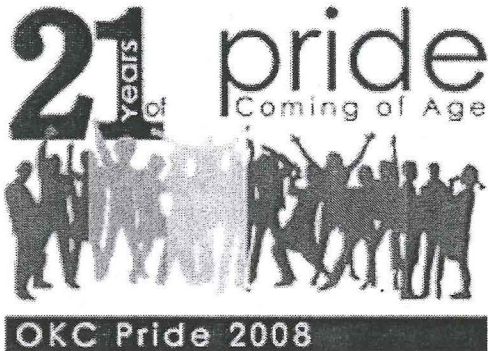


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OKC GAY PRIDE WEEKEND  
JUNE 20TH - 22ND 2008

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## 2008 okc pride week events!!

### okc taste of pride

Friday, June 13, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
The Gold Dome, 1112 NW 23rd Street, \$20

### okc pride at the zoo

Saturday, June 14, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Oklahoma City Zoo, 2101 NE 50th Street

### okc pride strip show

Friday, June 20, 6 p.m. to 7:45p.m.  
NW 39th Street between Pennsylvania and N. Youngs

The Strip Show is a party on 39th Street! It will feature music and performances by Oklahoma's most talented professionals and food vendors will be available.

### okc pride parade

Friday, June 20, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
START: Memorial Park (NW 36th Street and N. Classen)  
END: The Strip (NW 39th Street and N. Pennsylvania)

For the first time, the Parade will be an evening event. Be a part of this magical summer night. Awards will be given to selected entries in this friendly competition.

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## the herland backyard pride picnic

Saturday, June 21  
5 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
Herland Backyard  
2312 NW 39th Street

**DON'T  
MISS IT!**

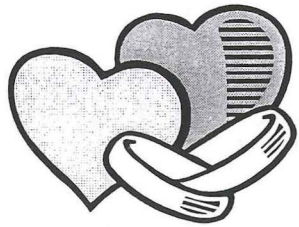
Don't miss this awesome Pride event—the annual Herland Backyard Pride Picnic. We grill up hotdogs, hamburgers, veggie dogs and burgers, with all the fixins, sides, and drinks.

Plus you'll hear music by Covert Union (Wende, Peggy, Nancy, Elyse, Sannie) and The Therapy Sisters (live from Austin, Texas) and many more!

Food starts about 5:30 pm and music about 6 pm. This is a family-friendly event. So bring lawn chairs, kids, friends, and a donation, \$5/person (or more if you can). Please no pets.



california supreme court  
overturns gay marriage ban  
(From the LA Times)



The California Supreme Court struck down the state's ban on same-sex marriage Thursday in a broadly worded decision that would invalidate virtually any law that discriminates on the basis of sexual orientation.

The 4-3 ruling declared that the state Constitution protects a fundamental "right to marry" that extends equally to same-sex couples. It tossed a highly emotional issue into the election year while opening the way for tens of thousands of gay people to wed in California, starting as early as mid-June.

The majority opinion, by Chief Justice Ronald M. George, declared that any law that discriminates on the basis of sexual orientation will from this point on be constitutionally suspect in California in the same way as laws that discriminate by race or gender, making the state's high court the first in the nation to adopt such a stringent standard.

The decision was a bold surprise from a moderately conservative, Republican-dominated court that legal scholars have long dubbed "cautious," and experts said it was likely to influence other courts around the country.

But the scope of the court's decision could be thrown into question by an initiative already heading toward the November ballot. The initiative would amend the state Constitution to prohibit same-sex unions.

The campaign over that measure began within minutes of the decision. The state's Catholic bishops and other opponents of same-sex marriage denounced the court's ruling. But Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who previously

thanks to everyone for  
making it a great retreat!

The Spring Retreat has come and gone, and I for one am already looking forward to the Fall Retreat. The weather was beautiful, many new friendships were made, and even more old ones were rekindled.

I want to thank every single one of you that came to the retreat. The awesome blend of women made for a really great weekend! I especially want to thank Christa and Lara for their delicious culinary talents, Andy for the great auction items, Marsha for being the drill sergeant upon checkout (the state park guy that checked us out gave us five stars and all of our deposit!), Terri for building and keeping the fire blazing, Kathy for the insightful and inspirational workshop, Nancy for all the patience, guidance, and help, the Herland Board members for all their help, and Laura Choate for being an incredible Camp Director for so many years - being patient with all my many questions - and for finally being able to have a relaxing retreat weekend. As for the sappy "*emotional vomiting*" some of you witnessed Sunday morning... I'm working on it. There is just something so very special about the retreats...

