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FATAL CONSEQUENCES

by Sondra Metzger

It all began with a verbal argument. It became a physical argument. There was a gun. Then, death.

On the morning of October 1, Ruby Todd died from a .22 caliber bullet that entered her shoulder, bounced off her shoulder blade and went into her heart. Ruby Todd was 32 years old.

I didn't know Ruby Todd. She attended the Fall Retreat at Lake Wister, but I don't remember ever meeting her. But, she was there, and she was a part of this community, for which she might or might not have paid a fatal price.

I'm not sure now, as I look back on the days following her death, what angered me more: her death, or the fact that a 16-year-old was on the streets at 2 a.m. with a gun. I believe I've heard all the rumors and stories that have made their way through the community. The daily paper gave literally no information, suprisingly, since they seem to take great pride in blaming the gay community for incidents near the Strip. Someone has talked to someone else who's talked to someone else, and all we still have are stories. The only one who really knows what happened that night is Ruby Todd. And a kid with a gun.

Councilman Mark Schwartz and the OKC Police Department have provided sketchy information. This is because the shooting is considered an ongoing investigation and will be until the teenager is tried. Until then, the police can only release just so much information.

However, according to the official investigation report, Ruby argued with the teenager before the shooting. Somewhere along the way, the argument turned into a fist fight. She left and came back with some friends. While

she sat in a car, he was in a car that drove past the car she was in. He fired the gun at the car. You know the rest of the story.

The teenager has been charged with second degree murder because he fired at the car she was in and not directly at her. The pistol he used was reported stolen the day before. The police are not regarding this as a hate crime. In fact, the lieutenant I spoke to was not aware of Ruby's choice of lifestyles. He said it was never considered and never entered into the investigation.

It's not my place to sit here in judgment of anyone: Ruby, the teenager, the police. It's my place to inform you. You have just been informed of what I know from official sources, not from hearsay.

But, I would like to remind all of you of the phrase "passive restraint" when going to the Strip. We need to remind ourselves that we are supposed to be responsible adults. We are supposed to maintain control over ourselves. We are also supposed to know what the consequences could be in certain situations. Wherever she is now, Ruby knows.

There are a lot of things to be said about this incident. Something could be said about gun control, about parents letting their kids hang out on the streets at 2 a.m., about the police not patrolling known problem areas, about too much alcohol and lack of better judgment.

No matter what is said, we can't bring back Ruby Todd. We can do something about some of the items in the above paragraph. If you don't want her death to be in vain, then pick one and work towards making a change in that area.

I'm sure you've heard the phrase "ignorance is bliss." Ignoring those who have made it their life's ambition to harass people who patronize the bars on the Strip is more blissful than the pain of death, for the pain of death strikes more

than one individual. It hits us all. ■

(The above editorial is solely the opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of the board of Herland Sister Resources. Anyone wishing to comment on the article or the incident itself may do so by writing to: The Herland Voice, 2312 N.W. 39th St., OKC, OK 73112.

WOMAN IN TULSA SUES AIRLINES

In March 1984, Lillian Graham joined an aircraft overhaul crew working on DC-10s. She had been a mechanic with American Airlines for 16 years. The move made her the only woman mechanic actually working on the company's planes out of 8,000 mechanics. Approximately 24 other women mechanics were employed by American during the same time, but all in the less-prestigious components shops, away from plane maintenance.

When she reported to her new supervisor, Carl Johnson, Johnson stated for all to hear, "She is not going to work on my crew." On October 31, 1985, Graham was fired from American Airlines for "insubordination, loafing on the job, and failure to cooperate with other employees."

Graham's lawyer contends a plan was put into action to remove her from the crew and from American's employment by stacking infractions against her, trying to make an example of her to other women mechanics whose ambitions might lead them to consider aircraft overhaul. The union did not stand behind her with a firm stance, her allegations of discrimination because of sex falling on deaf ears. During arbitration hearings, the issue was sidestepped and not allowed on record when they merely mentioned that she may have been treated "unjustly."

