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BLACK HERSTORY -- HER MANY VOICES

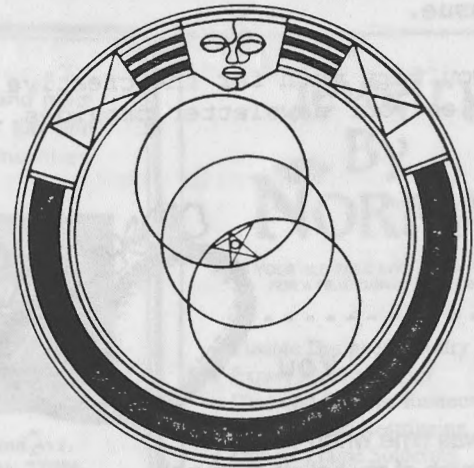
Many tributes have been written to Audre Lorde at her passing, yet the woman herself would be the first to say that she was neither the first nor the only black lesbian voice. Perhaps the best way to honor her work is to recognize those other voices who help to make up the chorus of black lesbian experience.

Perhaps the first recognized black lesbian voice was that of Angelina Weld Grimké, niece of the Southern feminist Grimké sisters. Not only did she suffer the triple oppression of being woman, black and lesbian, but her father was bought out of slavery before the Civil War. Due to the time in which she lived, she had to disguise her voice as she wrote. Current black lesbian writers have more freedom to express themselves as they wish, again within the limits of the time. A list of black lesbian writers and some of their work follows. It does not include all writers nor an exact listing of their work (what do you want for free, perfection?), but is a beginning for lesbians who are interested in this part of our heritage (at least that word has always been the correct gender).

Lorraine Hansberry - A Raisin In The Sun; Angela Bowen, various anthologies; Jewell Gomez - Village Voice, New York Times, anthologies; Becky Bertha - anthologies; Julie Carter - anthologies (poetry and prose); Cheryl Clarke - Narratives: Poems In The Tradition Of Black Women, anthologies; Alexis De Vieux - poet, playwright, novelist (do read Don't Explain - Billie would love it); Gwendolyn Rogers anthologies; Ann Allen Shockley - Loving Her, The Black And White Of It; Barbara Smith - ...But Some Of Us Are Brave, Homegirls, on and on; Beverly Smith - co-founder Kitchen Table: Women of Color Press, anthologies; Pat Parker - poet; Donna Allegria - anthologies; Raymina Y. Mays - anthologies; Barbara A. Banks - novelist, anthologies; Frances E. W. Harper - Iola Leroy, poetry and novels; Georgia Douglass Johnson - poetry; Alice Moore Dunbar-Nelson - poetry; Tina Portillo - anthologies. (Books containing works of these writers can be obtained through Textures Bookstore/Martha loves challenges [I hope].)

This country has a wonderful tendency to recognize and honor its writers and visionaries only after their deaths; perhaps the truth is too frightening? Other than Angelina Weld Grimké and Lorraine Hansberry the above writers are still alive and deserve recognition now, while they are here to explain exactly what they write. It is much safer for those whose zone of comfort lies in maintaining the status quo to ignore live voices and interpret those of the dead to fit the

Mother of the Spirit



The LaVean women were golden rings. They linked Blacks to their African past and their Christian present. They linked women of different races and social classes to each other and tugged firmly against the chains of oppression.

fashion of the prevailing 'conventional wisdom'. Read these writers now and write them through their publishers if you agree or disagree with their work. Learning through shared experience, including the written word, is the only way to truly understand our complex heritage.

To return to Audre Lorde, I have always wondered why those quick to quote her definitions of sexism, heterosexism and homophobia (Scratching the Surface/Sister Outsider) never quote her definition of Racism: The belief in the inherent superiority of one race over all others and thereby the right to dominance. Is it because it shows her belief that racism is not limited only to white people? (Writer's opinion: the belief that only the white race can be racist is the most racist belief that can be held.) The same women, when referring to women of color, include African-Americans and Latinas only. Whatever happened to Asian-Americans? Read the work of Nellie Wong and Merle Woo in This Bridge Called My Back. They are Asian-Americans (don't let the names fool you). Just because you personally don't know any doesn't mean they don't exist. (Merle, by the way, a radical lesbian feminist Asian-American, ran for President of the United States.)

