

Herland

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TURTLE CREEK CHORALE CONCERT TO BENEFIT OK CHORUSES

The world-renowned Turtle Creek Chorale, under the artist direction of Dr. Timothy Seelig, will perform in Oklahoma City at 8 P.M. on March 17 at the Village Christian Church, 9401 Ridgeview Dr. All proceeds of the OKC performance will benefit the OKC Metro Men's and Women's Choruses and the Council Oak Men's Chorale of Tulsa. The concert will also include performances by each of the beneficiary choruses.

The Dallas-based Turtle Creek Chorale is celebrating its 20th anniversary season and boasts a long list of accomplishments including a 1995 EMMY Award for their performance of *After Goodbye: An AIDS Story*. The Chorale has produced 20 recordings and several have won national awards. The Chorale has also won three "Telly" awards for its video public service announcements.

The Chorale's performance credits including collaborations with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, The Dallas Opera and The Women's Chorus of Dallas. The Chorale has performed for the Queen of England, former President and Mrs. George Bush and for General Zhang, Defense Attache from the People's Republic of China. The Chorale made its Carnegie Hall debut in 1993.

In lieu of ticket sales, a "love offering" will be accepted at the door. For more information call (405)751-1156. □

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If you need a place to logon to the Internet, public Internet access is available at libraries in the Oklahoma City Metropolitan Library System. □

PRIDE NETWORK LOGO CONTEST

The Pride Network, the group that organizes the Oklahoma City Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered persons Pride Parade and Human Rights March and the related events, has announced a logo design competition for 2000 Pride events.

All designs entered must include the wording OKC Gay & Lesbian Pride Parade 2000 and use the national theme "Take Pride, Take Joy, Take Action". Contest judges will look for the best and most inspiring theme idea, not necessarily quality of artwork, and reserves the right to change or adapt the winning entry to suit the requirements for possible T-shirts or poster use, or in printed advertising material. The prize for the winning entry will be \$100. *(continued inside)*

HERLAND MARCH ACTIVITIES

7:00 PM Saturday, March 4: Two-Spirit Group at Herland, 2312 NW 39, Oklahoma City.

5:30 P.M. Saturday, March 11: Herland Supper Club meets at Herland and will decide on a dinner destination Everyone is welcome!

4:30 P.M. Sunday, March 19: Herland Board Meeting at Herland, 2312 NW 39, Oklahoma City. Anyone with an interest in learning more about how Herland works and becoming more involved is encouraged to attend.

7:00 P.M. Saturday, March 25: Potluck Supper and a movie at Herland, 2312 N.W. 39, Oklahoma City. Bring your favorite dish and join the fun!

Herland Spring Retreat, May 19-21 at Roman Nose State Park

JULIE AND BUDDY MILLER

by Jill Garner

Breaking my tradition of only writing about female artists, there's just no way to talk about Julie Miller without also talking about her husband and musical partner, Buddy Miller. While they've never recorded a true duet record together, their influence on each other's music is unmistakable. Buddy provides musical accompaniment and harmonies for Julie on her records, while she co-writes much of Buddy's material and provides harmony for him. On both his and her albums, they get help from such friends as Emmylou Harris, Steve Earle and Jim Lauderdale.

Their styles are quite different. Buddy's music is honky-tonk country, complete with fiddles and steel guitar, while Julie's style is more of a pop-rock-folk blend. She can go from a rocker like "I Need You" right into the aching beauty of "I Still Cry", joined by the perfection of Patty Griffin's voice on harmony vocals. Buddy has some beautiful tender songs, but they never match the emotional depth that Julie can reach. She said, "I hope people don't get too depressed. It takes a really more talented songwriter than myself to write good happy songs.....I'm going to try to work on it..but I have a feeling I'll fail."

One of the true gems on Julie Miller's latest, *Broken Things*, is the title song. Miller says she "just pulled it out 'cause I needed a song" and was surprised to find people liked it. The song was written after the violence in Northern Ireland in 1993. However, the words, "Well I heard that you make old things new, so I give these pieces all to you, if you want it you can have my heart" take on a more poignant meaning after reading about Miller's depression and past suicide attempt. She said in a recent interview, "Even though my life may be so blessed, I have a lot of daily feelings and thoughts for people who are suffering... and it just all comes out when I start singing."

Julie Miller has recorded four Christian albums before her last two releases on Hightone, *Blue Pony* in 1997 and most recently, *Broken Things*.

Julie Miller's husband, Buddy, has released 3 records on Hightone, the most recent being *Cruel Moon*. He also plays guitar with Emmylou Harris' band, the Spyboys. He's one of the most sought after talents in Nashville, for good reason. His voice is wonderful, but his songwriting and musical talent is, without question, quite impressive. *Cruel Moon* is full of great country songs, rockers and ballads, and so much better than just about anything played on the radio today.

