

The HERLAND VOICE

FEBRUARY, 1991

HSR ADOPTS THREE-YEAR PLAN

The women of the Herland Board met on October 6, 1990 to begin the process of developing a mission statement and a three-year plan for Herland. With the able assistance of Kerry Lobel, we discussed Herland's mission and goals. The process was completed with the formal adoption of the Herland Sister Resources Mission Statement at the December Board meeting.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE THREE YEAR PLAN:

Physical Facility:

Renovate the building to include painting the inside and outside, handicap accessibility, a complete kitchen and new roof.

Resource Center:

Expand the stock available for purchase. Expand hours of operation of the Resource Center. Complete cataloging of the library. Add periodicals and books to the library.

Programming:

Hold 2 retreats each year. Hold 3 additional women's music concerts each year. Hold 6 coffeehouses with music or poetry each year. Conduct monthly discussion groups.

Newsletter:

Publish 12 issues annually with a focus for each issue. Increase circulation. Begin using recycled paper.

Fundraising: Raise \$24,300 for 1991 operating expenses. Raise \$35,000 to pay off building mortgage by January 1, 1993.

HERLAND SISTER RESOURCES MISSION STATEMENT (Who We Are And What We're About)

Herland Sister Resources envisions and strives toward a world in which all women live free from oppression.

Herland supports and includes all women who experience oppression. Lesbians as a group have a deep experience of the general oppressive climate of this world. Although Herland is not restricted to lesbians, we have a strong lesbian focus. We are a womanist organization, supporting women in their journey toward self-definition and self-determination, and recognizing that each woman has her own pace of growth and enlightenment.

Herland is a non-profit volunteer organization. We publish a newsletter, operate a bookstore and lending library, and provide musical and cultural events for education and entertainment. We offer a safe place for women to meet and exchange ideas, feelings, hopes and fears and to learn about themselves and each other.

The only requirement for involvement in Herland is a desire for women to be free of the restraints of oppression.

WOMANIST

1. From *womanish* (Opp. of "girl-ish," i.e. frivolous, irresponsible, not serious.) A black feminist or feminist of color. From the black folk expression of mothers to female children, "You acting womanish," i.e., like a woman. Usually referring to outrageous, audacious, courageous, or *willful* behavior. Wanting to know more and in greater depth than is considered "good" for one. Interested in doing grown-up things. Acting grown up. Being grown up. Interchangeable with another black folk expression: "You trying to be grown." Responsible. In charge. *Serious*. 2. Also: A woman who loves other women, sexually and/or nonsexually. Appreciates and prefers women's culture, women's emotional flexibility (values tears as natural counter-balance of laughter), and women's strength. Sometimes loves individual men, sexually and/or nonsexually. Committed to survival and wholeness of entire people, male and female. Not a separatist, except periodically, for health. Traditionally universalist, as in: "Mama, why are we brown, pink, and yellow, and our cousins are white, beige, and black?" Answer: "Well, you know the colored race is just like a flower garden, with every color flower represented." Traditionally capable, as in: "Mama, I'm walking to Canada and I'm taking you and a bunch of other slaves with me." Reply: "It wouldn't be the first time." 3. Loves music. Loves dance. Loves the moon. Loves the spirit. Loves love and food and roundness. Loves struggle. Loves the Folk. Loves herself. *Regardless*. 4. Womanist is to feminist as purple to lavender.

From *In Search of Our Mother's Gardens: Womanist Prose* by Alice Walker (1983, Harcourt, Brace Javanovich).

FIRE IN THE RAIN... SINGER IN THE STORM

The autobiography of singer-songwriter Holly Near

"The world is a challenging lover, and I am helplessly in love," writes Holly Near in her eagerly awaited autobiography, *Fire in the Rain... Singer in the Storm*. Here is the story of Holly Near's journey from football princess to political and social activist, from movie and television actress to a chanteuse who fills Carnegie Hall and brings the audience to its feet.

