

The HERLAND VOICE

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10TH ANNUAL GAY AND LESBIAN PRIDE PARADE

Come join your Herland friends in the tenth annual Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade on Sunday, June 22. The parade is scheduled to step off from Memorial Park, 36th and N. Classen, at 4:00 p.m. The parade destination will be the 39th Street Arts Festival, running from noon to 6 p.m., with arts and crafts from local artisans. The theme for this year's parade is "Equality through Visibility." Last year there were more than 1,000 marchers in the parade and at least 2,500 spectators, according to parade organizers.

Herland will have a contingent in the parade -- you can walk with us, ride a bike, a motorcycle or ride on our float (ok -- it's really a pickup truck). If you can't join us in the parade, come and support us from the sidelines. The parade route begins at NW 36th and Classen and goes north on Classen to NW 42 makes a U-turn and goes west on NW 39th to NW 39th and Barnes.

Pre-parade activities begin in Memorial Park at noon. Final float registration for the parade will begin at noon with the line-up for the parade on a first-come, first-serve basis. An ecumenical religious service will begin the program. A holy union ceremony will be performed by Rev. Kathy McCallie at 1:45 p.m. (Any couple wishing to participate, call Rev. McCallie at 405-239-2799.) A political rally with Mary Catherine Smotherman and Paul Barby, candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives from Oklahoma, will culminate the pre-parade activities.

The Parade and 39th Street Arts Festival are coordinated by the pride committee of The Center. For more information or to register to participate in the parade, call the Center at (405)524-6000. □

THANKS

Thanks to everyone who donated items and participated in the silent auction and raffle at the Herland Retreat. Together they raised over \$450 to support Herland activities. Please show your appreciation with your support for these businesses and artists.

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COMMUNITY PRIDE PICNIC AT HSR

Herland will host a community-wide picnic to celebrate Pride Week on June 21 in the Herland back yard. Food will be served starting at 6:30 p.m. with entertainment starting around 7:30 p.m.



the fixin's will be pro-\$4.00.

Everyone (men, women and children) is invited --so come on out and enjoy and celebrate Pride Week with Herland. □

MORE GAY AND LESBIAN PRIDE ACTIVITIES

Oklahoma City

Pride Week begins on Sunday, June 15 with a Block Party held in the parking lot behind the Community Center on NW 39th Street. Look for the fund to begin around 4:00 p.m., ending sometime around dark.

Tulsa

Tulsa's gay and lesbian pride celebrations begin on June 1. Please contact the Pride Activities Committee at (918)743-4297 for more information.

For the first time, Tulsa will hold a Pride March on Saturday, June 14. Everyone is encouraged to march with their supporting organization or simply as individuals. The march will end at Owen Park just prior to the picnic. Call for time and location.

The annual Pride picnic will be at Owen Park, located at 560 N. Maybell Road (off Edison Road), from noon to 5:00 p.m., on Saturday, June 14. Bring your own food. Sodas and beer will be provided by sponsors. Information and vendor booth space available. For those giving away free information, booth space is available at \$10; for those who are selling merchandise, the booth space is \$30. Payment should be mailed to the Pride Center, 1307 E. 38th, Second Floor, Tulsa, OK 74105.

Pride Worship Services:

Sunday, June 1, 11:00 a.m.: Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation, in the Community of Hope United Methodist Church, 1703 E. 2nd.

Sunday, June 8: Church of the Restoration Unitarian Church, 1314 N. Greenwood. Call for time. □

IN REVIEW

by Jill Garner

Lucy Kaplansky

Keep your calendars open June 15th to see Lucy Kaplansky at the City Arts Center!

I first heard Kaplansky on NPR last year and she has quickly evolved into one of my favorite singers. Kaplansky is more than just a woman with a guitar. Her music covers a range of rock, folk, and traditional, with some bluegrass and country influences as well. Fitting somewhere in that vague category of evocative folk along with Shawn Colvin and many others, Kaplansky adds her own wonderful signature to every song she sings.

Kaplansky has 2 releases, *The Tide* (1994) and *Flesh and Bone* (1996). I love both and think she has a great mix of songs and a great sound with acoustic and electric guitars, fiddle, mandolin, drums, and pedal steel guitar, to name just some of the instruments. Kaplansky has a gorgeous voice too and can get down on songs like Richard Thompson's "Don't Renege on Our Love," or totally captivate you with a beautiful song like Robin Batteau's "Guinevere." About half of the songs on both CDs she co-wrote with Richard Litvin. The other half were written by a lot of good songwriters including Thompson, Nick Lowe, Gram Parsons, Sting and Batteau. Shawn Colvin produced *The Tide* and provides background vocals on many of the songs. She is joined on background vocals on her latest album by John Gorka and ex-Story member Jennifer Kimball.

We're very fortunate to get a chance to hear Lucy Kaplansky here in Oklahoma City. Check the *Gazette* for more information, or call 843-5789. Tickets are usually available at the Bricktown Gallery (where you can easily get lost browsing), Kamps (where Yippie-Yi-Yo Coffee is conveniently located with wonderful coffee and pastries) and the City Arts Center (another great diversion). So have fun while you get your tickets because this will be a show worth the trip!

Kathy Mattea - *Love Travels*

While I've been a Kathy Mattea fan for quite some time, I've never been particularly happy with any of her CDs I've purchased. Oh sure, there were songs here and there I loved, but as a whole, Mattea's music has been a little disappointing. I'm happy to say this latest release is different.

Mattea's voice has always been what has drawn me to her. It's wonderfully rich, slightly deep, and so smooth. Nearly perfect to my ears. But it's not enough without some good songs to sing. Mattea picked songs by several wonderful songwriters for this release and I think the CD as a whole is her best yet.