--Corinne Sabo

notes from our readers...

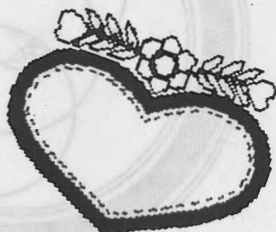
Reading this newsletter each month reminds me that moving to San Antonio is something to look forward to!

--Thanks for the work you do!

Thank you for doing such a great job producing WomanSpace--it is dear to my heart, and I appreciate your efforts, talents, and dedication. I look forward to each issue.

Thank you very much for the creative opportunities your newsletter provides...

You



There was time when
I kept much of my beliefs to myself
Caring not to share them with the people
In my life; so shallow, so grounded.
Then there was you.

Talking was easy and
You seemed to understand those things
That I believed so strongly, but
Even more, you believed them too.
This, my friend, was you.

Hours we've spent talking
Of lives and loves long passed,
Of soulmates and their arrival
In the chapters we had gone through.
One of these being you.

We both wondered why
We were here again, once more
To go through yet another cycle
In this lowly plane of existence
Where I found you.

And as I travel
Through yet another life filled
With the torment of being tied to this
Outer shell of the physical, I would
Gladly do it all again to discover
Someone as special as you.

K.O.

Any submission that harmfully targets an individual or organization will require full name and a phone number for verification purposes before consideration for publication. WomanSpace reserves the right to determine application of our editorial policy.

NET NEW

This past fall, I PJC, an admitted technophobe, have taken my first steps into the new information age by learning how to use a mainframe computer to access electronic discussion networks of all kinds.

To my utter gay bliss a friend helped me subscribe to two gay discussion nets: SAPPHO, a woman only net, and GAYNET a gay and lesbian discussion net. In this issue I want to inaugurate a monthly column of information gathered from the vast community of gay brothers and sisters who share information and ideas on these nets via electronic mail. The following item was gathered from these electronic discussion nets:

As the largest civil rights march in herstory of our nation, the April 25, 1993 March on Washington is being organized, GAYNET published the following MOW Committee draft of "demands to be presented during the march.

1. "We demand passage of a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Civil Rights Bill and and end to discrimination by the State and Federal governments including the military, the repeal of all sodomy laws and other laws that criminalize private sexual expression between consenting adults.
2. We demand massive increases in funding AIDS education, research, and patient care; universal access to health care, including alternative therapies; and an end to sexism in medical research & health care.
3. We demand legislation to prevent discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people in areas of family diversity, custody, adoption and foster care and that the definition of family include the full diversity of all family structures.
4. We demand full and equal inclusion of lesbians, gays, bisexual and transgender people in the educational system, and inclusion of lesbian, gays, bisexual and transgender studies in multicultural curricula.
5. We demand the right to reproductive freedom and choice, to control our own bodies, and to an end to sexist discrimination.
6. We demand an end to racial and ethnic discrimination in all forms.
7. We demand an end to discrimination and violent oppression based on actual or perceived sexual orientation/identification, race, religion, identity, sex and gender expression, age, class and AIDS/HIV infection."

PJC

(GAYNET 11-30-92 "Gay Civil Rights Demands Take Shape")

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The fee for the workshop is \$250 per person. Fee includes the workshop itself, your workbook, a continental breakfast each day, and one substantial cheese, cracker and fruit break. No other accommodations are provided. Dates of workshop are February 12, 13, and 14 in Austin, TX. Contact Sherry Kliegman at (512) 288-2891 for more information.



Spinsterhaven Land Purchase Alert

Spinsterhaven is an Arkansas-based non-profit, tax-exempt organization formed by wimmin to provide a supportive residential community for older and/or differently abled wimmin and a safe haven for a multi-generational gathering of wimmin. The name derives from Mary Daly's definition of spinster: "one who defines her Self by choice neither in relation to children nor to men; one who is Self-identified."

