

THE NATIONAL LATINO/A LESBIAN & GAY ORGANIZATION



April 2, 1992

Dear Members of GLHU, AMIGAS, AVES, AND HAC:

This notation is to advise everyone of the National Latino/a Lesbian & Gay Organization Conference. The conference will be held at the Stouffers El Presidente Hotel, in Houston from May 21 - 25, 1992.. Hosting the conference will be GLHU, AMIGAS, AVES and HAC. The WORKSHOPS will be held Thursday May 21, and Friday May 22.. The conference will be held Saturday May 23, and Sunday May 24.

Expected from out-of state will be members of LLEGO and other organizations whom will attend the conference. The Stouffers Hotel will serve as the primary housing facility. Due to financial difficulties, some of these members may need other housing, therefore your support and co-operation in volunteering will be greatly appreciated.

If you find yourself with extra room in your residence and wish to provide temporary housing, please contact Cat Velasco of the HOUSING COMMITTEE at 869-0724 or remit the application included in this letter. Full or partial term housing for these days is appreciated. Please notify the committee by Sunday, April 26. for any of the above dates.

Members of the HOUSING COMMITTEE greatly value your support and assistance in displaying Houston's GAY AND LESBIAN camaraderie.

Sincerely,

Cat Velasco

HOUSING COMMITTEE/AMIGAS

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____

MAIL TO: LLEGO/HOUSING

C/O GHLU

P.O. BOX 70153

HOUSTON, TX 77270

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Gay & Lesbian Hispanics Unidos, Inc.

P.O. Box 70153, Houston, Texas 77270

(713) 270-GLHU

Dear Friend & Supporter:

Every year during the final week of June our community celebrates its diversity of cultures, traditions, and perspectives. In '92, the Gay & Lesbian Hispanics Unidos (GLHU) will again celebrate our unique heritage during Houston's Lesbian & Gay Pride Week, with the largest indoor event, a special gala, the 14th Annual BAILE '92, at the Sheraton Astrodome Hotel on June 27, 1992.

Anticipated annually, this event gathers men and women from various parts of the Houston metroplex, the State, and across the country. "BAILE '92" is viewed by many as an event of special significance and worthy of attendance for special reasons but primarily to celebrate the continuity of a strong and proud tradition.

As a businessowner, manager, or entrepreneur you may be interested in reaching this fast growing and achievement oriented community, who throughout the rest of the year utilize and enjoy the various services and products of the surrounding businesses, by advertising in this year's BAILE'92 Program guide.

So why not consider an ad for yourself or your business this year? Attached for your convenience is a list of available ad sizes and current prices. If you would like to have the camera-ready ad picked up, please call 523-8716. Your consideration or sponsorship of a BAILE '92 Program guide ad would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

**Sal Lopez/Tom Martin
Program Committee Co-Chairs
BAILE '92**

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General Assembly Meeting Metropolitan Multi-Service Center April 8, 1992 Minutes

I. Call to Order

Ben Santillan, GLHU President, called the meeting to order and asked for any additions to the agenda.

II. Officers Reports

The minutes for the February 12, 1992, were introduced and accepted for the record.

III. Committee Reports

Membership - Tony Mendez and William Velez reported on ideas to recruit new members; (1) print GLHU t-shirts (2) continue mailing reminder cards and follow-up with phone calls. Brad Veloz made a motion to print the t-shirts and it was seconded by Tony.

IV. Old Business

LLEGO Fundraiser of Feb. 23rd - Natalie Summers reported that the event raised \$747 of which \$435 will go to LLEGO as agreed.

Mr. & Ms. BAILE - Gloria Silva provided an update for the upcoming event to be held at the LLEGO Conference on May 22nd; she asked for volunteers; a meeting will be held on Sunday at Gloria's, 6060 Gulfton #512 at 3:00 p.m. her telephone number is 660-0217; applications are ready and the deadline is May 9th; packets will be put together for contestants; Mr. & Ms. BAILE '91 will recruit for new contestants

GLHU computer - Ben reported the computer and printer are still at Val Rodela's; Ben told the group present that Val intends to pay (\$300) this week.

LLEGO Conference - Brad Veloz, Local Co-Chair for the conference gave an update on the historic event to be held on May 21-25, at the Stouffer Hotel, Greenway Plaza; the Local Conference Committee has establish several sub-committees such as housing, security, exhibits/art display, and special needs to ensure the success; Mike Rodriguez, asked for volunteers for the registration committee.

V. New Business

Ben reported on that the 1988-90 income tax were filed; the 1991 deadline will be extended.

Cinco de May Fundraiser - Tony Mendez reported that Rich's will host the GLHU Cinco de Mayo event on May 1, 1992; the manager, David Hemmer will also include advertising on their TWIT ad.

BAILE '92 - Jeanene Gonzales announced that GLHU's annual event will be held at the Sheraton Astrodome on June 27th with Elsa Garcia and her band; Adrian Viscarra will serve as DJ; William Velez asked for a clarification on the role of Mr. & Ms. BAILE; Gloria Silva and Ben provided a historical perspective on the selection of the GLHU ambassadors.

VI. Announcements

Ben reported on the upcoming Houston's Pride Week activities to be held on June 22-27th;

The group was reminded of the upcoming Westheimer Arts Festival in the Montrose area.

AVES will have a yard sale and Bar-B-Q this Saturday from 9-3.

Brad made a motion that GLHU send a female representative to the Texas Lesbian Conference in May to Dallas; the motion was seconded and passed.

VII. Adjournment

Ben adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Minutes taken and prepared by Braulio Veloz.

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General Assembly Meeting Metropolitan Multi-Service Center May 13, 1992 Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Ben Santillan called the meeting to order at approximately 7:45pm and welcomed everyone. There was one addition to the agenda under Announcements.

II. OFFICERS REPORT

Treasurer Natalie Summers reported that on February 20, the GLHU account was officially moved from Ben Franklin to Bank One, due to a buy out. Beginning balance is \$987.53; ending balance 376.40

Ben also reported that the office of Secretary is still vacant and anyone interested should see him after the meeting.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Committee chairperson William Barnaset reported he sent out 100 reminders of the General Assembly Meeting and had 10 returned. He also reported that during the month of May there were 4 new memberships and 1 renewal.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Cinco de Mayo coordinator Tony Mendez reported the Latino Nite at Rich's on May 1, went well. Having the same type event quarterly is a possibility and is to meet with David Hemmer of Rich's on the subject. Total expenses for this event was 284.61 with income 2595.00 for a total profit of 1545.00. Tony is to pick up the check from David tomorrow.

Mr. & Ms. Baile Pageant coordinator Gloria Silva reported that the event will be dedicated to the late Felix Garcia, who was Mr. Baile 88. There are 9 contestants and flyers are being circulated. Admission will be \$6.00 and cash bars will be available. Doors will open at 7:30 pm with dancing to begin at 8:00pm. Pageant to begin at 10pm.

LLEGO Conference co-chairperson Brad Veloz reported that on Wednesday from 8 to 10 there will be a reception, on Thursday and Friday meetings will be focused on the AIDS Crisis. On Thursday evening from 7 to 10 there will be another reception for all hosting committees and organizations. Registration

is to begin on Thursday and are in need of volunteers in all areas. Child care will be available. Three hundred people are expected from all over the country and Puerto Rico. The Mr. & Ms. Baile pageant will be on Friday, Saturday will feature a concert with Altazor, and a banquet on Sunday. The conference will close on Monday.

Baile 92 coordinator Jeanene Gonzales reported Baile will be held on Saturday, June 27th at the Sheraton Astrodome Hotels Grand Ballroom with tickets going on sale May 22, (Mr./Ms Baile Pageant).

V. NEW BUSINESS

Ben encouraged everyone to get involved in the conference and especially in attending the Altazor Concert.

