



# HERLAND SISTER RESOURCES

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HERLAND SISTER RESOURCES, INC.  
1630 NW 19, OKC, OK 73106

## Herland to Have A New Home?

OKLAHOMA CITY - On Monday, September 21, 1987, Herland Sister Resources made an offer to the owners of a property in northwest Oklahoma City. The offer was accepted and Herland is now under contract to purchase the property located at 2312 NW 39th Street. Many of you may recognize the address as being in a part of town the gay community calls "The Strip".

There are two buildings on the property which measures 50' by 140'. With 1062 square feet in the main structure and an additional 360 square feet in the brick garage, the property contains considerably more usable space than Herland's present home at 1630 NW 19th Street.

Collective members are enthusiastic about the prospective new home. Because of its convenient location, there is the potential for increased business. With its proximity to popular gay gathering places, Herland will be better able to serve the needs of our community and engage in outreach activities. Increased space will bring an increase in the amount and variety of store inventory. The commercial zoning and environment will allow our new home to be

identified with a business sign on the front of the building; Something Herland has been unable to have because of its location in a residential neighborhood. HSR, Inc. will be able to offer one or two of the rooms in the main building for rent as office space. This will help defray some of the expenses of owning our own property, as well as assist the local wimmin's community by offering additional wimmin's services in a convenient location.

As this newsletter goes to press, it is not decided just what use the brick garage area will serve, but its potential is enticing, because it lends itself to a multitude of exciting possibilities.

The back yard is large and secluded and promises to be the scene of many outdoor functions, including our founder's infamous barbecue gatherings.

Ordinarily, commercial property would be hopelessly beyond Herland's financial resources. However, this commercial property, with its price tag of \$35,000 is within Herland's grasp due to the fact that it is in need of lots of TLC. A Handywimmin's Special, so to speak, it offers the kind of challenge Herland volunteers have risen to in the past. Requiring the skills of an electrician,

a plumber, carpenters, carpenter's helpers, painters, and go-fers, this one-of-a-kind project vows to bring us together with an immediate sense of purpose, a common goal ... and elicit the many talents inherent in our multifarious community.

### A CALL FOR HELP

After several offers and counter offers on the property at 2312 NW 39th, the final contract specifies a 10% down payment - \$3,500.

November 30 is our deadline. On that date, closing takes place and HSR takes possession of the property... provided Herland can raise the necessary \$3,500.

If you have ever thought about a donation to Herland Sister Resources, but have been holding off, waiting for just the right time to make it, there will be no better time than right now.

### WHY MOVE?

The reasons for moving from Herland's present location are many. Two of the more pressing reasons are licensing and safety.

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To answer Herland's call for help with your unique skills and/or financial support, please turn to page 12.



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Licensing technicalities which have recently developed necessitate Herland's moving to a commercially-zoned property from its existing residentially-zoned building. The Grandfather Clause the Bookstore has been protected under in the past is no longer valid.

The wellbeing of our volunteers is threatened by floors that are rotting and sinking. There is an ever-present danger of someone falling through.

Other less menacing problems include inadequate air conditioning, heating and plumbing. Customers complain about its inconvenient or obscure location, and it is questionable how much longer the immediate owners of the building will rent it to us.

Due to these impending problems, Herland Collective members have been searching for a new space for well over a year. With the availability of a commercially-zoned building with a reasonable pricetag in a convenient location and Herland's need for a new home, NOW is the time to make a move.....toward the collective future. Will you help?

CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

If you have moved, and you want to continue to receive the HSR Newsletter, please let us know your new address. Due to considerations for your privacy, Herland's policy is to remove your name from our mailing list when the Post Office lets us know you have moved. To insure receipt of the Newsletter when your address changes, please let us know your new address by filling out and mailing us the attached change of address form. This form may also be used to add a new name to the mailing list.

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at HERLAND

OCTOBER 3 and 4

Saturday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

NEXT COLLECTIVE MEETING

OCTOBER 18

4:30 PM

at  
HERLAND

HERLAND'S

FALL RETREAT

(wimmin only!)

OCTOBER 23-25

at Robber's Cave State Park

So you don't miss out on the fun, sign up now using the retreat registration form in this issue of HSR Newsletter.

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# Nancy Day

## In Concert

SATURDAY NIGHT  
at the  
HERLAND FALL RETREAT

7:30 PM

ROBBER'S CAVE

Nancy Day, composer, performer, writer of songs that "touch the very depths of woman-soul," will be featured in concert at the Herland Fall Retreat. Opening the concert will be Donna DeSalvo of Oklahoma City, who delights audiences with funny stories and original compositions.

The Nancy Day performance is included with your retreat registration. If you only wish to come to the concert you may purchase a \$5 ticket at the door.



