

# Herland

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## VOICE

December, 2001

### **Solidarity, Reflection, and Hope**

*A Community Gathering on the Death Penalty*

**Thursday, December 6**

**Voice of Praise Baptist Church  
2200 E. Culbertson  
(the NW corner of 21<sup>st</sup> and Kelley)**

**6:30 p.m.**

**to be followed by a Vigil (8:30 – 9:30)  
at the Governor's Mansion  
for the last execution Vigil of the year**

#### **Featured Speaker**

**State Representative Opio Toure**

2001 has seen more executions in Oklahoma than any other year in our state's history. Tuesday and Thursday (Dec. 4 & 6) are the last two executions scheduled for this year. In January, hundreds of people from across the community gathered in the early weeks of this most lethal year as 8 people were executed in a 24-day period.

**It is time to come together again.** All who have participated at some point this year, or who are moved to participate now, in the on-going search for a solution to violence that precludes the taking of more life, please join us on the evening of the last scheduled execution of 2001.

Oklahoma has chosen Dec. 4-6 as a time for killing prisoners; some people are choosing this as a time for fasting as an act of personal reflection and protest.

### **SEASON OF LIGHT**

The OKC Metro Choruses Annual Holiday Concert: "Season of Light" holiday concert will be held Saturday, December 15 at 7:30PM in the Village Christian Church, 9401 W Britton Rd. The concert will feature popular OKC vocalist Darinda Boswell and will focus on the joy and hope of the season. A silent auction will again be available for last-minute gifts. The auction will open at 7:00, and will close at the end of intermission, benefiting the ongoing work of the Choruses.

### *Upcoming Herland Events*

**Herland Supper Club and Road Trip, Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.** Meet at Herland at 4:00pm to carpool to Guthrie. (Enid folks will meet us there at 5:00pm.) We will eat at Granny Had One and then enjoy the downtown Victorian Walk. Step back in time and celebrate the holidays in grand Territorial Style. The beautiful Victorian buildings of Guthrie are bedazzled with thousands of twinkling lights. Carolers in Victorian costumes stroll the cobbled streets and shops are decked for the Holidays. We may also take the special candlelight trolley to view the gracious Victorian homes decked in their holiday splendor. (Enid folks please RSVP to Rhonda at 580-242-4493.)

**New Year's Day Potluck, Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2:00pm.** Bring a dish and enjoy food and games at Herland.

**Herland Board Meeting, 4:30 pm, Sunday December 16 at Herland.**

### **BOOK CLUB**

A new book club will begin meeting at Herland in January. The club will meet once a month, choose a book for the members to read, and meet the next month to discuss it. The organizing meeting is set for the first Sunday in January, which is January 6, at 4:30. At that meeting, participants will choose the books to read for the first few months. Everyone is encouraged to bring one book idea. If you are interested in being a member, please call Louise at 286-1401 to let her know you will be coming to the first meeting on January 6. Or, just show up on that day!

## AFGHAN WOMEN'S SUMMIT TO BE HELD IN BRUSSELS

Fifty Afghan women leaders will convene in Brussels, December 4-5, to attend an Afghan Women's Summit for Democracy. The women represent a wide range of ethnic backgrounds and hail from all sectors of society, including the fields of education, healthcare, and politics. Three of the participants, Sima Wali, Seddige Balkhi, and Amini Afzali, are now serving as delegates to the meetings in Bonn. Other women leaders from around the globe will also be present at the summit to show their support for the involvement of Afghan women in the reconstruction and peace process in Afghanistan. Several women's rights organization are hosting the Summit, including the Feminist Majority, the European Women's Lobby, Equality Now, V-day, and the Center for Strategic Initiatives of Women, which will be held at the European Commission in Brussels in collaboration with the United Nations' Gender Advisor to the Secretary General and UNIFEM. Judge Navanethem Pillay, South African President of the UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, will chair the Summit.

A delegation of Afghan women plan to meet with the European Parliament, U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell, and the UN Security Council in the weeks immediately following the Summit. (from *Feminist Daily News Wire*) □

### Patrice Pike and the Black Box Rebellion

(lead singer of Sister 7)

W/ very special guest - Marca Cassity ...

currently from Berkley, formerly from many places including Oklahoma City

Saturday, December 15th, 7:30 PM @ The Blue Door 2805 N. McKinley (One block west of Classen / Two blocks South of NW 30th)

Tickets are \$10 -- Very limited seating.

For more information or to buy tickets call 405.206.5425

## LACK OF ACCESS TO CONTRACEPTION MAY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIGH TEEN PREGNANCY RATES

Despite a decrease in teenage pregnancy over the past decade, the United States still has significantly higher rates of teen pregnancy than other developed countries, according to a study conducted by the Alan Guttmacher Institute (AGI).