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HSR — CALENDAR OF EVENTS — NOVEMBER

- Nov. 4** - Garage Sale, 2024 NW 20th, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Nov. 5** - Garage Sale, 2024 NW 20th, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Nov. 5** - Metro OKC NOW sign-painting party, Resource Center, 2 p.m.
- Nov. 8** - Meeting of OSU gay & lesbian student organization at OSU, Home Economics West, Room 230, 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 9** - Incest Survivors Anonymous - A 12-step recovery program (womyn's group). 7:30 - 9 p.m. Will meet every Thursday.
- Nov. 10** - Friday Night Video, "Lesbian Tongues," Resource Center, 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 11** - Fall Peace Fest, First Christian Church, NW 36th & Walker, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Nov. 11** - Fall Peace Fest Concert, First Christian Church, NW 36th & Walker; Larry Long & Mary Reynolds, with Peggy Johnson opening. \$5 admission, 8 p.m.
- Nov. 12** - Campaign for Choice rally, south steps of state capitol, 2 p.m.
- Nov. 14** - Oklahoma Gay/Lesbian Political Caucus meeting, 1133 NW 32, 7 p.m.
- Nov. 15** - Deadline for submissions to newsletter.
- Nov. 16** - Incest Survivors Anonymous 12-step meeting (womyn's group), 7:30 - 9 p.m.
- Nov. 17** - Oklahoma NOW State Council Meeting, Martin East Regional Library, 2601 S. Garnett Rd., Tulsa, noon.
- Nov. 19** - HSR board meeting, Resource Center, 4:30 p.m.
- Nov. 23** - Incest Survivors Anonymous 12-step meeting (womyn's group), 7:30 - 9 p.m.
- Nov. 24** - Friday Night Video, "The Life and Times of Harvey Milk," Resource Center, 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 29** - Meeting of OSU gay & lesbian student organization at OSU, Home Economics West, Room 230, 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 30** - Incest Survivors Anonymous 12-step meeting (womyn's group), 7:30 - 9 p.m.

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After exhausting the company/union arbitration process, Graham filed a Title VII discrimination suit in May 1986. One frustration after another produced a succession of lawyers. Records requested from American Airlines were never delivered. These records were needed to ensure a jury trial. Without the records, her case was heard on a non-jury basis. When final judgment was handed down on August 10, 1989 by H. Dale Cook, Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma, he found in favor of American Airlines. With 30 days to appeal the decision with the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver, Graham has exhausted her resources. Although she had another job at a fraction of the pay she was getting at American, she was not able to keep up payments on her home and eventually lost it along with her credit rating.

Rhonda Ferguson, Coordinator for Tulsa NOW, contacted others to get half of the approximate \$4100 necessary to file the appeal, which was filed September 11, 1989. Her case is on the docket for March 1990, when she will need to have the other half of the filing fee.

If you would like to help Lillian Graham, send contributions made payable to Tulsa NOW (noting the contribution is for Lillian Graham), to: Tulsa NOW, P.O. Box 471902, Tulsa, OK 47147-1902. Donations are not tax-deductible. ■



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NATIONAL BRIEFS

The new code of ethics for judges will include a ban against discrimination based on sexual orientation if the National Gay and Lesbian Law Association has its way.

Last February the American Bar Association passed a resolution supporting legislation prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment, housing, and public accommodations. Now, the ABA is revising the Model Code of Judicial Conduct which serves as ethical guidance for judges throughout the country. The draft revised code prohibits bias based on race, sex, religion, and national origin, but fails to mention sexual orientation.

Remarks by several judges during trials involving homosexuals have implied that gay people are fair game. If the Code of Judicial Conduct is revised to include a ban against judicial discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, judges will be accountable and may think twice before they fail to provide equal justice under the law. For more information, you can contact Suzanne Bryant at (202) 234-0342.....

Health and Human Services Secretary Louis Sullivan, M.D., announced the establishment of 18 AIDS treatment research programs based in the communities where people with AIDS live and receive their medical care.

The new Community Programs for Clinical Research on AIDS, which will receive a total of \$9 million from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, will enlist many community-based physicians and their patients in studies of AIDS drugs. The programs will be located in: Brooklyn, New York, the Bronx, Atlanta, Chicago, Newark, Detroit, Dover (Del), New Haven (CT), New Orleans, Phoenix, Denver, Portland (Ore), Richmond (VA), San Francisco, and Washington, D.C. For more information, contact Elaine Baldwin, at (301) 496-5717.....

