

herland newsletter

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GAYLE MARIE CONCERT

Tickets for the Gayle Marie concert, with Mary Black and Susan Morgan opening, go on sale Saturday, March 31, 1984, at Herland and from ticket saleswomen. Tickets are \$10 general admission and \$15 contributing. The sale of contributing tickets will insure the success of the concert/are for reserve front row seats (limited number). Your early purchase will help cover initial working production expenses. You may also buy by mail. Just send your check with a note requesting how many tickets to Herland Bookstore, 1630 N.W. 19, Oklahoma City, OK 73106. See you May 18th.

ALL NEW HERLAND LIBRARY CLUB

March 31 marks the initiation of the Herland Library Club. To join, fill out the Club membership application and send \$5. This yearly membership entitles you to check out 2 books (at a time) for 2 weeks (at a time) from our growing lending library. You will be sent a Herland Library card and kept up to date about new acquisitions. Library hours will be the same as store hours, until we gain more volunteers. See related page inside.

A WOMEN'S CENTER IN OKLAHOMA CITY?

Oklahoma City needs a women's center and Herland is active in helping this come about. We are looking for a space large enough and within our financial means. We are investigating staff options and researching procedures to gain non-profit status. The advantages of non-profit status are obvious: a clarity of financial responsibility, tax exemptions, accessibility to grants and foundations monies. To make non-profit work the commitment on the part of the women's community must be 100%. We wish to finance this project, as much as possible, ourselves, because then and only then, can we control the politics surrounding the purpose of our center. The center is happening. The question is when.

ELEANOR SMEAL IN PERSON

Eleanor Smeal, former president of the National Organization for Women and keynote speaker at the Oklahoma State NOW Convention, will hold an autograph signing party.

Why and How Women Will Elect the Next President, authored by Smeal, will be available at the Herland booth during the convention for \$6.95.

The State NOW Convention will be held April 14, 1984, at the Lincoln Plaza, 4345 Lincoln Blvd, Oklahoma City. It is sponsored by the Metro OKC NOW Chapter.

HERLAND'S FISCAL DESCRIPTION

How much does it cost to run Herland? A question often asked by our sponsors and supporters:

RENT:	\$135/mo.
BOOKS:	\$500 will purchase approximately 100 books (an average price). An estimate of what would fill the shelves is \$4000
RECORDS:	\$600 will purchase approximately 100 records
T-SHIRTS:	\$72 per design for a minimum order
BUTTONS:	\$50 minimum order
CARDS, CALENDARS, POST CARDS:	\$200
MISC MAINTENANCE:	\$50/mo.

We really appreciate the donations and suggestions from all of you. We will make it and make a difference if you continue to believe and support. Thanks.

HERLAND BENEFIT RAFFLE A SUCCESS

The winner of the Herland Fundraising Raffle was Donna Bramucci, of Norman. Congratulations! She chose from the selection of 'Tre's' jewelry, a beautiful necklace with a blue saffire set in silver with a white gold chain. Thanks to 'Tre' for donating the raffle prize and thanks to everyone who purchased tickets and donated to Herland. The community raised about \$180!

HOLLY NEAR APPEARS IN CONCERT

Holly Near will be in Austin, Texas on May 16, 1984. Call 512-472-5411 for information.

A VICTORY FOR SILKWOOD

The Karen Silkwood story was finally brought to a victorious conclusion on January 12, when the Supreme Court held the Kerr-McGee Corporation liable for a \$10 million punitive damage award. The Company had been charged with the plutonium contamination of Silkwood, a laboratory analyst and union official at a Kerr-McGee plutonium processing plant in Crescent, Oklahoma.

Silkwood was killed in an auto crash November 13, 1974, on her way to meet a reporter and union official with documentation of safety violations and quality control abuses. The National Organization for Women, the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers' Union (the union Silkwood worked for), and her family pressed for a federal investigation into her death. The premature termination of this investigation and its limited scope prompted a meeting between NOW and the Justice Department on August 26, 1975, demanding a reopening of the investigation. The Silkwood advocates also formed the Karen Silkwood Fund under the direction of Sara Nelson, who also served as the head of NOW's Labor Committee. The persistence of Nelson, Danny Sheehan, NOW member and attorney in the case, and pressure from NOW kept the case alive.

