

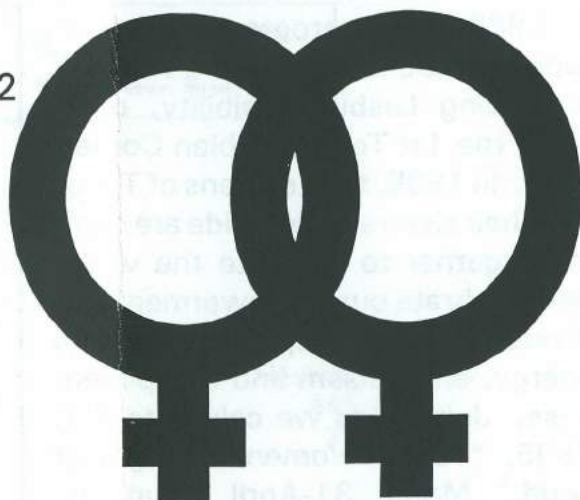
March 31, April 1, & April 2

1995

Texas

Lesbian

Conference



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Texas Women: Living Out Loud

Ad Rates
Austin, 1995

TLC ■ P. O. Box 200546 ■ Austin, TX 78720-0546 ■ (512) 326-4453

Texas Lesbian Conference

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actual event program,
But here are correspondence,
flyers, etc

HERSTORY

In 1988, a grassroots coalition of women in Dallas, through a vision of enhancing Lesbian visibility, organized the 1st Texas Lesbian Conference. In 1995, the Lesbians of Texas and their sisters nationwide are coming together to promote the vision and celebrate our empowerment and diversity. We are inspired by our own energy, enthusiasm and outspokenness. Join us as we celebrate TLC 1995, "Texas Women: Living Out Loud," March 31-April 2, at the Radisson on Town Lake. This year's conference will coincide with the March on Austin, Sunday, April 2.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Lesbians and women from Texas and nationwide will attend the conference. Your business will reach thousands of women from diverse socioeconomic, ethnic and political backgrounds.

WORKSHOPS

Workshops in the following areas will be available:

Spirituality	Culture	Politics
Health	Relationships	Legal
Intimacy	Sexuality	Herstory

ENTERTAINMENT

Friday Night:

Mother Tongue Feminist Theater
Rene Russell, Vocalist
San Gordon, Songwriter

Saturday Night:

Lourdes Perez, Vocalist
root wy'mn theater company

Following Saturday entertainment there will be an evening dance party complete with a DJ and cash bar.

SPEAKERS

Saturday: Leticia Gomez

Executive Director and Co-founder of The National Latino/a Lesbian & Gay Organization. She is a founding board member of the D. C. Women's Council on AIDS, a co-organizer of the first Texas Lesbian Latina Retreat, and a former member of Houston's Gay Chicano Caucus.

Sunday: Ann Northrop

Former CBS News Correspondent who in 1987 turned fulltime lesbian activist/educator. She has devoted her efforts to New York City's Hetrick Martin Institute for Lesbian and Gay Youth, AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power (ACT UP), among others.

WORKSHOP SPONSORSHIP

A workshop sponsorship helps defer costs and identifies the advertiser as a "community leader." Sponsors will receive sponsorships in promotions and announcements for the conference.

Workshop Sponsorships

\$250.00

\$100.00

\$35.00

1/4 page ad
directory listing
directory listing

1/2-page horizontal, \$70, \$85
(See Rates below)
6" x 4"

THE PROGRAM ADS

Our goal is to provide a conference program whose lifespan will extend long after the conference. The program will serve as a directory of resources.

DEADLINES/PAYMENT

Camera-ready art due no later than March 5, 1995. Payment due in full with receipt of camera-ready art.

VENDOR TABLES

Eight-foot tables - \$55 (Non-profit) \$40
1/2 Table - \$35 (Non-profit) \$25
With purchase of vendor table, vendors will be listed in the program. Limited electricity available upon specific request.

