

National Elections November 2nd, 2004 Don't Forget to

VOTE

Almost 76 million of us didn't vote in 2000 – and with a less than 600 vote margin deciding the presidency in that election, we know now more than ever that everyone's vote counts! **Deadline for registration in Oklahoma is October 8th.**

Jamie Anderson in Concert at Herland

Herland is proud to present Jamie Anderson in concert at Herland on **Friday, October 15, 2004, at 8 pm.** Touring nationally since 1987, Jamie Anderson is known for her solid songwriting and engaging stage presence. With a voice as smooth as Shawn Colvin and a sense of humor as wacky as comic Suzanne Westenhoefer, Jamie has entertained in hundreds of coffeehouses, concert halls and festivals all over the U.S. She's performed on the main stage at the National Women's Music Festival, the Kerrville Folk Festival, at colleges, pride events, folk festivals and at almost every women's music festival. She has seven recordings, including the newest one *Listen*. Her songs have been featured on the Dr. Demento radio show, Car Talk and many stations all over the world.

Witty, charming, and sometimes topical, Jamie can run you through the entire gamut of emotions in one show, guiding listeners through the joy of families ("Forever Family"), the pleasures of love ("I Wanna Drive"), pride ("When They Know Who We Are") and a good reason why you should never break up with a songwriter ("I Miss the Dog [More Than I Miss You]"). A song she wrote with Sue Fink, "A Family of Friends," has been sung by choruses in the U.S and Canada, sometimes with Jamie as their guest

artist. Jamie wishes her cat would stop trying to collect songwriting royalties for "When Cats Take Over The World."

In the rare time that Jamie is not touring, she teaches songwriting at Duke University and other places. She has a chapter in *Songwriting and the Guitar*, a book that also includes Paul Simon, The Indigo Girls, James Taylor, Joni Mitchell and others. Jamie has also penned several articles for Acoustic Guitar.

Tickets are on a sliding scale from \$10 to \$15.



"As a writer, Jamie takes the archetypal forms of folk music and story telling and turns them on their heads! A fresh (in every sense) and original artist." -- Catie Curtis

"For me, folk music tells a story about folks, simple truth-telling and magical mythology that invites the listener to lean in to the larger circle of life. Jamie Anderson is in that circle and she is singing some wonderful songs." -- Holly Near

A Little Firefly Story

Herland's Fall Retreat at Robbers Cave was a dream weekend. About 46 of us enjoyed ourselves in the beautiful pine woods of Eastern Oklahoma. The weather was perfect, the pileated woodpeckers made a show for our birdwatchers, and all of the dogs were perfectly behaved and totally lovable, from the husky the size of a wolf down to Joleen the 8-week old speckled doxie pup. Most of all, the musicians were wonderful, both on and off stage. Thank you Nancy, Millie, Lisa, Mary and Louise.

A lot of folks are going around talking about the great feeling of love abounding all weekend, which sounds a little hokey but it's true. A little lightning bug story kind of exemplifies it: This little fella blinked behind the performers in the pavilion during most of the concert; at first we were charmed and then worried for it. Sure enough, it was caught in a spider web. Our Texas songstress Nancy Scott rescued it, and painstakingly picked every bit of the sticky web off the tiny little bug. And after resting a little while, by golly, it flew away. So it's still hokey. But it's true, and it was wonderful.

One-day Boycott

The U.S. lesbian and gay population spends an average of \$1.4 billion each day, totaling \$500 billion a year, and Boycott For Equality is organizing a one-day nation-wide economic 'walkout' on October 8, 2004 to make that point clear.

Boycott For Equality is an Atlanta-based non-profit formed to promote the boycott, scheduled this year for October 8. For that day, GLBT Americans and their straight allies are encouraged to withdraw from the economy in three specific areas:

- 1) Do not purchase anything. Do not generate sales tax or business revenue.
- 2) Don't work. Take the day off - do not generate payroll taxes, income taxes or add to the economy.
- 3) Do not use cell phones. Dropping out of the communication network is a way to measure the impact of your presence.

The one-day event is designed to highlight the contribution that lesbians and gays make to the domestic economy and tax base, at the same time they are denied the full legal protections and civil liberties afforded heterosexual Americans.

"We want to remind those in our nation who don't always see the impact of our community in terms of dollars and cents that we do have real market power," said Boycott for Equality Co-Founder Dale Duncan. "We were inspired by Don't Amend founder Robin Tyler's famous quip, 'If being gay is a disease, let's all call in sick to work' and decided to put those words into action."

