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iris "unplugged" for the first time at the herland spring retreat

The popular OKC band, IRIS, will perform their first acoustic concert ever at Herland's Spring Retreat. Many of you know IRIS as a rockin', hoppin', high-energy band. They promise to still play lots of crowd-pleasing favorites—just at a few decibels lower than we normally hear them!

Get away for a great spring weekend and enjoy peace, quiet, and nature at Roman Nose State Park, near Watonga. The retreat will be Friday through Sunday, May 18-20th. We'll be at the Group Camp where A-frame cabins can accommodate up to a dozen women each. (You can also tent camp or bring an RV if you prefer.) Bring a bedroll and toiletries. Dogs

are welcome as long as they can agreeably stay on a leash all weekend and not come in the dining hall.

We provide most meals —Friday evening pot-o-soup, Saturday and Sunday breakfast. For lunch on Saturday there is usually leftover soup. Saturday evening is the grand potluck dinner where you bring your favorite dish to wow your friends. Herland has lots of drinks and snacks available all weekend for a small donation or you can bring your own.

During the day, we'll be relaxing, playing games, hiking, fishing, and holding workshops. Friday and Saturday night we sit around the campfire, singing songs, and telling tales. The IRIS concert will be Saturday evening about 8 pm. You can drive up for the concert only (for only \$10) if time is limited.

Don't wait till the last minute—send in your registration form today and get ready for some fun! (See page 3.)



safer schools for gay & lesbian students

Seventy-five percent of gay students report being verbally abused at school, and more than a third say they are physically harassed. All efforts to encourage the Oklahoma City School Board to add "sexual orientation" to the classes protected in the school handbook from bullying, harassment, verbal abuse, etc., have -- to date -- been unsuccessful. Perhaps you can help. When enough encouragement reaches members of the School Board, they will add "sexual orientation" to the classes protected.

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governor vetoes SB 714

SB 714 (outlawing some abortions and placing greater restrictions on others) was opposed by medical professionals in the best position to understand the bill's impact. Those opposing include: the Oklahoma State Medical Association, the Oklahoma section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the Osteopathic Association and the Oklahoma Nurses' Association.

Governor Henry stated SB 714 "is flawed in that it does not include exemptions for cases of incest and rape. That means many victims of rape or incest would have no option but to carry a fetus to term, no matter how horrific and violent the circumstances. I have grave concerns that its inadvertent consequences would prove disastrous. I believe the unintended consequences of this bill would do more harm than good. Although designed to simply pro-

hibit taxpayer-funded abortions, in reality the bill reaches much further, impacting most community hospitals in the state and severely compromising the quality and availability of medical care.

Furthermore, because of its flaws, it was questionable whether this legislation could withstand the legal challenges that would have awaited it. For instance, the bill disproportionately impacts health-care options for low-income women and families. I share the concerns of a majority of medical experts who believe this bill would severely compromise healthcare in our state by placing undue restrictions on the sacred relationship between doctor and patient. Under this measure, a woman may have no option but to carry to term a fetus with a fatal birth defect. There are a number of fatal birth defects in which there is no chance of survival, and yet SB 714 would add to a family's suffering and medical costs by forcing a woman to carry that fetus to term."

herland sister resources 2006 financial statement

1/1/2006 to 12/31/2006

Beginning Balance	3,034.30
Income	
Retreat Income	3,308.32
General Donations	3,314.61
Pride Weekend	761.00
Newsletter Donations	657.00
Newsletter Sponsors	180.00
Sales	163.72
Rent	150.00
Other Events	103.00
Misc.	<u>349.67</u>
Total Income	8,987.32
Expenses	
Newsletter	3,949.98
Retreat Expense	1,955.17
Insurance	1,710.24
Utilities	1,301.50
Phone	676.78
Pride Weekend	265.55
Other Postage	189.00
Community Support	150.00
Misc.	<u>448.13</u>
Total Expense	10,646.35
Ending Balance	1,375.27

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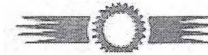
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k.d. lang and lyle lovett at tulsa's historic brady theater

k.d. Lang, together with Lyle Lovett, brings her unique brand of music to Tulsa's Historic Brady Theater on Sunday July 8th, 2007. From Country to standards and everything in between, her popular CDs include "All You Can Eat," "Ingénue," "Invincible Summer," and "Drag."