Gloria reported that the Mr./Ms. Baile 91 farewell party will be held on Friday, May 15th and encourages everyone to come out and wish Brenda and Mario a fond farewell.

Jeanene reported that there will be a Bar BQ/Yard Sale fundraiser on May 31st on 1222 Allston and donations for the yard sale are needed. Plates are to be sold for \$4.00 per plate. This event to benefit Baile 92.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ben encourages for everyone to call Pride Week for a "Pride Guide" which are now available.

Ben also reported that the contract for GLHU General Assembly meeting room was renewed with Metropolitan Multi-Service Center.

Also reported was that our bulk mail permit was renewed as well.

An open discussion took place concerning the direction of the organization and what could be done to enhance it. Several persons expressed concerns they would like to see made in order to help make GLHU a better organization. Ben said he welcomes constructive comments such as the ones brought up and will do everything possible to see that those concerns are addressed. He also stressed that, while there are many opinions about GLHU and what GLHU can do to promote its image, the place to voice your concerns are at the general assembly meeting held every month. "This organization does not belong to any one individual or individuals, it belongs to all of us and words are not enough. We must be willing to put action behind our words and get involved in order to achieve our goals and improve the quality of our organization." said Ben.

VII.Meeting Adjourned - 8:57pm

Scheduled Workshops

* Not yet confirmed

TRACK #1 - HIV/AIDS

- **COMMUNITY HIV/AIDS EDUCATION MODELS**

AVES - Houston, Bienestar - Los Angeles, CURAS - San Francisco, GALEI - Philadelphia, HACER - San Antonio, Hogar Latino - Garden Grove, Informe SIDA - Austin, Latino AIDS Project - San Francisco, Latino Network - Denver, NTFAP - San Francisco, Teatro VIVA - Los Angeles, Whitman Walker - D.C. and others not yet confirmed.

TRACK #2 - CULTURA

- **ART AS AN ORGANIZING TOOL**

Beto Araiza, Monica Palacios, Roland Palencia

- **RECLAIMING OUR GAY/LESBIAN LATINA/O HISTORY**

Yolanda Leyva, Dennis Medina, Frances Negron

- **RESOURCES FOR WRITERS & ARTISTS**

Luis Alfaro*, Tatiana de la Tierra, Charlie Fernandez, Olivia Flores-Alvarez, Cynthia Perez

- **INTERNALIZED OPPRESSION**

Ariban Chagoya, Maria Limon, Arnoldo Longoria, Henry Lopez

- **CULTURA LATINA LESBIANA**

Rossana Dumas, Cherrie Moraga, Brunilda Vega

TRACK #3 - LEADERSHIP & POLICY

- **SURVEY OF POLICY: HOW DOES IT IMPACT OUR LIVES**

Mizzette Fuenzalida, Barbara Garcia, Anthony Rios, Graciela Sanchez, Mario Solis-Marich, Carmen Vazquez, Carlos Vega

- **YOU AS THE EMERGING NEW LEADERSHIP: ISSUES OF LEADERSHIP & ETHICS**

Valentin Aguirre, Linda Morales*, Roberto Vasquez

- **BUILDING EFFECTIVE COALITIONS**

Session 1: Bisexuality

Miguel Ramirez, Yolanda Santiago

Session 2: Functional Coalitions

Mizzette Fuenzalida, Carlos Vélez

Session 3: Co-Chairs of Latino G/L Organizations

Saul Gonzalez, Monica Hernandez

Session 4: Immigration

Monica Hernandez, Yolanda Santiago

Session 5: Youth

Jorge Mario Cabrera, Manuel Guzmán, Olga Texidor*

Session 6: International Network

Enrique Asis, Ricardo Bracho, Cherrie Moraga

TRACK #4 - LESBIANA HEALTH

- **SURVEY OF LESBIANA HEALTH**

Letitia Gomez, Nena Trujillo, Carmen Vazquez, Carmen Zepeda

- **SEXUALITY: HOW TO KEEP YOUR SEX LIVE ALIVE**

Ana Sisnett, other speakers not yet confirmed

- **TAKING CARE OF YOURSELF: EFFECTIVE PREVENTIVE HEALTH**

Ana Maldonado, Rosie Muñoz*

- **SUBSTANCE ABUSE: ADDICTIONS & STEPS TO RECOVERY**

Olivia Flores-Alvarez, Odilia Mendez, Nereida Serrano, RosaMaria Zayas

- **SPIRITUALITY & HEALING ISSUES**

Brunilda Vega, RosaMaria Zayas, Carmen Zepeda

TRACK #5- GAY LATINO HEALTH

- **SURVEY OF LATINO HEALTH - SELF ESTEEM: INTIMACY, MACHISMO & RELATIONSHIPS**

David Acosta, Dr. Alex Carballo-Dieiguez, Dr. Eduardo Morales, José Paréz-Avila

- **SUBSTANCE ABUSE: LAST CALL**

Miguel Angel Aguilar, Roberto Flores, Dr. German Maisonet-Rodriguez

- **PREVENTIVE HEALTH FOR LATINO GAY MEN**

Dr. Steve Martinez*, Dr. Roberto Diaz

- **SEXUALITY: HABLANDO DE LO QUE NO SE NOS HA PERMITIDO**

George Ayalla, Arturo Olivas, Joey Pons

Scheduled Speakers

Thursday, May 21, 1992

Treatment Options & Clinical Trials Institute

• MOISES AGOSTO, MARGARITA BENITEZ, VICTOR RIVERA & OTHER SPEAKERS NOT YET CONFIRMED* •

Friday, May 22, 1992

First Annual AIDS Institute on Education & Policy

Co-Sponsored by The National Task Force on AIDS Prevention

• DAVID ACOSTA, BETO ARAIZA, JOYCE CANHAM, JESSE JOHNSON, MARIA LIMON, ROLAND PALENCIA, •
• MIGUEL RAMIREZ, JUAN RODRIGUEZ, MARIO SOLIS-MARICH, CARLOS VEGA & OTHERS NOT YET CONFIRMED* •

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS: SANDRA HERNANDEZ, MD & ADOLFO MATA

Saturday, May 23, 1992 - General Conference

• BARBARA GARCIA, ODILIA MENDEZ, MARTIN ORNELAS, MARIO SOLIS-MARICH, NENA TRUJILLO,
BRAULIO VELOZ •

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS: LETITIA GOMEZ, CHERRIE MORAGA, JUAN PALOMO & JOSE TORO

Sunday, May 24, 1992

Gala Awards Banquet

Master & Mistress of Ceremony

BETO ARAIZA & MONICA PALACIOS

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS: MILDRED BRAULIO & CHRIS SANDOVAL

National Latino/a Lesbian & Gay Organization (LLEGO)

**El Primer Encuentro Nacional: Salud, Cultura Y Raices
Our Survival in the Face of HIV/AIDS
May 21 - 25, 1992
Houston, Texas**

April 30, 1992

Estimadas/os Amigas Y Amigos:

The time is almost here for the start of one of the most exciting events of the Latino (a) gay and lesbian community. There are numerous volunteers working very hard in Houston and around the country to insure that once you arrive in Houston, you will enjoy yourself.

The purpose of this mailing is to inform you of many details which you need to be aware of in order to best enjoy yourself while attending the conference. We have all worked very hard to bring to you the most exciting and enjoyable conference for Gay Latinos and Latina Lesbianas. We look forward to seeing you in Houston and to enjoying El Encuentro entre familia.

Nos Vemos en Houston!
Conference Organizing Committees

TRAVEL AGENCY - Unfortunately the number listed in the Brochure is not in service. The original travel agency had a fire and subsequently closed down. We have secured a new travel agency. Archer Travel can be reached at 1-800-932-8883. We have an official airlines, which entitle us to special discounts, so please make sure you contact Archer Travel.

