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get ready for weekend getaway roman nose state park may 16-18

The retreat starts at 5pm Friday, and continues until Sunday at noon. The weekend traditionally consists of visiting with old friends, meeting new friends, nature walks, outside sports, inside games, relaxing, crafts, laughter, music, campfires, shopping, great food, and many other activities. The greatest part is - the retreat can be anything you want it to be! The Saturday evening concert promises to be a special one. A "new" band, consisting of "old" favorite musicians, will be entertaining us with their collective talent. The band, **Covert Union**, consists of Peggy Johnson, Wendy Allyn, Elyse Angelo, and Nancy Nesser. They will perform their concert in the dining hall, and then play the second set at the fire, where we can request old favorites, and sing-along. Group

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2008 cimarron lgbt leadership summit changed to may 10th

The date for the 2008 LGBT Leadership Summit presented by Cimarron Alliance Foundation has been changed to **Saturday, May 10**, from 9 am to 5 pm at the Norick Downtown Library. The 2007 LGBT Leadership Summit was successful beyond expectations. LGBT and LGBT-friendly persons and organizations acquired tools and guidance to more effectively manage themselves and, more importantly, better collaborate with others to accomplish common goals.

Workshops will address five topics:

- Leadership Development
- Organization Development - non-profits, fundraising, etc.
- Government - politics and the legislative process
- Personal Development - spirituality, equality, etc.
- Anti-violence - anti-bullying, hate crimes, etc.

There will also be two community forums: (1) discussing the possible creation of an LGBT community center in Oklahoma City and (2) a meeting of the Stop Hate Coalition, an anti-violence group founded as a result of the recent brutal murder of a gay Oklahoman.

For more information, please go to www.cimarronalliance.org.

ok-eq denounces rep. sally kern's anti-gay tirade

Oklahomans for Equality (OkEq) deplores the sentiments expressed by Oklahoma State Representative Sally Kern (R-Oklahoma City) in a YouTube video now generating a firestorm. National and local media outlets are closely covering the controversy sparked by Kern's claim that homosexuality is "the biggest threat that our nation has, even more so than terrorism or Islam."

In a triple play of intolerance, Rep. Kern offends lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) Americans, thousands of women and men defending the United States from terrorist attacks, and Muslims worldwide. Yet, she remains completely unapologetic, citing her right to freedom of speech and claiming, "I have never endorsed or supported any hateful action targeting individuals on the other side of this debate and never will."

Rep. Kern's legislative track record belies her remarks. In 2006, Rep. Kern sponsored legislation that would have denied funding

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april events

PFLAG-OKC Tuesday April 1
Church of the Open Arms 7 pm

Eureka Springs Diversity Week-
end April 4-6

Louise & Mary Saturday April 5
Full Circle Bookstore 7 pm

PFLAG-Norman Thursday April
10 St Stephens 7 pm

Miss Brown to You Friday April
11 UCO Jazz Lab 8 pm \$7

Herland Supper Club Saturday
April 12 potluck cookout in
Herland backyard 5:30 pm

OGLPC Monthly Meeting Mon-
day April 14 Neighborhood Alli-
ance 7 pm

Herland Scrabble Game Satur-
day April 19 2 pm

Herland Board Meeting Sun-
day April 20 4 pm

Sisters of Swing & Back Row
Friday April 25 Arts Festival
Deck Stage 6 pm

Louise & Mary Tuesday April
29 Galileos 8 pm

Center Cinema Fridays 7 pm
Tulsa Dennis R. Neill Equality
Center

Herland Spring Retreat May
16-18 Roman Nose State Park

OKC Pride Parade Friday June
20 at 7 pm Festival Saturday
and Sunday June 21 & 22

supper club

Herland will host a backyard barbecue for the April Supper Club. We will fire up the backyard grill at 5:30 pm on *Saturday, April 12*.

Bring a side dish and we'll provide the hamburgers, hotdogs, veggie burgers, buns, fixins, and drinks. In case of rain, we'll just have it all indoors!

scrabble games

Challenge the Scrabble Mavens (if you dare!) at Herland on *Saturday, April 19*, at 2 pm. Games are played at all levels and newcomers are welcome.

kern tirade

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to public libraries that refused to segregate books addressing LGBT themes. Rep. Kern has repeatedly used her public office to demonize LGBT Oklahomans and to attempt to deny them the exact same civil liberties she now defends so passionately. This is the height of hypocrisy.

