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## LOCAL CPT. FOR BIG MOUNTAIN PROJECT SEEKS SUPPORT

by Darlita J. Blanc

The Navaho and Hopi Indian tribes are among the handful of indigenous peoples in this country who retained the land of their ancestors when the "white" settlement of this country reached completion. As a result, their cultures are still "intact" and the majority of both tribes describe themselves as "traditionalists," living in the traditional way, abiding by traditional values, living their traditional spiritual understandings. They are neighbors and have also shared a "Joint Use Area" for over 100 years. This area was partitioned by Congress in 1974, and this legal act, having historical and genocidal consequences, has been the impetus for support groups' forming across the US and around the world, petitioning the Congress for repeal of this law.

Historically, the Navajo (Diné) and the Hopi have lived together peacefully and with mutual benefits. The Diné are sheepherders, the Hopi, farmers. There has always been an exchange of mutton for fruit and vegetables, etc. The Diné are semi-nomadic, living in isolated hogans and summer shelters. The Hopi live in villages on top of mesas.

The area in question is in northern Arizona, established by a Presidential executive order in 1882. Under it lies over 44 billion tons of high grade, low sulfur coal, and also uranium. Authorities have been aware of these deposits since the early 50s, and the coal deposits are near the surface, ideal for strip mining.

In 1921, an adjoining area owned solely by the Diné was leased to Peabody Coal for mining purposes. To accomplish this, the Federal Government established a Tribal Council to negotiate the lease. This body replaced the traditional clan elders, and was so successful that it resulted in the 1934 Indian Reorganization Act, replacing all traditional governments of all Indian tribes in this country. A Hopi Tribal Council was thus created.

The Hopi traditionalists do not participate in "foreign" politics: they have never participated in the Tribal Council, as they have their own traditional leadership, the kikmongue, traditional religious elders. Ten percent of the Hopi people elect one another to positions of power in the Tribal government, thus disenfranchising the traditional majority. The resulting situation is similar to Third World puppet governments, complete with the usual abuse of power, corruption and inequitable distribution of available funds and resources.

In the early '50s, the Hopi Tribal Council retained John Boyden as its attorney. He was also Peabody Coal's legal counsel, and he solved the dilemma of getting at the coal by hiring a public relations firm to create the alleged "range war" between the Diné and the Hopi; then he proposed the legislation to Congress to solve the "problem." The resulting legislation was PL 93-531, which divides the former JUA so that the coal deposits are under Hopi land upon which Navajos are living. The center of this area is called Big Mountain and has great religious significance to the Navajo. It is also one of the

most traditional areas of the Reservation, with the resident Diné not willing to leave or to allow mining. The deadline for their "voluntary" removal is July, 1986.

As many as 14,000 people are facing forced removal this summer. This is 10% of the tribe and would be an act of genocide. The relocation is to be to tract homes in suburban areas bordering the reservation, such as Flagstaff, Winslow, Holbrook, etc. These people have no urban job skills and, for the most part, do not even speak English. This act will disperse them from their ancestral homelands and from one another; therefore, from their community and culture. In Dollars and Sense, Ward Churchill analyzed the situation thus: "Under international law, taking landbased tribal people and forcing them to disperse into cities is a form of genocide, since it brings about their destruction as a group."

Relocation to other parts of the Reservation is not possible because there is not enough grass or grazing land to accommodate them in an economy already subsidized. The Navajo are the largest tribe in America, some census figures going as high as 180,000. In 1868, their population totaled between 7-8000 people.

Because of the resistance and widespread support for it in the Big Mountain area, Congress has proposed redrawing the partition lines, removing the surrounding Diné. This proposal has been flatly rejected. Recently the Reagan Administration proposed "Life Estates" for the elderly on Big Mountain and surrounding areas, meaning they could live out their lives on their ancestral land but would forfeit all claim to it for future generations. This has been flatly rejected. Livestock reduction (by 90%) and a moratorium on construction and repairs have been imposed and enforced on these people to make them more willing to relocate "voluntarily." These conditions make support work of direct aid in the form of clothing and food necessary for survival.

