

# Herland

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## VOICE

June, 2000

## **TAKE PRIDE, TAKE ACTION, TAKE JOY!**

### **OKLAHOMA CELEBRATES GAY, LESBIAN, BI-SEXUAL TRANSGENDER PRIDE 2000**

For the first time, the Oklahoma City Pride celebration will include a Pride Festival held in Memorial Park before the Pride Parade. Pride Festival 2000 will include information booths, merchandise and food vendors, live entertainment, guest speakers and games, such as volleyball. There will also be organized activities for young children. Pride Network, Inc. committee member, Edward Kromer says organizers are hopeful the Festival will appeal to all members of the community including those who do not normally visit the bars and families with young children.

The Oklahoma City Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade will step off at 5 PM from Memorial Park at N.W. 36th and Classen. The parade will follow the traditional route across N.W. 39th to the "Strip" before ending at 39th and Barnes. Floats and marching contingents will be awarded prizes for "Best Use of Theme" and "Best Show of Spirit". □

### **HERLAND COMMUNITY PICNIC**

Come one, come all! Women, men and children of all ages, come and celebrate pride at the Herland Community Picnic on Saturday, June 24. There'll be food -- hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, and tofu dogs -- and entertainment by some of Oklahoma City's finest entertainers. Food will be served starting at 6 PM and entertainment will begin about 6:30 PM.

Scheduled performers include the Oklahoma City Men's Chorus, the Oklahoma City Women's Chorus, Peggy Johnson, Victor, Wanda D, Donna D., and Wende Allyn.

A \$5.00 donation is requested. The picnic will be at Herland, 2312 N.W. 39th, Oklahoma City, OK. □

### *Also in June!*

*Saturday, June 10: Herland Supper Club. Meet at Herland at 5:30PM to decide where to go for supper.*

*Sunday, June 18: Bike Ride 8 AM See inside for directions to the starting point.*

### **DIVERSITY CELEBRATION 2000**

Tulsa's Millennium Pride Parade and Pride Festival are the final events of an eight day celebration, Diversity Celebration 2000, with the goal of uniting the region's gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgender and GLBT friendly communities.

The Millennium Pride Parade will begin at 11 AM on Saturday, June 10 at the Tulsa Gay Community Services Center at 38th and Peoria. Colonel Margarethe Cammermeyer and Greg Louganis will serve as Co-Grand Marshals. The Parade will follow the same route as last year from the Center to Veteran's Park at 18th and Main.

The Millennium Pride Festival (formerly the Picnic) will begin at 11 AM, Saturday, June 10 AM at Veteran's Park. There will be close to fifty booths, as well as food vendors, beer and soft drinks, and lots of activities. Margarethe Cammermeyer and Greg Louganis will give the opening remarks. TOHR's "Community Hero" awards will be given to three courageous local teenagers: Will Allen, Matthew Holloway, and Emily Sisemore. □

### **HERLAND PRIDE PARADE FLOAT**

The Herland Float Committee is hard at work planning and preparing this year's Pride Parade float. The float theme is softball.

We are seeking volunteers to help decorate the float, ride on the float, or walk beside the float in the parade. If you are interested in doing any or all of these things, please leave a message on the Herland answering machine (521-9696) indicating your interest and giving your name and phone number.

An eternally grateful, groveling committee member will return your phone call. □

# TANYA SAVORY — TOWN TO TOWN

by Jill Garner

In honor of Tanya Savory's second visit to the Blue Door on June 10<sup>th</sup>, I'd like to tell you a little bit about her music. The first time I heard her at the Blue Door, I had no idea who she was, or so I thought. It turns out I had one of her songs on a Rounder Records collection, and it was my favorite song on the CD! Talk about an interesting surprise. But, I was already hooked before she even sang that song.

There's a whole lot of music that's not easily categorized and Savory's music is no exception. Contemporary folk with some bluegrass and country influences is probably about the best I can do. Her voice initially draws you in and then her words begin to seep into your consciousness and it's easy to get pulled into every song and see yourself or someone you know, or just be able to place yourself wherever she takes you. She writes about people, places and things in an imaginative way and takes you away like a good book does, to that town that's now gone, riding down the highway, in your grandmother's house as a little kid.

"When the River Rose" is the strength of the CD. She writes from the perspective of a farmer who has lost everything when the Mississippi river flooded a few years ago. "And the cars and the roads and the rooftops all sail, southward along with the very last hope anybody knows, and it seems like all the prayers we said on Sunday, well they sure didn't count for much when the river rose." The song is a brisk, peppy song but the devastation of the floods on people's lives and everything in them is captured clearly.

