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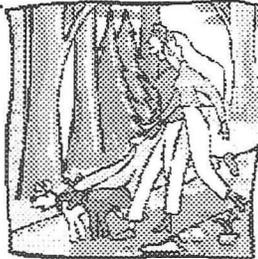
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Sandra Day O'Connor to Lecture at OCU's Centennial Celebration

Sandra Day O'Connor, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, will give a public address and receive an honorary doctorate from Oklahoma City University at 4:00 p.m., Monday, April 12 at an academic convocation in the Kirkpatrick Auditorium on the OCU campus. This event is a part of Oklahoma City University's Centennial Celebration.

The April 12 academic convocation featuring Justice O'Connor is free and open to the public; however, seating is limited, and those wishing to attend must request admission tickets in advance of the occasion. Tickets are limited to two (2) per reservation and can be obtained by visiting www.okcu.edu/law, or by e-mail or telephone to Shyla Hadzellis, Special Events Coordinator, at shadzelis@okcu.edu or (405)521-5197. For more information about the Oklahoma City University School of Law, visit the Web site at www.okcu.edu/law.

Plan now for the
Herland Spring Retreat
May 14-16, 2004
Roman Nose State Park
With entertainment by
IRIS



Lots of great workshops, hiking,
and fun! See page 2 for registration form.

Herland & OGLPC's APRIL FOOLS DANCE 2004

Featuring
Miss Brown To You

8 pm - 11 pm
Saturday, April 3, 2004
First Unitarian, NW 13th & Dewey
Tickets at the door, \$5

Compromise to Allow States to Grant Civil Unions

The chief sponsors of a federal constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage clarified their proposal so that it would allow state legislatures to grant civil unions and domestic-partner benefits, a rewording designed to win more support in Congress.

On the eve of a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on the legislation, opponents called the announcement by two Colorado Republicans -- Senator Wayne Allard and Representative Marilyn Musgrave -- a political concession that does not change the substance of the amendment, which would codify marriage as the union of a man and a woman and prevent courts from ruling that same-sex marriages are required under any state constitution.

The principal change deletes a phrase that could have been interpreted as banning any state law from allowing same-sex couples to receive civil partnership rights. The revised version of the amendment does not explicitly say states could approve civil unions or partner benefits, but omitting the ban would allow legislatures to do so.

The proposed amendment -- the only one introduced in Congress -- has become a hot political issue since the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ruling on gay marriage in November and the issuing of marriage licenses to same-sex couples in San Francisco and other jurisdictions.

Last month, President Bush announced his support for amending the Constitution to ban same-sex marriage, but did not endorse the Allard-Musgrave proposal. However, Bush has recently suggested that states should have the right to consider civil unions, which only Vermont has authorized. A recent Washington Post-ABC News poll indicates that a slim majority of Americans surveyed support civil unions for gay and lesbian couples and that a slightly larger majority oppose amending the Constitution.

The Massachusetts Legislature is poised to vote on an amendment to the state constitution that would ban same-sex marriage. Legislators are meeting in another constitutional convention to debate the proposed amendments.

In California, the State Supreme Court issued a ruling that halted the flood of marriage licenses being issued to same-sex couples in San Francisco. The high court said it will decide whether Mayor Newsom had the authority to defy the state law which defines marriage as only between a man and a woman. Governor Schwarzenegger said he would be fine if voters changed the state's family code to allow same-sex marriages.

And in Canada, Quebec became the third province to allow same-sex marriage after its high court ruled that the traditional definition of marriage is discriminatory and unjustified.

Herland &
the Oklahoma Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus
present

APRIL FOOLS

Saturday, April 3, 2004

DANCE 2004

Time: 8 - 11 pm

Where: Daniel Hall -
First Unitarian Church
NW13th & Dewey—OKC

TICKETS \$5

Dance to the music of Miss Brown Go You

Snacks and a cash bar! Party Pictures! Silent Art Auction! Vote for King, Queen & Fairy Princess!

- Dress is casual, funky, dressy, or creative—whatever you want it to be!
- Plenty of Parking across 13th Street in the business parking lots
- Tickets on sale at Herland, from any OGLPC or Herland Board member, & available at the door

For more information call 405/521-9696 or click on www.oglp.org or www.herlandsisters.org

Herland Spring Women's Retreat Registration Form Roman Nose State Park - May 14-16, 2004

Below are guidelines to help you select an appropriate registration amount. Deadline for pre-registration is May 10th. Please remember that dogs are welcome but must remain on leashes and are not allowed in the dining hall.

