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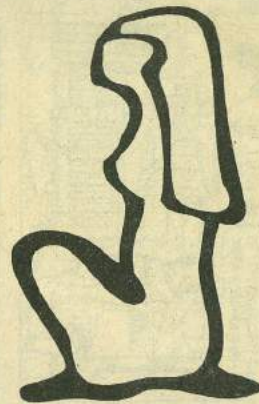
### BREAST CANCER PREVENTION DAY

Saturday, June 3, 1995, 9 am-3 pm  
Montrose Counseling Center, 701 Richmond.



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WATCH FOR UPCOMING HEALTH DAYS

## Houston Gay and Lesbian Pride Week

Friday, June 16 to Sunday, June 25

Performing at Spectrum '95



*"I Need A Woman"*  
Nancy Ford

*Sunday, June 18*  
Spectrum '95

*Saturday, June 24*  
HATCH Prom  
Proud Out Loud

*Sunday, June 25*  
Pride Parade, 2pm  
Pride Fest, 4pm

Performing at Spectrum '95



*"Enchanted Land"*  
Edna Garcia

**Garage Sale**  
**Sunday, June 4**  
**8:00am-11:00am**  
**Inklings Bookshop**  
**Parking Lot**  
**1846 Richmond**

Fund raiser for  
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For further information, please contact  
 Amoja Three Rivers or Blanche Jackson at  
 MAAT DOMPIM, Womyn of Color Land  
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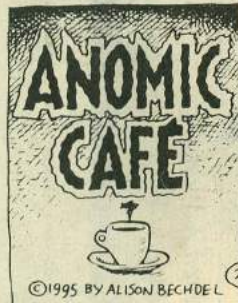
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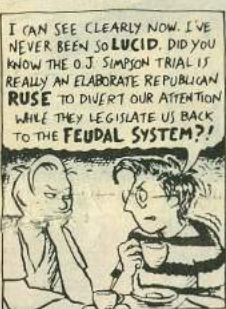
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4 Change Side - 11 - 11 2:00pm P- FLAG 867- 9020 3:30pm Women's Group 1311 Holman 529- 8571	5	6 Pride Parade Entry Deadline 7:00pm Empowerment Series "A New Way" 784-6511 each Tues	7 7:00pm Women's Action Coalition (WAC) 867- 9581 each Wed 7:00pm Houston Pride Band 524- 0218 each Wed	8 8:00pm Montrose Ice Picks 629- 1432 Galleria Ice Rink	9	10 Movie Club 952-4048 each Sat
11 3:30pm Women's Group 1311 Holman 529- 8571	12 Texas Medical Center LAMBDA Network 5pm 523-5539	13 7:00pm Houston Gay & Lesbian Parents Support Grp MCCR Libr 7:00pm Pride Parade Meeting	14 BINET MCCR each Wed Pet Patrol Fun Raiser The Incredibly True Adventures of 2 Girls in Love 7:00pm Women's Network Montrose Counseling Ctr	15	16 7:30pm LiB Leslie Feinberg Minnie Bruce Pratt Hammon Hall	17 1:00pm Diverse Works Leslie Feinberg Minnie Bruce Pratt
18 SPECTRUM '95 3:30pm Women's Group 1311 Holman 529- 8571	19 Striving to Get the Love You Want	20 Make a Joyful Noise V WAND Layout 664-9215	21 Bring Your Money Out of the Closet 7:00pm Women with Life Challenging Illnesses	22 Legal and Financial Planning Life with Illness Pride Ice Skate	23 Houston Gay and Lesbian Pride...	24 Proud Out Loud - Wortham HATCH Prom
Houston Gay and Lesbian Pride Week 1995						
25 PRIDE Parade 2pm PRIDE Fest 4pm Houston Gay...	26 LiB Newsletter Mtg Agora	27	28 7:00pm Women's Network Montrose Counseling Ctr	29	30	

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HOUSTON GAY AND LESBIAN PRIDE WEEK 1995

# APPLICATION DEADLINES

Organizational Listing ..... April 7  
 Events ..... April 15  
 Grants ..... April 18  
 Parade ..... June 6  
 Parade Meeting ..... June 13, 7 PM  
 Late Parade ..... June 13  
 Pride Fest 95 ..... May 31

## Dates:

May Newsletter ..... April 15  
 General Meeting ..... April 18  
 Genreal Meeting ..... May 16  
 Parade Meeting ..... June 13, 7 PM  
 Pride Week ..... June 16 to 25  
 Pride Parade ..... June 25, 2 PM  
 Pride Fest 95 ..... June 25, 4 PM

## PRIDE WEEK 1995

713•529•6979 FAX: 713•529•1223  
 eMail: PrideHouTX@aol.com  
 PO BOX 66071 HOUSTON, TX 77266-6071

**1 THURSDAY**

**2 FRIDAY**

Lesbian & Gay Voices, 6-8pm 90.1 KPFT  
"Wellness Show" focusing on breast cancer and lesbian ostracization in breast cancer support groups. Also included will be a segment each week of Womyn's music, reviews of gay and lesbian cultural events, new from This Way Out.

**3 SATURDAY**

**Breast Cancer Prevention Day 9am-3pm** at Montrose Counseling Center, 701 Richmond. Services provided are Self Breast Exam Teaching; Physicians Consultation; Workshop on Self Breast Exams and Cancer Prevention Methods; Mammograms-\$5 by appointment only (if over the age of 35). For additional info, see WAND cover and ads or call 529-0077.

**Movie Club** for gay/lesbian movie go-ers meets each Saturday to have dinner and watch the latest movies on the big screen. Call Jimmy at 952-4048.