Violations of the new regulations result in livestock impoundment and fines, enforced by a police state mentality commonly referred to as "terrorist tactics" by the Diné.

In 1978, 55 members of the Diné resistance seceded from the Navajo Tribe and from the United States. They wrote a Declaration of Independence and formed a separate sovereignty, "Big Mountain Independent Diné Nation." The nation is governed by female elders representing each clan in the traditional way. At the present time, the Reagan Administration is proceeding with a planned military removal of these people in July, 1986, if they have not "voluntarily" left the land.

Although support groups have existed in the US and abroad for many years, new ones are being formed in response to this threat in this count-down year. What is needed now is a dramatic increase in the movement. The Oklahoma Big Mountain Support Group is part of this broader base of commitment in this time of impending crisis. Our work consists of education of the general public, pressure on our representatives in Washington, direct aid, networking and coordinating with other support groups, fundraising, etc. We began in October, 1985, and have members across the state, including two concentrated groups of supporters in Stillwater and Tulsa. Thomas Banyacya, spokes-

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We encourage the exchange of information, personal opinions on issues of concern to the Oklahoma women's community, and your stories and experiences.

The editor reserves the right to edit and condense letters according to space limitations. Letters should be typed, double-spaced and signed by the author(s). Include your address and phone number. If you wish to be published anonymously, indicate so, but include your name, etc., for our information, in case the editor has questions.

Mail or deliver your letters to HSR, Inc., 1630 N.W. 19, Okla. City, OK 73106. Deadline is the 15th of each month.

To the Editor:

Well, whad'ya know! Another paleface patriarch (Jack Edens) has shown himself true through all the colors--another white man granting himself the qualified knowledge and personal experience to speak for and about another race. Have his Black co-editors and journalists of the Gazette and/or his many Black friends and neighbors been calling for his words of wisdom, his leadership? Can he possibly be considering being a part of this post-civil rights leadership he feels the Black community is crying for?

Please, I'm really curious, because I have gotten drastically different messages about the plight of Black Americans from my Black friends, professors, writers and poets, than what his editorial in the Jan. 29 Gazette indicates. I'm really surprised at his insinuation that in America, our hard fought for and protected "democracy," those human rights secured in that little document all those men wrote in 1776 are, in fact, not inherent to American citizens. That, in fact, one must acquire "assets and wealth" before being assured of freedom, justice and equality.

Let me and my Black friends, and my personal experience as a woman in a sexist society, assure you--economic equality is not the same as political/personal equality. Let's ask the young urban Black professional (YUBPie?) couple who has tried to move into an upper class white suburban neighborhood, let's ask the thousands of Asian Americans (as compared to the minute population of those who are an economic success) in the Chinatowns of New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Philadelphia, etc.

Let's ask the female business executives who are called "Hon" by their male colleagues. Let's ask the many Irish (Catholic) Americans whose successful political campaigns against their discrimination got a president elected. (You're not going to tell me John F. Kennedy bought his way into the presidency?--in America?)

And, while we're on this subject, of the very few economic successes among the minority you cited (Black professionals, Jews, Japanese, Chinese), there has yet to be a president elected from them in this country "where anyone can grow up to be President."

Let's take a look at the Blacks in South Africa, a permanent majority, in a system of minority rule. Even when Apartheid, the legal system of racial segregation, falls and South African Blacks begin to regain their basic human rights, the deeply ingrained feelings and practices associated with racism will take much longer to dissolve. America's own system of Apartheid, known in our history as the Jim Crow laws, is only legally dead now since the Civil Rights era. Most who are over 25 (some younger) remember and experienced segregated bathrooms, black and white public schools, "special" seating arrangements on buses, etc.

Racism as a learned behavior doesn't disappear with a law--if it did, then so would rape, murder, sexism, domestic violence, child abuse, etc. It takes time to unlearn learned behavior--especially when there are those who do not desire to be re-educated.