Donna DeSalvo

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(*Id.*, p. 20). Thus, Bork would deny first amendment protection to "scientific, educational, commercial or literary expressions as such." As he put it, "A novel may have impact upon attitudes that affect politics, but it would not for that reason receive judicial protection."

To express your opinion on Bork's nomination call or write to your U.S. Senators. In Oklahoma, call Senator Boren's office at 231-4381 and Senator Nickles's office at 231-4941. Or write to the senators at: U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20010  
From Press Release by NGLTF



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## Around the Country

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### MOMENTUM BUILDS FOR LESBIAN AND GAY RIGHTS MARCH

WASHINGTON - Activists in over 200 cities are organizing to bring thousands of lesbians, gays, People with AIDS, and civil rights supporters to Washington, DC on October 11 for the second National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights.

According to Pam David, one of twelve full-time national staff members, support is growing around the country. "The march has already been endorsed by over 450 student groups, labor officials, women's organizations, solidarity groups, AIDS service organizations, lesbian and gay groups and elected officials," David said.

Early reports indicate a massive turnout for the March. According to Arthur Scott, "New York City is sending 500 busses, thousands of people are flying in from California, and planes have been chartered from both Columbus, Ohio and Minneapolis, Minnesota."

Marchers will gather at 9 AM on October 11 at the Ellipse, located at 15th and Constitution, NW, where a morning rally is being planned. According to Gisele Mills, another full-time staff member, "The People of Color Caucus is coordinating a multicultural event that will involve speakers, as well as music, theatre and poetry."

"Between the volume of phone calls, and the number of information requests, office volunteers are being kept very busy," said Steven Dwyer, a member of the March staff.

"We already have 2,000 free and alternative housing spaces for people coming to the march activities," said Michael Resendez, another full-time staff member.

Other key areas being organized out of the March Office include national logistics, volunteers, housing, media, fundraising, and the October 13 civil disobedience action at the Supreme Court.

For more information on the March contact Karen at 794-7464, or the March headquarters at (202) 783-1828.

From Press Release ---  
March on Washington

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### NATIONAL TASK FORCE OPPOSES BORK

The National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) is actively opposing the nomination of Robert H. Bork to the U.S. Supreme Court.

NGLTF Executive Director Jeffrey Levi announced that the Task Force will strenuously fight the nomination as part of a broad-based coalition of civil rights groups.

"Judge Bork has proven himself to be a biased ideologue," said Levi. "His nomination for this position of great power and trust betrays the American tradition of fundamental fairness and equal protection under the law for diverse minorities."

Levi announced a five-part NGLTF strategy to work for the defeat of Bork's nomination. "We will lobby the Senate against the nomination in coalition with the Alliance for Justice and the Leadership Conference for Civil Rights. We plan to testify at the confirmation hearings. We will work hard to build constituent pressure against this nomination. We'll be educating media about the homophobia of Bork's decisions. And, perhaps most importantly, we will be strengthening our community organizing efforts at the state level, where many of the legal and legislative battles will be fought."

Bork was the author of a decision upholding the discharge of a gay Naval officer, Dronenberg v. Zech. In an opinion that anticipated the Supreme Court's reasoning in Bowers v. Hardwick, Bork held that the right to privacy does not encompass private consensual homosexual conduct.

A subscriber to the far-right doctrine of "original intent", Bork believes that the Constitution must be interpreted strictly in accordance with what the "founders" intended. In addition, Bork's views on the first amendment would dramatically change the kind of freedom of speech we now enjoy under existing Supreme Court decisions. For one, Bork believes that "The First Amendment, like the rest of the Bill of Rights, appears to have been a hastily drafted document upon which little thought was expended". (47 Indiana Law Journal 1, p. 22, Fall, 1971).

Bork disagrees with the existing test for political speech which protects people's right to express opinions that are hostile to the government unless there is a "clear and present danger" shown from such speech. Bork believes that decisions denying the free speech rights of political dissenters (such as Gitlow v. New York or Whitney v. California) are correct because such speech "has no political value within a republican system of government". (Id., at 33).

Further, Bork believes that "Constitutional protection should be accorded only to speech that is explicitly political."

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## LESBIAN BATTERING: SOCIAL CHANGE URGED

Despite its long existence, lesbian battering has only recently become a public concern of the battered women's movement and of lesbian communities. A 1983 NCADV conference on lesbian battering and the subsequent publication of an anthology of writings on the issue has begun to break the silence on this painful subject. Women both within the battered women's movement and lesbian communities are beginning to tell stories of lesbian battering and to develop strategies for providing services and ending the violence. But we are at the very beginning.

We are as much at the beginning as the battered women's movement was in the early '70's: analysis and theory and strategies are still tentative; the need is great; there is fear and hesitancy; there is little popular support or understanding; and yet a few courageous women are struggling along to do something to save lives, even if it isn't the perfect thing. Despite the difficulties, there is reason for great hope in this beginning of our work, for we have the possibility of learning from the successes and errors of the past 15 years of the battered women's movement.