**4 SUNDAY Garage Sale 8-11am Inklings Grand Opening of Cafe 224**, to benefit Omega House (10,000 days of patient care on May 24). \$25 includes buffet and mimosas. 11am-4pm, 224 Westheimer.

**P-FLAG** Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians & Gays general meeting. Joe Ramunni, owner of Crossroads Market will discuss the trend of the media to center around tragic or negative circumstances. 2pm St. Francis Episcopal Church, 345 Piney Point Road, 867-9020.

**Unitarian Universalist Church** - Rev. Robert Schaibly will speak on Angels in America and how the closet hurts everyone. This early gay pride service will feature songs by the Gay Men's Chorus of Houston. Temporary space at the Central Congregational Church, 1311 Holman. For more info, 526-5200.

**The Women's Group** - Women and Investing. Marida Curry is a licensed securities broker for D.E. Frey & Co., Incorporated. She will address the issue of women planning for a successful financial future. The Women's Group meets at Central Congregational Church, 1311 Holman at 3:30pm. For more info, call Iris 529-8571.

**5 MONDAY**

**6 TUESDAY**

**Women's Empowerment Series - A New Way** 7pm to 9pm. 5906 Dolores #201, 784-6511. Associates of A New Way, Consultants on Diversity are Hitaji Aziz, Linda Bedre, Kathy Farr, Gayle Higgins and Kathy Sitarski.

**Pride Committee of Houston**, Executive Committee Meeting, 7pm 2700 Albany #304, 529-6979.

**The Sound of Encodings**, a

reading by women writers to support ENCODINGS: A Feminist Literary Journal, 8pm at the Central Congregational Church, 1311 Holman (between Austin & Caroline, near HCC). Suggested donation \$3-\$5. For info, call 529-7329.

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**11 SUNDAY**

**The Women's Group - Female Treason-- Transcendence**. A panel of women sharing their "failures" of gender, religious, political and societal assigned roles, such as a failed Southern Belle, a republican, christian or catholic, racist, patriot, mother, a keeper of silences and family secrets, etc. Please call if you are a "failure" for our panel. The Women's Group meets at Central Congregational Church, 1311 Holman at 3:30pm. For more info, call Iris 529-8571.

**12 MONDAY**

**Texas Medical Center LAMBDA Network** meeting, 5pm second Monday each month. RAS W-204 (School of Public Health Bldg). We welcome all TMC Lesbian, Gay and Bi- friendly students, staff and faculty. For more info, call 523-5539 or sph1319@utsph.sph.uth.tmc.edu

**Houston Gay and Lesbian Parents**- a monthly support group for the parents and also a monthly family activity, MCCR, 1919 Decatur, 980-7995.

**13 TUESDAY**

**Women's Empowerment Series - A New Way** 7pm to 9pm. 5906 Dolores #201, 784-6511. See June 6.

**Houston Gay and Lesbian Pride Week 1995 Mandatory Parade Meeting** for all entries in the parade. Sante Fe Bar and Patio, 804 Pacific, 529-6979.

**14 WEDNESDAY**

**Pet Patrol Fun-Raiser**, including a silent auction of celebrity items, 5-8pm, Black Labrador Pub, 4100 Montrose. 526-3369.

**Fourth Annual Transgender Law and Policy Conference** - for info call 723-8368.

**Women's Network-Film Night**: "Forbidden Love: The Unashamed Stories of Lesbian Lives". "Taking it's cue from those campy lesbian pulp novels of the 50s and 60s, 'Forbidden Love' cleverly frames documentary interviews with its own pulp novel romance. Against a fascinating backdrop of book covers, tabloid headlines, archival photographs and film clips, the women interviewed in

**16 FRIDAY**

**Houston Gay & Lesbian Pride Week 1995** June 16 through June 25. See the Houston Gay & Lesbian Pride Week Pride Guide and OUTSMART magazine for complete pride week event details. *Special thanks to the Houston Gay & Lesbian Pride Week Committee* for mailing us their calendar. Pride line is 529-6979.

**Decoration Contest** for Best Decorated Large Bar, Small Bar, Business. Houston Gay and Lesbian Pride Committee will award trophy / press coverage to winner.

**Lesbian & Gay Voices** Live from the Lovett Inn. Official Kick Off Party for Pride Week 1995 honoring our grand marshals. 6-10pm 90.1 KPFT

**LiB (Lesbians in Business) and DiverseWorks** bring Minnie Bruce Pratt and Leslie Feinberg for special Reading at Hamman Hall, Rice University at 7:30pm.. The reading is an "intimate, intense, and sexy conversation about lesbian life and gender boundary crossing. Reserve tickets at DiverseWorks, 228-0914. \$12 for public and \$10 for LiB members. LiB will not have a general meeting at the Innova Bldg in June. See Saturday, June 17 for workshop with Pratt & Feinberg

**17 SATURDAY**

**Talking Gender: A Workshop with Minnie Bruce Pratt and Leslie Feinberg**. 1:00-3:00pm at DiverseWorks, 1117 East Freeway. Tickets are \$10 for public/ \$8 for LiB members. Feinberg and Pratt offer a primer of the exciting new sex and gender theory that is emerging from the intersection of feminism, the lesbian/gay/bi-sexual movements, and transgender liberation. They will discuss Feinberg's upcoming book, Transgender Warriors: A History of Resistance, and Pratt's new book, She, followed by a facilitated discussion and questions. For info and to reserve tickets, call DiverseWorks at 228-0914.

