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
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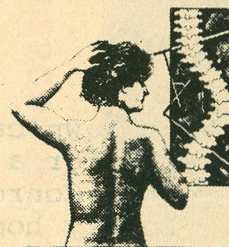
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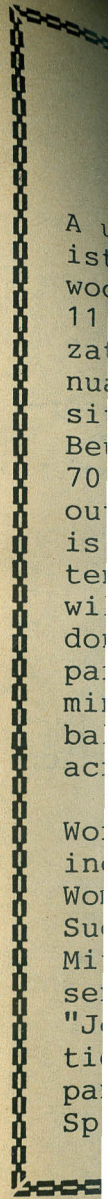
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**RAUCOUS CAUCUS TO MEET
OR
WILD WOMEN DON'T GET THE BLUES**

Deborah Bell will host a **Raucous Caucus for Comic Disobedience** on Sat. October 1. Women who want to be part of this dynamic group are invited to join Deborah for dinner at Cafe Edi (W. Alabama & Shepherd) at 7:30 pm. We will then adjourn to a selected location and let the wild rampus begin.

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Needed: Forty Wimmin to Celebrate Gail's 40th! 3:00 pm to ? at Norma's, 5611 Valverde. BBQ briskett, swimming, hot tub, etc. RSVP by Sept. 10 at 522-9113.

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Poetry Reading Friday, October 14. Look for details in the October Newsletter.

TEXAS REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS CONFERENCE

NOW at the University of Houston is sponsoring the 1988 Texas Reproductive Rights Conference on Sept. 24 from 8:30am to 4:00pm at the UH-University Center. Nine workshops will be offered covering topics such as Advanced reproductive technologies, sex education in Texas school, Anti-choice followers & their tactics, political skill for action, legislative challenges and public funding for indigent women. The keynote address will be Byllye Avery of the National Black Women's Health Project in Atlanta. For more information or to volunteer to help call Michelle McKenzie, evenings at 376-1409.

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GET IN TOUCH WITH YOUR FEMINIST ROOTS

A unique experience for feminists will take place in the woods of east Texas, Sept. 9-11 when Texas National Organization for Women holds its annual State Convention. The site for this year's events is Beulah Land Camp situated on 70 acres of piney woods just outside of Nacogdoches. There is an air conditioned dorm and tentsites available (the camp will even furnish tents if you don't have one). Convention participants can enjoy a swimming pool, basketball, softball, volleyball facilities & acres of woods for hiking.

Workshop topics for this year include "Sports Equity for Women and Girls" presented by Sue Mottinger and Dr. Carolyn Mitchell - "Eco-Feminism" presented by Mary Ann Jasper, "Jobs with Justice - Coalition Building in East Texas-panel discussion, "Women's Spirituality and the Femin-

ist" - panel TBA and the deciding of the 1989 Feminist Legislative Agenda.

Lucia Bettler of Houston is scheduled to speak on Feminism and Spirituality. She is a former nun whose path has led her to discover an alternative spirituality based on women's connections to the cycles of the earth, helping women get in touch with the rhythms of nature & thus the cycles of their own lives. She owns Lucia's Garden, a store which features books & other items related to Womens Spirituality and conducts classes on herbalism, meditation and creating sacred space.

The convention is open to non-NOW members as well as members* at very reasonable rates, which includes meals. A children's Day camp is available with a full program of activities for

those in need of childcare. Saturday night entertainment will feature Nancy Scott from Austin. She will perform at 9pm, Saturday, Sept. 10 under the stars.

