

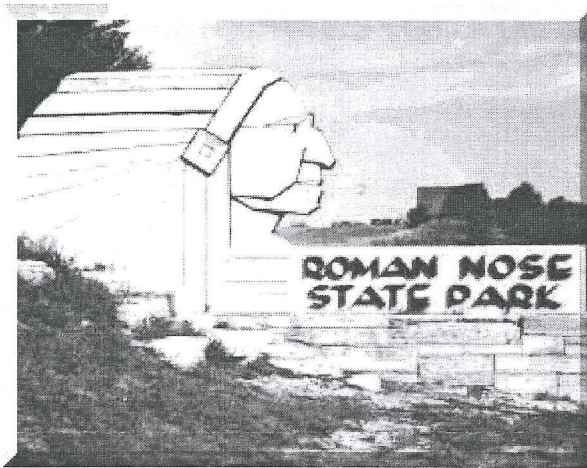
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get away from it all at the herland spring retreat

Make your plans now to get away for the weekend and enjoy peace, quiet, and nature at the Herland Spring Retreat. The weekend of May 18-20th we'll be at Roman Nose State Park, near Watonga and just a short drive. We have great weather and plenty of sunshine every time we are there. We'll be relaxing, playing games, sitting around the campfire, singing songs, hiking, fishing, and lots more. The popular band IRIS, will be our entertainment for the Saturday night concert right after the



potluck. So mark it on your calendar and watch for more details in next month's Voice.

learning to lead: cimarron lgbt leadership summit

Saturday, April 14, 2007
Norick Downtown Library
300 Park Avenue, Okla. City

The Cimarron Alliance Foundation, with the support of the Human Rights Campaign, will host a leadership summit on Saturday, April 14, 2007 at the Downtown Library for organizations that serve or support Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Oklahomans. Any and all interested members of the community, whether currently members of an organization

or not, are also encouraged to attend. The one-day program will feature breakout sessions designed to address critical issues facing LGBT people in the state of Oklahoma, as well as anticipated legislation and advocacy. Breakout groups will focus on a range of issues including strategic planning, grant-writing, media relations and programming, AIDS/HIV, seniors, and youth.

The growing list of presenters includes: Jim Roth, Oklahoma County Commissioner; Andrew Rice, Okla-

act now

In Detroit last week, 72-year-old Andrew Anthos was riding on a city bus and was asked by a fellow passenger if he was gay. The passenger then followed Mr. Anthos off the bus and attacked him with a metal pipe. Mr. Anthos died from his injuries Friday night and according to media reports, police are continuing the investigation without any solid leads.

Under the current federal hate crimes statute, federal authorities have no jurisdiction to assist in this investigation, even if local authorities were to request that assistance. The Human Rights Campaign is asking all of us to contact our Representative and urge him or her to cosponsor the Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act. Please take action today by going to: www.hrcactioncenter.org/campaign/hatecrimes?_6d5c6W61nHMWW

homa State Senator; and Al McAffrey, Oklahoma State Representative. For additional information, contact Josh Hammers at jhammers@ou.edu or (405) 570-0082. An online registration is available at www.cimarron-alliance.org/leadership_summit.htm.

five bills restricting abortion clear committee

By Jaclyn Houghton, CNHI News

Wanda Jo Stapleton fears she will once again see back alley abortions if legislation that passed through a House committee on Tuesday becomes law.

"I'm 73 years old and I lived back when women died from abortions... that's just cruelty to women," said Stapleton, formerly Wanda Jo Peltier, who served as a member of the House of Representatives from 1986 to 1996 representing Oklahoma City. "I firmly believe God gave people free will. He gave them freedom to make their own decisions, to be accountable to him, not the state Legislature."

House Judiciary and Public Safety Committee members passed five abortion bills with little opposition. The measures now go to the House floor for a hearing.

One measure, House Bill 1317, authored by Rep. John Wright, R-Broken Arrow, would prohibit abortions in state medical facilities or by employees of the state unless the life of the mother is threatened.

Rep. Ryan Kiesel, D-Seminole, sought an amendment to also allow abortions in order to protect the health of the patient, even if death is not expected. The amendment failed.

Herland Spring Retreat Registration Roman Nose State Park, Watonga, OK May 18-20

Deadline for pre-registration is May 12. Please remember that dogs are welcome but must remain on leashes and are not allowed in the dining hall.

Suggested Guide for Sliding Scale Pre-Registration

Single Person Annual Income	Household Annual Income	Registration per person
under \$6,500	under \$13,300	\$20
\$6,500-\$13,300	\$13,300-\$18,000	\$30
\$13,300-\$19,500	\$18,000-\$26,000	\$40
\$19,500-\$30,000	\$26,000-\$50,000	\$50
over \$30,000	over \$50,000	\$60

Registration fee enclosed (payable to Herland):

\$20 \$30 \$40 \$50 \$60

Saturday only (includes concert & one night stay) - \$25

Concert only - \$10

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email (optional): _____

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.