**Tony Kushner Booksigning** - Tony award and Pulitzer Prize winning playwright of Angels in American 2-4pm Borders Books. 9633 Westheimer  
**Movie Club** for gay/lesbian movie go-ers meets each Saturday to have dinner and watch the latest movies on the big screen. Call Jimmy at 952-4048.

**18 SUNDAY**

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#### Poetry Night at Toupees

#### 7 WEDNESDAY

**Women's Action Coalition (WAC)** is an open alliance of women committed to Direct Action on issues affecting the rights of all women. Voice Mail 867-9581, PO Box 131148, Houston, TX 77219-1148. Meetings are Wednesdays at Toupees at 7pm.

**Bi-NET** Bisexual Network of Houston meets Wed evenings at MCCR (Metropolitan Church of the Resurrection) 1919 Decatur St. 861-9149.

**Houston Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus** general meeting first Wednesdays at 7:30pm, 2700 Albany 304. For info, call 521-1000.

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

**Get your instruments out of the closet!** The Houston Pride Band has formed to provide musical entertainment for the lesbian and gay community. We are actively seeking musicians of all skill levels and instrumentation. Rehearsals are held at Dignity Houston, 1307 Yale on Wednesday nights from 7:00 to 9:00pm. Contact Russell Williams for further details at 524-0218 or send E-mail HousTxBand@aol.com.

**Lambda Roller Skating Club** - Skate Night 8-10pm Dairy Ashford Roller Rink. First, third and fifth Wednesdays. Call 933-5818.

#### 8 THURSDAY

**Montrose Ice Picks** 8pm. Galleria Ice Rink 629-1432.

#### 9 FRIDAY

**Lesbian & Gay Voices**, 6-10pm 90.1 KPFT Father's Day Show focusing on gay parents and the dynamics of long-term monogamous gay relationships.

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**New Lesbian Film, *The Incredibly True Adventures of Two Girls in Love*** will preview at 7:30pm at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston (MFAH) 639-7515.

Free. A sneak preview of a romantic comedy that recounts the story of a tomboy from the wrong side of the tracks who gets involved with a pretty and popular classmate. Film presented by DiverseWorks & MFAH.

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**The Women's Group Book Discussion Group** will discuss *The Big Mama Stories* by Shay Youngblood. Central Congregational Church, 1311 Holman at 2pm. For info, call Ollie at 729-1816 or Iris at 529-8571.

**The Women's Group - Juneteenth Celebration**. We will show a video featuring Women Jazz and Blues Greats. Following the video, Anjela Byer will lead a discussion about the importance of Juneteenth. Anjela is the granddaughter of Houston Jazz Great, Milton Larkin. The Women's Group meets at Central Congregational Church, 1311 Holman at 3:30pm. For more info, call Iris 529-8571.

**Lesbians Over Age Fifty (LOAF)** meets the third Sunday of each month, from 2:00 to 4:00pm at the Houston Mission Church. The mailing address is POB 98601 Houston, TX 77098. For info, call 661-1482.

**Pride Night at Fitzgeralds** benefiting the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard of Houston, \$6,7-12pm. 529-3211. Bands Monster Soup, Violent Blue, Starbelly, Clover, Boy Girl and Objection will be playing.

#### 19 MONDAY

**Striving to Get the Love You Want** - lecture based on imago relationship therapy development by Harville Hendrix, PhD author of the best selling *Getting the Love You Want: A Guide for Couples* and *Keeping the Love You Fine: A Guide for Singles*. Sponsored by MCCR and P-FLAG, free, 6:30-8:30pm, Montrose Library, 4100 Montrose, FYI 713-529-1913.

#### 20 TUESDAY

**Make a Joyful Noise V**, Community Gospel Church 7:30 501 E 18th at Columbia. 880-9235.

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**Poetry Night at Toupees**

**21 WEDNESDAY**

**Bring Your Money out of the Closet** - financial advisor, Julie LaRue, discuss financial planning for gays and lesbians. Limited seating please RSVP, free, 6:30 to 8:30pm. The Acacia Group, 9 Greenway Plaza, 3000, FYI 713-888-3501.

**Drugs and Alcohol Abuse: Gaining Control in Our Lives.** Sponsored by the AIDS Foundation Houston, 7pm, Metropolitan MultiService Center, 1475 W. Grey 623-6796. Topics include warning signs, depression.

**Shiela Lennon-A Country Kind of Gal!** Shiela is a very versatile singer whose performance is both entertaining as well as danceable, all moneys donated to the Montrose Clinic, \$1, 9pm to 2am, Chances Bar, 1100 Westheimer, FYI 713-523-7217.

**Rolling with Pride - Lambda Roller Skating Club** will be hosting their 4th annual pride Skate Night 8-10pm Dairy Ashford Roller Rink, 1820 Dairy Ashford between Westheimer & Briar Forest. Call 933-5818.

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**Legal and Financial Planning for People with Life Threatening Illness.** Attorneys Mitchell Katine, Connie Moore and Debra Hunt along with financial advisor Julie LaRue, will discuss legal and financial planning tools for living with a life threatening illness. RSVP, free, 6:30-8:30pm. The Acacia Group, 9 Greenway Plaza, 3000. 888-3501.

**Lesbian and Gay Pride Ice Skating Celebration** fourth annual, the rink will be open to general public so community people are asked to wear their favorite lesbian or gay T-shirt, sponsored by the Montrose Ice Picks (skate nites mostly on the second Thursday of the month) from 8-10pm at the Galleria Ice Rink, 5015 Westheimer, \$5 plus \$2 for skates, For more info, call Angel at 629-1432.