Honored as a woman of the year on the cover of *Ms. Magazine*, profiled in the *New York Times*, *People*, the *Los Angeles Times* and many other major publications, singer-songwriter Holly Near is first of all known as one of the driving forces in women's and political music. She takes us through her childhood in rural northern California; her Hollywood and TV career, which included roles in the movie *Slaughterhouse Five* and the Broadway musical *Hair*; her political activism, developed during the Vietnam War; her friendships and affairs with men and women; her role in women's music and the founding of her own record label, Redwood Records; and the forging of her unique personal music style.

In this winning autobiography, Holly Near not only reveals her professional triumphs and setbacks, but also her personal side, her politics and ideas, so that at last we can fully understand this remarkable musician and performer.

Fire in the Rain... Singer in the Storm is available at Herland, 2312 N.W. 39th St., Oklahoma City, as are many other titles of interest to women. ■



MINNIE BRUCE PRATT AT OU

Lesbian poet Minnie Bruce Pratt will be speaking about "Sin and Poetry" at the University of Oklahoma March 1st. Her latest book *Crime Against Nature* (Firebrand Books 1990) won the 1989 Lamont Poetry Selection by the Academy of American Poets, an award given annually by the Academy to one poet's second full-length book of poems. The book explores the experience of the loss of custody of her two sons when she came out as a lesbian, and the relationship she has had over the years with her sons. In 1990, Pratt also was awarded a Creative Writing Fellowship in Poetry by the National Endowment of the Arts.

Before *Crime Against Nature*, Pratt published two books of poetry, *The Sound of One Fork* (Night Heron Press), and *We Say We Love Each Other* (Spinsters/Aunt Lute). For five years she was a member of the collective that edited *Feminary: A Feminist Journal for the South, Emphasizing Lesbian Visions*. Her poems and essays have appeared in various magazines and anthologies, including *The American Voice*, *Conditions*, *The Coming Out Stories*, *Frontiers*, *Gay and Lesbian Poetry in Our Time*, *KION*, *Ms.*, *New England Review/Greadloaf Quarterly*, *Ploughshares*, *Sinister Wisdom*, and *Southern Exposure*. Together with Elly Bulkin and Barbara Smith, she co-authored *Yours in Struggle: Three Feminist Perspectives on Anti-Semitism and Racism* (Firebrand Books).

Pratt currently lives in Washington D.C., and teaches Women's Studies part-time at the University of Maryland at College Park. She is completing a volume of collected essays, tentatively titled *Rebellion*, and a fourth book of poetry, *Walking Back up Depot Street*.

Pratt's visit is being sponsored by the OU Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Alliance, English Forum, Women's Studies Student Association, and Speaker's Bureau. The talk will be at 7:30 p.m. in room 123 of the Microbiology building (tall building west of stadium). For more information call 360-8723 or 325-4452. ■

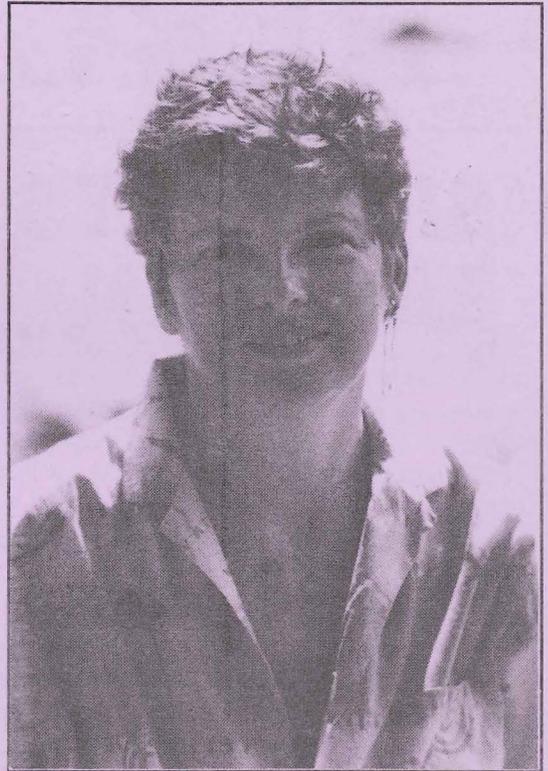


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SWEET HONEY IN THE ROCK APPEARING IN ARKANSAS!

