

The HERLAND VOICE

November, 1992

OGPLC ENDORSES CANDIDATES

To assist the voting community in making informed choices in selecting candidates on November 3, the Oklahoma Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus (OGLPC) distributed surveys to all Oklahoma candidates currently seeking office, whether incumbents or new candidates and interviewed several candidates for office, about their positions on issues significant to the lesbian/gay community.

Candidates who were interviewed included Steve Wilson who is challenging Tim Pope the incumbent from District 98. Mary Tyson, Co-Chair of OGLPC says, "Pope, a devout homophobe with Cromagnon opinions about women's rights, is facing a resounding defeat in this year of gay and lesbian rights and abortion issues." Rob Abernathy, who is challenging Robert Worthen for the District 87 House seat, stated in his interview with OGLPC, "it is a great in justice for any group of Americans to have to launch a massive movement to regain or retain what is rightfully theirs." Representative Linda Larason, who is very informed on women and gay issues, stated "The Bill of Rights does not come with any disclaimers," and assured OGLPC that she will continue to support their concerns.

The survey distributed to candidates asked specific questions about the candidate's stand on lesbian/gay rights and women's issues. The results of the completed surveys have been compiled, with a notation of "recommended" and "not recommended" indicated for each candidate listed.

In races with no opposing candidate's name listed, it means OGLPC was unable to obtain concrete information on which to base a recommendation or to withhold one. □

ELECTION '92

by MOC

In just a few days most readers of The Voice will go to the polls to vote for our next President and for candidates for many lesser offices. Our choices this year will be in many respects, regarding many issues, clearer than ever before. There is hardly a race in the country which has not required its candidates to take a firm stand on the question of abortion. Most candidates have had to declare themselves pro lesbian and gay rights, or anti; where they have "escaped" any open declaration, voters know they can look to the platform of the candidate's party and infer her/his position from it. The national debate/controversy over sexual harassment has touched every political decision in the last year, and a record number of women candidates for all offices is directly attributable to the Thomas/Hill hearings and the ensuing debate.

One hundred six women have survived their primaries to run for US Congress; and nearly a dozen are just one step away from election to the US Senate. Now, that last step is a very long one, and not all of them will make it; nowhere near all. Eleven out of twenty-one primary candidates survived, just over half; and if over half of these eleven survive the final vote and are elected to the Senate, it will be a heart-warming miracle. One of them, for instance, Gloria O'Dell of Kansas, is running against GOP leader Bob Dole; she is a strong candidate, but it will still be an amazing upset if she wins. Another neighboring-state candidate, Geri Rothman-Serot of Missouri, is running against an incumbent senator who was also a two-time governor - a proven statewide vote getter.

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OGPLC VOTER RECOMMENDATIONS

R = Recommended (Good on lesbian/gay, women's issues)
NR = Not Recommended (Not good on lesbian/gay, women's issues)
U = Unknown voting record or other substantial information unavailable;
OGLPC voting opinion withheld.
(Survey scores appear in parentheses where available.)

DEMOCRATS

President/Vice President

Bill Clinton/Al Gore -- R

US Senator

Steve Lewis -- R

US Representative

Dist. 1: John Selph -- R

Dist. 2: Mike Synar -- R

Dist. 3: Glenn English -- U

Dist. 4: Dave McCurdy -- R

Dist. 5: Laurie Williams -- R

Dist. 6: Glenn English -- R

OKC Metro Area State Senate Districts

Dist. 43: Ben Brown -- R

Dist. 45: Don Leonard -- R

REPUBLICANS

George Bush/Quayle -- NR

Don Nickles -- NR

James Inhofe -- NR

Opposition -- U

Bob Anthony -- U

Opposition -- U

Ernest Istook -- U

Opposition -- U

Opposition -- U

Mike Fair -- NR

OKC Metro Area State Representative Districts

Dist. 44: Laura Boyd -- R (19)

Dist. 53: Mary Schnell -- R (23.75)

Dist. 54: Leigh Tucker -- R

Dist. 87: Rob Abernathy -- R

Dist. 88: Linda Larason -- R

Dist. 93: Wanda Peltier -- R

Dist. 98: Steve Wilson -- R (24)

Dist. 100: Roger Jackson -- R (21.5)

