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### REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

Do you live in a state that requires a 24-hour waiting period? Those who live in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Nebraska, North Dakota and Utah (and probably other states before long) can now conform to the letter (if not the malicious spirit) of the restrictive 24-hour waiting period abortion laws by calling a pre-recorded message. Hotly contested by opponents of abortion, clinics have put a doctor's three-minute message on tape so that women can simply call 24 hours before their appointments, rather than schedule two separate visits.

According to a report in the <u>Boston Globe</u>, the practice may withstand attacks because the restrictive laws only require doctors to "orally" inform women of their options 24 hours before an abortion procedure. An appeals court in North Dakota has already upheld the use of the recordings.

The clinics' creative maneuver is important because many women live 100 miles or more away from the nearest abortion clinic. The New York Times reports that Kansas, which also has a waiting period, allows women to receive abortion information by mail. Mississippi is the only state with a waiting period that requires women to travel to a clinic.

According to Feminist Voices, April 1995, it has been widely known since the early 1980's that ordinary birth control pills can be used for emergency contraception for several days after unprotected sex. When used under the advice of a medical practitioner, they are about 75 percent effective at preventing a fertilized egg from implanting in the uterus. But there has not been a transfer of this information to women. Mark Smith of the Kaiser Family Foundation, which studies health issues, says women are not told because of fears of liability concerns and fear of being targeted by abortion opponents. But much "is driven by what patients ask for". Women, be aware; doctors don't always provide us with all of the options.

Information from WomenWise, Summer 1995.

# Upcoming Events:

# OCTOBER 11TH IS NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY!

CAR WASH! - Herland will be holding a car wash on Saturday, October 14 at Herland Sister Resources from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. as a fundraising event.

FREEFALL (Louise Goldberg; Rhonda Smith, Ginger McGovern, and Tamara Smith) will be performing at Medina's, 3004 Paseo, OKC on Sunday, October 15 at 8:30 p.m.

**ACADYKES** first potluck of the fall is happening on October 21 at Judy Kaufman's house in Stillwater at 7:00. Call 377-4718 for directions.

# IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER FOR THE FALL 1995 NOMECOMING RETREAT! -

Registration forms are included in this issue of *The Voice*. Herland will be celebrating their 10th Annual Fall Retreat October 27, 28, and 29 at Fountainhead, Lake Eufaula.

THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO LET US KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE RECEIVING *THE VOICE*.

### 4TH ANNUAL CENTRAL OKLAHOMA AIDS WALK

"With Everyone's Help - We Can Make a Difference!"

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1995 - MYRIAD GARDENS, OKLAHOMA CITY

Billy Jean King - Honorary Chairperson

To Benefit: The Central Oklahoma HIV/AIDS Fund

The Aids Walk is a vital part of meeting the needs for HIV/AIDS care and prevention in Central Oklahoma. But the Walk is about more than just raising money. It's about increasing public awareness to help fight the spread of a disease that will soon touch us all. And it's about coming together in support of a common cause, and showing that together we can make a difference. Pre-registration forms, sponsor lists, team packets and posters are available now. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (405) 525- WALK.

# St. Sybil

St. Sybil yields the floor to her esteemed colleague, the First Woman,

### Lilith:

Hi Guys,

I've been thinking about words, the power of words, the power of naming. For instance, "guys" - such a nice friendly word, it lacks the slight taint of silliness that "gals" has; let's not let "guys" be gender specific; I'm talking to all you genders out there. Or all you sexes, as word purists would prefer. Of course, we could use "gals" and say it is all inclusive too, but nah.

Words, wonderful words. And "sex", since it came up (it so often does, doesn't it?). Monogamy or monotony? big difference, isn't there? Free love or promiscuity? I myself, for instance, unconventional, free and unfettered blithe spirit that I am, practice free love; you, you shameless hussy, are promiscuous. That lucky guy over there, he's got someone new every week, he's a real stud; she, on the other hand, sleeps around; what a slut. Uh huh. How about this one: I myself am plump; plump and juicy and round and fully-packed, voluptuous, goddess-like. You, I'm afraid, are fat. Whooooaaa. He is a bachelor, and has perfect freedom; but she is an old maid, poor thing. He is confident and aggressive, she is a ball-breaking bitch.

Words, words, this is fun. So, all you women, womyn, wimmin, girrrls, etc; let me ask you, why "Lesbian?" Isn't it divisive? Is "Dyke" derogatory? Shouldn't we all call ourselves "gay" (well no, of course not you temporarily-homosexuallyimpaired straights out there) or is "gay" pallid and co-optive? Do lesbians disappear in the word "gay" in the same way that women disappear in the word "men", when it is supposedly used to encompass all humanity?