It seems a second chance. It is for this reason that I want to strike a note of alarm here, a warning about some of the things I see beginning to happen across the country among people who work with battered lesbians.

I feel the greatest thing the battered women's movement has done is to provide support for the empowerment of battered women and consequently for all women. The way it provided this support has been simple: the first was to bring women together in shelters where they could talk together in groups and to realize for the first time that they were not alone, that the violence was not their fault, and that their batterers had much in common. It was radicalizing for women to learn that there is a system of belief in our society that supports battering. From this recognition, battered women came to understanding that battering was about power and control, and not about sickness, stress, alcoholism, co-dependency, or the failures of women.

The second thing the movement did was to recognize that battered women are the primary source of all we can ever know about battering. Their stories are the truth of the movement. We recognized that not only do battered women hold the truth of their lives but they also hold the answers to what they want and need. The movement, at its best, took a clear position that it was not shelter workers' role (or that of anyone else) to give battered women answers or to tell them what they should do. The result, of course, was deeply empowering.

And finally, the movement came to understand that the way to end violence was to create a world that did not permit it. It recognized all the ways that violence is fostered through systems of sexism, racism, homophobia, anti-Semitism, classism, etc., how those systems support a batterer's sense of privilege, and how those systems converge in a battered woman's life. We saw immediately that we could not work on battering as an isolated phenomenon between two people. To bring about an end to violence against women, we had to seek a societal solution.

But now we see the movement divided in the pursuit of these goals. Many people have allowed battered women's programs to be defined by funders and consequently have moved away from

individual empowerment through group participation and organizing and have turned instead toward the delivery of services that assume battering is an individual problem (or a family system problem) and offer "treatment" for the victim and counseling for the abuser. It is a mental health approach that views battering as a disease that can be cured by professional counselors.

It is here that I want to strike my note of alarm. As we now begin providing services to battered lesbians and seeking ways to prevent lesbian battering, we are finding that the first people to move in to meet the needs of lesbians are mental health professionals. (Let us be clear here that the issue is not that someone is a mental health professional but that she uses a mental health approach to lesbian battering -- an individualized approach that does not lead to group analysis and action about the larger issues of violence that keep battering supported in our society.) The majority of services we hear about are one-on-one therapy or support groups led by therapists and both services require that the victims pay which of course prevents many women from getting help.

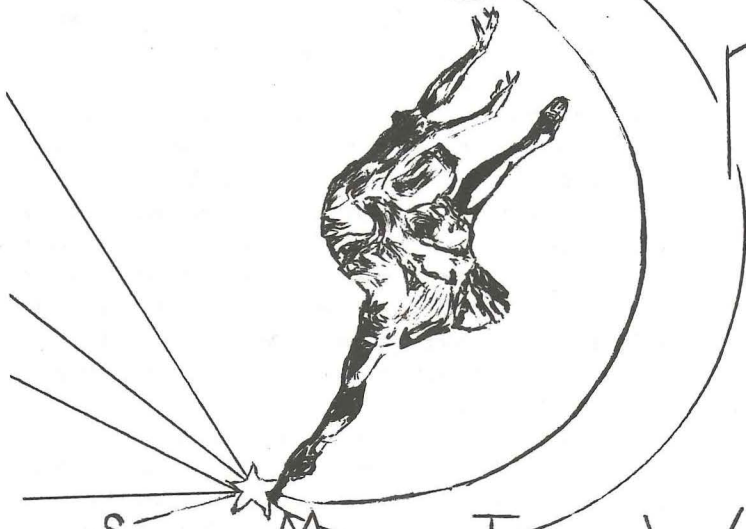
There are several reasons that mental health professionals are moving first to fill the need for dealing with lesbian battering. A major reason is that battered women's shelters, because of homophobia and fear, are not willing to take on the issue. If shelters are unwilling to consider battered lesbians as battered women, then the most appropriate place for battered lesbians to receive services is within the lesbian community. It is here that battered lesbians should form support groups (for free, facilitated by themselves); it is here that all lesbians should take on the issue of lesbian battering and develop analysis, do public education, and develop strategies to eliminate battering in our community. However, due to the strong denial in the lesbian community, we have been slow to take this issue on and consequently it has not felt safe for battered lesbians to be public.

Therefore the need is being met by therapists who have private practices and enough safety to provide individual services in the privacy of their offices. They are the people most readily available to meet the needs of women experiencing violence at the hands of their loved ones. But because the violence is seen as a disease, in many instances the batterers are receiving more attention and services than the victims. We are facing here what we are facing in the battered women's movement as a whole: we can offer counseling to individuals forever (and probably sustain a good income from it) but we will do little to change the system of belief and behavior that continues to provide us abusers and victims.