A National Lesbian Conference moved one step closer to becoming a reality when more than 160 lesbians gathered at Portland State University July 21 - 23 for a second planning meeting. The three-day session resulted in an interim task committee that will begin the work necessary to make the conference a reality for all lesbians in this country. The task force will manage daily tasks and operations until the

full steering committee takes over in January 1990. A third national meeting is scheduled for April 27 - 29, 1990, in Kansas City, Missouri.

The conference is scheduled for April 24 - 28, 1991 in Atlanta, GA. Conference planners expect more than 5,000 lesbians to converge on Atlanta for workshops and other related events such as a business and trade exposition or a national lesbian softball tournament. Interested lesbians may write to the NLC at P.O. Box 3057, Albany, N.Y., 12203 or call (518) 463-1051 for more information about the conference and regional or constituency contacts (please enclose a SASE). Coordinators are planning to relocate the office in Atlanta this spring.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's (NGLTF) Creating Change Conference will be held on November 10 - 12 at the Bethesda Holiday Inn outside Washington, D.C.

For more information, call (202) 332-6483.....


Tim McFeeley, Executive Directory of the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) announced that Gregory J. King, a former Congressional aide and a Washington-based political consultant, has been appointed as Communications Director at HRCF.....

BLK Publishing Company has announced plans to publish a quarterly poetry journal to be called *Kuumba*. The initial release will be in the first quarter of 1990. *Kuumba* is dedicated to the celebration of the lives and experiences of black gay men and lesbians.

Kuumba is a Swahili word meaning "creativity" and is one of the Nguyo Saba (Seven Principles) which governs African communities.

Submissions of poetry on all subjects reflecting the experience of black gay men and lesbians are being sought. Among the experiences are: coming out, interactions with family, interactions with our communities, oral histories, AIDS, and intimate relationships. Preference is given to previously unpublished authors. All submissions should be accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Send submissions to: Editor, *Kuumba*, Box 83912, Los Angeles, CA 90083-0912. Call 213-410-0808 for more information. ■

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BATTLING TO SERVE IN MILITARY

When Miriam Ben-Shalom finished training in 1975 as one of the first two women drill sergeants in the Army Reserve's 84th Division, her graduation attracted Milwaukee reporters. Her answer to one of their questions changed her life, and potentially the military as well:

How did it feel to be an openly gay woman in the armed forces?

Ben-Shalom, divorced and raising a daughter, had been a lesbian activist for four years. But she had answered "no" to an enlistment questionnaire asking if she practiced homosexuality.

"I wasn't practicing," she jokes now. "I knew how to do it."

She had wanted the extra pay, the medical benefits and the life insurance as well as the discipline, self-respect and independence she knew the Army could instill. Suddenly all that was in jeopardy.

"But a good NCO is supposed to tell the truth, so I did," Ben-Shalom remembers, her voice forceful and proud. "I told (reporters) I didn't see any problem."

Since then, the Pentagon has spent, by her account, \$3 million trying to oust Ben-Shalom. The effort is part of a military campaign that gay activists say costs taxpayers millions of dollars every year and has intensified during the 1980s, particularly against women.

Ben-Shalom fought back in court and is the only openly gay soldier to be reinstated to her job. Her landmark case is among several that have made the U.S. military a key legal battleground for gays.

According to the Defense Department, about 20,000 soldiers and sailors have been "separated" since 1973 because they are gay. Pentagon policy says their gayness impairs the military's ability to "foster mutual trust and confidence among the members," and to maintain "discipline, good order and morale" and "the public acceptability of military service."

Few legal observers think gays will soon sway the Supreme Court's conservative majority, but the effort is seen as crucial to the movement's civil rights agenda.

"The military is the most intransigently and virulently homophobic institution in the country," says Sue Hyde of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force in Washington, D.C. "It is the only legal jurisdiction in which gay people are routinely hunted down . . ."

If gay men and lesbians prevail, it will be because plaintiffs like Ben-Shalom are exemplary soldiers. Often their biggest boosters are the very co-workers whose morale and trust their presence is supposed to threaten.

