

# the HERLAND VOICE

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## TO THE EDITORS

I was both angered and saddened that a partially nude portrait was published in the November issue of the Herland Voice. I cherish my right to choose with whom, where and when I will view another person's private parts. That right is abruptly taken away when such a photo is published in a newsletter I subscribe to with no warning on the cover.

I understand that my sensitivity in this matter may not be popular or politically correct. Nevertheless, I think that it is important for those of us in the silent closeted minority to express our feelings appropriately and without shame, rather than just grumbling to ourselves in isolation.

Also, I would like to thank the courageous few hard-working women who continue to keep the bookstore and Voice a reality for us all to enjoy. My anger about the photo has jolted me into a much deeper awareness of how important this connection with the women's community really is for me. Therefore, I am making a commitment to myself and Herland to send in \$5.00 at the beginning of each month (more if I can, less if I can't) regardless of my circumstances. I can afford it. I do not want to be without a Voice.

Darkstar

## Druid's Song

Come,  
Rejoice!  
Crown the great oaks with mistletoe,  
And for my hair bring holly;  
My limbs entwined with ivy,  
and skyward flame the fire.



Fire to fire, returns the sun,  
I prophesy, I promise you.  
Come, fear not,  
And frolic joyfully,  
Celebrate the Solstice!



MOC  
Winter Solstice 1983

## CELESTIAL ADVICE

(The spirit of Sybil Ludington, Matron Saint of the Invisible Woman, contacted the "Voice" the other day. It seems that Sybil has been receiving many soul-felt appeals and ponderings from perplexed sisters here below; and she asked if we would give her a forum in which she could respond to some of them.

Sybil, as almost no one in the world knows, is a heroine of the American Revolution. Like Paul Revere, she rode her horse through the night to warn and gather the revolutionaries to fight the British. Her ride was two years later than Revere's; it was about five times longer; she completed her ride though it took all night, while he was captured after about ten miles. Sybil was 16 years old when she made her not-so-famous ride on her horse Star. Listen my Children, and you shall hear, of the Midnight Ride of Sybil Ludington...

Anyway, of course we told Sybil we would be delighted to afford her a forum, and herewith is her first column):

Dear Saint Sybil:

*During all of the election hype recently I heard a lot about Right to Work, but I don't really understand what the term means. At first I thought it was a women's issue, like, the right to work at whatever a job a woman wants to; and I thought Yeah, Right On, I like that! Then I heard some people say it really means the Right to Work for Less, and of course I thought Oh No, that doesn't sound good at all... So Sybil, please tell me just what they do mean when they talk about Right to Work!*

*Thanking you in advance, I am,  
Your Friend & Fan,  
Eliza Domuch.*

Dear Eliza:

I agree that Right to Work is a strange and misleading term; my friend George Orwell, Patron Saint of the Pentagon, the White House, and The Daily Oklahoman, is quite impressed and amused by it.

I like to compare "Right to Work" to a mother's Right to Change Diapers; or, to a teenager's Right to Take Out the Trash;

or, to a soldier's Right to Peel Potatoes. We already have the right to work; the issue is what we will work at and how much or little the pay will be. People in Oklahoma pushing for "Right to Work" say that Oklahoma is losing new businesses to surrounding states which have "Right to Work"; and people in Oklahoma against "Right to Work" point out that wages in those surrounding states are considerably lower than wages in Oklahoma. People against "Right to Work" also say that it allows some folks to get a free ride — to have the benefits of belonging to a union and having a union work for them, without paying the dues necessary to support the union's work. Perhaps this is why Clayton Williams, unsuccessful candidate for Governor of Texas, is for Right to Work; the millionaire Williams paid no Federal taxes at all in 1986. How's that for a classic free ride?

Right to Work reminds me of another Right from long ago. In Feudal days there was a Droit du Seigneur, which not-too-loosely translates as Right of the Lord of the Manor. This gave the Feudal Lord the right to "de-flower" all of the local girls prior to their wedding night. It's true, I promise. I wouldn't make up something like that!

And so this seems to me to be a really good analogy to Right to Work: In both Right to Work and Droit du Seigneur, you have on the one hand a boss getting the benefit, and on the other hand, a peasant getting screwed.