The study suggests that lack of information about and access to effective contraceptive methods and other reproductive health services for teenagers may be a factor in the discrepancy between the U.S. and other countries. Compared with teenagers in other countries, including Great Britain, Canada, Sweden, and France, teens in the U.S. are less likely to use oral contraceptives, typically more effective than other forms of birth control. American teens also do not have comparable access to low-cost contraceptives and reproductive health services to teens in the other countries included in the study.

AGI found that social messages about sex in the United States may also contribute to higher rates of teen pregnancy. According to Jacqueline Darroch, Vice President for Research at AGI, "Many in the United States consider adolescents to be too immature to make good judgments about their own behavior and to use contraceptives effectively. However, this study shows us that in countries where youth receive social support, full information, and positive messages about sexuality and sexual relationships, and have easy access to sexual and reproductive health services, they achieve healthier outcomes and low rates of pregnancy, childbearing, abortion, and STDs."

Teen pregnancy rates in the U.S. are twice as high as in Great Britain and Canada and five times as high as in France and Sweden. (from *Feminist Daily News Wire*) □

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**CENTRAL OKLAHOMA COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULES**

Remaining Home games only listed. Please note, schedules are subject to change with little or no notice, especially early in the season. You may want to call to confirm

**Oklahoma Baptist – [www.okbu.edu](http://www.okbu.edu)**

1/5/02	St. Gregory's	6 pm
1/12	Southern Nazarene	6 pm
1/14	John Brown	6 pm
1/17	OCU	6 pm
2/2	USAO	5 pm
2/9	Northwestern	6 pm
2/14	Wayland Baptist	6 pm
2/16	Lubbock Christian	1 pm
2/23	Oklahoma Christian	6 pm

**Oklahoma – [www.ou.edu](http://www.ou.edu)**

12/16	Illinois	3:30 pm
1/9/02	Oklahoma State	7 pm
1/19	Texas	3 pm
2/2	Kansas	1 pm
2/5	Baylor	7 pm
2/0	Texas A&M	3 pm
2/16	Nebraska	4 pm
2/27	Texas Tech	7:30 pm

**Oklahoma Christian – [www2.oc.edu](http://www2.oc.edu)**

1/3/02	Lubbock Christian	6 pm
1/5	Wayland Baptist	1 pm
1/20	John Brown	6 pm
1/19	Oklahoma Baptist	6 pm
1/24	Northwestern Okla	6 pm
1/31	USAO	6 pm
2/14	OCU	6 pm
2/18	Southern Nazarene	6 pm
2/21	St. Gregory's	6 pm

**Oklahoma City University – [www.okcu.edu](http://www.okcu.edu)**

11/29/12-1	Capital City Shootout	
12/8	Cumberland	12 pm
1/5/02	Northwestern	6 pm
1/19	Southern Nazarene	6 pm
1/24	USAO	6 pm
1/26	Oklahoma Christian	6 pm
1/31	Lubbock Christian	6 pm
2/2	Wayland Baptist	1 pm
2/9	John Brown	6 pm
2/18	St. Gregory's	6 pm
2/21	Oklahoma Baptist	6 pm

**Oklahoma State – [www.okstate.edu](http://www.okstate.edu)**

12/8	SE Louisiana	2 pm
12/17	Northern Arizona	6 pm
12/21	Marshall	7 pm
1/2/02	Prairie View	7 pm
1/6	Missouri	TBA
1/16	Texas	7 pm
1/19	Kansas State	TBA
1/29	Oklahoma	7 pm
2/5	Texas A&M	7 pm
2/14	Texas Tech	TBA
2/17	Iowa State	2 pm
2/24	Baylor	TBA

**Southern Nazarene University – [www.snu.edu](http://www.snu.edu)**

12/13	Langston	7 pm
1/3/02	Wayland Baptist	6 pm
1/5	Lubbock Christian	1 pm
1/10	Northwestern	6 pm
1/21	Oklahoma Christian	6 pm
1/26	USAO	6 pm
1/31	Oklahoma Baptist	6 pm
2/16	St. Gregory's	6 pm
2/21	John Brown	6 pm
2/23	OCU	6 pm

**University of Science & Arts – (USAO)  
[www.usao.edu](http://www.usao.edu)**

12/1	Bacone College	6 pm
12/8	Mid-America Bible	7 pm
1/5/02	John Brown	6 pm
1/12	Oklahoma	6 pm
2/9	St. Gregory's	6 pm
2/11	Northwestern Okla	6 pm
2/14	Southern Nazarene	6 pm
2/16	OCU	6 pm

**Langston - [www.lunet.edu](http://www.lunet.edu)**

Current Schedule not available on web

**St. Gregory's – [www.sgc.edu](http://www.sgc.edu)**

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