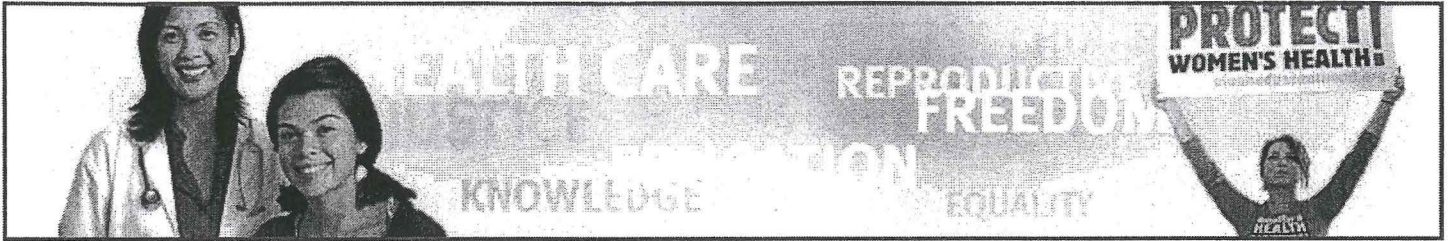
"OkEq firmly supports Rep. Kern's constitutional right to express her views, but vociferously objects to the actions she takes to prevent LGBT Oklahomans from attaining justice and equality. When elected officials use their power to defame entire categories of people, they abuse the freedom of speech embedded in the First Amendment and violate their responsibility to ensure the safety and well-being of their constituents," asserts Justice Waidner, OkEq Executive Director.

OkEq calls upon the many fair-minded members of the Oklahoma legislature to condemn Rep. Kern's comments and to pass immediately a state hate crimes law that encompasses sexual orientation and gender identity and expression. We ask for the House and Senate leadership to allow the five hate crimes bills currently before them to receive full consideration on the floor.



bath, body, spa

<http://jordanrep.com/10522>



women's health day at the capitol

Planned Parenthood of Central Oklahoma (PPCO) is having a **2008 Women's Health Day at the Capitol**. Women's health has always been an important issue to Oklahomans, including mental health, reproductive health, cancer screening, HIV/AIDS, domestic violence and sexual assault, and much more. Considering recent facts about the state of women's health in Oklahoma, we need to be working harder for all women in our communities.

According to the National Women's Law Center, Oklahoma received a grade of F and ranks 48th among the states in their National Report Card on Women's Health. Oklahoma got failing grades in 18 of 31 categories and unsatisfactory on 4 more. If women's health is on your radar screen, take this opportunity to let your elected officials know! Join PPCO on **Thursday, April 10th from 8:30 am to 11:00 am on the 2nd floor rotunda**. If you have any questions, contact adriennebrune@ppfa.org or call 405-528-0221.

spring retreat

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camp accommodations include rustic group cabins with bunk beds, a group bath house with restrooms and hot showers, and a meeting hall and kitchen with a commercial refrigerator. If tent camping is your thing... there is lots of room to set up camp. Meals include a light Friday night supper, Saturday breakfast, Saturday evening potluck (be thinking about what you want to bring to share), and Sunday morning breakfast. Herland will have pop, water, and snacks for sale, or you can bring your own. It is a big help in planning if you pre-register with the registration form above. Please fill out the information and mail it with payment, back to Herland - postmarked by May 8th. You will then receive a packet in the mail confirming your

registration, with a map, a "to bring" list, and a special treat - A Free Raffle Ticket - just for pre-registering! We hope you'll all be able to stay for the entire weekend, but if time is limited, you can still register to come for the day on Saturday, or even just for the concert. If need be, you can even register when you get to the camp. We're looking forward to seeing you all there!

herland spring retreat registration roman nose state park, watonga, ok may 16-18

Deadline for pre-registration is May 8. 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 \$13,300	under \$18,000	\$30
\$13,300-\$30,000	\$18,000-\$50,000	\$45
over \$30,000	over \$50,000	\$60

Registration fee enclosed (payable to Herland):

\$30 \$45 \$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).

riding the third wave:
feminism in the 21st century
jennifer baumgardner

&

amy richards

3 pm, wednesday, april 9, 2008

beaird lounge ou memorial union

authors of *manifesta: young women, feminism
and the future* and *grassroots: a field guide for
feminist activism*

women's studies, women's outreach center, graduate social work
association of ou

herland sister
resources 2007
financial statement

1/1/2007 to 12/31/2007

Beginning Balance	1,375.42
<u>Income</u>	
Retreat Income	2,536.13
Donations/Fundraise	6,571.51
Pride Weekend	371.00
Newsletter Donations	175.00
Newsletter Sponsors	985.00
Sales	77.10
Other Events	340.00
Misc.	37.84
Total Income	11,093.58