Hopes this helps.

Fondly,  
Sybil

Dear Sybil:

*Here it is December already, and I'd like to know: where you are, do you celebrate Christmas, Chanukkah, or the Winter Solstice?*

*Cordially,  
Clara D. Pression*



Dear Clara:

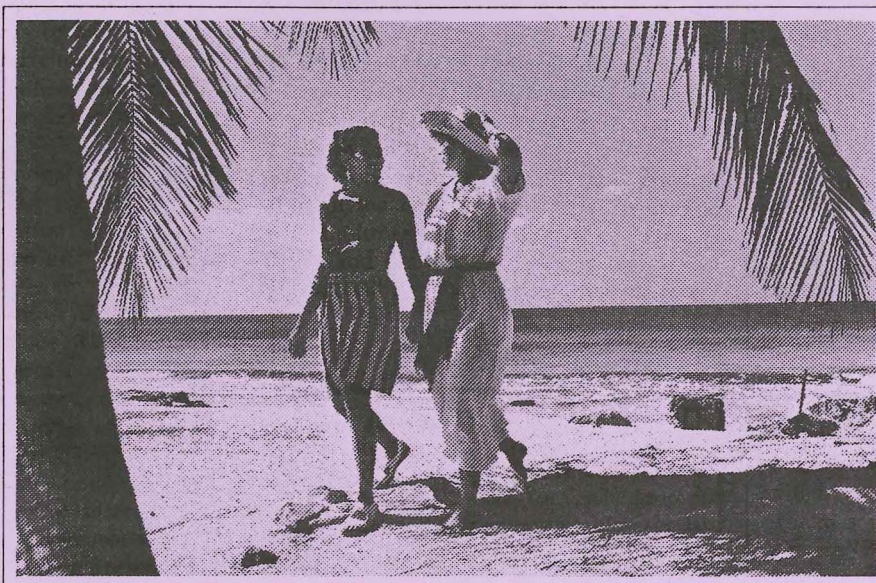
Where I am we celebrate everything that comes our way. Dance every day, little sister; even Eternity is too short not to.

Affectionately,  
Sybil



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# HERLAND FALL RETREAT MOON RITUAL REVISITED

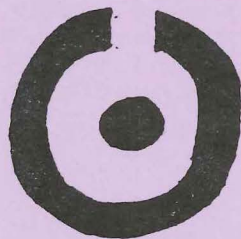
by Virginia Reese-Jimenez

There were around 135 wimmin at Herland Sister Resources' semi-annual retreat located at Arrowhead State park this year. It was my first all wimmin's event and was something I had long been hungering for. There were workshops on lesbians and the law (wills); using sound for hearing; tie-dying whatever isn't nailed down, the Blues; a spades tournament; an "open mike" on Saturday evening; a regional singer, Cruz Devon; a concert and more.

Like the good Pagan that I am I wanted to share my (somewhat limited) knowledge of the Goddess with others... so I signed up to do a Full Moon Ritual. I had my box full of materials in the car and had thought over some ideas.

On the way to Arrowhead, however, I had second thoughts and decided to blow off the ritual. Imagine my surprise and delight when I saw that 27 people had already signed up for it... more than any other workshop by far (I hate to brag, but it's true).

Well, I had to get serious and actually plan something. As I spoke with different wimmin at the retreat, it became clear that this ritual was supposed to happen. Several wimmin offered help with altar objects, incense, music and enthusiasm. I ended up performing a quiet ritual in my bunk to get centered and plan it: my first public appearance as a high priestess. One woman suggested we use the campfire area for the ritual. It was perfect with a low stone circle surrounding a fire pit. From the air it would look like this:



Nice,  
huh?

The ritual was scheduled for Sunday at midnight, right after the dance. I had cookies, crackers and cranberry juice for our "cakes and wine." We set up the altar ahead of time and gathered firewood. I imagined a group of wimmin dancing naked around a blazing fire under the Full Moon.ooooooooooooo!