Jack, I find your explanation of why Blacks aren't equal in this society to be the cop-out, in addition to being the familiar sing-song of this decade's neoconservative mentality, trying to make the Yuppies feel okay about their materialistic tunnel-visioned world.

Laura Smith, OKC



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for additional information

## NATIVE SONGWRITER RETURNS HOME

Born and raised in Oklahoma City, Janis Galloway is back from San Francisco and she has brought with her new smiles and new music to share at Herland's March coffeehouse, 8:00 p.m., March 28, 1630 N.W. 19.

The 28-year old musician started playing guitar in 1975. "All five of my brothers are musicians and ever since I can remember, I have heard strange guitar music coming from their rooms," Galloway said. "I guess they were my main influences. They certainly were my best teachers."

Acoustic music is Galloway's style and her imagination comes from within, as she claims the birth of 75 original songs. She wrote most of her early music in the seclusion of a two-story log music hall in the mountains of southeast Okla.

"I volunteered myself as the house musician in the winter of '78 so I was able to spend most of my time writing," she related. "I had the entire mountain top to myself for the winter--a writer's delight!"

After coming home from the Turkey Creek Saloon Music Hall, Janis became a regular around OKC, playing at festivals and doing the local club circuit. From the City, she spread her home-grown music throughout the state. She has sung about love, nature and war in Enid, Ada and, disguised as an old Alaskan trading post owner, at the 1896 Club in McAlester.

"Acoustic music was the beginning and is the backbone of rock and roll," Galloway explained. "I write and sing about the hard times, about a happy love or about the adventures of being alone. I write it from the heart and sing it out to the hearts of others who have a need to identify with something." In 1979, Galloway had several spots on the KATT radio's Homegrown program, where she was able to express the importance of acoustic music.

Galloway was joined by multitudes of women artists and musicians at the Grover Cleveland Arts Institute, for their production of "Sisters of the Arts," a memorable and very successful evening of women's music and art.

San Francisco became her next challenge, as she ventured West in April, 1980. "I did some studio work there with some women musicians in Berkeley," she said, "but I mostly concentrated on developing even further my own style of music."

Herland Sister Resources, Inc., is very pleased to welcome Janis Galloway back and to share her with the rest of the community in a coffeehouse concert, March 28.

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## MARY REYNOLDS TO BENEFIT HEALTH CTR.

Mary Reynolds and the Sisters of Swing will be playing and singing to benefit the Southeast Area Health Center, on Saturday, March 8, at 7:30 p.m., in the Crooked Oak School auditorium, S.E. 15th and Eastern.

The health center serves low income people in Oklahoma County and the money raised will go toward hiring a full-time physician, according to Director Jean Kelsey.

Tickets for the benefit concert are \$5 at the door. For more information, contact Kelsey at 632-6688.

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man for the Hopi traditional religious elders, came to Oklahoma last November and spoke to the groups in Tulsa and Oklahoma City.

Support group members will be invited to a "gathering" on Big Mountain in the spring. There they will be given instructions from the elders and direction for networking with one another. These "gatherings" have taken place for several years.

Support group workers will also be invited to attend the 4th and final annual Sun Dance on Big Mountain during the first week of July, and during the final four days before the forced relocation deadline.

To become involved or to get more information, interested persons may contact Leona Luecke at the Benedictine Peace House, 405-524-5577, or Francis Wise at the OKC Native American Center, 405-235-5563. Jackie Warledo (598-8680) chairs the Oklahoma Big Mountain Support Group.

### GUATEMALAN FAIR

Women for Guatemala is sponsoring the Guatemalan Fair, Saturday, March 8, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 222 N.W. 15, in Oklahoma City. Weavers and Guatemalan crafts will be featured.

For more information, contact the Benedictine Peace House, 2920 N. Robinson, OKC, 73103, 405-524-5577.

### CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH WITH MARY REYNOLDS

The Metro OKC Chapter of the National Organization for Women is sponsoring its 4th Annual Champagne Brunch, Sunday, March 16, at VZD's, 4200 N. Western. Mary Reynolds and The Sisters of Swing will perform. Call 528-0400 for the time and price of the benefit.

### CONFLICT OF FEMINISM LECTURE TOPIC

Dr. Rosemary Ruether, Professor at Garrett Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois, will be speaking on "The Conflict of Feminism and Family in American Culture Today," Thursday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the Forum Building, Conference Room B, Oklahoma Center for Continuing Education, Norman. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Ruether will be directing the Feaver/MacMinn Seminar for OU students March 11-15. She will be tracing the changing ways in which family, society, church and gender have been related in Western (Christian) history. Religious and educational professionals are particularly invited to attend a colloquium Wednesday, March 12, at 3:00 p.m., OCCE Conference Room B.

For more information, contact Barbara Wilson, College of Liberal Studies, 405-325-1061, or 1-800-522-4389.

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### CAUCUS ADDRESSES ANTI-GAY BILLS

Three anti-gay bills have been filed in the Oklahoma legislature, according to Keith Smith of the Oklahoma Gay Political Caucus.

"House Bill 1698 makes it a felony for intentionally infecting yourself or someone else with AIDS," said Smith. "The bill may have been effectively killed in the Criminal Justice Committee the week of Feb. 3. They will meet one more time and if it doesn't come out of committee then, it will be past the deadline."

Smith said that another bill requires testing for AIDS for all medical professionals, and another for all people applying for marriage licenses.

"We're in a whole lot better shape than we thought we would be," Smith explained about the legislative reaction to AIDS. "The Holocaust this year isn't happening."

"House Bill 1880 addresses foster care, creates a new commission and is basically a good bill, except that it states that homosexuals cannot be considered as foster parents," Smith said.

The Oklahoma Gay Political Caucus is sponsoring a Town Meeting, Thursday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m. at Oasis Community Center, 2135 N.W. 39, in Oklahoma City. Part of the agenda includes a session on letter writing, plans for a trip to Stillwater to campaign for a city commissioner, and election of officers.

Beginning in March, OGPC will sponsor a work night every Sunday from 7-10:00 p.m. at Oasis. OGPC representative(s) as well as coordinate volunteers will be on hand to provide legal referrals and networking for people who have a problem.

Volunteers are needed for the following committees: Voter Registration, Alert Network, Field Trip, Lobbying and Legislative Information, Membership and Fundraising.

Contact Keith Smith, 524-2296, or Kevin Gabel, 584-4093, for more information.

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## HSR OFFERS HOMOPHOBIA WORKSHOPS

Herland Sister Resources, Inc., will host a workshop series on homophobia facilitated by Suzanne Pharr, of the Arkansas Women's Project, on April 12 and 13, at the OKC YWCA, 129 N.W. 5.

Session I will be devoted to consciousness-raising about homophobia and strategies for eliminating personal and institutional homophobia. Both non-lesbians and lesbians are encouraged to attend Session I, Saturday, April 12, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with a one hour lunch break.

Session II will focus on internalized homophobia and a discussion of the ways homophobia affects the lives of lesbians, on Sunday, April 13, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Session III, a strategizing session for improving the lives of lesbians, will be held Sunday, April 13, from 1:30-5:30 p.m.

Sessions II and III are open to lesbians only.

For more information, contact Pat Reaves, 525-8013 (evenings) or Elaine Barton, 525-5691.

Early registration is encouraged as space is limited.

funded by a grant from the Chicago Resource Center to the Arkansas Women's Project and Herland Sister Resources, Inc.

### HOMOPHOBIA WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

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## HOMOPHOBIA: THE PROBLEM STATEMENT

by Suzanne Pharr

The political dilemma that faces many lesbians is that of a double-edged sword: if they let people know they are lesbians, if they choose visibility, then they run the risk of losing their jobs, their children, their families and the support of their larger community; but if they do not become visible, then they cannot gain the support of allies, of non-lesbians--even worse, they cannot with surer even recognize one another--and, therefore, there is little chance of creating a national movement for lesbian rights.

