. Claire and Yoshiko have always played music by, for, and about women. Now they have added interviews, news stories, and a women's calendar to their show. For information, call 527-4050.

WOMEN'S THERAPY GROUP with an emphasis on spirituality meets Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00 p.m., at 6300 West Loop South. Led by Karen Hanson, CSW-ACP. Open to new members. Sliding scale. For information, call 667-5733.

WOMEN'S THERAPY GROUP with inner child focus, meets every Wednesday from 7:30-9:00 p.m., at 6300 West Loop South, Suite 215. Facilitated by Joyce M. Gayles, Ph.D. Open to new members. For information, call 667-6047.

ALTERNATE WEDNESDAYS

WOMEN'S NETWORK is a support group, established to serve the lesbian and bisexual women's community of Houston; any woman who is sensitive to and comfortable with lesbians, is welcome. The network provides an opportunity to discuss women's issues in a safe environment, network with other women, and socialize with old and new friends. A donation of \$3-5.00 per meeting is requested, but any woman is welcome regardless of her ability to pay. Meetings are every 2nd and 4th Wednesday, from 7:00-9:00 p.m., at the Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett, 2nd floor. For information, call 529-0037.

THURSDAYS

SORA (SEX OR RELATIONSHIP ADDICTS ANONYMOUS) meets every Thursday from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. A weekly support group for lesbians who desire to stop acting on their romance or relationship addiction, sex or co-sex addiction, or other types of codependency in relationships. They meet at Supportive Services, 4545 Post Oak Place, Suite 210. For more information, call Jane (868-4125) or Glenda (666-6968).

FRIDAYS

BREAKTHROUGH KPFT 90.1 FM, Friday mornings from 8:00-11:00 a.m. Womyn's music with Pokey Anderson and Cherry Wolf. These two women have dedicated over nine consecutive years to producing this highly acclaimed weekly show. We the community deeply cherish their gift.

1 MONDAY

WILDE 'n' STEIN-KPFT*

2 TUESDAY

MOTHERS AND CHILDREN GROUP*

DEAF HEARING-IMPAIRED GROUP*

A WOMAN'S PLACE-KPFT*

3 WEDNESDAY

WOMEN AGAINST VIOLENCE EVERYWHERE (WAVE) meets first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin. For information, call 529-7329.

WOMEN'S HOUR-KPFT*

WOMEN'S THERAPY GROUP with an emphasis on spirituality.*

WOMEN'S THERAPY GROUP with inner child focus.*

4 THURSDAY

SORA (SEX OR RELATIONSHIP ADDICTS ANONYMOUS)*

5 FRIDAY

BREAKTHROUGH- KPFT*

Lone Star Women's Music Festival, near Austin. Write them at P.O. Box 2650, Austin, Tx. 78768, or pick up a registration form at Inklings. Performers include Nancy Scott and The Therapy Sisters. Cost is \$58.

Beachouse Weekend spun with the Mother's Web, at Bolivar Peninsula, for mothers, children and supporters. You'll need food, toys, bedding, swimsuits and towels, and it will cost between five and ten dollars per adult. (We support the children, so they're free.) Call Nancy at 869-6689 for information. Bonus -- it's a Full Moon!

7 SUNDAY

THE WOMAN'S GROUP* For location call 664-7438.

LESBIAN INCEST SURVIVORS ANONYMOUS (LISA)*

8 MONDAY

WILDE 'n' STEIN-KPFT*

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9 TUESDAY

MOTHERS AND CHILDREN GROUP*

DEAF HEARING - IMPAIRED GROUP*

A WOMAN'S PLACE-KPFT*

10 WEDNESDAY

WOMEN'S THERAPY GROUP with inner child focus.*

WOMEN'S NETWORK* "In The Beginning, Goddess..." Join Rev. Karen Antone, managing editor of the New Age Symposium, for an herstorical discussion of the Mother of Life.

11 THURSDAY

SORA (SEX OR RELATIONSHIP ADDICTS ANONYMOUS)*

WOMYNSPACE DANCE COMMITTEE meets at 7:00 p.m. All volunteers are encouraged to come pitch in. Call Kathy at 664-7438 for directions.

12 FRIDAY

BREAKTHROUGH-KPFT*

14 SUNDAY

THE WOMAN'S GROUP*

LESBIAN INCEST SURVIVORS ANONYMOUS (LISA)*

WOMEN'S READING GROUP meets the second Sunday of each month from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in a member's home. This month's selection is Other Women, by Lisa Alther. Call Kathy at 664-7438 for directions.