Spinsterhaven recently received a \$14,000 grant toward the downpayment on 100 acres of land. The first project will be to renovate or construct living units for 6-8 women, which will then be rented to aging &/or disabled women on a sliding scale according to their financial means.

If you've ever dreamt of having a safe, private place to live or visit, you can BECOME A FOUNDING MOTHER by contributing at least \$25 a year. You will also receive a 1993 membership, brochure and two newsletters next year. Any amount over \$10 is spent exclusively on land and construction. The grant for the land purchase expires March 1, 1993. You may send your tax-deductible pledge to *Spinsterhaven, Inc.*, PO Box 718, Fayetteville, AR 72702.

Corazón Dulce (Sweetheart) Brunch

National LLEGO (Latina/o Lesbian and Gay Organization) will have a Corazón Dulce (Sweetheart) Brunch February 14 from 11am- 1pm at Little Naples 1923 Blanco. This event will focus on informing the local community about national LLEGO with the intent of forming a local Chapter. LLEGO has been in existence since 1987 and has been a representative of latina/o gay and lesbian issues with other national groups and with our U.S. Congress.

Everyone is welcome to enjoy a full brunch complete with door prizes for a nominal \$2-3 donation. This event is made possible with the help of sponsoring organizations and individuals from the community. If you or your organization would like to help, please call 826-2350.



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If recent elections are any indication, this year promises to be "the year of women" in Alamo Couples. 12 of 39 member couples in Alamo Couples are lesbian. Three of these couples hold offices on the newly elected Operating Committee for 1993.

At monthly potluck business meetings held at volunteer member couples' home, the membership choreographs several monthly activities for the following month. 1992 activities included, for instance, dinner at the Spaghetti Warehouse; nights out bowling; the "Harvest Ball", an elegant evening of dinner & dancing held at Magnolia Gardens; a night out at Jump Start Theatre; an afternoon of fun at Fiesta Texas; and, a financial investment seminar sponsored by Waddell & Reed Inc.

"Any persons in an alternative couple relationship, without regard to their geographical location, place of residence, country of origin, race, age, gender, definition of relationship, type of employment, or financial resources may apply for membership." (Alamo Couples Constitution) Yearly couple membership, which includes a monthly newsletter, is \$26.00.

The organization has no "time-in-a-relationship" requirement for participation or membership. Our January newsletter congratulated couples celebrating relationships ranging from a first year anniversary to one couple celebrating 23 years! Five member couples celebrated A total of 53 years of gay bliss in January. Who says we are incapable of long-term, stable relationships?

For more information call Peggy 626-1617 or Marge 1-210-393-7715.

P J C

AFRICAN SIGNATURES

Ever noticed the back of a dollar bill? It pictures both sides of the Great Seal of the Secretary of State, adopted by an act of Congress in 1782. These are symbols that represent the 'soul of America', the ideology of our 'Founding Fathers'.

The front of the Seal features the American bald eagle. Its wings are outstretched representing dignity, freedom, strength and vision. Above the eagle are 13 stars known as the constellation which signify that the United States has taken a place among the nations of the world. On the eagle's breast is a shield. The bar at the top of the shield represents Congress. The 13 stripes below the bar represent the 13 original colonies supporting Congress.

The eagle carries in its beak a ribbon that displays the Latin *e pluribus unum*, (out of many, one), signifying 13 colonies having become one nation. In its right talons the eagle grasps an olive branch bearing 13 leaves representing peace. The left talons hold 13 arrows symbolizing war. The eagle's head is turned toward the olive branch to indicate our nation's preference for peace.

The back of the Seal features a pyramid (having 13 courses of stone for each of the original colonies) and the eye of God encased in a pyramid. The unfinished pyramid symbolizes strength and foundation for future growth. The eye, in a burst of glory, represents the many interventions of 'providence' in favor of the American cause. Above the eye is the Latin *annuit coeptis* (annual endowments of unlimited wealth). At the bottom of the pyramid are Roman numerals for 1776, the date of the declaration of independence. Beneath that is Latin *novus ordo seclorum* (a new order of the ages).