That does not surprise Joe Steffan, who was in the top 10 in his class at the U.S. Naval Academy and two months shy of graduation when he was forced to resign in 1987 after telling close friends he thought he was gay.

"So many gays are driven to prove to themselves they aren't second-class citizens and are driven to serve," he says. Last year Steffan, now living in Minnesota, became the first gay to sue a military academy. His case is pending.

Asks Chuck Schoen, 64, dishonorably discharged in 1963 after 19 years in the Navy, one year short of his pension: "If 200,000 gay people are serving now and they're not upsetting the balance, what's the sense of trying to find out who they are and firing them?"

Responds Maj. David Super, a Pentagon spokesman: "Duty performance of an individual is not the sole determinant of what makes a good service member."

The policy is expensive. The U.S. comptroller-general estimates it now costs a minimum of \$15,000 to train and discharge the lowest grade of soldier. A conservative estimate is that the government has spent \$250 million in the last 16 years training and then ousting gays and lesbians, not counting the cost of training officers like Steffan.

Adding legal fees, the cost of investigations and finding and training replacements boosts the costs far higher.

The targeted soldiers pay a high price, too. Ben-Shalom, a Milwaukee schoolteacher when she is not on reserve duty, has had to sell everything but her clothes and books to finance her 14-year fight. She lost custody of her daughter during the leanest years, and the case has taken a huge toll on her personal relationships. She dreams of a future lover, a garden, a house and a used car that works.

Perry Watkins, 40, of Tacoma, Wash., calls the Pentagon's policy toward gays "crazy."

He should know. He told Army officials in 1967. During the Vietnam War, that he was gay. He was drafted anyway. Twice he unsuccessfully sought discharge, once after five soldiers beat him up.

After choosing an Army career, he was repeatedly investigated and allowed to re-

enlist. For 12 years he even did a drag act at gay clubs. If he had an early show, his military bosses would let him dress up during lunch and then work in women's clothing the rest of his shift.

But he was forced out in 1984—after he sued the Army for denying him a higher security clearance. Appellate courts have twice ordered his reinstatement, but the Army has yet to comply.

His story, though unusual, highlights the military's inconsistent application of anti-gay rules. Enforcement varies from year to year, from peacetime to war, from Army to Navy to Air Force to Marines and even from soldier to soldier.

Sometimes, expediency prevails. During World War II and the Korean War, many gays were tolerated. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower said he wouldn't force out lesbians because he'd lose all his best WACs.

During the postwar McCarthy era, "witch hunts" of gays became common, but by the 1960s, because of Vietnam and the gay rights movement, official attitudes changed again. By 1978 the Navy allowed honorable discharges for gays with good service records.

A notable example of dual policy came in 1981, when the rules were revised to target people with a "homosexual orientation"—those who have engaged in, solicited or attempted "homosexual acts" or who have said they are gay or bisexual.

Under these rules, celibate soldiers can be kicked out. "There's no way to verify that [celibacy]," says Marine spokesman Ron Stokes. "It's based on your statement."

But the same policy allows for retaining soldiers who actually engage in gay sex if they can show that such conduct "is a departure from . . . usual and customary behavior," is unaccompanied by force, is undesired and unlikely to recur and that their "continued presence in the service is consistent with the interest . . . in proper good order and morale."

Gay activists say that women have it even worse.

Women make up about 10 percent of the armed forces, but they make up 25% to 33% of those discharged for homosexuality, Pentagon data show. The Marine Corps ousted about eight times as many suspected lesbians as gay men in 1987.

"They live in a hostile environment in which they're unwelcome and subject to a kind of scrutiny that male Marines are never subject to," says the Task Force's Hyde. "Once the word is out and the

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rumor mill says a woman is lesbian, she can kiss her career goodbye. She is either investigated by the Naval Intelligence Service or the people at work will freeze her out because they don't want to be associated with her."

In one recent Marine probe of dozens of women, 11 were discharged and three were jailed.

Those kicked out included Judy Meade, a well-regarded military policewoman accused of "conduct unbecoming to an officer" and failing to tell officials that her best friend was gay; and Mary Kyle, a married sergeant named "Marine of the Month" for six months running.

