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PRIDE

In the Month of June, many pride events will be taking place in the State of Oklahoma, as well as around the nation. This is one of the biggest opportunities for gay/lesbian, bisexual, transgender people and their friends and families to affirm and validate the right of all people to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness in a free country. Following are some of the many Oklahoma Pride events.

Party Time! Herland Pride Picnic 2005

We're looking forward to our Annual Pride Picnic in our backyard, the Saturday before the Pride Parade. From 5 pm until about 8, we will grill hamburgers and hotdogs, and shamburgers and notdogs for our vegetarian friends. And of course baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad, chips, as well as all the fixin's for the dogs and burgers; soft drinks, bottled water, and great music! All this for a paltry donation of \$5 - \$20, your call as to how much.

We're delighted to have Peggy Johnson singing and emceeing for us. Our lineup is still uncertain as we go to press, but we have a marvelous supply of good musicians in Oklahoma, and we'll get a lot of them here to entertain you.

So come early, stay late, bring the kids and have a good old family picnic with Herland. On Saturday, June 25, 5 - 8 pm. Call 521-9696 with any questions.

Float Down 39th with Herland

Herland hasn't always had a float in the Pride Parade. Most years we walk and carry our banner. Every now and then we have a burst of energy and we get a float together, and this is one of those years!

We had a "Float Design" workshop at our Roman Nose Retreat, and our float this year will be great - we're going to have a mockup of the little white and

lavender house on a flatbed truck, with samples of our various activities at the corners; so while some people will want to walk (*will you??*), there will be plenty of room to ride.

We don't know as we go to press just when we will be building the float - probably Saturday afternoon, June 18; and of course Sunday the 26th as we get it ready for its official outing (so to speak). We will be sure to get the information on our website and send it out via the Herland e-list (you can sign up at www.herlandsisters.org if you are not yet on the List). We are having fun working it up but can always use more creative ideas and more building skills. In any case, we're glad to give you a chance to show your affection for Herland and still have fun and be comfortable!

UNITY IN PRIDE 2005



OKC Pride

Saturday and Sunday, June 25th and 26th. The two-day festival will kick off Saturday at 3 pm and run until 10; and on Sunday from Noon until about 4:30, when people will begin closing down and getting ready for the Parade, which will step off at 5pm.

The Festival will definitely be bigger than ever this year. Many new features have been added including the Diversity Business Association big-top tent, which will feature a broad variety of businesses that are either GLBT owned or supportive and recognize our value as potential customers.

This year there will be a special children's area with a moonwalk, crafts, face painting and other great activities. Unlimited entrance to the area will be \$5 per day. In addition, there will be children's story time both days with a special reading of the

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now famous *King and King*. Family Pride will also offer a dunk tank. They will be contacting leaders of the community to participate and offer the general public the opportunity to put their friends in the tank. Any volunteers or nominations for the hotseat?

There will be two stages this year with a variety of exciting entertainment. On the north stage on Saturday will be the Pride Idol contest. The top two winners will perform on the south stage on Sunday afternoon. *Moodswing* will be the featured band for Saturday evening from 7 until 10 pm.

On Sunday, OGLPC will present the annual Irene Tyson Award, and introduce the honorary Parade Marshals: Michael Shackelford, the officers of Northern Lights Alternative and Anne Magro and Heather Finstuen.

The parade route has been extended up to NW 44th Street on Classen where it will make a u-turn back to NW 39th, then west to the gay business district – the Strip.

Members of OKC Pride will be at the Tulsa Festival on June 11 with information and the 2005 Pride t-shirts and pins. Get yours soon! Herland will have t-shirts and pins for sale at Herland prior to Parade Day.

Volunteers are always needed and welcome. Join the OKC Pride team by volunteering for the parade or festival! Call 405-524-2131 or 405-602-1224 for more information; or email info@okcpride.com.

Yes, it is too late to get your name or company logo on the Pride t-shirt. But it is not too late to register for a booth at the Pride Festival or to be in the Parade.

