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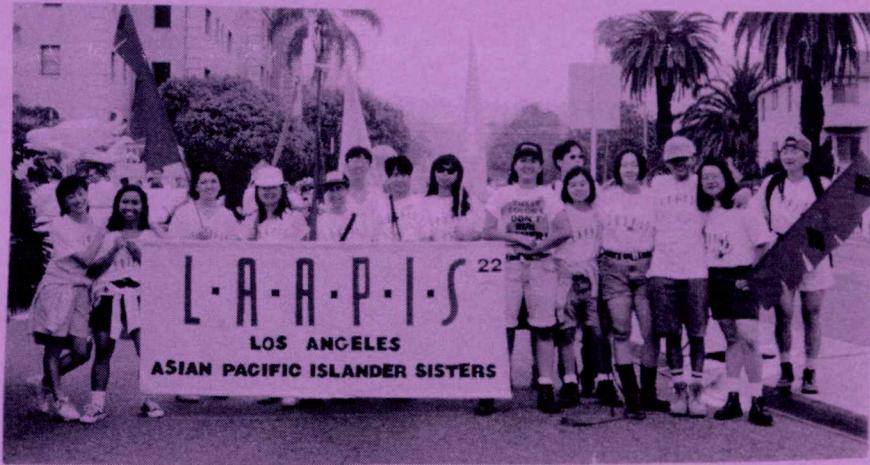
BY TERI O.

## Out and Proud API Lesbians, Bisexuals and Queers.

### Month in View:

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- Aug. 2: LAAPIS Structural Meeting
- Aug. 7: Soul, Salsa, and Soy Sauce: LAAPIS, ULOAH, Lesbianas Unidos Mixer.
- Aug. 7: GLAAD People of Color Committee's Club Cross Culture
- Aug. 9: Coming Out Discussion/Rap
- Aug. 14: LAAPIS Meeting/Potluck
- Aug. 17: Sex & Relationships Discussion/Rap
- Aug. 20: Community Meeting for the Garment Workers Justice Campaign.
- Aug. 27: LAAPIS 1 year Anniversary Banquet
- Aug. : Sacred Nature Naked Girls at Highways
- 21-30 Aug. : LAAPIS Structural Meeting



### L·A·A·P·I·S Potluck/Meeting

August 14 • 1-3 p.m.

#### Teri cool pad

825 Temple Avenue, Long Beach  
Please RSVP (310) 930-0545

#### DIRECTIONS:

Take 405 South to Cherry/Signal Hill. Go right, then a left on Anaheim, and a right on Temple. Its behind a 827 (a peach house) on the right hand side.

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**O**n June 12, LAAPIS members marched down Santa Monica Boulevard, out and proud in the Christopher Street West Parade of the Los Angeles Pride. About 20 Asian Pacific Islander lesbians, bisexuals, and queer women marched united under the LAAPIS banner. LAAPIS marched with GAPSN (Gay Asian Pacific Islander Support Network) and APAIT (Asian Pacific Islander AIDS Intervention Team) also.

LAAPIS had their newly hand-made banner and t-shirts. We looked really cool with our matching, yet unique t-shirts. Some of us waved huge lavender banners in unison. We received many cheers from the crowd. We were able to outreach to API women that we saw in the crowd. I think we were the first API lesbian and bisexual group ever march in the parade. This was something to proud of. See you all at the next pride.

#### GLAAD's People of Color:

## cLub cross cuLtUre

D A N C E

Sunday, August 7  
Noon - 5 pm

The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation's People of Color Committee will be holding: Club Cross Culture. Dance to the sounds of DJ "DAX" and eat a buffet of international foods donated by local restaurants. There's also a no host bar.