**23 FRIDAY**

**Lesbian & Gay Voices,** 6-10pm 90.1 KPFT Community leaders will discuss the future of pride week and our community.

**Theater Nite:** Soul Survivor Curtains Theater, 2722

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**R&D for the Soul**

One of my favorite moments is the silence when a acoustic artist walks on the stage and then in a flash like the sun coming out from behind a cloud-- the room, church, concert hall is transformed by music. We were fortunate to experience that twice in Houston in May at the Ann Reed concert and the Libby Roderick concert. Libby opened with her accappella song "Inspire Me", which adds to the magic of a woman's voice created out of her own self defined energy; no canned music, no backup band, no special effects, no black bustier. I like the sentiment "Less Jesus, More Madonna" but let's take it the next step and say More Women Artists.

There has been a lot of press about cutbacks in funding for the arts. It is generally accepted to fund research and development for the sciences. Let's consider research and development for the soul. It is good for the soul to see and hear something you have not experienced before. The great thing about smaller artistic endeavors is it is LIVE. It

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**Theater Nite:** Soul Survivor Curtains Theater, 3722 Washington at Waugh. \$12, 8pm and 10:30. 522-2204.

### 24 SATURDAY

**Proud Out Loud!** We welcome members of our Texas Choral Family, including HeartSong, Capital City Men's Chorus, MCCR-Houston and MCCR-Austin for a gala concert, \$10 to \$25, 7:00pm, Cullen Theater, Wortham Center, 500 Preston. For info 713-743-5904.

**HATCH Prom** - The Houston Area Teenage Coalition of Homosexuals will host its third annual Prom, as a major fundraiser for the organization, \$15, 8:00pm, Majestic Metro, 911 Preston, For info, call 942-7002.

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### 25 SUNDAY

**Houston Gay & Lesbian Pride Parade** 2pm, lower Westheimer from Stanford to Montrose. One of the largest parades in the City of Houston and one of the largest in the Southwest.

**Pride Fest 95 4-7pm.** Join us as we bring the festival to the end of the parade with Fem to Fem and others, free. Taft and Lovett. 529-6979. See the Houston Gay & Lesbian Pride Week Pride Guide and OUTSMART magazine for the latest pride week event details.

**The Women's Group** - Texas Trailblazers. Patricia Smith Prather is Executive Director of Houston Place Preservation Association that sponsors the Texas Trailblazer Series. The Women's Group meets at Central Congregational Church, 1311 Holman at 3:30pm. For more info, call Iris 529-8571.

### 26 MONDAY

**The Agora**, monthly meeting, 7:30p.m. AIDS Foundation Houston, 3202 Wesleyan, 729-4267.

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There has been a lot of press about cutbacks in funding for the arts. It is generally accepted to fund research and development for the sciences. Let's consider research and development for the soul. It is good for the soul to see and hear something you have not experienced before. The great thing about smaller artistic endeavors is it is LIVE. It happens a limited number of shows - maybe only one time. You can't wait for the video to come out. Two Nice Girls was going to put out a video after the band broke up, but I don't think the video was completed. Was the Harvey Milk Opera performed at the Wortham taped for broadcast?

There is a question if there is a place for performing arts on a small scale (or even PBS) if it is not commercially profitable. Do we want our cultural experiences to be limited to endeavors that can pass the litmus test of a million units projected sales or a million viewers? We need to support to our culture, as much as we do other institutions. Like buying fundraiser cookies and candy, maybe once a year consider buying a ticket to an independently produced concert or a play. If you don't plan to attend, you can give the ticket to someone who can't afford it, give it to KPFT Pacifica to give away on the air or give it to your favorite women's bookstore to give away to the next customer in a random act of kindness. Better yet, come to the show and bring all your friends. Don't forget to make art yourself. Write a poem or read a poem for Encodings, draw a cover or write for the WAND, sing in Heartsong, Houston's women's chorus or play an instrument in Houston Pride Band.

### 28 WEDNESDAY

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**Houston Pride Band Rehearsal**, Dignity Houston at 1307 Yale 7pm. See June 7.

### 29 THURSDAY

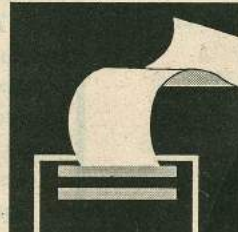
**Bob Bernstein, P-FLAG National VP** will speak at 2pm at Crossroads Market. 867-9020.

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## HURRAY FOR CONCERTS!

by Cielo Perdomo

Hurray for the concerts in May! Ann Reed's concert was wonderful, with many womyn showing up to show a friendly Texas welcome. I personally look forward to concerts because it's one of the few times that I get to see people in the community. In fact, I see people whose names I don't even remember but I KNOW that I know them from somewhere! My apologies to those to whom I waved in a friendly, knowing way, but could not manufacture a name from my limited memory to save my life. As for the concert itself, the music was wonderful... sad, funny, sexy, and enjoyable in every way. Alas, when I asked for an autograph for my songbook, Ann Reed gave me an odd look and asked to have it spelled... so much for making an impression.

The Libby Roderick's concert was also well attended, drawing a larger, and somewhat different crowd. Alas, I also was forced to wave knowingly at some more people, but that embarrassment was a small price to pay for the exhilaration of being able to hear Libby without going to Alaska. Her performance moved many people to tears, and laughter. Libby has many songs which are inspirational to all people, but especially to womyn. Her trademark song, "How Could Anyone," reached straight into each person's heart to touch the hurt, shamed parts that really just want to be loved. She also humorously poked fun at the insane things that we live with... Barbie dolls,



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And to my friends.....SEE YOU AT THE NEXT CONCERT!!!



