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Wedding Bells Ring In Toronto As Court Orders Gay Marriage Legalized

By Ann Rostow

Same-sex couples can legally marry in the Canadian province of Ontario as of last Tuesday, June 10. The Ontario Court of Appeals upheld a lower court ruling in favor of marriage equality, and then went one step further: ordering that legal marriage be available at once. Toronto city-clerks were issuing marriage licenses to gay and lesbian couples as soon as the decision was announced.

On Wednesday, in a discussion with syndicated reporter Rex Wockner, Toronto city officials confirmed that Americans may also marry in the province, and that no residency requirement or other obstacles stood in their way. Although Belgium and the Netherlands allow same-sex couples to marry, they do not allow foreigners to do so except under a few special circumstances. Barring new restrictions or legal setbacks, the stage seems set for Toronto to become the gay wedding capital of the world.

Although the unanimous opinion was the fourth pro-marriage ruling in the last year, it was the first to take immediate effect. The three previous courts all gave the Canadian government a window of time to consider a national remedy. Many expected the high court of Ontario to follow suit, but instead, the Court ruled that having established a constitutional violation there was no justification for delaying the remedy. A suspended remedy is appropriate where there is a risk of harm to the public, a threat to the rule of law, or a possibility of harming innocent people. But the Court determined that none of these calamities would be triggered by a prompt legalization of same-sex marriage. "In our view," the Court wrote, "an immediate declaration will simply ensure that opposite-sex couples and same-sex couples immediately receive equal treatment under the law."

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Meanwhile, the federal government had appealed the Ontario ruling, as well as the Quebec decision. Given the situation, the Parliament had also set up a fact finding committee, and assigned it to produce an evaluation of the status of same-sex couples and their right to marriage.

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Ontario Court of Appeals was expected to uphold the lower court as they did—but it was not clear that the Court would toss out the famous deadline and institute legal marriage immediately. Now, instead of having another year to play with, the government must take a stand on same-sex marriage within days.

The government has the option to appeal this decision to the Canadian Supreme Court, but they might just call it a day and accept the opinion instead. It's noteworthy that political leaders of the four main parties have come out in favor of ending the litigation by legalizing marriage, or letting the rulings stand. Further, the government has yet to appeal the British Columbia ruling, even though time is running out and papers must be filed by the end of this month. Finally, the parliamentary committee has come back with a recommendation that gay and lesbian couples be allowed to marry. The committee issued its draft report last week, and will finish the final version soon.

As this issue goes to press, Prime Minister Jean Chretien was expected to make a statement shortly.

Gay and lesbian couples in Canada enjoy many, if not most of the rights of marriage already. They are certainly well ahead of Americans, with civil union type relationships and immigration rights. Although sexual orientation is not listed as a protected class like race or religion, Canadian courts have described it as "an analogous ground" to those enumerated in the Canadian version of our equal protection clause. Sexual orientation, said the Ontario Court, citing a previous opinion, "is a deeply personal characteristic that is either unchangeable or changeable only at unacceptable personal costs." Gays and lesbians also "form an identifiable minority who have suffered and continue to suffer serious social, political and economic disadvantage."

In this context, with a slight majority of public opinion in favor of legalizing marriage and with the notable absence of a powerful evangelical Christian right, it's not surprising that Canada leads the United States by several years in terms of advancing the freedom to marry. This week's developments may also act as a spur to efforts in the United States.

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MCC Reacts to Canadian Marriage Decision

When an Ontario appeals court unanimously set aside the heterosexual-only definition of marriage and ordered the Toronto city clerk to immediately issue marriage licenses to several gay couples who had applied for them earlier this week, Metropolitan Community Churches (MCC) was quick to respond.

The predominantly gay international religious denomination says it has worked for more than three decades to achieve equality under marriage laws for gays and lesbians. Each year, MCC churches in 22 countries perform more than 6000 same-sex weddings.