The lack of visibility, of allies, of political organizing prevents us from putting forth the strategy and effort necessary to combat homophobia. The gay and lesbian community is being targeted by conservative groups as enemies of the family, of decency and of morality. Even in feminist organizations such as battered women's shelters where many lesbians work, there is not enough safety for lesbians to feel free to be visible because lesbian baiting has worked as such an effective weapon against women who do social change work. In the battered women's movement, we are beginning to break the silence about lesbian battering, but are finding many lesbians will not go to shelters for safety because of the covert or overt homophobia there.

And, finally, because homophobia pervades all our institutions, lesbians have internalized many of its messages as truths. Consequently, through external and internal homophobia, we often find ourselves unable to find full expression for our lives. We experience a loss of personal freedom which can express itself in low self-esteem, self-hatred, abusive relationships, or just a general narrowing of our lives, marked by a constant vigilance that we do not put ourselves at risk in unsafe places. Then in our communities we often experience divisiveness and an unwillingness to come together to create an overall political strategy to improve our lives, to set ourselves free.

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## IT'S ROBBERS CAVE, FOR SURE THIS TIME

After writing an enticing article about what Robbers Cave had to offer, when we planned on having the fall retreat there, a mixup in reservations forced a change of place. But, this time, it really is Robbers Cave, for our spring retreat, May 2-4, and everything promised in the September newsletter will be there, with spring's re-birthing signs everywhere substituting for the display of fall foliage.

Belle Starr "hid out" from authorities there, as did the James Brothers. Hiking trails take you up to the large cave, overlooking the surrounding area. A natural corral below kept the horses safe and hidden but ready.

Legends about hidden treasure in the cave have led to explorations of its deep recesses, but the last of these in 1931, as the story goes, departed in great haste, supposedly taking the treasure they found with them.

Today's treasure mainly consists of a beautiful natural area. The group camp itself, the site of Herland's retreat, offers rock cabins, containing bunks and mattresses, a large dining hall and kitchen equipped with cooking and eating utensils, and bathrooms.

The park's natural amphitheatre sits right on the edge of Lake Carlton. Weather permitting, our Saturday night concert will be held in this beautiful setting. At press time, Herland has contacted Hawkins and DeLear for that concert. Several of our local musicians will also perform.

So far, there are five workshops scheduled: Shelly Zaikis, handwriting analysis; Laura Choate, on her recent trip to Israel; Nancy Viviani, on mind/body/spirit connections; Peggy Durham, sober living; a poetry reading/writing workshop. Proposals are still being welcomed by HSR, so if you want to present one (or have a specific topic addressed), please contact us by April 15.

Leisure time activities in the area, in addition to hiking, are fishing, nature photography, paddle boats and kayaks, softball. Pets are welcome, but must be kept on a leash while out of doors.

Bring a bedroll or sleeping bag, pillow, towels, toilet articles, flashlights, musical instruments, toys, cameras, fishing equipment, comfortable shoes.

Also bring enough food for yourself or your party for meals through Sunday breakfast or brunch. (Checkout time is noon.) Herland will provide coffee. We will combine our Saturday night meal, as we did at Osage Hills, for a giant pot-luck. One of the sites of an enjoyable sharing experience at Osage Hills occurred in the kitchen. (Mama Hulzini is again offering to cook, when she's not fishing, if someone else will wash dishes.) For

those not wishing to cook, there is a cafe in the park, plus a grocery store in case you forget something.

You may check in any time after 4:00 p.m. on Friday. The park is located north of Wilburton, about 153 miles from Oklahoma City. Bring arts and crafts for exhibit or sale, plus networking information.

HSR must have an approximate count on attendees, so send the pre-registration form below and your check for \$15 per person by April 20 to Herland Sister Resources, c/o Kris Marek, 1137 N.W. 31, Oklahoma City, Ok 73118. On site registration will be \$20 per person. If you have special needs, such as non-smoking or non-alcoholic sleeping space, please indicate so on your form.