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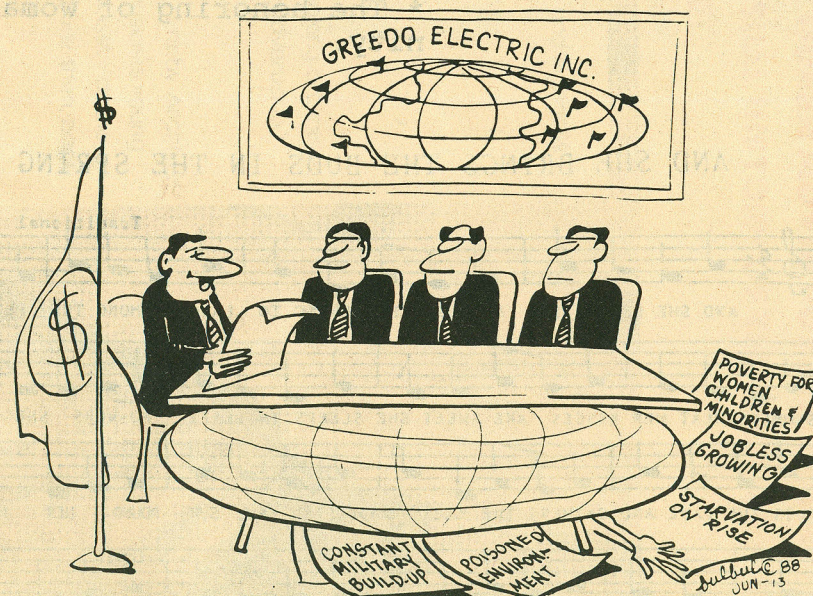
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- * Community-Based Economics
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- * Global Responsibility
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- * Decentralization

Help establish a regional base for Green organizing and action in Texas. Those wishing to participate, send \$15.00 (check only) to Lone Star Green, 908 East 56th St., Austin, TX 78751. Call (512)454-4119 or 952-5024 for additional information.



WE CAN'T LET A LITTLE THING LIKE
HUMAN NEED INTERFERE WITH BUSINESS

FEMINISM + SPIRITUALITY = WOMAN CHURCH

by Deborah Bell

The interest in Women's Spirituality which grew from the feminist movement has taken on a new legitimacy in recent years. Many women have rejected traditional patriarchal teachings. Women who were involved in organized religions were frustrated at being denied access to the priesthood and other leadership roles within their churches. Other women, in their growth process as feminists, discovered and embraced the new found spirituality which in actuality comes from ancient times. Women's spirituality, as it is most often referred to, encompasses a variety of feminist ideologies, ranging from non-sexist language to forms of witchcraft. It has created a new symbol for God, or the God aspect, with the honoring of the Goddess, new rituals (or those based on older matriarchal tradition) and reinterpretations of the Bible and the major writings of religions other than Christianity.

Rosemary Radford Ruether, a theology professor at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois, published a book in 1985 which will be available in paperback

There has been a growth surge in the number of women who participate in some form of Spirituality whose theology begins with women's experience and allows it to be articulated in terms of the Goddess. The first national conference of Woman-church was in Chicago in 1983 with over 1,400 attendees. Last October, over 3,000 women gathered in Cincinnati, including contingents from Central and South America.

Criticism has come from those who do not understand the link with Wicca, a pagan religion whose adherents call themselves witches. This stems from the mis-conceptions concerning what Witchcraft actually is. Some women meet in covens, or formalized groups with traditional practices, while others are more metaphysical in the expression of their beliefs. While based on many of the old teachings, the new practice allows an eclectic approach with the creation of new rituals, meditations and practices. These often include forms evolved from those of traditional churches in which the women grew up in. The growth of this movement is

of books now available on the subject and in the growth of "New Age" religion which incorporates much of the Women's spirituality teachings. The best source for more information on this topic in Houston is at Lucia's Garden (see ad in WCCN).

"Woman of Power" is a quarterly publication (available from Woman of Power, Inc., P.O. Box 827, Cambridge, MA 02238) which expresses the philosophy of Women's Spirituality in the following manner:

"Woman's spirituality is a world-wide awakening of woman-power whose vision is the transformation of ourselves and our societies.

'The ancient spiritual voice of woman now speaks its long hidden wisdom and becomes an active force for the conscious evolution of our world. This emerging voice speaks of...

* The recognition of the interconnectedness of all life.

* The awareness that everything has consciousness and is sacred.