Lang's public declaration of her lesbianism has only served to heighten her popularity and garner her a loyal following within the lesbian and gay community.

Tickets (\$71 and \$81) can be purchased beginning Saturday, May 5th, at www.bradytheater.com, www.etix.com, at Tulsa's Historic Brady Theater at 105 West Brady, Tulsa, Oklahoma, or by calling the Brady Theater Ticket Office at (918) 58-BRADY (27239).

gay marriage

Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA) addressed a rally on Capitol Hill in Washington, Monday, March 23, 2007, supporting legislative efforts to repeal the military's 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' policy regarding gay soldiers.

Rep. Frank, one of the first openly gay members of Congress, spoke candidly at the event sponsored by Allied in Pride and the College Democrats. His topics included same-sex marriage, the war in Iraq, and partisan politics. He also discussed rights for LGBT couples.

"I'd like the gay community to have the right to get married, keep a job without being discriminated against, and be able to join the military," he said.

LYLE LOVETT AND **k.d. lang**

LIVE

**SUNDAY JULY 8TH
HISTORIC BRADY THEATER**

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE IN PERSON AT TULSA'S HISTORIC BRADY THEATER BOX OFFICE,
BY PHONE AT (918) 58-BRADY (27239) OR ONLINE AT WWW.BRADYTHEATER.COM

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.

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.

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).

may 2007 events calendar

PFLAG OKC Tuesday
May 1 Church of the Open
Arms 7 pm

Melissa Hasbrook
poetry reading at Galileos
Wednesday May 2 8 pm

Herland Scrabble
Saturday May 5 2 pm

Herland L Word Satur-
day May 5 4 pm

PFLAG Norman
Thursday May 10 St
Stephen's Church 7 pm

Herland Hike Saturday
May 12 Bricktown (see arti-
cle) 9:40 am

**Herland Board
Meeting** Saturday May
12 4 pm

**Herland Supper
Club** Saturday May 12
Chelino's NW 59th & May,
6 pm followed by OKC
Lightning's Football Game
at Taft Stadium

OGLPC Monthly Meet-
ing Monday May 14
Neighborhood Alliance
1236 NW 36th 7 pm

**Herland Spring Re-
treat** May 18-20 Roman
Nose State Park w/ IRIS

**Herland Voice Mail-
ing** Saturday May 26 1 pm

supper club

Join us on Saturday, May 12, at 6 pm at Chelino's, 5900 N. May, for some great Mexican food. This has been an OKC favorite for many years now and you won't be disappointed. After supper, we will go the OKC Lightning Women's Football Game at Taft Stadium, NW 25th and May. (The game actually starts at 7:05 pm so we will be a little late getting there.)

scrabble

Saturday, May 5, at 2 pm, will be the monthly Herland Scrabble games. And, if you like the L word, hang around for that at 4 pm. Just make an afternoon of it!

the L word

On Saturday, May 5, at 4 pm, Herland will show the fifth and sixth episodes of the L Word, Season 4. Don't miss Cybill Shepherd as Bette's new boss.

herland hike

Our urban hike continues. In April, we toured Bricktown; this month we will see the Stockyards and the River Trail. Meet at the Trolley

Stop in front of Bass Pro at 9:40 am. (Parking is available in the free lot south of Bass Pro and next to the Land Rush Statues.) The Orange Line trolley will leave at 10:04 am from in front of Bass Pro. Cost is one dollar.

At 10:20 am we arrive at Stockyards City (Agnew and SW 12th). We will spend a few minutes exploring Stockyards storefronts, and then we have a four-mile walk along the Oklahoma River Trail to the Chesapeake Boat House at Regatta Park. Then it is less than a half-mile back to Bass Pro, the Land Rush Statues, and our parked vehicles. We will finish around 12:30 on the edge of Bricktown. Anyone who wants to stay and hang out or eat in Bricktown can do so.

For those who want to share in the experience but not walk four miles, you are invited to meet the group at 10:20 am at Stockyards City (Agnew and SW 12th) walking as long as you are comfortable, and turning back when you choose. This is a pleasant area including some wetlands. For more info, call Ginger at 942-1535.