HOTEL - You must make your room reservations directly with the Stouffer Presidente Hotel in order to get the discounted room rate of \$79 plus tax per night. To insure this rate you must state you are with LLEGO.

COMMUNITY HOUSING - There is limited community housing available which will be given on a first come first serve basis. You must write to the local conference committee at: LLEGO/Housing Committee, c/o GLHU, P.O. Box 70153, Houston, TX 77270. Please write your name, address and a phone number where you can be reached. Please be sure to specify which of the following categories apply to you (or if you are travelling with other people):

- Lesbian Couple • • Gay Couple • • Single Lesbian • • Single Gay • • Smoker • • Non-Smoker •
- Drinker • • Non-Drinker • • Anything your host/hostess should know • • Any other special situation •

Hosts will be gracious to open their homes, please minimize an embarrassment for you or your host/hostess.

WHAT DOES REGISTRATION COVER - Registration covers entrance to workshops, exhibit hall, art exhibit, all conference receptions, Institute Luncheons, Continental Breakfasts and Gala Awards Banquet.

WHAT DOES REGISTRATION NOT COVER - Registration does not cover entrance to the GLHU Dance on Friday (\$6.00 Ticket Price) nor the Altazor Concert on Saturday (\$10.00 Ticket Price). We are waiting to hear from possible sponsors for the Saturday and Sunday Luncheons, but as of this day we do not have anything confirmed. You should be expecting to cover all of your other meals not covered by registration.

DANCE & CONCERT - Tickets for these two events will be on sale at the time of registration and at the door. They are events that should not be missed. Again, these two events are not covered by your registration.

SPECIAL NEEDS - The local conference organizing committee has established a special needs committee. They have volunteers who will be on call, should the need arise. They will have Spanish Language Interpreters, Sign Language Interpreters, Childcare Attendants, and PWA Lounge monitors should you need their assistance. If you know beforehand that you will need their assistance, please notify the local conference committee as soon as possible to insure that we are able to meet your needs. If there are any other needs we have not noted, please make sure to inform us as soon as possible to make sure that we can accommodate, whenever possible, any needs you may have.

CHILDCARE - There is a childcare room in the hotel which will be running should there be need. If you already know you will have need for childcare, please notify the local conference committee as soon as possible.

REST AREA LOUNGE - There will be a Lounge set aside for people with HIV infection should they need a place to rest. We will be monitoring this room to insure that there are juices and other snacks available. The lounge location will be listed in your registration materials at the start of the conference.

NEWSLETTER - During the LLEGO Encuentro, we are scheduling to produce a LLEGO Newsletter. If you are interested in being part of this project, please notify Roberto Flores, Conference Coordinator, upon registration. We will have all the tools you may need to put this newsletter together including computers, software and laser printer. The only thing that is missing is YOU, your talents and your creativity.

ALTAR OFFERINGS - As you can see from the enclosed schedule, there is an Altar Ceremony scheduled for Saturday, May 23 at 8:00 am to 8:30 am. The altar will be open during the day throughout the conference. It will be a place where we can remember those that have gone before us, so please bring something which you would like to place as an offering at the altar, including flowers, pictures, candles or anything else you feel is appropriate. If you bring candles, please make sure they are in a glass container for fire protection reasons.

DEDICATION OF CONFERENCE - The conference will be dedicated to people which have gone before us. This is an opportunity to remember their lives and their contributions to our Latino (a) gay and lesbian community. If there is someone you would like to have the conference dedicated to, please submit a black and white picture with a paragraph describing the person. If you could submit this information to Roberto Flores, Conference Coordinator at the GLHU mailing address as soon as possible, we can then insure to have it included in the Conference Program.

PROGRAM ADS - There are still program ads available in the Conference Program. If you or an organization you know of is interested in supporting the LLEGO Conference by taking out a program ad, there is still time available. The Ads need to be black and white and camera ready with the following specifications:

Full Page	8" X 10 1/2"	Outside Back Cover	\$1,250.00	Half Page	8" X 5"	Horizontal	\$300.00
Full Page	8" X 10 1/2"	Inside F/B Cover	\$1,000.00	Quarter Pg	3 3/4" X 5"	Horizontal	\$200.00
Full Page	8" X 10 1/2"	Inside Pages	\$ 500.00	Eighth Pg	3 3/4" X 1 3/4"	Horizontal	\$125.00

For info. or questions, please contact the Roberto Flores, Conf. Coord. at (713) 923-0810 as soon as possible.

EXHIBIT SPACE - There is limited exhibit space available. If you or your organization is interested in having an exhibit at the LLEGO conference, please have them contact Al Melendez or William Santos, Exhibits Committee Chairs, at home (713) 584-0321 or Al at work at (713) 787-2033. The cost for exhibit is the following:

Not for profit organization (Information only)	No Charge
Not for profit organization (Sale of materials)	\$ 15.00
For profit organization	\$ 750.00

ART EXHIBIT "Vistas Intimas del Alma: Abrazos Y Agradecimientos" - During the LLEGO Conference there will be an art exhibit mounted. There will be a range of local artists showing their arts & talents. If you are from out of town, and are interested in having your art exhibited as part of the art show, there is still time to be able to include some of your work. Unfortunately, we do not have the resources to bring your work to Houston, so that would be your responsibility. However, during the art exhibit, you will be able to sell your work and there will be no fee or commission taken by LLEGO. Of course, any donations to LLEGO will be welcomed. Here are some of the details, but Anita Quintana the Art Exhibit Chair can answer any other questions you may have:

Contact Person:

Anita Quintana
1909 Colquitt #1
Houston, TX 77098
(713) 520-5524

Exhibit Specifications

- Art Exhibit will be in the Bluebonnet Room
- Two dimensional work will be displayed on easels
- Three dimensional work will be displayed on tables
- No work can be hung on walls
- Room will be secured and locked at night. There will be a monitor during the day to watch the room

Art Exhibit Dates to Remember

- Thursday, May 14, 1992
 - * Send information to Anita Quintana
 - * Name of Piece/s
 - * Price of Piece/s
 - * Dimensions of Piece/s
 - * Short Artist's Statement (approximately 1/2 page)
 - * Include a return address
- Thursday, May 21, 1992
 - * Art to be received from 7-9 pm at the Stouffer Presidente Hotel. 6 Greenway Plaza East, Houston, TX 77046
- Friday, May 22, 1992
 - * Art Opening Reception. 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- Monday, May 25, 1992
 - * Pick up art 10-12 noon. Other arrang., contact Anita.

HIV/AIDS Institute Descriptions

• Thursday, May 21, 1992 •

Treatment Options & Clinical Trials Institute

The Treatment Options & Experimental Clinical Trials Institute is a day-long seminar designed to impart on Latinas/os living with HIV and their service providers a full understanding of the range of available experimental and alternative treatments. Utilizing the experience of community experts the Institute will address issues of access to clinical trials. We will examine the cultural and linguistic barriers that impede the full participation of Latina lesbian and gay Latinos living with HIV in clinical trials and alternative treatments. Over 75 participants are expected to attend. In order to involve a broad cross section of the community, the Institute will be conducted in both English and Spanish.