But with lesbian battering we are at the beginning and have a second chance. We don't have to repeat the mistakes of the battered women's movement. Our plea is for lesbian communities to end denial about lesbian battering, to learn about it directly from battered lesbians, to begin offering safe places for battered lesbians to meet in support groups, and to organize to end this violence among us. As part of this, we ask those therapists now involved with lesbian battering to become political, to organize with the community, to seek group and societal solutions, to take a social change as well as individual approach. And finally we call on battered women's programs to work to eliminate homophobia and to make shelters safe places for battered lesbians where lesbians can be both safe from their abusers and safe from the abuse of homophobia.



# October moon 1987



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4 Herland Yard Sale 8am-4pm	5 NCADY Day of Unity at McFarland YWCA 1701 Martin Luther King Blvd. 10:00	6	7 <i>Full Moon</i>	8	9	10 NOW Meeting YWCA 415 NW 5th 12:30 pm Gay Wedding Day
11 Gay Rights March on Washington	12	13	14 <i>Last Quarter Moon</i>	15	16	17
18 Herland Collective Meeting at Herland 4:30 pm	19	20	21	22 <i>New Moon</i>	23 Herland Retreat Robber's Cave State Park	24 → Nancy Day Concert United Nations Day
25 Herland Retreat	26	27	28	29 <i>First Quarter Moon</i>	30 Halloween Costume Dance 9:00 pm Unitarian Church	31 Pier 2 work Costume Party 8:00 pm 2544 NW 25th Halloween chel

## A Herland Calender

Listing events sponsored by various organizations presented as a community service by Herland  
for more information call Herland on weekends at 524-7108  
and Monday through Friday at 794-7464 or 495-4390.



THE METROPOLITAN OKLAHOMA CITY CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN  
IS BACK AT WORK - AND NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!

NOW's purpose is to take action to bring women into full participation in the mainstream of American society now, exercising all privileges and responsibilities thereof in truly equal partnership with men.

The members of NOW have recharged their batteries and are ready to move ahead in their campaign for the equality of women in Oklahoma. OKC NOW is involved in the following projects:

The Oklahoma Equity Fund - Dedicated to helping women in Oklahoma fight discrimination. Seeded with \$500 from the state NOW, \$1200 has been sent to help Martha Steger with a lawsuit against the Ada school system.

Steger, one of three applicants for the post of assistant vice principal, was denied even an interview.

Lawyer Referral Service - Designed to put women in touch with feminist lawyers, often at reduced rates, especially to pursue child support, divorce and other legal action where

The next meeting of the OKC NOW will be at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10 at the YWCA at 415 N.W. 5th.

women are at a disadvantage.

Town Meeting on Domestic Violence - Still in the planning stages is an OKC NOW-sponsored exchange on ways to combat domestic violence through the legal system, involving representatives from the District Attorney's office, Victim's Assistance and Judge Wallace (who is responsible for protective orders). This meeting will let women exchange views, air grievances and learn how to use the system. A time and place for the meeting have not yet been decided.

OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NATIONAL AWARENESS MONTH

A coalition of groups will observe the National Day of Unity Against Domestic Violence starting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 5 at McFarland YWCA on N.E. 16th and Martin Luther King.

Speakers will include murder defendant Donna Bechtel and State Representative Linda Larason. Also tentatively planned is a performance by the Prison Theater Group from Mable Bassett Correctional Center. Activities will break for a 9 p.m. showing of a Cagney and Lacey episode high-

lighting the problems of domestic violence.

A bean dinner to aid Donna Bechtel will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday Oct. 15 at MetroChurch, 4500 E. 2nd, Edmond. Tickets are \$3 from Herland's or Margaret Cox at 528-0400.

A Plea for Help - If you would like to help us with these or other projects with your time or money, or for more information, call 528-0400.



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I wish to join NOW and commit myself to take action to bring women into full participation in the mainstream of American society now, exercising full rights and responsibilities in partnership with men.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 AREA CODE/TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

To be completed by Chapter Treasurer only:

CHAPTER NUMBER	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	STATE MEMBER (Y=Yes)	<input type="checkbox"/>	TOTAL NATIONAL DUES ACCOMPANYING THIS FORM	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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NATIONAL DUES \$35 Regular Dues STATE DUES \$ 2.50  
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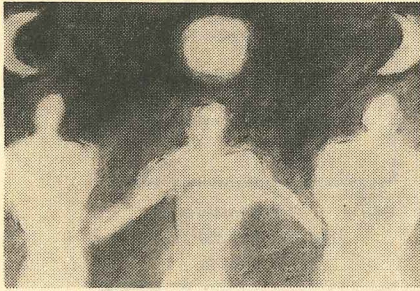
Mail to the chapter or state address below.  
 If none, mail to: NOW, BOX 7813, Washington, D.C. 20044