Dist. 101: Jeff Hamilton -- R

Tulsa Metro Area State Senate Districts

Dist. 11: Maxine Horner -- R

Dist. 33: Penny Williams -- R

Dist. 35: Nancy Bolzle -- R

Tulsa Metro Area State Representative Districts

Dist. 29: Opposition -- U

Dist. 78: Bruce Neimi -- R

Opposition -- U

Carolyn Coleman -- NR

Joan Greenwood -- NR

Robert Worthen -- NR

Opposition -- U

Opposition -- U

Tim Pope -- NR

Opposition -- U

Opposition -- U

Opposition -- U

Opposition -- U

Charles R. Ford -- NR

Kevin Farmer -- R (15.5)

Flint Breckenridge -- NR

ST. SYBIL

Sybil Ludington, Matron Saint of the Forgotten Woman, answers the occasional odd question in this space.

Dear St. Sybil,

If you could vote on November 3, who would you vote for?

In search of guidance,
Anne Ernest Voter

Dear Anne,

If I could vote, I would sashay over to Montana in 1917 and vote for Jeanette Rankin. Wouldn't it be wonderful, to have the opportunity to vote for a feminist, pacifist, social reformer who was elected to Congress three years before women nationwide had won the right to vote at all? Then I would switch parties (Jeanette was a Republican, you know) and hurry over to New York in 1968 and mark my ballot for Shirley Chisholm -

What's that? Oh, all right, I'll quit. I know you mean the 1992 elections. But you know, I really can't tell you who to vote for. That's a decision you've got to make for yourself, after serious reflection and searching your conscience. Besides, if I told you who to vote for, Herland would lose its 501(c)(3), have to pay twice as much in postage and not be tax-deductible for donations anymore; and worse yet I might lose my outlet for a channeler. But I can suggest you keep these things in mind when voting:

Pointy-headed intellectuals are ok, pointy-hatted hooded folk are not; flaming views are ok, flaming crosses, not; choice for a woman, ok; "choice" in schools, a crock; diversity, ok; divisiveness, not; bleeding hearts, ok, bloody fools, not; hope for the future, ok, worship of the past, not; affirmative action, ok, negative reaction, not; fat around the tummy, ok, fatheads, not. And for a better world, vote your ideals, not your self-interest. You'll be glad you did.

Love and Good Luck,
Sybil

Dear St. Sybil,

I fantasize a lot, sometimes about winning a lottery and what I'm going to do with all the money after Big Ed calls me; but more often about sex. Sometimes I fantasize about being with people who are married; I used to have to kill their partner off with a tragic disease or accident in the first few minutes before I could relax and enjoy myself, - "oops, no, really? The cord slipped off Mary's ankle on that last bungee jump? Poor Mary, poor you, you'll miss her. How can I console you? Like this? uh huh, good; and this?" - but lately I don't even think about them and just go for it, which really makes me feel like a tramp afterwards. Also, I have been known to fantasize about being with *more than one partner*, like a threesome or more, you know, and we do some pretty weird things sometimes. So anyway, Sybil, my question is, should I be ashamed of myself and cut it out? Also, where you are, do you fantasize? And did you used to, back when you were - you know, corporeal?

Jess Wondrin,
A frequent traveler

Dear Traveler,

Well, the minute you start killing off those pesky spouses and partners of the objects of your desire in real life, oh yes, you should cut it out. And if those "weird things" you do aren't consensual, think about getting some help. Otherwise, go for it. As for me, yes, I did used to fantasize some when I was "alive"; I've shared some of them with my

new friend Anais, Matron Saint of the Remarkable, and she's nice enough to say she's impressed, especially considering the times I lived in. Those stocks - well, nevermind.

And today, where I am now? Well yes again, I do fantasize from time to time. One of my favorite goes like this: my current channeler has this dreadful, tragically bizarre accident in the hot tub, see, (and joins me here, isn't that nice!) and for my new channeler I get - oh wow, I get Molly Ivins! Dear goddess, it makes me warm all over just to think of it. Another one...

Hey!

What do you mean, you're not going to channel for me anymore?

Come back here!

I was just kidding

It was only a fantasy

Come on, please come back

I'm sorry,

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Darn!

Help Wanted: Channeler position open, must strive to be non-sexist, non-classist, non-racist, and have a decent sense of humor. Apply within.

STATE QUESTION 647

State Question 647, known as "the Medicaid Provider Tax" will appear on the November 3 ballot. The provider tax is a fee paid by certain health care providers (primarily hospitals) to the state to help pay costs of health care for indigent persons covered by Medicaid. Twenty-nine states have already enacted a provider tax as a means of funding their Medicaid programs. Through various assessment rates, the Oklahoma tax is expected to raise \$92.4 million.