As it turned out, around 35 wimmin

participated in this ceremony. We had some trouble getting the fire going, but finally it began to blaze. I quickly got skyclad, put on my ankle jingles and began jumping, running and howling around the campfire... to mixed reactions.

I had hoped everyone would be so inspired that they would all join me, but most sat or stood and talked. Several others were moved and did join the dance. We whirled and spun in the open field feeling our freedom and Her love.

For me, the sharing of the sacraments was the most powerful part of the ritual. I felt as if time were suspended and we were connected to generations of wimmin as we raised our cakes and wine high to the Full Moon Mother Goddess for Her blessings.

To paraphrase Chicago: This is only the beginning of what I want to feel forever.

Blessed Be.



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*This is what you should do: love the earth  
and the animals, despise riches, give alms  
to everyone that asks, stand up for the  
stupid and crazy, devote your income and  
labor to others, hate tyrants, argue not  
concerning God, have patience and  
indulgence toward the people, take off  
your hat to nothing known or unknown or  
to any man or number of men... re-  
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## NLC GARAGE SALE A SUCCESS: THANKS TO SISTERS AND BROTHERS WHO CARE

The National Lesbian Conference-Gulf Region sends a big THANK YOU to all the women and men who supported this worthy cause recently with their donations to the NLC garage sale.

The success of the National Lesbian Conference, to be held in Atlanta, Georgia April 24-28, 1991, depends on the support of local lesbian and gay communities across the United States, and the Oklahoma City community is doing a commendable job. Through the efforts of local NLC organizers and the support of the community the garage sale brought regional funds over the \$1,000 mark.

The funds generated by the garage sale and other fundraising events are being used to send regional delegates to NLC planning committee meetings in Atlanta prior to the conference. They will also be used to help pay the way for lesbians of poverty who live in the gulf region who want to attend the national conference in April, but who cannot afford it without financial assistance. One third of regional funds goes to the national office to pay facilities, organizing and other expenses.

A special thanks goes out to our brothers whose awareness and gratitude of their sisters' support throughout the AIDS epidemic has prompted them to donate to a national event which celebrates their lesbian sisters.

Anyone wishing to donate a dollar or more to support the NLC may do so by making their check or money order out to: NLC—Gulf Region, and sending it to: Karen Lewis; NLC—Gulf Region; 1932 N.W. 37th Street: Oklahoma City, OK 73118 or NLC; P.O. Box 1999, Decatur, Ga 30031. The goal of regional fundraising efforts is \$10,000. ■



## OASIS CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

This year's Oasis Christmas Carnival will be held on Wednesday, December 12. The theme for this year's event is "BABES IN TOYLAND;" and will be held at Angles. Booths, Arts & Crafts and lots of fun.





## NATIONAL LESBIAN CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

The National Lesbian Conference is seeking proposals to fill 400 to 500 slots for workshops and panels in both traditional and non-traditional formats. These workshops will be held at the Conference in Atlanta, April 24-28, 1991. Over 5,000 lesbians are expected to participate. The participation of Lesbians of Color, Lesbians with Disabilities and Old Lesbians is especially encouraged.

Suggested topics include: visibility, legal rights, spirituality, battering, health, S/M, mental health, custody, ageism, racism, incest survival, separatism, AIDS, heterophobia, electoral politics, classism, anti-semitism, ableism, addition, homophobia, cross-age, cross-class and cross-race coupling, etc. Workshops and panels are 1 hour and 1½ hour periods.

If you wish to present, facilitate or organize sessions on any of these concerns, please send the NLC: a one-page description of your proposed session and a short bio on yourself and your experience. Address: NLC, P.O. Box 1999, Decatur, GA 30031. ■

## BAN ON COURTROOM DISCRIMINATION AGAINST LESBIANS AND GAYS

Successful lobbying by the National Lesbian and Gay Law Association (NLGLA) caused the American Bar Association (ABA) to include a ban against discrimination based on sexual orientation in its Model Code of Judicial Conduct. The code applies to many judges throughout the country and subjects them to discipline if they violate its ethical canons.

Specific protection in the code means that lesbians and gay men can expect and demand fair treatment in the judicial system. It also sends an explicit message to judges that they will be held personally accountable if they discriminate against gay people.

