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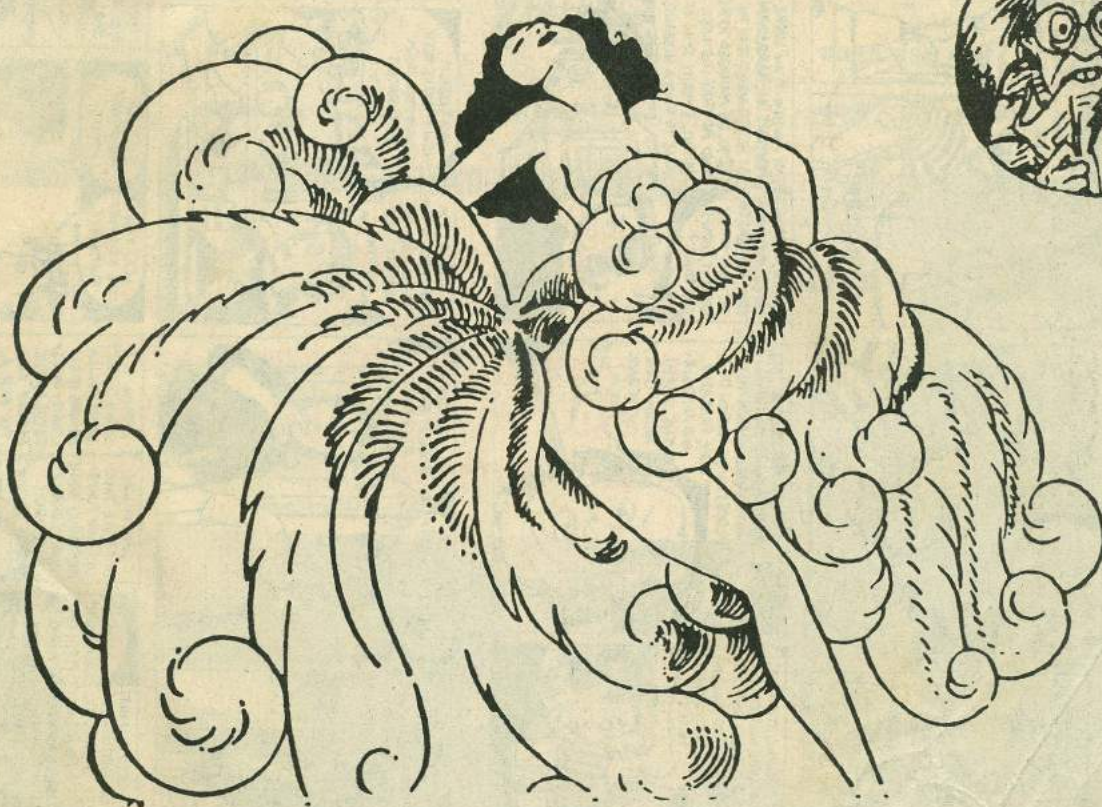
UPDATED RESOURCE LIST

Women's Music Festivals

News from Sister Spirit Camp

Report from Breast Cancer Prevention Day

Double Dose of Dykes



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LiB Meeting, July 24 at 6:30pm

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- Suede
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- Debbie Fier
- Alix Dobkin
- Kate Clinton
- Marcia Wilkie
- Seralah Carol
- Heather Bishop
- Dianne Davidson
- Jamie Anderson
- the rhythm method
- Lucie Blue Tremblay

▼ THURSDAY ▼

Lavish Catered Welcome Party
COMEDY NIGHT with KATE CLINTON

Our Heart Holiday weekend kicks off at 3p.m. Thursday and ends at 3p.m. Sunday

▼ FRIDAY ▼

"Coffee with Kate & Friends"
COMEDY THEATER CABARET SHOW

Crafts Deadline August 25

▼ SATURDAY ▼

FORMAL DINNER/DANCE at OUR '60s LESBIAN PROM CABARET SHOW

▼ SUNDAY ▼

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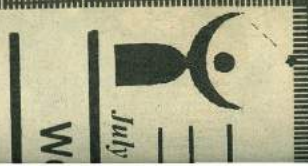
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I SEE YOU DECIDED TO EXPAND OUR SELECTION OF GAY MEN'S EROTICA WHILE I WAS GONE, MO.