Members of Houston's Mother's Support Web C/R Group are preparing their own outlines and presentation guides for a mother's and co-mother's c/r group to be held at the First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin, Sundays from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. For information, call Nancy at 869-6689.

15 MONDAY

WILDE 'n' STEIN-KPFT*

16 TUESDAY

MOTHERS AND CHILDREN GROUP*

DEAF HEARING-IMPAIRED GROUP*

A WOMAN'S PLACE-KPFT*

17 WEDNESDAY

KATE CLINTON AT THE TOWER! This appearance of the renowned feminist comedienne is sponsored by Coky Gray and Sandy Scurria. Call 529-4576 for information; tickets at Inklings and Ticketron

WEDNESDAY

WOMEN'S HOUR - KTRU*

WOMEN'S THERAPY GROUP with an emphasis on spirituality.*

WOMEN'S THERAPY GROUP with inner child focus.*

18 THURSDAY

SORA (SEX OR RELATIONSHIP ADDICTS ANONYMOUS)*

19 FRIDAY

BREAKTHROUGH - KPFT*

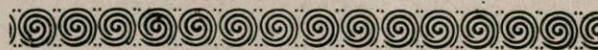
It's HEARTSONG ! in a benefit performance at 8:00 p.m. at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center at 1475 West Gray. This is in conjunction with a symposium, for people touched in some way by HIV/AIDS. Tickets are \$5.00 at the door, or free to those who are HIV+.

LIVING WITH HIV IN HOUSTON is a two day symposium at the University of Houston, 4800 Calhoun, Entrance #1, Conrad Hilton College Building. It is sponsored by the U of H Graduate School of Social Work and the Montrose Counseling Center. Call the MCC at 529-0037 for more information.

21 SUNDAY

LESBIAN INCEST SURVIVORS ANONYMOUS (LISA)*

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 information call 661-1482.



WomynSpace Steering Committee meeting at Inklings from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.



MOTHER'S WEB MONTHLY POT LUCK LUNCH / PICNIC / BBQ 1-4 P.M. in FLEMING PARK, Sunset Blvd. between Hazard and Kent) Hwy 59 and Shepherd exit, in West U. Rain place is the First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin, in the second floor room used by the Women's Group.

C/R FOR MOTHERS AND CO-MOTHERS Call Nancy at 869-6689 for information.

22 MONDAY

WILDE 'n' STEIN-KPFT*

23 TUESDAY

MOTHERS AND CHILDREN GROUP*

DEAF HEARING-IMPAIRED GROUP*

A WOMAN'S PLACE - KPFT*

24 WEDNESDAY

WOMEN'S HOUR-KTRU*

WOMEN'S THERAPY GROUP with an emphasis on spirituality.*

WOMEN'S THERAPY GROUP with inner child focus.*

WOMEN'S NETWORK* "Come Out, Come Out, Wherever You Are!" Roundtable discussion.

25 THURSDAY

SORA (SEX OR RELATIONSHIP ADDICTS ANONYMOUS)*

26 FRIDAY

BREAKTHROUGH-KPFT*

Finally! Women's Weekend!. It has the theme "Embracing Women's Legacy - Our Healing Connection." Call 529-0037 for information and registration.

27 SATURDAY

Women's Weekend. continues. Call 529-0037 for information and registration.

THE MASKED BALL

Womynspace is having a dance! It will be from 8 to midnight at the Bering Church, 1440 Harold. Our DJ will be CHERRY WOLF! Prizes will be awarded for the best mask! Cost is \$6 with costume, and \$7 without.

28 SUNDAY

LESBIAN INCEST SURVIVORS ANONYMOUS (LISA)*

29 MONDAY

WILDE 'n' STEIN-KPFT*

30 TUESDAY

MOTHERS AND CHILDREN GROUP*

DEAF HEARING-IMPAIRED GROUP*

A WOMAN'S PLACE - KPFT*

31 WEDNESDAY

WOMEN'S HOUR-KTRU*

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NOVEMBER

2nd - 4th

Full Moon Mother's Support Web Camping Trip. You'll need tents, bedding, toys and food to share, plus the campground fee per night. Call Karen at 466-0230 for more info.