The Code now states: "A judge shall not, in the performance of judicial duties, by word or conduct manifest bias or prejudice, including but not limited to bias or prejudice based upon race, sex, religion, national origin, disability, age, sexual orientation or socioeconomic status, and shall not permit staff court officials and others subject to the judge's direction and control to do so." ■

## GAY GAMES IV

"Unity '94" is the theme of Gay Games IV, which will be held in New York City from June 25 - July 4, 1994; coinciding with both the 25th Anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion in New York City and the world's largest Gay Pride parade. All told, 500,000 people are expected to attend the celebration. The "Voice" will be keeping our readers informed as plans progress. For our readers in the New York City area, volunteer committees are already beginning to meet. Also, Unity '94 memberships are now available—Yearly memberships at \$25 include quarterly newsletter; Special memberships at \$100 include newsletter and NY in '94 t-shirt; and Priority memberships at \$250 include the newsletter, t-shirt and priority consideration for all events.

Sports at the games will include aquatics, badminton, basketball, billiards, bowling, croquet, cycling, darts, fencing, field hockey, figure skating, golf, gymnastics, marathon, martial arts, physique, powerlifting, race-walking, racquetball, rugby, soccer, softball, squash, table tennis, tennis, touch football, track/field, triathlon, volleyball, and wrestling. ■

## LESBIAN & GAY FILM FESTIVAL INVESTIGATION

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) disclosed in October that it had conducted an investigation of a 1990 grant made to Frameline, the national lesbian and gay media arts organization that presents the annual San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival. The NEA began its investigation of the organization's use of federal funds on July 5, 1990, after allegations from conservative Congressmen and religious groups that the grant was being used to fund obscene work.

This investigation is the first to be undertaken by the NEA to determine if a grantee had violated the Helms amendment of the 1990 NEA appropriations bill. The amendment states that NEA funds may not be used to promote homoerotic materials which "when taken as a whole, do not have serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value."

Frameline was exonerated by the NEA after its review determined that the Festival presented works of artistic integrity. An NEA official concluded that "the festival was considered to be one of the premiere ones in the world."

The San Francisco International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival presents films and videos by lesbian and gay artists to annual audiences of over 25,000. ■

## NATIONAL LESBIAN CONFERENCE REGIONAL MEETING PRODUCTIVE

*Eureka Springs, AR—N.C.—Gulf Region* met here Nov. 2-4 to continue regional preparations for the National Lesbian Conference coming up in April in Atlanta, GA.

On Saturday, in a small white clapboard church, amid the bright fall colors and an atmosphere reminiscent of a small New England town, 24 lesbians, representing the four regional states of Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas and Louisiana met to raise consciousness, educate, and sensitize themselves to each other's needs and dreams. Workshops on lesbian battering, lesbiaphobia, and racism were presented. Although at times laden with emotion, empathic open and honest communication allowed the safety of relating experiences which brought some women to tears. The last workshop of the day offered a coming together that ended in self-affirmations and a group hug—and a feeling of understanding, empowerment and hope.

In keeping with the lighter aspects of NLC objectives—fun—Saturday evening conference participants were treated to a performance by Missouri singer/songwriter Cruz Devon, followed by a dance in the church sanctuary.

Sunday a.m. the women gathered again, this time at the Piedmont House, a bed and breakfast where most of the conference participants had stayed and enjoyed the good food and hospitality of innkeepers Rose and Becky. Discussion at this meeting focused on the future national conference, fundraising, the next regional conference, and the election of the permanent regional delegate to the national steering committee, Julie Brown of Little Rock, Arkansas.

Also announced at this regional meeting was the election of Maria Tahenakos from Oklahoma City, to the National Steering Committee constituency seat for Lesbians of Poverty. This seat represents all lesbians of poverty across the United States. Lesbians of poverty are asked to contact Maria at 405-525-7996 if they have an issue they wish to have brought to the National Lesbian Conference Steering Committee.