Tentatively Scheduled Program Areas

- A Critical Review of information on pharmaceutical treatments currently available through the medical system.
- An overview of new experimental pharmaceuticals.
- An Educational Forum on how Clinical Trials are designed, the availability of Clinical trials and how to access clinical trials.
- A Critical Analysis of Barriers to accessing Treatment Options.
- Development of an Action Plan on accessing Treatment Options for Latino/a gays and lesbians
- The mechanics and politics of setting up a community Clinical Trial
- A Survey of alternative treatment options.
- A review of comparative studies of natural vs. pharmaceutical treatments.
- A case study on setting up an alternative treatments program

• Friday, May 22, 1992 •

First Annual AIDS Institute on Education & Policy

Co-Sponsored by The National Task Force on AIDS Prevention

The impact of HIV/AIDS within the Latina/o lesbian and gay community will be the focus of this Institute. The goal is to develop a national HIV/AIDS agenda for Latina lesbians and gay Latinos. The Institute will address services currently being provided and current advocacy efforts taking place at various levels. Through this forum we will develop an HIV/AIDS agenda, by focusing on issues that are relevant to us as gay and lesbian Latinas/os. This will allow for us to move forward to developing a plan of action to make our agenda a reality through working at local, state and federal levels, in a coordinated effort and with a unified voice.

Tentatively Scheduled Program Areas

- A panel discussion focused on Latino gay and lesbian HIV/AIDS service organizations, and the services they provide.
- An overview of LLEGO activities.
- An analysis of barriers to meeting the needs of Latina lesbians and gay Latinos.
- A critical examination on the development of a comprehensive National HIV/AIDS agenda.
- Development of a Plan of Action on implementing the developed agenda.

TRAVEL TO AND FROM THE HOTEL - For those of you travelling to the conference by plane, will find yourselves at either Houston Intercontinental Airport or at Hobby International Airport. Which ever of the two airports you arrive, there is shuttle service at a very reasonable price which takes you from the airport to the Hotel complex of where the conference is taking place. Once you arrive at Greenway Plaza (the complex where the hotel is located) you can either walk to the hotel (about 1 block) or if you are carrying too much luggage, use the courtesy phone and have a bell man come and assist you with your bags.

Houston Intercontinental Airport - Airport Express

Price: \$9.70 one way.

Outbound	Inbound	Terminal A	B	C	IAB
1st Departure at 5:00 am	1st departure	6:50 am	6:55 am	7 am	7:05 am
Last Departure at 11:00 pm	Last departure	12:20 am	12:25 am	12:30 am	12:35 am

Service available 7 days a wk, every 30 minutes. The trip takes about 45 minutes. Non-stop service is offered M-F from 5 am - 7pm, and one-stop service all other times. For additional information, please call (713) 523-8888

Hobby International Airport - Hobby Airport Limousine Service

Price: \$5.00 one way.

Outbound			Inbound		
	1st Departure	Last		1st Departure	Last
Mon - Fri	5:50 am	8:50 pm	Mon - Thurs	7:30 am	11:30 pm
Saturday	6:20 am	8:50 pm	Friday	7:30 am	12:30 am
Sunday	9:50 am	8:50 pm	Saturday	7:30 am	10:30 pm
			Sunday	9:30 am	12:30 am

Service provided approx. every 30 mins., except on Saturday approx. every hour. Service is non-stop from Greenway Plaza to the airport and one-stop from the airport to Greenway Plaza. For more information, call (713) 644-8359.

COMMUNITY HIV/AIDS EDUCATION MODELS - During the HIV/AIDS Track in the general conference which starts on Saturday, May 23, 1992, there will be an exploration of education models for Latino gay men and Latina Lesbians. If you are with an agency or if you have an education model which you would like to discuss, please make sure that you bring with you any materials necessary. We are extending an invitation to all who may have models for our community. This discussion will be facilitated by experts with particular models. Look forward to this exciting workshop.

OPEN TRACK - The conference organizing committee is well aware that it has not been possible to capture all of the talents, skills and topics/issues which our community needs to address. If there is something which you want to present on or would like to have a discussion as part of the conference, we have scheduled an Open Track for this particular reason and we do have the space to accommodate these needs. Please inform Roberto Flores, Conference Coordinator as soon as possible, since space will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. We foresee creating caucuses, group meetings or anything else you may want, so please let us know.

LLEGO BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, MAY 25, 1992 - The conference will officially close after the Meeting of the current Board of Directors. This meeting is open to all interested individuals and LLEGO Members. Since the Board of Directors will be meeting, this will be an opportunity where decisions by the Board can be made. So if you are interested in LLEGO or in changes which LLEGO needs to make, please make sure to be in attendance. We look forward to your participation.

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Schedule of Events

• Thursday, May 21, 1992 •

Treatment Options & Clinical Trials Institute

TIME	EVENT	ROOM
8:00 am - 10:00 am	Registration	Concourse
9:00 am - 10:00 am	Opening	Tower Suite
10:00 am - 4:00 pm	Seminar	Tower Suite
12 Noon - 1:00 pm	Luncheon	To Be Determined
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Closing	Tower Suite

• Friday, May 22, 1992 •

First Annual AIDS Institute on Education & Policy
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TIME	EVENT	ROOM
8:00 am - 10:00 am	Registration	Concourse
9:00 am - 10:00 am	Opening Plenary Session	Rayburn
10:00 am - 4:00 pm	Concurrent Session	3 Tower Suites
12 Noon - 1:00 pm	Luncheon	Plaza 3
3:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Registration	Concourse
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Closing	Rayburn
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Artist's Reception	Bluebonnet Room

• Friday, May 22, 1992 •

8:00 pm - 2:00 am

Gay & Lesbian Hispanics Unidos (GLHU) Presents

6th Annual Mr. & Ms. BAILE Pageant

Ticket price of \$6.00

Support GLHU in their Annual Gala Fundraiser.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or during the LLEGO Conference Registration

(NOTE: Conference Registration does not cover this event)

• **Saturday, May 23, 1992** •
LLEGO General Conference

TIME	EVENT	ROOM
7:30 am - 3:00 pm	Registration	Concourse
8:00 am - 8:30 am	Opening Altar Ceremony	Justins Room
9:00 am - 9:45 am	Welcome	Greenway 2
9:45 am - 10:45 am	Opening Plenary	Greenway 2
10:00 am - 7:30 pm	Exhibit Area	Justins Room
10:45 am - 11:30 am	Open Microphone Discussion	Greenway 2
12 Noon - 1:30 pm	Men's Lunch Caucus*	To Be Determined
	Women's Lunch Caucus*	To Be Determined
1:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Concurrent Workshops	To Be Assigned

• **Saturday, May 23, 1992** •
7:30 pm - 10:30 pm

"Música de Las Américas"
A Musical Concert Featuring the talents and music of

Altazor

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• **Sunday, May 24, 1992** •
LLEGO General Conference

TIME	EVENT	ROOM
7:30 am - 3:00 pm	Registration	Concourse
9:00 am - 10:00 am	Open Meeting Rooms	To Be Assigned
10:00 am - 12 Noon	Concurrent Workshops	To Be Assigned
10:00 am - 4:30 pm	Exhibit Area	Justins Room
12 Noon - 1:30 pm	Lunch on your own	To Be Determined
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Concurrent Workshops	To Be Assigned
2:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Report Back & Closing Plenary	Century 1
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Pre-Banquet Reception*	To Be Assigned
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Gala Awards Banquet	Greenway

(Note: Registration Fee covers ticket for Gala Awards Banquet)

• **Monday, May 25, 1992** •
LLEGO General Conference

TIME	EVENT	ROOM
9:00 am - 10:00 am	Open Meeting Rooms	To Be Assigned
10:00 am - 1:00 pm	National LLEGO Meeting	Greenway 2

* Scheduled but not yet confirmed

Gay & Lesbian Hispanics Unidos, Inc.