Registration fee enclosed (payable to Herland):

- \$15 — \$25 — \$35 — \$45 — \$60
 — Saturday only (workshops, concert, & one night stay) - \$25
 — Concert only - \$10

Name(s): _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

email (optional): _____

Sliding Scale Registration Guidelines Based on Income

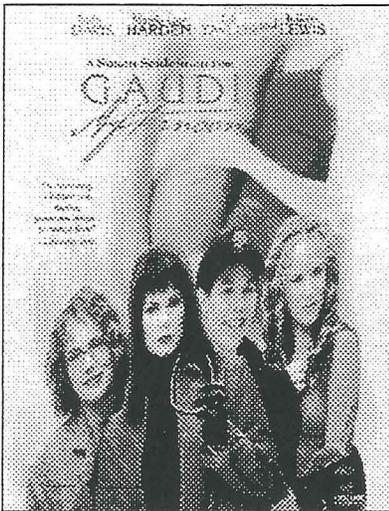
Single Person Annual Income	Household Annual Income	Pre-Registration per person
under \$6,500	under \$13,300	\$15
\$6,500-\$13,300	\$13,300-\$18,000	\$25
\$13,300-\$19,500	\$18,000-\$26,000	\$35
\$19,500-\$30,000	\$26,000-\$50,000	\$45
over \$30,000	over \$50,000	\$60

- () I need a scholarship to attend.
 () I'm enclosing an additional \$__ to help provide scholarships.
 () I'm bringing __ children (girls of all ages and boys under age 10 are welcome).

**Please return registration form and check to: Herland Sister Resources, 2312 NW 39th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73112
 A retreat packet with all information will be sent to you.**

Herland Video Night

Join us at 7 pm on Saturday, April 10, for the movie *Gaudi Afternoon* (pronounced gow-dee in Barcelona, Spain) starring Judy Davis and Marsha Gay Harden, directed by Susan Seidelman. A light mystery with distinctive characters, visually vibrant as only Spain can pull off. A film as deep or shallow as the viewer would like to make it. Popcorn provided and beverages offered for a Herland donation.



Herland Hiking

The Herland Hiking Group will have its regular monthly outing to Martin Nature Park, 5000 W. Memorial, at 10 am on Saturday, April 10. There is also an optional coffee gathering beforehand at Panera's, corner of Memorial & Meridian, at 9:00 am.

Herland Supper Club

Last month, 26 women joined us for Supper Club! This month, on Saturday, April 17th, we will go to Grand House, 2701 N. Classen, at 5 pm for Chinese food. At 7 pm we will go to the OKC Lightning women's football game at Taft Stadium, NW 27th & May. Tickets to the game are \$8 (\$5 if you have a student ID). Meet at Herland at 4:30 pm if you wish to carpool. Join us for a great evening! For more info, call Ginger at 942-1535.



Womyn of Color

Womyn of Color group meets the 2nd Sunday of each month. Please email womynofcolor@gay.com or call (405) 842-3464 or (405) 947-7691 for more information.

Native American Women

OKC Two-Spirit Society is having meetings for lesbian and bi-sexual women of Native American descent. Please call the OKC Two-Spirit Hotline number at (405) 317-7283 for information about the next meeting.

Herland Cleanup Day

Put on your work gloves and join us on Saturday, April 10, for an afternoon of cleanup around Herland. If it's raining, we'll be indoors painting and fixing walls. If it's dry, we'll also be outdoors weeding gardens and trimming trees. We'll start about noon (after the hike) and go till about 5 pm. Please come and help for any part of the afternoon!