And names; for instance, God. Sure, right, "God" is supposed to be gender-neutral, but we call God Father, and Lord, and Him, and He, and talk about His mercy and wrath; and then they try to say that "He" really isn't an old grey-haired guy sitting on a cloud stroking his beard? Well ok, then, for the next millennium or two let's talk about God, She; God the Mother, and She, and Her, and Her love and Her righteous anger; we won't really mean an Earth Mother with wide plump loins and breasts brimming with nurturing milk and long flowing robes and dewpainted toe-nails; it will just be for ease of discourse. If all little girrrrrls and grown wimmin develop a rush of self worth and self love and self respect because they are gender-identified with the all-powerful Creator, so be it.

So anyway, all you ladies and gents, gals & guys, watch your language. And until we meet again, take care, take power, and trust joy; and never submit.

Love.

Lilith

#### **FALL RETREAT REGISTRATION**

#### OCTOBER 27 - 29 FOUNTAINHEAD

| Single Person's annual income | Pre-registration per person | Household Annual income |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| under \$6,500                 | \$15                        | under \$13,300          |
| \$6,500 - \$13,250            | \$25                        | \$13,300 - \$18,000     |
| \$13,250 - \$19.500           | \$35                        | \$18,000 - \$26,000     |
| \$19,500 - \$30,000           | \$45                        | \$26,000 - \$50,000     |
| over \$30,000                 | \$60                        | over \$50,000           |

Please choose the registration fee most appropriate for you based on the above guidelines. On-site registration will be \$60 with no exceptions. Deadline for pre-registration is October 25. Registration is non-refundable after October 26.

| Registration               | Fee           | Enclosed           | (paya        | ble    | to        |
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### OKLAHOMA NOW WOMEN'S SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

**OCTOBER 21, 1995** 5TH STREET FIELDS IN MOORE, OK

\$75 ENTRY/OFFICIATING FEE



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INDIVIDUAL TROPHIES FOR MEMBERS OF THE TEAM PLACING

SPORTSMANSHIP TROPHY WILL BE AWARDED AS WELL!!

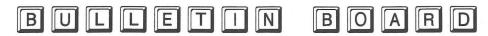
A WOMEN'S INFORMATION FAIR WILL COINCIDE WITH THE TOURNAMENT.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION OR WOULD LIKE TO SIGN UP A TEAM, PLEASE CALL NANCY AT



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| THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!   |
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**LESBIAN-ONLY COUNSELING** - group or individual counseling. For more information contact Jo L. Soske M.E.D./M.H.R./I.CA.D./L.P.C. at 321-0134.

**LESBIANS IN UNIFORM** - A National Photographic Competition / A Call for Entries. A \$100 cash payment for one-time reproduction rights for each accepted entry. \$500 in cash will be awarded to the photographer whose photo is selected for the 1996 cover. Rules for judging: 1) **Submit** either 5" x 7" or 8" x 10" black & white photographs. NO COLOR PHOTOGRAPHS. Photographs must be of a high quality image to accommodate reproduction & enlargement. Both amateurs and professionals are invited to participate. 2) **To enter:** Up to three photographs may be submitted for the \$10 entry fee (make check payable to A Tom Boyz Production). Decision of judges is final. 3) Entries must be **postmarked** by October 31, 1995. Only entries including a stamped self-addressed envelope will be returned. Please ship protected. 4) **Subject:** Lesbians in Uniform. Creativity & diversity is encouraged. 5) Mail to: Beth Corwin, A Tom Boyz Production, PO Box 419085-339, San Francisco, CA 94141.

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| Central<br>Oklahoma<br>AIDS Walk |        |         | National<br>Coming Out<br>Day                |          |        | 1-5 P.M<br>Carwash at<br>Herland            |
| 15                               | 16     | 17      | 18   | 19       | 20     | 21  |
| 4:30 PM HSR<br>Board Meeting     |        | ,       |  | ,        | ,      | 7 P.M.<br>Acadykes potluck<br>Call 377-4718 |
| 22                               | 23     | 24      | 25   | 26       | 27     | 28  |
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# Come Home to Herland!

### **Fall Retreat**

October 27-29 Fountainhead State Park

**Performances By** 

Mary Reynolds Peggy Johnson

### Workshops

Preserving Our Traditions
Guitar Techniques with Mary Reynolds
"The Beat Goes On" - Let's Drum!
... and more...

### **Scheduled Activities**

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