Expenses

Newsletter	3,427.70
Retreat Expense	2,064.41
Insurance	1,436.46
Utilities	1,187.81
Phone	694.41
Pride Weekend	312.64
Fundraising	335.74
Community Support	90.00
Misc.	335.37
Total Expense	10,039.54
Ending Balance	2,429.46

V DAY 10

2008 IS V-DAY'S 10th ANNIVERSARY

In ten years, thousands of benefit performances of Eve Ensler's The Vagina Monologues have raised over \$50 million for local anti-violence groups, crisis centers, shelters and more. Taboos have been shattered, educating millions and launching a global dialogue towards ending violence against women and girls. We invite you to join us as we celebrate our victories and launch the next 10 years—and honor the women of New Orleans and the Gulf South.

**JOIN V-DAY IN NEW ORLEANS
V TO THE TENTH**

APRIL 11-12, 2008 NEW ORLEANS ARENA &
LOUISIANA SUPERDOME

The V-Day Event of the Decade—The 10th anniversary of the Vagina Monologues—Two days of speakers, performances, wellness, and more. FEATURING SALMA HAYEK, OPRAH WINFREY, JANE FONDA, JENNIFER HUDSON, GLENN CLOSE, JULIA STILES, ASHLEY JUDD, SALLY FIELD, MARISA TOMEI, AND ELLEN DEGENERES.

TICKETS FROM \$25-\$1000 ON SALE NOW vday.org/tickets

CHANGE THE STORY OF WOMEN

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the art & practice of meditation

The Silence Foundation and OCU are sponsoring a two-session interactive workshop on meditation practices on **Thursday, April 17 and Thursday, April 24 from 7 pm to 9 pm.**

The practices shared are time honored, simple, and commonly used. They involve sitting, walking, and eating meditation, as well as the creative use of time, space, art and journaling. Lecture and group discussion will focus on a brief overview of meditation, its purpose, and its regular practice. Participants will experience meditation methods and create a personal plan for their own spiritual practice from a wide selection of options.

Presenters are Patricia Webb and David McCleskey, a husband and wife team who created The Silence Foundation, Inc., an Oklahoma not-for-profit dedicated to spiritual and peace-making practices, starting from within. The workshop is free. To register, call The Silence Foundation at 286-0091 or OCU School of Religion at 208-5284.

website of the
month

www.ocadp.org

ferraro on obama

The following are quotes made by Geraldine Ferraro, former vice presidential candidate, to the Daily Breeze.

"I think what America feels about a woman becoming president takes a very secondary place to Obama's campaign - to a kind of campaign that it would be hard for anyone to run against. For one thing, you have the press, which has been uniquely hard on her. It's been a very sexist media. Some just don't like her. The others have gotten caught up in the Obama campaign.

"If Obama was a white man, he would not be in this position. And if he was a woman (of any color) he would not be in this position. He happens to be very lucky to be who he is. And the country is caught up in the concept.

"I was reading an article that said young Republicans are out there campaigning for Obama because they believe he's going to be able to put an end to partisanship. Dear God! Anyone that has worked in the Congress knows that for over 200 years this country has had partisanship - that's the way our country is."

ok coalition to abolish the death penalty

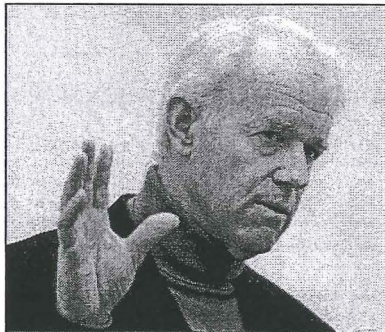
18th annual awards dinner

saturday, april 12, 2008

cathedral of our lady of perpetual help

3214 north lake (1 blk west of western)

speaker: mike farrell



art show fundraiser, silent auction and book signing at the 6 pm reception, dinner at 7 pm

tickets \$35, students \$10

reservations call 239-2454 or email jrowan@ramlaw.biz

The wonderful actor who portrayed bj hunicutt on m*a*s*h is with death penalty focus. mike delighted you as bj and will inspire you with his work as an abolitionist.

I have always found that mercy bears richer fruits than strict justice. Abraham Lincoln



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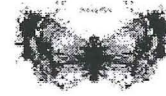
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