WHAT?? WE DON'T HAVE A MEN'S EROTICA SECTION!



THEN WHY AM I LOOKING AT A BOX FULL OF VERY EXPENSIVE NAKED MEN?

OH! I MADE A MISTAKE ON AN ORDER... I KEEP MEANING TO SEND THOSE BACK, BUT WE DON'T HAVE ANY PACKING TAPE.



GIVE ME STRENGTH.

I'LL GET RIGHT ON IT, AS SOON AS I UNPACK THIS STUFF.



AND WHAT ARE ALL THESE RUGRATS DOING HERE?

NO, TONI AND HER FRIEND GLORIA BRING THEIR KIDS OVER WHILE TONI DOES THE PAYROLL. STELLA JUST STARTED WALKING.



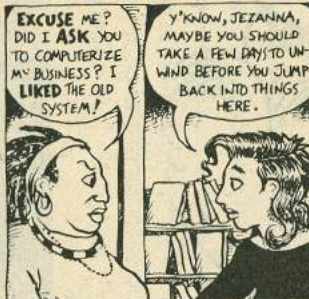
SORRY, JEZ. THEY'RE A LITTLE WOUND UP. ARE YOU READY TO GO OVER THE BOOKS?

OKAY, LET'S SEE HOW YOU MANAGED.



TONI, WHAT IS ALL THIS? YOU CHANGED MY SYSTEM!

WELL, YEAH... I HAD A HARD TIME FOLLOWING IT, SO I SET UP A MORE, UH... CONVENTIONAL ONE. THIS WAY IT'LL BE EASIER TO PUT IT ON THE COMPUTER.



EXCUSE ME? DID I ASK YOU TO COMPUTERIZE MY BUSINESS? I LIKED THE OLD SYSTEM!

Y'KNOW, JEZANNA, MAYBE YOU SHOULD TAKE A FEW DAYS TO UNWIND BEFORE YOU JUMP BACK INTO THINGS HERE.



I'M NEVER LEAVING THIS STORE AGAIN! GOD KNOWS WHAT I'D COME BACK TO! DILDOES IN THE WINDOW DISPLAY, PROBABLY, AND ALTERNATIVE INSEMINATION CLINICS IN THE BACK ROOM!



LISTEN, I KNOW YOU'RE UPSET ABOUT YOUR MOTHER. DO YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT? HOW'S SHE DOING?

MY MOTHER IS AN UNREPENTANT OLD HARRIDAN. AT HER WEAKEST WITH THE CHEMO, SHE MANAGED TO REMIND ME THAT IF I LOST WEIGHT, I MIGHT STILL BE ABLE TO FIND A HUSBAND.



SOUNDS LIKE SHE'S PROBABLY SCARED, AND JUST LASHING OUT AT WHO-EVER'S HANDY.

TONI, IS RAFFI WITH YOU? I LOST SIGHT OF HIM!



RAFFI!

DAMMIT, MO! I HOPE YOU LIKE BEEFCAKE, GIRL, BECAUSE YOU JUST BOUGHT YOURSELF A COFFEE TABLE BOOK.

INTENTIONAL FAMILY VALUES

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YES!

SHH! I CAN'T BELIEVE WE FINALLY GOT THEIR NAP TIMES SYNCHRONIZED!



DON'T WORRY. IT WON'T LAST WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

UH... TEETHING BISCUITS AND A JUICE BAR?



SO GLORIA, I'M GONNA TELL MY PARENTS I'M A BIG DYKE.

WHAT ELSE IS NEW? YOU'VE BEEN GONNA TELL THEM EVER SINCE I MET YOU.



NOW I REALLY MEAN IT. JEZANNA'S MOM HAVING CANCER GOT ME THINKING, Y'KNOW? WHO KNOWS HOW MUCH TIME WE HAVE LEFT?!