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"The demands on a feminist bookstore are high. In addition to selling books and running a business we also do referrals, sell tickets, provide emotional support, listen, and lots of other things that can only exist when customers matronize the business. It's hard, sometimes, when you know someone buys lots of feminist books, but the only time they come into the store is to post a flier."

--Pokey Anderson, Owner, *Inklings Bookshop*, Houston, Tex.

"If people buy books at Barnes & Noble, small stores (including feminist stores) will go out of business, feminist presses will suffer and books will disappear. This is how economics creates censorship -- book buyers contribute to their own censorship by supporting the chains. If book buyers allow this to happen, Barnes & Noble (and the other chains) will decide what gets sold, what is in print, the size of print runs, and ultimately, what people have access to. The question is not who gets a piece of the pie; the pie itself will be drastically changed. And don't expect feminist and other progressive causes to be part of what's left."

-- Sally Owen, co-owner of the recently closed *Judith's Room*, New York City

"To have intellectual, political and literary diversity, we must have diversity in the marketplace. Without feminist bookstores, the kinds of books you see your local feminist bookstore will, for the most part, cease to exist. Every time each of us invests in a feminist bookstore, we are helping to protect the range of literature available: from lesbian and gay novels to nonsexist, non-racist children's books, from goddess-centered books to feminist theory. The future of progressive and quality publishing is in our hands--simply by making conscious decisions about where we spend our money."

-- Theresa Corrigan *Lioness Books*, Sacramento, Calif.

"There exists in this country, whether people are aware of it or not, in interrelated network of feminist booksellers, feminist and lesbian book publishers, periodicals, who work with writers to get certain kinds of truth in to print and into the world. When we are successful, the mainstream publishing industry notices and says, 'Oh, that's a good idea, we'll publish some of that.' But if we don't put those ideas out into the world first, if we don't prove that there's interest (or, as the corporate publishers say, 'a market') for those ideas, they never show up in mainstream publishing and chain bookstores. Sometimes people find these kinds of books in chainstores or at the discount store and think, 'Oh, we've made the mainstream now.' But the fact is that if feminist bookstore and publishers disappeared, you can be sure that all those feminist books and ideas would disappear from the corporate bookstores and publishers just as quickly. The information industry in this country is, like anything else, an ecosystem. If you let any part of it die off, the rest of the parts will also go into a decline." -- Carol Seajay, publisher of *The Feminist Bookstore News*, The trade magazine for feminist bookstores, San Francisco, Calif.

## IT WAS NOT THAT LONG AGO

by Alma J. Aguirre

With the coming of June, innumerable Gay and Lesbian organizations across the nation reach one of their busiest times of the year: preparations for Pride Week. Logos need to be chosen, T-Shirts, buttons and flyers need to be ordered, floats are assembled, banners are put together, all the essential elements of a grand celebration. We dedicate an entire week to celebrating our victories and pondering upon our losses. Seven days we show to the world and to ourselves how strong and how outspoken we have become. During this time it is easy to get so immersed in the spirit of Pride. It is easier still to forget those who came before us.

I'm not talking about the veterans from the Civil Rights movement of the 1960's. Not that they do not deserve any credit, today I wouldn't be writing this article for a Gay and Lesbian paper if it weren't for them. But there was life before the second half of the XX century.

Although there are a few references to Lesbianism in ancient mythologies, concrete proof of the existence of relationships between women is found in diaries and personal letters dating in this country from approximately the XVIII century. It wasn't until the latter half of the 1800's that relationships between women were common enough to deserve their own term: Boston Marriages. In most of these one of the women was a widow (the only way a woman could come to own property in those days) and they would share a home to "keep each other company."

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*Pieces of dreams floating into the night*

*Lingering long enough to*

*Pick up the wishes that may wish they might*

*A piece of my dream is you*

Ann memorializes her high school reunion in "Roll On By"

*I have my reservations*

*Why I'd come here just to see*

*An all too human demonstration*

*Of who I used to be*

*& it all rolls on by It all rolls on by*

*We flow like rivers through each other*

*Altering out lives Then we all roll on by*

Ann Reed gets down in the up tempo "Love Online" with lots of foot tapping, bluesy harmonica, a song about being sleazy

on the computer keyboard.

*E mail me baby what you thinkin' of*

*If you ever need me it's keyword love*

*Download my heart give a little byte*

*I'm waiting for you on a dedicated line*

The icing of the cake or the chocolate shavings, is "God is Sleeping/ You've Got to be Carefully Taught".

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## BOOK REVIEW

Printed from "ELLAS DICEN", a newsletter from ELLAS, P.O. Box 681061, San Antonio, TX 78268.

Once More With Feeling. Peggy J. Herring, Naiad Press Inc., 1995.

If you ever felt or wondered "what if..." about that special woman you lost a long time ago, then rush over to Textures bookstore and buy San Antonio's Peggy J. Herring's first novel, Once More With Feeling. Once you start reading, you will not want to put it down. All of her characters-- Laura, Mavis, Jolly, and Wanda, to name a few-- will seem like old friends, people you have known and partied with at the old Our Place. Even Laura's mother, Mrs. Davenport, reminded me of my mom with her comments about "that woman" and "You're such a beautiful girl. You could get a man," and the clincher, "It's your responsibility to provide me with grandchildren!" The story takes place in San Antonio so Peggy's settings will seem familiar.

The main characters are Laura and Mavis. They have just broken up after 8 years of being together. In a conversation with her friend Jolly, Laura says, "It's been easier to stay together. We're comfortable with each other." "And that doesn't count for anything?" "It's not enough. There's gotta be something else out there for both of us." I don't know about anyone else, but that little exchange sure rang a bell in my mind! The story deals with how Laura and Mavis change after their breakup. After 4 years, anger and rejection finally change into acceptance and true friendship.