In November, 1976, Silkwood's parents filed a lawsuit against Kerr-McGee on behalf of her three children. In 1979, an Oklahoma federal jury found the company negligent and awarded Silkwood's estate \$10.5 million in actual and punitive damages. A federal appeals court set aside the \$10 million punitive damage award in the 1981 decision, but the Supreme Court reinstated the award by its January action.

SUPPORT GROUP NEWS

Mothers without custody are invited to attend a new support group forming which will provide emotional support and supply information on such things as counseling and legal services and financial assistance. The chapter will be one of about 100 already organized internationally as a part of Mothers Without Custody, headquartered in Greenbelt, Maryland. Local organizer of the group, Phyllis Morrison, has scheduled a meeting for 6:00 p.m., April 3, 1984 at the Women's Resource Center, 226 East Gray St., in Norman. You may write to Morrison at General Delivery, Yukon, OK 73099.

Several women have expressed an interest in forming a Lesbian Rap Group. We need members. Call Alice at 364-7522.

The Widowed Persons Service is currently looking for people who have experienced widowhood, as volunteers. Contact Lorna Maddux at the Women's Resource Center, 364-9424.

A new support group has formed for survivors of incest. Sisters in Incest Survival is headed by Janey Reese and meets at the Women's Resource Center in Norman. All incest victims are invited to attend the meetings which offer mutual support and help, along with possible solutions to victims' problems. More information can be obtained by contacting Reese at 392-4991 or writing P.O. Box 23628, Oklahoma City, OK 73123.

LESBIANS SUBJECT OF RESEARCH

Lesbians over the age of 60 is the subject of research by Dr. Monika Kehoe, San Francisco State University. Dr. Kehoe, through her anonymous survey, hopes to answer some of these questions: "Who are the "old" women of the Lesbian community?"; "What are the life experiences, the strengths and the needs of a group of Lesbians 60 plus?"; "What similarities and differences exist in this seemingly invisible group?"

If you qualify or know someone who does write: Dr. Monika Kehoe, CERES, Psychology Building, Rm. 502, San Francisco State University, 1600 Holloway Ave., San Francisco, CA 94132.

RAPISTS IN PAKISTAN ARE GOING TO HAVE AN
easier time getting around the law if that country's government has its way. The Wall Street Journal reports Pakistan officials are contemplating a change in evidence laws that would make a woman's testimony worth only half that of a man. It's not as though Pakistan's court system is all that tough on suspected rapists even without the rule change. As the law now stands, if a woman seeks the maximum penalty of stoning, the accused rapist must have been seen in the so-called "act of penetration" by no less than four witnesses. The four witnesses must all be adults and all be Moslems. They must also all be men. (Her Say)

THE QUOTE OF THE WEEK COMES FROM AL
Goldstein, publisher of that classily named magazine, Screw. Talking to another publication, New Scientist, about predictions that robot spouses will one day be available, Goldstein said: "My fantasy is to phase the wife out of the picture." Goldstein added that his own wife has taken that possibility in stride, explaining: "She knows she's on the way out, like the buffalo." But then with a husband like Goldstein, who would complain about being replaced? (Her Say)

A FORMER NUN WHO WORKED WITH PROSTITUTES
in Haiti has died from Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. The un-named AIDS victim, who was Canadian, had worked for more than 20 years in Haiti. She reportedly had no history of promiscuity, blood transfusions or drug abuse. Physicians who treated the woman at Toronto General Hospital, reportedly believe her case strengthens the argument that North American AIDS cases are somehow linked to Haiti. (Her Say)

LESBIAN MOTHERS AND THEIR CHILDREN IS A
new booklet from the Lesbian Rights Project, the only public interest law firm in the US specializing in helping Lesbians. The booklet has a comprehensive listing of resources and information on Lesbian parenting. The Lesbian Rights Project, 1370 Mission St., 4th floor, San Francisco, CA 94103; (415) 621-0675.