WELL, GREAT! I KNOW IT'S SCARY, BUT YOU CAN DO IT. BESIDES, WHAT'S THE WORST THAT COULD HAPPEN?



ARE YOU KIDDING? THEY COULD GO TO COURT LIKE SHARON BOTTOMS' MOM AND SUE FOR CUSTODY OF RAFFI, FOR STARTERS!

GOD, CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT CASE? THE VIRGINIA SUPREME COURT HAS THE NERVE TO GIVE CUSTODY TO THE KID'S GRANDMOTHER BECAUSE HE'D EXPERIENCE "SOCIAL CONDEMNATION" BY LIVING WITH HIS LESBIAN PARENTS. TALK ABOUT A FUCKING CIRCULAR ARGUMENT!



YEAH, AND FLORIDA JUST UPHELD A BAN AGAINST GAYS AND LESBIANS ADOPTING KIDS. NOT AGAINST CONVICTED FELONS, OR REGISTERED CHILD ABUSERS, BUT AGAINST YOU AND ME! IT MAKES ME SICK, THE WAY THE GOVERNMENT CONTROLS OUR FAMILIES!



CAREFUL. SOMEONE MIGHT MISTAKE YOU FOR ONE OF THOSE MILITIA MEMBERS, RANTING ABOUT GOVERNMENT TYRANNY.



OH, DON'T GET ME STARTED! THESE HYPOCRITES! IF IT WERE UP TO THEM, EVERYONE WHO WASN'T BLONDE, MET, AND PRESBYTERIAN WOULD BE STERILIZED OR SHOT.



HON, CALM DOWN! IT WAS ONLY A JOKE!



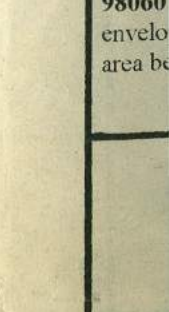
I WISH IT WAS. BUT THESE "PATRIOTS" AND FUNDAMENTALISTS REALLY HAVE LEVERAGE IN CONGRESS.



I KNOW. IT'S SCARY. I DON'T WANT STELLA GROWING UP IN A COUNTRY RUN BY FOCUS ON THE FAMILY AND THE N.R.A.



LET'S TAKE THE KIDS AND RUN AWAY!



UH...WHAT ABOUT OUR LOVERS?

an entrance and an exit



...SO I SAID TO HER, "I WON'T BE TOYED WITH, DEIRDRE. FIND SOMEONE ELSE TO BE YOUR SEXUAL PLAYTHING!"



SPEAKING OF WHICH... DID I MENTION THE SUCCULENT DETAILS OF MY NIGHT WITH BABETTE THE WAITRESS? OFFICE



EXCUSE ME. I HATE TO INTERRUPT, BUT...



WOULD ONE OF YOU GO WORK THE REGISTER? THIS IS A PLACE OF BUSINESS, KEEP YOUR LOVE LIVES OUT OF IT!



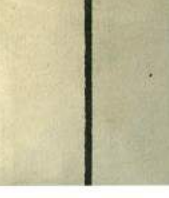
PRESENTLY... HI! IS JEZANNA IN?



YEAH, I'LL BUZZ HER. WHO SHOULD I SAY IS HERE?



AUDREY?



HI, BABY! I GOT THE WEEKEND OFF! I THOUGHT I'D COME UP AND GIVE YOU A THRILL!

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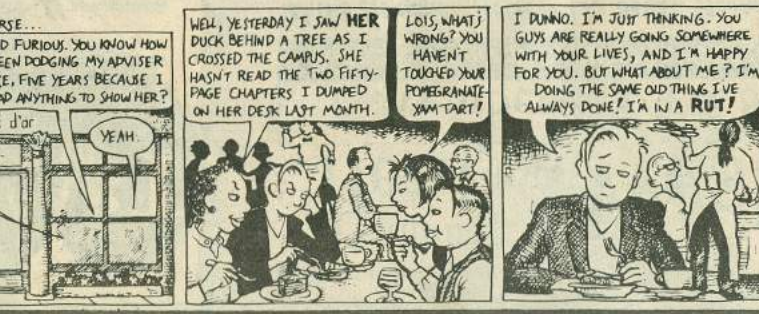
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Dykes To Watch Out For

Their brilliant careers

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3 MONDAY**4 TUESDAY**

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CODA Support Group (CoDependency) at 7:00pm MCCR, 1919 Decatur, 861-9149 See entry for July 2.