"These same-sex weddings are blessed in the sight of God but not recognized by the civil authorities in most countries around the world," said Rev. Troy D. Perry, Founder and Moderator of MCC.

The court challenge was brought by two Toronto couples who had sued the government of Ontario for not accepting their marriages as legally valid. Both couples wed during a joint service at MCC of Toronto in January 2001. They had used an old Canadian law of reading banns—formally asking the congregation if anyone objected to the couple's marriage for three consecutive Sundays—in order to get city-issued marriage licenses. But when the couples tried to have their unions registered with the province, the minister of consumer affairs refused.

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"Today, I salute the Rev. Dr. Brent Hawkes and the members of MCC Toronto who challenged the Canadian law and won this victory," said Perry. "Dr. Hawkes has a long and distinguished record on behalf of social justice and human rights. History will long honor him, along with Metropolitan Community Church of Toronto, as the driving force behind this landmark decision."

Perry intends to have Dr. Hawkes perform a personal marriage ceremony at a date to be announced later.

"One of the great desires of my life is to be legally wed to my partner of 18 years, Phillip Ray De Blicke, before I die," Perry said. "We intend to fly to Canada in the near future to be legally married under Canadian law—then we will return to the United States to carry on the fight for justice and equality in the U.S."

Perry believes the Canadian decision offers hope for similar rulings in other countries in the future.

"Today I encourage gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people around the globe to take heart in this decision. In my own country, I am renewing my call for GLBT couples to continue public demonstrations every Valentine's Day by applying for marriage licenses at marriage bureaus, city halls, and court houses across the United States."



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A proud woman is a well woman

Lesbian Health Initiative, Clinic to Offer Free Services at Fair

By Jone Devlin

HOUSTON—Ten years ago, research was released which showed that lesbians, as a group, were at greater risk for breast, lung, ovarian, and other cancers.

Concerned, a group of Houston lesbians became determined to help reverse this trend and thus the Lesbian Health Initiative (LHI) was formed.

The LHI is an all volunteer group of women that work to promote women's health in Houston's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community. Its mission statement outlines three primary goals—to provide education and health resources to our community; establish government and private agency liaisons to initiate and support funding of programs to promote health and wellness; and form partnerships with health care providers willing to ensure that women in our community have access to sensitive and responsible health care.

It is in this spirit that they began hosting bi-annual Lesbian Health Fairs. The next one will take place on Saturday, June 14. The fair, which is presented in cooperation with the Montrose Clinic, will be ongoing from 8 a.m. till 4 p.m. at the Clinic's 215 Westheimer location.

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"We will be checking blood pressure, blood sugar," Gandy said. "Women tend to have a high incidence of heart disease, so we've added testing for that."

Sonna Alton, Director of Communication and Events for the Montrose Clinic, said she was excited about the event.

"The last time that Montrose Clinic was a part of this was two years ago, and it was very well attended," she said. "I think having it in a clinic setting and conveniently located, and having women able to get all these services one stop will make it very successful."

Alton discussed the ongoing problem of getting GLBT women to take their annual exams. Most women put off their exams, she said, because they don't always feel comfortable talking about their sexuality with a doctor. "You know what it's like," she explained. "You go in for an exam, and the first thing they ask you is whether or not you are sexually active. You say yes, and then the next thing they ask is whether or not you are on birth control."

Alton said she'd even heard from some women who claimed that after disclosing their sexual orientation to their OB GYN their exams became "more forceful, making these women even more hesitant." Having an organization that recognizes who lesbians are and provides services tailored for their particular needs makes them feel comfortable, she said. "And that's our goal, to make them feel comfortable so that they will come in and access these services."

Women who are unable to attend the Health Fair on Saturday can still come to the clinic for exams and treatment, Alton added.