* The re-remembering of our

new rituals (or those based on older matriarchal tradition) and reinterpretations of the Bible and the major writings of religions other than Christianity.

Rosemary Radford Ruether, a theology professor at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois, published a book in 1985 which will be available in paperback this December. It is entitled Woman-church: Theology and Practice of Feminist Liturgical Communities (Harper & Row). The book includes feminist liturgies, such as rites of healing for incest and rape victims, battered women and those who have had abortions or miscarriages. There is a puberty rite for a young woman, a ritual for divorce and a Coming-out rite for a Lesbian. The abortion rite reads: "Our sister has made her hard choice. We don't want to pretend that this choice was easy or simple, without pain and hurt, but we also trust her that she has made the best choice that she could make." The Lesbian rite reads: "Born of woman, beloved of woman, lover of woman, you are blessed."

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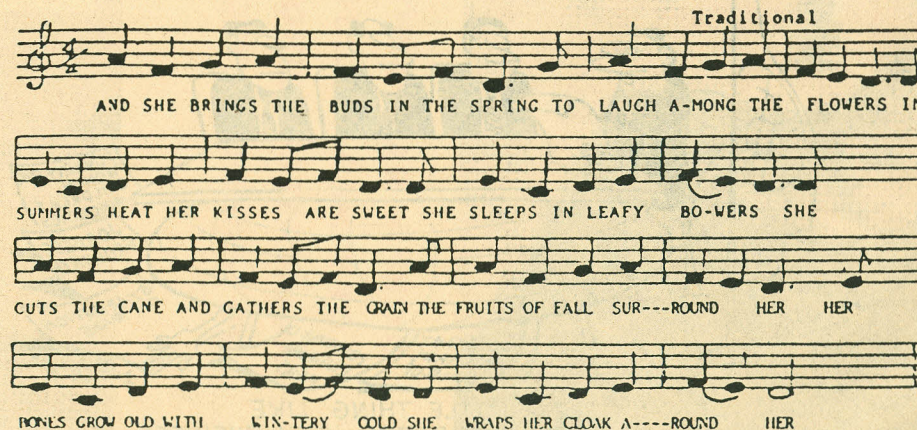
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- * The re-membering of our selves as sacred beings, and the loving of our psyches, bodies and emotions.
- * The empowerment of women and all oppressed peoples.
- * The creation of world peace, social justice and environmental harmony.
- * The activation of spiritual and psychic powers.
- * The honoring of woman's divinity.

AND SHE BRINGS THE BUDS IN THE SPRING



WOMYNSPACE NEWS

**NAME THIS NEWSLETTER
DESIGN A LOGO
WIN SOME NEAT STUFF**

Entries are now being accepted for two contests sponsored by Womynspace. All women are invited to take part in this process--to name our publication and to create a logo. You can do either or both. Entries should be sent to WOMYNSPACE, P.O. Box 98061, Houston, TX 77098 or be delivered to the Steering Committee Meetings. Entries must be in by Nov. 1. An ad-hoc committee will decide winning entries with the final selection approved by the Steering Committee. Winners will be announced at the Winter Holiday dance in December and prizes will be awarded.

The name of the newsletter should include the word "WOMYNSPACE" maybe with the initials making a relative acronym. Currently our publication is called "The Womynspace Community Calender/Newsletter" (sometimes referred to as Wissen). The winner will see her name for the newsletter used starting with the January '89 issue and will receive a year's membership which includes a subscription.

The logo design will be used on our newsletter and letterhead, posters, T-shirts, etc. It should reflect the spirit of the organization. We want something that will be readily identified as representing Womynspace. The word "Womynspace" should appear with the design or be part of it.* The winner will see her design used starting with the January issue of the newsletter and will receive a year's free membership in Womynspace.

Additional prizes will be decided upon in the future. So, all right, all you creative muses out there, get busy.

*The name "The Womynspace Action Times" has already been vetoed, much to my regret. -- Deborah Bell.