As I read, I found myself thinking about friends from long ago and relationships that didn't grow into what the people involved needed from each other. I wanted to be able to talk to Laura and Mavis and share all of the "wisdom" I have acquired over time. The story is simple, believable, and well-written. If you want a good book for your next trip to the coast or for summer vacation, and you don't mind shedding a tear... now and then as old memories conjure up, then read Once More With Feeling.

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Although it seems hard to imagine, these women did not spend their days sitting out on the porch, knitting and sipping lemonade. Some of them were very much revolutionaries for the times. There was Mary Fields, a black woman born into slavery in 1832 who would wear men's clothes and drive a stagecoach for a living. Or the likes of Ralph Kerwinieo, an American Indian woman born as Cora Anderson. For them defying the dress code was not a simple matter of comfort but an incredibly brave act. Sporting items defined as "men's clothing" was illegal. It would remain so until the coming of World War I. As part of their army uniforms, women were for the first time allowed to wear dress slacks.

Partners found ways of staying together, but these women only had each other's company. The first hint of a community was born in the nightlife of Harlem. Men and women alike flocked to the safehaven the slums of New York city provided. Amidst the sexual revolution of the 1920's, Gays and Lesbians saw their chance.

This was a community only in the sense that there were a lot of people in one same place sharing the same life experiences, it was not organized. The first "official" Lesbian support group would not come until 1953 with the formation of the Daughters of Bilitis in

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*You have got to be taught before it's too late*

*Before you are six or seven or eight*

*To hate all the people your relatives hate*

*You have got to be carefully taught*

All the songs are memorable and you will find yourself humming the melodies at unexpected moments. Ann's music is available at your local feminist bookstore,

Inklings Bookshop. Sue Cox

San Francisco. Their male counterpart, The Mattachine Society, had also been founded a year earlier. Both organizations were so closeted, however, they did not know of each other's existence until 1954.

I will march in this year's parade just as I have the last two years and I will enjoy both the company and the love I have come to know amongst our community. I will also march for all those who came before the thought of a parade was ever possible. I know there is a lot left to be done, our struggles have barely begun, and I am not sure I will live long enough to see this community win all its battles. But I also know that today life for me and for my brothers and sisters is better than it ever has been and that is only because we were lucky and got to live in this part of the world. There are places in the world today where progress has yet to arrive, they are experiencing today what we might think only used to be.

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Minnie Bruce Pratt was born September 12, 1946, in Selma, Alabama, in the hospital closest to her hometown of Centreville. She received her academic education at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, and at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and her actual education through grass-roots organizing with women in the army-base town of Fayetteville, North Carolina, and through teaching at historically Black universities. For five years she was the editor of the editorial collective of Feminary: A Feminist Journal for the South, Emphasizing Lesbian Visions. Together with Elly Burkin and Barbara Smith, she co-authored Yours in Struggle, Three Feminist Perspectives on Anti-Semitism and Racism (Firebrand Books). She has published three books of poetry, The Sound on One Fork (Night Heron Press), We Say We Love Each Other (Spinsters/Aunt Lute & Firebrand Books), and Crime Against Nature (Firebrand Books).

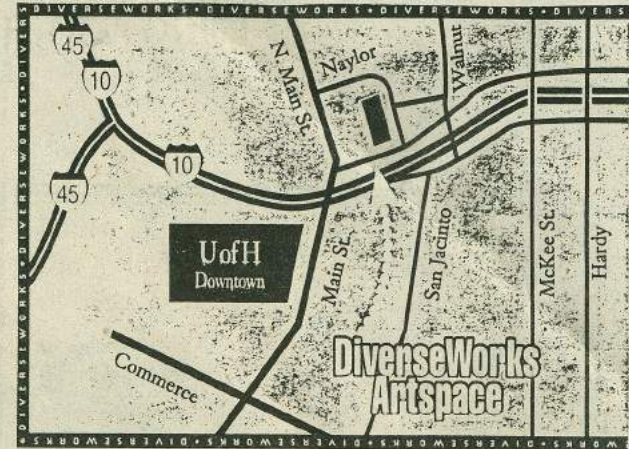
In 1989, Crime Against Nature, on Pratt's relationship to her two sons as a lesbian mother, was chosen as the Lamont Poetry Selection by the Academy of American Poets; this is an annual award given for the best second full-length book of poetry by a U.S. Author. The judges said of the book, Pratt tells a moving story of loss and recuperation, discovering linkages between her own disenfranchisement and the condition of other minorities. She makes it plain, in this masterful sequence of poems, that the real crime against nature is violence and oppression." In 1991, Crime Against Nature was given the American Library Association Gay and Lesbian Book Award for Literature, it was also nominated for a

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SHARON FARMER

Minnie Bruce Pratt is a lesbian essayist, poet, and teacher. A white Christian-raised Southerner, the author has, for many years, written about the world in which she lives, the personal and political changes that mark her rebellion against oppressive ways of thinking and acting.



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Leslie Feinberg came of age as a young butch lesbian in the factories and gay bars of Buffalo, New York, in the 1960s. Since that time, Feinberg has been a grass-roots activist and a journalist. S/he is nationally known in the gay and transgender movements. Leslie Feinberg was a speaker at the Stonewall 25 rally in New York City, June 26, 1994.

Feinberg's novel, Stone Butch Blues, published on March 1, 1993 by Firebrand Books, has received a wildly popular response. The novel has received the prestigious American Library Association Award for Gay and Lesbian Literature and a LAMBDA Literary Award.