Advances tix: \$10 & \$17 for couples  
Tix at the door: \$15 & \$22 for couples  
*21 and over with ID only.*

For advanced tix, stop by the GLAAD: 8455  
Beverly Blvd, Suite 305, LA  
(213) 658-6775

BY JOLYNNE ASATO

## Bisexuality and LAAPIS, a Personal Take

I've known that I was attracted to women at least since I was thirteen. I came out to myself about a year and a half ago. After years and years of suppressing my feelings and rationalizing away my desires, it was empowering for me to finally come to terms with my sexuality. About three months after coming out, I went to my first LAAPIS meeting. I felt as if I had found a "space" for myself. Here was a group of women who affirmed a part of me that I had hidden from others and even myself. And, it was wonderful to be affirmed by other Asian Pacific lesbians and bisexuals. I finally felt at home.

However, sometimes I felt not completely at ease. I was, and still am involved in a serious relationship with a man. At first I was worried that LAAPIS would not be open to my relationship with Josh. I was ambiguous about him and did not feel comfortable "outing" myself so to speak. I had heard of "bi-phobia" that many bisexuals faced within the gay and lesbian community, and was not eager to jeopardize my new friendships.

Granted, this knowledge kept me on edge. I was open about my relationship with Josh with individuals, but basically stuck to a "don't ask, don't tell," attitude. While most people were supportive and continued to be wonderful to me, others were not as accepting. Suddenly the atmosphere became somewhat tense. What may have been intended as innocent comments, or simple jokes, had an edge to it that hurt me. These seemingly innocuous, and flippant remarks cut into me by insinuating that I didn't belong here, that I was somehow unauthentic. Since I am already a shy and sensitive person, this added stress made it difficult for me to relax. I also internalized the comments made to me and began to rethink my involvement with LAAPIS. Is there space for a bisexual women involved with a man? Was I really straight? Did I belong here?

However, I began to notice that it wasn't just me. I was not going completely crazy and

having paranoid delusions. At one meeting I overheard someone innocently ask a new member how she identified. The woman became flustered and eventually blurted out that she was bi. I then realized that it was not an individual problem but a general concern. When I brought up the subject with a friend, she noted that it was indeed a bigger problem. Granted neither of us experienced outright hostility. Nobody got in my face about being bisexual. However, an environment that tacitly disapproved of us definitely existed. The subtle comments and messages built up to create a tense atmosphere for bisexuals and is no less hurtful or damaging than overt biphobia.

Instead of slinking back into the closet as I had originally planned, I talked to others about my discomfort. These discussions led me to closely examine what it was that had brought me to LAAPIS. I couldn't simply return to the "straight" world as someone suggested I do. I sought an environment that empowered and affirmed me as a bisexual, Asian American woman. Looking at the mission statement, LAAPIS specifically states this same ideal as a goal. Thereupon I realized that there is no reason for such an intolerant atmosphere.

What is the role of bisexual women within LAAPIS? In order to come to some answer, what needs to happen within LAAPIS is a frank discussion involving lesbian identified and bisexual identified women alike. We need to clearly restate our goals together with everything hashed out. We need to explicitly lay out our definitions and work through this together. This is not only a bisexual issue, but rather one that involves all of us. Both bisexuals and lesbians need to educate each other and explicitly state issues, concerns and goals in order for us to make sure that everyone is welcome. Until now, I think that it was just assumed that our issues were the same, and therefore so many things were left undiscussed. However, we cannot accept this silence anymore.

A good thing that came out of this was that I was able to re-examine where I stand in the group. I sat down to really think about my position. For one thing, I feel that I contradict many stereotypes surrounding bisexuals. I am monogamous, still intensely involved with "queer" issues even though I could "pass" as straight, and definitely not just experimenting. Conversely, what I need from LAAPIS is support as I continually grapple with all aspects of my personal identity, and a forum where I can work toward substantial societal change.

### EDITORIAL NOTE:

The LAAPIS mission statement indicates LAAPIS desire to provide a supportive and affirmative environment for API women who identify as lesbian, queer, bisexual, women loving women or gay. Comments about any particular aspect of the APILB community from individual members does not necessarily represent the view of LAAPIS.