Ad Size

1 Whole page 6" x 7 1/2"

1/2-page horizontal 6" x 4"

1/4-page horizontal 3" x 4"

1/8-page horizontal - Business Card 3" x 2"

1/2-page vertical 3" x 8"

Centerfold (Whole double pages) 6" x 7 1/2" each

Directory Listing

Vendor Table

Non-profit Rate

Non-Profit Rate

Profit Rate

\$100

\$125

\$70

\$85

\$45

\$50

\$30

\$35

\$70

\$85

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\$225/both

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TEXAS WOMEN: LIVING OUT LOUD
THE 8TH ANNUAL TEXAS LESBIAN CONFERENCE
MARCH 31-APRIL 2, 1995 AUSTIN, TEXAS

RADISSON HOTEL ON TOWN LAKE AUSTIN CONVENTION CENTER

Austin is proud to host the Eighth Annual Texas Lesbian Conference. This year's conference includes an exciting lineup of entertainment, 40 vendors and exhibitors, 20 workshops, keynote speakers, and drop-in 12-step and lesbian of color caucus rooms. Conferees are urged to join the 'Texas March to Stop the Violence, Stop the Hate,' Sunday, April 2. TLC '95 is also proud to co-sponsor Letitia Gomez with the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas (LGRL) as a Capitol March speaker.

TLC '95 Registration begins Friday, March 31, from 4pm to 9pm. Austin singer/guitarists San Gordon and René Russell begin the entertainment this evening. San Gordon writes songs like stories, blending humor, fun and intimate group experiences. René Russell's original 12-string style is so well-polished she landed an opening act for the Indigo Girls.

Following the music, San Francisco's Mother Tongue will present readers' theatre by older lesbians. Mother Tongue dramatizes women's sweet and sour survival experiences in a collage of dialogues, poems, stories, songs and one-liners. Through historical, political and emotional lenses, more than 20 scripts explore the force of feminism in women's lives.

Twenty workshop sessions are scheduled Saturday in four time slots. Letitia Gomez, Executive Director and co-founder of the National Latino/a Lesbian & Gay Organization will provide Saturday evening's keynote address. Ms. Gomez is a founding board member of the D.C. Women's Council on AIDS, a co-organizer of the first Texas Lesbiana Latina Retreat, and a former member of Houston's Gay Chicano Caucus. In 1993 she was elected as an open lesbian to the national board of the Latino Civil Rights Task Force.

Saturday evening, Puerto Rico-born singer/guitarist Lourdes Pérez entertains with her folkloric rhythms and exceptional blending of lesbian and Latina cultures. Also, the root wy'mn theatre company presents '*lovvelrituals & rage*', a spell-binding performance that uses movement/altar-art/voice and text to take us on wy'mn's Soul/journey through many Life-times. A sizzling DJ'd dance, complete with cash bar, follows root wy'mn theatre company's performance.

A breakfast buffet Sunday morning will be followed by a keynote address by Ann Northrop, an award-winning New York journalist turned fulltime lesbian activist/educator. Fed up with the 'intellectual bankruptcy' of today's journalism, Ms. Northrop resigned from CBS News in 1987. She has devoted her efforts to New York City's Hetrick-Martin Institute for Lesbian and Gay Youth, AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP), the Gay Games IV board of directors, and Institute for Gay and Lesbian Strategic Studies board membership.

Everyone gathers at Palmer Auditorium at noon for the LGRL-sponsored march to the Capitol.