"Currently the Clinic is working on coming up with a 'well woman message' that they plan to have printed on refrigerator magnets and handed out at Houston's Pride Parade. "Everybody [says] there's no one in the area providing these services," Alton said. "And that's not true, we've had these services for a long time. We have a women's program and the services are there 365 days a year. We do well woman, diabetes, blood pressure and cholesterol check, all for \$75."

The Lesbian Health Fair is open to any gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender women that wants to obtain these services (due to grant restrictions, only GLBT women are eligible for services). Both insured and uninsured are welcome. All services provided at the Health Fair are free.

Currently, all of the mammogram slots are filled, but any woman needing a mammogram will be given a coupon enabling her to have one at a later date. As for the well woman exams and other services,

Alton says "We will fit them in. No problem!"

Gandy and Alton hope they will see a lot of women on Saturday, and advise everyone to come out and take care of things now, rather than wait for the next Lesbian Health Fair in the fall. "It's just best for everyone to be safe and get tested," concluded Alton, "It's pretty easy for everyone to do."

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Hill is currently a finalist, and says she is expecting to hear "any day now" whether or not she will be on the show next season. Yet waiting to hear from the show's producers isn't half as nerve-racking as what she had to do to get to this point.

"It was an event that [a local radio station] did," Hill said, explaining how her quest began. "It was different competitions throughout the day and the winners of each competition competed in the finals. The winner of the finals would have a chance to represent Houston on *Fear Factor*."

One task Hill was required to accomplish to reach the finals required her to maintain leverage of her arm about a foot off the ground for a long period of time while holding pig intestines, "and then eating what was left in your hand afterwards," she said.

The finals also called for Hill to eat a burrito extracted from the Depends of the person in front of her. The last challenge was equally *Jackass* (the movie)-ish in nature.

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Regarding why she chose to put herself through all that, Hill was direct. "It's just one of those things for me to prove to myself," she said. "That fear is just a self-induced limitation, and I can do anything I want."

When asked how tough it really was, Hill admitted that it was hard. "The pig intestines were the hardest part," she recalled. "They edited the event [into her audition film] and you could see my eyes rolling in the back of my head while I was eating them. But I just kept telling myself mind over matter."

Hill also admitted she did not expect to make it to the finals and is very excited at the thought of being on the show. Her lesbian partner is excited, too.

Hill said that if she is chosen to be a part of the program, she will be completely open about her sexual orientation, just as she was when she applied to be on the show. "Part of the *Fear Factor* application process is this 15 page application [asking questions] ranging from your



biggest fears to the most dangerous thing you've done to what relationship you're in and for how long," she said. "And I was honest."

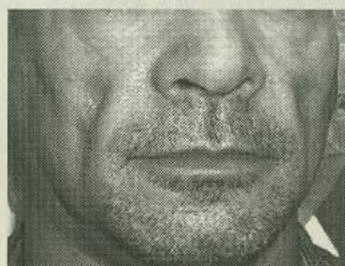
If she is selected, Hill's segment is expected to air sometime in October. She hopes her partner will be able to accompany her to the filming, which spans ten days. "There is psychological testing, physical testing, and from there, there are three contests," she said. "Each day somebody gets eliminated."

Hill said she has no idea what to expect if she is chosen to be a part of the show, but is confident that—no matter what—"I'll just try to rise to the challenge."

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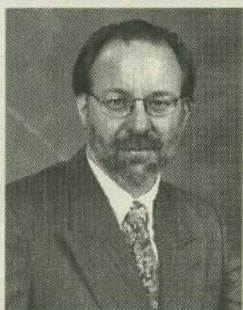
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Texas Prepares for Supreme Court Ruling

By Brent Brumley

AUSTIN—Rumors were flying last weekend as anxious observers prepared for the U.S. Supreme Court to issue the long-awaited ruling on the Texas Sodomy Law. Many believed the decision would be handed down last Monday.