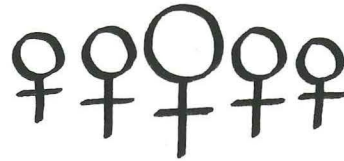
The next regional meeting is scheduled for Jan. 25 - 27, 1991, in Dallas, TX. Workshops which are to be presented include Lesbian Mothers, Incest, and more on Lesbian Battering. A discussion on homophobia and racism will be held on Friday evening, Jan. 25. Workshops will be held on Saturday, followed by a debriefing and discussion. Sunday morning, there will be a business and planning meeting.

For information on the Dallas meeting call Kathy at 214-941-0375 or Julie at 501-565-2111 or Karen at 405-528-3151. Lesbians of Color and lesbians with disabilities, as well as any women interested in the future of the lesbian nation, are encouraged to attend. ■



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All proceeds benefit the NLC-Gulf Region and the National Lesbian Conference to be held in Atlanta in April, 1991, for the purpose of celebrating lesbian lifeways: Honoring diversity - Promoting solidarity - Enhancing empowerment of the Lesbian Nation. The NLC is a grass roots effort working toward legitimization of the Lesbian & Gay lifestyle and the betterment of society as a whole.

# National Lesbian Conference

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APRIL 24-28, 1990 - ATLANTA, GEORGIA

THIS CONFERENCE IS FOR, BY AND ABOUT LESBIANS AND IS OPEN ONLY TO WOMEN



## CONFERENCE

The idea of a national lesbian conference to develop a national lesbian agenda has been around for some years and a topic of conversation among different groups of lesbians.

The decision to make this conference more than a topic of conversation was initiated by a few grassroots organizers who had worked with the 1987 March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights.

From that beginning effort, over 1,000 lesbians have been involved in a planning process that has gone on for the past 3 years. The purpose is to bring together a diverse group of 5,000 inspired lesbians for workshops, plenary sessions, strategy meetings and cultural events to create a national lesbian agenda, build our grassroots structures and have fun.

## WORKSHOPS

"Diversity-Solidarity-Empowerment" is the theme of the conference and workshops will encompass the theme and explore the varied perspectives. The creativity brought to the theme will provide experiences for participants that will broaden, excite and mobilize for change and action. Participation is the desire for all involved.

## CAUCUSES

This is the time for specific groups to develop their agendas for the National Lesbian Agenda. Whether they be racial or ethnic groups, political groups, age groups, creative arts groups, professional groups, disabled groups, religious groups, experience groups, ect.

## FILM FESTIVAL

Lesbian films have reached a high level of sophistication over the past decade, and we celebrate this art form by bringing you the best new and classic films.

## PLENARY SESSIONS

Plenaries will provide for our total coming together to address the major issues as we have defined them. All plenary sessions will be held at the Atlanta Civic Center, which is the only facility which can hold 5,000 of us. The major issues we have defined are:

- Violence at all levels including intrapersonal, interpersonal, inter-group, international
- Ageism: against the old, against the young
- Power: personal and political

## RELATED EVENTS

These events will take place all over the Atlanta community and will include dance, theater, parties, athletic events, dinners, readings, ect. These events are designed for the conference participants and will be produced by groups and individuals other than the conference planning staff.

## JOB FAIR

If you have ever wanted to know about the great variety of skills and jobs available to women, this is your opportunity. Hundreds of tradeswomen, business owners and professionals will be on hand to discuss the necessary preparation and rewards possible in their areas. If you have thought about changing your career here is chance to get some concrete information from the source.

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# NATIONAL LESBIAN CONFERENCE

## CONFERENCE APPLICATION

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phone(am) \_\_\_\_\_ (pm) \_\_\_\_\_

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I am a disabled woman ☐ yes ☐ no

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(please submit all applications together)

\*The deadline is March 15, 1991.

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I would like community housing? ☐ yes ☐ no

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## ELECTIONS

Congratulations to Bernest Cain, who handily won reelection to the State Senate; and to all of those who worked so hard for him. Walking a district door-to-door in snow is not a whole lot of fun; but lots of people did it. Senator Cain's opponent, encouraged perhaps by a truly vile editorial in the Daily Oklahoman, waged a vicious, gay-bashing campaign, but it didn't work.

Another good friend of the progressive community who also won reelection is Linda Larason.