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

Southern Country Country Western Dance lessons at The Ranch, 9200 Buffalo Speedway, 8:00pm.

Poetry Night at Toupees

5 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.

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P-FLAG Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians & Gays general meeting. 2pm St. Francis Episcopal Church, 345 Piney Point Road, 867-9020.

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10 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 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.

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Women with Life Challenging Illnesses meets on the third Wednesday of the month, 7:00-8:30pm. For info, call Marion at 667-8735 or Leila at 728-1914.

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

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20 THURSDAY

NOW Lecture Series: Sexual Harassment of Women Working in Non-Traditional Fields

presented by Sheila Owsley, Esq at Interfaith Ministries, 3217 Montrose at Lovett. Registration and social 6:30-7pm. followed by Lecture and questions. No admission/donations appreciated. 665-8669.

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21 FRIDAY

LiB (Lesbians in Business), a woman's empowerment group, The July program is Nancy Ford speaking on "The Art of Visibility". Nancy is assistant to the publisher, OutSmart, Houston's Gay and Lesbian Monthly Magazine and her column "What a World, What a World" appears monthly in OutSmart and Dimensions. At Spectrum'95, Nancy sang her much requested version of "We Didn't Start the Fire". Nancy's LiB presentation will include music and comedy.

Networking 6:00-6:30pm. Program/speaker begins at 6:30pm. For info, call 529-0077. LiB meets at Innova Bldg one block south of Richmond between Wesleyan and Buffalo Speedway (on Cummins between Portsmouth and Norfolk). \$3 members/ \$5 non-members.

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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.

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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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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.

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

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The Women's Group July Schedule

***Sunday, July 2: 3:30pm:** Meet for dinner and a movie.... No scheduled speaker.

***Sunday, July 9: 3:30pm:** Our very personal fears about feminists being under attack by the backlash of the angry white male. Jeran Walker will present one woman's personal response to continue with our ethics.

***Sunday, July 16: 3:30pm:** Being a Feminist Leader on Bivouac and etc... Jules Anderson: An account of one's year's journey with AMERICORP.

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Breast Cancer Prevention Day: A Success Story

A very successful first-ever Breast Cancer Prevention Day was held on June 3, 1995. Thirty-five women received breast exams from licensed medical staff and mammograms from Texas Mobile Health. This was the maximum number of women who could have received these services during the six hour event. Madelyn McNeil, LiB President said, "In many ways this was a trial run and we didn't know what to expect. We were overwhelmed by the response and the organizations are talking about making this a regular event. We also have been told by the American Cancer Society that they would work with us in the future." Thanks to the organizers (Lesbians in Business, Lesbian Health Initiative, and Montrose Counseling Center) for making this event a reality. We hope to see more cooperative ventures in the future, especially in the area of women's health and health education.

LiB Logo Contest

LiB is in search of a new logo. So all you artists and designers, submit your entries to a LiB board member or mail to PO Box 66748, Houston, TX 77266-6748. Entries must be received by July 31. The logo will be chosen by the LiB board. The winner will receive a massage from Khristen Lister, hair cut from Tracy's Retreat, and treat from Toupee's.

Overheard at the Houston Gay & Lesbian Pride Parade
Heartsong Member: I am too old for this.

LOAF/Heartsong Member: Honey, I am older and bigger than you.

Heartsong Member: Yeah, but you don't have your period today.

LOAF/Heartsong: Oh, thank the Goddess for that.

We salute all the menstruating amazons who marched in the parade. It was hot, but it was fun.

From around the Continent

If you ever fantasized of being an Olivia Cruise tourist fraternizing (sororitzing) with the locals, here's the scoop from the locals...

