

# The Herland Voice

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## Herland's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Pride Picnic will be Saturday,

June 22, from 5 p.m. until the skeeters come out at dark... As usual the entertainment will be first-rate, lively and fun. We are still lining up entertainers; if you would like to participate, please call Margaret at 842-3206. A \$5 donation buys all the entertainment and your choice of

charcoal grilled hamburgers or hot dogs, or, for you vegetarians, **shamburgers** and **notdogs**; soft drinks, and delicious homemade side dishes. Come early or bring your lawnchairs or picnic blanket, as the crowd is always full-to-overflowing.

**The Pride Festival** starts at Noon on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, at Memorial Park, NW 36<sup>th</sup> and N. Classen; with a huge stage of continuous entertainment all afternoon, including special appearances by some of the best of OKC's local talent. The park will be packed with booths from different gay related organizations & vendors selling merchandise and food. Last year it was exceedingly gay and festive and this year will only be better.

**The Pride Parade** steps off on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, around 4 pm from Memorial Park at NW 36<sup>th</sup> and Classen. At 2:30, 39th Street will be completely closed off to traffic from Penn to Youngs. Bleachers will be placed in front of the Gay Center and the Park Club. There will be more bleachers located across the street in front of Sisters and Pacos.

There will be a review stand in front of the Wreck room, hosted by Jannell Jace, and a closing ceremony at the end of the Parade..

Honored as Grand Marshals for the Parade will be Chris Estep, Bill Rogers, Paula Sophia, Paul Thompson, and Jerry West, all hard working and staunch advocates of our community.

For Festival Booth or Parade entry forms, or T-Shirt sponsorship forms, and for more information, go to [www.okcpride.com](http://www.okcpride.com).

## The Gay Pride Double Decker Bus!!!!

PNI says: Don't let parking worries keep you away from this year's events. Just park & ride! A double decker bus will shuttle people from the vacant lot on the SE Corner of NW 39th & May, (next to the old Bunk House) to the 39th and Penn area, and then on to Memorial Park for the Festival and Parade step-off. Just park once and ride the shuttle all day. Continuous shuttle service from Noon to 8 P.M.

## Gay Pride Events in Tulsa

**Saturday, June 8, 2002 - 3:00 PM 4th Annual Tulsa Pride Parade!!** Cherry Street to Boston Avenue to Veterans Park.

And the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tulsa GLBT Festival: 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM Veterans Park - 1875 S Boulder Avenue FREE ADMISSION! - check out : <http://www.gaytulsa.com> or call 918/743-4297 for further information.

## What is Herland to You??

And how would you change us? Herland Sister Resources needs your help in evaluating our services. In this issue you will find a survey. If you did not complete a survey at the Spring Retreat, please take the time now to do so and mail it back to us. In addition to helping us to refine our services to better meet your needs, the survey will help us in our efforts to obtain grant funds to support the services we provide. So if you would like to help Herland remain strong and responsive to the women's community, please complete and mail the survey now. Herland thanks you. We've enclosed an envelope for your reply. Thanks very much.

## Herland Work Day ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Sunday, June 16, noon until 4pm - Come all you handywomen and help us get the yard and house shipshape. Primarily we will be working on the yard, getting it in shape for the Picnic on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.... We need weed eaters, hedge clippers, loppers, and other good tools, (power or not) and good strong women to wield them. No reward except sincere thanks and an ice-cream run mid-afternoon...

## ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Womyn of Color Club ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

The Women of Color group will meet Sunday, June 9 at 3 pm for a cook-out, at the home of Venus and Tippi, 2721 I-240 Service Road, Apt. 21G. Call Jacqueline at 842-3464 or email her at [jscottross\\_42@hotmail.com](mailto:jscottross_42@hotmail.com) for directions.

## Herland Supper Club

**Saturday, June 15, 5:30 pm**  
**At Leslie's Painted Desert,**  
**3700 N. Shartel (N.W. 36<sup>th</sup> and Shartel)**  
**& Gay Pride Week Play at 8 pm**

This month the Herland Supper Club will venture to lesbian-watching heaven at Leslie's Painted Desert. After dinner we will go to a staged performance reading of Robert Matson's new comedy play, "Before the Parade Passes By." Robert's previous plays include the hilarious "Drama Queens" and "Playground." Admission to the play is \$7 at the door and \$5 for anyone wearing gay pride colors. The play will be at the new IAO Gallery located at 811 N. Broadway in OKC. There is usually plenty of on-street, free parking.