Diversity Celebration
2005
EQUAL RIGHTS...NO MORE, NO LESS!
tulsa pride

The Tulsa community is kicking into high gear for "Diversity Celebration 2005 - Tulsa Pride!"

There are Pride events all through June, and here is the schedule for their Main Event, the Parade and Festival on Saturday, June 11:

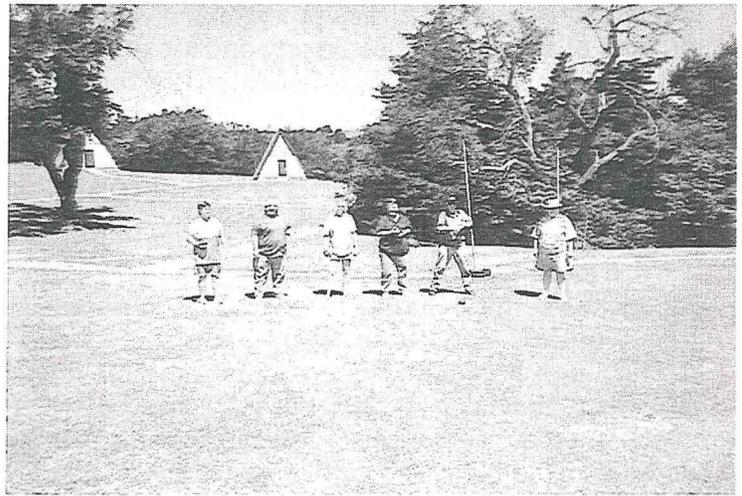
11AM, Pride Parade. The Parade begins on Cherry Street (15th), goes West on 15th, turns South on Main and travels to Veterans Park. There will be Grandstands at 18th & Main for your viewing pleasure.

12:00 – 5:00 PM, Pride Festival. Enjoy a day in the park; vendors with food, community info, arts & crafts, rainbow merchandise and more; family fun zone, all day live entertainment, sports and activities. At Veterans Park, 18th & Main. Equal Rights, No More, No Less!

For more information go to www.tohr.org

We Had a Ball at the Spring Retreat

Lots of balls, actually. There were hours of an amazing torrential rain Friday night, but after that the weather was so fabulous that everyone wanted to be outside playing. Bocce Ball was the favorite choice of many. In Bocce Ball everyone stands together and lofts their base-ball sized ball towards a ping-pong-sized ball, and the one who comes closest wins that round. Then, everyone moves as one, in a giant languid liquid amorphous amoeba-like mass to the target ball; and there they toss it off again, throw their balls at it again, and sweep across the lawn again – it is a perfect existential exercise in meaninglessness, and a perfect spectator sport for people relaxed to the max!



There was a golf tournament on the Roman Nose course, so the golfers among us played Friday morning and Sunday afternoon. During the retreat, though, some of us got our golf clubs out and practiced our chipping. Sandy was an excellent coach for the neophytes among us.

And for the last "ball" event – there was the IRIS ball Saturday night – they played outside under the stars to a delighted and appreciative audience, and yes we did dance!

The pot luck was delicious, the scrabble was marvelous, the campfire Saturday night was huge, the bra and panties up the flagpole were purple, and a fine time was had by all!

Herland's Website of the month is

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Suggested donation
\$5 to \$15

Date: June 24th 2005

Place: Church of the Open Arms
3131 N Penn
OKC, OK

Time: 6pm

Spanish prime minister slams church over marriage row:

"I will never understand those who proclaim love as the foundation of life, while denying so radically protection, understanding and affection to our neighbors, our friends, our relatives, our colleagues," Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero said last month in his state of the nation speech. Zapatero was said to be responding to Spanish bishops who have called on the country's Catholics to resist a new law that will legalize marriage for gays and lesbians.

Herland Needs Donation of a Laptop Computer

Minimum System Requirements for donated laptop to run Windows XP Professional and Office Professional Edition 2003

- 300 megahertz Pentium III processor or compatible processor
- 128 megabytes (MB) of RAM
- 6 gigabytes (GB) hard disk
- Super VGA (800 x 600) or higher-resolution video
- CD-ROM or DVD drive

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HERLAND EVENTS CALENDAR

(Herland is a non-profit organization run entirely by volunteers. At any and all Herland events, your donation is welcome (though not required). Your donations help Herland to continue providing services and events for our community.)