"I thank God every day that I'm a male Marine . . . and I say that because of what I know to be the reality in the Marine Corps," Capt. Guy Richardson testified in Kyle's hearing, according to a transcript quoted in *Progressive* magazine. "If a woman is a little too friendly, she's a slut. If she doesn't smile at all, she's a dyke."

Lt. Col. Fred Peck, a Marine spokesman, denies women are a special target. ■

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ED. NOTE: At the time this article was written, Miriam Ben-Shalom had been reinstated. Since then, the court has reversed its decision. Capt. Judy Meade, USMC, was reinstated after a review board determined the evidence against her was "insufficient to justify an involuntary separation from the Marine Corps." We do not at this time have information regarding other court cases mentioned within this article.

SPOTLIGHT ON: MARY REYNOLDS

One of the few entertainers in our area who puts everything she has into her music is Mary Reynolds. Mary has contributed her gift of song time and time again for causes and organizations such as Peace Fest, Herland, and the Winds tape.

"I feel like I've been given gifts to make a better place for us," she said. "If I was going to do things for my own gratification, I'd do things a lot differently. I'd make money. But I want to help people with my music and I want to make it accessible. I want to separate my music from a profit motive. I seem to have done that well, since I'm broke."

Herland has benefited time and again from Mary's presence in our area,

thanks, in part, to her sister. Mary was born in Fort Meade, MD, but moved to Oklahoma with her family because her sister wanted to go to college here.

Mary could sing before she could talk. Her family remembers her actually singing for the first time when she was 18 months old. But it took her until the ripe old age of 10 to talk her parents into getting her a guitar. Her favorite music is folk and traditional music. She considers her theme song to be "Don't Fence Me in."

Crediting a great voice teacher who was always there for her, Mary's decision to go into music was influenced by a Joni Mitchell concert in 1975, while a Willie Nelson album sparked her interest in traditional music.

"There are a lot of people who have helped me personally and some who have inspired me," she said. "But the Joni Mitchell concert was something that really made me want to perform. Up to that point, I wasn't sure it was what I wanted to do. Then, Willie Nelson sang some of Bob Wills' traditional music on his 'Redheaded Stranger' album. But, the biggest influence was Louis Armstrong."

Mary plays a variety of instruments. Her favorite is the saxophone, but she also plays guitar, electric bass, and the fiddle. Another favorite "instrument" is her voice. At present, she is considering recording an album in the distant future with a country flavor but with some rhythm and blues and traditional music.

Mary enjoys performing solo, but she also enjoys being part of a band. While part of the Sisters of Swing, Mary wrote all the arrangements for the group.

"There's something about a band that I like," she said. "When you're a solo performer, you have a lot more pressure on you. As part of a band, the pressure is different, and I've found that I just have a knack for bands."

In case you're wondering where the Sisters of Swing are, they are on hiatus. I guess opening for the Shartels one too many times took its toll.

"Opening for the Shartels is demeaning and low," Mary said. "Our integrity is compromised in the worst way. Although we did show them up one time. We opened for them at the Second Fret in drag. Called ourselves the 'Fashion Risks.' The Sisters will be back and will be better than ever."

Mary occasionally gets on her "soapbox" and preaches to other solo performers that they haven't paid their dues until they've had something thrown at them, which happened to her twice. The first time was in Tulsa when the crowd threw things because they liked the music. The second time was on the streets of New York when they wanted her group to stop. An egg hit the sax player.

Mary recently became a member of Herland's board, taking over as chair of the program committee. She would like to see Herland's concert situation on firmer footing.

"I would like to see an independent budget for concerts," she said. "Mainly so we don't drain Herland's operating funds. Hopefully, we'll get to a point where concerts will make money for Herland."

Mary sees Herland as a growing entity. A lot of what Herland means to her is what it means to people she has a lot of respect for, like Barbara Cleveland.

"Herland is real important to Barbara," she said. "I agree with her, and because I care about her (Barbara), I want to help as much as I can. A lot of people have worked hard to keep Herland going."