P.O. Box 70153, Houston, Texas 77270

(713) 270-GLHU

G. L. H. U.
General Assembly Meeting
Metropolitan Multi-Service Center
1475 West Gray

June 10, 1992

I. Call to Order

- A. Introduction of Mr. & Ms. Baile 92 (Tony Mendez and Natalie Quintero Summers)
- B. Introduction of Interim Officers (Treasurer-Sally Miranda, Secretary-Miguel Gonzalez)
- C. Additions to Agenda

II. Officers Reports

- A. Treasurer - Sally Miranda
- B. Secretary - Miguel Gonzalez

III. Committee Reports

- A. Membership - William Velez
- B. AIDS/Health - David Varela
- C. NOTICIAS - Mike Rodriguez

IV. Old Business

- A. LLEGO Conference - Brad Veloz
- B. Mr. & Ms. Baile - Gloria Silva
- C. Bar-b-que Yard Sale - Jeanene Gonzales
- D. Felix Garcia Memorial Fundraiser - Ben Santillan
- E. BAILE 92 - Jeanene Gonzales
- F. Election of GLHU officers

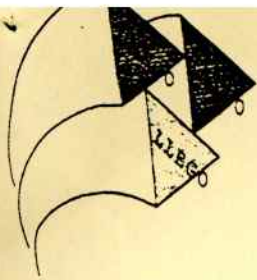
V. New Business

- A. Pride Week Parade
- B. The Last Prima Donna

VI. Announcements

- VII. Lecture - Update - HIV Infection (Anna Poulin)

VIII. Meeting Adjourned



El Primer Encuentro Nacional: *Salud, Cultura y Raices,*

Our Survival in the Face of HIV/AIDS

May 21-25, 1992 / Houston, Texas

Sponsored by LLEGO:

The National Latino/a Lesbian & Gay Organization

Local Host Committee - AVES, GLHU, AMIGA, HAC

Conference Format & Topics

The conference is divided into five major tracks. Each track will consist of educational forums, discussion groups, roundtables, presentations and work sessions to develop strategies and recommendations for action.

HIV/AIDS Education and Prevention - An exciting opportunity for participants to share and exchange information on community HIV education models and workshops designed for and by gay and lesbian Latinas/os. Look forward to an entertaining and informative blend of safer-sex playshops, community theater, materials booths, educational demonstrations and an exchange of models and strategies.

Latina Lesbiana Health - Latinas from across the U.S. and Puerto Rico will survey a range of lesbiana health issues including cancer rates, diabetes, substance abuse and mental health. This track will encourage dialogue about racism, sexism and homophobia, and how these issues intervene with personal and organizational efforts to promote lesbiana Latina health.

Gay Latino Health - Important non-HIV related health issues for gay Latinos are often overlooked in the face of the AIDS crisis. This track is designed to survey and examine mental health, substance abuse, self-esteem and other health concerns of gay Latinos.

Arte, Cultura e Historia - Artists and writers play an important role in promoting our *movimiento*. This track will showcase the diverse creative efforts of our cultural workers through exhibits, performances and readings. Additionally, the track will feature forums for historical presentations and community dialogues that examine the vital and complex role of culture.

Leadership and Policy - We are committed to honoring the efforts of Latina/o gay and lesbian people in diverse areas of work, to developing leadership skills, to encouraging debate about strategies for our movement and to nurturing the leadership qualities in each and everyone of us.

Pre-conference AIDS/HIV Institutes

El Encuentro will begin with two pre-conference AIDS/HIV Institutes. On May 21, the first Institute will focus on Clinical Trials and Treatment Options for Latinas/os with HIV. On May 22, the second Institute will examine AIDS/HIV Policy and Education for Latinas and Latinos. This second Institute is co-sponsored by the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention.

✓ Conference Information Checklist

✓ **Conference Dates.** *El Encuentro* begins on Friday, May 22, 1992, through May 25. A LLEGO membership meeting will close the event on Monday, May 25. Pre-conference Institutes will be held on Thursday, May 21, and Friday, May 22.

✓ **Conference Location.** The Stouffer *Presidente* Hotel in Greenway Plaza has been selected as the headquarters for *El Encuentro*. A special rate of \$79/room for up to four persons per room is offered to LLEGO Conference participants. To reserve accommodations, you must directly contact: The Stouffer *Presidente* Hotel, 6 Greenway Plaza East, Houston, Texas; (713) 629-1200.

✓ **Conference Travel Arrangements.** To assist with travel needs, LLEGO has selected Universal Destinations as the official travel agency of *El Encuentro*. Call toll free, 1-800-223-7409; ask for José Luis Morales. Be sure to mention the LLEGO Conference.

✓ **Conference Pre-registration.** Fill out the Pre-registration Card below and mail to LLEGO Conference with the appropriate fee. The fee covers all official events including a Luncheon and Banquet. Registration fees are based on income (honor system), but absolutely no one will be turned away for lack of funds.

About LLEGO

The National Latino/a Lesbian and Gay Organization (LLEGO) is a national network dedicated to development of leadership, advancement of a progressive political agenda and the formulation of a national HIV/AIDS policy that reflects the needs and concerns of gay and lesbian Latinas/os. The network is comprised of Latino community-based organizations and individuals residing in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. LLEGO's Board of Directors is elected annually. The Board is composed of four representatives, with required gender parity, elected from each of four regions within the country.

Since its founding in 1987, LLEGO has served as a catalyst for the emergence of a national gay/lesbian latina/o leadership by recognizing and validating each others' talents, creating opportunities to enhance our skills and providing forums to promote the visibility of those who can speak to our needs. The organization is an acknowledged bridge builder between the Latino and gay/lesbian communities. LLEGO actively promotes understanding and recognition of lesbian and gay legal rights, relationships and roles *en nuestra comunidad*, while also challenging the gay/lesbian community on issues of racism and sexism in their ranks.

El Encuentro will provide participants with a wide range of skills in diverse areas including leadership and public policy, the arts and humanities, health issues, resource development and fundraising. We are excited about this upcoming conference and urge your participation. As a community-based organization your support is crucial to our success. Organizations and individuals interested in participating and supporting our efforts may become members of LLEGO by contributing \$50/year for organizational membership and \$15/year for individual membership. Your membership fee can be sent to P.O. Box 44483, Washington, D.C. 20026; Telephone (202) 544-0092. Additionally, you may also become a sustainer of LLEGO by contributing as follows: Affiliate, \$10/month or \$120/year; Sponsor, \$25/month or \$300/year; or Founder, \$1,000/year.

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El Encuentro

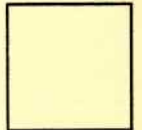
This conference is the first national gathering for and by Latino lesbians and gay men to assess the impact of the HIV/AIDS crisis on *nuestra comunidad, nuestra cultura y nuestras vidas*. The participants at LLEGO's first national conference will consist of community leaders, AIDS activists, gay and lesbian Latinas/os living with HIV/AIDS, gay and lesbian activists, health care workers and others in the Latino community working to challenge racism, sexism, homophobia and class in the age of AIDS. Gay and lesbian people, those in the Latino community most directly impacted by the crisis, those who have taken leadership roles in this fight, will finally be given a voice. This conference represents a vital step toward formulating a comprehensive national strategy for Latina/o lesbians and gay men. Your participation is an important part of this process. We urge you to make plans to attend the conference now!

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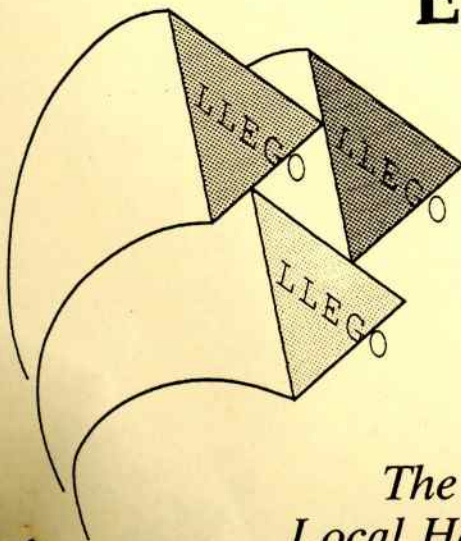
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Local Interest

Statewide

LLEGO Conference Memorial Day Weekend

The National Latino/a Lesbian and Gay Organization will sponsor a conference for and by Latina lesbians and Latino gay men in Houston, Texas on May 21-25, 1992. The theme for the first national gathering of gay and lesbian Latina/os is "El Primer Encuentro Nacional: Salud, Cultura y Raices, Our Survival in the Face of HIV/AIDS". The conference will focus on the tremendous impact that the HIV/AIDS crisis has on nuestra comunidad, nuestra cultura, y nuestra vidas.