A bisexual discussion is planned during the August general meeting to address these issues. Involvement is mandatory for all committee members. ALL LAAPIS members are strongly encouraged to attend.

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# CONVERSATIONS with My Daughter

*Six years ago, Betty Lee's daughter came out to her and her husband. Mrs. Lee (not her real name) now wishes to share her feelings and thoughts about life since then. These are her words.*

**W**hen you first told us about yourself, Dad and I were very sad. We had been suspicious for a long time but we didn't want to draw any conclusions. Having suspicions is different from realization. We were always hoping it wouldn't be true until you told us. We were sad because we wanted our children to grow up the traditional way - courtship, marriage, children - Dad was looking forward to having grandchildren. I was sad; life has so many tragedies, why have one more burden to carry? In this society, it is hard enough to be a female and a minority; being gay is another strike against you.

I thought maybe I didn't raise you the right way. I was more concerned about your intellect, your culture, your education. I didn't want my children to think like others: asking about boyfriends at 6 or 7 years of age or dancing too closely at 11 or 12. I didn't raise you to worry about boys. I wanted my kids to develop their potential. I left you alone in your own way of thinking. Maybe I made a mistake. I have such doubts. Did I change your viewpoint about the opposite sex?

Dad thought that maybe I didn't set an example. I didn't favor dolls for you; I gave you different kinds of toys. I didn't teach you

to be feminine - no lipstick, no rouge - I didn't care for fancy, frilly things. Dad thought that it was my influence on you; I never praised femininity. I have regrets. Did I raise you wrongly? I think environment had something to do with it. Dad later thought maybe you were born with it. I wonder if your father image was okay. Your Dad was a good man.

I don't want to tell my friends or family. They don't understand. They laugh. In China, gays weren't outrageous; they were quiet and we accepted it. In America, I see how outrageous it is. I don't understand it but I don't laugh at them. I say to people: don't laugh at them, they are human. They are good and law-abiding. Still, in my heart, I wish it could be the normal way, the traditional way. I would comfort other mothers like me - I would tell them to watch T.V., read about it; if they have strong feeling against it, they should find out more.

I don't think the same as you. I don't know if you were born with it or it is because of environment. I guess you have to look and find it yourself. I always hope that you will give yourself a chance to try the other direction. I think there's no set way; people do change. I can't help it that I wish you were married. I will always feel this way. I feel sad but I accept you. Whatever you do, you are my child.

## L·A·A·P·I·S Support Group

### COMING OUT RAPS

**Tuesday, August 9th  
8:00 - 9:30 p.m.**

LA Gay & Lesbian  
Community Services Center  
1625 N. Hudson Avenue, Hollywood  
Room 109

The rap is intended to provide an open and nurturing environment for API women who are newly exploring their sexual identity. The meetings are designed to provide a "safe space" for support and affirmation for API women to bond with other API women who are also exploring their identities. Coming Out Raps are every second Tuesday of each month.

### TOPIC RAP: Sex & Relationships

**Wednesday, August 17th  
8:00 - 9:30 p.m.**

**Call for location.**

The rap topics will occur every third Wednesday of each month from 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm, rotating at different sites.

The Community Outreach and Education Project of the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center and the LAAPIS will begin facilitating these rap groups. Free parking is available behind the building after 5 p.m.

A \$2.00 donation is requested but no one will be turned away for lack of funds. These raps will be conducted in English but translation services may be arranged.

For more information, contact Kathryn White at (213) 993-7433 or Sheila M. Aguilar at (310) 353-2944. Please mention if you need translation services.

## JACL in Support of Same Sex Marriages

In May, the National Board of the Japanese American Citizen's League voted to adopt a resolution which recognizes the constitutional right of all Americans to get married. The board voted 10-3, with two abstentions, in favor of supporting same-sex marriages. The decision has resulted in a split among conservative and liberal members of the JACL. Allen Kato, legal council to the JACL resigned because he could not support the Board's decision.