Saturday, February 23, 1991, 8:00 p.m.
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WIMMIN'S NIGHT AT D/I

DIGNITY/INTEGRITY is a support group for lesbian and gay Catholics and Episcopalians their friends and supporters. You do not have to be lesgay, or belong to a church to visit or become a member.

Tuesday, February 12th has been designated as WIMMIN'S NIGHT. See our separate ad in this issue for time and place. Two women guest speakers have been invited: Shirley Hunter and Sister Gail or JoAnn of Loaves & Fishes.

It is our hope that many of our sisters will join us to worship in an inclusive language liturgy, make new friends, and enjoy our speakers as they address women's issues, and the changing roles of women in the Church. Please join us in friendship, faith, and refreshments. You might find something you've been missing. ■

BENEDICTINE PEACE HOUSE SPONSORS SPEAKER

John Swomley, Professor Emeritus in Social Ethics at St. Paul's School of Theology in Kansas City, Missouri, will speak on "Moral Crises in U.S. Foreign Policy" at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 222 N.W. 15th Street, Oklahoma City; on Friday, February 8, 1991; at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Professor Swomley is the author of *Liberation Ethics and American Empire*, and edits "Facts for Action," bulletin of the Kansas City Fellowship of Reconciliation. A student of national and international politics, Swomley challenges audiences to examine global events in the context of ethics. Professor Swomley's talk is sponsored by the Benedictine Peace House, 405-524-5577. ■

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ST. SYBIL

The spirit of Sybil Ludington, teenage heroine of the American Revolution and Matron Saint of the forgotten woman, is an occasional contributor to these pages:

Dear St. Sybil:

What makes you think you're so all-fired smart and know everything?

Sincerely,
Ima Skeptick

Dear Ima,

Oh, my dear, I don't think that I'm so all-fired smart and know it all, at all! I'm still learning all the time; and of course as long as you keep developing and spiffing up your language, we will always have that to learn. What I have begun to comprehend in my last 200 years is how things work and mesh together; and what we here develop best of all is a sort of Cosmic what you would call Shit Detector.

The war in the Persian Gulf, for instance. We here have no earthly idea what George Bush's real motivation was in going to war rather than trying to resolve the situation peacefully; why did Bush adopt a tone and vocabulary which absolutely assured that Saddam Hussein would not compromise an inch? Why Bush's intransigence, his bullying attitude?

We do know, however, some of the things you are not there for: Kuwait's oil, for instance. It is true that Kuwait has wonderful oil reserves, but the fact is that less than 5% of your oil comes from Iraq and Kuwait. You all there in Oklahoma and the other oil-producing US states have so much oil that your government has put the brakes on your own exploration and production. Protecting democracy in the Mid East? I don't think so. Kuwait is a wholly-owned family enterprise, a constitutional monarchy.

Or are we fighting because of Iraq's potential nuclear capability? That is indeed a very bad thought; Saddam with "the bomb" is certainly scary, as is the thought of Thatcher, Reagan or Bush with it; or of China, Israel, France and South Africa with it; (and almost as scary as Harry Truman with it). The United States has watched many other countries develop nuclear capability, and watched them aggress against others countries without demur; what is different here?