Mattea has never written her own songs, or at least not many, but she picked some great songs on this CD by some very talented writers (i.e. Gillian Welch, Cheryl Wheeler, Janis Ian and Lionel Cartwright.) She also has some good friends helping her out on vocals. Suzy Boggus, Jonatha Brooke of The Story, Michael McDonald, and Kim Richey, as well as others, lended their voices.

If you've never heard Kathy Mattea, I recommend you start with this CD. I hope it gets you hooked because she has a voice that deserves to be heard. And if you're like me and you like Mattea but haven't been real happy with her music in the past few years, give her another chance with this CD. I don't think you'll be sorry you did. □

NEW DATA ABOUT BATTERED WOMEN ON WELFARE RELEASED

The NOW Foundation and NOW/LDEF have released a new report further detailing the extent of violence among women on welfare was released. *Trapped by Poverty, Trapped by Abuse; New Evidence Documenting the Relationship Between Domestic Violence and Welfare*, by Jody Raphael, executive director of the Taylor Institute and Richard M. Tolman, Ph.D., associate professor at the School of Social Work, University of Michigan, compiled findings from four major examinations of welfare recipients and low income women. The levels of current physical abuse ranged from 14.6% reported in a Passaic County (NJ) survey, conducted by the Passaic County Board of Social Services of 846 women, to 32% reported in the Better Homes Fund five-year, in-depth study of 436 women in Worcester, MA, most of whom were on welfare.

A Joint Center for Poverty Research, Northwestern University, Chicago low-income neighborhood survey of 834 women found that the rate of domestic violence among ADFC recipients was three times as high (31.1%) as the rate found in other low income households (11.8%) and that the amount of recent severe physical aggression was two and one half times as high. All studies found large and consistently high percentages of domestic violence from intimate partners and an extensive incidence of partner interference with education, training and work (15% to 49%). Thirty percent of abused women reported arguments with intimate partners over child support and 23% reported disputes over child custody; more than a third (36%) reported that police had been contacted.

One of the key findings of the Taylor Institute - University of Michigan evaluation is that many "women on welfare who were ever abused currently suffer from depression, other mental health problems, posttraumatic stress disorder, drug and alcohol abuse, and physical health problems at higher rates than their non-abused counterparts as well as in the general female population." The researchers stress that recent changes in the welfare law, with rigid requirements for employment and time limits for welfare receipt, will place some battered women at great risk for continued and increased violence and long-term poverty.

Copies of the report can be obtained from NOW Foundation, Office of Public Policy. Contact Jan Erickson at (202)331-0066, ext. 768, or email to now@now.org. Information about the joint research effort can be found at <http://www.umich.edu/~socwk/trapped/>. □

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Herland Sister Resources

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Diversity Coffee-house Garage Sale
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Tulsa Pride March and Picnic (see pg. 1)
15 1:00 PM Work Day at HSR 4:00 PM 39th Street Block Party 4:30 PM HSR Board Mtg.	16	17	18	19	20	21 6:30 PM Community Picnic at HSR
22 OKC Lesbian & Gay Pride Parade and 39th Street Arts Festival (see pg. 1)	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

If you have events you'd like included on the Herland calendar, please leave a message at 405-521-9696.

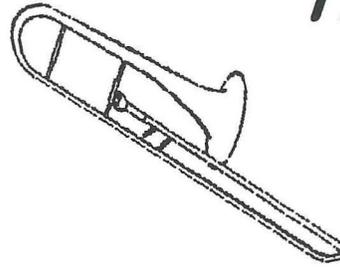


Help get Herland ready for Pride activities. We'll be doing clean up and preparation at Herland on June 15 starting at 1 PM. There'll be plenty to do inside and out so come by and help for just a little while or all afternoon.

The **Oklahoma Lesbian and Gay Law Association** was formed to promote equality in the legal profession and society. If interested, call (405)340-1957 or write OLGLA, 3126 S. Boulevard, #309, Edmond, OK 73103.

Diversity Coffee Shop, will hold a garage sale on Saturday, June 7, beginning at 7:00 a.m. Proceeds from the sale will benefit Herland Sister Resources and Gay NewsBreak. Gay NewsBreak is a weekly gay and lesbian news program, aired throughout the metro area on cable access television. Diversity is located on the corner of NW 17th and Youngs in Oklahoma City. If you have items to donate for the sale, call Diversity between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. at (405) 524-7375.

"Breaking the Code," an award-winning, gay-themed documentary will air on OETA at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, June 20. "Breaking the Code" is about the life of Alan Turing, the famous British mathematician who solved the "Enigma" code, which led to the defeat of Germany during World War II. An openly gay man, Turing received a great deal of public acclaim for his accomplishment, although he was continually harassed for his sexual orientation.



THE BANNED OF OKLAHOMA

The Banned will be providing enthusiastic music again for the Pride Parade. Our theme song will be "Hey Look Me Over" this year, as an expression of the parade theme, "Equality through Visibility." If you like having OKC's own Pride Parade band, instead of paying the Dallas band to come up, a great way to show support is to join us. We really need a trombone, a baritone and a tenor saxophone.

If you want to play but don't have an instrument, let us know because we can probably help. If you would like to be in the Banned, but there is no way you are going to march in a parade, we plan to ride on a flat bed trailer. If you are a pretty good player and haven't wanted to give up two hours every Sunday to go to rehearsal, there are only three practice sessions in June before the parade. If you don't like to play marches, we're doing stuff like "Rockin' Robin", "Basin Street Blues" and "Don't Get Around Much Anymore", along with just a couple of fun Sousa marches.

Rehearsal is at 3:00 every Sunday at the Center, 2135 NW 39th. Call Marilyn Sebek at 794-3035 for more information. □

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