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Around the Corner

HERLAND BOOKSTORE CLOSED INDEFINITELY SEEKS EMPATHIC ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR

OKLAHOMA CITY - Due to insufficient funding and unforeseen electrical problems with the new building, the new Herland Bookstore will not be prepared to open its doors in February as tentatively planned.

Faulty wiring in the recently-purchased property is necessitating complete re-wiring of the building and installation of major and minor electrical components "from the ground up" according to Laura, the renovation supervisor. As a not-for-profit organization, Herland does not have the funds to overcome this excessive, unanticipated expense without the help of an electrical contractor and electrician sympathetic to Herland's plight. Currently, Herland's coffer cannot support the retail costs of the crucial electrical repairs.

If you are a licensed electrical contractor or electrician, or know one, who would be willing to assist Herland in surmounting this significant obstacle for a reduced fee, please call Laura at 672-4141 or Karen at 794-7464. Your help is urgently needed and greatly appreciated.

Meanwhile --- again, due to a dwindling depository and the need to conserve funds -- Herland Bookstore has been moved from the old building to a (considerably) less expensive storage unit where inventory, furniture and supplies must rest until the new store site is fit for them.

As a result of this predicament, there will be no Herland Bookstore until the new one opens, hopefully, in March. Watch this Newsletter for information on the Bookstore and its Grand Opening festivities. K.L.

SHARTELS INVADE HI-LO CLUB

OKLAHOMA CITY - On December 18, the almost-all-woman band, the Shartels, christened the "uptown" Hi-Lo Club with their unique brand of music. That evening of Shartel hijinks and marvelous music was such a success that the group has (aghast) been invited back for an encore performance, Grace Grand and all (some people never learn!).

February 13th marks the fateful day and 9 pm is the witching hour. Join the hopelessly insane at the Hi-Lo Club, 1221 NW 50 (at Classen) for a never-to-be-forgotten evening of tomfoolery.

W.A.R. PREPARES FOR BATTLE

Women Against Rape (WAR) held its first meeting at the YWCA on NW 5th last January 9th, and set its agenda for action to raise the public and legislature's awareness of rape: the leniency its perpetrator is afforded by our legal, judicial, and parole systems, and the brutality and disregard its victim endures at the behest of not only the rapist, but the current "system" as well.

On November 13th, a 15-year-old girl was kidnapped, repeatedly raped, and mutilated in south Oklahoma City. The victim was kidnapped on her way to school held in a van for 22 hours where she was repeatedly raped, sodomized orally and anally, and mutilated by having both her nipples bitten off. She made note of the van's license plate number when her perpetrator dumped her from his van.

The man who has been charged with this crime is Donald Spitznas, who was on parole after serving 5 years of a 15 year sentence on a conviction for the abduction, rape and sodomy of a 14-year-old Drummond girl in 1982.

The formation of WAR was prompted by this case. Spitznas was paroled after serving less than five years, and the Garfield County District Attorney's Office (through which he was convicted) was apparently never notified of his impending parole.

Fashioning themselves after the very successful nationwide Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) effort, the women who attended the first WAR meeting hope to reshape the prevalent attitude toward rape to prevent recidivism, thereby reducing the overall incidence of rape and victim suffering. They plan to do this, at least in part, by monitoring court proceedings and lobbying the legislature to pass laws that will prevent the parole of convicted rapists, as well as increasing their terms of incarceration.

For updates on WAR's progress and for information on their meetings, watch the pages of this Newsletter.

COMING TO OKC:

ROBIN FLOWER

NANCY VOGL

JASMINE

Music lovers have come together to keep music alive in Oklahoma. Two musical events of interest to women are being finalized now through the combined efforts of a number of local music personalities.

Lee Agnew of the musical group Friends of Tradition, Mark Falk owner of the recent Second Fret night spot, Mary Reynolds of the celebrated group Sisters of Swing and Barbara Cleveland, founder of Herland Bookstore, have coalesced with Herland to bring Robin Flower and Nancy Vogl to Oklahoma City for an afternoon of music and entertainment.

