

HOUSTON LESBIAN/GAY PRIDE WEEK newsletter

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A NEW LOGO AND A NEW YEAR FOR HL/GPW

by Jack Valinski

As HL/GPW enters 1992, a new logo has been chosen to represent the many activities of the new year.

On December 13, over 15 entries were submitted for our annual logo contest. Of these entries five were chosen by a panel of judges living and working in the community. The judges included Marion Colemen of House of Colemen, Greg Scott last year's winner and a professional artist, John of TNT T-Shirts and Brian Keever of the marketing committee of HG/LPW.

The final judging was on December 17 at the general meeting. Richard Bang's design was chosen. The design featured a long PRIDE =

POWER, with the W made up of triangles.

So this is the last month you will see the TAKE PRIDE logo. It has served us well over the year. I personally thought it was the best of all we saw at the IAL/GPC conference in Boston.

Now armed with an official logo we are ready to move forward into 1992. Very soon the marketing Chair, Brian Keever will be working with different vendors to get the logo on T-shirts, hats and many other items. This helps fund our efforts. λ

WE NEED A FEW GOOD MEN & WOMEN

HG/LPW is looking for people to help organize this year's celebration. All of our committees need volunteers, we especially encourage women and people of color. If you can spare a few hours a week. Come to our next meeting or call us on the Pride Line 529-6979 and we will put to work. This newsletter takes about 60 people hours each month to produce. Pride Week can only be as successful as the community it represents. And thanks for helping our community. λ

PRIDE=POWER

Houston Lesbian & Gay Pride Week 1992

SPECIAL EDITION

This edition of the TAKE PRIDE Newsletter is being sent to over 4,500 homes in the greater Houston area to promote the TOGETHER WE CAN benefit with the help of Queer Nation/Houston.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, January 21
7:00 PM
Metropolitan
Multi-Service Center
1475 W Gray
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DECEMBER MINUTES

DECEMBER 17, 1991 CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Jack Valinski called the meeting to order at approximately 7:10 AM. He welcomed all those present and acknowledged two new guest: William Grady or the Garden Party and David of the Venture-N.

NOTICE AND AGENDA

Notice of the meeting was printed in *The New Voice* as well as the *Newsletter*. The agenda was presented and accepted.

MINUTES

Minutes were printed in the *Newsletter* and were accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following report was presented to the membership: Opening balance on December 3rd was \$7,506.81 with no revenue and expenses out of the checking account was \$2,823.18 with a balance of \$4683.63. A CD was opened on November 15 for \$2,000 at 4.65% for a 32 day period with an automatic rollover. Interest will be deposited back into the CD. The report was accepted.

NEWSLETTER & GUIDE

Jack reported that Queer Nation may help underwrite the January Newsletter and help pay for additional mailing to help promote the "Together We Can" fundraiser.

FUNDRAISING

Dean reported that he will be speaking to the managers of a few bars, between Christmas and New Year's to decide a location for the Beach Party in February. Publicity will begin three weeks prior to the event.

EVENTS

Carol reported for Marla that business for the committee will begin in January since it's still a little early. The Pride Awards Dinner is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 20.

OUTREACH/MEDIA

Diane reported that she is calling on organizations to get updated addresses and phone numbers.

MARKETING

Brian reported there were 15 total

entries for the logo contest. Preliminary judging was held at Gentry's on December 13th and the five finalist's entries were on hand for viewing. A brief discussion followed and the voting ensued. The 1992 HL/GPW Logo contest winner is Richard Bang. Brian also reported that T-shirts and buttons will be printed and ready for sale in February.

PARADE

Jack reported for absent James Laque and Lady Victoria Lust. Members of the committee were down to see the Foley's Thanksgiving Day Parade to get ideas. Some entries would work well with our parade and would be sought out. Research has been done on the grounds of Lanier Middle School (the beginning of the parade) to a pre-parade rally. Carol will be calling the school principal again in January. The January meeting will deal with the rules of the parade.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Carol reported that Kathy Hubbard was working on the IRS forms and will be ready to file by the end of January. Both Debra Hunt and John Hill are working with us so we would have a good chance of getting our 501 (c)(3) status.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deborah Bell announced that the March on Washington is scheduled for April 25, 1993. Deborah was chosen to represent the Texas-LA-AR region in Los Angeles. Pride Week will allow the use of the Pride Line (529-6979) for information on the Houston organizing effort.

Other announcements are in the Calendar starting on page 8.

ADJOURNMENT

Jack adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:32 PM. λ

Next Executive Meeting

January 7, 6:30 PM

Next General Meeting

January 21, 7:00 PM

1475 W Gray

Queer News

a first in a monthly series of information on QN/Houston Tribe

PANSIES AGAINST ROSES

Queer Nation/Houston is sponsoring a protest at the upcoming concert appearance of Guns 'N Roses. The lead singer of this rock group, Axel Rose, states in a MTV interview that he gets great pleasure from "Kicking Faggot's Asses." The lead guitarist for the group frequently wears a tee shirt at concert appearances that depicts an aerosol can of insecticide and the slogan, "AIDS: KILLS FAGS DEAD."

Needless to say, this sort of ignorance and intolerance cannot go unaddressed. QN will stage a rally on Thursday, January 9th at 6:30 PM in front of the Summit on the Southwest Freeway. Protesters will carry signs and chant in front of the Summit for one to two hours before the concert. A large turn out is expected.

WHAT IS Q-PATROL?

Q-Patrol was formed two months ago by Montrose residents concerned about "fag-bashing." The purpose of the organization is to provide a visible presence in the area where most of the bashings have occurred and to report incidents to local law enforcement agencies.

A database has been established for storing the license numbers of vehicles whose occupants have been seen in the area engagning in gay-bashing and related activities.

BUGGING FAG-BASHERS ARRESTED

On Friday, December 27, four heterosexual juveniles, ages 15 to 19, were observed yelling "faggots" at members of the foot patrol. The foot patrol radioed that information to the mobile patrol, which began following the suspects. The suspects were seen verbally harassing persons on lower Westheimer and one of them threw a beer bottle at an individual. The mobile unit blocked the suspects' escape while the incident was reported to officers the Westheimer storefront substation. The suspects, residents of Nederland and Spring, were arrested and charged with various offenses.

Q-Patrol operates every Friday and Saturday night from 11:00 PM to 3:00 AM. Members meet at the HPD storefront located at 811 Westheimer at 11:00 PM. If you can volunteer at least one four-hour shift per month, we can use your help. If your are interested in participating, you can contact Mark Garther at 645-5252 or Keith Stewart at 522-5110.

SAFETY TIPS FROM Q-PATROL

- Never walk alone.
- Park in well-lighted areas.
- Carry a whistle or other noise-making device with you.
- Report any suspicious activity to the authorities.

QN meets every Tuesday at 7:30 PM
Montrose Palace, 1505 Nevada

TOGETHER WE CAN, JANUARY 19

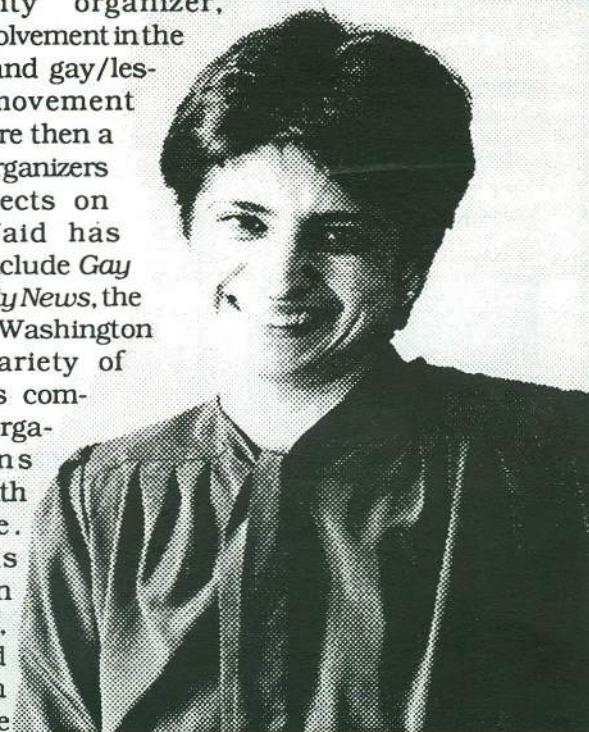
A very special evening is planned on January 19, at 7:00 PM at the Heights Theatre (see page 6 and 7). Urvashi Vaid, Executive Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the national gay and lesbian civil rights and lobbying organization will give an powerful speech. The evening will also feature performance artist Tim Miller.

Tim Miller is a performance artist who has been creating his own work since 1978. His work has consistently been a powerful and theatrical exploration of the connection between personal story and social events and activism.

Tim Miller says "My work as a performance artist tries to dig as deep as I can at the things that make me bang my head against the wall. Jumping off from autobiography, I look for connections between text and gesture, between life and the world around me, between myself and the audience. As a gay person and AIDS activist, I want to shake things up and create community through the weird and exciting reality of performing."

Steve Dollar, Theater critic of *The Atlanta Constitution* said of Tim "Those aesthetic jellyfish at the National Endowment for the Arts may have denied him funding, but it's awfully hard to resist performance artist Tim Miller. Political theater that offers a zinging one-two punch... that fuses activist rage, graphically freewheeling sexual imagery and compassionate wit into a moving manifesto."

Urvashi Vaid, is a long time feminist activist and community organizer, whose involvement in the feminist and gay/lesbian movement spans more then a decade. Organizers and projects on which Vaid has worked include *Gay Community News*, the March on Washington and a variety of grassroots community organizations dealing with violence. Vaid was born in New Delhi, India, and grew up in up state New York.