Whether you made a potluck dish, scrubbed a kitchen dish, dished out a song or simply dished around the fire - you are appreciated and you helped to make the weekend what it was.

Peace & Love to you all -  
Sannie

has vetoed two bills in favor of gay marriage, issued a statement saying he "respects" the decision and "will not support an amendment to the constitution that would overturn" it.

The ruling was greeted with loud cheering and whooping when it was released at the high court's headquarters here Thursday morning. About 100 people lined up outside to purchase copies of the decision for \$10 apiece. Some people bought 10 to 15 copies, calling it a historic document. One man said he planned to give them out as Christmas presents. Gay groups planned celebrations up and down the state.

The decision came after high courts in New York, Washington and New Jersey refused to extend marriage rights to gay couples. Only Massachusetts' top court has ruled in favor of permitting gays to wed.



## okc pride events

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### okc pride festival

Saturday, June 21, 12 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Sunday, June 22, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Memorial Park, NW 36th Street and N. Classen

The OKC Pride Festival is a two-day event, featuring live music, contests, and much, much more.

### okc pride ice cream social

Sunday, June 22, 5:30 p.m.

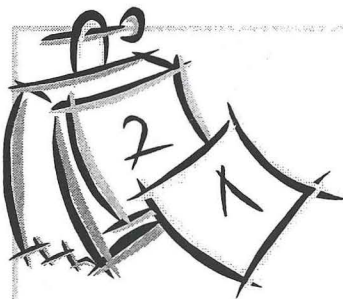
Church of the Open Arms, 3131 N Penn

### okc pride concert

Sunday, June 22, 6:30 p.m.

Church of the Open Arms, 3131 N Penn

OKC band Covert Union will open the concert at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Therapy Sisters at 7:30 p.m. Suggested donation \$10. See article page 4.



### june events calendar

Beehive, The 60's Musical June 6-28, Pollard Theatre in Guthrie

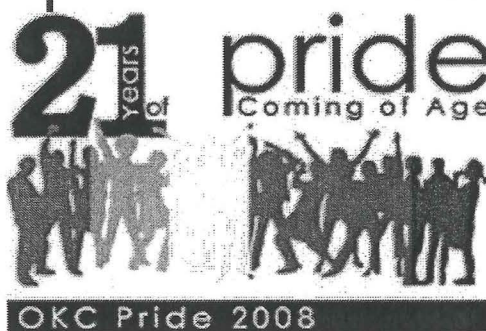
PFLAG-OKC Tuesday June 3  
Church of the Open Arms 7 pm

OGLPC Monthly Meeting Monday  
June 9 Neighborhood Alliance  
7 pm

PFLAG-Norman Thursday June 12  
St Stephens 7 pm

Herland Board Meeting Sunday  
June 15 4 pm

True Colors Tour at Zoo Amphitheater Monday June 23



## OKC PRIDE SCHEDULE

### 1st Weekend

Fri June 13

Taste of Pride at Gold Dome—6 pm

Sat June 14

Pride at the Zoo—10 am to 5 pm

### 2nd Weekend

Fri June 20

The Strip Show—6 pm

Fri June 20

Pride Parade—7 pm

Sat June 21

Pride Festival—noon to 10 pm

Sat June 21

Herland Pride Picnic—5:00 pm

Sun June 22

Pride Festival—noon to 5 pm

Sun June 22

Pride Ice Cream Social—5:30 pm

Sun June 22

Pride Concert at Church of the Open Arms—6:30 pm



# therapy sisters ready to help!

Austin's "Divas of Dysfunction" have appointments for new and returning clients in Oklahoma City. The Therapy Sisters, a.k.a. Maurine McLean and Lisa Rogers, long-time Lone Star lampoon artists, will travel to Oklahoma City to co-facilitate 2 large "group sessions" as well as a small group workshops June 21-22, just in time to celebrate OKC's Gay Pride Parade and festival.

The large group sessions will be held at Church of the Open Arms. The Sisters will participate in the Sunday morning worship service, which begins at 10:45 a.m. on June 22. Later that evening, they will perform in concert following the Ice Cream Social at 5:30 p.m. OKC band Covert Union will open the concert at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Therapy Sisters at 7:30 p.m. Suggested co-pay for the evening session is \$10, or whatever you can afford. One small group session will be held Saturday evening at the Herland picnic. If psychotherapy were this much fun, we'd all have our mental health.

Maurine McLean seeks stability by playing steady bass lines. She plays fretted or fretless bass, depending on her stress level. Among the musical styles that influence her songwriting are comic opera, Latin pop music, and TV theme songs of the 1960s. Maurine is a Spanish-English interpreter by day; a musician by night. Both trades allow her to play with sound and meaning, two tireless companions. She's responsible for such Therapy Sisters songs as "My Finger is an Instrument of Death" and "Don't Touch Me When I'm Beautiful." Giving people the giggles by playing music is her heart's delight.