Robin's bluegrass sounds have been a popular attraction on her previous visits to OKC, and this time she teams up with a renowned musician making her Oklahoma City debut appearance. This promises to be an unforgettable performance. Peggy Johnson is scheduled to open for Robin and Nancy at 4 pm on Sunday, March 13, 1988, at the Civic Center Little Theater, 200 Channing Square in downtown OKC. General admission tickets are \$6.00.

And, on April 2nd, Herland and Shartel Productions proudly presents a return engagement of Jasmine. Surprised and very pleased with the response they received on their first tour of Oklahoma City last Winter, this "top of the line", all-woman jazz group looks forward to coming our way again. The Shartels will open for Jasmine at 7:30 pm, Saturday April 2nd, at the Civic Center Little Theater. General admission is \$8.00.

Tickets for both events are available through Herland Productions at 672-6459, Shartel Productions at 528-0020, and both locations of the Earth Natural Foods at 1101 NW 49th (at Western) in OKC and 309 S. Flood in Norman.

OKLAHOMA TO HOST PEACE POET

OKLAHOMA CITY - "Life is full of paths; some very winding, some cumbersome, hilly, lush, straight, dry, some seeming to being or end nowhere... (we all have more than one)".

Fortunately, one of Safiya Henderson-Holmes' paths leads her to Oklahoma City on February 15th where she will share her poetry during an open reception, 7 pm at the Jimmy Stewart building. On February 16th, she will perform in Stillwater on campus at Oklahoma State University.

Safiya is a poet, writer and performing artist whose life exemplifies "the poet as a social change agent". Last March she read at Freedom's Riders 1987, a fundraising reception organized to protect voter's rights in the North and South. When asked to describe the 1987 recipient of the Fannie Lou Hamer award, one woman responded, "Well, she keeps good company."

Her "good company" includes performances at the World Peace Conference in Copenhagen and Sisterfire, a national women's artists outdoor festival in Washing-

ton, DC. During a MADRE benefit in New York City, Safiya shared the stage with June Jordan, Sekou Sandiata, Holly Near, Alexis DeVeaux, and Evelyn Harris of Sweet Honey in the Rock. Funds were raised to support a women's hospital in Manaqua, and relief work in Africa. Ms. Holmes is also a contributor in Art Against Apartheid's anthology with Sonia Sanchez, Dennis Brutus, Audre Lorde, Maurice Kenny and Alice Walker.

Safiya's tour in Oklahoma is sponsored by the following OSU organizations: National Organization for Women, the Afro-American Student Association, Sigma Tau Delta/English Club, and the African Students Association. Her Stillwater performance is free and open to the public. Readings will begin at 7:30 pm in the Student Union Little Theater. For information concerning the Stillwater performance call (405) 624-5481.

Red Dirt Press and BLAC Inc. are sponsoring her reception in Oklahoma City at the Jimmy Stewart Building, 1500 NE 4th Street. Suggested donation is \$2.00.

NOW VALENTINE BRUNCH PLANNED

NOW's "almost annual" Champagne Brunch is back on track this year, with plans set for a morning of merry making on Valentine's Day at VZD's, 4200 N. Western.

It is rumored that the Sisters of Swing will once again do battle with their notorious alteregos, the Shartels, for their share of stage time. No doubt, Brunchgoers will be cautioned to hold on to their champagne glasses should these raps callions crash what promises to be a rather august gathering.

So, mark you calendars NOW for a morning of comradery, delectible edibles, and delightful diversion, as well as marvelous music. That's Sunday, February 14, at 10:30 am at VZD's. Adults \$7.50, Children \$3.50. It's a blast!

NANCY DAY PROJECT SOLICITS OKC WOMEN'S HELP

KALAMAZOO, MI - A group of Kalamazoo, Michigan-area women are excited about a project they are working on in conjunction with Pittsburgh composer and performer Nancy Day.

A spokesperson for the group, Carol, said, "The project has great potential for empowering and encouraging victims of violence, promoting women's culture, and consoling those burdened by the pain in the world, as well as entertainment. But, the project needs the vision and commitment of many good women. That is why we are reaching out for your helping hand."