All in all it is hard to differentiate between your president's ever-changing list of *Reasons Why We Are In The Gulf* from one of David Letterman's Top Ten lists. My speculations have been running along these lines:

ST. SYBIL'S TOP TEN REASONS FOR BUSH SENDING U.S. TROOPS TO THE GULF

10. It got Neil Bush's name off the front pages.
9. It got the whole S&L crisis off the front pages.
8. New feminist slogan in America to be "To Hell with the ERA, please just let us drive today!"
7. Gives the VP an opportunity to make inspiring speech to troops about Vietnam days.
6. Keeps all of your money safely going to the big defense contracts rather than to a wimpy "Peace Dividend," where it could build decent roads and bridges and schools and nursing homes and affordable medical treatment...
5. Shows American women just how lucky they *really* are.
4. Brilliant plot to scare nation and world half to death, then declare PEACE and have entire world adore him and elect him King of the World by acclamation.
3. Got the upcoming banking scandal off the front page.
2. Nothing much else going on last August.
1. Just wanted to kick a little ass.

Actually, we were all hoping that it was indeed #4, a brilliant plot to rise in the all-important popularity poll and be handily reelected in '92; and that he would mercifully stop short of actual war. So much for wishful thinking.

As I write this, four days after the bombing began and ten days or more before the newsletter comes out, it seems to me that it still could be stopped soon. There has been to date relatively little loss of life; surely reasonable people can agree to pause and communicate and negotiate peace for the world; or, surely reasonable people can persuade the world's unreasonable leaders to pause and communicate and make peace. That is the one hope we can hold onto; and that is your work to do.

With a sore but ever-hopeful heart,

I remain,

Your friend and co-conspirator for peace,
Sybil

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Herland Sisters;

Happy New Year to all of you associated with putting out this wonderful newsletter. I don't know many people on the East Coast that get it, but I am one of the lucky ones who do. It was initially introduced to me by a Black woman, who is a Chemist. She was attending the university and working on her Ph.D. I've always been very glad she put me on your mailing list, although I've only heard from her on one other occasion. If you know who she is, please extend my thanks to her.

I came into a small inheritance in 1990. It isn't much, but I would like to share it with you. I don't know as yet, how much I will have to pay on this in taxes, so enclosed, you will find a small contribution. I might be able to send more after the tax person cometh. Although, I hate to see my tax money invested in death and destruction and other things beyond my control.

Thanks a million for keeping me well informed and entertained. I hope I have a chance to meet some of you at the Atlanta, GA Conference April 24 - 28th 1991.

In Peace/Sisterhood
Luwenia Pinson

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HERLAND BOARD ENDORSES THE NATIONAL LESBIAN CONFERENCE

by Karen Lewis

Herland Sister Resources has officially endorsed the National Lesbian Conference and made a donation of support to the NLC - Gulf Region.

As Herland is a women's collective with a strong lesbian focus, which "has a desire for women to be free of the restraints of oppression," it is fitting and appropriate for Herland to give its endorsement and support to an event which endeavors to foster understanding and sensitivity among the diverse populations within the national lesbian community.

While Herland and women as a whole work "toward a world in which all women are free of oppression," this national conference works to alleviate the oppression which exists within our own lesbian world. For, if we as a community cannot sensitize ourselves to our own oppression of each other, we cannot hope to even envision a world free of oppression toward women.

The organizers of the NLC recognize the oppressive behaviors which exist among our own: racism, ageism, classism, and ableism, to name a few. The conference is providing a vehicle through which diverse groups may come together, listen to each other, learn from each other, have fun together, and gain new insight and understanding of ourselves, so that we may alleviate some of the oppression which prevents us from becoming the powerful force for positive societal change which we have the potential to be.

As the Gulf Region Coordinator for the National Lesbian Conference, I commend the Herland Board of Directors for voting to endorse and support the NLC, thereby taking a step "toward a world in which all women are free of oppression." ■

ENCODINGS

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RACISM ALIVE & WELL—GLOBALLY . . .