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ARKANSAS ARTS CENTER 17th ANNUAL PRINTS,
Drawings, and Crafts Exhibition will be giving a number of purchase awards totaling \$3000 in this juried show. Works receiving such recognition will become part of the collection of the Arts Center, located in Little Rock. The collection is open to any artist born or living in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas. Eligible works are: (1) drawings in all media; (2) prints in all media; (3) photographs in color and/or monochrome; and (4) the following crafts: metal, clay, textiles, glass, wood, plastics, and combined media. Deadline: April 14, 1984. The show will be held from May 18 - June 24, 1984.

WOMEN AND PSYCHOTHERAPY: A CONSUMER
Handbook helps women make informed decisions about choosing and working with a therapist, starting with "Therapy: Is It for You?" and ending with "Dealing With Grievances." It is prepared by the Task Force on Consumer Issues in Psychotherapy of the Association for Women in Psychology and the Division of the Psychology of Women of the American Psychological Assoc. \$3.75 plus \$1 postage and handling (pre-paid orders only), payable to Federation of Organizations for Professional Women, 2000 P St., N.W. Suite 403, Washington, D.C. 20036.

CAFFEINE CONTENT OF DRINKS

Reg. brewed coffee (5 oz.)	mg.
percolated	110
dripolator	150
Instant	66
Decaf brewed	4.5
Instant Decaf	2
Soft drinks (12 oz.)	
Dr. Pepper	61
Mr. Pibb	57
Mountain Dew	49
Tab	45
Coca-Cola	42
RC Cola	36
Pepsi-Cola	35
Diet Pepsi	34
Instant brewed tea (5 min.)	45
Cocoa (5 oz.)	13

from the Center for Science in the Public Interest, 1755 S. St., Washington, D.C. 20009

feminist collections

HERLAND LENDING LIBRARY

At a time when it is absolutely crucial for women to have access to information by and about themselves, it is dishearteningly difficult to find such materials in libraries in Oklahoma.

Join the Herland lending library with a \$5. membership fee. With your support we can subscribe to journals and purchase current books about women's issues. Your input is important. Listed below are some journals we will consider maintaining subscriptions for. We welcome your suggestions:

Sinister Wisdom	Heresies
Conditions	New Directions
Broomstick	13th Moon
Feminist Issues	Trivia
New Women's Times	Off Our Backs
Sage	Helicon Nine
Woman's Art Journal	Calyx
Women and Therapy	Maenad
Women and Politics	Women and Health

Women - A Journal of Liberation
Psychology of Women Quarterly
Frontiers - A Journal of Women's Studies
The Women's Review of Books
International Women's Studies Forum
Signs - A Journal of Women in Culture
and Society
Women's Studies Quarterly
Resources for Feminist Research
Women's Studies Librarian-at-Large
Women's Studies Abstracts

HERLAND IS EXPANDING ITS RESOURCES

Our holdings will soon have vertical subject files for your personal or academic use. We are subscribing to many free publications including:

Congresswoman's Caucus Update
Women's Educational Equity Act Program
The Committee for Gender Research
Oklahoma Families
Conscience, Catholics for a Free Choice
Everywoman, Career and Vocational Guide
The Great Plains Newsletter
The Independent Living Advocate
Showcase, Women in Communications
Centerboard, Human Relations
S.W. Institute for Research on Women
Voice for Girls
Women's Legal Defense Fund Newsletter

DONATION NEEDS

standard file cabinet
file folders, letter size
file labels
used books (any)
newsletters, pamphlets, magazines,
articles about women's issues
small and large magazine boxes
tape label maker
3x5" cards
3x5" card box
xerox paper
xerox label sheets
postage stamps

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WOMEN IN FILM BENEFIT RAFFLE

The Women Artists League at OU, sponsors of the Women in Film Festival to be held April 12-16, 1984, is organizing a raffle of women's services to supplement expenses of film rentals, publicity and art exhibit materials. The followed will be raffled:

- *photography or video session
- *minor tune-up
- *individualized exercise and nutrition program for 1 month
- *one room painted
- *resume and interviewing techniques consultation
- *publicity campaign for one activity
- *spring house cleaning
- *gourmet dinner for four in your home
- *typing (maximum 30 pages)
- *spring yard clean-up

Tickets are \$5. There are 10 chances to win. The first ten tickets drawn get your choice of prizes in that order. The drawing will be held April 15 at the Festival. You need not be present to win.