Urvashi Vaid

1993 MARCH ON WASHINGTON

The Interim Coordinating Committee (ICC) has been busy putting together the next National meeting for the March on Washington. The last National meeting adopted a structure that called for the full National Steering Committee to convene for the first time in January of 1992. The ICC has now chosen to have this meeting on the weekend of Martin Luther King's birthday in Los Angeles. Keeping in mind the goal of moving the meetings throughout the United States, the west coast was a logical follow-up to previous meetings in D.C. and Chicago.

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

This march is going to be the cumulative effort of thousands of people. At this date, there is a serious need for people to help build the infrastructure that will be able to mobilize 1 million people in a little over a year. Right now each region is having meetings to choose four delegates to represent them in the National Steering Committee.

1987 - 650,000 people

1993 goal-1 million

WHAT'S GOING ON?

The 1987 Lesbian and Gay National March on Washington was the largest civil rights demonstration in the history of our country. In 3 days of

actions and protests, 650,000 Lesbians, Gays, and supporters irrevocably demonstrated the strength in our combined communities.

Organizers around the country have called for this march to be repeated in 1993. Scheduled so as not to conflict with the massive and nationwide Anti-Columbus actions in 1992, the weekend of April 25th, 1993 was chosen as the date for the next Lesbian and Gay March on Washington.

To date, two national meetings have adopted an organizing structure that relies on grassroots organizing at the state and regional levels.

Our region is number 6 and includes Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas. The next regional meeting is February 1st in Dallas at the Community Center, see the calendar section for more information. The Pride Week message center at 529-6979 is serving as the information center for the Houston region.

Each of these regions is charged with having four representatives to the National Steering Committee chosen by January 18, 1991. ICC members are working with each region to monitor progress and lend assistance.

FUNDRAISING IS UNDER WAY!

The ICC has opened a bank account for the March on Washington and is starting to pay outstanding organizing bills inherited from the two national meetings.

Present ICC plans call to pay all bills through the January meeting and also present the incoming National Steering Committee with at least \$2,000 seed money. Right now, most of the present expenses come from phone bills for national conference calls and outreach calls. Unfortunately, no one has been successful in turning Sprint Long-Distance into a donor for the cause!

Checks should be made out to the 1993 March on Washington and should be sent to

March On Washington
P.O. Box 34607
Washington, DC 20043-4607

GAY ROLES

by Ryan Murphy
from *Details*

Who says that straight actors won't play gay? Although the previous generation of superstars wouldn't ever step into a homosexual character's boots (both Robert Redford and Paul Newman passed on the now mythical never-made '70s drama *The Front Runner*, about a gay track coach), Hollywood's new crop is apparently less concerned about typecasting, especially when the role has Oscar written all over it.

Take, for example, *The Mayor of Castro Street*, a Warner Bros. movie planned for an early-1992 start-up about the life and times of San Francisco gay-rights leader Harvey Milk, who was assassinated in his political prime by a homophobic ex-cop. Every male over thirty in Hollywood, according to sources close to the movie, let it be known that he would love to tackle the meaty part, Al Pacino, Dustin Hoffman, Robert De Niro, and Robin Williams among them. But their campaigns pale next to that of James Woods.

PREVIOUS GENERATION OF SUPERSTARS WOULDN'T EVER STEP INTO A HOMOSEXUAL CHARACTER

Following the lead of onetime love object Sean Young (who mounted an embarrassing drive this summer for the role of Catwoman in the *Batman* sequel), Woods launched an all-out assault. He hired a secretary to research the role, then graciously delivered the clippings to the film's key players, even though they already owned the Harvey Milk archives. After making a personal pitch at the home of producer Oliver Stone—"a courtesy meeting" where he was bluntly told "over and over again" that he was not the first choice—Woods was overheard at a press junket for his early spring bomb, *The Hard Way*, saying that he all but had the part nailed. "With two historically heterosexual

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ARE SOME PEOPLE BORN GAY?

from *The New York Times*

By Michael Bailey
and Richard Pillard

Evanston Ill
Science is rapidly converging on the conclusion that sexual orientation is innate. It has found that homosexuals often act differently from heterosexuals in early childhood, before they have even heard of sex. A recent study by Simon Levi, a neurobiologist at the Salk Institute, reported a difference in the hypothalamus, a part of the brain that develops at a young age, between homosexual and heterosexual men.

If true, a biological explanation is good news for homosexuals and their advocates.

Our own research has shown that male sexual orientation is substantially genetic. Over the last two years, we have studied the rates of whom sexuality in identical and nonidentical twin brothers of gay men, as well as adoptive brothers of gay men. Fifty-two percent of the identical twin brothers were gay, as against 22 percent of nonidentical twins and 11 percent of the adoptive, genetically unrelated brothers.

Michael Bailey is assistant professor of psychology at Northwestern University. Richard Pillard is associate professor of psychiatry at Boston University School of Medicine.

guys [meaning him and Stone] committed to this story," he said, "it would be possible to dispel homophobia in an even greater way."

Some Warner executives, hearing of Woods's false bravado, were not amused. "What he did was in appalling bad taste," said one exec. "Jimmy, although he could do the job, was never seriously considered." And why is that? "Because he is not a star."

Woods shut up only recently, when he learned that fellow CAA actor Robin Williams was the first choice for the role. "With this film we are trying to break through to Middle

In contrast, research on social factors has been fruitless. Despite many attempts, there has been no clear demonstration that parental behavior, even a parent's homosexuality, affects children's sexual orientation. Cultures tolerant of homosexuals do not appear to raise more of them than do less permissive societies.

Amphibious sometimes justify their prejudice against homosexuals by alleging that homosexuality is contagious that young homosexuals become that way because of older homosexuals and that homosexuality is a social corruption. Such beliefs form the core of the organized anti-homo-

ity is an illness. Behavioral scientists, however, have long searched for biological underpinnings of traits such as extroversion and intelligence, which no one considers to be negative. Furthermore, a biological explanation of homosexuality simultaneously explains heterosexuality.

The advocates worry that biological findings may be misused to try to alter or prevent homosexuality. But no scientific theory or finding by itself can lead to a proper attitude or policy toward homosexuality. Here, moral values must be primary.

This leads to a more pertinent fear of gays and lesbians, that people will assume that answers to moral questions hinge on the results of scientific study. Should a benevolent view of homosexuality depend on the assumption that it is innate? Are gays and lesbians to be tolerated only if they are "born that way"?

Regardless of what causes sexual orientation, there is no plausible justification for oppressing homosexuals. Reasons that have long been offered that homosexuals disproportionately molest children, convert heterosexuals to homosexuality are mentally ill, betray their country have been shown to be false.

But homophobia remains the one form of bigotry that respectable people can express in public. If the longoverdue national debate on homosexuality took place, the poverty of the anti-homosexual case would become readily apparent.

If scientific study of the origins of sexual orientation would not directly resolve the public issue, why do it?

First, it can inform public debate. But, equally important is the value of discovery, particularly self-discovery. A gay man with a heterosexual identical twin, both of whom we studied, put it this way: "I accepted being gay years ago so that's not why I want to know. But sexual orientation is such an important part of my life anyone's life that I'm still curious why I turned out gay and my brother straight." How could anyone not be curious? λ

GENETIC THEORY IS SUPPORTED BY A STUDY OF TWINS.

sexual movement. If homosexuality is largely innate, this would prove that these claims are ground-less.

Given these implications, it may seem surprising that the biological studies disturb many gay and lesbian advocates. Misunderstanding them, the advocates often suggest that the search for a biological cause is voted by an assumption that homosexual-

America," says the same exec, "and Robin gives warmth and familiarity."

Although the current screenplay contains several scenes of Milk romancing his younger boyfriend (also to be played by a name actor in his early thirties), the emphasis of the movie will be on hearts and minds, not bodies. "We're saying: This is an interesting man who among other things just happened to be gay," said Stone to a journalist recently. "He fought a civil-rights war from a minority viewpoint. That is of historical interest." λ

Sunday, Jan.
7pm Heights Theatre

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Urvashi Vaid & Tim Miller

speak in their incredible ways about activism

Vaid is the Executive Director

for the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force

Miller is a Mutant Performance Artist

from Alta California

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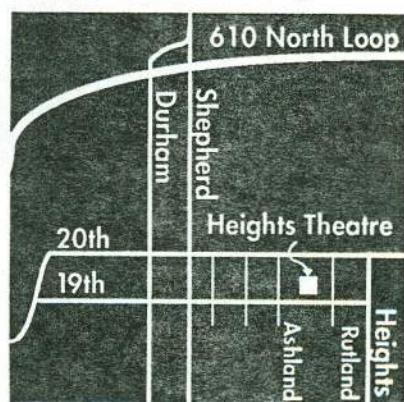
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C A L E N D A R

Highlight

Ulashi Vald executive director of the National Gay/Lesbian Task Force will be in Houston the weekend of the 18 and 19.