June

- **Saturday, June 11:** Herland Hike at Martin Nature Park, 5000 W. Memorial, 10 am.
- **Saturday, June 11:** Herland Supper Club at Granny Had One in Guthrie. Meet at Herland at 5:45 for car pooling. After dinner (8:00 pm), attend "Ain't Misbehavin" at the Pollard Theatre where our own Mary Reynolds and Louise Goldberg will be providing the music.
- **Sunday, June 12:** Herland book art class, noon to 3pm.
- **Monday, June 13:** OGLPC Monthly Meeting at the Center, 2135 NW 39th, 7 pm.
- **Saturday, June 18:** Herland indoor/outdoor game night, 6 pm.
- **Saturday, June 18:** Denton Stampede at OKC Lightning—Taft Stadium, located at NW 27th and May Ave With kickoff time for all games being 7:00 PM. For ticket information, call Tammy Raiber at 405-417-0334.
- **Sunday, June 19:** Herland Board Meeting at Herland, 4 pm. **Everyone welcome.**
- **Sunday, June 25:** Herland Pride Picnic in the backyard starting a 5 p m. Come enjoy food and music with Peggy Johnson as MC.

Future Dates—mark your calendars

- **October 28-30:** Herland Fall Retreat at Eufaula State Park (this is our 40th Retreat). This will be a very special retreat with big events planned so don't miss it!

Pflag Oklahoma City

will be meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Church of the Open Arms, 3131 N. Penn on Tuesday, June 7. Remember, you do not have to be a member of Pflag to join. If you joined Pflag at the organizational meeting and didn't pay your membership fee, you might want to bring it with you this time.

There will be an business meeting at 6:00. We will be electing a new board, looking at our budget and talking about the Pride Parade. The business meetings are open.

Announcements

Janis Ian in Concert

Saturday, June 4th, 8pm - Janis Ian Concert in Ft. Smith, at the Arkansas Best Corporation Performing Arts Center... Tickets are \$20, available online at www.myticketsusa.com or order at 479-452-1212. A portion of the show proceeds will benefit the Ft. Smith Crisis Center for Women.

From the release of her 1966 song "Society's Child" at age 15, a song of interracial love that was banned by radio stations, to her 1975 song "At Seventeen" that sold over a million copies, to her 2000 release "God and the FBI", Janis Ian has maintained an integrity and honesty in her music spanning across five decades and earning her 9 Grammy nominations. Poetic lyrics, strong vocals and a wide range of musical styles highlight her work, including her current and 18th studio album "Billie's Bones", a folk-blues-jazz mix with a tribute to Billie Holliday.

Janis married her female partner of 14 years in 2003 in Canada. "We also got married because, just like coming out, public figures need to do that to make the rest of the world aware. I think it's important that people are made aware, because at the end of the day it's a civil rights issue."

Gay Pride Month Festivities at 1st UU in OKC

First Unitarian Church of Oklahoma City is a welcoming congregation, and has several events planned for Gay Pride. 1st UU is located at 600 NW 13th Street, Oklahoma City. Call 405.232.9224 for further information.

- June 12th, A gay member of the church will give a talk during the 11 a.m. service.
- June 12, a showing of IF THESE WALLS COULD TALK, 2..
- June 15th, 7 pm, a showing of BEFORE STONE-WALL, a historic perspective, Jefferson Room.
- June 16th, Jonalu Johnstone will celebrate with a Seder at 7 pm, 6:30 Potluck. It is called a Stonewall Seder
- Friday June 13th, a showing of the first part of ANGELS IN AMERICA

June 18th, the social justice committee is planning dinner at the Habana Inn at 7:30, and then will be going to a drag show. They will need to make dinner reservations, so if you plan to attend, please call by June 19th. Jonalu Johnstone will be in the pulpit at 11:00 am service.