Up to twenty-seven million Americans identify as being primarily lesbian or gay, yet no Federal law provides protection from discrimination in the workplace and many State and Federal laws prohibit access to the rights and responsibilities of marriage.

According to the Washington D.C.-based public relations firm Witeck-Combs Communications, the US Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) population contributed an estimated \$500 billion to the U.S. marketplace in 2003. "This event brings into focus the economic contribution of GLBT citizens," said Duncan. "And people understand money. The response so far has been tremendous."

Boycott for Equality reports that some major groups which have endorsed or encouraged Boycott for Equality Day include the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Don't Amend: The Equality Campaign, The Advocate magazine, Civil Marriage US, DC Diversity, Equality Illinois and Wyoming Equality.

Additionally, comic Margaret Cho's web site, loveis-loveislove.com, has listed Boycott For Equality Day as one of the "12 Things You Can Do" to promote gay and lesbian equality.

October 8 falls on a Friday, and the following Monday is National Coming Out Day, Duncan explained. "It seemed like a great time to make our presence felt."

For more information, visit this month's web-site of the month:

www.boycottforequality.org

OKC LIGHTNING ANNOUNCE 2005 TRYOUTS

The OKC Lightning Women's Football Team will be hosting tryouts for the 2005 season beginning in September. The 2004 OKC Lightning were the Champions of both the South West Division and the Southern Conference of the National Women's Football Association. The NWFA is the largest full-contact women's football league in the world with more than 40 teams in 23 states nationwide.



All women interested in playing full-contact football are invited to attend. You must be at least 18, have your own health insurance and be available for practices, games and away-game travel. A one-time \$35 tryout fee and signing of team and league waivers will also be required. Anyone interested in playing or in learning more about our team should attend. You do not need to know anything about football as long as you have the desire to work hard and to learn the game.

Tryouts will be held at Taft Stadium on Saturday, September 25 and Sunday, September 26 from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Registration begins at 9:00am. Taft Stadium is located at 27th and N. May Avenue in Oklahoma City. **Follow-up tryouts (if you missed the tryouts in September) will be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 23-24, November 20-21 and December 17-18.** The location for these tryouts is yet to be determined.

For more information about our tryouts, contact Kim Mitchell at (405) 524-1509 or MsMoose44@aol.com. You can also visit our website at www.okclighting.com.

Help Give Herland a Sprucing Up

Herland will be hosting a work day October 9th at 1 pm - 2312 NW 39th St—to edge and weed the yard, hang our new outdoor sign and paint the entry-door ramp. All volunteer help is greatly appreciated.



CELEBRATE DIVERSITY - STOP THE HATE

Presents Diversity Through Music Celebration, Thursday, October 21, 2004 at 7 pm at St. Paul's Cathedral, 7th and Robinson, in downtown Oklahoma City. Speakers scheduled are Dr. Tom Boyd, Professor of Religious Studies, OU, and Dr. Barbara Boyd, Director of Outreach for Religious Studies, OU. Music will be by Jahruha, D. Ray Polk, Louise Goldberg and Mary Reynolds. Prelude music by Carol Sanders Young, Becky Talent & Warren Palmer, begins at 7 pm, the program begins at 7:30. Herland is proud to again be a sponsor of this event.

Herland Supper Club

This month the Herland Supper Club will eat at La Luna's, 409 W. Reno, at 6 pm on Saturday, October 9th. Following dinner, the activity will be the OKC Theatre Company's production of *Always, Patsy Cline*.

A heartfelt and moving tribute to the Queen of country music, *Always, Patsy Cline* follows the meteoric rise of a small town girl to the heights of fame and chronicles the relationship between her and a pen pal in Texas. Seen through her eyes, we learn of the heartache and loss which Patsy encounters during her travels as a country music legend. (As a bonus, our friend Louise Goldberg is musical director for the show!)

Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$12 for students/seniors. Call 1-800-364-7111 to reserve tickets. The production will be at the Civic Center Little Theatre just around the corner from La Luna's. Meet at Herland at 5:30 pm if you wish to carpool.



Herland Video Night

October's Video Night will be October 30th at Herland, starting at 7 pm. This month's video will be a surprise and will be viewed on a new TV with a larger screen.

HELP! Lost at Retreat

One of our campers lost a piece of luggage at the retreat a few weeks ago at Robber's Cave. If you happen to find it in the trunk of your car, looking lost and lonely, and you think, "what in the world is that", please call us at 521-9696 and we will arrange to get it. It's owner is from California and desperately needs its return.