Five major tracks have been identified for focus: Arte, Cultura y Historia; Leadership and Policy; HIV/AIDS Education and Prevention; Latina Lesbiana Health; and Gay Latino

Health. Each track is designed to include educational forums, discussion groups, roundtables, presentations and work sessions to solicit input and stimulate dialogue among gay and lesbian Latina/o(s) as we forge strategies and recommendations for action.

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May 22 with the five topic tracks. A membership meeting will close events on May 25th.

The conference location will be at the Stouffer Presidente Hotel, 6 Greenway Plaza East, Houston, Texas, (713) 629-1200. A special LLEGO room rate has been negotiated, to reserve lodging at the discount rate, please contact the hotel. For registration rates and information, please contact Conference Coordinator, c/o GHLU - LLEGO Conference, P.O. Box 70153, Houston, TX 77270. Rates are based on a sliding scale, to be determined by a person's income, and absolutely no one will be turned away due to lack of funds.

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The Newsletter of the Austin Latina/o Lesbian and Gay Organization



ALLGO Welcomes New Board Members

Five new members are added

¡ALLGO PASA! would like to recognize five new members to our Board of Directors. The new members are Sharon Bridgeforth, Alfonso Carlon, Lisa Nickels, Jose Orta and Pat Valls-Trelles. The new members were voted to the board in January and will remain until elections are held by ALLGO members in June.

Alfonso Carlon, 35, has been actively involved in HIV services and education, as a health educator for Peoples Community Clinic. In addition to serving on the Board of Directors for ALLGO, he also sits on the board of the Austin Immune Health Clinic. Mr. Carlon has served on the board of Waterloo Counseling Center, and was once Executive Director of Waterloo. "I enjoy and I am always interested in working with other Latinos", commented Alfonso, "Informe-SIDA has been doing some

great work and I wanted to offer any contribution or help." At Peoples Community Clinic, Mr. Carlon educates adolescents on HIV prevention and works to involve males in family planning.

Jose Orta, 29 has been a member of Informe SIDA's Latino support group for over a year and a half. His membership in the group was very instrumental in his decision to serve on the board. "I felt like I needed and wanted to give something back to an organization that has given me so much." Mr. Orta is an Air Force veteran, which provided him the opportunity to travel, he received his Masters Degree from Troy State College in Alabama. He was raised in Austin, so eventually, he settled close by in Taylor. He is single and quickly adds, "available".

Sharon Bridgeforth also brings with

her an impressive background. Ms. Bridgeforth is a poet/activist for the empowerment of people of color and persons with HIV/AIDS. She is the HIV Outreach Specialist for the African American community at the Austin Travis County Health Department. She considers Informe-SIDA, "her home away from home, and is honored to be on the board." In the three years that she has been here in Austin, she has been busy with several impressive projects. She is currently in pre-production for an art film she has written entitled, "Shadows...that witches cast to the side". The film is about the AIDS in the African American community.

Lisa Nickle is currently a student at Austin Community College majoring in Accounting. Ms. Nickle felt it important to become involved in
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Cartas y Comentarios

Please send all comments to: ¡ALLGO PASA! P.O. Box 13501, Austin, TX 78711

Pat Woods' Presentation has a Productive Outcome

The presentation on "Substance Abuse in the Gay Community" given by Patricia Woods from The University of Washington was extremely well received and had a lasting effect on those participating. One of the most significant outcomes of the event is the move to start up a Gay Latino Twelve Step Program.

Pat Woods' talk focused on the effect of substance abuse on specific groups of people, especially the effect

on the people of color communities. She stated, "It is impossible to implement effective education on HIV prevention without first addressing the many problems that afflict people of color. Substance abuse is one of the main obstacles in the way of conducting HIV/AIDS education." She went on to say, "You must have agencies that are of the same cultural background and ethnic makeup of the population you are trying to reach.

You cannot have it any other way."

There were many gay Latinos who are in "recovery" that were in the audience to hear Ms. Woods speak. After the presentation, many of them were concerned that there is a lack of Alcoholic Anonymous or Twelve Step Programs available here in Austin that are sensitive to the needs of gay Latinos and lesbian Latinas. The need to fill this gap has prompted those that were present to try and form a Twelve Step Program. Others that are interested in forming such a group, please call the Informe-SIDA office at 472-2001 and speak with Arnolde or Larry.

The "Substance Abuse and the Gay Community" presentation was co-sponsored by Informe-SIDA and Out Youth Austin, and was held on March 16 at the University YWCA.

El Camino al Sol

Azteca-Mexica Pilgrimage commemorates Indian Past

At sunrise on the 8th of June 1992, the pilgrimage *El Camino al Sol* (Path to the Sun) will depart from Aztec, New Mexico and simultaneously from Casa Grande, Arizona to arrive at Mexico City - Tenochtitlan on the 12th of October. The sacred journey commemorates the Azteca-Mexica Pilgrimage, some 928 years later, and reaffirms the Indian past of the vast majority of Mexican and Chicano people whose cultural and spiritual roots are intimately linked to the Native People of this continent.

According to sacred narratives such as the Codex Botturini, the Azteca-Mexica left their homeland Aztlan, near the origins of the Gila River, in the year One Flint (1064 A.D.) Guided by the spiritual voice of Huitzilopochtli, the Mexica journeyed and struggled for almost 300 years until they settled on an island on the reed beds of Lake Texcoco where they founded a great city called Mexico-Tenochtitlan (presently Mexico City).

On a recent visit to Austin, Andrés Segura, a Spiritual Elder of the Azteca-Mexica Tradition and spiritual guide of the 1992 pilgrimage, spoke to a

small group of Chicano apprentices and described *El Camino al Sol*, "We will walk about 20 miles per day. On June 8th, the year of 6 Flint, one group will depart from Casa Grande, Arizona and another from Azteca, New Mexico. The two groups will meet at Ciudad Cuauhtemoc, Chihuahua Mexico on the 14th of July. There we will be joined by Compadritos and Comadritas from other Mexica-Azteca traditional groups to complete the journey to Mexico City."

The principle organizers of the U.S. leg of *El Camino al Sol* are members of Xinachtli, a traditional group of "Concheros" danzantes in Texas, California, and New Mexico. Since 1968, Andrés Segura has developed these traditional groups made up of Chicanos and Chicanas who feel spiritually and culturally connected to their Mexican Indian roots. Segura explains that his first contact with these Chicanos was in the heat of the Chicano Movement when Luis Valdez (El Teatro Campesino) and other Chicano activists were eagerly searching for identity. Although some may have transferred this Indian identity to artistic expressions, others trans-

formed it into a way of life. Many of the latter are now traditional danzantes under the spiritual guidance of Andrés Segura.

While some may see *El Camino Al Sol* as a protest against the quincentenary celebrations (500 years since the arrival of Christopher Columbus), that is not its primary purpose. Through this pilgrimage, Xinachtli reaffirms Indian brotherhood throughout this continent and encourages all people of conscience to search for an individual sacredness, to seek and defend truth and dignity for all people, and to protect our Mother Earth.

How can I get involved?