"As a Christian, I believe the issues of same sex marriage is a moral issue and not a civil rights issue. I believe homosexual marriage is morally wrong," Kato was quoted in explaining his resignation. While some feel that the JACL has gone beyond their original mission, others feel that supporting "same sex issues was a very natural progression in the direction as a civil rights organization," said Carol Hayashimo, associate director.

The Salt Lake City based Mount Olympus chapter of the JACL is initiating a resolution retracting the National board's decision. On August 3-7 at the national convention held in Salt Lake City, representative from JACL's 114 chapters will vote on the issue.

LAAPIS, GAPS, and other API gay, lesbian, and bisexual organizations signed on to letters supporting the National Board's recognition of same sex marriages. One letter was drafted by Cianna Stewart of the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA) Community HIV Project and another by Doreena Wong of the Asian Law Caucus. To the right is Cianna Stewart's letter which was sent to the Pacific Citizen which is the JACL's national publication.

If you would like to help, write a letter supporting JACL's position and send it to:

Lillian Kimura  
President of the National Board of the  
Japanese American Citizens League,  
1765 Sutter Street,  
San Francisco, CA 94115

*July 25, 1994*

*An open letter to the National Board of the JACL:*

*It is with pride that we send our support to the members of the National Board who voted to adopt a resolution which recognizes the constitutional right of all Americans to get married. As an extension of the support the JACL has shown in the past to the gay and lesbian community on civil rights issues, your actions recognize the importance of community support for all loving relationships. We thank you for recognizing that civil rights mean much more than an individual's inclusion in the military or jobs, but also mean a couple's access to hospital visitation rights, tax benefits, and family support.*

*While some individuals have been able to come forward and speak openly about being lesbian, gay, or bisexual, many more have been forced to hide or lie about parts of their lives to those they care about the most, their families and communities. Having the National Board adopt this resolution has opened a dialogue, and made it possible for others to stop the cycle of denial, fear, and self-hatred and come out to the Japanese American community. The JACL begins to feel like a place which truly supports all Japanese Americans, forcing no one into boxes, and enforcing every individual's right to choose to be married, to chose not to hide, to choose not to be afraid.*

*We hope the delegates to the National Convention will embrace their daughters, sons, friends, co-workers, brothers, and sisters, and support the rights of all to celebrate marriage.*

*With pride and hope for the future,*

*GAPA Community HIV Project*

Toko Fuji,  
JACL Director  
Sacramento Chapter, 2124 10th Street,  
Sacramento, CA 95818

writings/quotes by lesbian, gay and bi Japanese Americans and their families. Please send it ASAP (deadline July 30) to:

Cianna Stewart  
GAPA Community HIV Project  
1841 Market Street  
San Francisco, CA 94103

Or send your letter to LAAPIS by  
August 1st, attention to Teri Osato.

A photo display booth will assembled for installation at the JACL National Convention. GCHP are looking for artwork, photos, and

BY ANONYMOUS

## Vote No on Save Our State (SOS) Initiative

**T**he SOS or "Save Our State" initiative will hit the November, 1994 General election ballot as PROPOSITION 187. It is an attack on all immigrants, both legal and undocumented, including APIs. Prop 187 denies public assistance, education, and medical treatment for undocumented persons. It also requires all public service providers and educators to report "suspected" undocumented persons. This initiative does nothing to deter unlawful immigration and adds to state bureaucracy and waste. It is estimated that Prop 187 could cost California taxpayers up to \$10 billion. SOS will be presented to the approximately 8 million estimated California voters are expected to vote in November. Below are reasons why the API community should oppose the SOS initiative:

*How will Prop 187 affect APIs?* We are a community of immigrants. Over 2.8 million APIs live in California, and close to 1 million APIs live in LA County. In LA County nearly 70% of all APIs are foreign born or immigrants. In the US, 63% of all APIs and 2/3rd of all Vietnamese, Laotian, Cambodian, Thai, Asian Indian, Korean, Chinese, Hmong, and Filipino's are foreign born or immigrants to the United States. Many APIs depend on public social and health services. We depend on public schools and encourage our children to enroll in California State Colleges and Universities.