The bill passed with a 16-1 vote, with Kiesel casting the only nay vote. He also stood alone voting against House Bill 1652, authored by Rep. Pam Peterson, R-Tulsa, which would define the term "medical emergency," the only exception to when a minor can have an abortion without informed consent by a guardian. The minor would have to be on the verge of death or of irreversible impairment to her body due to the pregnancy to have an abortion without prior consent.

Another bill, House Bill 1632, au-

thored by Rep. Charlie Joyner, R-Midwest City, passed easily through the committee with a 12-2 vote, and one abstention. The bill would prohibit the coverage of non-lifesaving abortions by insurance companies, but would instead require a person to purchase separate abortion insurance coverage.

A bill by Rep. George Faught, R-Muskogee, also passed out of the committee with a 16-1 vote. House Bill 2042 would amend the definition of abortion to include the use of an instrument, medicine, drug or other device to intentionally end a pregnancy. Another measure, House Bill 1004, authored by Rep. Sally Kern, R-Oklahoma City, passed with a 16-2 vote. The bill would require doctors performing an abortion to have clinical privileges at a hospital that is within 30 miles of where an abortion is performed.

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herland works

Several times a year we break out the rakes and shovels and clean up the yard around Herland. This time we need some chainsaws, too. We will be clearing away fallen trees in Herland's backyard on Saturday, April 7, from 1-4 pm. We will also trim bushes, weed eat, and clear flower beds. Please join us for any or all of the afternoon—we need the help!

the L word

On Saturday, April 28, at 7 pm, Herland will show the third and fourth episodes of the L Word, Season 4. Cybill Shepherd joins the cast this year as Bette's new boss. All the regulars are back as well, so you won't want to miss the all the fun with Shane, Tina, Kit, Alice, and Jenny.

the L word



tret fure at the blue door on april 15!

That's right! Tret Fure is playing at Oklahoma City's Blue Door, 2805 N. McKinley, on Sunday, April 15, at 8 pm. Many of you know Tret from way back and others heard her for the first time at Herland's 20th Anniversary Celebration in 2003. Either way, you're sure to enjoy her. Tickets are \$20 and can be reserved by calling 405-524-0738 or can be purchased online at www.bluedoorokc.com.

supper club

The Herland Supper Club heads downtown this month to *Trattoria Il Centro*, best described as an Italian urban eatery. The authentic cuisine of Italy is brought to life at this new restaurant, located at 500 W. Main, in the beautifully-renovated Montgomery Building. If you've never tried it, you are in for a treat.



Trattoria has gotten great reviews for its good food and the menu features items ranging from basil-crusted salmon to pasta to pizzas made in a wood-burning oven. We'll be there on Saturday, April 14, at 6 pm (right after the Cimarron Leadership Summit, see page 1, lets out). The Trattoria is located due south of the Civic Center on Main Street, with plenty of parking on the street right in front of the restaurant.

scrabble

Join the Scrabble pros and amateurs alike for our monthly Scrabble game on Saturday, April 21, at 2 pm. Games are played at all levels.

voice mailing

If you've got an hour to spare on Wednesday, April 25, from 6-7 pm, we could use your help. We'll be preparing the newsletter for mailing that evening and it goes really fast if we have a few extra people. Please join us if you can, but be sure and park either in Herland's driveway or down at the parking lot on the corner of Youngs & NW 39th. (We can't park in the day care parking lot when they are open for business.)

april 2007 events calendar

Take Back the Night

Sunday April 1 State Capital Complex, Rally at 3 pm, March at 6 pm

Herland Work Day Saturday April 7 1-4 pm

OGLPC Monthly Meeting Monday April 9 Neighborhood Alliance 1236 NW 36th 7 pm

PFLAG OKC Tuesday April 10 Church of the Open Arms 7 pm

PFLAG Norman Thursday April 12 St Stephen's Church 7 pm

Cimarron Leadership Summit Saturday April 14

Herland Supper Club Saturday April 14 Trattoria Il Centro, 6 pm

Herland Board Meeting Sunday April 15 4 pm

Jane Goodall Tuesday April 17 OCU Freede Center 8 pm

Herland Scrabble Saturday April 21 2 pm

Herland L Word Saturday April 28 7 pm

Herland Spring Retreat May 18-20 Roman Nose State Park

thank you!

Many thanks go out to all the people who helped make Herland's First Annual Mardi Gras Party such a great success, including the hundreds who attended the gala. Over \$1900 was raised at the event to pay for printing and mailing the Voice. We want to send special thanks to our hostess for the evening Ms. Ivana DeVille, the Hollywood Hotel & Suites for donation of the room, and entertainers Lady Spencer, Alison Scott, Tara Henry, Peggy Johnson, Mary Reynolds, and our DJ Ricky Shea.

And thanks go to Chris Serafino and the kids at the OKC Juvenile Detention Center who made the beautiful table decorations, Jay Hollenbeck who created the wonderful stage decorations, and the many folks who donated silent auction items. And last, but not least, we want to thank our main organizer for the event—Jeanne Flanigan, with lots of extra help from Laura Choate.

truth honored

A statue of abolitionist and suffragist Sojourner Truth will stand in the U.S. Capitol alongside Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Susan B. Anthony, the Washington Afro American newspaper reported Feb. 26. The bust will be the first such artwork to honor an African American woman in the rotunda.