From the **KLONDYKE KONTACT** a newsletter printed by Alaska Women's Cultural Center, 2440 East Tudor Road, #304, Anchorage, Alaska 99507

The women of Olivia want to meet you! Imagine 500 women to dance with and none of them are your ex's!

Women from all over the country will begin to arrive in Anchorage to cruise with Olivia Records and Travel. There is an overwhelming desire by these women to meet "Real Alaskan Women" so we've planned a huge Alaskan Bon-Voyage Dance!

From a flyer by Breakeven Productions, AK

For those of you not familiar with Olivia, let me start by telling you that Olivia Cruises & Resorts offers world class exotic vacations for women. The most popular cruise package, which sold out immediately, was the Alaska cruise!

Beginning around June 15th, women will start arriving from all over the country to sight see and experience Anchorage prior to their cruise. Tours, excursions, shows, receptions, and a grand dance are planned for our welcomed tourists. Finally, all 800 women will be bussed to Seward on Wednesday, June 21 to board the Royal Odyssey where they will begin the next leg of their Alaskan Adventure: a seven day cruise through the inside passage, ending in Vancouver, B.C.

We've been in contact with a few of the cruisers who have written wanting more information on Alaska. They have some unique questions like, "Are there stores in Alaska? How do you get around up there? Should we bring parkas? And...Can you call the United States from there?" You can sense the excitement and anticipation these women are feeling about this frontier adventure they are about to embark on.

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College students spend spring break at Camp Sister Spirit by the Associated Press
Ovett, MS - Forty college students from four Northern universities are spending spring break this week working at Camp Sister Spirit, a feminist retreat. The students are clearing brush to make room for camp sites and building things like bookshelves. Smith College junior, Stephanie Kendall, 22 and 8 classmates decided to spend the week at Camp Sister Spirit after camp founders Brenda and Wanda Henson spoke at their school last October. Other students came from Goucher College in Maryland, Kutztown University in Pennsylvania and Ohio University.

The Hensons bought the 120-acre Jones county farm in August 1993 and ran into opposition a month later when the Ovett community discovered the couple is lesbian. The Hensons return to Jones County Chancery Court April 19 to fight a lawsuit filed by neighbors who believe the construction of a dormitory will constitute a public nuisance. Neighbors claim increased traffic on rural roads not designed for heavy traffic will present a safety hazard.

from Hattiesburg American, May 23, 1995

A Jones County judge will take a month to decide on whether the founders of Camp Sister Spirit must limit the use of their 129-acre lesbian feminist retreat. Chancery Judge Frank McKenzie of Monday wrapped up three days of testimony in a lawsuit in which neighbors claim the retreat in the Whitfield community near Ovett creates a nuisance.

Travellers through Mississippi are invited to come see Camp Sister Spirit. The Hensons ask a very reasonable donation of \$7 to \$13 for working visits and \$10 to \$20 non-working visits (includes meals). Group

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If you are trying to run a business or a practice with feminist principles, check out *The Woman Centered Economy: Ideals, Reality, and the Space in Between* (\$15.95). The book is unique in gathering the behind-the-scenes experience and philosophy of some of the movers and shakers of our national lesbian feminist institutions, like music festivals, women's land, feminist bookstores and publishers, lesbian bars, craftwomen, etc. Ideas about community support, economic clout, and even the psychology of lesbians in business are explored. "Some women are inclined to assume a woman-centered organization, like a lesbian relationship, are more likely to fail".

If you're ready for a vacation but can't leave town, try a story from *Another Wilderness: New Outdoor Writing by Women* (\$14.95). This is an outstanding collection that takes you from canoeing, to trekking in Nepal, to the American Women's Antarctic Expedition. It breaks tradition from the usual, macho outdoor writing ("conquering" some mountain); these women write not only about exhilarating physical feats, but about teamwork in the outdoors, spiritual connections to nature, and even about having the courage to face fears and limitations.

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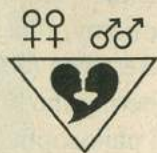


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