Medicaid is a federally aided, state-administered medical assistance program for low-income people. Under the Medicaid program, for every \$1 Oklahoma pays for health care of indigent persons, the federal government pays \$2.33 in federal funds. Because of the additional federal participation, the revenues from the proposed provider tax would bring to Oklahoma \$172 million in federal funds during the first full year.

In Oklahoma, about 10.7% of the population is covered by Medicaid. Almost half of Medicaid beneficiaries in Oklahoma are children under age 21, and two-thirds of all patients in nursing homes are receiving their care under the Medicaid program.

Advocates for children, persons living with HIV/AIDS, the elderly and disabled assert that failure to pass SQ 647 would force catastrophic cuts that have high human and social consequences.

Adapted from The Child Advocate, October, 1992 published by the Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy.

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ELECTION '92

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Lynn Yeakel, who stormed out of "nowhere" to win the Democratic nomination to challenge Sen. Arlen Specter, faces a stiff fight against a moderate, popular incumbent. At least he was popular before the Thomas/Hill hearings, and he undoubtedly still is, with certain segments of the population.

If we look at the nature of this year's political debate, and of the candidates themselves, we can be only be heartened, no matter if only a relatively few women candidates go all the way this time - political office is rarely won on the first attempt. This year, however, we have changed the discourse and focus of the nation. Between the brightly visible highlight on the economy, and the nearly invisible but very present litmus issue of Lesbian and Gay rights, the issues in the forefront are those of a woman's right to choose abortion, of family leave, of health care, and of jobs. In other words, the issues are our issues, and we can only benefit by it. Bill Clinton, who has a significant lead in the polls as this is written, has, underlying all of the talk of change and jobs, a bedrock of supporters who appreciate his support for lesbian and gay rights and for a woman's right to choose. And he and every other politician knows it.

***Pro-choice, Pro-gay Women Running for National Office:**

For Senate:

Claire Sargent, Arizona
Dianne Feinstein, California

Barbara Boxer, California
Carol Mosely Braun, Illinois
Jean Lloyd-Jones, Iowa
Gloria O'Dell, Kansas
Barbara Mikulski, Incumbent, Maryland
Geri Rothman-Serot, Missouri
Lynn Yeakel, Pennsylvania
Patty Murray, Washington

For Congress

Karan English, Arizona
Pat Malberg, California
Lynn Woolsey, California
Nancy Pelosi, California
Patti Garamendi, California
Anna Eshoo, California
Debora Vohllmer, California
Gloria Ochoa, California
Anita Perez Ferguson, California
Lucille Roybal-Allard, California
Maxine Waters, Incumbent, California
Molly McClanahan, California
Patricia McCabe, California
Lynn Schenk, California
Bea Herbert, California
Janet Gastil, California
Patricia Schroeder, Incumbent, Colorado
Barbara Kennelly, Incumbent, Connecticut
Rose DeLauro, Incumbent, Connecticut
Eleanor Holmes Norton, Incumbent, Dist. of Columbia
Karen Thurman, Florida
Cheryl Davis Knapp, Florida
Karen Moffitt, Florida
Carrie Meek, Florida
Gwen Margolis, Florida
Barbara Christmas, Georgia
Cynthia McKinney, Georgia
Patsy Mink, Incumbent, Hawaii
Cardiss Collins, Incumbent, Illinois
Natalie Bruner, Indiana
Ellen Wedum, Indiana

Elaine Baxter, Iowa
Constance Morella, Incumbent, Maryland
Carol Kooistra, Michigan
Lisa Donaldson, Michigan
Barbara-Rose Collins, Incumbent, Michigan
Joan Kelly Horn, Incumbent, Missouri
Ona Spiridellis, New Jersey
Nita Lowey, Incumbent, New York
Louise Slaughter, Incumbent, New York
Paula DiPerna, New York
Rhea Jezer, New York
Eva Clayton, North Carolina
Elizabeth Furse, Oregon
Marjorie Mezvinsky, Pennsylvania
Karen Shepherd, Utah
Leslie Byrne, Virginia
Maria Cantwell, Washington
Jolene Unsoeld, Incumbent, Washington
Ada Deer, Wisconsin
Catherine Helms, Wisconsin
Ingrid Buxtan, Wisconsin