Continuing

The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe, Lily Tomlin's stage play comes to the movies, written by Lily's companion Jane Wagner. Joe Leydon of The Houston Post says "a brilliantly sustained (episode) where Tomlin traces the progress of a compulsively self-analytical feminist from the burning idealism of mid-70s to the harsh realities of the mid-80s." Running 107 minutes, rated PG, at AMC Greenway 3 Theater

Young Soul Rebels, directed by Isaac Julien and according to the Houston Post's Joe Leydon "is probably the first multiracial, ambisexual, punk-funk musical murder mystery ever made." It is an example of racial and sexual tensions in London of the late 70s. This includes the story of Caz, a casually gay and how he must cope with harassment from racist "skinheads", River Oaks Theatre, 2009 W Gray ☎ 524-2175

Sundays

LISA, Lesbian Incest Survivors Anonymous, 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM, Inklings, 1846 Richmond ☎ 527-8712

Houston Women's Rugby Team Practice, The Bellaire YMCA ☎ Shelly at 776-8451

Mondays

Lone Star Symphonic Band, starting January 21, recruiting musicians, regardless of degree of expertise, ☎ 521-0181

Rational Eating Support Group, Facilitated by a New Way and Kathy Sitarsky & Janet Hudson. Open to all women, Sliding Scale Fees, 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM, 5906 Dolores Suite 201 ☎ 784-6511

Sharon Stone And Assoc., Lesbian Therapy Group, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, 3935 Westheimer Suite 360 ☎ 623-6081

April 25, 1993

National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights

PO Box 34607
Washington, DC
20043-4607

Tuesdays

Mothers And Children Group, For HIV+ Mothers And Their Children, Informal with speakers, games, refreshments and companionship, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray, Suite 163 ☎ 522-5428

Support Group For Lesbian/Gay Codependents Anonymous, discussion and support about issues regarding codependency, 5:30 PM, Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett Suite 203 ☎ Sharon 893-0514 or Jack 523-4863

Deaf And Hearing Impaired Group, This Group Is Signed For Hearing Impaired People Who Have Concerns About HIV, Including HIV+, PWAs, Worried Well, Significant Others And All Interested Parties, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett, Room 3 ☎ 529-0037

Queer Nation/Houston Tribe, a relative new group who have been very active in changing attitudes the greater Houston area has on Gay and Lesbian people. QN is made up of many affinity groups who specialize in different aspects of the community, 7:30 PM, Montrose Palace, 1505 Nevada at Commonwealth

A Women's Place, Feminist Issues And Herstorical Portraits with Klara Kern, 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM, KPFT 90.1 FM ☎ 526-4000

Wednesdays

The Gay/ Lesbian Student Association, a discussion groups of an educational, social, political and service organization of the University of Houston, 3:30 PM & 7:30 PM, ☎ 529-3211

Women's Hour, with Claire And Yoshiko, Interviews, News, Calendar Events, 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM, KTRU 91.7 FM. ☎ 527-4050

Women's Therapy Group, with emphasis On Spirituality, Karen Hansen, CSW-ACP Open To All Women, Sliding Scale Fees, 6:15 PM to 7:45 PM, 6300 West Loop South

SORA, Sex Or Relationship Addicts Anonymous, a support group for lesbians who desire to stop acting on their sex, romance, and/or relationship addictions and learn how to have healthy relationships, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, 1919 Decatur At MCCR In The Library ☎ Glenda 666-8256, Beth 527-0342

Thursdays

HIV Fitness Program, low-impact aerobics class, body composition and strength analysis, sponsored by LIFE Physical Therapy and the PWA Coalition, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Metropolitan Multi-Purpose Center, 1475 W Gray ☎ 796-2272

Afro Femcentric, a group devoted to Social, political concerns Of African American Lesbians, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin ☎ 537-5146

Women Facing Health Concerns, Support For Women Facing Challenging Health (Cfs, HIV, Etc.), 7:00 PM, Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett Suite 203 ☎ 529-0037

Houston Women's Rugby Team Practice, 7:00 PM, Memorial Park Rugby Pitch ☎ Shelly at 776-9451

Fridays

Lambda Women's Support and Social Group, group discussions, social activities, guest speakers, referrals and support network, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM, ☎ Cheryl 736-1439 or July 724-7222

Breakthrough, Women's Music, interviews and calendar of events with Pokey, Laura and Suzanne, 9:05 AM to Noon, KPFT 90.1 FM ☎ 526-4000

Q-Patrol, is a foot patrol in the Montrose area to guard against violence and queer bashing of our people. This non-violent, non-armed group is a affinity group of Queer Nation. All participants must have previously successfully completed training, 11:30 PM to 3:00 AM, Montrose Storefront Police Station, 802 Westheimer ☎ Tracy Brown at 524-4657

Saturdays

HIV Fitness Program, see Thursdays, 10:00 AM to Noon

Dignity/Houston, Catholic Liturgy and social hour, 7:30 PM, 1505 Nevada at Commonwealth ☎ 528-0111

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After Hours, Gay and Lesbian Radio, Bruce Reeves, new format with calendar, interviews and This Way Out, a national news and feature program, 12:00 AM to 4:00 AM, KPFT 90.1 FM ☎ 526-4000

C A L E N D A R

31 Tuesday

Gay/Lesbian Hispanic Unidos, annual "Fiesta Año Nuevo" (New Year's Party) with doorprizes and music by DJ Becky Contreras, \$15 presale, \$18 at door, 8:00 PM, Stofer's Presidente Hotel, Greenway Plaza

4 Saturday

Bicycle Ride of River Oaks, Cahin Gang Bicycle Club, 10:00 AM, meets at Heaven parking lot, Pacific at Grant ☎ 780-3559

5 Sunday

The Women's Group, is a feminist group, but each woman, by virtue of her own experiences and reality, defines her own feminism and her particular activism, Assault Prevention "Condition Red," Aleithai Bower, Certified Gun Retention Instructor will address guns and how to "keep him from getting yours." Mag Dunbar describes personal safety devices., Sojourner Truth room of the First Unitarian Church, 5200 Fannin at Southmore ☎ Iris at 529-8571 or Janet at 370-3657

6 Monday

Gay Male Therapy Group, Topics include: How to gain more intimacy in relationships, feeling good about who you are, coming out to family and friends and options for not doing either and many more, \$25 per session, 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM, Sharon Stone and Associates, Suite 210, 3935 Westheimer and Weslayan ☎ 623-6081

Wilde 'n' Stein Radio, members of HATCH, Houston Area Teenagers Concerned with Homosexuality, will be talking about how it is to be gay or lesbian in the 1990s, along with news and calendar, 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM, KPFT 90.1 FM. ☎ 526-4000

7 Tuesday

AIDS Equity League, All Welcome, 12:00 Noon, At Charlie's Restaurant, Westheimer At Waugh Drive

Lesbian/Gay Pride Week 1992, Executive Team meeting, open to all, topics will include rules for the parade and getting applications, 6:30 PM, Metropolitan Multi-Purpose Center, 1475 W Gray ☎ 529-6979

Lambda Roller Skating Club and Metropolitan Community Church, **Gay and Lesbian Skate Night**, Roller Skating nite for Lesbian and Gays and friends at Carousel Skating Rink, \$5.00 includes skates, 7:30 PM to 10:30 PM, Carousel Skating Rink, 9109 Old Katy Road ☎ 523-6381

8 Wednesday

WAVE, Women Against Violence Everywhere, a group specifically focusing on violence against women and children, Sojourner Truth room of the First Unitarian Church, 5200 Fannin at Southmore ☎ 867-9117

Women's Network, Internalized Homophobia presented by psychotherapist Gabriella Rappaport, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett, 2nd floor. ☎ 529-0037

Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, normally on the first and third Wednesday, nominations of officers for next year, 7:30 PM, Montrose Palace, 1505 Nevada at Commonwealth ☎ 521-1000

9 Thursday

National Leather Association of Houston, General business meeting, Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 W Gray

Thursday Workshop Series, My Parents think my lover is my roommate, Sharon Stone, CADAC, \$10, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, Sharon Stone and Associates, 3935 Westheimer, Suite 210 ☎ 623-6081

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12 Sunday

The Women's Group, is a feminist group, but each woman, by virtue of her own experiences and reality, defines her own feminism and her particular activism., Sgt. McCullen works in the HPD Sex Crimes Unit and will be with us to discuss sexual assault and sexual violence, Sojourner Truth room of the First Unitarian Church, 5200 Fannin at Southmore ☎ Iris at 529-8571 or Janet at 370-3657

P-FLAG, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, 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, InterCare Hospital, 7601 Fannin ☎ 721-0788

The Women's Reading Group, discuss the topic relationships, each participant will discuss a book on relationships, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, meets at different members homes ☎ 932-7724 or 580-4305

13 Monday

Lone Star Symphonic Band, election of officers for 1992 at annual Board of Directors meeting, the board is actively recruiting nonmusicians and individuals who have not previously been associated with the band, 7:30 PM, 1919 Decatur, Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection ☎ 520-0181

Wilde 'n' Stein Radio, Urvashi Vaid, Executive Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force is schedule to do an interview via phone discussing her upcoming visit to Houston this weekend and many topics concerning our community, 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM, KPFT 90.1 FM ☎ 526-4000

15 Wednesday

Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, board meeting, 7:30 PM, 900 Lovett, Suite 101 ☎ 521-1000

16 Thursday

Thursday Workshop Series, I'm okay with being Gay, except within I'm at church? With Evelyn Virnau, CASAC, \$10, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, Sharon Stone and Associates, 3935 Westheimer, Suite 210 ☎ 623-6081

17 Friday

Lesbians in Business, Houston physician Dr. Patricia Salvato will speak on "Stress in Women." Dr. Salvato has practiced internal medicine for over 6 years, specializing in the treatment of AIDS and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. Her incite into the effects of stress on women will be of particular interest to many, \$10 membership, 6:30 PM, Innova, 20 Greenway Plaza, on Cummins between Portsmouth and Norfolk ☎ 529-0077

National Leather Association: Houston, NLA: Houston First Anniversary Weekend I, '92, a night in black leather, Venture -N, 2923 Main