A video about Leslie Feinberg entitled Outlaw premiered at the New York City Lesbian and Gay Film Festival this summer and is being distributed nationally and internationally.

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At present Pratt lives in the New York City metropolitan area in Jersey City, New Jersey, and teaches Women's Studies, Lesbian/Gay Studies, and Creative Writing as part of the Graduate Faculty of The Union Institute, a non-residential alternative university. Her autobiographical and political essays, Rebellion: Essays 1980-1991 (Firebrand Books), was a 1992 Finalist in Non-Fiction for the Lambda Literary Awards. Pratt is working on a fourth volume of poems, Walking Back Up Depot Street. Her book of prose about gender boundary crossing, S/he, is forthcoming from Firebrand Books in Spring 1995.

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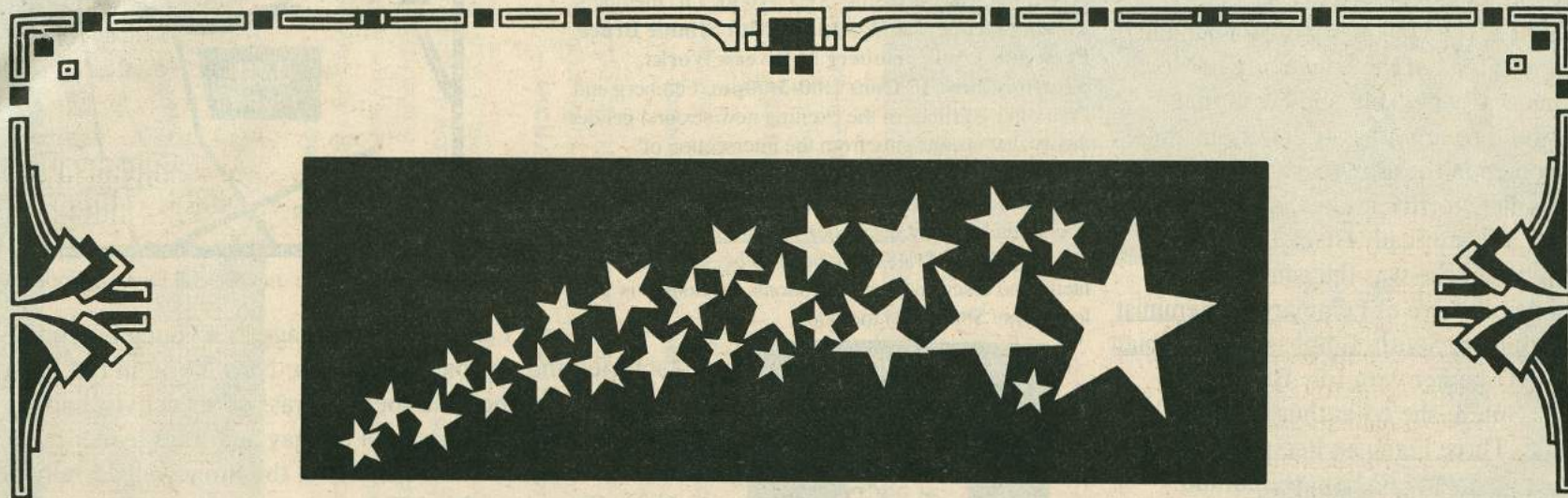
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Dear Family of Fiends,

We are writing to thank you for your past support of Camp Sister Spirit. As you know, our presence in Ovett, Mississippi has become a national target of the Religious Right. This radical group, Mississippi for Family Values, is trying to cultivate and sustain a culture of hate and harassment against us because we are Feminist, Lesbians, and Gays. In addition to being the weekly target of assaults from the pulpit, we are also the targets of verbal and physical harassment, intimidation and spurious law suits.

An outcry of support from people like you around the country forced the Federal Government to respond. In March, 1994, Janet Reno sent federal mediators into Mississippi to manage the conflict between Camp Sister Spirit and our self-proclaimed opposition, the Mississippi for Family Values organization. The "Family value" organization refused to cooperate and sued Janet Reno for intervening. The case was thrown out of court because mediation must be voluntary. **Mediation never happened.**

We then took our case to Congress. With the help of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force we met with legislators in Washington and as a result, the Committee on the Judiciary for Constitution and Civil Rights held precedent hearings in Mississippi on July 6, 1994 on "Intimidation

Camp Sister Spirit now finds ourselves in the forefront of a growing movement for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights. We have escalated our efforts to maintain our right to stay and thrive in Mississippi on land that Sister Spirit Incorporated owns and we are fighting to change our nation's laws to achieve this basic Constitutional right. We are asking for your continued and generous support of our redoubled efforts.

~ We will file a Federal lawsuit against Mississippi for Family Values to challenge their conspiracy to violate our rights as American citizens.

~ We are traveling around the country to raise funds and consciousness about our fight for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights. It is essential that people hear directly from us what has actually transpired in Mississippi.

Too many people believe press accounts that the federal intervention was successful. We now know that Camp Sister Spirit will never be victorious until Civil Rights are won for all Lesbian and Gay people within the Lesbian, Gay, Bi and Transgendered society.

~ The nuisance lawsuit against us goes to court April 19th. If they win, we intend to stay on our property. We have done no wrong. This lawsuit is frivolous and is pure harassment.

~ We will be facilitating workshops on Human Rights and Civil Rights here at Camp Sister Spirit over Memorial Day Weekend - May 26-29.