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 P.O. BOX 21538  
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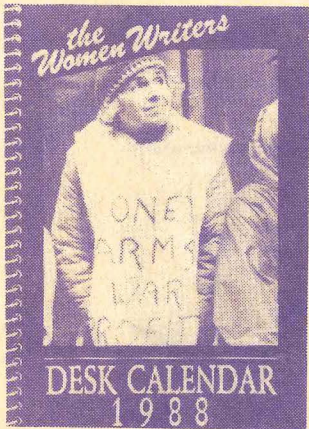
**LESBIAN LOVE SIGNS**

An Astrological Guide to Women Loving Women  
 by Aurora of Santa Cruz  
 131 pp. \$9.95

**DREAMS AND SHADOWS:**

*A Journal*  
 Illustrated by *Sudie Rakusin*  
 50 drawings depict variations on dreams and shadows, leaving room for our journal notes as well. 224 8x11 pp. \$17.95

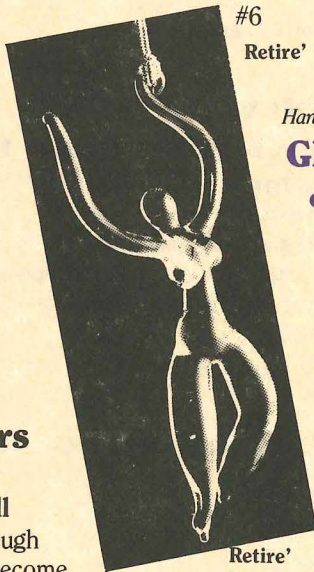
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**1988 Women Writers Desk Calendar**

Edited by Elaine Goldman Gill  
 An educational experience, through stories, quotes and photos we become familiar with Isak Denesen, Margaret Mead, Joan Didion and others as we keep track of our busy year ahead.  
 Illustrated, \$7.95



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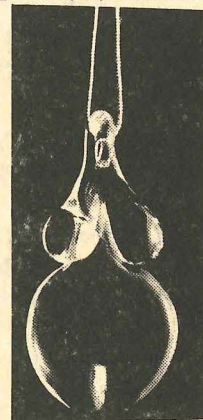
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by *Cyd*  
**Venus II Pendant**  
 \$7.00



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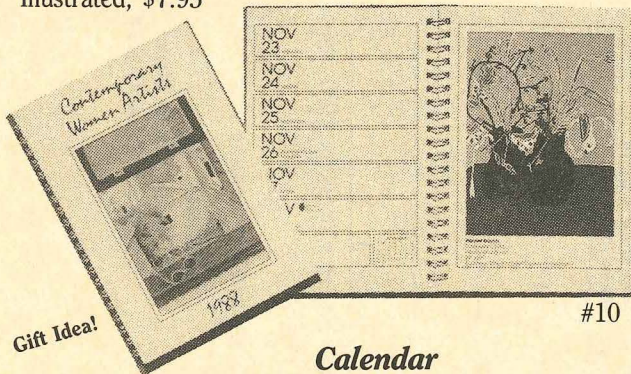
Retire'  
 Ornament  
 \$18.00



#8  
**Venus II Pendant Ornament**  
 \$12.00

(Specify Black, Cobalt Blue or Clear.  
 Specify French or kidney wires on earrings orders)

**Venus I Earrings**  
 Pair: \$18.00 #9



#10

**CONTEMPORARY WOMEN ARTISTS** Calendar  
 Features 35 works by today's best known women artists. \$7.95



#11

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Physical and emotional aspects of women loving other women are covered in this second revised edition. Learn more about the how, when and where of sexual pleasure between lovers.

55pp., Illustrated  
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# New Column!

Dear Readers,

My name is Ima. It is my pleasure to announce an addition to the HSR Newsletter: My column entitled Just Ask Ima. I hope to create an enjoyable reading experience for all.

I will be including categories such as: Advice to the Lovelorn, Ima's Personals, and Helpful Hints, to name a few.

Do you have a question that you wouldn't even ask your therapist? Would you like to let that special or not-so-special person know you are thinking of them? How about that new recipe that you were dying to make for the last potluck, but just couldn't find the time? Send it in. Someone else might bring your special dish to the next potluck. Thereby giving you the opportunity to finally taste it.

Send your questions, messages, helpful hints, recipes or anything else that tickles your fancy to: Just Ask Ima, c/o Herland Sister Resources, 1630 NW 19, OKC, OK 73106.

Friends, this column is for you to have fun with. I hope to hear from you soon. I will do my best to answer as many letters as possible.

Sincerely,  
Ima Dyque

P.S. Please include only first names or initials for personals/messages.

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## JUST ASK IMA

Dear Ima,

For the last few week-ends, I've been hanging out at a local dyke hot-spot. See, there's this really cute waitress working there, and I'd like to ask her out. The problem is that I'm really shy, and I don't know how to get her to even notice me. Any suggestions?