There are a few scholarships available for those wishing to attend who cannot afford the \$15 fee. Also, anyone wishing to sponsor an attendee on scholarship, please contact HSR. (There are places on the preregistration form to indicate either of the above.)

### SPRING FESTIVAL RETREAT FOR WOMEN REGISTRATION

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On Wednesday, March 19, at 8:00 p.m., OSU NOW will sponsor the film "Norma Rae," depicting the struggles of forming a union in a Southern mill town. The film will be shown at the Student Union Theatre and costs \$2.

Two films presenting both sides of the abortion questions will be shown on Tuesday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 313 CLB on the OSU campus. The pro-life film, "Conceived in Liberty" and the pro-choice "So Many Voices" will be followed by Dr. Kathleen McKinney, OSU Dept. of Sociology and a representative for Oklahomans for Life, who will confront the issues and interact with the audience.

William H. Chafe, one of the nation's leading historians and writers in the area of civil rights and women's rights, will lecture on "End of One Struggle and the Beginning of Another: Civil Rights and Women's Rights," Wednesday, April 2, 8:00 p.m., 141 Physical Sciences Building.

Poetry readings featuring Ann Weisman, Tuesday, March 25, and Carol Haralson, Thursday, April 10, will be held at 7:00 p.m. at 109 Bartlett Center.

Contact OSU NOW, Box 904, Room 040, Student Union, Stillwater, OK 74078, for information.

## 1985-86 OU WOMEN'S SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Home games at Reaves Park, Norman

March 12	Southern Illinois (DH)	11:00 a.m.
March 13-15	Sooner Invitational	
March 13	Kansas State	10:00 a.m.
13	Illinois State	6:00 p.m.
14	Northeast Louisiana	10:30 a.m.
14	Central Michigan	1:30 p.m.
April 2	Texas-Arlington	2:00 p.m.
2	Oklahoma State	5:00 p.m.
19	Missouri	11:00 a.m.
19	Oklahoma State	3:00 p.m.

Contact Debbie Copp at the OU Sports Information Office, 405-325-8367.

## SOONER WOMEN'S TENNIS SCHEDULE

Home matches at OU Varsity Courts, Norman

March 4	Cooke County College	2:00 p.m.
31	Tulsa University	1:30 p.m.
April 4	Kansas State	1:00 p.m.
5	Kansas	9:00 a.m.
16	Oklahoma State	2:00 p.m.
19	Colorado	1:00 p.m.
April 22-23	Big Eight Tournament, Oklahoma City	All Day

## SUPPORT CENTER OFFERS MGT. WORKSHOPS

People working in southwestern Oklahoma in the social services and educational fields, health agencies, family services, the arts, crime prevention, and many other areas are encouraged to participate in the spring workshop series on non-profit management offered by the Support Center. Staff, board members and volunteers from local organizations will meet in Duncan and Lawton to discuss current issues in today's economic climate.

The following workshops will be held at the Chamber of Commerce Auditorium in Duncan, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:15 p.m., on the dates noted:

"Problem Solving in Meetings"--Thurs., March 6.

"Long Range Planning"--Tues., March 18.

"Raising Money Through Special Events and Memberships"--Thurs., March 27.

The Lawton workshops will be conducted at the Public Service Company, 629 S.W. C Ave., from 9:00 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

"How to Manage Effective Volunteer Programs"--Tues., April 8.

"Building and Maintaining a Dynamic Board"--Thurs., April 17.

Registration is \$15 per person, per workshop, lunch included. Scholarships are available.

In addition to management workshops, The Support Center offers one-to-one consulting, on-site training, a shared service center, an accounting aid program, a resource library and information and referral services. Contact them at 525 N.W. 13, Oklahoma City, OK 73103, 405-236-8133 for additional information and registration forms for the spring workshop series.