Many people today refuse to acknowledge that racism exists, whether in their own hearts, or in the hearts of others, or in the job and housing markets, or wherever. It is hard to understand this denial of such an obvious force—look around the job, school and neighborhood, and its effects are blatant. The following editorial, which appeared in "The Nation" in its January 7/14, 1991 issue, gives an example of racism at the highest reaches of government, and illustrates its immense and devastating consequences.

REDLINING A BLACK BANK

Two dispatches from the banking crisis, a month apart: On November 9 Harlem's Freedom National Bank, the only black-owned commercial bank in New York City, was closed by federal regulators after suffering continued losses on outstanding loans. Usually the Feds place failing banks in conservatorship for up to a year prior to liquidation, during which time they encourage depositors with accounts above the \$100,000 level to move their money to safer havens. In Freedom's case, such kindness was not in the cards. A group of New York businessmen even pulled together about \$6 million to resuscitate the bank, but their efforts were stymied by what Crain's New York Business called the "Intransigence" of federal regulators.

The appalling result: Dozens of charities and nonprofits that had kept their money with the bank as an expression of community solidarity were shocked to learn that millions of dollars would not be returned to them. When the news emerged that this would lead to drastic cuts in programs providing day care, foster care, housing, and aid to crime victims and the elderly, the Feds announced that large depositors would be covered at 50 cents to the dollar.

Fast-forward to December 13. The Treasury announced that it had been depositing more than \$1 billion in tax receipts as well as operating cash—all uninsured—in the troubled Bank of New England in an effort to shore it up. Evidently some banks are "too big to fail" (cf. Continental Illinois) and thus deserve special treatment. Others, presumably, are too small to matter. Freedom National Bank was a mere fraction of the size of the \$23 billion Bank of New England. But in the context of the capital-starved micro-economy of Harlem, Freedom also was too big to fail.

. . . AND PERSONALLY

On a personal level, when white women confront our own racism, we should remember the old saw: if we are not part of the solution, we are part of the problem. If we are content (let alone eager) to live in a white-flight neighborhood and send our kids to an all-white school; if we only tell a racist joke if it is "really really funny" and no one will think we mean it anyway; and if we never wonder why there are no people of color at our parties, or our church or wherever; then we are not trying, and we are part of the problem. ■

1991 FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

Gulf Coast Women's Festival; March 28 - 31

GCWF, 250 Cowan Rd., Gulfport, MS 39507 (Information available at Herland)

National Lesbian Conference; April 24 - 28; Atlanta, GA

NLC, P.O. Box 1999; Decatur, GA (Information available at Herland)

Wiminfest '91; May 24 - 26; Albuquerque, NM

Wiminfest; 301 Solano St. N.E.; Albuquerque, NM 87108

National Women's Music Festival; May 30 - June 2; Bloomington, IN

NWMF; P.O. Box 1427; Indianapolis, IN 49206

East Coast Lesbians Festival; June 20 - 23; Lake Front Camp on NY/PA border

ECLF; 132 Montague St., Box 274; Brooklyn, NY 11201

Michigan Womyn's Music Festival; August 14 - 18; Hart, MI

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West Coast Women's Music & Comedy Fest; Labor Day weekend; Northern CA

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And for a really good time . . .

Herland Spring Retreat; Late May

Herland Fall Retreat; Late September or October

Watch the Voice for details.

MEDITATION FOR THE NLC

Lesbian sisters, activists, movers and shakers, warriors, lovers dreamers, healers:

I come to be with you as agents of change, I bring my energy, my voice, my hopes, my dreams. I come to add to the fruits of our labor, not to scatter them aside.

While we are together, I will not subordinate my needs, because my needs are important.

But I will subordinate my desires to the desires of the group so that we may move forward together.

I place my heart before you and ask you to regard it with care.

I see your heart before me and I promise to treat it with care.