The 'Founding Fathers' were Freemasons. They studied astrology and other ancient metaphysical sciences. The symbolism of the 'New Nation' came from those Masonic values.

Do you know that the European Mason Lodges were patterned after the Egyptian Mystery Schools? Mason, which means child of the sun, is derived from the African terms, Sons and daughters of the light and children of the sun. The sun, symbolic of enlightenment, represented people who had acquired that enlightenment and knowledge. These were titles given to the recipients of the highest levels of education in Egypt.

The bald eagle bears a striking resemblance to the African *Horus*. Above *Horus* is the sun, symbolic of power and knowledge. In both talons *Horus* holds the *Shen*, African symbol of infinity. Above the *Shen* is the *Unkh*, African symbol of life. These images represent the belief in infinite life, in this world and the next.

They were Africans who constructed the first pyramids. They did so in Egypt, Ethiopia, Sudan and Central American countries to which they migrated in the 7th century BC.

It would appear our eurocentric accounts of history deny the African values incorporated in the 'Founding' of our nation. *Novus ordo seclorum* (our new, secret order) was founded on ancient Egyptian principles. *Annuit coeptis* (annual endowments of unlimited wealth) that built a world economic power, was achieved with 400 years of free slave labor. Not only are we a nation which sought to recreate the energies which guided our predecessors in ancient Egypt, we enslaved the African people in an effort to bring these principles into manifestation.

There are numerous examples of African influence interwoven into the fabric of the United States of America. The Washington monument was fashioned after the African monument, *Obelisk* symbolic of the regenerative powers of God. The Lincoln memorial was patterned after the temple in honor of Ramesses II, Pharaoh of the 19th dynasty in Egypt. And I am learning that it goes on and on. We have utilized African architecture, science and symbolism and removed the African signature.

As a child, I remember the month of February: Valentine's Day; Ground Hog Day; Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's and mine. Today, February is the commemoration of Black History. I believe this is an accomplishment of value to us all.

--with much taken verbatim from

FROM THE BROWDER FILE, By Anthony Browder, Kate



!! February PRODUCTION DATES!!
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FEBRUARY HOLIDAYS

The Chair

To Roman pagans, February was sacred to Juno Februata, Goddess of the fever of love. Candlemas Day, February 2 was the day Roman pagans honored Juno Februata as the virgin mother of Mars. The pagan people were said to go about Rome with burning candles to honor Februa. Pope Sergius renamed the holy day in an attempt to change it to a Christian holiday. Candlemas remained sacred to women and to the Goddess of Love. Under Judeo-Christian rule it became the Festival of the Purification of the Virgin, which ruled that a woman must be purified for forty days after the birth of a son and eighty days after the birth of a daughter. The early Christians considered new mothers as unclean and would not allow them to enter a church until the designated time had passed. The Council of Trullus tried to abolish the festival Candlemas on the grounds that in giving birth to Christ, the Virgin suffered no pollution.

Omens, the weather in particular, were taken on Candlemas Day for the new growing season. It was believed that animals came out of hibernation to provide predictions for the ending of winter. Groundhog Day has grown from the beliefs.

February 2nd is also known for Shrove Tuesday or Mardi Gras. Participants burned a straw effigy to bury winter and awaken the earth. The carnival was part of a time known as "turning everything upside-down", in which the participants cross dressed.

Valentine's Day, February 14, was originally Rome's Lupercalia, a festival of sexual license. Men wrote women's names on small pieces of paper "billets", and partners for the erotic games were chosen by drawing these names. The Christians denounced these valentines as lewd and heathen. They attempted to change the billets by placing saints' names and short sermons on them. This idea didn't catch on and soon people reverted to the old billets. The church then replaced Juno Februata with the mythical martyr St. Valentine. Despite all of the church's attempts to change the meaning of the holiday, it remained the holiday of lovers.