And here's to Ann Richards, who came from way behind in the polls, to beat Claytie Williams for Governor of Texas. She did it on a lot less money than her opponent spent, but then she's a lot smarter, too. ■

## PRO-CHOICE MEASURES WIN BIG

Oregon voters rejected by a 2-1 margin a measure which would have restricted almost all abortions in the state.

The law would have banned abortions except in cases of rape or incest or to prevent a woman's death. A second measure that would have required doctors to notify a parent at least two days before performing an abortion on a minor was also defeated, by a smaller margin.

In Nevada, voters approved a measure to protect abortion rights. The measure prohibits any change in the state's abortion rights law except by direct vote of the people. ■

## HEALTH WATCH

According to Surgeon General Antonia Novello, the Virginia Slims Woman is catching up with the Marlboro Man. Lung cancer is now the leading cause of cancer deaths among women as well as among men; and smokers who don't develop lung cancer usually develop other lung diseases. Women's deaths from emphysema, asthma and chronic bronchitis have climbed 67% in the last decade.

Smoking also affects women more than men as it has been identified as a co-factor in the development of cervical cancer. Cells in the cervix are similar to those of the lungs and esophagus. "For every cigarette a woman smokes, her cervix smokes ten," said Alex Ferenczy, professor of pathology and obstetrics and gynecology at McGill University in Montreal. Carcinogens from cigarettes show up in cervical secretions in ten times the concentration they do in blood.

Cervical cancer has been linked to the human papilloma virus, which is sexually transmitted. Some forms of the virus produce genital warts. Ferenczy believes smoking allows HPV to cause cancer. He advises women who have had abnormal pap smears to quit smoking. ■

## WOMEN'S HEALTH RESEARCH

Spending on women's health care issues has been just 13% of the budget for the National Institute of Health (NIH), according to U.S. Representative Olympia Snowe (R-ME) and many of its most famous and useful studies, such as the one suggesting that an aspirin a day keeps a heart attack away, were done on thousands of men only. Therefore they cannot be reliably extrapolated to apply also to women.

However, the situation may be improving. An Office of Research on Women's Health was created at the NIH this summer. This office will try to increase representation of women in clinical research and promote research in areas of concern to women. Also, at the end of August NIH announced that scientists applying for federal funds will have to provide "compelling justification" for not using women in equal numbers in clinical research. ■

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Codependency has been defined as "a pattern of painful dependence on compulsive behaviors and an on approval from others in an attempt to find safety, self-worth, and identity." This definition came out of the First National Conference on Codependency held in Scottsdale, Arizona in September, 1989.

According to many experts in the field of addiction, codependency is at the root of all addictions.

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## ACLU FILING SUIT

In what is believed to be the first anti-gay violence case brought against employees of the U.S. Government, the American Civil Liberties Union's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project and the New York CLU filed suit in November 1990 against three agents of the federal Drug Enforcement Agency who are accused of viciously beating two gay men.

The suit, which seeks \$1.5 million in damages, comes at a time when violence against lesbians and gay men has increased tremendously in New York City and across the country. The case is being brought against an agency that is an arm of the U.S. Justice Department, which was charged this year by Congress with collecting statistics on hate-motivated crimes. The suit charges that two Manhattan residents were brutally assaulted by three DEA agents following a minor traffic incident. During the beating, the agents repeatedly called the victims "faggots" and made other derisive comments. Specifically, the ACLU and NYCLU are charging that the agents' unwarranted physical and verbal attacks — in addition to false imprisonment and false arrest — violated the couple's fourth and Fifth Amendment rights under the U.S. Constitution.

This is a particularly deplorable incident of anti-gay violence," said William B. Rubenstein, the Director of the ACLU's national Lesbian and Gay Rights Project. "How can we expect to curb the tide of hatred in our society when our government's own agents are contributing to it?"

Norman Siegel, the Executive Director of the NYCLU, agreed that this case is particularly important because it involves government agents. "We are drawing the line with this case," he said. "We hope to send an unequivocal message to law enforcement officials that acts of homophobia and bigotry will not be tolerated any longer."