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C A L E N D A R

18 Saturday

National Leather Association: Houston, NLA: **Houston First Anniversary Weekend I**, '92, leather symposium, 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM, Montrose Place, 1505 Nevada

Prime Timers-Houston, monthly meeting, announcements of coming events with speaker, \$1, 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM, Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett, Suite 201 ☎ 981-8440

National Leather Association: Houston, NLA: Houston First Anniversary Weekend I, '92, wit Uiasi Vaid of National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Venture-N, 2923 Main

KPFT 90.1 FM

19 Sunday

The Women's Group, is a feminist group, but each woman, by virtue of her own experiences and reality, defines her own feminism and her particular activism, Backlash, Iris Sizemore and Jacsun Shah will be leading a discussion of this very important book by Susan Faludi on "the undeclared war against women." Urvashi Vaid, Executive Director of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force, will also address us and add her perspectives to the discussion, Sojourner Truth room of the First Unitarian Church, 5200 Fannin at Southmore ☎ Iris at 529-8571 or Janet at 370-3657

National Leather Association: Houston, NLA: Houston First Anniversary Weekend I, '92, bar run and cocktail party, 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Venture-N, 2923 Main

Mother's Web, monthly Pot Luck Lunch/Picnic/BBQ, non-mothers can network with feminist mothers and their kids, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Russ Pittman Park, Bellaire, off West Loop at Evergreen ☎ Nancy 869-6689

LOAF, Lesbians Over Age Fifty, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 W Gray ☎ 661-1428

AMIGA de Houston, Focuses on Latina/Lesbiana, all mujeres interested in getting active, all are welcome, with a potluck dinner, 5:00 PM, ☎ 520-5667

Together We Can, a community benefit with Uiasi Vaid of National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and Tim Miller, performance artist, see advertisement on page 6 and 7, \$10 in advance available at Lobo and Inklings, 7:00 PM, Heights Theater ☎ 521-1000

20 Monday

Wilde 'n' Stein Radio, an interview with Tim Miller, performance artist and AIDS activist, who was denied National Endowments of the Arts funds, 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM, KPFT 90.1 FM ☎ 526-4000

21 Tuesday

AIDS Equity League, All Welcome, 12:00 Noon, At Charlie's Restaurant, Westheimer At Waugh Drive

Montrose Activity Center, **Gay Skate Nite**, \$5.00 includes skate rental, 7:30 PM to 10:30 PM, Carousel Skating Rink, I-10 between Campbell and Blalock

22 Wednesday

Women's Network, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett, 2nd floor ☎ 529-0037

Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, normally on the first and third Wednesday, election of officers, 7:30 PM, Montrose Palace, 1505 Nevada at Commonwealth ☎ 521-1000

23 Thursday

Imperial Court Of The Single Star, and Coronation VIII, Royal, Sovereign Present: The Gummi Bear Reign VII, Weekend Of Entertainment: Shows, Awards, Bar Tours & Pub Crawls, Cartoon Capers, Comic Books, And Court Meetings

25 Saturday

Ice Skating, Lambda Skate club, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Sharpstown Ice Center, 7300 Bellerive at Bonhomme ☎ 523-6381

26 Sunday

The Women's Group, is a feminist group, but each woman, by virtue of her own experiences and reality, defines her own feminism and her particular activism, Assault prevention by maximizing the safety of your environment, home, work car, shopping and playing are addressed by Officer Lucy Carradero of HPD, Deborah Bowers from Crime Deterrent Specialists and Aleithia Bower talks about guard dogs, Sojourner Truth room of the First Unitarian Church, 5200 Fannin at Southmore ☎ Iris at 529-8571 or Janet at 370-3657

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27 Monday

Wilde 'n' Stein Radio, calendar of events, national news from This Way Out, commentary and interviews, 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM, KPFT 90.1 FM ☎ 526-4000

31 Friday

Charlie King in Acoustic Music Concert, sings songs which embody a positive perspective on issues of peace and social justice, \$8 in advance at Inklings, \$10 at door, 8:00 PM, First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin ☎ Nancy 661-9737

Saturday Feb 1

March on Washington 1993, regional meeting for Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, in Dallas, at Gay/Lesbian Community Center, 2701 Regan ☎ 529-6979

February 8

Texas Human Rights Foundation, annual **Schwab Memorial Awards**, \$35, sponsors at \$100 and \$250 ☎ 512-479-8473

Our Format

Calendar listings must be received by five days before the end of the month prior to publication. Photos encouraged! Please specify if the event is open to everyone. Please use our format as a guide for listings, include time, date, place, a contact person and phone number that can be published for more information. Please note that listings are printed only as space allows. Phone numbers listed are in the 713 area code and in the city of Houston unless otherwise noted. This calendar is a community service of Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week. We plan to publish this newsletter at the beginning of each month. This calendar will also be updated twice a month and supplied to the Gay/Lesbian Switchboard of Houston, the Gay/Lesbian radio shows on KPFT-FM and KTRU, *This Week in Texas*, *The New Voice*, *Public News* and *The Houston Press*. So by supplying information to HG/LPW you have supplied information to the community. Mail to HG/LPW, PO Box 66071, Houston, TX 77266-6701, no phone calls. λ

CALENDAR

February 21

Lesbians in Business, a women's empowerment group, Topic "Buying a Home" Suzanne Anderson Owner-Broker of Suzanne Anderson Properties and Stephanie Scott, CPA, also nominations for officers, \$10 membership, Innova, 20 Greenway Plaza, on Cummins between Portsmouth and Norfolk ☎ 529-0077

February 22

Leather-Rhinestone Carnival Gala, major fundraiser benefiting Colt 45's Trouble Fund. An evening of show and dance, NLA: Houston will do two numbers and Emperor and Empress will do a special number as well as Master and Mistress of Leather '92, \$15 advance, \$20 at door, 8:00 PM, Holiday Inn Medical Center, 6701 S Main ☎ 272-8026

April 29

Heart Strings 1992—The AIDS Memorial Quilt and You: An Event in 3 Acts, Houston will be one of the 35 cities to host this event to raise \$5 million for direct care and AIDS awareness education

ST. PARTICK PARADE BANS GAYS

from *Chicago Tribune*

For the second successive year, the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee has refused to allow a gay Irish group to join its march, and New York City Officials have begun discussions about placing the parade in different hands. The parade committee, a panel of the Manhattan chapter of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, also has voted to bar from the march the division in its own organization that invited the gay group to join it last spring. The actions by the committee come in the face of a report by investigators from the city's Human Rights Commission recommending the committee be prosecuted. The controversy places the March 17 parade in jeopardy, with Mayor David Dinkins "reluctant to grant the parade permit to the people who have had it over the years," said Patrick Gatins, counsel to the Hibernians' state board. λ

“QUOTE”

"My whole adult life I have had gay friends, I've had gay collaborators, I've had gay mentors. And if I live to be a thousand I could never repay the debt I owe to them. They gave me my vision and they gave me my career."

—Bette Midler, queen-of-camp turned Disney player, at a benefit awards ceremony for AIDS Project Los Angeles. Midler says she has lost close to 50 of her friends to AIDS

from *Gay Community News* λ

PRIDE WEEK NEWSLETTER NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT !!!

Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week has just past the year mark in publishing a monthly newsletter. (except for October) This newsletter has the roots of the *Montrose Activity Center Newsletter*, with the original purpose of serving as an information outlet of the pride organization.

It is hoped that this newsletter can serve as an advertising vehicle for your business. Yes it would be nice, if you could advertise simply because of your community spirit. However, since I am sure you have been asked by every organization in the community to donate time and money, we hope that this newsletter would be good place to do some of your advertising.

Here is why. This newsletter is published monthly. The December issue had a 3,000 copies printed and 2,000 were mailed into the an active community list. The reminder were distributed in community businesses who have a high volume of traffic.

The newsletter is the most compressive listing of calendar items in a our community. The December, March, September and June (Pride Guide) also has the most compressive listing of community organizations.

The mailing list is the most up to date in the community. It is used every month with return corrections requested. The list is maintained in cooperation with other community organizations so that anyone who is more than one list can be updated in a number of ways.

The newsletter is not a substitute to the community publications nor does it try to compete with the established press, however it does try to fill the gaps left by the other publications.

I hope the above points have made a case for your support of the *Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week Newsletter*. Below are the rates for camera ready ads.

If you are interested please call me at 529-6979. HL/GPW is a committee under the Montrose Activity Center and is a 510 (c)(3) non-profit educational organization. λ

Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week

Newsletter Advertising Rates	Regular Issues	Large Issues
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1/2 Page	\$35.00	\$40.00
Full Page	\$45.00	\$50.00
	\$55.00	\$90.00

June Pride Guide Issue rates not set at this time a minimum of 15,000 will be printed for Pride Week

COMMUNITY CALENDAR/ ORGANIZATION UPDATE

If you have additions or updates for the Community Calendar or Resource Guide, please send them to us on this form or your own paper if you need more room.