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## INT'L. REMEMBRANCE VIGIL ON MARCH 8

On International Women's Day, 1985, feminists in three cities, Tel Aviv, Israel, Sydney, Australia, and Buffalo, NY, held Remembrance Vigils to the victims of patriarchal violence through the ages. The three locations formed a geographical triangle, and in their vigils, they formed a spiritual triangle representing women's ancient power.

The organizers of the three vigils have decided to adopt it as a feminist tradition each year on International Women's Day, March 8. They invite other women, in other countries to join and expand the triangle.

According to Deni Langman of Women Against Violence Against Women, Tel Aviv, the vigil in Israel is in memory of women of the matriarchal period, enslaved, raped, tortured and murdered in Asia, the Middle East, Africa and Southern Europe; hundreds of Amazon women, attacked, raped and slaughtered in Greece and South America; 9 million women who were tortured and murdered in Europe between the 14th and 17th Centuries; 80 women in the early 1900s who were murdered in Ashkelon, Middle East; and the millions of women and their children who have fallen victim to patriarchal wars and violence during the 20th Century.

You may write to Deni Langman, in the name of Women Against Violence Against Women, P.O. Box 29411, Tel Aviv, 61293, Israel.

## OASIS EXPANDS CENTER HOURS

Oasis Community Center is now open Monday-Thursday from Noon to 11:00 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, Noon to 1:00 a.m.

## OKC GAY HELPLINE JUST A DIAL AWAY

The Gay Helpline is on the line from 7:00 p.m. until morning. Call 528-GAYS. If you are interested in volunteering, call Alice at 360-3640. Professionals interested in being listed with the Helpline should contact her, also. The listing is free.

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## APA RESOLUTION ON AIDS

Given current evidence that persons do not become infected with the AIDS virus through casual contact, the American Psychological Association "deplores the exclusion of persons with AIDS or those suspected of having AIDS from housing, employment, education or necessary professional services," says a resolution adopted by the APA February 1.

APA "condemns use of the AIDS epidemic as a vehicle for fostering prejudice or discrimination against any group or individual. Until there are empirical data linking specific tests with the eventual development of AIDS, the APA condemns indiscriminate testing to detect exposure to AIDS."

APA supports increased funding for public education regarding AIDS and calls on psychologists to "combat irrational public fears" of AIDS through teaching, public lectures, counseling and therapy, consultation, and research.

APA says that psychosocial and mental health aspects of AIDS should be stressed in treatment, research and preventative programs, and urges that mental health services for persons with AIDS, AIDS-related conditions or an exaggerated fear about the threat of AIDS "should be widely available." However, while noting that identification of persons exposed to the AIDS virus is a "major public health goal," APA urges that the confidentiality of patient records be protected.



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\*\*NewSage Press, a California publishing company specializing in fine art books, is presently working on a major black and white photography art book on Women at Work in America. The focus of the book is to show women in the United States at work, and the great diversity in their jobs and positions, whether they are migrant workers, corporate executives or homemakers. They want to include all age groups and remove all the limitations on what society "thinks" women do or should do as work and show what they are actually doing in 1986. The photographs must be taken during the first week of March, specifically March 3-7, which precedes International Women's Day on March 8. Any film format is acceptable. Information and extended photo captions must accompany the photographs. A fee will be paid for the photographs chosen. Write Maureen R. Mechelson, Publisher, NewSage Press, P.O. Box 41038, Pasadena, CA 91104, 818-791-4122.

\*\*Lesbian Editor seeks material for her book exploring friendships between lesbians who are not lovers. Discuss play, work, growing up, coming out, separations, family bonds, commitment, betrayal, humor, aging, raising children, affection, etc. Send life stories, drawings/graphics, photos, headlines, taped conversations, essays, poems, songs, prayers, etc., to Caroljean Pint, 1050 Title Insurance Bldg., 400 2nd Ave. South, Minneapolis, MN 55401.