HERLAND EVENTS CALENDAR

April

- Friday, April 2: Peggy Johnson and Tara Henry in AIDS Benefit Concert (and Silent Auction), Church of the Open Arms, 3131 N. Penn, 8:30 pm, \$5
 - Saturday, April 3: **Miss Brown to You at the Herland/OGLPC April Fool's Dance, First Unitarian Church, 8 pm, \$5**
 - April 3 & 4: IRIS at Chelsea's in Eureka Springs for Diversity Weekend
 - Saturday, April 10: Herland Hike at Martin Nature Park, 5000 W. Memorial, 10 am
 - Saturday, April 10: Herland Cleanup Day, noon—5 pm
 - Saturday, April 10: Herland Video Night, 7 pm
 - Sunday, April 11: Womyn of Color Meeting, call 842-3464 for details
 - Monday, April 12: OGLPC Monthly Meeting at the Center, 2135 NW 39th, 7 pm
 - Saturday, April 17: Church of the Open Arm's Strut Your Mutt, Deli on the Labyrinth, NW 32nd & Classen, 1 pm
 - Saturday, April 17: Herland Supper Club at Grand House, 5 pm, followed by OKC Lightning Football Game at Taft Stadium 7 pm
 - Sunday, April 18: Herland Potluck, 3 pm, followed by Herland Board Meeting, 4 pm
 - Sunday, April 25: March for Women's Lives, Washington DC
- ### May
- Saturday, May 8: May Music Fest Benefit for RAIN, Farmer's Market, 311 S. Klein, 7 pm
 - May 14-16: **Herland Spring Retreat at Roman Nose with IRIS**
 - May 19-22: Third National Lesbian Health Conference, Chicago, IL

Website of the Month

Oklahoma Independent Media Center

www.okimc.org

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Livin', Lovin', Losin' – Songs of the Louvin Brothers

By Jill Garner

Through the 1950s into the early 60s, Charlie and Ira Louvin, influenced by the close-harmony country brother duets of the Blue Sky Boys, the Delmore Brothers, the Callahans Brothers and the Monroe Brothers, made their mark on the music world. With Ira's incredibly high tenor and Charlie's smooth melody tenor, the duo began with gospel and then convinced the record company to let them move into non-secular music. It worked for them and the Louvin's have influenced a wide range of artists from Johnny Cash, the Everly Brothers, Gram Parsons and Elvis Costello. Emmylou Harris had her first hit with "If I Could Only Win Your Love" and the Louvin's themselves scored with "Cash on the Barrelhead" and "When I Stop Dreaming" among many others.

This CD, *Songs of the Louvin Brothers*, consists of duets by many well-known artists, and a few not so well known. I love it and all the combinations work for me. Most of the duets are male/female with the women doing Ira's part because not many men can sing like he could. All are big fans of the Louvin's and jumped into this project willingly, thanks in large part to Ira Louvin's daughter Kathy, who sings on the lively "I Wish You Knew", and Carl Jackson, a wonderful singer and musician who appears on several songs on the collection.

One of my favorite duets on the CD is "When I Stop Dreaming" sung by Glen Campbell and Leslie Satcher. Satcher is an incredible singer who I've been blessed to be a fan of since I first heard her on a Gram Parson's collection. A couple of more unlikely duets that I can't get enough of are James Taylor and Alison Krauss on "How's the World Treating You" and Vince Gill and Terri Clark singing "I Can't Keep You in Love With Me." All have incredible voices and to hear the harmony they do is just inspiring. Linda Ronstadt adds her talent along with Carl Jackson on "The New Partner Waltz", and two of my very favorites, Emmylou Harris and Rodney Crowell, team up beautifully on "My Baby's Gone." Patty Loveless sings with one of my new favorite male voices, Jon Randall, on "Are You Teasing Me", Ronnie Dunn (from Brooks and Dunn) and Rebecca Lynn Howard meld on "If I Could Only Win Your Love", and Rhonda Vincent, Dolly Parton and Pam Tillis all sing songs on this collection.

This is one I highly recommend. Not only are there some of the most beautiful female voices on these songs, but the harmony that the Louvin brothers were loved for is recreated with all of these duets. It's truly a fitting tribute and I only wish it were a box set because 15 songs just aren't enough. The Louvins split up as a duo in 1963 and Ira Louvin was killed in a car accident in 1965. But their legacy lives on and if you've never heard of them, let this collection be your first introduction. Hopefully you'll be inspired to want more.

Free workshop "Acupuncture and Traditional Eastern Medicine in the 21st Century"

As Americans look for alternatives to medications and expensive healthcare, Acupuncture, the ancient form of healing, has taken on new popularity in modern society. There are a variety of illnesses and ailments which can be treated with acupuncture including stress, depression, insomnia, muscular pain, sports injuries and arthritis.