API poverty is well above the national average at 14.3%. The newly emerging API immigrant communities are among the poorest in the US, as 62.6% of Hmong, 50.6% of Laotians, 47.3% of Cambodians, 27.4% of Vietnamese, and 22.5% of Samoans live below poverty. APIs represent the highest ethnic representation of completed households on AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children).

In LA County, 45.8% of Cambodians, 40.3% of Laotians, 27.4% of Vietnamese, and 25.8% of Samoans live in poverty below Federal guidelines of \$13,000/year for a family of 4.

Prop 187 would kick 400,000 kids out of school and onto the streets creating an under class. It will turn our schools into immigration offices. Under the vague language of SOS, every API is "suspect" and could be reported to law enforcement authority and the INS, despite their citizenship status. As an ethnically and culturally distinct population, 77.2% of all APIs speak a primary language other than English and 44% do not speak English well. Non-English speaking APIs will be subjected to undue citizenship verification delays.

**The Undeserved API Community will be further undeserved.** The initiative will add unnecessary bureaucracy and waste in public and health services to the already undeserved API communities. Although APIs represent 16% of the total LA County population, total

county budget spending is less than 1% to API services. In light of continued budget reductions, services to the newly emerging API immigrant communities will be the most effected and many eligible APIs will, once again, be left without services or have to go through delays in the citizenship verification process before getting assistance.

*How can we defeat Prop 187?* LAAPIS has already submitted a letter opposing the SOS initiative. All LAAPIS members are strongly advised to become proactive and oppose this SOS initiative. Go out and vote no on PROP 187 on November 8th. To get involved, contact Robert Dundrop or Miya Iwataki at (213) 240-8287 at the Asian Pacific Planning Council (APPCON) "No on SOS" API Task Force at (213) 680-9956.



### One Year Anniversary

**Yes,** it has been one year since we had our first meeting at Ingin's place with only 9 API women. Now we have grown to 130 women on our mailing list, produced a hot calendar, were recognized by the city, state, and our Asian Community, met friends, and began a structure for the future. Come and celebrate our Anniversary with us. Dress to impress.

Saturday, August 27, 1994  
7:00p.m.

**Plum Tree Inn**  
12400 Wilshire Blvd.  
West Los Angeles.

Call Kelly for directions and to RSVP.

SHELLA M. AGUILAR, MPH

## A Note from the Editor

Hello, LAAPIS members. Over the past year, we've grown both in size and activities. As mentioned in previous newsletters, LAAPIS has been recognized by the Los Angeles Asian Pacific American Heritage Committee and Mayor Richard Riordan as a vital part of the Asian & Pacific Islander community. Through workshops, panels, social activities and soon to begin Coming Out Raps, Topic Raps, and PFLAG support groups, LAAPIS will continue to create a "safe" and "affirming" place for API lesbian and bisexual women.

But, as always, an organization is what you make it. We have committees serving the different aspects of LAAPIS. Listed below are the committees and roles each play in building a strong and unified API lesbian and bisexual network:

1. The Social Committee provides a positive social environment of events/activities for LAAPIS members and friends and helps new and existing LAAPIS members network. The committee plans events on a monthly basis. Events have primarily been "open" however, it is also dependent on the nature of the event (i.e. women only socials, API women only events, etc.). Events are also contingent on activities planned by the Outreach committee.
2. The Outreach Committee provides advocacy, outreach, and education to (a) the API gay, lesbian, bisexual community; (b) the overall API community, and (c) the general gay, lesbian, bisexual community about LAAPIS.
- 2a. A subcommittee of Outreach is the Speaker's Bureau which coordinates panel presentations such as Asian Heritage Month - May's "Queer API Heritage: A Family of Pride" and Lesbian Visibility Weeks - July's "LAAPIS: Building a Sisterhood."
3. The Financial/Fundraising Committee raises money for LAAPIS through various means such as the LAAPIS CALENDAR ON SALE NOW. Cost is \$10 exclusively through LAAPIS and \$15 if mailed. If you haven't paid your dues, please send your \$20 check made out to Nancy Wong to LAAPIS, P.O. Box 86484, Los Angeles, CA 90086-0484. Proceeds help us print, produce, and mail the newsletters.
4. The Support Committee initiates rap/support groups, workshops, and the Buddy program. The buddy program gives new members a mechanism where they can "hook up" with another LAAPIS member to be their "buddy" and guide them through the coming out process.
5. The Newsletter Committee writes, creates, designs, and distributes the monthly newsletter.

We're always looking for ways to improve the committees and LAAPIS in general but we need your input and support. If you have any suggestions, comments, ideas for socials, outreach, panels, workshops, fundraisers, or newsletter submissions, ... get involved! We are forever in need of volunteers. Just call any of the numbers listed under the "Contact People." LAAPIS is more than happy to hear your ideas. See you at the next LAAPIS event.

# SACRED NAKED NATURE GIRLS

**Danielle Brazell  
Bella Hui  
Laura Meyers  
Akilah Oliver  
Denise Uyehara**

*Join the girls on the trip through flesh-scapes, dreams, tortured terrain, love eroticism sacrifice and the appropriation of desire. The Sacred Naked Nature Girls are an experimental performance collective of lesbian, straight and bisexual women who work beyond the nude.*

Highways Performance Space  
1651 18th Street  
Santa Monica

August 25 - 28, and September 1 - 4.  
8:30 p.m.

Thursdays show women only - \$10.00  
Friday - Sunday tickets - \$12

September 4 benefit for the Gay and Lesbian Community Service Center's Community Outreach and Education Department. The tickets are \$20

**RESERVATIONS:**  
Tickets LA (213) 660-8587.

## Untitled

*Skin.*

*More skin.*

*hands clenching,  
hers quenching to find me —  
under the waves of sturdy cotton  
and tangled hairs.*

*So smooth her entry —  
into my lips softly clamped.  
With fingers deliberate  
she grazes —  
fervent to unplug me.  
I digest her desire —  
awaiting . . . awaiting . . .  
I feel her.  
She is thru me.*

CGB

*Pilipina, Bi-relational*

BY SOO SHIN

## Good-bye

I can't express the gratitude and warmth I feel for LAAPIS and all of its members. I was most fortunate to come into my sexuality in an environment that was so warm and supportive. I don't think that I would have been able to find such security as a bisexual API woman anywhere else. I thank everyone who has given me their friendship and support. Thank you Shella, Michelle, Unhei, Nancy, Cypress, Kim, Teri, Joanne, and CJ most of all. You will never know to what extent you have helped me. LAAPIS has helped me to reach the point where I am at right now—that is secure with myself and happy about who I have become. I am truly sorry that I will be leaving LAAPIS. LAAPIS and its members have become so very important in my life in the past months. I am very excited by the direction LAAPIS is taking and I love what it has become. I know that it will be around for a long time to help other API women emerge as strong, confident and proud. I wish everyone luck and happiness in their lives. I will be watching from a distance what goes on with much interest and nostalgia.