Governor

Dorothy Bradley, Montana
Deborah Arnie Arnesen, New Hampshire

** Info from Ms. Election Guide to Women Candidates and the National Women's Political Caucus; this list is not inclusive; candidates, no matter how pro-choice and pro-gay rights they might be who did not respond to Ms.' questionnaire were omitted unless visible and outspoken enough to be known to the typist.*



Women's Festival

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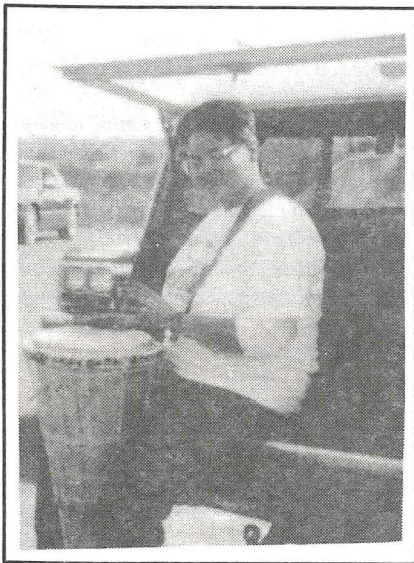
Contact Shatzky if you would like to perform or to have a craft booth



Peggy and Elyse play four-handed guitar -- the Beatles again?



Preparing a mailing for the legal defense fund.



Judy Fjell's Music Empowerment had us all making music.

RETREAT SCRAPBOOK

Don't miss the fun -- Mark your calendar now and plan to attend the Herland Spring Retreat May 21 - 23, 1993.



All packed up but not ready to go!



Laura expresses her thanks to Judy Fjell for a great workshop and performance.

BOOK REVIEW

by Deborah Fox

Women Who Run With Wolves: Myths and Stories of the Wild Woman Archetype, by Clarissa Pinkola Estés, Ph. D. (Ballantine Books: \$20.00) On Sale at Herland.

Dr. Clarissa Pinkola Estés is a modern Curandera; a healer, for the modern Western female mind. Here at last is Woman's psychology - complete with spirit and bodywisdom - in true Wise Woman tradition.

If you are a psychologist, or in therapy and/or in recovery, if you are seeking a healing or just plain furthering your own self-knowledge, this is the book you need to read. To read it is to be initiated and gain a deep understanding of the female psyche. This book offers us the insights and tools to deliver ourSelves to our Selves. "The Wild Woman archetype sheaths the alpha matrilineal being. There are times when we experience her, even if only fleetingly, and it makes us mad with wanting to continue. ...for with her (our) creative lives blossom; (our) relationships gain meaning and depth and health; (our) cycles of sexuality, creativity, work, and play are re-established; (we) are no longer marks for the predations of others; (we) are entitled equally under the laws of nature to grow and to thrive. The word **wild** here is not used in its modern pejorative sense, meaning out of control, but in its original sense, which means to live a natural life, one in which the **creatura, creature, has innate integrity and healthy boundaries**. These words, wild and **woman**, cause women to remember who they are and what they are about."

Dr. Estés crystallized the concept of the Wild Woman archetype in her study of wildlife biology, wolves in particular. She saw a parallel in "the study of wolves and the history of women regarding both their spiritedness and their travails".

Each chapter begins with a myth or story from which Dr. Estés digs out the ancient wisdom buried there and uses it to teach us about woman's processes of psychic evolution and maturation. So, you will learn not only how to decipher the deeper nature of myths and stories but also how to apply them for your own enlightenment. You will learn about initiation, intuition as guide, naive women as prey, the difference between productive fantasy and destructive fantasy, how secrets destroy our power, about bargains we make without knowing, and so on. You will learn the meaning of sacred, ancient rites like the Eleusinian Mysteries, the wisdom from our matrilineal bloodlines.

Have you ever felt a re-occurring longing, a yearning, for you knew not what? That is La Loba, Wolf Woman, calling to you. Excesses of drink or drugs, bad relationships, these are a few symptoms of a loss of relationship with La Loba, for she knows when enough is enough. We cannot satiate that deep yearning with quick fixes and immediate thrills. All that glitters ain't gold. "The Wild Woman knows what is integral, knows what will help a woman thrive, knows a predator when she sees one, knows what to do about it. Even when pressured by the most distorted cultural or psychic messages, even with a predator loose in the culture or in the personal psyche, we can all still hear her original wild instructions, and follow them".