In the end, the ruling was not announced, so once again gays and lesbians throughout the state and the nation look to Monday, June 16, for the court to hand down its decision in *Lawrence v. Texas*, the challenge to the Texas Homosexual Conduct statute. This game of "hurry up and wait" could continue throughout the month of June. The tradition of the court is to announce rulings on a Monday in June prior to summer recess.

When the decision is announced, rapid response rallies are being planned throughout the country that very evening. Texas advocates will be joining GLBT Americans in local rallies to either celebrate a victory or protest a loss.

In Austin, the Lesbian Gay Rights Lobby is holding a rally at Republic Square Park, 4th and Guadalupe at 6:30 p.m. the day of the decision. Complete case and rally information is available at www.lgrl.org.

In Dallas, the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Alliance will hold a rally beginning at 5:45 p.m. the day of the decision at the John Thomas Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 2701 Reagan. Those invited to speak include Roger Wedell, President of DGLA, Lee Taft, South Central Regional Director of Lambda Legal, Texas Rep. Terri Hodge, Hector Garcia with the Texas Human Rights Foundation, Jane Dolkart, SMU Law Professor, Steve Atkinson, co-Chair of LGRL and Dick Peeples, a long-time local activist in the fight against the Sodomy Law.

In Houston, the rally will be held at City Hall, 901 Bagby in Houston at 5 p.m.

Community leaders say this case is one of the most important, if not the most important, ever to reach the U.S. Supreme Court. It will impact many issues of importance to lesbians and gay men, including employment, adoption, immigration rights and much more.

"We need to pay attention to this important ruling. If the Supreme Court rules the wrong way, the courts and the police can come after us."

—Stonewall Democrats of Dallas President Shannon Bailey

Meanwhile, the Stonewall Democrats of Dallas (SDD) have invited Lambda Legal's staff attorney, Brian Chase, to address its June 17 meeting about the impending ruling.

"It has been an uphill battle to get the Texas Sodomy Law repealed," said SDD Vice President Christy Kinsler, who has fought to do away with the law at the center of the case for more than a decade with her work with LGRL and with the SDD. "This ruling not only affects Texas but the nation as a whole."

"Lawrence v. Texas, a challenge to section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code which criminalizes gay sex, started back in September 1998. Five years ago, Houston police went into a couple's bedroom thinking a disturbance was in progress and instead arrested two men for a sex act that would have been legal if the couple were heterosexual. The Houston couple, John Lawrence and Tyron Garner, spent a night in jail and was fined \$200 each. The Texas law that punished them has been in existence for 28 years.

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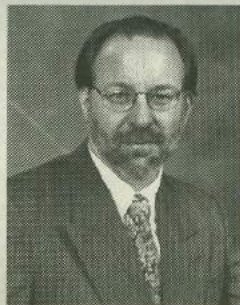
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the day of the decision at the John Thomas Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 2701 Reagan. Those invited to speak include Roger Wedell, President of DGLA, Lee Taft, South Central Regional Director of Lambda Legal, Texas Rep. Terri Hodge, Hector Garcia with the Texas Human Rights Foundation, Jane Dolkart, SMU Law Professor, Steve Atkinson, co-Chair of LGRL and Dick Peebles, a long-time local activist in the fight against the Sodomy Law.

In Houston, the rally will be held at City Hall, 901 Bagby in Houston at 5 p.m.

Community leaders say this case is one of the most important, if not the most important, ever to reach the U.S. Supreme Court. It will impact many issues of importance to lesbians and gay men, including employment, adoption, immigration rights and much more.

"We need to pay attention to this important ruling. If the Supreme Court rules the wrong way, the courts and the police can come after us."

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Meanwhile, the Stonewall Democrats of Dallas (SDD) have invited Lambda Legal's staff attorney, Brian Chase, to address its June 17 meeting about the impending ruling.

"It has been an uphill battle to get the Texas Sodomy Law repealed," said SDD Vice President Christy Kinsler, who has fought to do away with the law at the center of the case for more than a decade with her work with LGRL and with the SDD. "This ruling not only affects Texas but the nation as a whole."