Like all performers, Mary has some good advice for aspiring performers: "You need to do your homework. Everybody in the world in a few years is going to expect to be on MTV. We're getting to where everybody wants to play guitar and be a star. The amazing thing is, they don't want to do it for their own satisfaction. If you think you're going to do it, you need to find out something about music and something about business. Unless you're extremely fortunate, it's going to be a long, slow haul. You never stop paying your dues." ■



Chatterbox

by Sondra Metzger

Welcome to Robin P. who became a board member at the last board meeting . . .

if anyone is interested in organizing a consciousness raising group, call Margaret at 528-0604. Please leave a message with your name, phone number, and the evening that would be best for you to attend . . .

if you haven't noticed in the Calendar for November on Page 2, Herland is donating space for an Incest Survivors Anonymous (ISA) 12-step *womyn's* group. The group will meet every Thursday from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. beginning Nov. 9 . . .

along those same lines, HSR now has a small stock of books on rape and incest. Stop by the store during the hours of operation and see what's available. In the future we are going to list all new titles and any other reading material in a separate column . . .

while we're talking about books, HSR has a used book bin. Books to be traded must be in resellable condition with no torn or missing pages or bindings. If you bring in two books, you can get another used book for free. If you wish to trade two of your books for a new book, you will receive a 15% discount on the purchase of a new book. Books must be feminist or lesbian oriented, with no more than three copies of the same title being traded in. Used paperbacks are \$3, hardbacks are \$5. . . .

the Oasis Community Center has changed its name. It is now Oasis Resource Center. They are restructuring to be a resource center for all gays and lesbians and are looking for *womyn* interested in serving on their board. . . .

let's talk about serving on boards and committees. If anyone out there would like to get involved with one of Herland's committees, we'd be more than happy to have you. You don't have to join the board to serve on a committee. Our committees do a variety of things. We have a Resource Center Committee, which is broken into two subcommittees: building and merchandise. The other committees are: fundraising, volunteer, programming, retreat, and newsletter. Anyone interested in joining any of these committees, call HSR at 521-9696 . . .

a reminder about our garage sale November 4 - 5. If you have anything you would like to donate, drop it off at the Resource Center during our hours of operation. If you need to have your donation picked up, call HSR at 521-9696 and we will arrange for it to be picked up. . . .

Pam T., coordinator of the Volunteer Committee, is looking for a few good *womyn* to volunteer a few hours of their time to staff the Resource Center. Shifts run from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. on Saturdays, and 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. on Sundays. She's willing to break the shifts up into two-hour shifts instead of four or five hours if that better suits your needs. Our problem is we do not have enough volunteers to keep your Resource Center open on weekends. If we don't have anyone to staff the center, it will be closed during that shift. We do not want the Resource Center closed! Across this country, from Berkeley, California to New York City, *womyn* are losing their bookstores and resource centers. Let's show the city folks how it's done. If you have a few hours to spare on weekends, give Pam a call at 631-3573 and leave a message. (P.S. It's *fun* to work the store!) . . .

the Oklahoma Gay/Lesbian Political Caucus has changed their meeting date and location. They now meet the second Tuesday of each month at 1133 N.W. 32nd. I believe the meetings start at 7 p.m. They are looking for politically aware *womyn* to join their organization. . . .

the HSR Fundraising Committee will meet the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. If you would like to attend a meeting, call HSR, 521-9696 for information on the location. . . .

there will be a newsletter for all women on the market beginning in January 1990 called *Outdoor Woman*. The newsletter will be for women who love the outdoors and will include articles by experts on equipment, networking opportunities, and how-to's. The newsletter will be published by and for women only, and will be \$30 for 10 issues. For more information or a subscription, write: Patricia Hubbard,

Outdoor Woman, P.O. Box 834, Nyack, NY 10960. . . .

if you're into cruising the high seas, Robin Tyler Productions is sponsoring a seven-night Thanksgiving cruise to the Mexican Riviera in 1990. The cruise will be from Nov. 17 to Nov. 24. Cost of the cruise ranges from \$795 - \$1595. A payment plan is set up, but a deposit of \$250 is required by Nov. 17, 1989. For more information, stop at the Resource Center and pick up an order form. . . .

the Fall Peace Fest will be held on Nov. 11 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church, NW 36th and Walker. Larry Long and Mary Reynolds will perform in concert at 8 p.m., with Peggy Johnson opening. Admission to the festival is free, but admission to the concert is \$5. The Peace Fest is comprised of 50 Oklahoma groups for peace, justice, human service, and environmental protection. Crafts, materials, clothing, food, workshops and entertainment are provided throughout the day, along with a Children's Corner. HSR will be there, sharing a table with Metro OKC NOW. . . .