2 FRIDAY

It's ROMANOVSKY & PHILLIPS back in Houston again. They are known for a campy, outrageous and glittering show which frames original lyrics and uniquely phrased melodies. They will be performing at the Episcopal High School. Again sponsoring the show is Metaphysiques' Kathy Biehl. Call her at 521-9551 for more information.

3 SATURDAY

Facing the Children is a workshop designed for those who want to become aware of deeper parts of themselves, particularly those parts we identify as the inner child. It will be facilitated by Joyce M. Gayles, PhD and Sophia K. Havasy, PhD. For information and registration call 667-6047.

4 SUNDAY

Facing the Children Workshop, see 3 November.

11 SUNDAY

DYKES TO WATCH OUT FOR: A THE SLIDE SHOW with cartoonist Alison Bechdel. A Hazelwitch Production; Cajun Dinner and Show at Treebeards. Begins at 6 p.m. \$15, tickets at Inklings and Lucia's Garden.

18 SUNDAY

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PHRANC AND 2 NICE GIRLS

AT Rice University. Watch for more information next month.

A Captive in Time
by Sarah Dreher
New Victoria Pubs., 1990

A Captive in Time is the best lesbian novel I've read all summer. It is part mystery, part romance, and part western, with a dash of science fiction (or maybe just plain magic) thrown in. Dreher brings this unlikely-sounding combination of elements together in a very readable, very well written novel that I did not want to put down. I smiled, even laughed, turned the pages as fast as I could as the mystery unravelled, and even got a little misty-eyed at the romantic ending.

The action begins when Stoner agrees to fly to Denver to drive a car back to Boston for one of the clients of her travel agency. All goes well until the car stalls for no apparent reason, leaving her stranded in the middle of nowhere in Colorado. When Stoner gets out to look for help, she finds it. But help is driving a mule and wagon. It gradually becomes apparent that she has been inexplicably transported back in time to 1871, when this area was still the Colorado Territory.

Stoner is stranded without any means of survival. She has no camping gear, and no one here accepts VISA or Traveller's Checks. (So much for Karl Malden's assurances that American Express can always come to your rescue!) And worst of all, she can't call her lover Gwen to let her know where she is.

Stoner does find help and even, eventually, friendship. There are a lot of strong and interesting women in this corner of the frontier. The saloonkeeper Dot, who feeds her that first night, turns out to be friends with the likes of Calamity Jane and suffragist

Lucy B. Stone, whom she has invited to town. And Blue Mary, the local herbalist and witch, turns out to be a friend of Stoner's fortune-telling Aunt Hermione.

All is not well in the tiny frontier town. Blue Mary tells Stoner that she senses real evil behind the series of increasingly destructive fires being set by an unknown arsonist. With Lucy B. Stone and other suffragist leaders due in town any day, this evil threatens not only a community of women that Stoner is growing to love, but the history of feminism as we know it.

In the midst of all this, Stoner, half a continent and over a century away from her beloved Gwen, finds herself falling in love, and with a very unlikely person.

It's hard to say more without giving anything away. Fans of Sarah Dreher's earlier Stoner McTavish novels will not be disappointed. And though this is part of a series, A Captive in Time stands very well on its own. You need not read the other books to enjoy this one. But be warned! You may find yourself going back to the earlier ones after you read this just to get more of one of lesbian fiction's most delightful characters.

Book Review Corner

- by Jennifer of Inklings



Early/Absentee Voting

Recent changes in elections laws now offer Texans with two early voting options. For the November 6 elections, Personal Appearance voting allows voters to cast ballots between October 17 and November 2. To find your appropriate voting location, call 224-1919 in Harris County and 341-8670 in Ft. Bend County.

Another alternative is to vote by mail by requesting a ballot from your county's voter registrar's office beginning 60 days before the election (September 7). In order for these ballots to be counted, they must be received no later than election day (November 6). Any ballots arriving after the election are deemed invalid.

You must first be registered to vote to exercise either option. The last day to register for the November election is October 7. For more information, contact your county voter registrar's office at the numbers mentioned above.

Art News

CREATIVE RECYCLING is a very special exhibit at the Alpha 2 Omega Art Gallery and Gift Shoppe, 1538 Welch at Yupon. All pieces are created using recycled materials. Hours are Wed-Fri 11-6 Sat 10-5.