## THE DINNER PARTY — CORRECTION

Don't book your flight to DC just yet to see Judy Chicago's "The Dinner Party". We reported in the Voice that it would soon be on display at the University of the District of Columbia. Unfortunately, this is no longer the case. So much controversy was engendered by its proposed installment at UDC that Judy Chicago has withdrawn her offer to donate it to the school. Let us hope that it will someday find a permanent home.



## APPROVAL OF FUNDING FOR NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

The U.S. Senate, on October 24, approved a \$170 million, one-year appropriation for the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) after defeating attempts by Sen. Jesse Helms to ban funding of sexually explicit art. Helms was successful only in passing an amendment that forbids funding of material that "denigrates" religion.

However, the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force's lobbyist greeted the bill's passage with trepidation, saying the final legislation will have an "intimidating" effect on artists.

Sensing defeat of most of his measures, Helms said on the floor of the Senate, "I say to all of the arts community and homosexuals who may be upset . . . What is past is prologue. You ain't seen nothing yet."

The bill now goes to conference committee to work out minor differences with the House version. Lobbyists are confident they can get the Helms's religion rider dropped then. ■



## P-FLAG TO BENEFIT FROM CFC CAMPAIGN

The Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG) is a certified participating organization of the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) for Fall, 1990, according to Paulette Goodman, Federation President. The campaign provides the opportunity for federal employees to support independent charitable organizations with payroll deduction gifts. The number to use to designate P-FLAG is "0863".

"CFC is an important source of funding for the Federation, and we urge all our friends who are federal employees to use this opportunity to support P-FLAG," said Ms. Goodman. Gifts are tax deductible.

P-FLAG is a national network of volunteer support groups for families, providing information, counseling, and telephone helpline services to promote understanding between lesbians and gay men and their families and friends and to educate the public about homosexuality. ■

## DOMESTIC PARTNERS

Unmarried and gay couples in long-term relationships are eligible for subsidized student housing at Stanford University. Such housing has been available to married students, and on a case by case basis to couples.

The new policy was announced in October. It will allow the domestic partners of students to also have access to university libraries, athletic facilities, and they may purchase medical care at the campus health center.

A long-term relationship is defined as involving couples who have "a mutual commitment similar to that of marriage . . . and share the necessities of life and responsibility for their common welfare."



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## MID-EAST PEACE RALLY SET FOR DECEMBER 16

A public rally for peace in the Middle East is scheduled for Sunday, December 16, from two to three p.m., on the south steps of the State Capitol. Organized by the staff of Oklahoma City's Benedictine Peace House, the rally will include speakers sharing concerns from a variety of perspectives, including religious and academic, women and men, and multi-racial.

"We oppose combat to resolve the Persian Gulf crisis, because we believe there will be no winners in a war," said Peace House staff member and Vietnam veteran Nathaniel Batchelder. "Iraq would be destroyed of course, but so would Kuwait and possibly Jordan which is trying to stay neutral. Some 20,000 Americans and perhaps half a million Iraqis would be killed, and Arab hostility toward the United States and Israel would be inflamed. A permanent U.S. presence in the Mid-East will probably be required to "keep the peace" and the U.S. taxpayers' bill will be hundreds of billions of dollars."

"President Bush's demand for unconditional withdrawal appears to commit the U.S. to a war which is neither just nor in the national interest," Batchelder said. He said Iraq's goal of a sea port on the Persian Gulf could be traded for withdrawal from Kuwait and assurances deemed necessary by the United Nations regarding Iraq's nuclear and chemical weapons capability.

A resolution opposing the U.S. troop buildup was passed by the National Council of Churches, which speaks for 32 member denominations representing some 42 million Americans, according to Batchelder. "Resolutions opposing war to resolve the crisis have come from the leadership of numerous U.S. religious denominations," he said. "The purpose of this rally is to show national leadership that many Oklahomans also believe the Persian Gulf crisis should be resolved without combat."

"Bring signs and posters to the Capitol south steps starting at 1:30 p.m. for the 2 p.m. rally," Batchelder said. More information or a free copy of the monthly newspaper, *Oklahoma Peace Strategy*, are available by calling the Benedictine Peace House at 524-5577. ■

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