Lawrence v. Texas, a challenge to section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code which criminalizes gay sex, started back in September 1998. Five years ago, Houston police went into a couple's bedroom thinking a disturbance was in progress and instead arrested two men for a sex act that would have been legal if the couple were heterosexual. The Houston couple, John Lawrence and Tyron Garner, spent a night in jail and was fined \$200 each. The Texas law that punished them has been in existence for 28 years.

"This issue has been paramount for getting the law repealed," SDD President Shannon Bailey said. "We need to pay attention to this important ruling. If the Supreme Court rules the wrong way, the courts and the police can come after us."

Texas, along with three other states, carries a law against only homosexual sodomy. Ten other states carry laws that equally prohibit heterosexuals and homosexuals from engaging in sodomy.

Many hold these laws are rarely enforced because authorities have to actually see the act in progress. But a ruling that upholds the criminalization of gay sex can carry a stigma for known homosexuals and adversely affect the GLBT community's standing in public opinion.

SDD representatives say being considered a "sodomite" may affect gay men in every way, from being passed over for that lucrative job to losing the custody of a child.

"For the gay community, *Lawrence* is their *Brown v. Board of Education*, their major civil rights case," said Georgetown University law professor Richard Lazarus to CNN on June 1.

Lambda Legal, which has worked on the case, has told members of the GLBT community that more amicus curiae (friend of the court advising briefs) have been filed at the Supreme Court in support of ruling the law unconstitutional than against. Among the groups supporting a ruling as unconstitutional are the American Civil Liberties Union and the American Bar Association. Those filing briefs in favor of ruling 21.06 constitutional have been a small number of anti-gay traditional family and religious groups.

The Stonewall Democrats of Dallas meeting is being held at Marco's Italian Restaurant (Cedar Springs at Throckmorton) at 6:30 p.m.

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The concert will focus on characters from Broadway musicals and Disney films who have dreams and/or dream themes within their given show. The concert will be a compilation of some of the finest in entertainment. Several new arrangements have been created specifically for TWCD.

"Preparing this show has been yet another thrilling experience. This concert will be the conclusion of my first season with The Women's Chorus of Dallas. Working with these women has proven to be the most exciting musical and relational experience of my career. When you work together towards a common goal, like we do every week in rehearsal, there is a true spirit of camaraderie that is unmatched by anything else," says Mark Stamper, artistic director. "I am very enthusiastic about the future of this organization as we lay plans for our 15th Anniversary Season next year. The Women's Chorus of Dallas is truly blazing new paths in our community."



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TWCD will be presenting six fresh new arrangements by two noted arrangers: Anne Albritton, composer-in-residence and former accompanist of TWCD, and Robert Edgerton, retired director of Choral Activities from Winthrop University in Rock Hill, South Carolina.

Tickets range from \$15 to \$30 per ticket and may be purchased at the chorus office, located at the Sammons Center for the Arts, 3630 Harry Hines Boulevard, Suite 210, Dallas, Texas 75219, by phone at 214-520-7828 or by email at twcdoffice@twcd.org.

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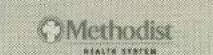
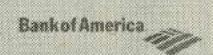
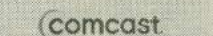
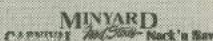
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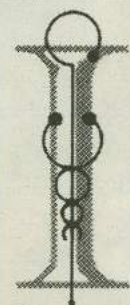
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National News

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California Still Golden

SACRAMENTO—As the last *Triangle* went to press, the California Assembly passed two major gay rights bills, both of which are expected to advance through the senate this August. First, the assembly passed a bill that would require all contractors doing business with the state to offer equal benefits to gay and straight staff. Considering the magnitude of the California economy, the bill will have a worldwide impact on corporate partner benefits if passed into law.