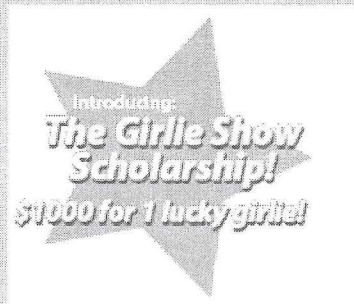
Born into slavery,

Sojourner Truth has been remembered by generations for her 1851 speech, "Ain't I a Woman?" in which she remarked: "If the first woman God ever made was strong enough to turn the world upside down all alone, these women together ought to be able to turn it back, and get it right side up again! And now they is asking to do it, the men better let them."

scholarship opportunity for local female art/design students

The Girlie Show, an Oklahoma-owned and operated art show featuring all female artists and designers and now in its fourth year, recently announced its first-ever Girlie Show Scholarship. \$1000 will be awarded to one candidate this June, upon entry of application and interview of the finalists by The Girlie Show committee.

To qualify, entrant must be a resident of Oklahoma, at least 18 years of age (but after that, there is no limit on age!), Oklahoma college or university with a cumulative GPA of 3.0, and be pursuing a degree in one of the following: media arts studio arts (sculpture, painting, drawing), fashion merchandising or commercial art.



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Applications may be downloaded from The Girlie Show website, at www.thegirlieshow.net. All entries must be submitted by April 30, 2007. Upon review of all applications, The Girlie Show committee will select five finalists, each of whom will be scheduled for an interview with the Committee. After each finalist has been interviewed, the final winner will be selected and notified by May 31, 2007. For more information about the scholarship or The Girlie Show in general, visit www.thegirlieshow.net.



Lake Overholser and Stinchcomb Wildlife Refuge Spring Clean-up

When? Saturday, April 21st, 9:30am – 12:30pm

Where? Check in at the Lake Overholser pavilion at N.W. 14th and Overholser Drive.

Who? Anybody who enjoys walking, fishing, hiking, eating and playing around a clean lake area!

Why? What better way to celebrate Earth Day than to help clean up two of Oklahoma City's best resources!

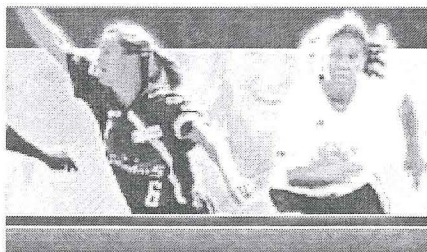
RSVP to Karen Miles at 702-8192 or e-mail her at Karen.Miles@deq.state.ok.us

goooooool!

A U.S. professional women's soccer league is in the works for an April 2008 launch, with plans to form teams in Los Angeles, Dallas, St. Louis, Chicago, and Washington, and is working to find a sixth city to host a team, the Associated Press reported Feb. 27. Two other franchises are planned for 2009.



The league, organized by the Women's Soccer Initiative, will replace the Women's United Soccer Association, which folded in 2003 after low ticket sales. Tonya Antonucci, the initiative's CEO, said the new league was working to reduce costs and each team would operate on annual budgets between \$1.5 million and \$2.5 million. The season is expected to run from April into the fall and will include an all-star game.



"The cities they talked about are great soccer communities who I think will really embrace these teams," said Mia Hamm, a co-founder of the Women's United Soccer Association.

Hamm and Julie Foudy, who are both former members of the U.S. team that won gold medals at the 1996 and 2004 Summer Olympics, were also inducted into the National Soccer Hall of Fame Feb. 27.



OKC Lightning Football Schedule 2007 Regular Season Games

- April 14 - Bye
- April 21 - Dallas Rage - Away
- April 28 - St. Louis Slam - Home
- May 5 - Austin Outlaws - Away
- May 12 - Dallas Rage - Home
- May 19 - Nashville Dream - Away
- May 26 - Austin Outlaws - Home
- June 2 - Bye
- June 9 - Nashville Dream - Home
- June 16 - St. Louis Slam - Away



Kickoff for all home games is 7:05 pm at Taft Stadium, NW 27th & May Ave. For more information, email crspromo@coxinet.net or call (405) 946-8577

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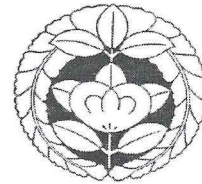


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Sundays: Service and Hoza 10 am
Thursdays: Core Teachings of Buddhism Class 7 pm
April 1st Chanting service at the OKC Memorial 10 am
April 7th Dharani practice 1 pm
April 13th Movie night "Enlightenment Guaranteed" 7 pm
April 15th Combined service (English and Japanese) 10 am
April 20th Lotus Sutra study with Kris Ladusau 7 pm

"Believe nothing, no matter where you read it
or who has said it, not even if I have said it,
unless it agrees with your own reason
and your own common sense."
-Buddha

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