I'd always wondered how I'd rearrange the room if that sofa chair were to be gone someday. That really wasn't an 'if' possibility. I knew that one day that tan and brown sofa chair would no longer be needed. Even though the chair did not go with the rest of the furniture, it was a day that I did not look forward to at all.

The chair had been relegated to the back wall for the 12 years it nestled its one and only occupant. I can't even remember when or why the chair's takeover was ever allowed. It became a given. Extra cold days even brought out a blanket for added warmth. The snooze induced sighs coming from the chair's direction attested to its comfort and warmth. The chair may have been old but it was well tended to. Regular vacuuming, an annual steam cleaning and scotch guarding kept it presentable. By August of this past year the chair's days were noticeably coming to an end. Sometimes the occupant's back legs didn't quite make the jump onto the cushion. By November the inevitable was confirmed. Strength and agility progressively gave way to weakness day by day. In December twelve and a half years of companionship, unquestioned loyalty and unconditional love came to an end.

The chair is gone and the room rearranged now. I wonder when I'll be able to look towards the back wall without half expecting to see that old chair and again feeling its occupant's painful absence.

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Francesca sat on the edge of the bed and continued to watch Connie sleep. The nurse would be bringing Olivia in at any moment. Francesca had plans firm in her mind already: it was time that the three of them went to Venice.

Francesca pulled her robe a little closer to her body and went to answer the light, timid knock on the bedroom door. She scooped Olivia up in her arms and hugged the four-year old fiercely.

"Is Mother still sleeping?" she whispered as she peered over Francesca's shoulder.

"Soundly. Shall we wake her up?"

The three of them had breakfast together in the middle of the bed. By mid morning they were out enjoying the garden and the pond on the Santelli Estate. Francesca and Connie took their places at the gazebo for tea, while Olivia chased ducks near the pond's edge.

"She loves it here in the garden," Lady Chatterly said. They both watched the youngster squeal with delight as the ducks waddled towards the water.

"Yes, she does," Francesca said. "And she will learn to love Venice as well. I've made arrangements for us to return to Italy. We're leaving in three days."

"Just like that?"

Francesca smiled and met Connie's eyes. "Just like that. Sir Clifford wants to raise her at Wragby as his daughter. I'll never let that happen." She selected Connie's favorite pastry for her and placed it next to her teacup. "I consider Olivia to be as much my daughter as she is yours. We can raise her together in Venice. Sir Clifford has seen both of you for the last time."

"He will never divorce me, Francesca. Not if I take her away."

Francesca set her cup down slowly. "He will never divorce you anyway, so why do you put yourself through this?"

"I have to be free of him and that dreadful place!"

"You are free of him," she said quietly. "You must trust me, Connie. You must trust me to take care of you. Both of you." Their eyes met again, and Francesca knew that Connie would gladly do anything she asked her to do, and go anywhere she wanted her to go. "We leave in three days," Francesca said.

Connie smiled then. A slow, winning smile. She closed her eyes and tilted her head back. "You always know what to say. You always know precisely what I need to hear."

"Precisely."

Lady Chatterly sipped her tea and then moved the cup and saucer away from the table's edge. "Tell me about Venice. What will we do there?"

"Besides make love at all hours?"

"Yes. Besides that."

"We will travel," Francesca said. "You have mentioned before that you would someday like to see more of Europe and the Orient."

Lady Chatterly smiled once again. "Do you remember everything that I tell you?"

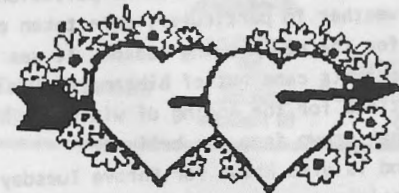
"Only those things that will assist me in making you happy." Francesca poured them both more tea. The squealing and quacking from the pond once again demanded their attention. Olivia was indeed persistent in her pursuit of the Estate's wildlife.

Connie sighed as she watched her young daughter frolic in the grass. "But she loves it here." Connie looked up at Francesca and their eyes met, locked, lingered for the longest time.