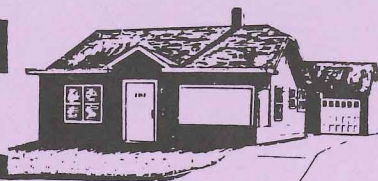
the Campaign for Choice rally will be held on the south steps of the state capitol on Nov. 12, at 2 p.m. NOW is anticipating this to be the largest rally in OKC history and is hoping to make it clear to the legislature that Oklahoma is pro-choice. To prepare for the rally, NOW has organized a sign painting party to be held on Nov. 5 at the Resource Center at 2 p.m. They will be painting signs and planning final strategy for the rally on the 12th. Campaign for Choice is also in need of volunteers to staff their phone bank, do data entry on computers and prepare mailings. To volunteer, call 842-3791 . . .

Sharon S. and Martha T. would like to start a lesbian mother's support group.

Sharon is a midwife, emergency medical technician, childbirth educator and lactation counselor. She is the mother of four, two girls and two boys, ranging in age from 7 to 16.

Martha is a security guard and emergency medical technician. She is the mother of a girl, age 13 and a boy, age 8.

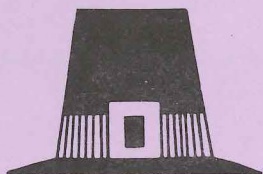
Sharon and Marty are homesteading on



a small acreage in Noble, raising their six children together. They would like to start a support group to discuss issues of raising children. Some topics they would like to discuss are "coming out to your child - when and where," "dealing with teenage sexuality," "raising boys in a lesbian household," "planning a child - what are the options" and much, much more.

If you are interested in attending, please call 872-9732 or write Rt. 1, Box 338-10, Noble, OK 73068....

our last entry comes from Volunteers for Animal Welfare. They are planning an anti-fur rally. VAW says the rally will either be Nov. 24 or 25, and will not release the location, although I have heard rumor it will be Penn Square Mall. This is supposed to be a "surprise attack" on those who still insist on selling and wearing animals who have suffered severe, brutal deaths just because their skin covering is a great comfort to someone's vanity. If you would like to be a part of this rally, call their office at 842-6772 after October 24, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. and maybe you'll have better luck than I did on getting the straight scoop. ■



ANNOUNCES

GARAGE SALE

Nov. 4, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Nov. 5, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., 2024 NW 20th. If you would like to donate items, please drop them off at the Resource Center, or call 521-9696 if the items need to be picked up.

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Starting Nov. 9, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. - Resource Center; meets every Thursday

FRIDAY NIGHT VIDEO

November 10, 7:30 p.m. - "Lesbian Tongues" Interviews with famous and not-so-famous lesbians

BOARD MEETING

November 19, 4:30 p.m. - Resource Center

FRIDAY NIGHT VIDEO

November 24, 7:30 p.m. - "The Life and Times of Harvey Milk"

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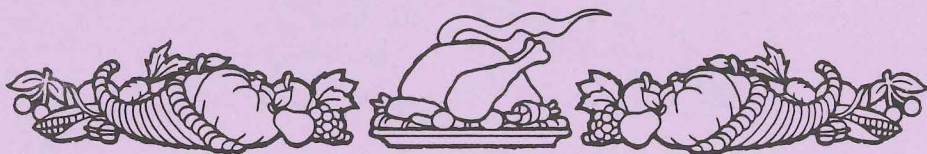
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Insurance	\$ 75
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TOTAL EXPENSES	\$638

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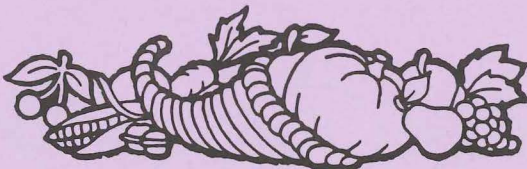
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