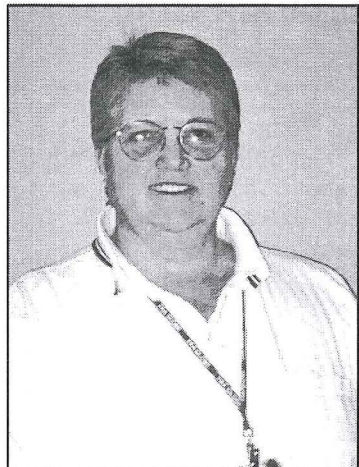
WOMAN Challenge

Women and girls **Out Moving Across the Nation**

For National Women's Health Week, the Office on Women's Health sponsors an 8-week national physical activity challenge called the WOMAN (Women and girls Out Moving Across the Nation) Challenge. The WOMAN challenge begins on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13, and ends July 7th. During the challenge, women and girls (and boys and men) can choose a virtual route to chart their progress toward weekly fitness goals. You will be given a tracking log to record your activity and the first 10,000 people to register receive a free pedometer. To find out more, visit www.womenshealth.gov/woman/.

angie johnson, faa globe, receives national award

Congratulations to Angie Johnson of Oklahoma City who was selected to receive the FAA Administrator's National Award for Excellence in



Equal Employment Opportunity for her work in FAA GLOBE (Gay, Lesbian, Or Bisexual Employees). She will receive the award in Washington, DC, from Marion Blakey the Administrator of the FAA.

Herland got to know Angie and the OKC GLOBE group when they collected donations and asked Herland to help them locate a local and needy elderly lesbian to present with a very nice gift card for the holidays.

Angie is also being awarded the Oklahoma Federal Executive Board Federal Employee Award for Outstanding Diversity Contribution. She will be given this award on May 7 at a banquet at the Clarion Meridian.

This award recognizes demonstrated exemplary accomplishments in providing equal employment opportunities for non-supervisory employees (Employees, Teams, Groups or Associations of Employees). Some examples are efforts to eradicate discrimination, harassment, and other barriers to fair and equitable treatment in the workplace.

Congratulations, Angie! Job well done.

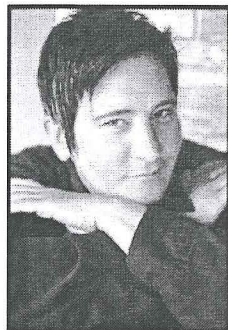
wow! feminist hullabaloo!

Estrogenerations, a committee of wimyn in New Mexico, is producing a grand feminist weekend, June 22-24, 2007 in Santa Fe, NM. Their program will include: Margie Adam, Paula Gunn Allen, Mary Daly, Alix Dobkin, Sonia Johnson, and many more. For more info, visit them at www.feministhullabaloo.com.



k.d. lang okc concert tickets raffle

Satisfy your constant cravings with two general admission concert tickets for k.d. lang with Lyle Lovett on Saturday July 7 at OKC Zoo Amphitheatre. (This OKC concert is the evening before her concert at Tulsa's Brady Theater.) Raffle tickets cost \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Please mail or bring to Herland, 2312 NW 39th, OKC, OK 73112. Drawing to be held on June 24. Need not be present to win.



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Raffle for 2 Concert Tickets

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email (optional): _____

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clock in FOR EQUALITY

MAY 15 · 2007

On May 15, 2007, thousands of people across the country will do something to support workplace fairness. By coordinating organizations and individuals to take action on the same day, we will:

- * Educate the public about the harassment and discrimination LGBT people and those living with HIV face at work

- * Increase support for efforts to win legal protections for LGBT employees

- * Activate people to fight for the rights of LGBT and HIV-affected workers

Join Lambda Legal, our partners and thousands of people across the country by pledging to do something on May 15, 2007 — at work, in your community, with a group or individually. Visit www.lambdalegal.org

website of the month

www.feministhullabaloo.com

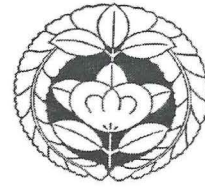


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Sundays: Service and Hoza 10 am
Wednesdays: Core Teachings of Buddhism Class 7 pm
May 3rd Interfaith Day of Prayer - south Capitol steps 11 am
May 12th Neighborhood Clean-Up at the Center
May 14th to 17th Rev Mizutani from Los Angeles
May 18th Movie Night "Zen Noir" 7 pm
May 25th Lotus Sutra study with Kris Ladusau 7 pm

"The holiest of all the spots on Earth
is where an ancient hatred
has become a present love."
-A Course in Miracles

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