"I can assure you, Lady Chatterly," Francesca said as she reached for her hand, "that the finest and slowest ducks in Venice are awaiting Olivia's arrival. You will learn to love Italy as I do. I can promise you that."

Francesca saw the smile again and knew that what little doubt there had been earlier was now gone. In three days they would be off on another adventure. In three days they would go to Venice as a family.

--Peggy J. Herring



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DENEUVE 

Deneuve, the largest selling lesbian magazine in North America, is hoping to reach more readers. It's very classy looking with its high-gloss format and professional layout. They also don't seem to mind photos of feminine women. In addition, the absence of photographs of women with unusually pierced body parts is a nice change.

The magazine covers news, arts, politics, sports, trends, and entertainment. Something just as refreshing is the lack of porn ads. According to the publisher, Frances Stevens, advertisers are selected based on their actions with the lesbian community.

Currently Deneuve has 42,000 subscribers, consisting mostly from the Midwest and South Texas. There are also a number of subscribers at U.S. Army bases. The biggest problem right now is getting to the women who aren't aware of the publication.

Deneuve is published bi-monthly at a cost of \$24 a year. To subscribe write to FRS Enterprises--Subscriptions, 2336 Market St. #15, San Francisco CA 94114.

Keepsakes

I got some dusty keepsakes
 And I got some fading scars
 I got some nasty mem'ries
 From two of them non-wars.
 I lived thru carnage, 3 hot zones
 The reasons not clear, defined
 They don't make a fancy medal
 For in like but not in kind.
 I spent damn near my lifetime
 In the dirt, down in the mud
 Felt the rockets bursting
 Wound up covered with hot, young blood.
 I washed their fevered bodies
 And held them as they cried
 I held them when they panicked
 And I held them as they died.
 Got rows of pretty ribbons
 I looked but didn't find
 The one they shoulda give me
 For the tears within my mind.
 Done some things I had to do
 Came HOME and had to choose
 Coz after all was said and done
 Lived. With nothing left to lose.
 I got my dusty keepsakes
 I'm not bitter anymore
 It costs the same to buy it
 In a declared war.
 I'm tired of picking up pieces,
 Living on the edge;
 The next hot spot they're planning
 Is one I'm gonna hedge.
 The sights and smells that haunt my dreams
 I'm out, but still ain't free
 They don't design those bits of cloth
 For blood you cannot see.
 The reasons do not matter
 To the living, nor yet the dead
 I never stopped to tally cost
 'Til all was done and said.
 The winner writes the hist'ry books
 You'd think I wasn't there
 The living go on living
 And the dead don't seem to care.
 I nursed their wounds in three hot zones...
 So why do I still bleed?

Allyson

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ALAMO COUPLES A couples organization providing social/ educational outreach to gay and lesbian couples. Monthly meetings and planned activities. For info call Frankie and Peggy at 1-393-3323 or Rick and John at 736-9420.

ELLAS Local organization of Latina Lesbians. P.O. Box 681061, SA, TX 78268. Contact 684-9237 or 435-5750.

ESPERANZA PEACE AND JUSTICE CENTER 228-0201, 1305 N. Flores.

HEART STRINGS AIDS MEMORIAL 818 E. Grayson, 78208.

JUMP START PERFORMANCE CO. 1035 S. Alamo 227-Jump.

SALGA San Antonio Lesbian and Gay Assembly 733-7300. Meets 1st Monday of the month.

SAN ANTONIO GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL VETERANS OF AMERICA. Meets 2nd & 4th Monday, 7:30 pm. 1136 W. Woodlawn. 545-2643 or 554-9918.

SAN ANTONIO LAMBDA STUDENT ALLIANCE (SALSA)
P.O. BOX 12715, S.A., TX, 78212. INFO: 733-1225.

SAN ANTONIO LESBIAN & GAY MEDIA PROJECT
P.O. Box 15705 SA, TX 78212

TEXAS GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 12013, San Antonio, TX 78212 737-2710

UTSA LAMBDA ALLIANCE University of Texas Gay/Lesbian Interest Group. Contact Kelly at 349-8603.