Meet at Herland at 5:15 pm if you wish to carpool or meet at the restaurant at 5:30 pm. Call Laura at 943-4070 or Ginger at 942-1535 for more details. For more info about the play, call 751-0949.

Dear Saint Sybil, what a mess is going on in the Catholic church – it seems they have given safe harbor to pedophiles for years, probably

**Saint Sybil**

forever; and in a brazen, arrogant attempt to divert the blame from themselves, they are attacking – of course – homosexuals! One Bishop, in proclaiming that homosexuals, even if celibate, should not be allowed to be priests, denigrated the sacrifice a gay man would make in giving up sex – it would be nothing, said the bish, like the sacrifice of a straight man, who would be giving up not only the pleasures of the conjugal bed but the comforts and joys of a wife and children. It makes me so angry: Well yes, Monsignor, homosexual men cannot give up the pleasure and comfort of marriage – because of you! You won't let them! Gay men wanting to be priests would have to give up the same pleasures and joys as straight men if you didn't forbid them from entering into holy unions with their partners! So first you take away the privilege, then you say they aren't good enough to be priests because they can't give up what you took away from them.... I swear, it is devilish reasoning. Shame on you, Bishop!

Well, back to the scandal at hand. To date, it seems that most of these involve boys – usually adolescent boys. I know that when I read of ministers of other faiths molesting children, it is usually, but not always, girls they prey on. What is different here, Sybil, and why do I feel so scared about the situation?

Yours, Sorrowful and Fearful

Dear Sorrowful,

You might be even more fearful to know that the Vatican's top Canon lawyer, Archbishop Julián Herranz, referred to pedophilia as a "concrete form of homosexuality." It is evidently the Vatican's line that this is, indeed, all about homosexuality – when you and I and everyone else knows that many more girls are the victims of pedophiles than are boys. The Vatican is also belittling the documented cases in 23 countries on five continents of nuns being routinely raped by priests. As to why there appear to be more boys as victims than girls in the Catholic scandal, I believe that ex-priest and psychotherapist Richard Sipe is zeroing in on the problem when he says that "theologically, the celibate male priesthood is a man's world where God is Father, Son and masculine spirit. The ideal and only woman venerated is mother or virginal (forbidden objects of sexual fantasy). Emotionally, it is a world in which men are revered and powerful (pope, bishop, rector) and boys are treasured as the future of the church." Visit [www.natcath.org](http://www.natcath.org) (the National Catholic Reporter site) to read more about it.

You must not let them get away with the lie that pedophilia is a homosexual perversion, Sorrowful. I trust you will speak up at every opportunity – really, you must.

Love, Sybil

PS, have you noticed that in all this scandal, we have yet to hear of one nun being accused of sexual impropriety with a minor? Perhaps women priests aren't such a bad idea, your reverences....

**Congratulations:** To Jodee Markovich, who claimed the \$150 first prize again this year in the Pride Network Logo Design Contest. This contest is not fixed, folks, Jodee is just a very talented designer (her third year in a row to win!) Congratulations, Jodee!

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## The OKC Music Scene

By Nancy Nesser

**The Therapy Sisters** return for a group session at The Blue Door, Friday, June 7. The show starts at 9:00 p.m. Since they spend most of their time on the road, Lisa Rogers and Maurine McLean took advantage of the information highway to answer a few questions about their life, love, and livelihood.

*When did you "quit yer day jobs" to play music?*

**LR:** Several years ago I quit my day job as director of Out Youth, a gay and lesbian youth group I co-founded in 1990 when I graduated from social work school. Out Youth's motto is: There is only one you for all time; fearlessly be yourself. Being a "professional lesbian" and coming out daily for eight years saved me thousands of dollars in analysis and helped me fearlessly be myself. The organization needed new leadership to grow to the next level, and I needed to play more music. The timing was right for both of us. Now I feel like I'm doing what I was born to do, make music that moves.