It is work to re-unite and maintain relationship with La Que Sabé, The One Who Knows, but these "psychic-archeological" digs into the ruins of our female underworld are what bless our lives - with meaning, magic, and joy. This is what "reclaiming our [personal] power" means, and we know we cannot regain and hold our power by wishful thinking alone.

Dr. Estés has an impressive list of credentials, and more: she shows us how to run with the wolves again. "Let us return now, wild women howling, laughing, singing up The One who loves us so".

*All quotes taken from the book.



Open mike participants took advantage of the sunny afternoon. Here, Ginger makes her performing debut in a duet with Dona.

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JoAnn Loulan, LESBIAN DELIGHT

by Judith Rycroft

JoAnn Loulan, National Lesbian Cheerleader (as well as author, therapist, and lecturer) spoke to a capacity crowd at Texas Women's University in Denton on October 2nd. Her subject, *Lesbian Sexuality*, and her irresistible enthusiasm provided perfect preparation for National Coming Out Day on the 11th.

"Come out!" she said. Wouldn't it be wonderful not to have to talk in code when your lover calls you at work; not to have to "de-dyke" your house when your family comes to visit; not to be scared about being yourself?

"Come out!" she said. Just think, if all women came out, that would solve the abortion problem.

"Come out!" If you don't feel ready to come out to those you work with, grew up with, live with...then come out to ten strangers a day. Start with people you pay, because they will take your money. Try coming out in the check-out line at the supermarket; or how about at the gas station--"Ten dollars of unleaded please. By the way, I'm a lesbian."

JoAnn Loulan is vivacious, hilarious, heart-rending, informative and inspiring and, as *The New Vision* promised in September, "a delight to see and hear."

She makes us aware of the humor (and absurdity) in both lesbian behavior patterns and in others' view of us. "We like to date by living together," she said. "I dunno why...and I dunno why people hate lesbians. I sit around and try to figure it out--I have a vagina; I have fingers; sometimes I like to put my fingers in other vaginas. Now, why is this a problem?"

Loulan cited a recent health care study covering all 50 states as an illustration of how badly we take care of ourselves. Of all groups surveyed -- African-Americans, whites, gays, men, women -- lesbians get the least amount of health care. This is especially frightening considering that breast cancer, for example, killed 40,000 women last year.

Loulan feels that much of what we do for women in general is not acknowledged because of public movements' fear of homophobia. In the massive pro-choice march in Washington, D.C. last April, their organizers drew up a plan listing participating groups so that marchers would know where to congregate. There was not a single lesbian group on the list. JoAnn wished for a pin saying, "I'm a lesbian marching for straight women's rights!"

This self-admitted "femme" with her blonde hair, blue eyes and electric energy has the power to pad hard truth with humor, so that even as you wipe away the tears of laughter, some of your pain-silent heart strings begin to thrum. Loulan knows that our life-style is not easy, but "It is so short, the time we have on this planet!"

She quoted an "ex-lesbian Buddhist priest" who said, "You don't have to do anything. You don't have to be anything. But...your hair is on fire."

"Come out!" JoAnn Loulan said. "The more we are who we are, the bigger splash we make in the lake. Women have a right to take up space on the planet." □

Ed. Note: Books by JoAnn Loulan available at Herland include: Lesbian Passion, Lesbian Sexuality and The Lesbian Erotic Dance.



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Letters to the Voice

Dear Editor,

For years you have mailed me your newsletter and even kept up with a change of address that I did not supply you with. All of this because I entered your book store once in its original home. I never returned to your store these past years, and until this past six months I even threw away your papers without reading them.

Life does eventually find us and for some reason I finally read your paper and have continued to do so since. That first paper had a small note of a woman interested in writing a book on sexual harassment. Being a victim, I wrote her and have corresponded with her these months. Without you I would not have found her - what a waste that would have been.

I have searched your paper more thoroughly and found many articles that relate to me and my needs and interests.

My awareness in women's rights has taken a long time but now I am a fire with the need to make a difference. Your paper has been a help and thank you for following me. Your persistence paid off.

I recently watched a 22 year old close friend die of AIDS - and I will never be the same.

I have raised 8 daughters who are becoming politically aware and are proud women in their lives and will raise aware children.

Keep up your good work and thank you.