Let us now focus our gifts on our common ideals:

Our uniquenesses

Our desire to share our uniqueness

Our absolute right to be together

Diversity - Solidarity - Empowerment

Ginny Real (9-1-90)

UPDATE ON ELIZABETH MORGAN CASE

Elizabeth Morgan, who spent more than two years in jail for contempt of court for refusing to reveal the whereabouts of her daughter Hilary Foretich, has been given custody of the 8-year-old Hilary by a New Zealand judge. Dr. Morgan has alleged that Hilary's father, Eric Foretich, sexually abused Hilary from the time she was two years old; and when ordered by the District of Columbia courts to surrender Hilary for visitations with her father, Dr. Morgan chose to go to jail instead, and her parents fled with Hilary into hiding in New Zealand.

Eric Foretich has been barred from visiting his daughter "in the immediate future." Instead, he will receive a photograph of Hilary every six months, as well as reports on her health and school work; eventually he will be allowed to mail her gifts and cards. ■

info from OOB, Jan 1991

IMAGES OF OURSELVES

The December 1990 issue of Esquire Magazine featured a double-cover of the actress Michelle Pfeiffer, looking breathtakingly beautiful, with the caption "What Michelle Pfeiffer Needs . . . Is Absolutely Nothing."

The caption was evidently fudging on the truth just a little: Harper Magazine's January 1991 issue has published a copy of the bill which the photographer for that cover submitted to Esquire for re-touching of the photos. The \$1,525.00 bill covers work including "Clean up complexion, soften eye lines, soften smile line, add color to lips, trim chin, remove neck lines, soften line under ear lobe, add blush to cheek, clean up neck line . . . adjust color and add hair on top of head . . . add forehead to create better line . . . soften neck muscle a bit, and soften neck line . . ."

It is enough to make a person think: think of the time, energy, money and heartbreak which so many women put into efforts to live up to an ideal which is false in the first place; and to wonder: How many women who get breast implants do so in an attempt to please men by looking more like the models in Playboy and other similar publications (models who themselves have implants in order to get better-paying modeling jobs)?

How many middle-aged women worry themselves sick and hold themselves less than worthy, because they look so much older than actresses and other "celebrities" their age—actresses who have spent thousands of dollars and countless hours at the plastic surgeon's?

How many billions of dollars do women spend on lipstick and hair coloring and vanishing cream? How else could that money be spent?

How many billions of hours do women put into trying to "improve" their outward personal appearance? How else could that time be spent? Was Nature too ignorant to make women look all right as is? Is the male sex drive so low it really needs such artifice to turn it on?

Is there a connection between the falling off in academic achievement by adolescent girls and the pressure that begins on them at that age to live up to an impossible standard of beauty?

Should we be angry about all this? Should we try to change it? How do we start? ■

HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE COMPANY RECOGNIZES DOMESTIC PARTNERS

Firemen's Insurance Company of Washington, D.C., one of America's oldest business firms, has become the first insurance company in the nation to file a Homeowners policy change that recognizes domestic partners. By redefining who is insured, the new endorsement extends to domestic partners the automatic coverage rights enjoyed by spouses and relatives of Homeowners policyholders.

Chartered in 1837, Firemen's Insurance Company is the only property and casualty insurance company headquartered in the District of Columbia. With a rating of A+ year after year by A.M., the company has grown and prospered by serving the community, and today insures more dwellings in Washington than any other insurance carrier.

Firemen's offers Homeowners coverage to apartments renters and the owners of dwellings and condos in D.C. and the states of Maryland and Virginia.

According to Carl Blundell, CPCU, a company underwriting manager who created the new endorsement, "this Homeowners policy change will extend automatic coverage to anyone with whom an insured has a close, committed personal relationship that involves sharing household responsibilities and owning property together. Automatic coverage applies after an insured has established such a relationship and lived with their domestic partner continuously for at least 6 months."

"The public will no longer confuse us with Firemans Fund or any other insurance company," says Firemen's new president, Dick Andrews. "We will have the first Homeowners policy in the insurance industry that will serve the diverse and changing lifestyles of today's society without sacrificing the privacy needs of the individual."