Thanks to all the women who have donated their services and everyone who purchases tickets.

To purchase tickets call: Regina Bennett - evenings - in Oklahoma City 525-6556; or Elaine Barton - days - in Norman 325-3481.



Feminist Bestsellers

THE RIGHTS OF THE WOMEN'S ENCYCLOPEDIA OF MYTHS AND SECRETS. Susan Deller Ross & Ann Barcher. \$3.95

AUTO REPAIR FOR DUMMIES (Rev. Edition). Deanna Sclar. \$12.95 spiral bound pb

DREAMING THE DARK: Magic, Sex & Politics. Starhawk. \$7.25 pb

WOMEN OF IDEAS AND WHAT MEN HAVE DONE TO THEM: From Aphra Behn to Andrienne Rich. Dale Spender. \$23.95

SEAFARING WOMEN. Linda Grant DePauw. \$10.95 Ages 10 up

THE WOMEN OF BREWSTER PLACE. Gloria Naylor. \$4.95 pb

IN A DIFFERENT VOICE: Psychological Theory and Women's Development. Carol Gilligan. \$5.95 pb

THE DOLLMAKER. Harriette Arnow. \$3.95 pb

STORIES FOR FREE CHILDREN. Letty Cottin Pogrebin. \$14.95 & \$9.95 pb

Barbara G. Walker. \$29.95 hc; \$19.95 pb

SELF HELP FOR PRE-MENSTRUAL SYNDROME. Michelle Harrison. \$4.50 pb

FOR MEN AGAINST SEXISM. Edited by Jon Snodgrass. \$6.00 pb

GROWING OLDER, GETTING BETTER. Jane Porcino. \$8.95 pb

THE COLOR PURPLE. Alice Walker. \$5.95 pb

TOOTHPICK HOUSE. Lee Lynch. \$7.95 pb

BETWEEN OURSELVES: Letters of Mothers & Daughters. Edited by Karen Payne. \$16.95

THE HEARTS OF MEN. Barbara Ehrenreich. \$13.95

INTIMATE STRANGERS: Men and Women Together. Lillian Rubin. \$14.95

Reported by Pandora Book Peddlers, Englewood, NJ.



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- Opening the way for its victims

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BATTERED WOMEN 528-5508

RAPE CRISIS 524-RAPE (7273)

Information - Counseling - Referral

Abbott, Sidney, and Barbara Love: SAPHO WAS A RIGHT-ON WOMAN: A Liberated View of Lesbianism (Stein & Day), 1978 (1972), 256 pp., \$1.95 pb. An important piece of gay-movement literature from the 70's, written by two lesbians. The book focuses on what it means to be lesbian and how lesbian pride can be achieved.

Adler, Margot: DRAWING DOWN THE MOON: Witches, Druids, Goddess-Worshippers, and other Pagans in America Today (Beacon), 1979, 455 pp., \$8.95 pb. A fascinating and honest look at the religious experiences, beliefs, and life-styles of the people who call themselves neopagans.

Brown, Rita Mae: RUBYFRUIT JUNGLE (Daughters), 1973, \$4.00 pb; (Bantam), 1977, \$3.50 pb. Modern classic about brash, tomboy Molly Bolt growing up poor in the South and making it against fantastic odds as a lesbian and student in New York City. A dyke Horatio Alger story. The most popular lesbian novel we've ever carried.

Brown, Rita Mae: SIX OF ONE (Bantam), 1979, \$3.50 pb. Funny like *Rubyfruit Jungle*, the story travels back and forth in time between 1909 and 1980, through three generations of women in the town of Runnymede, Pa.

Brown, Rita Mae: SOUTHERN DISCOMFORT (Harper & Row), 1982, 256 pp., \$13.50 cl., (Bantam), 1983, 256 pp., \$3.95 pb. A heterosexual, historical novel set in the South. The characters range from prostitutes who work the train station, to a prominent Black family, to one of the wealthy, controlling families of the town. Structurally, the novel is probably better than her previous work, and the characters are lively and full of spunk as only Brown can create them. A good read. (Will be available in paperback, May, 1983, from Bantam).