We continue to expand and build Camp Sister Spirit's program and facilities. Camp Sister Spirit is actually the fourth project of Camp Sister Spirit Incorporated, a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, which was established in 1989 to primarily serve the needs of poor working people like ourselves in Mississippi. Over the past four years the

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Sister Spirit Food Pantry has distributed over 100,000 pounds of food to the Gulf Coast Community and is now distributing food from Camp Sister Spirit. We offer services (education, information, referral, advocacy and meeting space) and intervene in crisis situations with emergency resources to folks who come to us for help. Our international project makes available medical, clothing and school supplies to the Red Cross Outpost, Isla Mujeres, Mexico.

Camp Sister Spirit was founded in 1993 as a haven for Lesbians and other womyn--a womyn's land. Because of the militant Religious Right's intimidation, harassment and violence against us, we must fight even harder to meet challenge for "feminist education, teaching and learning non-oppressive lifeways, in the Deep South. With your help, we will continue to move forward for Lesbian and Gay Rights in the United States. Camp Sister Spirit has also become a safe space for people to attend workshops and seminars that we sponsor to advance our common fight against oppression, hatred and bigotry. We are gradually remodeling structures on our 120 acre grounds so that in the future we will be able to offer our facilities as a gathering space for civil rights organizations. And we are a resident Lesbian Land Community creating Lesbian culture, caretaking and protecting our property and our lives.

Camp Sister Spirit is under attack because we refuse to bow down to injustice, bigotry and prejudice. This struggle is herstoric/historic and although we live under intimidation, we will not be moved. We need your love and support for our defense. We do not have large grants. We depend upon you to keep us working. Please send in your tax-deductible donation and consider becoming a monthly sustainer of Camp Sister

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Nadler heard first-hand the position of Mississippi for Family Values. The "position", she stated, was that Ovett, Mississippi has a "Christian" family value standard and tolerates no other personal or political advocacy position. It was at these hearings Sister Spirit demanded Civil Rights law protection for Lesbians and Gays.

Our federal representatives are now being confronted by something we have known for a long time--although Gays and Lesbians have suffered historic discrimination, harassment, and intimidation -- Gays and Lesbians are not included among the protected categories of civil rights law in this country. The failed federal government interventions have served to *escalate* rather than calm the climate against us in Mississippi. And we have learned that because we, as Gays and Lesbians, have not been protected, the United States Government is in violation of International Human Rights laws with mandate the kind of protection we seek.

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LOS ANGELES — The Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) has announced it is postponing a planned "Freedom Ride" over Memorial Day weekend to assist the embattled Camp Sister Spirit in Ovett, Miss., because of insufficient interest in the trip. Operated by Wanda and Brenda Henson, Camp Sister Spirit has been the object of death threats, shootings and intense local attempts to drive the women out of the area and close down the lesbian/feminist retreat. In a press statement, the Rev. Troy Perry of MCC, said, "It saddens me that we have been unable to respond, now, to this critical need. We are asking everyone to rally to this important cause and plan to be present in Mississippi when this event happens next Spring."

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I am writing in response to the two Albuquerque women who declared "We have had enough of the glorification of the very dangerous **SITUATION IN MISSISSIPPI**," and went on to accuse Wanda and Brenda Henson of miscalculations, risking women's lives, and so forth. The writers took issue with what they called "the elevation of the Hensons to the status of cultural heroines" and urged **LC** readers to instead support lesbians who struggle "without asking assistance from anyone."

My heart sank when I read these words. During the past year I've heard several close friends make disparaging comments about Wanda and Brenda's struggle, ranging from "Why don't they just leave the state?" to "They bring bad publicity for all of us." What many women seem reluctant to understand is that Mississippi is the poorest state in the US. Lesbians there *cannot afford* to travel out of state for the resources we so often take for granted. If we really believe that every state should be a safe place for lesbians, that in every state there should be a place for lesbians to gather as a community, then someone has to do the kind of civil rights work in Mississippi that the Hensons are doing. The alternative is that we cruelly dismiss the lesbians in areas like Mississippi as somehow less deserving of festivals, educational resources, and woman-only space - all of which the Hensons have miraculously created there. Finally, Mississippi is their home. Wanda Henson's response to the tiresome suggestion that she abandon her native state for somewhere else is that no lesbian should have to be a refugee or flee to a lesbian ghetto. The alternative to flight is digging in and creating change where one lives, surely a grassroots principle most lesbians respect.

I would suggest that readers study the lesbian classic by June Arnold, **THE COOK AND THE CARPENTER**, a '70s novel about another woman-only land community under siege by townfolk. In that novel one character tells another "You never, ever hinder someone in a fight! You might as well attack me yourself. I don't care what principles are involved." Appropriate words to remind us that no lesbian who cares about her own liberty should be undermining the Hensons right now. I suggest you go down there and brainstorm with the women on that land, like I did, if you want to touch base with some authentic feminist integrity.

--Bonnie, Washington, DC

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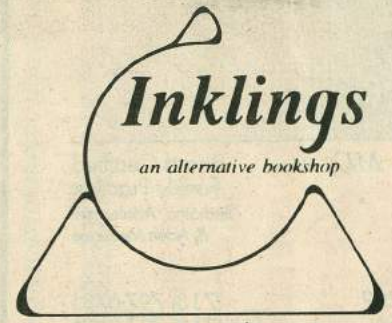
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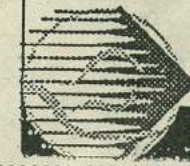
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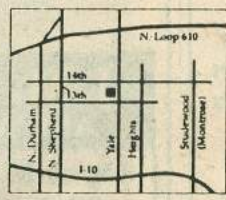


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