— TLC 1995 Schedule of Events —

Friday, March 31

- 4:00pm - 9:00pm Registration
- 6:00pm - 7:00pm Women's celebrative Shabbat
- 7:00pm - 8:45pm Music by San Gordon
Music by René Russell
- 9:00pm Performance by Mother Tongue of San Francisco

Saturday, April 1

- 7:00am - 9:00am Registration
Breakfast (on your own)
- all day Hospitality rooms open
- 8:00 - 11:30 Workshops
- 11:45 - 1:30pm Lunch (on your own)
- 1:45 - 4:45 Workshops
- 5:00 - 6:15 Dinner (on your own)
- 6:30 - 7:30 Keynote address by Letitia Gomez
- 7:45 - 8:45 Music by Lourdes Pérez
- 9:00 - 11:00 root wy'mn theatre company performance
- 11:15 - 2:00am Women's dance and cash bar

Sunday, April 2

- 8:00am - 9:30am Breakfast buffet
- until noon Hospitality rooms open
- 9:45 - 10:45 Keynote address by Ann Northrop
- 10:45 - 11:30 Closing session:
Passing the TLC Torch
Conference/hotel checkout time
- noon Gather at Palmer Auditorium
for March to the Capitol
- 12:00 - 1:00 March begins
- 1:00 March begins

TLC 1995 Conference Sites:
Friday night and Saturday night events will be at the
Radisson Hotel on Town Lake, Austin
111 East Cesar Chavez Street
(Corner of 1st Street and Congress Avenue)
Hotel will provide a free shuttle to and from the airport.

Saturday and Sunday day events will be at the
Austin Convention Center (walking distance)
500 East Cesar Chavez Street (1st Street)

Please return this Registration Form To: TLC 1995, P.O. Box 200546, Austin, Texas 78720-0546
TLC 1995 Information Hotline: 512-326-4453

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Registration Form (Please Print)

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone(s) _____

Special Needs Request Form

Conference sites are wheelchair accessible.

Please check those that apply.

To assist us in meeting your special requests, please submit them by **March 17, 1995**.

- Spanish Translation
- Accessibility Assistance: ASL Interpretation
- Braille Materials Large Print

(The sites are separated by two city blocks. If you need help with this, a shuttle will be available.)

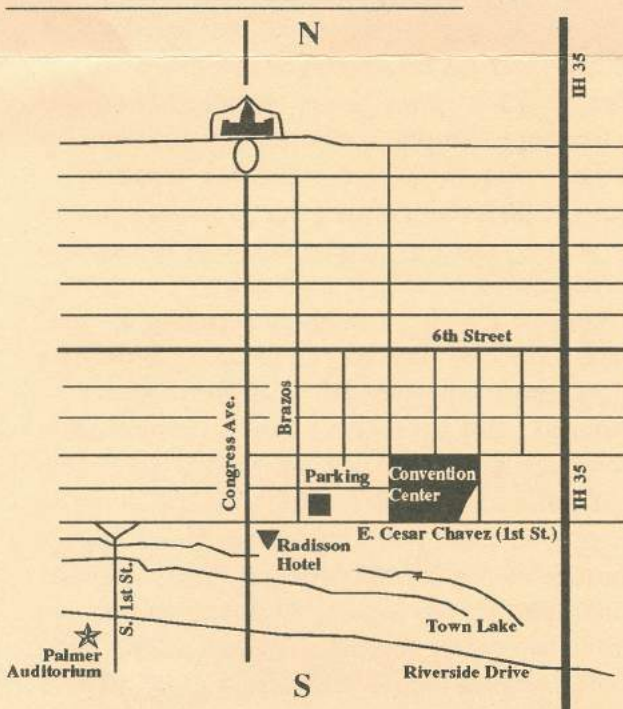
Mobility Assistance:

- Shuttle to/from sites Shuttle with wheelchair lift
- Child Care (ages 2-12 only)
- Number of children ____; Ages _____

- Home Hospitality

(Limited housing is available in private homes and apartments in the local lesbian community on a first-come, first-served basis. Availability is not guaranteed, but efforts will be made to fulfill all requests.) Smoker Non-smoker

- Other special housing needs (specify): _____



Registration includes admittance to both keynote speakers, workshops, the Saturday evening dance and Sunday breakfast. Scholarships are available upon request (see below). Fee does not include Saturday evening performances; see cost below.

T-Shirts paid for in advance will be held at the Registration Table for those attending the conference; others will be mailed after the conference. Add \$2.00 for shipping costs if you want your shirt mailed to you.