**MM:** That was in 1997. Step one was for Lisa to leave her job and book as much music as possible, to test the waters. I stayed on one more year at the Department of Human Services, but every minute of vacation time was used for the band. It was easier to quit in order to have more time and sanity than to stay and have benefits and more money. We live more simply now, but the simple pleasures are the best.

*You two just celebrated twenty years of togetherness. Do you have any advice for maintaining a relationship? What about living, working and traveling together all the time, is that a good thing?*

**MM:** I attribute the longevity of our relationship to our trust in the wisdom of aphorisms. I always remember that when God slams a door he breaks a window. Or that thrift is a great virtue in ancestors. Or that when all else fails, say, "I love you" and "You're right."

**LR:** Back when we both had day jobs -- and mine was often a night and weekend job -- we saw way too little of each other. We have our mutually exasperating moments, but for the most part, I feel mighty privileged to get to live and work and travel with my favorite person. Maurine is more fun than a Gameboy and vastly more entertaining than cable. After 20 years, there are still plenty of days when I wake up just to see Maurine's face and marvel at what comes out of her mouth. Living with her feels like Christmas. Sometimes that means stress and debt. More often, it means life is full of surprises, wonder, good cooking, and great music. Ask us in another 20 years if we're sick of each other.

Check out the Therapy Sisters at [www.TheTherapySisters.com](http://www.TheTherapySisters.com). The Blue Door is located at 2805 N. McKinley. That's one block west of Classen between 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Bring your own refreshments.

## AND More Music in June:

- **Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>:** Emily Kaitz with Louise Goldberg & Mary Reynolds, at Galileo's, 2009 Paseo, 8 pm. – No cover.
- **Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>:** The Therapy Sisters at the Blue Door, 2805 N. McKinley – 9 pm. See interview above.
- **Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>:** Mary Reynolds & Louise Goldberg at Clear Bay Cafe. At Lake Thunderbird State Park off Highway 9 - 7ish till somewhat latish. No cover.
- **Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>:** OKC Metro Choral Association: a Sentimental Journey Through Time,, at Epworth United Methodist Church, 1901 N. Douglas - 7:30 p.m - \$7.50 in advance, \$10 at the door
- **Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>:** Mary Reynolds & Louise Goldberg at One, 323 White Street, in Norman. 7:30 pm, \$5 cover.
- **Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>:** MISS BROWN TO YOU at Galileo's 9-11 \$5 Cover. Welcome back Miss Brown!

# Basketball!!

By Jill Garner

What a year it was for Oklahoma women's basketball! For the fourth straight year, OCU won the NAIA championship, and Southern Nazarene was the runner-up, losing to OCU in the championship game. Both teams had some NAIA first team All-Americans, and the SNU coach was named the NAIA national coach of the year by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association.

And how about OU, making it to the Final Four for the first time and playing in the championship game against Connecticut! It doesn't get much better than that! While it was questionable if anyone could beat Connecticut this year (and no one did), OU certainly scared them a couple of times in the final game coming within 6 points twice. And thanks to a fortuitous meeting with a friend who had extra tickets, I was at that championship game in San Antonio! While normally I'm a pretty shy, reserved kind of gal, I was not that weekend! I was yelling and jumping up and down along with everyone else, talking to other fans, and getting crazy!

OSU has a new coach. Julie Goodenough has coached the last 9 years at Hardin-Simmons in Abilene, TX, a Division III NCAA program. She leaves quite an impressive record there with three Sweet 16 appearances and an Elite Eight appearance in the last four seasons. Her last three years posted records of 26-2, 22-6 and 27-2. On top of all that, her players during her tenure had a 100% graduation rate! I look forward to seeing the OSU women's basketball program improve over the next few years.

The WNBA season has started by the time you're reading this. OU had three players drafted in the first round. Stacey Dales-Schuman was the third pick in the draft, and was picked up by the Washington Mystics. She'll be playing along with Chamique Holdsclaw and Asjha Jones (who was one of the Connecticut "four" this past year who got drafted into the WNBA). Dales-Schuman, in a chat on WNBA.com, deflected any worries about Washington's poor record thus far by pointing out that OU was 5-22 her first year there. Nuf said.