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HERLAND EVENTS CALENDAR

October

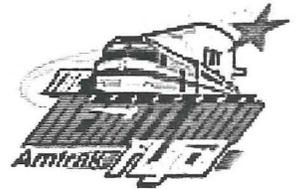
- Friday, October 8: Aids Walk; Herland Voice Poetry/writing submission deadline; Boycott Day; Tulsa GLBT History Project Lecture—Lee Badgett.
- Saturday, October 9th: Herland Hike at Martin Nature Park, 5000 W. Memorial, 10 am; Herland Work Day—Help!; Herland Supper Club & theater
- Monday, October 11th: OGLPC Monthly Meeting at the Center, 2135 NW 39th, 7 pm
- Sunday, October 10th: Womyn of Color Meeting, call 842-3464 for details
- Thur., Fri., Sat. October 14th - 16th: OUT-OK OK Film Fest - Goldfish Memory will be held Saturday October 16 in the Pegasus Theatre at UCO, tickets are \$10 each.
- Sunday, October 17th: Herland Board Meeting, 4 pm, everyone welcome
- Thursday, October 21st: Celebrate Diversity—Rose State College
- Saturday, October 23rd: Herland Scrabble Night—6 pm
- Saturday, October 30th: Herland Video Night—7 pm

November

- Saturday, November 13th: Herland Art Show and poetry reading with Lynnsey Weber, 7 pm, Herland
- Saturday, November 20th: Peace Fest

Train Trip to Ft. Worth Organizing

Herland is exploring interest in organizing a train trip to Ft. Worth the first weekend in December (the 4th and 5th). Tickets for the Amtrak route are \$46 roundtrip and leave OKC about 8:30 am. We would arrive in Ft. Worth about 12:30 pm and could choose from any number of hotels downtown that are within walking distance. Participants could share up to four to a room or get their own if they prefer. There are several world-class art museums and lots of good places to eat in the downtown area also. We would leave Ft. Worth at around 5 pm the next day and arrive in OKC about 10 pm. If you are interested, please email us at herlandsisters@cox.net and let us know. We would like to see how many folks would be interested before we make any plans.



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Counter Boycott?

The American Family Association, a right-wing staunchly anti-gay organization, published the following on their web site, along with a petition to Procter and Gamble which we certainly did *not* sign.

*"Procter & Gamble, makers of **Crest toothpaste** and **Tide detergent**, has publicly thrown their support and money behind the homosexual political agenda. The company recently wrote to all their Cincinnati employees urging them to support the overturning of a city law which forbids giving special rights to homosexuals. In 1993, the citizens in Cincinnati refused to give special rights to homosexuals by a vote of 62% to 38%. P&G is now working to get that law repealed. The company has given \$10,000 to help repeal the law.*

*To our knowledge, Procter & Gamble is the first company to support the political agenda of the homosexual movement. (Editors' note: ...not counting the 50% of Fortune 500 companies who give health benefits to same-sex partners!) While not explicitly saying so, in their public announcement supporting the repeal P&G clearly showed their support for homosexual marriage. P&G said they **"will not tolerate discrimination [against homosexuals] in any form, against anyone, for any reason."** To keep homosexuals from being legally married is discrimination for good reason, which P&G says they will not tolerate. Taking them at their word, P&G supports homosexual marriage.*

American Family Association is asking pro-family groups and individuals to:

- (1) Boycott two products of P&G—Crest toothpaste and Tide detergent. (Make sure your replacement is not a P&G product.)*
- (2) Call Chairman A.G. Lafley at 513-983-1100 and politely let him know that you are participating in the boycott and will ask others to do the same.*
- (3) Please register your support for the boycott in the form above.*
- (4) Please forward this to your friends and family.*
- (5) Print out this page and distribute at Sunday School, church, etc."*

We hope that Herland Voice readers will please consider a counter-boycott and if you are not now using them, switch to Crest and Tide for the foreseeable future. Also, consider calling Chairman Lafley and letting him know that you **support** the position of P&G and are appreciative.

And if you like, print out this page and take it to the Church of the Open Arms, First Unitarian Church, Mayflower Congregational, Epworth United Methodist Church, or Sisters, Partners, wherever you go on a Sunday to have fellowship with others.

State Question 711

This fall, Oklahomans will decide whether or not to change our state constitution to deny the benefits of marriage to any unmarried couple. State Question 711 goes on to define marriage as only between one man and one woman and prohibits legally recognizing any gay marriage that takes place anywhere else.

Before we vote, it is important to consider how this change will impact each and every one of us, gay and straight. It is a complex issue of rights, religion and equality.