Second, we have described at length the domestic partner bill that turns the state's domestic partner registry into a virtual same-sex marriage. Passed by one vote, several news organizations reported that the bill "squeaked through" or "barely passed." In fact, activists had votes to spare among the ten lawmakers who abstained, and they were not seeking anything more than a one-vote victory.

This measure continues to ride under the radar of the national press. With gay marriage legalized in Canada and under debate in Massachusetts, who cares about a domestic partner bill in California? But the strategy of California's GLBT community has been both deliberate and brilliant. By expanding the domestic partner registry, and avoiding the terms "marriage" and "civil unions," the Golden State is now on the verge of extending almost all the state benefits of marriage to same-sex couples. When you realize that one in six gay couples in the United States lives in California, you can see why this bill warrants a level of excitement that it has yet to generate outside of the state.

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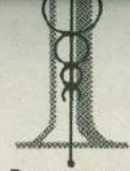
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According to the *Atlanta Journal Constitution*, Price left the shower, and shortly thereafter, Love said he was suddenly hit in the head with a hard object. "He continued to bash my head, and he's yelling and you know, I'm in a panic." Love fell and hit his head again on the tile. He tried to get up, and Price hit him once more before leaving. Love made his way to the infirmary, where he was sent to the emergency room and admitted for surgery, with a blood clot on his brain.

Morehouse Police Chief, Vernon Worthy told the court that Price turned himself in on the day of the attack. "He said the other male looking at him in the shower made him, and he struggled for words. I interceded and said 'You felt like it was an unwanted approach?' and he said, 'Yeah, that's it. That made me really angry.'" Price told Worthy that he "lost control."

Price's defense attorney told the court that it was Love who threatened Price, and described his client as "a soft-spoken non-violent young man who is small in stature but big in heart." Price is 5' 3", the *Journal-Constitution* reports, while his victim was 6'2". Nonetheless, the jury apparently didn't buy the role-reversal.

Justice Denied

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Members of DOJ Pride said—in effect—that the officials were lying. "We were told we couldn't have the event at all, even if we paid for it ourselves," DOJ Pride President Marina Colby told the *Washington Post*. Department spokesman Mark Corallo told the *Post* that the group was always welcome to use DOJ facilities to hold a ceremony, but that it just "would not be officially sponsored."

A *New York Times* reporter listened to a voice message, left by a staffer at the DOJ's equal employment office for a member of DOJ Pride in late May. "The attorney general's office has decided that we will not have a DOJ pride program this year," the message said. "I just wanted to give you as much of a heads up on that as I could."

Indeed, there's no better proof that Justice intended to cancel the pride event than their actions over the last week. A June 6 *New York Times* headline read: "Justice Department Bans Event by Gay Staff." The Human Rights Campaign "decried Attorney General John Ashcroft's decision to ban the annual gay pride event." Department officials, wrote HRC, "told [DOJ Pride] that it could not hold its annual event at the department because the White House had not formally recognized Gay Pride Month with a presidential proclamation."

The next day, the *Times* reported that Senator Frank Lautenberg called the decision "unconscionable" in a letter to Ashcroft, while the ACLU told the newspaper they were considering a lawsuit.

Surely, if the whole thing was a "misunderstanding," it could have been cleared up at once. More likely, the Department of Justice had second thoughts about the decision, and decided to wriggle out of an impending PR nightmare by pretending they never made it to begin with.

At press time, DOJ Pride had not decided whether to revive plans for the June 18 event in the main auditorium.

Catching Hell

GAINESVILLE—A star softball player who was kicked off her team in her final season by her evangelical Christian coach, is considering a lawsuit.

Andrea Zimbardi played catcher for the University of Florida, coming two throws away from setting the school record for throwing out base stealers at second. At the start of her senior year, she began working with a newly-hired assistant coach, who quizzed her about her sexual orientation and that of the other girls. Coach Heather Compton-Butler has been hired by head coach, Karen Johns, who was also known for inquisitions and sexual orientation gossip. Johns, a staunch Christian, would start games with the Lord's Prayer, and disseminate Christian emails and handouts.