Registration Fees

- \$45 (if postmarked before March 6, 1995)
- \$55 (if postmarked before March 20, 1995)
- \$65 (if postmarked after March 20, 1995)

Saturday Evening Performances

\$10 TLC '95 Registrants _____ @ \$10 = _____

\$15 Non-TLC '95 Registrants _____ @ \$15 = _____

T-Shirts (To be sure to get one, reserve yours now.)

Medium#___ @ \$12 each= _____

Large#___ @ \$12 each= _____

X Large#___ @ \$12 each= _____

XX Large#___ @ \$12 each= _____

XXX Large .#___ @ \$12 each= _____

Add \$2.00 if being mailed = _____

- I will be attending the Sunday breakfast. Special request:
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Scholarship Types:

Full scholarship: Total Registration fee paid

Partial Scholarship: Portion of Registration you can pay:
\$ _____; scholarship pays the remainder.

- Full Scholarship
- Partial Scholarship
- I will volunteer at the conference to help defray my registration fee. Skills: _____

Areas of Interest: _____

- I would like to make a donation to the Scholarships Fund.
(Since the conference is organized entirely by volunteers, any donations are greatly appreciated!)

Hotel Accommodations

Radisson Hotel on Town Lake, Austin
512-478-9611

Conference Room Rates*

Single, Double \$82.00

Triple, Quad \$92.00

(* room rates subject to applicable occupancy taxes)

Cut-off Deadline for TLC 1995 Hotel rates is March 17.

At that time any unused rooms of the 100-room block will be released. The hotel will continue to accept reservations after the cut-off date at the conference rates on a space-available basis. **You must mention TLC 1995 to receive these rates.**

Parking

Radisson Hotel Parking Garage is Free
111 East Cesar Chavez Street (1st Street)

Austin Convention Center Parking is \$3.50/day
Brazos and East Cesar Chavez Street (1st Street)

Texas Lesbian Conference '95

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Austin, Texas 78720-0546

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TLC '95 is on for Austin!

For Immediate Release Thursday, January 12, 1995

**Contact: Meg Barnett
TLC Arrangements
Hotline # (512) 326-4453; fax (512) 474-4511**

TLC - The Texas Lesbian Conference - returns to Austin! TLC '95 will be held March 31, April 1 & 2 at the Radisson Hotel on Town Lake in Austin. We continue a successful tradition launched eight years ago in Dallas and carried on through subsequent TLCs held in Houston and San Antonio.

TLC is the only annual statewide lesbian conference in the United States. Organized anew each year entirely by volunteers in her host city, TLC has proven to be an effective tool for sharing resources and ideas, for expanding our awareness and developing our leadership as Texas lesbians. This year's theme is "Texas Women: Living Out Loud". We are currently accepting proposals for workshops to be presented at the conference under this theme.

TLC '95 will dovetail with the Texas March for Lesbian and Gay Rights, "Stop the Violence, Stop the Hate" on April 2, making this the weekend to be in Austin. Our goal is to achieve the greatest diversity yet among the several hundred enthusiastic lesbians who attend. TLC will also select one of the keynote speakers of the March. The conference itself will include entertainment, keynote speakers, several rounds of

workshops, a Saturday night dance, a Sunday breakfast, and lots of networking. Early registration is recommended.

Hotel and meals will be an additional cost. The Radisson rate for TLC registrants is \$82 per room for single or double occupancy, \$92 for three or four per room. The hotel is holding a block of 100 rooms for TLC, and they expect to sell these out well before the conference, at which time room rates will rise. In fact, all hotels in Austin will be full that weekend because of the March, so please book your room early. The Radisson phone number is (512) 478-9611--be sure to mention you will be with TLC.

TLC will arrange alternative housing on request. There are funds available to help with travels costs and conference fees to encourage participation by women with limited means. Just ask. Likewise, if you would like to make a donation to help another lesbian attend the conference, we welcome your support.