National Women's Football Standings

Southern Division

	W	L	T	PF	PA
Pensacola Power	5	0	0	231	39
Oklahoma City Lightning	4	0	0	236	13
Nashville Dream	4	0	0	120	22
New Orleans Blaze	3	1	0	149	31
Kansas City Krunch	3	1	0	118	53
Austin Outlaws	3	2	0	146	139
Chattanooga Locomotion	3	2	0	64	67
Gulf Coast Hurricanes	3	2	0	100	111
Asheville Assault	2	2	0	91	19
Alabama Renegades	2	2	0	55	46
Dallas Rage	2	2	0	128	124
Tennessee Venom	2	3	0	108	80
Knoxville Tornadoes	1	4	0	30	182
Emerald Coast Sharks	0	5	0	32	264
Denton Stampede	0	5	0	6	240

OKC LIGHTNING WIN BIG OVER DALLAS RAGE

The Oklahoma City Lightning, the city's entry into the NWFA (National Women's Football Association) and in its fourth season of competition, played its second home game of the season against the 2-1 Dallas Rage at Taft Stadium, beginning at 7:05 p.m., Saturday, May 21st by a score of 47-6. Lead singer Pinkie of local band Pinkie and the Snake-Shakers sang the national anthem as well as attended the game. The band has performed in ten states, with the last tour being in Colorado. In the past, they've shared the bill with such well-known performers as Delbert McClinton, Leon Russell, Pat Travers, Robin Trower and Canned Heat. In the blues circles, the band has gotten rave reviews and are preparing for their third album release. Their web site can be checked out at www.snakeshakers.com.

The Oklahoma City Lightning dominated the Dallas Rage both offensively and defensively on May 21st, which gives them a 4-0 record and once again proved why it should remain at the top of the Southern Conference standings. Running back #33 Illiana Calderon, all purpose player

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#88 LaMeshia Roland, WR #21 Christie Williams, TE #87 Lacey Shulz and QB #4 Kim Mitchell gave plenty of spark to the Lightning offense. Also, the strong and potent OKC defense remained stingy to the Dallas defense from such players as LB #1 Nacole Pennon, DB #7 Oriana Vick, DB #13 Jessie Worthy, DB #19 Tammy Raiber, DB #26 Kristie Smith, DB #28 Ericka Briseno, LB #36 Shannon 'Shay' Ford, LB Amy Freitrick, LB/DE #50 Dani Leonard, DL/DE #51 Shonna Jones and #98 DL Jamye Mason.

Last year, Oklahoma City beat Dallas both times that they played them during the regular season by scores of 49-18 at Dallas and 62-22 at home. This year thus far, the Dallas Rage won by scores of 40-38 against the Austin Outlaws and 58-0 versus against close rival the Denton Stampede. On May 14th, Dallas was beaten by the Austin Outlaws there by a score of 39-24. The Oklahoma City Lightning kept the Dallas Rage scoring at bay, allowing them only six points on a 15-yard interception for a TD from QB Kim Mitchell on the Lightning's own 15 yard line. As of this game, the OKC Lightning has allowed 13 points this year on defense, 7 points to the Austin Outlaws when they beat them at home 69-7 and to the Dallas Rage in their 47-6 victory. Once again, the Oklahoma City Lightning has not been beaten on its own home field at Taft Stadium the past two seasons (2003 and 2004), nor have they been beaten this year.

As said before, thus far, the Rage are 2-1 after coming off of a 39-24 loss against the Austin Outlaws in Austin on May 14th. Therefore, Dallas came to OKC with blood in their eyes after not only that devastating loss, but by the humiliating before mentioned losses their team incurred last year to the Lightning. Once again, OKC held the Dallas ground game to under 50 yards and forced their left-handed QB to turn time and time again to her TE and WRs. This was a most interesting game indeed, not only to see what the Rage had their sleeve for the Lightning, but also because OKC has not been beaten at home the past 11 games. With that said, the talented OKC squad marched down the field time after time on nifty passing and running plays by the as-yet-unbeaten Lightning offense. TE #85 Lacey Shulz scored on an 85-yard pass from QB #4 Kim Mitchell. WR/RB #88 LaMeshia Roland scored on a 55-yard pass as well as #21 WR Christie Williams scoring on a 60-yard pass from QB Mitchell. RB #33 Illiana Calderon scored running TDs on at least two different occasions. QB Kim Mitchell passed for over 280 yards in the game.