Desperate at D.J.'s

Dear Desperate,

Get over the shy bit. I can't think of one good reason why anyone should be shy. There are many ways to overcome this widespread problem. The most effective way I know of is to simply pretend you are not shy.

First of all, before you approach her, say this to yourself one hundred times: "The worst that she can say is 'no'. If she does, it will be her loss!". This will prepare you for any rejection that may occur.

If by some chance she does say "no", have her watch you while you tie a knot in a cherry stem with your tongue. (you should practice this for at least three hours a day for five days prior to attempting it in public.) This should impress the waitress beyond belief. Ask her out again. If she still says "no", repeat the cherry stem trick over and over and over again. Keep in mind that the more you do this trick, the faster you will get.

Before you know it, you will have gained so much attention from other women that you will forget all about your 'cute waitress'. She should have said "yes" when she had the chance.

Go For It!

Ima

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## IMA'S PERSONALS

- \* To the cute waitress at D.J.'s: You'd better be nice to Ms. Desperate. Sounds like she could be quite a woman.
- \* Rumor has it that someone is going to try organizing a Gay & Lesbian marching band. It's time to get out those old instruments and polish them up. No details yet, but watch this space and Ima will let you know how to get involved.

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It is not popular or easy to do organizing for social change. In fact, there seems an organized effort to discredit it. Instead of lasting social change, our society seeks efforts of charity to help individuals that suffer. We appease our consciences by paying \$10 and holding hands for 30 minutes across America to raise money to feed the hungry -- and we do not eliminate one single cause of hunger or poverty. We play \$15 and go to a concert for farmers or the homeless -- and we do not change anything except a few individual circumstances. And we can then go back to our comfortable homes and feel righteous in our effort to help those who experience hardship. These efforts are on the level of Christmas baskets for the poor. They make a few people feel better for a day or two but they do not change the conditions that produce the poverty or discrimination or violence.

When we give woman after woman individual counseling, we help her learn to cope with or improve her own circumstances, but we do not change the causes of violence in our society. In this battered women's movement that includes heterosexuals, lesbians, women of color, old and young women, we must renew our commitment to change the society that creates and supports violence in our lives.

-Suzanne Pharr

Reprinted from NCADV VOICE



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## Local News

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### PIECEWORK BEGINS SECOND YEAR

OKLAHOMA CITY - With the publication of Piecework #5, a magazine of poetry by women, Red Dirt Press marks the quarterly journal's second year. This issue features poet Jane Marie Leucke, professor of English at Oklahoma State University, and a wide variety of new poets from across the state.

Red Dirt Press' annual Halloween Bash will celebrate the upcoming issue and provide an opportunity to meet the authors. Come costumed Saturday, October 31, at the witching hour of 8:00 o'clock, to 2544 NW 25th Street, OKC. Receive a copy of the magazine hot off the press, and an evening of merrymaking and conjuring. Your \$10 admission furthers the written record of Oklahoma women's lives through the efforts of the press.

For information, call 525-6000 or 946-5395, or write Red Dirt Press, Inc., P.O. Box 60693, Oklahoma City, OK 73146.

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### NATIONAL DAY OF UNITY OBSERVED

OKLAHOMA CITY - On Monday, October 5, 1987, National Day of Unity Against Domestic Violence will be observed at 6:30 PM at the McFarland YWCA, 1701 Martin Luther King Blvd. This event will launch Domestic Violence Awareness Month when, across the country, former battered women, shelters, and supporters draw attention to the reality of violence in the home and to the work that is being done to end violence against women.

State Representative Linda Larasen and former battered woman Donna Bechtel will headline the event. The Mabel Bassett Correctional Center Women's Resource Group will begin a speak-out and the Mabel Bassett Drama Group will perform. Oklahoma City songwriter Peggy Johnson will entertain and a candlelight ceremony will be held to remember women who have suffered from domestic violence and to celebrate those who have survived and made new lives for themselves.

The YWCA Crisis Intervention Services, Passage Way Women's Shelter is sponsoring this event, along with a town meeting later in the month. Call 232-7681 for additional information.

Press Release --- YWCA

OOPS!

August's issue of HSR Newsletter carried an article titled "Smarter Than We Thought?", which discussed research that showed more women were turning to women and away from men for sex, because of fear of AIDS. Due to the article's unusual content, there were a number of comments made by various Newsletter readers that indicated they believed this "news" to be a bit far-fetched. And, indeed, it was. Lesbian Connection, our source for this article, admitted in their September/October 1987, issue that this information was just a little practical joke originating with May's issue of Off Our Backs. Apparently, LC's editor failed to notice the author's name beneath the OOB article: A. Prilfool! A little untimely, perhaps; Nevertheless, a smashing success!