Lisa Rogers has played in various and sundry bands throughout the developmental stages of her life. She was weaned on church music, cut her teeth on folk music, took her first steps to bluegrass, swore off high heels while listening to women's music, and found self-realization in the world of novelty



**pride concert**  
**church of the open arms**  
**sunday, june 22**  
**covert union 6:30 pm**  
**therapy sisters 7:30 pm**

tunes. A social worker by trade, Lisa is an avid reader of printed matter that ranges from the New York Times to the National Enquirer. Her most acclaimed news-inspired hit, "The

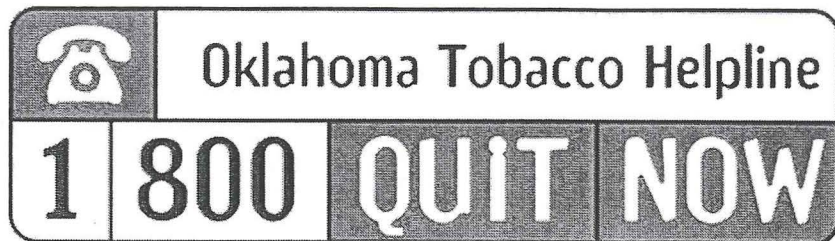
Weenie Whacking Woman," based on the tale of John and Lorena Bobbitt, topped the charts on Dr. Demento's syndicated novelty radio show. Listen to Lisa as she sings of life at its most bizarre; therapy at its best.

Lisa's melodic guitar playing and Maurine's fretless bass go together like hallucinations and Haldol. Though accepted by no major medical insurance, The Therapy Sisters continue to offer

their musical mental health care nationwide, reminding you that if you're not part of the problem, you're not part of the Family. But if you *are* one of the best-stressed people you know, let these regular contributors to Dr. Demento introduce your tongue to your cheek with the most affordable therapy in town.

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A few months ago, you may have read in the *Herland Voice* that there are higher rates of smoking among lesbians and gay men. You may have also read that the tobacco industry actively targets the LGBT community through direct advertising and corporate sponsorship. If you smoke, you may have wondered about the kinds of resources there are to help you quit. One of the best ones available is the Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline.

The Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline is a FREE service available to all Oklahomans who want to quit using tobacco. People calling the Helpline receive free one-on-one coaching sessions with a professional Quit Coach<sup>®</sup> who has helped hundreds of people quit. A Quit Coach helps callers develop a quit plan tailored to their personal needs and then offers critical support in sticking with that plan.

**For a limited time, Oklahoma residents who call the Helpline for coaching will also receive a free two-week starter kit of nicotine patches or gum mailed directly to their homes.** Callers who do not have health insurance or who have Medicare or Indian Health Services can receive an 8-week supply of nicotine patches or gum **for free**. If callers have Medicaid or SoonerCare, the Quit Coach will provide information about accessing treatment options through SoonerCare.

#### Quick Facts

**The Helpline is open 7 days a week from 7am to 11pm.**

If you call the Helpline after normal business hours, you can leave a message and someone will return your call within the next day. People can call for encouragement anytime the Helpline is open.

**The Helpline services are available in English and Spanish.**

For English, the number is 1-800-784-8669. For Spanish, the number is 1-800-793-1552.

**You must be 18 or older to use this service.** People under 18 can call and receive written materials, which are mailed to their home.

In addition to free coaching sessions over the phone,

participants can access a 24-hour-a-day interactive website. This site allows people to complete self-assessment exercises and interact with other people trying to quit as well as Quit Coaches. You can receive the website address and a password when you call 1-800-QUIT NOW.

Quitting smoking doesn't happen overnight, especially when you may feel overwhelmed by tobacco ads and free cigarettes in bars and clubs. Indeed, people often say that after finally making the decision to quit, they are sidetracked by the packs of cigarettes freely distributed in bars. Tobacco companies pour money and time into getting people to smoke because they want to replace those who die every day from using their product. But counseling and nicotine patches or gum are available through the Helpline, and this combination of cessation medications and coaching more than doubles the chances of a successful quit attempt.

If you would like more information about the Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline or how we can work together to change the way the tobacco industry targets the LGBT community, contact the Central Oklahoma Turning Point Tobacco Use Prevention Coalition at 405-419-4247 or [Carolyn\\_Durbin@occhd.org](mailto:Carolyn_Durbin@occhd.org).

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