Mary Ann

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1993 MARCH ON WASHINGTON

Over 750,000 people marched in the Gay Pride March on Washington in 1987, and one of the highlights of the day was the Wedding - both a demonstration for equal rights as well as a sacred ceremony formalizing the marriages of many couples in our community.

On Saturday, April 24, 1993, the day prior to the 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay, and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation, the Reverend Troy D. Perry, founder of the Universal Fellowship of the Metropolitan Community Churches (MCC), has agreed to formalize the union of hundreds, perhaps thousands of lesbian, gay and bisexual relationships. "Our march is fighting for the legalization of same sex marriages and recognition of domestic partnerships. Society's homophobia is crushing lesbian, gay and bisexual families. We are denied custody of our children, adoption, foster care and visitation rights. We are discriminated against even as taxpayers and we are robbed of medical and insurance benefits", said Rev. Perry. "We lift ourselves up against the weight of discrimination and bigotry when our unions are celebrated and blessed. Spiritual health and self respect give us the strength to fight on for the legal recognition of our marriages".

Washington DC APRIL 25, 1993



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Chatterbox

Can't think of just the right holiday gift for that aunt, co-worker, or friend, check out the *Family Cookin'*, a cookbook with our favorite recipes which benefits the Legal Defense Fund. A Tasting Party at the Porthole on Sunday December 6 will give you the opportunity to sample some of the recepies and stock up on cook books. Cook books will also be available at Herland.



GLAAD, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, says that Not all gay bashing is done with a baseball bat. Some of it comes in newsprint, voices on radio, and images in film. If you experience defamation of any kind, GLAAD/Dallas asks that you give them a call at their Hotline: 214/526-4523.



GLAAD also suggests that folks write Fox Broadcasting and thank them for bringing a continuing, realistic gay character on prime time, in the portrayal of Matt Fielding, an openly gay social worker who helps runaway kids, on *Melrose Place*. Write Peter Chernin, President, Fox Broadcasting, P. O. Box 900, Beverly Hills, CA 90213.



Research participants needed for a study of lesbian couple functioning. This research is being based on a feminist theory of women's development. If you have been living with your partner for two years or more, and are willing to spend 30 minutes of your time completing a questionnaire packet, your help will be greatly appreciated. Anonymity guaranteed. For more information, or to request a packet, cal Cara at 516/742-2636.



YWCA Policy in Des Moines: You don't need to be married, or even heterosexual, to qualify for family membership in the Greater Des Moines YWCA. "Household if the key word," fitness membership coordinator Susan Sinner told the San Francisco Chronicle. "A family used to be Mom, Day, two kids. It's not that easy any more. Info from OOB



The Equal Rights Amendment states: "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex". From that, TV evangelist Pat Robertson has concluded that "[The ERA] is about a socialist, anti-family political movement that encourages women to leave their husbands, kill their children, practice witchcraft, destroy capitalism, and become lesbians." So except for that bit about killing children, which is totally false, what's his point?

BLACK GAY & LESBIAN CONFERENCE

The 6th National Black Gay and Lesbian Conference and Institutes will take place Feb 11-15, 1993, at the Hilton Hotel in Long Beach, California. This year's theme, "Black Lesbians and Gays: building Bridges, Making Connections" will focus on the inherent need to bridge the gaps that separate us around issues of gender, race, and sexual orientation.

The Conference draws national and international participants, and is host to workshops, institutes and vendors from the African-American, Lesbian and Gay communities. Topics to be discussed during the five day conference include leadership, culture/arts, family/youth, heterosexism, health, public policy, economics, women's/men's issues and spirituality.

The conference is currently soliciting vendors, workshop presenters and volunteers for the five-day event. Vendors will have the opportunity to display their merchandise in a prime locale at the conference. Workshop presenters are needed to provide information to participants on issues of relevance to the community. Lastly, volunteers are needed to provide support for the Conference structure. All volunteers will receive a significant discount on conference fees. Contact: Reginald Chapple, 2538 Hyperion Ave., #7, Los Angeles, CA 90027. 213/666-5495.

FALL PEACE FESTIVAL

The Peace House Fall Peace Festival will be held Saturday, November 7 from 11:00 a.m. to 5 pm, in the Hall of Mirrors at the Oklahoma City Civic Center Music Hall. Live music, entertainment all day Social justice and action groups. A great place to start on your Holiday shopping. There 'll be arts, crafts, jewelry, pottery, fabrics, healthy food and refreshments as well as a children's corner and peace activities.

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