LAAPIS, ULOAH & LESBIANAS UNIDOS PRESENT:

# Soul, *Salsa,* & **SOY SAUCE**

A Multicultural Picnic

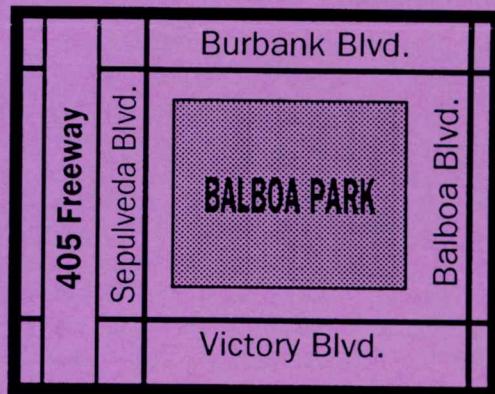
August 7, 1994

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Balboa Park, Encino in the Valley.

There will be games, cultural food tasting, music celebrate our cultures and makes new friends.

Bring an ethnic dish!



### BALBOA PARK

We are not sure which section of the park we will have, but we will have signs posted.

Look for us!

For more information, contact the Outreach Committee

Connie: (818) 795-6599

Heng: (213) 874-4651

# L-A-A-P-I-S EVENTS

## Structural Meeting

We will finalize our discussion of the roles and responsibilities of the co-chairs and committee heads, the impeachment process, and the decision making process. All committee heads are required to attend. Other members are welcome. The meeting will be held at Connie's place, Tuesday, August 2. For info, call Connie: (818) 795 - 6599.

## Soul, Salsa, and Soy Sauce Picnic —

August 7, 1994 for a LAAPIS, United Lesbian of African Heritage and Lesbianas Unidos potluck/picnic at Balboa Park in the Valley. There will be games, fun, and games. Bring an ethnic dish! See opposite page for details. For more information, contact the Outreach committee. Connie: (818) 795 - 6599 or Heng: (213) 874-4651.

## Garment Workers Justice Campaign

On Saturday, August 20 from 3-5 pm, the LA Support Committee of the Garment Workers Justice Campaign will hold a community meeting concerning the nationwide boycott of Jessica McClintock, the San Francisco-based clothing manufacturer. 2 years ago, 12 Chinese immigrant garment workers, with the help of Asian Immigrant Women Advocates (AIWA) in Oakland, launched this campaign to collect back wages from the manufacturer. The purpose of the meeting is to educate the public about the Jessica McClintock boycott; there will be a short video presentation and garment workers and representatives from AIWA will also speak. LAAPIS has voted to support the L.A. SCGW Justice Campaign to boycott Jessica McClintock. Show your support and attend this meeting. For information & location, call Paul S. Lee at (213) 738-9050.

## Bisexual Co-Gender Group

A bi-monthly bisexual co-gender group has been formed to provide support. If interested, please contact Unhei (213) 225 7973.

## LAAPIS One Year Anniversary

Come and celebrate our Anniversary with us on Saturday, August 27, 1994 at 7:00p.m. The LAAPIS anniversary party will held at: Plum Tree Inn  
12400 Wilshire Blvd.  
West Los Angeles.  
See page 5 for more information.

## LAAPIS August Meeting:

Eric Wat will make a presentation on the LA Support Committee of the Garment Workers Justice Campaign. Following that will be a short LAAPIS meeting and then the bisexuality discussion. Recently, we have seen the need to have another bisexual discussion in order to dispel myths and beliefs born out of ignorance about the bi community. We encourage all LAAPIS members, lesbian or bi, to stick around for this discussion. All committee heads must attend. See page 1 for directions, time and date.

## KSCI Needing Speakers

KSCI, Channel 18, is looking for Mandarin lesbians or bisexual speakers to be on Pei Pei's Time, a weekly half-hour talk show. The show addresses issues relating to the Chinese community in order to help immigrants better adapt themselves to their new surroundings. The September taping will address the subject of Chinese lesbians and bisexuality. If you don't want to be a speaker, be a supportive audience member! We can make this a Chinese - social outing! For more information, contact Elizabeth H. Yang at KSCI (310) 442-2357 or Shella at (310) 353-2944.