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General John Ashcroft's decision to ban the annual gay pride event." Department officials, wrote HRC, "told [DOJ Pride] that it could not hold its annual event at the department because the White House had not formally recognized Gay Pride Month with a presidential proclamation."

The next day, the *Times* reported that Senator Frank Lautenberg called the decision "unconscionable" in a letter to Ashcroft, while the ACLU told the newspaper they were considering a lawsuit.

Surely, if the whole thing was a "misunderstanding," it could have been cleared up at once. More likely, the Department of Justice had second thoughts about the decision, and decided to wriggle out of an impending PR nightmare by pretending they never made it to begin with.

At press time, DOJ Pride had not decided whether to revive plans for the June 18 event in the main auditorium.

Catching Hell

GAINESVILLE—A star softball player who was kicked off her team in her final season by her evangelical Christian coach, is considering a lawsuit.

Andrea Zimbardi played catcher for the University of Florida, coming two throws away from setting the school record for throwing out base stealers at second. At the start of her senior year, she began working with a newly-hired assistant coach, who quizzed her about her sexual orientation and that of the other girls. Coach Heather Compton-Butler has been hired by head coach, Karen Johns, who was also known for inquisitions and sexual orientation gossip. Johns, a staunch Christian, would start games with the Lord's Prayer, and disseminate Christian emails and handouts.

When practice started, Zimbardi found herself on the outs with Compton-Butler, who was in charge of pitchers and catchers. Compton-Butler neglected to tell her about practice sessions, and once invited all the other pitchers and catchers to an evening at her home, without telling Zimbardi. When Zimbardi broached the subject with Johns, she was given the run around. So finally, she called a meeting with the Athletic Director, his assistant, both coaches, and her parents.

Two days later, she was suspended from the team. And a week or so after that, she was permanently released, ostensibly for making up stories about Compton-Butler. Although the Director and his assistant had been helpful at the meeting, they quickly closed ranks, telling Zimbardi only that they backed Johns' decisions and felt this was "best for the team."

Zimbardi and her parents contacted the National Center for Lesbian Rights, which created a Homophobia in Sports project early last year. At first, the lawyers sought only to get Zimbardi reinstated before the season ended. But their calls to the Athletic Director were passed on to the university's "risk management" department, and no headway was possible.

Now, the NCLR is pursuing an investigation into the actual facts of the situation, and considering their legal options. It may be too late for Andrea Zimbardi, who began graduate studies in industrial engineering right after finishing school in May. But it's not too late for the next Andrea Zimbardi. "I'm not unique," Zimbardi told the *Triangle*. "I've had emails from people who say they have experienced the same thing and...it's awful to hear. Basically, the reason why I'm doing this is because I don't want some future athlete who has all the talent in the world to find all of a sudden that they're not playing and there's no reason why they were released other than their sexual orientation."

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July 3rd - "Sing for the Cure" Concert. The Women's Chorus of Dallas will celebrate the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation in a fantastic evening of music, along with members of the Turtle Creek Chorale and the Oklahoma Men's Chorus.



July 6th - Human Rights Brunch. Meet pioneer civil rights activist and recipient of the MCC Human Rights Award, Barbara Gittings. For 40 years, Barbara and her partner, Kay Tobin Lahusen, have been in the forefront of Gay Liberation. Gittings is shown to the right with Isabel Miller at a Dallas "Hug-A-Homosexual" Booth run by the Task Force on Gay Liberation in 1971.