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### LESBIAN POLITICAL CAUCUS ANNOUNCES MEETING

The Oklahoma Women's Political Caucus exists to increase women's participation in the political process, to increase the number of feminist women in elected and appointed positions, to win equality for women and to support candidates who support OKWPC goals. OKWPC is dedicated to the eradication of sexism, racism, anti-semitism, ageism, violence, poverty, discrimination against the disabled and discrimination on the basis of religion, and to ensuring reproductive freedom and freedom of sexual orientation.

To meet one of their goals, the OKWPC is forming a Lesbian Caucus. The Lesbian Caucus is acknowledged by the OKWPC as an affirmative action caucus, and will be represented on the state steering committee to ensure that all women are represented.

OKWPC invites all interested women to attend the Lesbian Caucus meeting on November 15, 2 PM at Herland Bookstore.

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### EXPRESSIONS

Heartfelt condolences go out from the Herland Collective to Laura whose mother died unexpectedly on September 12th, and to Kathy whose 3-year-old niece died recently in an automobile accident.

Our thoughts are with you.



RETREAT WEEKEND RAPIDLY APPROACHING

Before we know it that semiannual gathering that so many of us anxiously await will be upon us. Have you mailed in your registration, yet?

Herland's retreats are for all wimmin. Those of you who have not yet partaken of this enjoyment are encouraged to join us at our Fall Retreat.

October 23, 24, and 25 are the dates to set aside to leave all your worries behind and take to the hills for some outstanding R & R at Robbers Cave State Park. Along about 4 pm Friday, October 23, wimmin from Oklahoma and surrounding states will begin arriving at the Park, nestled in the Sansbois Mountains of eastern Oklahoma, for a weekend filled with a variety of events and entertainment.

Whether you come for the workshops (education), the Open Mic (performing), the Pot Luck Dinner (fabulous food), the wonderful music of Nancy Day (extraordinary entertainment), the campfire sing-alongs (burned marshmallows), the chance to meet new folks (opportunity!), the elation of community (sisterhood), the games (exercise), the camping (bunkbeds & slumber parties), the swimming/boating/fishing (water sports), the hiking/horseback riding (more exercise), the Cave (Oklahoma history), the Park (the great outdoors), or the scenic drive (see Oklahoma first), we are certain of one thing....you will enjoy the weekend.

Bring with you: food and beverages (except tea and coffee) for yourself, your special dish for Saturday's Pot Luck Dinner, toiletries, a flashlight, sleeping bag, and pillow. Plus any extra goodies you wish to bring like sporting equipment, musical instruments, games, etc.

Herland would like to thank those of you who have already volunteered to help out with various retreat duties. Your assistance at the retreat is very much appreciated. Anyone else who would like to be a part of this essential and much appreciated group of wimmin may call Laura at 672-4141.

Pre-registration is \$17-20, based upon your ability to pay. On-site registration will be \$25. Persons wishing to attend the concert only, may pay \$5 at the door on Saturday evening. Scholarships are available for those with financial need. Please, let us know if the cost would prevent you from coming to the Retreat, and we will work something out with you.

See you there!

FALL RETREAT FOR WOMEN

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\_\_\_\_\_ I can provide \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to provide a scholarship

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like a scholarship

Deadline for pre-registration is Oct. 18, 1987. Pre-registration is \$17-20; Please pay in this range based on your ability. Upon receipt of your registration form, a map to the campsite and a reminder of what to bring with you will be mailed to you.

Deadline for pre-registration is Oct. 18, 1987. Mail this completed form and your check to:

Herland Sister Resources  
c/o Laura, Camp Director  
4924 S. Kathy Drive  
Oklahoma City, OK 73135

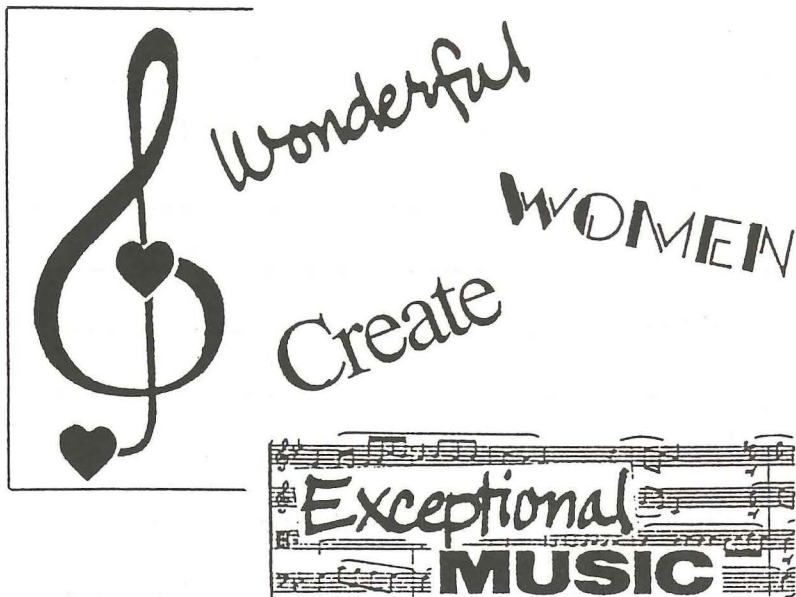
For further info call (405) 672-4141

We encourage the exchange of information, personal opinions on issues of concern to the Oklahoma wimmin's community, and your stories and experiences.