Mr. Andrews advises that Fireman's, unlike other insurance companies, will no longer require that the name of an insured's domestic partner be disclosed and appear on the Homeowners policy in order for the partner to be included for coverage. "Because our new endorsement eliminates the need for such notification, unmarried insureds and their domestic partners will have the privacy choices and coverage rights enjoyed by married couples."

Firemen's Insurance Company plans to begin attaching the new endorsement to all Homeowners policies it issues beginning in early 1991. ■

Chatterbox

PRO-CHOICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. The Oklahoma Choice Legal Defense Fund is urgently seeking volunteers during the month of February 1991. The CLDF is checking over 100,000 signatures on the anti-choice petition filed last fall; they are confident, judging from the number of invalid signatures they have found to date, that it will be possible to have the entire petition declared invalid, and jettisoned. The work involves checking the signatures on the petition against voter-registration rolls; it is slow, tedious work, but the potential for success is significant. The deadline for challenging the sufficiency of the petition is near the end of February. If this petition can be stopped now, we will save thousands of hours of work and hundred of thousands of dollars later. If you can help, please call Larry Wood at 405-528-1119.....

COMPUTER SERVICES. There are two computer services for lesbians and gays that can be accessed for a low, negotiable fee. They are computer bulletin boards, and through them one can access feminist libraries, get health info, contact lesbian and gay-owned businesses, read periodicals, play games, etc. Harbor Bytes BBS (HBBBS) carries lesbian and gay newspapers on-line, among other things. Call 301-235-6753. GLIB (Gay & Lesbian Information Service) based in DC, is run by the Community Educational Services Foundation, P.O. Box 636, Arlington, VA 22216; their voice phone is 703-379-4568, and their modem is 703-573-4542. (info from OOB, Jan 1991).....

A GATHERING of Young Lesbian Separatists and Our Radical Feminist Lesbian Friends in Our Teens and Twenties will meet the weekend of March 23 - 24, '91 in Chicago, Illinois. The gathering is part of the ongoing networking between a new generation of dykes making radical choices. We will be able to connect, imagine, create, desire, believe in our power to face the confusion, isolation, fear and hate to come through strong, clear and together. Dykes of many colors and cultures are already involved in the networking. More information will be provided about accessibility. Sliding scale registration as low as \$0. As part of our commitment to violence-free spaces, lesbian batterers and s/m are not welcome. Write to Waxing Crescent, 2825 North Laramie Apt. 2N, Chicago, IL 60651-5028 USA for more info about the gathering, upcoming events and projects and just to let us know you're out there!

Writings and drawings by survivors of childhood sexual, physical or ritual abuse **are being collected** for an anthology about the spiritual after-effects of such abuse. Any work submitted should include an indication of your age, gender, religious belief, affiliation and background. For more information write: Elizabeth R. Lewis, P.O. Box 2196, Boston, MA 02106. Include your phone number and times you can be reached and she will call you.

Herland needs you! Herland has volunteer opportunities available for women who want to staff the store, help maintain the building, work on the newsletter or work on event and concert production. Call us at 521-9696.....

Chain of Life, a feminist adoption reform and child welfare newsletter, is available from J. Baer, P.O. Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707. The newsletter offers information and inspiration for adoptees, birthmothers, therapists, and their friends.

Among the varied magazines and journals available for your perusal at Herland are copies of "The Oklahoma State Worker," journal of the Communications Workers of America, Local 6086, Oklahoma State Workers Union. The Nov-Dec 1990 issue contains a nice photo of current Sister Three Pat Reaves speaking at the "Health Care for All" rally last fall, and a synopsis of her remarks.

Found in HSR's mailbox: "Hi, we are two lesbian-feminists from Mass. passing through on route to California. Sorry to miss you-Courage in Oklahoma City! Keep up the good work. Feminism Lives!" ■

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