Brown, Rita Mae: SUDDEN DEATH (Bantam), 1983, 241 pp., \$13.95 cl. Rita Mae's new lesbian fiction set behind the scenes of the women's tennis circuit. An important book, in that it discusses the dangers of living a closeted existence. How living a lie hurts everyone who is involved. Many excellent one-liners, but the people are much less likable than in her previous novels.

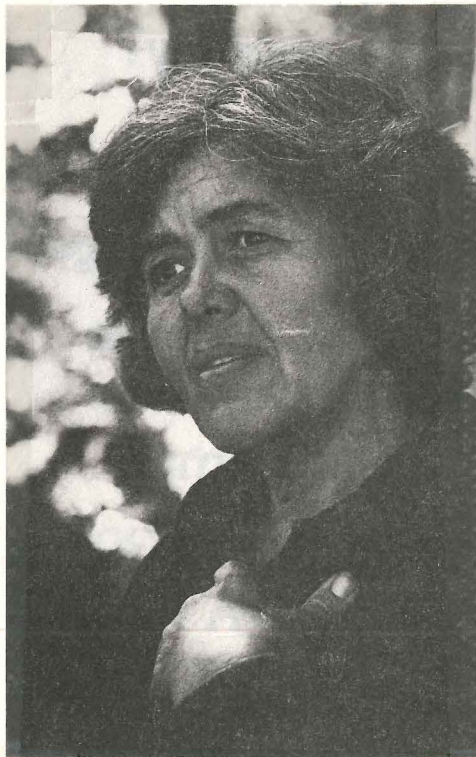
Bryant, Dorothy: A DAY IN SAN FRANCISCO (Ata Books), 1982, 144 pp., \$6.00 pb. Carla Lontana, a middle-aged women's studies professor has a son who is gay. She is disturbed by contemporary gays' frivolity and promiscuity and by her son's inability to make commitments.

Budapest, Z: THE HOLY BOOK OF WOMEN'S MYSTERIES, Part I (Susan B. Anthony Coven #1), 1979, 136 pp., \$7.35 pb. This book describes wimmin's rituals, practiced by the Susan B. Anthony Coven #1. It also describes spellcasting, Tarot divination, and a herstory and philosophy of wimmin's religion.

Budapest, Z: THE HOLY BOOK OF WOMEN'S MYSTERIES, Part II (Susan B. Anthony Coven #1), 1980, 223 pp., \$8.95 pb. A cooperation between Z. and her mother, Masika, includes 57 chapters on women's mysteries, Dianic Genesis, Laws of the Craft, rituals, and more.

Cliff, Michelle: CLAIMING AN IDENTITY THEY TAUGHT ME TO DESPISE (Persephone), 1980, 66 pp., \$4.00 pb. An incredible personal voyage through divisions of race, relationships, and sexuality. A courageous blend of herstory and poetry.

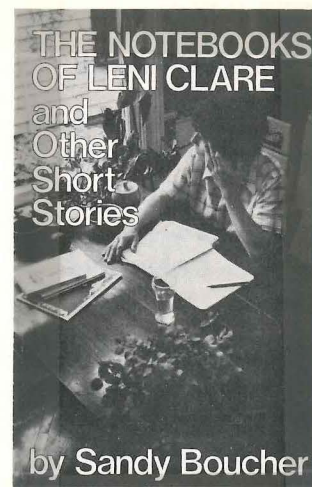
Daly, Mary: BEYOND GOD THE FATHER: Toward a Philosophy of Women's Liberation (Beacon), 1973, 225 pp., \$5.95 pb. Goes beyond other key works of the movement to describe possible ways a radical feminist can exist in the patriarchal world.



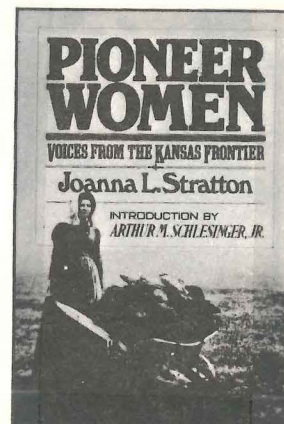
Sally Gearhart, photo by Deborah Snow.