Event: _____

Description of Event _____

Organization: _____

Date & Time: _____

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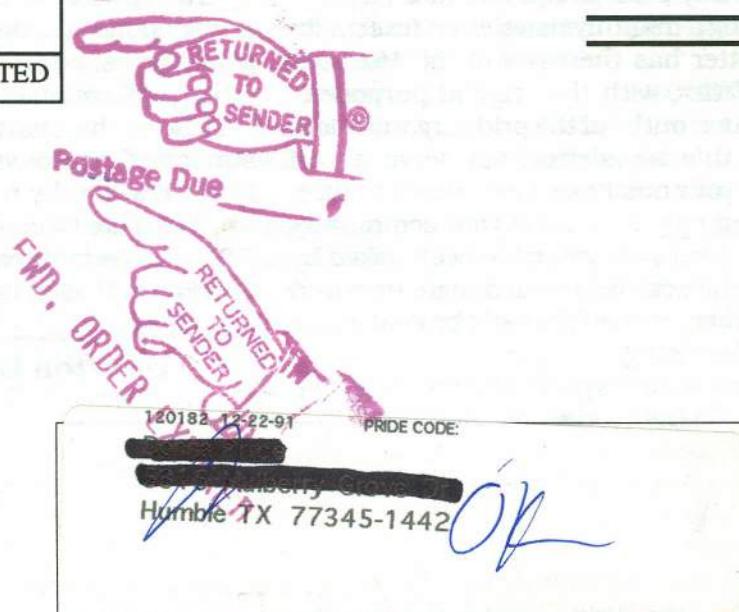


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March on Washington Update

ACTIVISTS FROM AROUND THE United States gathered in Hollywood the weekend of January 18th to plan a massive march on the Nation's capitol. The march, along with direct actions and cultural events, is scheduled for April 25, 1993, and is expected to draw one million people.

The business conducted at the meeting included naming the march, electing a steering committee, developing a platform, and forming the working committees. The official name for the march is the "1993 March on Washington for Lesbian/Gay/Bi Equal Rights and Liberation". The name, chosen through a modified consensus process which included extensive de-

bate, is meant to represent the exact nature and purpose of the march. The term Bi was added in an effort to be more inclusive of those who are self-identified as lesbian, gay, or bisexual. It was decided not to add the term Transgenderal, but the platform includes efforts to recognize the needs and concerns of all sexual minorities.

Planning meetings have been taking place over the past year by an Interim Coordinating Committee (ICC). The ICC disbanded at this meeting, the first which included representatives elected at meetings in 17 regions throughout the country. The next meeting for Region 6 (which includes Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma) takes place on February 1st at the Dallas

Gay/Lesbian Community Center, 2701 Regan St.

Persons interested in traveling to Dallas for this meeting should call the Pride Line at (713) 529-6979. Carpools and alternative or low-cost accommodations are being arranged. The next national meeting will also be held in Dallas the weekend of May 9-10, 1992, giving the region a chance to influence the planning on a national level and to motivate those who live in the region. Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend to take part in the discussions and to volunteer for committees.

The national address is:
March on Washington, PO Box 34607, Washington, DC 20043-4607; (800) 832-2889. λ

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, February 18
7 pm
Multi-Service Center
1475 W. Gray

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Meeting Minutes

January Pride Meeting

Welcome

Jack Valinski called the meeting to order at approximately 7:08 PM. Meeting notification was printed in *This Week in Texas* and *The New Voice* along with 3,500 copies of the *Pride Newsletter*. The Agenda was presented and accepted. The presentation of minutes were delayed until next meeting because they were not available.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Wunrow handed out the report that was voted upon and passed. Jim also discussed interest in changing banks because of its inaccessibility during the business day for him. A vote was taken and passed to change to First Interstate; however, we will leave the money market account in Central Bank along with some money until all checks have cleared.

Committee Reports

Parade — James Laque presented the 1992 rules. Discussion followed and some minor changes were made. A motion was made and seconded and a vote followed to accept the rules for 1992. James continued on the subject of the parade route. A motion was made that the parade start at Woodhead and proceed east on Westheimer to Whitney. The motion was seconded and passed.

Carol Clark reported that her initial contact with officials at Lanier Middle School was very positive about having a pre-parade pep rally; however, it was later found out that the school will be under construction in June. Carol will investigate further if we could possibly use part of the parking lot or if another place near the beginning of the parade will be practical for such an event. James noted that there will be no separate theme for this year's parade.

Marketing — Bryan Keever showed some colors for this year's T-shirt that Richard Bang, the designer of the logo, presented for discussion by the members. A vote was taken on using both the green/pink and black/white version for T-shirts and was passed. Bryan continued that he was in the process of getting bids for T-shirts so that they will be available for the February fundraiser.

Pride Guide/Newsletter

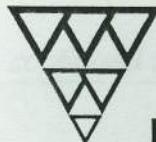
Donn Mumma reported that a 12 page newsletter will be out before the beginning of February. The December newsletter was sent out to 3,500 addresses with the help of Queer Nation and their fundraiser Together We Can. The Guide is in the planning stage. A 42 page 8 1/2 by 11 format is suggested with a color cover with the help of Bob Alban.

Events — Carol reported for Marla, the forms have been updated for 1992. Marla is in the process of getting bids on the pocket guide. And a community mailout to organizations is planned for mid-February. The package will contain a Parade application, Events application and a letter from the Co-Chairs on community involvement.

Outreach/Media — Diane Williams reported that she is working on publicizing the February Fundraiser and working on out of town outreach.

Fundraising — Dean Waldrat reported that the originally planed Beach Party will be moved to April 26th at Pacific Street. A smaller event will be held on February 27th at Pacific Street. Additional events were discussed. Wayne Graebin suggested the Auction be moved to May 3rd to possibly the BRB, the Dance-A-Thon/DJ Spinoff to May 29th and a garage sale at March 21st.

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Urvashi Vaid: Woman of our Years

by Thom Cardwell
San Francisco Sentinel

WITHIN MINUTES OF MEETING gay rights activist Urvashi Vaid, you're hooked. She's immediately accessible. After introductions and handshakes, a lively and challenging discussion about lesbian and gay rights advocacy and AIDS ensues.

As executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) since 1989, Vaid has proven articulate, impassioned, knowledgeable and enthusiastic. For all that, however, she manages, in an intimate exchange, to be a warm and humorous person.

This in stark contrast to her more sober public image, crystallized effectively in March of 1990 when at President Bush's first major speech on the AIDS crisis, Vaid standing amidst health-care workers and AIDS activists, raised a placard upon which was written an urgent message demanding that more money be spent on solving the epidemic. While she was being led away from the scene by Secret Service agents, Vaid made the decision then and there to remain committed to her activism, to the tasks of demanding that money be directed toward research and working for broader gay rights legislation.

A self-described follower of Gandhi who abhors violence for any reason, Vaid fights discrimination, homophobia, racism, ignorance and fear with words and ideas. She brings both a sense of urgency and intensity to her leadership of the 17,000-member NGLTF. She applauds the lesbian/gay community for its remarkable period of achievement and cooperation dur-

ing the last half of the 1980s. Her enthusiasm, though, doesn't go unchecked; she warns lesbians and gays across the nation against taking their leadership for granted and propagating "separatist" issues and for accepting treatment from the mainstream culture "elliptically or anecdotally."

On the AIDS front, she pledges an aggressive agenda for NGLTF. "We must continue pressuring the federal government to be accountable on AIDS," she emphasized. On the civil rights front, she expressed optimism over passage of hate crimes as well as local state lesbian and gay rights legislation. "It's a definite sign of things to come in the 1990s," she said. "But we still have a long way to go."

TC: You were born in New Delhi. When did you come to the United States?

UV: My family moved here from India in 1966. I was eight

are and question whether they have to be that way. Then there are other ways in which my ethnic background influences me which I don't even realize.

TC: The concept of family is very strong in your Indian heritage. How does this affect you?

UV: My family is very Indian-identified. They're Hindu. I was raised with the values of Hinduism. That includes a lot of spirituality, especially in the ways that the family is viewed in Hindu society. All of these intangible aspects of upbringing I know affect me. They affect us all, no matter what ethnic and cultural backgrounds we come from. I believe that our families are tremendous influences on us. I think that I'm oblivious to the many ways in which I'm affected by my roots. In some ways, I'm probably hopelessly traditional.

TC: How do your parents accept your sexual orientation?

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years old. By the time I graduated from Vassar, I had been here most of my life. I just didn't think seriously about moving back to India because this really is home for me.

TC: Do you think that as a person of foreign birth you possess a different perspective about the world-at-large and the United States in particular?

UV: I definitely think that I have an awareness of my ethnic background, since my parents immigrated here so late in their lives. They were in their mid-thirties. Having this ethnic background and also being lesbian has kept me skeptical. I see the way things really

UV: I think that the problems that parents have with our sexuality are universal. My experience is similar to that of many people who I know were born and brought up in this country. While I've never been rejected, disowned or anything like that, it's been a struggle to get them to understand me. I know they don't understand what my lesbianism means to me. My mother has a much more difficult time with my lesbianism than my father. She's quite religious. It's difficult for her to reconcile my lifestyle with her beliefs. She always

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QueerNews

February, 1992

NEWS FROM Q-PATROL

Friday Nights in January were very active

As Q-Patrol begins our fourth month of operation, we are beginning to recognize patterns. Patterns such as the fact that more violence seems to occur on Friday nights rather than Saturday nights. In addition, we have observed that rainy weather seems to slow the incidence of gay-bashing. The first two Fridays in the month of January were both cool, clear nights and members of Q-Patrol witnessed an abundance of anti-gay activity on the streets. Most of the activity noted comes from teenagers yelling out of their vehicles. On an average night, Q-Patrol records the license numbers of 14 vehicles, and maintains these numbers in a database, along with descriptions of the passengers, the vehicle, and the nature of the offense.

Areas identified as exceptionally dangerous include:

Fargo St. (between Converse and Stanford)
Crocker St. (between Fairview and W. Drew)
Pacific at Hopkins (thugs hide out in the abandoned house)

During the month of January, Q-Patrol was responsible for notifying and assisting HPD in the arrests of three men who were driving through the area, firing shots at people on the street. HPD officers discovered two handguns and two baseball bats inside their vehicle. Q-Patrol was also responsible for notifying and assisting HPD in the arrest of an armed purse-snatcher, who was initially seen sprinting East-bound on Pacific St. at Whitney, just after stealing a womans purse at gunpoint.