The Utah Starzz drafted LaNeisha Caufield. I think she'll be a huge asset to them, and with players already playing for Utah like Jennifer Azzi and Natalie Williams, Caufield will add a lot to their skill level. Despite making the playoffs last year, they're only on TV three times this season, but I've got those games marked on my calendar already!

Rosalind Ross was drafted by the Los Angeles Sparks, most notable for Lisa Leslie and their WNBA championship last year! While Dales and Caufield got a lot of attention at OU, Ross was the quiet star, making steals, assists, and shots that helped OU win quite a few games they otherwise might not have. I hope she gets some action her first year as a pro because LA is on TV a lot this summer!

For you Connecticut fans, Sue Bird's Seattle Storm team is on TV only once! Sue Bird was the star at Connecticut and was the number one draft pick! She's quite a player to watch and can pretty much do it all.

Cox Cable has the WNBA Season Pass where for a fee, you can get up to 80 WNBA games on TV. So, if you're a serious fan, check it out! And call me when Sue Bird and Seattle play!

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## Soulforce

Rev. Jimmy Creech, the minister who was defrocked by the United Methodist Church for performing a same-sex Holy Union, is coming to Oklahoma City in order, he says "to stand in solidarity with Soulforce in its witness at Village Baptist Church against the spiritual violence done to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people by the teachings of the Southern Baptist convention. While these teachings originate at the national level, their most deadly effect is at the local level, causing LGBT people to believe God hates them, and encouraging even physical violence against them."

Rev. Creech will speak at the Church of The Open Arms, 3131 N. Penn, Oklahoma City, on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Creech will speak about the revolutionary power of love moving beyond compassion to action for change in the service of justice. He will discuss love as obedience, a discipline of courage in the face of resistance, hope in the face of despair, and faith in the face of uncertainty. The event is free and open to the public. Donations will be accepted.

Rev. Creech will also participate in a training in the nonviolent principles of Gandhi and King at COA on Saturday, June 1, from 2:30 to 6:30, and participate in the vigil outside Village Baptist Church on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. It is necessary to have received training in non-violence in order to participate in the Soulforce vigil.

For more information, go to [www.SoulforceInOklahoma.org](http://www.SoulforceInOklahoma.org)

## Triple Whammy Envelopes . . .

You can use the enclosed self-addressed envelope **three** great ways: you can use it to **return the Survey**, you can use it to **send us a donation**, or you can use it to **send us the Survey and a donation** – wow!

We are focusing on basic overhead this fundraising plea. Our monthly expenses are, roughly:

**Utilities: \$ 80      Telephone \$ 50      Insurance \$100      Building Maintenance \$100**

Are we frugal or what!?! You will note that neither "rent" nor "mortgage" is listed – that is because, *thanks only to you*, we paid off our mortgage years ago. Also, we haven't included the newsletter expenses – the newsletter gets its own fundraising plea!

We would like to ask you to please pick one of these activities and help us pay for them. Perhaps you can pay for the utilities – heat in winter, air in summer, and that ever comforting water and light – for a week - \$20; for a month - \$80; or dare we dream – for a year - \$960. Perhaps you'd like to keep us connected via the Telephone for \$12.50, \$50, or \$600? Or keep us paid up for our Insurance or Building Maintenance at \$25, \$100, or – ok, we're out on a limb here - \$1,200? And, of course, any donation will be appreciated.

We would also like to remind you, *We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.* And, for some of us, we save on our taxes by what we give, also. If this is the case with you, please remember that Herland is a 501(c)(3), and as such your gifts to Herland are tax deductible as allowed under the law. Thank you very much.

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**Yes**, I want to help keep the Herland's light shining, and underwrite some of the overhead:

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### OKLAHOMA METRO WOMEN'S CHORUS ASSOCIATION

**Singers Wanted!** Even if you have little or no formal training or experience, if you like to sing and you're a woman, we want you!

**Rehearsals** are at Epworth United Methodist Church (1901 N. Douglas - between NW 17th and NW 18th) every Thursday evening, from 7:30pm to 9:30pm.

Contact us at [Singalot3@aol.com](mailto:Singalot3@aol.com) for more info.

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