On Saturday, October 2, we are going to talk about the implications of this controversial state question in the context of rights, religion and equality. A respected group of religious leaders, community leaders, attorneys and legislators will lead a day-long conference on this sensitive issue at Tulsa's Downtown Doubletree Hotel.

Every Oklahoman should be educated on what State Question 711 really means to us as individuals and as a state. Join us on October 2 for an enlightening experience.

"Questions About Marriage: Rights, Religion & Equality"

SATURDAY, OCT. 2

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Downtown Doubletree Hotel, Tulsa

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Race for the Cure

Saturday, October 16, is the 11th annual Komen Foundation OKC Race for the Cure, to raise money for breast cancer education, awareness, and research. This year's race will be held at the Bricktown Ballpark beginning at 8:15 am. You can register on-line for the race by going to www.okckomen.com/raceinfo.html.



AIDS Walk Foundation Benefit Concert

7 pm, Friday, October 8th

Country and Western Hall of Fame
3925 SE 29th, Del City

Entertainment by Country Music Singers Assoc.
Door Prizes, 50/50 Drawing

Last Call for Poetry, Cartoons, Short Writings—Deadline Oct. 8th

Herland is seeking poetry, cartoons, and short essays/stories for a special issue of the November Voice. Submissions may be sent via snail mail or electronic mail (preferred but not required) by October 8th, 2004. Acceptable electronic formats include, email plain text, MS WORD, and MS Publisher. If you want a by line published with your entry, specify this with your submission and indicate how you want your name printed. We will not do it without your written permission.

2004 Tulsa GLBT History Project Lecture—OCTOBER 8

Donor Reception 6pm * Lecture & Buffet Dinner 7pm
All Souls Unitarian, 2952 s Peoria

For the 2004 History Lecture, Lee Badgett will draw on her recent research in Europe on same-gender marriage to make predictions about what will happen in the U.S. She will talk about why some countries give gay couples partnership or marriage rights while others don't, and she'll make predictions about which state will be next in the U.S. In addition, she'll address the question on everyone's mind here: what will happen to heterosexual marriage if same-gender couples can marry? Finally, she'll talk about why so few gay and lesbian couples get married or register as partners in Europe and what that might mean for the U.S.

Lee Badgett is Associate Professor of Economics at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. She is the author of *Money, Myths and Change: The Economic Lives of Lesbians and Gay Men*, and is Research Director and co-founder of the Institute for Gay and Lesbian Strategic Studies. Prof. Badgett has appeared on television in the US and UK and on many radio programs including NPR's Talk of the Nation. In addition to the University of Massachusetts, she has taught at Yale and the University of Maryland.

Tickets are available at the Tulsa GLBT Community Center, 5545 East 41st, or by mail at: TOHR, PO Box 2687, Tulsa, OK 74101. Email mchristopher@tohr.org to register with your credit card by email.

Diversity House Benefit Calendar

Womyn of Color announces the release of their 2005 calendar, *The Calendar of Color*. All proceeds from sale of the calendars will benefit Diversity House.

A non-profit organization that is raising funds to purchase a property, Diversity House aims to provide housing for homeless gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth between the ages of 18 and 25 in Oklahoma City. There is an increasing problem of glbt youth in OKC that have been put out of their homes because of their sexual orientation. With few resources and little education and life experience, they sometimes end up on the street. Diversity House's mission is to be a safe haven for them. The money raised

will be used to help give them a chance to get back on their feet and become productive citizens. Funds will be used to purchase a house, provide transportation, food and clothes as needed.

The calendars can be purchased at Herland or by filling out the order form below. For more information



The Calendar of Color
2005

Calendar of Color Order Form

Please send \$15 for each calendar, fill out information below and mail to:

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OKC, OK 73118

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October 11 – Coming Out Day



"Come Out. Speak Out. Vote." is the theme for this year's National Coming Out Day — encouraging gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Americans to talk to their families and friends about their lives.

"This year, we need more than 'I'm gay and it's OK.' We need our families and friends to say 'It's not OK to use gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender issues as a wedge,'" said Cheryl Jacques, president of the Human Rights Campaign. "We must talk to and involve our families and friends. Their voices are some of the strongest in the fight for equality."

National Coming Out Day is celebrated every Oct. 11 to mark the anniversary of the 1987 March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. Each year since, thousands of GLBT people and allies have celebrated National Coming Out Day in schools, churches and businesses nationwide through workshops, speak-outs, rallies and other events aimed at showing the public that GLBT people are everywhere.

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