Q-PATROL Q & A

Q: What is Q-Patrol?

A: Q-Patrol is an organization of volunteers dedicated to slowing the rate of hate crimes committed against gay men and lesbians.

Q: What area is covered by the Q-Patrol?

A: Currently, we cover an area bounded by Waughcrest, Taft, Westheimer and Welch. In the future, we hope to have enough volunteers to cover a larger area that would include nightclubs such as Rich's, Venture-N, Gentry and Mothers.

Q: When does Q-Patrol operate?

A: We operate on Friday and Saturday nights between the hours of 11pm and 3am, and on special holidays.

Q: How does Q-Patrol work?

A: Q-Patrol hits the streets with a combination of foot-patrols and mobile patrols. Both are equipped with CB radios, and at least one of the mobile units is equipped with

a cellular telephone. Foot patrols are made up of a group of 5 to 9, and mobile units carry 2 to 3 volunteers. We act as "eyes and ears" of the community, reporting unlawful and suspicious activity to HPD, or the Harris County Constables. We also maintain a database of license numbers of suspicious vehicles seen in the area.

Q: What can I do to help Q-Patrol?

A: Q-Patrol needs volunteers who can serve at least one 4-hour shift per month. We also need donations to cover the purchase of additional radio equipment, tee-shirts, magnetic signs, and printing costs. If you can help with your money or your time, please call Mark Gartner at 645-5252 or Keith Stewart at 524-5110.

Thank You...

Q-Patrol members would like to thank Suzanne Anderson of Suzanne Anderson Properties for the kind donation of additional radio equipment for our foot patrol. It is with donations such as this one that allow us to continue our fight against hate crimes. Thank you, Suzanne for your expression of support! We encourage our members and readers to support businesses who support us. If you are looking for a home or apartment, please call Suzanne and let her help you! Her office number is 529-8484.

FUND RAISER BEING PLANNED

A fund-raiser for Q_Patrol is being planned for Sunday, February 16th at the BRAZOS RIVER BOTTOM. This event will help raise money for additional radio equipment, magnetic door signs, and printed materials. We gratefully acknowledge the kind assistance of Mr. Larry Garrett and the TGRA for their assistance in putting this together. For additional information about this event, call Keith Stewart at 524-5110.

HATCH GROUP & QUEER NATION TO HOST A SOCIAL EVENT

The Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals (HATCH) will join with QUEER NATION to host a Roller Skating party at the Carousel Roller Rink on Tuesday evening, February 11th. This event will be a fund-raiser for HATCH & QN/Houston. For additional information, call Tracy Brown at 524-4657.

This issue of QueerNews was composed and underwritten by Mark Gartner, Keith Stewart, Stephen Tompkins, David Westerkamp, and other members of Q-Patrol. For Q-Patrol information, Contact 524-5110, or 645-5252.

says that I'm her daughter and that she'll never stop loving me but that she'll never accept my sexual orientation either. That's painful. But I feel lucky that the door isn't closed. We've continued to interact with each other. Secretly, I keep hoping that by the time my hair turns completely gray my parents will have accepted me fully for who I am. While I laugh it off at times, it remains painful. It's the same for a lot of lesbians and gay men. Sometimes it becomes painful on the most mundane level—you know, like when you and your lover want to visit your parents.

TC: Do your parents approve of your activism?

UV: They don't understand why I work for the gay rights movement no matter how many times I explain it. They understand that there's discrimination and that there's a civil rights movement trying to correct it. They raised me to be politically aware, to have opinions and to become involved. But now they keep saying that I'm throwing away my education and my career opportunities as a lawyer. Besides being parental, they want me to pursue the good life with all those middle-class values. My father is much more willing to talk with me about the work that I do. He's quite excited about all the attention I'm getting. Especially when I'm in the newspapers. It was really amazing that some of the international news wires picked up my being named *The Advocate's* "Woman of the Year." That news made it all the way to India. I thought it was pretty amazing, and it excited my parents, too.

TC: Is there open lesbian/gay life in India?

UV: There isn't much. In Bombay, New Delhi and some other parts of the country there is

some organizing of Indian lesbians and gays. Right now it's being centered around AIDS policies which are currently quite repressive within the government. They have already instituted bans on people with HIV traveling in India, with more horrible and senseless legislation awaiting passage. The government isn't willing to educate the population on AIDS. It's very sad. Whenever I get publicity in Indian newspapers, I usually receive a burst of letters from people who are very isolated and stuck in marriages. I always try to put them in touch with *Trikone*, a newsletter published in San Jose that does a lot

“Not all of us are radicals, sexual outlaws and conservatives. We're just all over.”

to knit lesbian and gay South Asians and Sri Lankans. In London and throughout England, there's more networking among the South Asian lesbian and gay community.

TC: Tell me something about your punk rock activities back in Boston.

UV: Punk was always extremely political. It was a statement against bland homogenous rock-'n-roll. It took a very countercultural stand against commercialism. That was during its initial period. Later it became commercialized itself, as most things do. But I guess I see it as a political period. What can I tell you? This is part of Urvashi—she likes rock-'n-roll. I think *Outweek* made a bigger deal about my musical involvement than it was. Now that I speak about it, though, it is a very big part of my personal history. It shaped my attitudes. To this

day, I think that I still have punk attitudes in my politics.

TC: Were there any particular influences in your life then?

UV: Probably the greatest influence in my life at that time was the rock singer Patti Smith. She became a major influence for me in the same way that reading *Dialectic of Sex* and feminism changed my life. Patti Smith was a real role model for me. When I heard her album *Horses*, back in 1975, I remember thinking here's a woman who is strong, brave, prophetic in her voice. She was terrific and androgynous. Influenced by Jim Morrison and, Janis Joplin, she opened a lot of doors for women in music. She was a very political poet, too, who had a great deal to say about the power of freedom and the power of the imagination. So she appealed to me for many reasons.

TC: Could you elaborate about the imagery in "The Sexual Outlaw?"

UV: I don't know where to begin. It's such a huge topic. All lesbian and gay people are sexual outlaws. Our sexuality is so marginalized in this and every other society; no matter how "vanilla" our basic sexual behavior is, no matter how ordinary we seem to find our sexuality, the world views us as outcasts and outlaws. I really think that's the source of the tension within our own community. It's a tension between those who are saying that we're all "queer" and the others who are saying that we're just "gay" and "lesbian." The tension is between the notions of legitimacy and assimilation, versus liberation and "otherness." There are those who believe we should use our experience as "others" and "outsiders" to transform those institutions that have shunned us. That argument says we shouldn't want

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COMMUNITY

WEEKLY

Sundays

Dawn of Faith Metropolitan Community Church, lesbian and gay worship service, 10:00 AM, 10595 Telephone Road at Fuqua **991-6766**

Houston Tennis Club meets for recreational and competitive tennis, \$5, 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM, Memorial Tennis Center at Memorial Park

Adult Children of Alcoholic & Dysfunctional Families, a twelve step support group, 1:00 PM, Dawn of Faith MCC, 10595 Telephone Road at Fuqua **991-6766**

LISA, Lesbian Incest Survivors Anonymous, 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM, Inklings, 1846 Richmond **527-8712**

Houston Women's Rugby Team Practice, The Bellaire YMCA **Shelly at 894-0666**

Mondays

Lone Star Symphonic Band, recruiting musicians, regardless of degree of expertise **521-0181**

Rational Eating Support Group, facilitated by A New Way, Kathy Sitarsky and Janet Hudson. Open to all women; sliding scale fees, 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM, 5906 Dolores Suite 201 **784-6511**

Lesbian Therapy Group, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, Sharon Stone and Associates, 3935 Westheimer Suite 360 **623-6081**

Tuesdays

Mothers And Children Group, for HIV+ mothers and their children. Informal with speakers, games, refreshments and companionship, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray, Suite 163. **522-5428**

Support Group For Lesbian/Gay Codependants Anonymous, discussion and support about issues regarding

codependency, 5:30 PM, Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett, Suite 203 **Sharon 893-0514 or Jack 523-4863**

Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League (SMYLA), Peer support and social organization for gay, lesbian and bisexual teens and young adults ages 16-22. This is a new group that will be doing community projects, free, 6:30 PM social, 7:00 PM meeting **523-7242**

Deaf And Hearing Impaired Group; this group is signed for hearing-impaired people who have concerns about HIV, including HIV+, PWAs, worried well, significant others and all interested parties, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett, Room 3 **529-0037**

Stress Reduction & Relaxation, learn the art of relaxation using a combination of yoga, deep breathing and gentle body movement, sponsored by AIDS Foundation Houston, 7:00 PM, Metropolitan Multipurpose Center, 1475 West Gray **524-2374**

Houston Women's Rugby Team Practice, 7:00 PM, Memorial Park Rugby Pitch **Shelly at 894-0666**

Queer Nation/Houston Tribe, a relatively new group which has been very active in changing attitudes in the greater Houston area towards Gay and Lesbian people. QN is made up of many affinity groups which specialize in different aspects of the community. 7:30 PM, Montrose Palace, 1505 Nevada at Commonwealth

A Women's Place, feminist issues and herstorical portraits with Klara Kern, 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM, KPFT 90.1 FM **526-4000**

Wednesdays

The Gay/Lesbian Student Association, discussion groups of an educational, social, political and service organization of the University of Houston, 3:30 PM & 7:30 PM **529-3211**