Gearhart, Sally: THE WANDERGROUND (Persephone), 1979, \$6.00 pb. A best-selling fantasy of the future. Written in connected short segments, it tells how and why the women leave contemporary society for the Wanderground. A very important work.

Lifshin, Lyn, ed.: ARIADNE'S THREAD: A Collection of Contemporary Women's Journals (Harper & Row), 1982, 288 pp., \$17.95 cl, \$6.95 pb. Diaries and journals of both well-known and lesser-known contemporary writers. Includes Marge Piercy, Judy Chicago, Ntozake Shange, and others.



McAllister, Pam, ed.: REWEAVING THE WEB OF LIFE: Feminism and Nonviolence (New Society), 1982, 448 pp., \$19.95 cl., \$8.95 pb. Anthology with more than 50 contributors. Includes women's history, women against militarism, self-defense, civil rights, interviews, songs, poems, short stories, and bibliography.



Rich, Adrienne: OF WOMAN BORN: Motherhood as Experience (Bantam), 1977, \$3.95 pb.; (Norton), 1976, \$12.95 cl. Mothering, a subject that lacks resource material, is written about from the author's personal experience. She discusses both the potential of the motherhood relationships and the institution.

Rich, Adrienne: ON LIES, SECRETS AND SILENCE: Selected Prose, 1966-1978 (Norton), 1980 (1979), 310 pp., \$3.95 pb, \$15.95 cl. An excellent selection of essays and introductions, some previously published. Includes the essay *Women and Honor: Some Notes on Lying*; also discusses women's studies, motherhood, and a wide variety of feminist/lesbian topics. An important book.

Walker, Alice: THE COLOR PURPLE (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich), (1982), 245 pp., \$11.95 cl.; (Pocket), 1983, \$5.95 pb. Pulitzer prize-winning lesbian fiction set in the Black South of the 1920's. Walker creates a new language here—a beautiful book!



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS
COMPLIMENTS OF
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 Dortehea Dix, who exposed and improved the con- ditions for the mentally ill, born 1802.	5 "Futs" avante garde film - free Satelite Twin, Norman 3 & 5 pm	6 Holly Near concert in Fayetteville, AR (501) 443-1564	7 OU Women's Soft- ball: Nebraska 2:00 p.m., Okla- homa State 4:00 Joan Phillips, "Rainbow Workshop" 10-12, 2-4 IAO (call 521-0046)
8 Campus Corner Criterium - bicycle race in Norman	9	10 OU Women's Soft- ball: Texas- Arlington (db) 6:00 p.m. Women's Poetry at Individual Artists of OK 8:00 p.m.	11	12 Women in Film Festival, OU (call 325-3481) 3:00 - 4:30 6:30 - 10:00	13 Women in Film 1:00 - 4:00 8:00 - 10:00	14 Woman in the Middle Seminar 10-4:30, 722-3507 OKC NOW Convention Women in Film 9:00 am - 10:15pm Medieval Fair, OU Duck Pond, Norman 10:00 am - 6:00pm
15 Women in Film 9:00 am - 10:00 pm Medieval Fair, OU 12:00 - 6:00 p.m. 325-4411	16 Seder and Dinner at Hillel in Norman 6:00 p.m. (321-3704)	17	18 Poetry at Bricktown 8:00 p.m. Indiv- Artists of Okla- Oklahoma, OKC	19 After a long court battle in New York, Rad- cliffe Hall's <u>The Well of Loneli- ness</u> is held to be "not obscene," 1929.	20 Good Friday NCASA Lesbian Caucus mtg. New Orleans	21 American Indian Heritage Week Spring Pow-Wow 1:30 p.m. - (325-3163)Norman
22 Easter	23	24 Art Festival downtown OKC ends April 29	25	26 Town Tavern Poetry, 9:00 p.m. Norman "Writers Mind" KGOU 7:30 p.m.	27	28
29 A new federal law is passed that forbids dis- crimination against pregnant employees, 1979.	30	