WOMEN FOR SOBRIETY San Antonio chapter now inactive. Call (215) 536-8026 or write PO Box 618, Quakertown, PA, 18951 for info.

RESOURCES/SELF-HELP

ALAMO AREA RAPE CRISIS CENTER P.O. Box 27802, SA TX 78227, 674-4900. For information on support groups for survivors of sexual assault & incest call 349-7273.

ALAMO AREA RESOURCE CENTER (HIV+ Services) At Mistletoe & McCullough. 735-AIDS.

BLUE LIGHT CANDLE A Community AIDS Awareness and Fund-raising Project. P.O. Box 12444, SA, TX 78212. 1-512-824-6303.

DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE CREDIT UNION P.O. Box 190712, Dallas, TX 75219 (214)528-4233.

EVE'S GARDEN A sexuality boutique created by women for women. Catalogue/Mail Order. 119 W. 57th St., N.Y., N.Y. 10091 (212)757-8651.

INLAND BOOK CO. WOMENSOURCE CATALOG. P.O. Box 2120261 East Haven, CT. 06512. 1-800-243-138.

LAMBDA AA meetings. 8546 Brdwy #255. At Gulfmart, 1st light outside loop, turn rt into parking lot. Upstairs. Women's meetings 6:30pm Wed & Sun. 824-2027 for recorded schedule.

LESBIAN/GAY SWITCHBOARD. 733-7300. Bar Info. 734-2833.

LESBIAN INFO SAN ANTONIO (LISA). 828-5472.
(Compliments of Martha Fitzwater)

MEDITATION GROUP Wed., 7:30 pm at Mary's. 828-9025.

OLIVIA CRUISES Lesbian cruises 1-800-631-6277.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS
Meet at the Harbor Counseling Center, 3534 Ave. B on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm. For info call Frances 732-0751 or Brent 822-4135.

SAN ANTONIO AIDS FOUNDATION 818 E. Grayson, 225-4715.

TEXTURES BOOKSTORE 5309 McCollough (The Yard). 805-8398.
Tues.-Fri. 11 am-7 pm, Sat. & Sun. 11 am-5 pm. Closed Monday.

THE NAIAD PRESS, INC. P.O. Box 10543 Tallahassee, Florida, 32302. 1-800-533-1973.

THE RESOURCE CENTER 121 W. Woodlawn, 732-0751
THE LESBIAN SUPPORT/THERAPY GROUP at The Resource Center is ongoing and periodically opens to new members. For info on this, other lesbian therapy/support groups, or individual therapy, call Frances Timmins, ACSW, CSW-ACP at 732-0751.

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

CHURCH OF TODAY 6326 Sovereign #150, 349-6623.
Sunday service at 11 am.

DIGNITY Dignity is the Lesbian/Gay Catholic Organization. Liturgy, Sundays at 5:15 pm at St. Ann's Convent on the corner of Ashby and St. Ann St. 735-7191.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SAN ANTONIO
1136 W. Woodlawn, 734-0048.

RIVER CITY LIVING METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH
202 Holland. Sunday services at 11 a.m. Call for activities, 822-1121.

S.A. Circle of Re-formed Congregation of the Goddess
(Dianic Wicca group) meets 2nd Friday of month, 7 pm, Call 828-4601 or write RCG Circle, PO Box 12931, SA, TX 78212, for location and FFI.

*** FEBRUARY EVENTS ***

Feb. 2: Tuesday Night Discussion. "Womyn's Spirituality and Religion" Nexus, 8021 Pinebrook 7:30pm

Feb. 7: Womyn's Potluck. !2-3 pm. For directions call Carol at 532-9821.

Feb. 12: Circle of Reformed Congregation of the Goddess meeting. 7 pm, 828-4601 for info.

Feb. 14: LLEGO Corazón Dulce Brunch. 11 am-1pm at Little Naples 1923 Blanco Rd. \$2-3 donation.

Feb. 15: Susan B. Anthony Day

Feb. 16: Tuesday Night Discussion. "Tri Hope Night: Sharing of Coming Out Experiences" (Location to be announced).

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