Women's Hour, with Claire and Yoshiko. Interviews, news, events calendar, 6:00

PM to 7:00 PM, KTRU 91.7 FM **527-4050**

Women's Therapy Group, with emphasis on spirituality. Karen Hansen, CSW-ACP. Open to all women, sliding scale fees, 6:15 PM to 7:45 PM, 6300 West Loop South

SORA, Sex Or Relationship Addicts Anonymous, a support group for lesbians who desire to stop acting on their sex, romance, and/or relationship addictions and to learn how to have healthy relationships, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM, 1919 Decatur At MCCR in the library **Glenda 666-8256, Beth 527-0342**

Houston Tennis Club meets for recreational and competitive tennis, \$3.00, 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM, Memorial Tennis Center at Memorial Park

Self Healing Class, holistic approaches to health and healing featuring a variety of guest speakers, 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM, Spectrum Center, 3416 Audubon **523-2272**

Thursdays

Gay Health Care Professional Therapy Group, for doctors, nurses, social workers, hospital employees, caregivers and therapists, free, 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM, Sharon Stone and Associates, 3935 Westheimer, Suite 210 **623-6081**

HIV Fitness Program, low-impact aerobics class, body composition and strength analysis, sponsored by LIFE Physical Therapy and the PWA Coalition, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 W Gray **796-2272**

Afro Femcentric, a group devoted to social and political concerns of African-American Lesbians, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin **537-5146**

Support Group for Women Facing Life Challenging Health Concerns, provides support for women whose lives are being affected by health issues, 7:00 PM, Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett Suite 203 **529-0037**

CALENDAR

Women Facing Health Concerns, support for women facing challenging health (CFS, HIV, etc.), 7:00 PM, Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett Suite 203 ✪ 529-0037

Thursday Workshop Series, \$10, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, Sharon Stone and Associates, 3935 Westheimer, Suite 210 ✪ 623-6081

Fridays

Breakthrough, Women's Music, interviews and calendar of events with Pokey, Laura and Suzanne, 9:05 AM to Noon, KPFT 90.1 FM ✪ 526-4000

Lambda Women's Support and Social Group, group discussions, social activities, guest speakers, referrals and support network, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM ✪ Cheryl 736-1439 or July 724-7222

Houston Tennis Club meets for recreational and competitive tennis, \$3.00, 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM, Memorial Tennis Center at Memorial Park

Q-Patrol is a foot patrol in the Montrose area formed to guard against violence and queer bashing of our people. This non-violent, non-armed group is an affinity group of Queer Nation. All participants must have successfully completed training. 11:30PM to 3:00 AM, Montrose Storefront Police Station, 802 Westheimer ✪ Tracy Brown 524-4657

Saturdays

HIV Fitness Program, low-impact aerobics class, body composition and strength analysis, sponsored by LIFE Physical Therapy and the PWA Coalition, 10:00 AM to Noon, Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 W Gray ✪ 796-2272

Dignity/Houston, an organization for gay and lesbian Catholics and their friends meets for liturgy and a social hour, membership \$30.00, 7:30 PM, 1505 Nevada at Commonwealth ✪ 528-0111

Q-Patrol, see Fridays. 11:30 PM to 3:00 AM, Montrose Storefront Police Station, 802 Westheimer ✪ Tracy Brown 524-4657

After Hours, Gay and Lesbian Radio with Bruce Reeves. New format with calendar, interviews and *This Way Out*, a national news and feature program, 12:00 AM to 4:00 AM, KPFT 90.1 FM ✪ 526-4000

JANUARY

31 Friday

AIDS Equity League along with Rep Debra Danburg, 1992 Michael McAdory Awards Reception, donations, 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM, Cody's, Montrose at Hawthorne

Charlie King In Acoustic Music Concert, sings songs which embody a positive perspective on issues of peace and social justice, \$8 in advance at Inklings, \$10 at door, 8:00 PM, First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin ✪ Nancy 661-9737

FEBRUARY

1 Saturday

1993 March on Washington, regional meeting for Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, in Dallas, at Gay/Lesbian Community Center, 2701 Regan ✪ 529-6979

Parks Bicycle Tour, sponsored by the Chain Gang Bicycle Club. A tour of Houston's parks including Memorial Park, West University and more. There are three divisions, Easy Riders for neighborhood bikers, the Chainsmokers for speedier and more serious riders and the Rough Riders for the mountain bikers, 10:00 AM, meets at Heaven's parking lot, Pacific at Grant ✪ 522-4481

Real Live Womyn Resurrection. Coming out is a process, and its fun too! Come find out what lesbian life is about without a closet, 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM, Inklings, 1846 Richmond ✪ Jeraine 869-3358

2 Sunday

The Women's Group is a feminist group, but each woman, by virtue of her own

experiences and reality, defines her own feminism and her particular activism. **Backlash**: Iris Sizemore, Jacsun Shah and a panel of others will lead a discussion of this very important book written by Susan Faludi on "the undeclared war against American Women." Sojourner Truth room of the First Unitarian Church, 5200 Fannin at Southmore ✪ Iris at 529-8571 or Janet at 370-3657

P-FLAG, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, a community organization that provides a support system for families and friends of lesbians and gay men, promoting acceptance, understanding, love, and pride. Our members include lesbians, gay men, and their parents, brothers and sisters, and friends, InterCare Hospital, 7601 Fannin ✪ 721-0788

3 Monday

Wilde 'n' Stein Radio, 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM, KPFT 90.1 FM ✪ 526-4000

4 Tuesday

Lesbian/Gay Pride Week 1992, Executive Team meeting, open to all. Topics will include rules for the parade and getting applications, 7:00 PM, Metropolitan Multi-Purpose Center, 1475 W Gray ✪ 529-6979

Skate Night, sponsored by Lambda Rollerskating Club and Montrose Activity Center, \$5.00 including skates, 7:30 PM to 10:30 PM, Carousel Roller Rink, 9190 Old Kady Road and Campbell Road ✪ 523-6381

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COMMUNITY

5 Wednesday

Men's Network, is designed to be a supportive environment for the gay/bisexual male community. *Getting the Love You Want*: a presentation appears timely for the forthcoming St. Valentine's Day, Miles Glaspy CSW-ACP will present this topic, donation of \$3.00 to \$5.00 requested, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, 900 Lovett Suite 201 ☎ 529-0037

WAVE, Women Against Violence Everywhere, a group specifically focusing on violence against women and children. Sojourner Truth room of the First Unitarian Church, 5200 Fannin at Southmore ☎ 867-9117

Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, endorsement meeting subject to approval by body of Caucus, 7:30 PM, 900 Lovett, Suite 101 ☎ 521-1000

6 Thursday

Montrose Activity Center, monthly board meeting, 7:00 PM, Montrose Library, 4200 Montrose ☎ 524-4318

7 Friday

Now That I'm in Business, a three-part series designed to explore the psychological issues facing women in business, featuring the topic: Reaching your Potential, presented by Joyce Gales, \$15, 6300 West Loop South, Suite 215 ☎ 667-6047

8 Saturday

Texas/Louisiana chapter of the **National Lesbian and Gay Journalist Association** planning meeting for mainstream journalists and students ☎ Juan Palomo 840-6948

Sam Houston National Forest Tour, sponsored by the Chain Gang Bicycle Club. Rough Riders will explore the wonders of the piney woods near Huntsville, 10:00 AM, meets in Huntsville, I-45 north to FM 1375 (New Waverly), west to Gulf Coast Trade Center and follow the dirt to the motorcycle lot, definitely "outside the loop"! ☎ 522-4481

Texas Human Rights Foundation, annual **Schwab Memorial Awards**. Gene

Harrington will revive the Robert Schwab Memorial Award, \$35, sponsors at \$100 and \$250, 7:00 to 9:00 PM, Hiram Butler Gallery, 4521 Blossom ☎ 512-479-8473

9 Sunday

Cleveland Ride, sponsored by the Chain Gang Bicycle Club. The Chainsmokers, speedier and more serious riders, will take you on a 65 mile ride, 9:00 AM, meets North on US 59 at exit FM 2025, turn left and go 8/10 of a mile until you reach Baldwin Memorial Park on the right ☎ 522-4481

The Women's Group, see Sunday, February 2. *Sex and the Soul—Sexual Awareness for Women*: Ann Alexander, author of *B. Mus*, and Doctorate of Esoteric Philosophy will share her awareness of the sexual value systems present in the major levels of consciousness. By identifying our place in the evolutionary process, self acceptance of our sexuality can be reached., Sojourner Truth room of the First Unitarian Church, 5200 Fannin at Southmore ☎ Iris at 529-8571 or Janet at 370-3657

The Women's Reading Group, discuss the book *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Ibis Gomez-Vega, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, meets at different members homes ☎ 932-7724 or 580-4305

10 Monday

Lesbians in Business. Self-Employed Group, meets for self-employed or those women wishing to become self-employed, 6:30 PM, 1846 Richmond ☎ Stephanie 680-8737

Wilde 'n' Stein Radio, scheduled: Gabriella Rappoport, a therapist discussing Valentine's Day, 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM, KPFT 90.1 FM ☎ 526-4000

11 Tuesday

AIDS Equity League, all welcome, 12:00 Noon, at Charlie's Restaurant, Westheimer at Waugh Drive

Lambda Gay Blades, formally known as Lambda Ice Skating Club, Gay and Lesbian Skate Night, Roller Skating night for

Lesbians, gays and friends at Carousel Skating Rink, \$5.00 plus \$2.00 for skates, 7:30 PM to 10:00 PM, Galleria, near El Fenix Mexican Restaurant ☎ 523-6381