Have you wondered what the needles look like, does it hurt, how does it work and will it work for you? Massage therapy is becoming more common as people begin to understand the general health benefits reaped by it both physically and mentally. Massage has been shown to relieve and reduce stress, depression, anxiety, tension, back pain, headache and some chronic pain and repetitive stress injuries. How to pick a good massage therapist and how can massage therapy benefit you?

To help answer your questions and to learn more about these ancient forms of treatment Kevin Gardner Singleton, B.S., M.S., DIPL., (ACU/CH) and the Wellness Project is offering a complementary workshop on Acupuncture and Traditional Eastern Medicine in the 21st Century. For confidential questions relating to personal healthcare, a private 30-minute complementary consultation on Acupuncture and this ancient form of Eastern medicine may be scheduled. To reserve seating for one of the workshops, make an appointment, or to get information on workshop dates and times call 840-3331. The Wellness Project is located at 5500 N. Western, Suite 214, Oklahoma City.

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May Music Fest 2004

7 pm, Saturday, May 8th

at the historic Oklahoma City Farmer's Market, 311 S. Klein

featuring Wendy Woo,

Shelby Phelps, and Pinkie and the Snakeshakers

RAIN and CarePoint have come together again to host an event that benefits people living with HIV/AIDS across the Western region of our state. RAIN-Oklahoma provides unique, volunteer-based services that are not duplicated in any other program in the state. In addition to training volunteers to provide non-medical, practical support, RAIN works within all types of community groups to reduce the stigma of AIDS through education. In 2002, RAIN served 205 people through 400+ volunteers.

CarePoint is a primary point of entry into Oklahoma's HIV service delivery system. HIV positive persons living in the 405 and 580 area codes are eligible for their services. These include case management, homeless outreach, education, housing assistance, medication management and testing and counseling. In addition, CarePoint offers peer support and HIV+ prevention case management.

For tickets or more information, contact Jean Ann Van Krevelen, Executive Director RAIN-Oklahoma, at www.rainoklahoma.org or 405-947-3434.

And on Friday, April 9, from 6 to 9 pm, shop for your spring garden at Precure Garden Center, 4535 NW 63rd Street - to benefit RAIN Oklahoma. A portion of proceeds from the sale will be donated to RAIN to support their services for people living with HIV/AIDS.

Herland Web Site Gets a Makeover

A newly redesigned and expanded Herland Web site debuts in April. The site, located at www.herlandsisters.org, will now feature an online edition of the *Herland Voice*, as well as Web-only features like a guestbook and searchable archives. Each month's "Events at a Glance" and featured events will be easily accessed from the main page, so finding something to do in the community will be one click away.

For the past two years, the Herland site has been faithfully maintained by Pat Reaves. It has provided basic information about the organization, and featured the monthly events calendar. Pat has handed the webkeeping work over to Serena Blaiz, who now chairs a committee which will oversee the site and future online outreach. "So much information and networking is now accessed through the Internet," Serena noted. "We want the site to continue to evolve and become an even more valuable resource for keeping our community informed and active."

For those who are into the technical details, the content management of the updated site is being powered by the popular open-source blog software, Movable Type. (What's a blog? We'll have an article about blogs and the GLBT community in an upcoming issue of the *Voice*.) The online discussion group (listserv) and the email version of the *Voice* will continue as before, and can be accessed via the "new" site.

The other members of the Web committee are: Margaret Cox, Joann B, Beth, Judy, and Margy. Pat Reaves will continue to serve in an advisory role as the committee gets going. Anyone who would like to be involved can contact Serena at (405) 615-9401 or the Herland office at (405) 521-9696.

Please check out our updated site and let us know what you think!

AIDS Benefit Concert

with

**Peggy Johnson
&
Tara Henry**

Friday, April 2, 2004
8:30—11:30 pm

Church of the Open Arms
3131 N. Penn

\$5 Admission

Church of the Open Arms



Strut Your Mutt 6th Annual Dog Contest

1 pm to 3 pm,
Saturday, April 17th

At Deli on the Labyrinth
NW 32nd & Classen

Live music by Peggy, Terri, and Gloria! Games! Prizes! Free doggy goody bags! Coloring contest for kids! Trophies! Contest is free! (Contest categories include Best Tail Wag, Most Talented, Best Dressed, Best Kiss, Most Talented, Owner Look a Like, Best Smile, and Most Lovable Mug.)

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