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## PUBLISHING NEWS

\*\*The Iowa City Women's Press filed for bankruptcy recently, after 12 years of operation. They printed many of the issues of Sinister Wisdom, early Naiad Press titles, early issues of Lesbian Connection, all issues of Common Lives/Lesbian Lives and Maize, as well as Narratives: Poems in a Tradition of Black Women, Shadow on a Tightrope and Saturday Night in the Prime of Life. Lesbian Land was the last book off the press. Aunt Lute Book Company had to have its two most recent books printed elsewhere.

According to Lorna Campbell, co-founder of A Fine Bind, "I think that basically we were all good workers. But none of us were managers."

\*\*Century Book Club has also declared bankruptcy. A significant part of CBC's investment capital never arrived, even though they were exceeding all their projections and the business plan was checking off right on schedule. They had an 18% response rate to mailings--incredibly high--and were making money.

According to Mark Bernard, CVC, "If I had it to do over again, I'd do a lesbian book club. The publishers were wonderful to deal with as were the customers. It's a different market than the men's market..."

--from Feminist Bookstore News, Vol. 8, No. 4, Dec./Jan., 1986.

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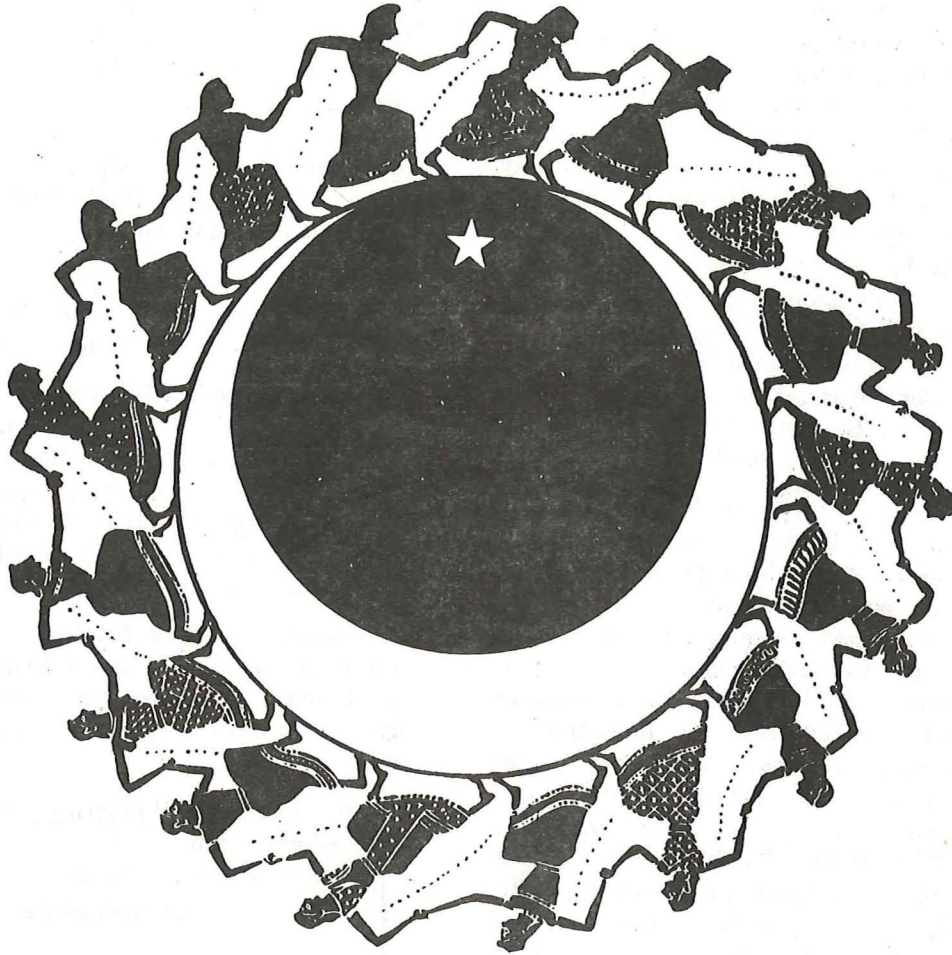
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