Xinachtli needs your support and financial help. Please walk with us and/or send a contribution check to:

LA PEÑA/XINACHTLI
227 Congress Ave., Suite 300
Austin, TX 78701

For more information:

Angelina Méndez
512/472-2001
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INFORME-SIDA NEWS

El Distribución en el Barrio

La epidemia del SIDA continua afectando los grupos étnicos minoritarios en forma desproporcionada. Si el curso sigue, Latinos y Africanos Americanos serán la mayoría de los casos del SIDA a nivel nacional y local. Por eso razón, la Coalición contra el SIDA de East Austin (CEACO, Informe-SIDA, y Project REACH), dispensaron literatura sobre el SIDA en los barrios Africanos Americanos y Latinos de Austin. La distribución de la literatura sobre VIH/SIDA fue el 4 de abril, y comenzó a las nueve en la iglesia bautista Mt. Olive. Voluntarios visitaron a más de 3,000 casas en el area de St. John's, los apartamentos en Lakeshore, y las viviendas publicas de Austin. Las casas recibieron un folleto que la coalición desarrolló.

El Departamento de Salud en Austin/Travis County relata que los grupos étnicos, Africanos Americanos y Latinos son 42% de los casos del SIDA en Austin. Las tasas de incidencia del SIDA en Austin sigue las tasas a nivel

nacional. En los Estados Unidos, los grupos étnicos son 45% de los casos del SIDA.

La ciudad de Austin tiene una de la tasas más alta en los Estados Unidos. Aquí, los casos del SIDA para cada 100,000 personas son 22.3. La tasa de infección es más alta que las ciudades de San Antonio (14.9), El Paso (5.3), y Chicago, Illinois (21.8), ciudades que son más grandes que Austin.

Para las mujeres y los niños de color (Africanos Americanos y Latinos), las estadísticas demuestran un futuro triste. En los Estados Unidos, mujeres de color son 74% de los casos del SIDA en mujeres. Niños de Africano Americanos y Latinos (< 5 años de edad) son 82% de los casos del SIDA en niños. Desafortunadamente en los casos pediátricos, la mayoría son evitable, porque el modo de transmisión puede eliminar con educación.

Educación sobre la prevención de VIH es muy difícil en las comunidades

de color por muchas razones. Primero, estas comunidades fueron las últimas en recibir educación sobre el SIDA y VIH. También, estas culturas no tienen confianza en las organizaciones tradicionales que conducen educación sobre el SIDA. Además, las organizaciones tradicionales muchas veces no tienen la sensibilidad cultural para enseñar nuestras comunidades. Organizaciones que originan en las comunidades de color tienen éxito en enseñar a las comunidades de color, pero carecen de apoyo financiero. Las comunidades de color usualmente son las que no tienen el poder político o monetario. Para concluir, las comunidades de color tienen otros problemas además de la falta de dinero, como el racismo, el desempleo, la falta de educación formal, y la adicción. Todos estos problemas son obstáculos para una educación efectiva sobre la prevención del VIH/SIDA en nuestras comunidades.

Second Annual Videofest Planned

The Women's Outreach Project, a bilingual, multi-cultural HIV education project of Informe-SIDA and Planned Parenthood, will once again sponsor the Second Annual HIV/AIDS Videofest for women of color. The event will take place at the Chalmers Court Housing office. Beginning at 10 am to 4 pm, HIV/AIDS educational videos will be shown in Spanish and English. In addition to the videos, there will be risk reduction workshops and entertainment from the "H-Kids" from CEACO. Refreshments will be provided and the festival is free and open to the public. The annual Videofest, which was begun last year, is an innovative and entertaining program that educates women of color about HIV issues. This education method is just part of the aggressive educational outreach that Women's Outreach Project conducts.

The Project was started as an effort to access Latinas and African American women who are at risk for HIV infection. Through a combination of social service agency presentations, in-home risk reduction workshops and follow-up group activities, the Women's Outreach Project has reached over 2,000 women since its inception in 1989. The service provided by the outreach workers is much needed. Nationally, women of color make up 74% of all AIDS cases in women.

Anyone interested in volunteering and/or donating for the very important event or wanting more information can call Angelina Mendez or Dottie Curry at 472-2001.

African American HIV+ Support Group Forms

Informe-SIDA has a support group for African Americans who are HIV positive. The group meets on every second and fourth Thursday of the month. The meetings begin at 6:30 pm.

African Americans are especially in need of this type of service, as the HIV epidemic continues to take its toll in the Black community. Every two hours, an African American dies from AIDS.

Dottie Curry is the facilitator and encourages anyone who is HIV positive and African American to drop by. If you have any questions about the group, please call Dottie at 472-2001. As usual, she will go out of her way to accommodate you.

People of Color Support Groups Need Your Support

The various support groups that are offered at Informe-SIDA have gone through many changes. Some have had to cease for awhile and re-group. Others have been going strong. Most of the peer discussion groups help people of color deal with the sometimes insurmountable issues that affect our communities. Issues such as HIV/AIDS, racism, family, relationships and self-esteem. The support groups are not restricted to those who are HIV positive, since many in our community know, or are affected by someone who is and need support.

- The Gay Latino Support Group meets every first and third Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for April 22 and the following meeting will be on May 6. The meetings usually begin at 7:30 pm and are held in the homes of various members or the Informe-SIDA office. Topics for discussion are decided at previous meetings, and there is time for general discussion. The members held a successful retreat in March and are planning another for the

end of summer. The retreat went very well and was very therapeutic. The group also plans to staff the informational booth at Leatherfest and is planning a fashion show fundraiser for May. The group is open to gay Latinos, whether HIV positive or HIV negative. Please call for more information on meeting places and topics. Also, you can request to be put on the support group's mailing list to receive current information on meetings and events. Please call 472-2001 and ask for Larry or Oscar.

- The HIV positive support group for Latinos/as and their extended families meets on the first and third Thursday of the month at 7 pm. This bilingual, bicultural support group is not only limited to Latinos/as that are HIV positive, but open to their extended family, biological or otherwise. Those who wish help in dealing with an HIV diagnosis or want more information on the group can call one of the two facilitators: Maria Greenleaf 472-2001 or Leonor Vargas 406-6120.

- The Latina Lesbian Support Group

will meet on May 11. The group discusses issues that are particular to the group, such as homophobia, racism and sexism. For more information on the group, please call Maria Zalduondo at 472-2001.

- Maria Greenleaf is the Client Care Coordinator at Informe-SIDA. Maria has access to different types of counseling that is available free of cost to people of color who test HIV positive and their families. The service includes one on one counseling, support groups or anything that will promote a healthy response to a positive diagnosis. Maria can be reached at 472-2001.

- Men of All Colors Together (MACT) is having its next meeting on Sunday, May 17, at 7 pm. Meetings are held at Waterloo Counseling Center located at 1617A West Sixth. The purpose of the group is to foster a sense of gay community across racial lines, to provide a comfortable place for interracial socializing and to address issues of racism that arise within the gay community. For more information, contact Craig at 452-7360 or Roger at 328-0324.

April Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 HIV Positive Latino/a Family Support Grp 7:00	3	4 NEIGHBORHOOD WALK
5	6	7 HIV TESTING 6PM-9PM	8 GAY LATINO SUPPORT GROUP 7:00	9 HIV Positive African American Support Grp 6:30	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 HIV Positive Latino/a Family Support Grp 7:00	17 GOOD FRIDAY I/S CLOSED	18
19 EASTER	20	21	22 GAY LATINO SUPPORT GROUP 7:00	23 HIV Positive African American Support Grp 6:30	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Bitter Queen

by Oscar Lopez

A few days ago I was at a dinner party and happened to overhear a very interesting conversation. Several men who I presumed were gay were talking about how wonderful it is that here we are in 1992 and we have all of these wonderful doors opening up for the gay community. They spoke at length about how fortunate the next generation of gay boys and girls are and how they envied them. The point they were trying to make is that today we have gay restaurants, gay businesses, gay bars, gay theatres, gay movies, and in some larger cities we even have gay neighborhoods.