The editor reserves the right to edit and condense letters according to space limitations. Letters should be typed, double-spaced and signed by the author(s). Include your address and phone number. If you wish to be published anonymously, so indicate, but include your name, etc., for our information, in case the editor has questions.

Mail or deliver your letters to HSR, Inc., 1630 NW 19, Oklahoma City, OK 73106. Deadline is the 15th of each month.





Halloween Dance...

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## 1987 Fall Peace Fest

**Union Hall**

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**Friday Evening, Nov. 13, 7:30 - 9:30 PM**

Music and Comedy by Okla. City's Finest. \$5/person

**Saturday, Nov. 14, 10 AM - 5PM**

Festival to Celebrate and Nurture Life on Earth  
Booths and information Tables - Entertainment -  
Children's Activities - Workshops - Clowns - Foods -  
Handicrafts - Drama - Jugglers - Dance - Balloons -  
(Booth space still available for your group - call 524-5577)

**Saturday, Nov. 14, 8PM - Midnight**

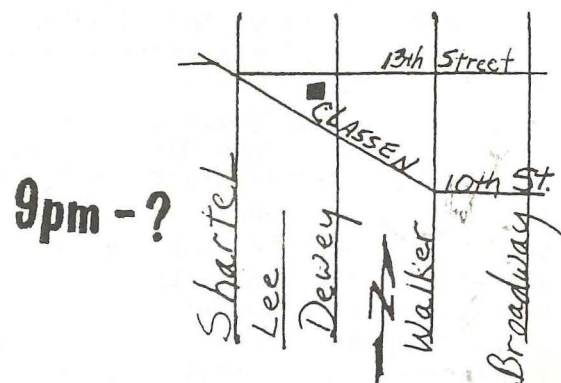
"Give Peace A Dance" - \$5/person

Sponsored by the Benedictine Peace House and Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, Central Oklahoma Action Unit. For more information: 524-5577



1st unitarian church  
13th & dewey

**OKLAHOMA CITY**



LET'S DANCE !!!

If you have yet to attend a dynamic evening of fun, dancing and wonderful music, then WAIT NO LONGER!!

Rainbow Productions will present another evening of great entertainment on Friday, October 30th, from 9 pm - ? at 600 NW 13th (13th and Dewey) at the 1st Unitarian Church. You'll find a place to be with friends, meet new wimmin and have a relaxing evening dancing to some hot music or just sitting back and taking it all in-- perhaps even some intimate conversations.

It's Halloween time, so dress as your favorite character! Prizes will be given for Most Original Costume, Best Dressed Couple, Wild and Craziest Outfit, Best Makeup Job and Most Bizarre and Scary Costume.

Whatever your pleasure, October 30 will be the night to "come on out" and have a good time at "the Dance". Ask someone who's been there; or if they haven't, bring them along with you for a great night on the town. We'll be looking for you.



# classified advertising

FOR SALE - Single adult membership to the Athletic Club at Memorial and Western. Pool, Nautalis equipment, indoor tracks, classes in aerobics, martial arts, scuba diving; exercise rooms. \$125 value - asking \$85. For more information call Nancy at 525-5691.

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### HERLAND IS ...

A non-profit corporation composed of a collective of wimmin - open to any womyn who wants to be a part of it - which works to maintain a feminist library and bookstore, sponsors workshops, retreats, concerts and other events for YOU. Herland's reason for being is to provide a framework for a variety of projects for the support and enjoyment of the area wimmin's community. It is a place to learn and grow, to meet other wimmin, develop lasting friendships, receive support and nurture the positive self-image that societal attitudes sometimes make illusive to us. Herland exists to serve YOU.

Your donations are used to pay the rent and utilities on the Bookstore building, and printing and postage for the monthly HSR Newsletter and Friend of Herland cards.

With the exception of the Library, all of Herland's services are free, including the Newsletter. This is why your donation is so important: It is Herland's lifeblood.

Now, moving to a safer building has become a necessity (see story page 1). Please ... your donation today ensures a Herland for tomorrow.

YES! I want to be a Friend of Herland. My minimum donation of \$12 allows me use of the Herland Library and a 10% discount on store purchases over the next 12 months.

\_\_\_ \$12      \_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

YES! I want to help Herland with a donation to the New Building Fund.

\_\_\_ \$15      \_\_\_ \$20      \_\_\_ \$25  
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I would like to volunteer to work at the Bookstore.

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