"Big Town" is another one of my favorites. It has some similarity to Iris Dement's "Our Town," but this one doesn't make you break down and cry. But it's still a very touching song about her grandmother's hometown in Kansas that's now gone. "She laughed and shook her head and said, 'sure is a funny one how the years, well they can turn one town into a bright shiny city, or turn the other way and let another disappear.'" When introducing this song at her show, she recalled telling her grandmother a highway now goes all the way through Kansas and you can drive across the whole state. Her grandmother replied, "Why would anyone want to?"

"Reason Enough" is the bluegrass song on the album and is a toe-tapping end of the relationship song. Kristin Scott plays a good banjo and Wanda Vick, who plays various instruments throughout the album, plays the mandolin and fiddle. "And oh, don't the north wind blow, just a little bit colder because, if you're thinking of leaving and needing a reason, that's reason enough." Bluegrass artist Dale Bradley covered this song on her last CD. It apparently climbed the

bluegrass chart for Bradley but as Savory playfully asked at her show, "Has anyone ever actually seen this bluegrass chart?"

Whether writing about being homesick ("Bluegrass"), the highway ("40, 80, or 10"), or the old man who lives on the outskirts of Nashville ("Reuben Brown"), Savory has a way of telling each story vividly without weighing it down by saying too much. Savory has won some songwriting awards over the past few years with good reason.

I think the CD's biggest weakness is some overkill on the sentimentality, particularly on "I Don't Hear That Train" and "Different Shores." But it doesn't get in the way of my love of this CD. I highly recommend it, particularly if you like really good descriptive songs written very simply, which takes a lot of skill to do.

I'd also recommend Savory's show June 10<sup>th</sup>. Besides her talent, she's very funny and Kim House on the piano and harmony vocals adds immensely to the show. Hope to see you there and you'll be able to buy her CDs at the show. □

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## VICKI SHAW LIVE IN NORMAN

Vickie Shaw looks like the woman next door ... All-American with blond hair, lipstick and polished nails. Once she opens her mouth, you'll know she was born and raised in Texas and you'll never stop laughing.

After eighteen years of marriage and three kids, something was missing in Vickie's life...Now Vickie Shaw has her own CD *Your Funny? My Mom*, and is a featured artist on the "Best of Lesbian Comedy" on Rising Star Records. Last Year she toured the US with her "La-la-pa-Lesbo Tour". This year with her new "Sick and Wrong Tour", she will crack you up!

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Vickie's own life provides the best material for her show. She's a recovering SOB (Southern Baptist), raising three kids (as an out lesbian mother) and learning to date.

She has headlined in various venues, including the Michigan Women's Festival, National Women's Music Festival, Monterrey Beach Women's Festival, and the Dinah & Lina Shore Golf Tournament in Southern California and at numerous clubs.

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## THE OKC METRO WOMEN'S CHORUS IS "FOR THE BIRDS"!

*Saturday, June 10, 2000, Epworth United Methodist Church, 1901 N. Douglas (near N.W. 23rd and Classen)*

Don't stay in your nest! Fly the coop for a fun-filled evening of "bird" songs - from Rockin' Robin to Jonathan Livingston Seagull.

Spaghetti Dinner starts at 7:00 p.m. and the concert follows at 8:00 p.m. Advance tickets for dinner and concert are \$12 and concert only is \$7. Concert tickets are \$10 at the door (dinner tickets are advance only). For advance tickets or more information, call Ginger at 942-1535. □

## LET'S GO FOR A BIKE RIDE

If you love fresh air, great company, lovely scenery and bicycling, we have an event for you! Herland Sister Resources sponsors a monthly, Sunday-morning (spiritual) bike ride averaging 10 miles at different locations around Oklahoma County. Then after a couple of hours of hardy peddling, we stop for breakfast at a nearby breakfast-type restaurant for conversation and great food.

Haven't been on a bike in a while? We have people of all fitness levels participating and we stop 2 or 3 times for water and rest. Dates, start times and locations are published in each month's Herland Voice.



*Ready to Ride!*

The June bike ride will be at Lake Overholser starting at 8 AM. Directions to the starting point are: From N.W. 39th and Council Rd, go west exactly one mile and turn left on an access road to the lake. There are no signs so we can't tell you the name of this road but you can see several goats in the fenced area just west of the road. Head west (right) on this road, which now circles the lake, for about a quarter mile to a parking area on the left. There are lots of shade trees and plenty of parking. The road that circles the lake is just over 8.2 miles. If we go across the narrow walkway over the dam, it is about a mile less. We plan to eat breakfast at the Denny's at Portland and N.W. 39th after the ride.

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