Not only has TLC been a powerful venue for sharing resources among Texas lesbians, it has also been a channel for bringing national leaders in politics, culture and entertainment to inform and empower us. Past presenters and performers at TLCs include Gloria Anzaldua, Susie Bright, Kate Clinton, Marga Gomez, Joanne Loulan, Del Martin, Joan Nestle, Sabrina Sojourner, Linda Villarosa, Ivy Young, and many others. We are currently selecting this year's line-up: Stay tuned!

For more information, call the TLC Hotline at 512-326-4453 or write us at TLC '95, P.O. Box 200546, Austin, Texas 78720-0546. The conference is wheelchair accessible, and will provide sign language interpreters, Braille materials, and child care on request. See you there!

TLC '95 —

Lesbian conference set during March on Austin weekend in capital city

By Tammye Nash

STAFF REPORTER OF DALLAS VOICE

Organizers are finalizing plans for the eighth annual Texas Lesbian Conference slated for March 31-April 2. The conference will be held in Austin the same weekend as the 1995 Texas March to Stop the Violence, Stop the Hate.

The theme this year is "Texas Women Living Out Loud," according to organizing committee member Cindy Huyser, who said that workshop proposals for the conference are still being accepted.

She noted that the Austin committee "got a late start" in organizing the conference, but noted that planning appears to be going well. Organizers hope to have two keynote speakers,

four rounds of workshops and entertainment on both Friday and Saturday nights. "We should have the keynote speakers confirmed by the first of February," Huyser added.

She pointed out that TLC organizers hope that holding the conference the same weekend as the March will substantially increase participation in the conference. "We knew there was going to be a march this year, so we specifically chose to have the conference that weekend in hopes of drawing more women," she said. "Another reason we did it was for the benefit of women who wanted to attend both events but wouldn't be able to make two trips in one year."

The host hotel for the conference will be the Austin Radisson on Town Lake, with workshops scheduled both at the hotel and at the Austin Convention Center located approximately two blocks from the hotel. Early registration fee is \$45.

For details on registration or to submit a workshop proposal, call 512-326-4453, or write to P.O. Box 200546, Austin, TX 78720-0546. ▼

Hundreds expected for state's annual lesbian conference

Gomez, Northrup to deliver keynote addresses

By Tammye Nash
STAFF REPORTER OF DALLAS VOICE

Some 150 women have already registered for the 1995 Texas Lesbian Conference scheduled for March 31-April 2 in Austin, and organizers expect the final registration to reach approximately 450, according to organizer Ann DeRose.

"We expect the bulk of the registrations to come on that Friday, the day the conference begins," she said.

In addition to two workshop sessions on Saturday, the conference will feature Letitia Gomez and Ann Northrup as keynote speakers. Gomez is co-founder and executive director of the

National Latino/a Lesbian and Gay Organization, a founding member of the D.C. Women's Council on AIDS, a co-organizer of the first Texas Lesbiana Latina Retreat and a former member of Houston's Gay Chicano Caucus. She was elected as an open lesbian to the national board of the Latino Civil Rights Task Force.

Gomez will speak Saturday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., and at the Texas March to Stop the Violence, Stop the Hate on Sunday. Gomez and her partner Sabrina Sojourner also will conduct a workshop on inter-racial, inter-cultural relationships.

Northrop is an award-winning New York journalist who, since resigning from CBS in 1987, has worked full-time as a lesbian activist/educator. She is involved with New York's Hetrick-Martin Institute for Lesbian and Gay Youth, the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP), the Gay Games IV board of directors and the Institute for Gay and Lesbian Strategic Studies board. Northrop will deliver her keynote address Sunday from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. She, too, will lead a Saturday workshop, focusing on how to get attention for gay

Forum

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consensual sexual conduct between adults of the same gender — is an "archaic" law that should not be on the books, but that the Dallas City Council is not likely to include in its legislative package a call for the repeal of the law.