On defense, the stingy OKC squad held the Dallas team to a mere fifty yards, while forcing their QB to pass to her TE and WRs. Dallas threatened twice on opening possessions of the ball, but the talented and frugal OKC defense stepped to meet the challenging onslaught of the Dallas Rage offense, by breaking up passes, intercepting passes, turning the ball over on downs and rushing the QB numerous times. The OKC Lightning now stands at 4-0, while the Dallas Rage is now 2-2. So, once again for the third time in a row, the OKC Lightning proved that OU is not the only superior team north of the Red River.

This year, the Lightning returns the league's leading rusher and scorer, #33 Illiana Calderon, and #88 LaMeshia Roland

will be involved in both running and passing plays. In addition, sure-footed kicker #87 Lacey Schulz who will also play defensive end returns as well as one of the top quarterbacks in the league, #4 Kim Mitchell. The offensive line is bigger this year, averaging almost 300 lbs. per player and the defense is still as potent as it was last year, if better. The team has more depth this year and has thrown in many new defensive and offensive plays and formations that has already set the opponents back on their heels. These new wrinkles defensively and offensively in Lightning football in 2005 have proven thus far to be what it takes to repeat as the Southern Conference Champions of the NWFA. The Oklahoma City Lightning's opponents this year are the Austin Outlaws, the Dallas Rage, the Denton Stampede and the Kansas City Krunch.

Last season, the Oklahoma City Lightning went on to win the Southwest Division of the NWFA that included the St. Louis Slam, the Dallas Dragons (now the Dallas Rage), the Austin Outlaws and the Denton Stampede by overwhelming margins to claim the number one seed and home field advantage in the 2004 playoffs, culminating with a 21-7 win over the Kansas City Krunch and a 37-13 win over the Pensacola Power to win the Southern Conference and a berth to play the Northern Conference Champions, the Detroit Demolition in the NWFA National Championship at Papa John's Stadium in Louisville, Kentucky coming home after a disappointing loss with the NWFA National Runner-Up Champion trophy. The NWFA 2005 National Championship will once again be played at Papa John's Stadium (home of the University of Louisville Cardinals) in Louisville. In 2004, Oklahoma City ended their season at 11-1, which was one game better than in 2003, when they ended their season at 9-2, as Midwest Division Champions and Southern Conference Runner-Up Champions.

The National Women's Football Association is the largest full contact football league in the world for women. Thirty-six teams will compete in the 2005 season, compared to 32 teams in 2004. This year the league has put the teams into two conferences, the Northern and the Southern (of which Oklahoma City is a member) rather than divisions.

The NWFA has been featured in more than 250 major publications and TV networks including the CBS Evening News, the NBC Tonight Show with Jay Leno, the NBC Today Show, CNBC, MSNBC, CNN, Inside Edition, SPIKE TV, the Lifetime Channel, BET's MADD Sports, the New York Times, the LA Times, Nickelodeon, the Boston Globe, the Washington Post and many, many local and regional networks and publications.

The NWFA is a sponsor of CHIC SPORTS RADIO, heard on Sports By Line and SIRIUS Channel 122, and the Armed Forces Radio Network. CHIC SPORTS RADIO airs Fridays at 9 p.m. EST.

Ticket prices for the Oklahoma City Lightning is \$8.00 for adults per game and \$25.00 for a season ticket for adults (which includes 4 home games). Children's prices (ages 12-18) are \$5.00 per game and season tickets are \$15.00. They may be purchased at IPGI at 2720 N. May Ave, at Taft Stadium or by calling Lightning GM Tammy Raiber at 405-314-0334 or by contacting her at GM@okclighting.com. The team may be visited any time at www.okclighting.com and the league (NWFA) at www.womensfootballcentral.com.

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