Convinced that Day's "incredible healing and empowering music needs to reach a larger audience", this group of women is attempting to raise the \$10,000 necessary to produce a high quality, full length tape of Day's music. The tape, entitled "We All Have a Vision" (also the name of this project), would feature the title song with a majority of music focusing on ending violence, especially violence against women in its many forms.

Because of its planned content, the group supports Nancy's wish that the tapes be wholesaled to women's shelters

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and other centers which help domestic or sexual assault survivors. This would allow these centers to retail the tapes and use the proceeds to help fund much-needed human services. A tour by Nancy Day through some of the target communities is planned as a later step in the "We All Have a Vision" project.

"We desperately need the restorative energy of truly talented musicians --- we need the spirit of Nancy Day's messages in the world. We hope you, the women of Oklahoma, will make this vision yours as well as ours," Carol said. The Women's Action Center in Kalamazoo is accepting all donations, and would like to hear from women who may wish to make a low-interest or no-interest loan to Nancy Day of \$500.-\$10,000. to assist with the project.

Responses, questions, or donations of any amount may be sent to: Nancy Day; c/o "We All Have a Vision" Fund; P.O.Box 421; Kalamazoo, MI 49005 or telephone the Women's Action Center at (616) 394-9072 for more information.



ANNOUNCES



IN CONCERT

NANCY VOGL & ROBIN FLOWER
MARCH 13

JASMINE
APRIL 2

AT THE CIVIC CENTER LITTLE THEATER
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FOR THE DATE, TIME & LOCATION



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 IN MARCH
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Safiya Henderson-Holmes shares her poetry at an Oklahoma City reception on February 15 and will perform at OSU on February 16, 1988. See related article on page 1.

Feb moon 1988

Sun Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri Sat.

	1	Ground Hog 2 Day!	POET MARGE 3 PIERCY at OU: CONOCO AUDIT- ORIUM IN OU LIBRARY, NORMAN 8 pm / RECEPTION FOLLOWING	INFORMAL 4 DISCUSSION WITH MARGE PIERCY OU HONORS HOUSE 9:30 a.m.	5	6
7	8	9	10 Last Quarter Moon	11	12	13 SHARTELS AT THE HI-LO CLUB 1221 NW 50th 9 pm.
14 NOW BRUNCH VZD'S 4200 N. WESTERN 10:30 am - 1:00 pm	15 POET SAFIYA HENDERSON- HOLMES RECEPTION JIMMY STEWART BLDG, 1500 NE 4 7 pm.	16 SAFIYA H-H STUDENT UNION LITTLE THEATRE OSU - STILLWATER 7:30 pm.	17 NEW MOON	18	19	20
21 IAO POETRY 7 pm	22	23	24 First Quarter Moon Moon	25	26	27

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DAY

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A Herland Calendar ♀

Listing events sponsored by various organizations; presented as a community service by Herland. For more information call Herland at 794-7464.

the first national conference on "AIDS in the Black Community"; worked in coalition with numerous organizations and individuals to combat homophobia, racism, and sexism; done outreach to prisoners; and published its news magazine, *Black/Out*.

In 1988, NCBLG is celebrating its tenth anniversary year. Said Renee McCoy, Executive Director, "We feel that our decade of work has positively touched the lives of thousands of sisters and brothers, yet our level of paid memberships remains very low. We have made a commitment to add 1,000 new members by the time of our tenth Anniversary Homecoming Conference in Washington, D.C. next October. In line with NCBLG's ongoing commitment to address Black Lesbian concerns and to maintain gender parity on our Board and in our chapters, we would like at least half of these new members to be women." A year's membership in NCBLG is \$25. A subscription to *Black/Out* is an additional \$10 a year. "We welcome memberships from all people who are supportive of NCBLG's goals", says Ms. McCoy, "Come join us. Your membership helps to insure the success of our collective liberation."

For information write to: NCBLG; P.O. Box 2490-W; Washington, DC 20013 or call (202) 265-7117.

JUST ASK IMA

This month Ima is vacationing in Rio, so was not available to answer any letters. She did drop a line to the Editor and extends a belated Happy Birthday to Peggy Johnson (Jan. 18), and also to Tuffy in San Francisco (Jan. 18).

Ima will be back next month. Hasta Luego!

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