Alpha 2 Omega is a collective of artists who donate the proceeds after the gallery's expenses are met to the Omega House. New artists are welcome to join. Call 526-4415.

Our cover artist, Aleta Grey, is also a member of Alpha 2 Omega!

Sonia Johnson



October 7, 1989 Sonia Johnson appeared in Houston, Texas with her inspiring message of creating a new society. One tenet of the new society is abundance. There is enough for everybody if we know how to share the abundance.

The Sonia Johnson Committee had an abundance from Sonia's appearance last year and decided to donate this abundance to the Shelter for Abused Women & Their Children, sponsored by the Houston Area Women's Center.

The Shelter is a residential facility and houses 45 women and their children seeking safe, immediate refuge from violent homes. They will use the donation to purchase "badly needed bunk beds and if possible, an industrial size percolator" for the Shelter.

The Shelter thanks us for "touching the lives of women and children attempting to break the cycle of violence."

The Sonia Johnson Committee thanks everyone who helped in any way to create the abundance that was shared with the Shelter.

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Retreat '90



Eleven women gathered at the lovely grounds of Alma de Mujer, just outside of Austin, for the Womynspace Retreat Sept. 1 & 2. The time was well spent on various workshops, hikes to the lake, swimming, reflective walks in the woods, a rousing sing-a-long in the lodge which was continued later in the jacuzzi. The workshops included: "Herstory of Womynspace", "Fun & Games", "Interpersonal Relationships", "Your Financial Future", "The Healing Touch", and a discussion of visions for the future of Womynspace.

New friendships were formed and on-going friendships deepened. The vegetarian meals were ample and excellent. It was a positive experience for all!

The essence of Womynspace, a safe place to gather and share with other women, was experienced by all of those who were there.



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MONTROSE COUNSELING CENTER

The Montrose Counseling Center is sponsoring the 5th Annual Women's Weekend, "EMBRACING WOMEN'S LEGACY: OUR HEALING CONNECTION." In a series of workshops, playshops and celebrations we will explore life in a culture where women honor themselves. The weekend activities will be held at the University of Houston Hilton, 4800 Calhoun on October 26-27 (Friday evening and all day Saturday).

The weekend begins Friday evening with a ceremony to create and honor women's space. Saturday will open with an invocation recalling women's lives before patriarchy, when our roles as healer, teacher and nurturer were revered and honored. A guided meditation will affirm our individual connection to the ancestral healer, teacher and nurturer within each of us.

Empowering afternoon workshops will release us from today's culture-bound images of women's lives and invite us to reclaim all that is our legacy as women. This legacy is our healing connection and it enables us to restore our relationships with the earth, with food, our bodies, sexuality, spirituality, family and community. Five "playshops" will engage the child and healer within us, using movement, music, art, writing and games. The weekend will conclude with an end-gathering to celebrate and share our pride in our womanhood.

For registration information call 529-0037 or write: Women's Weekend, Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett #203, Houston, TX 77006.

HeartSong Open to New Membership

The Houston Women's Community Chorus will be open to new membership November 5 through November 26, 1990. HeartSong welcomes women to join their voices with ours in singing music that is women- and life-affirming. HeartSong is a non-professional group committed to producing the highest quality music of which we are capable. We sing for the joy of singing.

A trial membership of four weeks will be required to orient you to the chorus. During that time, we hope you will come to understand how we operate, and the required commitment of time and energy.

Auditions will be held November 26, 1990. You will be asked to sing with a chorus member of your choice and with your section leader in front of a small group.

HeartSong meets for practice every Monday night from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the First Unitarian Universalist Church, 5210 Fannin, on the corner of Fannin and Southmore.

For more information call 667-8735.

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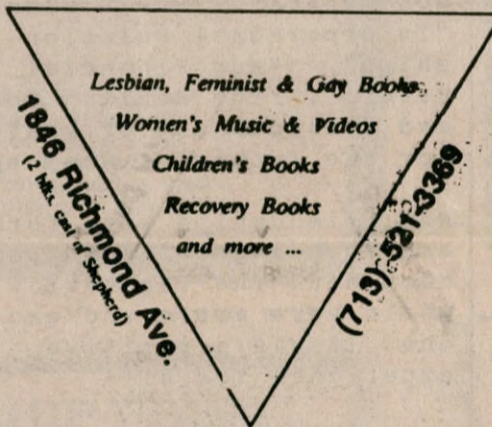
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