# L-A-A-P-I-S

## Mission Statement

LAAPIS seeks to provide an environment of support and affirmation for API/mixed heritage women who identify as lesbian, queer, bisexual, women loving women, or gay. LAAPIS recognizes the ethnic and sexual diversity within the API communities and the co-existent need to form common bonds. LAAPIS also serves as a resource for the community at large. We promote non-racist, non-judgmental, non-agist, non-sexist attitudes.

Newsletter is published monthly. If you have any submissions or would like to be included in our mailing list, please write to:

LAAPIS  
P.O. Box 86484  
Los Angeles, CA 90086-0484  
Attn.: Teri Osato

## Dues! Dues! Dues!

If you haven't paid your annual dues, please pay up. We need more money for the newsletter postage and production of the LAAPIS calendar. Annual dues range from \$15 to \$20. Please pay what you can. Make checks payable to Connie Wong or Nancy Wong, and send it to LAAPIS. For more information, contact the financial committee.

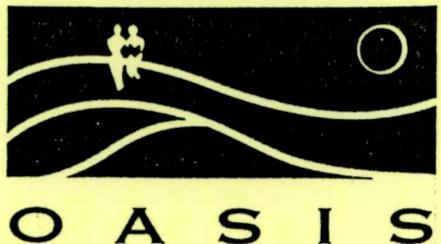
## Ad Information

If you want to submit an ad for the LAAPIS newsletter call: Teri (310) 930-0545. We will create art for the ad. All we need is the information and logo. About 130 women see the newsletter each month.

**\$15 for business card size.**  
**\$25 for half page.**  
**\$50 for full page.**

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O.A.S.I.S. (Older Asian Sisters in Solidarity) is a support group for Asian & Pacific Islander Lesbians and Bisexual Women 35 years and older from the San Francisco-Bay Area and the Peninsula. We have been in existence since September, 1991, meet monthly on Sunday to discuss issues of relevance to our age group, lifestyle and ethnicity. O.A.S.I.S. also hosts social events -- barbecues, potlucks, games night, and a Chinese New Year Dinner.

#### **O.A.S.I.S. FALL '94 RETREAT**

Please join us at our first O.A.S.I.S. RETREAT at the Willow Retreat located in Napa, California, on October 7th & 8th, 1994. At this two-day retreat we will get a chance to socialize, meet new women, and HAVE FUN. The 40 acres of land will be reserved exclusively for our group. There is a swimming pool, sauna, hot tub, tennis court and hiking trails. The facilities are wheelchair accessible. Massages are optional via an appointment and fee. This beautiful Napa Valley site is a relaxing and scenic 1 1/2 hour drive from San Francisco.

#### **THE WILLOWS IN NAPA, CALIFORNIA**

The Willow Retreat area has several facilities for cooking, dining, and overnight accommodations for 32 women (October 7th & 8th -- Friday and Saturday evenings). Chef Susan will head the fun group, cooking delicious meals for Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. Cost of the two-day retreat is \$100.00 per person. Because space is limited reservations will be on a "first-come, first-served" basis, and so far 15 women have signed up. We strongly encourage YOU to sign up early by mailing in a \$40.00 deposit; the balance will be due on August 1st. There will be accommodations for children, but there are age restrictions. For those who do not wish to stay overnight, but want to attend the all day Saturday events the cost is \$40.00.

For additional information about the O.A.S.I.S. RETREAT, call Crystal Jang (415) 341-6603 or Z. Wong at (510) 482-0787.

#### **WHERE TO SEND YOUR CHECK**

To reserve your space at the O.A.S.I.S. RETREAT make your \$40.00 check out to Mei Griebenow. Send your check to Z. Wong, 1412 Glenfield Avenue, Oakland, CA 94602 and indicate whether you want the one day (Saturday) or two day event (October 7th & 8th). HURRY! There are only a few more slots left!!