**GARAGE SALE SCHEDULED FOR
OCTOBER - DONATIONS NEEDED**

Womynspace will hold a garage sale during the month of October. Anyone interested in adding their items for sale must be responsible for the sale of those items and offer Womynspace a commission.

Items are needed to add to what we are selling from storage as well as volunteers to set up and price, cashier, etc. Erika is coordinating this effort, so call her at 528-1181 for more information. There will be a planning meeting on Sept. 12 at her place.

**FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR JULY**

Sources of Funds

WCCN Ads	\$110.50
Membership	60.00
Donation	10.00
Retreat	429.00
Utility Refunds	<u>143.99</u>
TOTAL	\$753.49

Uses of Funds

WCCN	\$363.06
Utilities	84.02
Variety Show	50.00
Misc.	
(Typewriter)	159.59
Dance	1.03
Retreat	210.00
Storage	<u>47.00</u>
TOTAL	\$914.70

TOTAL EXPENSES
OVER INCOME: \$161.21

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**KPFT ANNOUNCES
"VOTE-A-THON"
FUNDRAISER**

KPFT 90.1 hopes to raise \$100,000 during its "Vote-a-thon" fundraiser this month. This last on-the-air fundraising campaign of the year, to be held Sept. 9 - 23, will focus on the 1988 election. Listeners will call in and vote for their favorite programs in the form of money pledges.

KPFT serves the cultural needs of the community and creates understanding between different ethnic groups through its diverse format, which features eight languages interwoven with music, news and public affairs.

If you would like to volunteer, make a contribution to KPFT, or receive a free program guide, call 526-4000.

A break for women and minorities

The Houston Housing Authority's board of commissioners has unanimously approved a resolution setting goals for minority- and women-owned business participation.

The Housing Authority wants 30 percent of the total annual dollars it appropriates for contracts in construction, procurement and professional services to go to businesses owned by women and minorities.

Qualifying businesses must be certified by the Housing Authority, the city of Houston or the Department of Housing and Urban Development before they submit bids. The certification supposedly ensures that functioning businesses are at least 51 percent owned by women or minorities.

Interested? Don't wait before applying. The certification process takes up to two weeks.

ON THE RADIO

KPFT 90.1 FM : SUPPORT KPFT, SUPPORT WOMYN'S PROGRAMMING

- MONDAY 4:00 - 5:30 pm - TRAFFIC JAM with Mary Helen Merzbacher.
9:00 - 10:00 pm - NON-VIOLENT ALTERNATIVES. Presented by the Houston Nonviolent Action/War Resisters League, with Jimi Clark, Jac Battise, and Bo Fisher. (Some of the issues to be covered in upcoming weeks will be violence against women, pornography, and battered women. We are open to suggestions. 522-3385)
- TUESDAY 11:00 am - 12 noon - PEACE, PIPES, AND VISIONS - Dedicated to promotion of peace through native American traditions and culture.
8:00 - 9:00 pm - A WOMAN'S PLACE with Clara Kern
- THURSDAY 1:00-3:30 PM - RADIOWAVES...AUDIO ART/INFORMATION/MUSIC produced by Margie Glaser.
- FRIDAY 8:00-11:00 AM - BREAKTHROUGH with Pokey Anderson and Cherry Wolf.

KTRU 91.7 FM Mondays, 6:00-7:00 PM, THE WOMEN'S HOUR with Jennifer.

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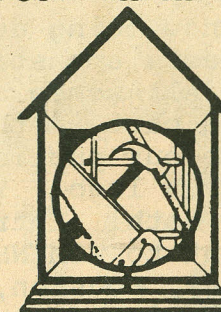
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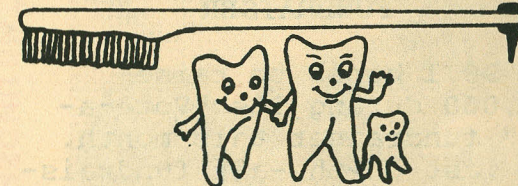
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