I had heard a couple of songs by Julie and Buddy Miller before I ever heard them. A number of people have recorded the Miller's songs, most notably Suzy Boggus and Garth Brooks ("Take me Back"), the Dixie Chicks ("Hole in My Head"), and Brooks and Dunn ("My Love Will Follow You").

I could go on for quite some time about the Millers but I don't have room and I hope you check them out yourself. Their CDs are pretty readily available around Oklahoma (at Rainbow Records, Borders and Hastings anyway). I highly recommend either one of them depending on your tastes, or both for those with broader tastes. The nice thing is no matter which of their CDs you buy, you get to hear and experience the talent of both. I strongly recommend them. Please, turn off your radio and listen to a couple of people you should be hearing on the radio.

The Millers rarely perform together but they're doing a show in Dallas in April that I hope to be lucky enough to see. Greg Johnson tried to get them here but unfortunately they can't come. I'll let you know if I make it. I'm sure I won't be able to keep it to myself!

Happy listening!

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FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS UNDER FIRE IN SEATTLE

Cheri Honkala, Directory of the Kensington Welfare Rights Union and the National Spokesperson for the Poor People's Economic Human Rights Campaign, was among those arrested on November 29, 1999 in Seattle while protesting the World Trade Organization.

Most of the over 500 cases related to the WTO events have been thrown out of court, but the District Attorney is still pursuing Cheri's case. She was offered a plea bargain with 5 days in jail, a \$1000 fine and a two-year gag order prohibiting her participation or involvement in demonstrations anywhere in the country.

Cheri has turned down the plea bargain because of the effort to prevent her from exercising her First Amendment rights to speak out and is scheduled to stand trial on March 14, 2000 in Seattle.

The Poor People's Economic Human Rights Campaign is leading a national letterwriting campaign to encourage the Seattle District Attorney to drop all charges against Cheri Honkala. For information about the campaign, see the Kensington Welfare Rights Union web site www.libertynet.org/kwru or call (215) 203-1945. □

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WORLD MARCH FOR WOMEN



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The World March for Women, a series of women's rights demonstrations demanding end to poverty and violence against women, begins on International Women's Day, March 8, 2000. The campaign finale will be an international rally at the United Nations General Assembly in New York City on Tuesday, October 17, the UN International day for the Eradication of Poverty.

Women in over 138 countries are organizing events that share the demands of an end to poverty and violence against women. In the United States, the National Organization of Women is leading the preparations for a march in Washington, D.C. on Sunday, October 15, 2000. The U.S. march will focus on domestic political issues including increased funding for violence prevention and anti-poverty programs as well as international issues with the planned route will taking marchers past World Bank and the International Monetary Fund on the way to the White House. □

PRIDE LOGO CONTEST *(continued from pg. 1)*

Entrants should submit the design on one side of a piece of fairly heavy paper or poster board and include their name, address and phone number on the back side of the entry. Judges (Committee members) will view all entries without knowledge of the artist's identity. The decision of the judges will be final.

Entries can be mailed to Pride Network Inc. at P. O. Box 60296, OKC, OK 73146 or delivered in person to The Center. All entries must be received by March 25, 2000. All entries become the property of the Pride Committee.

Additional items of business covered at the meeting were the election of a treasurer; discussion of fundraising ideas and on expansion of the opening ceremonies to become a much bigger and more fun event.

The next meeting of Pride Network Incorporated will be on Monday February 28 at 7:30 P.M.. For more information call 405/524-2131. □

Individual, couples or family counseling. Accessible rates. Call for a Wednesday evening appointment. Jo L. Soske, Phd, LPC, CADC 879-2226

FAMILY REUNION 2000

The Oklahoma LAMBDA Intercollegiate Coalition will hold its conference, *Family Reunion 2000 --The Millennium* on March 25th at the University of Oklahoma. This conference is focused on but is not exclusively for youth.

The agenda includes 3 workshop sessions and a keynote address by Gina Reiss, the Managing Director of GenderPAC. She also serves as an Executive Committee Member and Co-Chair of the Federation of Statewide Political Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Organizations and recently was the Executive Director of the New Jersey Lesbian and Gay Coalition.

A Pride Prom will conclude conference events. The registration fee of \$15 includes participation in all events and a conference t-shirt.

The Oklahoma Lambda Intercollegiate Coalition is an umbrella network of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender groups from Oklahoma schools. More information is available on the Herland web site (www.herlandsisters.org) and by email OKolic@hotmail.com or by calling 405-325-4452. □

Women's History Quiz

Q. Who is this woman?



Why is her photo particularly good for decorating your computer screen for Women's History Month?

A. Admiral Grace Hopper (1906-1992) was a mathematician and pioneer in data processing. Admiral Hopper

made several vital contributions to the development of modern computing systems including invention of the programming language, COBOL. □

Thank You!

Recent contributors to the Herland general operating fund:

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