Claiming that the Texas judicial system has upheld the constitutionality of 21.06, Kirk said the council does not need to hold debate on the issue. Garcia simply stated that as "the most conservative candidate in the campaign,"

he believes that "government has no business in people's bedrooms."

Both Jordan and Ludwig said that 21.06 is a state statute outside the city's venue, with Jordan adding he would "have no problem personally supporting the repeal" of 21.06.

Of the declared mayoral candidates, only petitions by Kirk, Garcia and Rufus Higginbotham have been accepted by elections officials. Pending petitions awaiting final approval have been filed by Ludwig, Jordan, Luis Sepulveda and Roy Williams. Jennifer Gale and Cedric Andrews will not appear on the ballot, but are expected to mount write-in campaigns. ▼



Ann Northrop

Northrop urges focus on public opinion

Lesbian Conference keynoter says mainstream media may be a key to ending myths about gays, lesbians

By Tammye Nash
STAFF REPORTER OF DALLAS VOICE

To attain full equal rights, gays and lesbians must effect a positive change on public opinion, according to activist Ann Northrop. And to change public opinion, Northrop adds, gays and lesbians must participate in the "national conversation" taking place daily in the mainstream media.

"If we're going to talk about being visible in the world, then we need to be

where the action is, and that is the national conversation taking place in the media," declares Northrop, one of two keynote speakers who will address the eighth annual Texas Lesbian Conference this weekend in Austin.

Northrop herself is in a prime position to realize the importance of marrying gay and lesbian activism with media savvy, having maintained a "very mainstream" journalism career. She

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ended that career in 1987 when she resigned her position as producer of the CBS morning news program.

She took a position as an AIDS educator with the Hetrick-Martin Institute, which operates New York's Harvey Milk High School for gay and lesbian students. From there, she became involved with the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP). After four years with Hetrick Martin, she found herself "much more politically active than I had ever been," and from there she became involved in organizing Gay Games IV in New York and now works as an independent freelance journalist and activist.

"Look at the practical things that go on in our lives. Look at the way we are affected by things like legislation, murders, or anything else you can raise as an issue," she continued. "So many of these are affected by public opinion. Public opinion controls what legislation will be passed and what will be killed. It controls whether or not a certain murder

is properly investigated and prosecuted."

As an example of how public opinion directly affects the gay and lesbian civil rights movement, Northrop points to the Montana state legislature. Last week, lawmakers there debated a law requiring sex offenders freed from prison to notify local authorities when they moved into an area. Some of them added an amendment to require persons convicted under the state's felony sodomy law, as well as rapists and child molesters, to register with authorities.

However, media exposure of the amendment led to a public outcry and a pledge by the state's conservative governor to veto the provision if it were approved by the legislature. As a result, the anti-gay amendment was dropped from the bill.

"No one has ever been convicted [under the sodomy statute] in Montana. They were going to pass it just for show," Northrop says. "The point is that media exposure served as a communication pathway for our community. If we did not have an established presence with the media built up over the last few years, we would not have had that communication, and that law would

have passed."

The media is "about power, about lobbying. It's about who's in charge and what happens," Northrop declares.

Northrop firmly believes that society's image of gays and lesbians is strongly affected by the image of gays and lesbians that people see depicted in the media. And, she adds, gays and lesbians must become much more proficient in shaping the image the media portrays.

"We have to be a lot smarter about how we explain ourselves," Northrop insists. "This prevailing image of us as disgusting, unnatural people is being used against us, and we have to go a lot further and a lot deeper in addressing that."

But, she adds, she is not advocating "homogenization." She is not suggesting that the less mainstream aspects of the gay and lesbian community remain hidden.

Instead, Northrop says, "We must assert that same-sex attraction is natural and normal. It is common and good and it is to be celebrated and respected, not given second-class status, or held in contempt, or just tolerated. We must treat ourselves with respect and demand that others do so, too."

So far, Northrop believes, the gay and lesbian community has not done a very good job of "explaining ourselves. We make demands, but we cannot articulate who we are and why we should get the things we want. We come