I sat there, listened and agreed with them at first, but the more I thought about their joy and the more they kept rambling on (like only gay men can), the more I began to realize how wrong we are to celebrate what little we have.

How wonderful that we have restaurants that are gay owned and managed, but how unfortunate that if we try to hold our lovers hand over dinner at the local bar-b-que place, we might get mistreated. I think it's wonderful that several businesses advertise in "our" magazines, but how terrible that if they advertised as gay owned in the American Statesman, they might actually be declaring bankruptcy before one fag walks in the door.

We have gay bars, but why can't I dance with my lover at any club I wish on 6th street? In Houston and Dallas we have entire neighborhoods dedicated to us. Yet we have to watch our backs when walking through the streets so that a truckfull of teens wielding bats doesn't beat the shit out of us? Perhaps I sound bitter because

one of my friends was recently killed and his only crime was being "one of those". Don't get me wrong, I'm glad we've made progress. What really irks me, is when we as individuals settle for what we have.

My mother tells me to stop complaining because not long ago African Americans and Latinos couldn't even get served in restaurants. Have the African American and Latino communities forgot that some of us are gay? Have they chosen not to notice us? How can we settle for what little we have when we are still not equal? We need to continue to patronize gay business, but we must, whenever possible, be our gay selves wherever we chose. We must make others aware that we are here and that we won't be disappearing anytime soon. We shouldn't change for others. We are consumers and citizens and we deserve to be equal everywhere, but we must always remember not to settle. At least not while what we have is so little.

Volunteers Needed to Help with Events in May

Informe-SIDA is looking for volunteers to help with various events that are scheduled for the month of May.

The weekend of May 2nd and 3rd will be a very busy weekend for the board and staff of Informe-SIDA. The organization will be operating two information booths for two separate and important events. The agency is counting on the help of volunteers to staff both of the information tables.

The Cinco de Mayo celebration at Fiesta Gardens on May 2nd and 3rd will be the location of the first booth. The booth will be staffed from 2 pm until 10 pm on Saturday and Sunday. The celebration is a great opportunity to distribute HIV/AIDS information to the Latino community. Those wishing to help are asked to volunteer for a two-hour shift.

The second information table planned will be at Leatherfest, in the Chain Drive parking lot. This event coincides with Splash Day weekend, when the city will be inundated with gays and lesbians from around the state. Again, the event is another opportunity to educate and remind gays and lesbians to "Play Safe" and avoid high risk behavior. The information table will be staffed during the afternoon hours only. To volunteer to work a booth, please call 472-2001 and ask for Larry.

The Women's Outreach Project is hosting its Second Annual Videofest at the Chalmers Court office. The event will run from 10 pm to 4 pm on Saturday, May 9. The staff is not only looking for volunteers, but is also asking for donations for refreshments and door prizes. Anyone wishing to contribute to the Videofest, please call Dottie or Angelina at 472-2001.

Informe-SIDA, La Peña and CEACO will be sponsoring a presentation "The More You Know... The Safer You Are" on May 7, 1992 from 6pm to 8pm. Children from Sánchez Elementary will be participating in the event and volunteers will be needed to chauffeur and supervise the children. Again, call 472-2001 and ask for Larry if you are interested.

ALLGO Receives National Award

On March 21, 1992 ALLGO received a national award of recognition for the organization's pioneering effort in the areas of bilingual, multi-cultural HIV education, and its commitment to the lesbian and gay Latino/a familia.

The plaque was presented to ALLGO co-chairs Saul Gonzalez and Luz Guerra by LLEGO co-chairs Mario Solis Marich and Nena Trujillo. The presentation took place at LLEGO's national meeting at Alma de Mujer, Retreat for Social Change. Saul Gonzalez commented, "The award is especially significant since is very meaningful to us to be recognized and congratulated by our own peers".

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The Gay Latino Support Group Plans Fundraiser

The Gay Latino Support Group of Informe-SIDA will hold a fashion show fundraiser on at Charlie's, 1301 Lavaca. The fashion show will consist of clothing donated by International Male and will be modeled by the Lone Star Male Review. The bar and models will donate tips from the event to the Men's Support Group.

Money raised from the event will support events such as the weekend retreat, which was held in March. The support group is comprised of both HIV positive and HIV negative members. The goal of the group is to support and empower each other to endure the HIV epidemic.

The tentative date for the fundraiser is May 17, 1992. However, due to staff changes, the date may change to June 7, 1992, so call 472-2001 for an update.

La Peña, Informe-SIDA & CEACO Open HIV/AIDS Poster Art Exhibit

La Peña, the Central East Austin Community Organization (CEACO) and Informe-SIDA will be sponsoring the opening of the Art Exhibit "The More You Know...The Safer You Are". The HIV/AIDS poster art will exhibit the entries in the First Annual Keith Curry Memorial Art Poster Contest. The contest is sponsored by CEACO and KXAN which involved students from area schools.

The opening reception will be on Thursday, May 7, 1992 from 6pm to 8pm, at Las Manitas Café, 211 Congress in Austin. The event will include a presentation

by Informe-SIDA which will include the educational video by Magic Johnson. An altar installation will be dedicated to the victims of AIDS by Sánchez Elementary Students. Also, the H-Kids from CEACO will perform.

Under the direction of Boyd Vance, the H-Kids are a performance art theatre troupe, that uses dance/rap/poetry in order to convey HIV/AIDS education to youth. The H-Kids are a component of the HIV/AIDS prevention program at CEACO.

The winners in the Keith Curry HIV/AIDS poster art contest were announced on April 11, 1992 at The Texas Museum of Natural History, where all the entries are currently on display through April 25. Over 100 students from the Austin area entered the contest.

The poster art contest is in honor of local artist Keith Curry. Curry was born here in Austin and has spent much of his life here. Many of Curry's pieces focus on the injustices

and challenges of African-American life. He continued his work until his untimely death in December 1992 of AIDS. His work emphasizes that there is hope, even in a violent, drug filled environment.

The presentation will be geared toward the children in the audience who will be participating. For more information on the presentation call Liliana Wilson at La Peña 477-6007, or Larry Cuellar at Informe-SIDA 472-2001.



"Risk in the Eyes of AIDS" by Andrew Rivera received the Best of Show Award from La Peña in the Keith Curry HIV/AIDS Annual Poster Art Contest, which opens May 7 at Las Manitas

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HIV/AIDS services because "my community needs it". Originally from Del Rio, Texas, the thirty-one year old takes her role on the ALLGO board seriously.

Pat Valls-Trellis has served on the ALLGO board in the past, and brings with her that past experience to contribute.

Congratulations to the new board members. We are proud to have such distinguished people on our board. Their energy and new ideas will assist ALLGO/Informe-SIDA in remaining an innovative organization that is a model for other gay Latino agencies around the nation.

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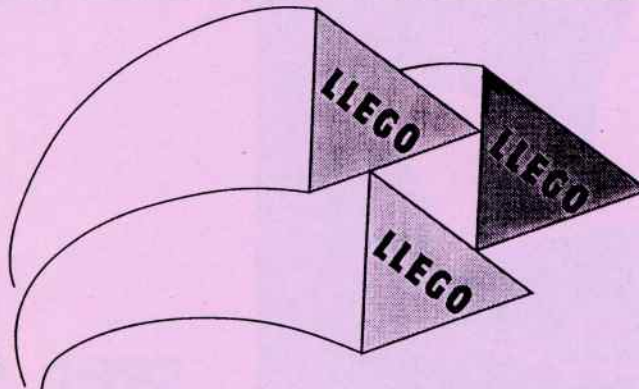
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