12 Wednesday

Women's Network, Health Issues of Midlife Lesbian Women, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett, 2nd floor ☎ 529-0037

Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, board meeting, 7:30 PM, Montrose Palace, 1505 Nevada at Commonwealth ☎ 521-1000

Gay Lesbian Hispanic Unidos (GLHU), regular monthly meeting, 7:30 PM, Metropolitan Multi-purpose Center, 1475 W Gray ☎ 270-GLHU

13 Thursday

National Leather Association of Houston, General business meeting, Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 W. Gray

15 Saturday

Border Surf and Citrus Bike Ride, sponsored by the Chain Gang Bicycle Club. The Chainsmokers, the speedier and more serious riders, will take you to Padre Island for this Century (100) Ride, 9:00 AM ☎ 522-4481

16 Sunday

The Women's Group, see Sunday, February 2. *The Politics of PMS*: ever wonder how to connect monthly mood swings with revolutionary fervor? Be with us as Dr. Laurie Shapiro brings us insight into the politics of PMS., Sojourner Truth room of the First Unitarian Church, 5200 Fannin at Southmore ☎ Iris at 529-8571 or Janet at 370-3657

Best of Houston Bicycle Tour, sponsored by the Chain Gang Bicycle Club. Easy Riders for neighborhood bikers will be a 25 mile ride through Houston, 10:00 AM, meets at Heaven's parking lot, Pacific at Grant ☎ 522-4481

Prime Timers-Houston, monthly meeting, announcements of coming events with speaker, 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM,

CALENDAR

Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett, Suite 201 □ 981-8440

Mother's Web, monthly Pot Luck Lunch/Picnic/BBQ, non-mothers can network with feminist mothers and their kids, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Russ Pittman Park, Bellaire, off West Loop at Evergreen □ Nancy 869-6689

LOAF, Lesbians Over Age Fifty, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 W Gray □ 661-1428

AMIGA de Houston, (All Mujeres Interested in Getting Active) focuses on Latina/Lesbiana. All are welcome, with a potluck dinner, 5:00 PM □ 520-5667

17 Monday

Wilde 'n' Stein Radio, members of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG) are scheduled, 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM, KPFT 90.1 FM □ 526-4000

18 Tuesday

Lesbian/Gay Pride Week 1992, general meeting, 7:00 PM, Metropolitan Multi-Purpose Center, 1475 W Gray □ 529-6979

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19 Wednesday

Men's Network, is designed to be a supportive environment for the gay/bisexual male community, *Coming Out — One Man's Journey*: the coming out of Juan Palomo, Houston Post columnist was well publicized. Juan will discuss the struggle, griefs, and joy surrounding his coming out, as well as some of his ideas and opinions on gay issues., donation of \$3.00 to \$5.00 requested, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, 900 Lovett Suite 201 □ 529-0037

Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, general meeting, 7:30 PM, 900 Lovett, Suite 101 □ 521-1000

20 Thursday

Houston Gay and Lesbian Parents Support, meets for the adults and youth, child care is provided □ 666-8256

21 Friday

Lesbians in Business, a women's empowerment group. *Buying a Home*: Suzanne Anderson, owner-broker of Suzanne Anderson Properties and Stephanie Scott, CPA; also nominations for officers, \$3.00 for members and \$5.00 to non-members, \$10.00 for membership, 6:00 PM for networking and 6:30 PM program, Innova, 20 Greenway Plaza, on Cummins between Portsmouth and Norfolk □ 529-0077

22 Saturday

Leather-Rhinestone Carnival Gala, fundraiser benefiting Colt 45's Trouble Fund. Carnival Gala evening of show and dance, \$15.00 advance, \$20.00 at door, 8:00 PM, Holiday Inn Medical Center □ 272-8026

23 Sunday

The Women's Group, see February 2. *The Sexual Politics of Meat — A Feminist Vegetarian Theory*: Carol J. Adams, nationally known feminist, writer, and activist will present a feminist vegetarian theory. Ms. Adams has been involved over the past ten years with issues of domestic and sexual violence, vegetarianism, and animal rights., Sojourner Truth room of the First Unitarian Church, 5200 Fannin at Southmore □ Iris at 529-8571 or Janet at 370-3657

Ho Chi Minh Bicycle Tour, sponsored by the Chain Gang Bicycle Club. The Rough Riders, the mountain bikers, will do one of those infamous trails that you hear about so often, 10:00 AM, meets at Heaven's parking lot, Pacific at Grant □ 522-4481

24 Monday

Wilde 'n' Stein Radio, 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM, KPFT 90.1 FM □ 526-4000

25 Tuesday

AIDS Equity League, all welcome, 12:00 Noon, at Charlie's Restaurant, Westheimer at Waugh Drive

26 Wednesday

Women's Network, *Psychosocial Issues of Midlife Lesbian Women*: Dr. Gayles, psychotherapist, will talk with us this evening about various psychological and emotional issues which many midlife lesbian women face, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, Montrose Counseling Center, 900 Lovett, 2nd floor □ 529-0037

27 Thursday

Pre-Mardi Gras Pride Night. Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week sponsors this event that will Crown and Septer the King and Queen of Mardi Gras, with special Decree for the Court Jester of Mardi Gras with prizes all evening. This night is a trial party for that big Mardi Gras costume! \$3.00 door charge, 8:00 PM to 12:00 AM, Pacific Street, 710 Pacific □ 529-6979

29 Saturday

Improv Ride Bicycle Tour, sponsored by the Chain Gang Bicycle Club. Easy Riders (for neighborhood bikers) will do a Just Wing It ride, 10:00 AM, meets at Heaven's parking lot, Pacific at Grant □ 522-4481

Ida Delaney Justice Committee, a fundraiser to lobby for a police-civilian review board for Houston, with women's music performed by local women, \$5.00, 7:30 PM, First Unitarian Church, 5200 Fannin at Southmore □ Jacsun Shah 529-7329

J U N E

19 - 28

Houston Lesbian/Gay Pride Week, including one of the city's largest parades at 5:30 PM, Westheimer, from Dunlavy to Whitney □ 529-6979

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January Pride Meeting

Ongoing Business

Jack reported that Pride Week has filed with the Internal Revenue Service to become its own non-profit organization.

New Business

Deborah Bell reported on the national meeting in Los Angeles of the March On Washington 1993 Committee. The next regional meeting is in Dallas on February 1 and a national meeting is planned for Dallas on May 9 & 10. People can leave messages on the Pride Line 529-6979 for more information.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM. λ

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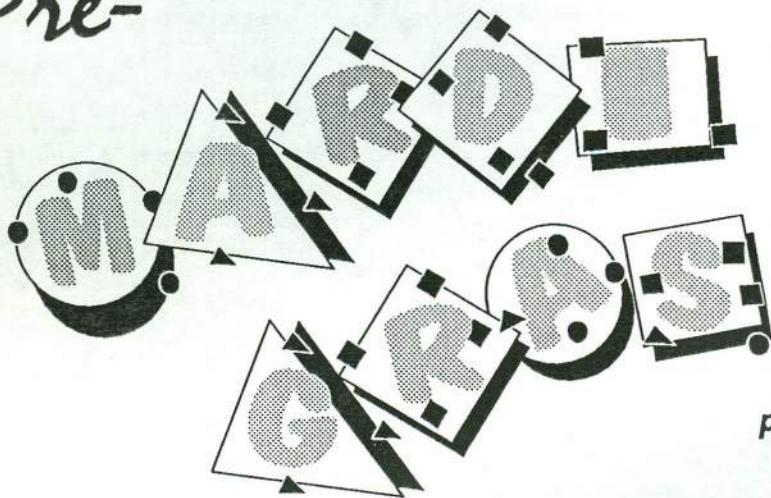
to become 'insiders.' That's what I heard from people at Queer Nation, from their chant: "We're here, we're queer. Get over it!" Philosophically, that's their stand. The other school of thought espouses that we're just like everybody else, except for our sexual orientation, that we're as radical, as mainstream, as conservative and as middle-class as anybody who is straight. This may be my Indian upbringing again but I can see value in both arguments. Lesbians and gays are very much in all segments of society. We have many of the same aspirations as our heterosexual counterparts. Not all of us are radicals, sexual outlaws and conservatives. Not all of us are any one thing. We're just all over.

TC: *How does your involvement in heading a national political organization affect your personal life?*

UV: Actually, that's an important question. It's very hard to have a personal life and a movement life. I find that I'm working all the time, traveling all over the country, working on the weekends, too, at fundraisers, conferences and protest rallies. I'm always thinking about the tremendous advocacy and lobbying work I have to do. You can never close the door to that responsibility. It's work that I love. This work is about freedom, my own and everyone else's. Our community is in such a crisis. It's difficult not to feel a great sense of urgency. AIDS was an incredible

motivator for large numbers of gay people, and it continues to work that way for me. All of this means that there isn't much time. Luckily, I'm madly in love. I'm living with a comedian; Kate approaches politics quite differently from me as a lobbyist. She makes me laugh. She influences my thinking. She gives me good advice. Sometimes she just has to say to me, "Get real, stop being so serious every minute of the day." Being around an artist all the time definitely affords me a comic—and irreverent—perspective on the trials and tribulations of life. That's good for me, since working in the lesbian and gay movement is so demanding. Preserving ourselves is a real challenge. λ

Pre-



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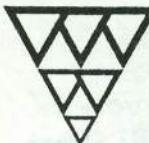
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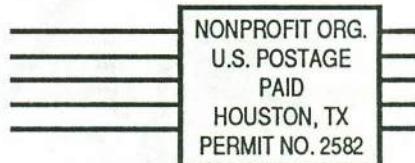
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