Individual Weekend Registration Passes for July 4-6 are available for \$150!
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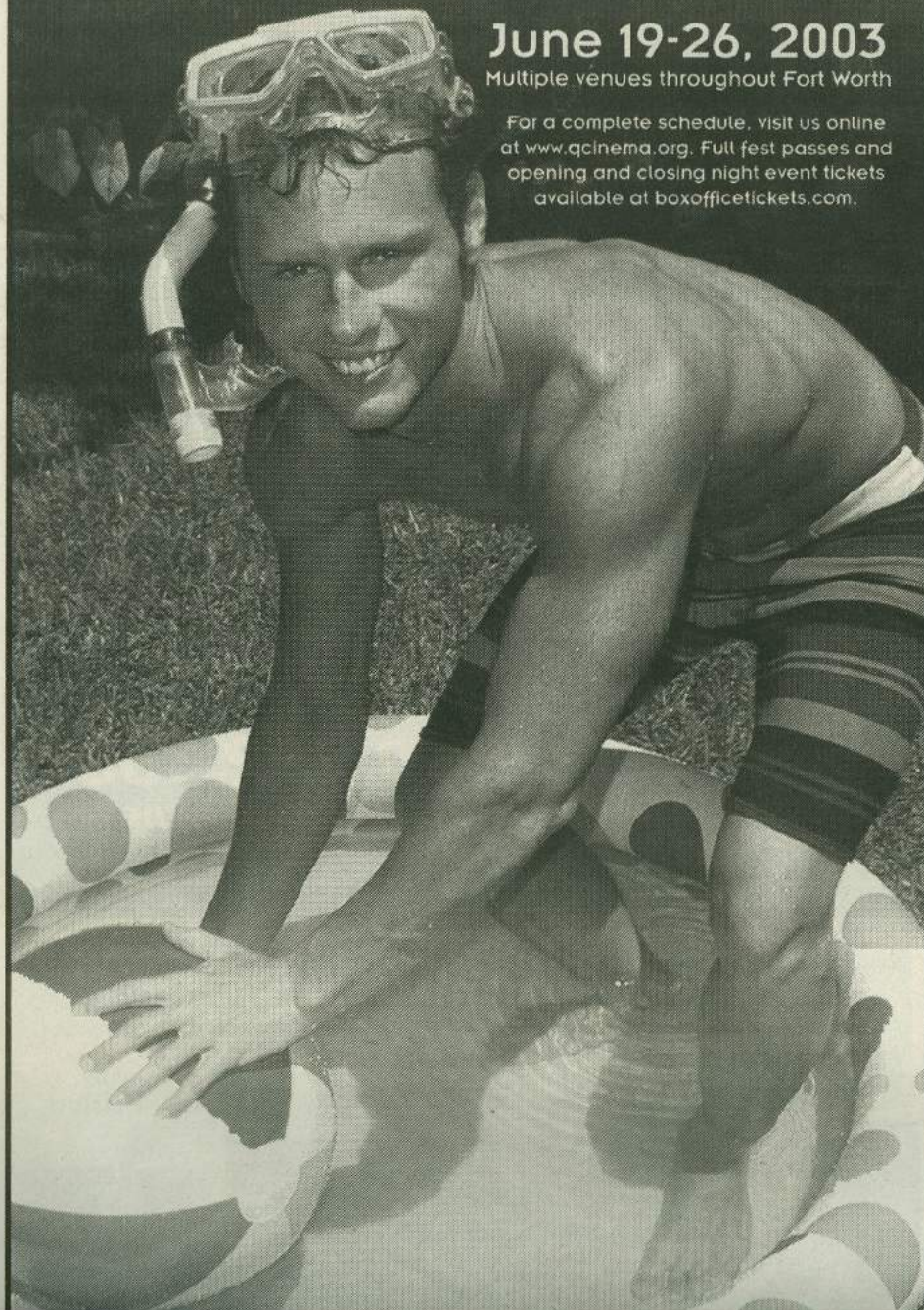
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Community *Briefs*

Avon Foundation Breast Cancer Crusade Donates \$25,000 to Breast Cancer Resource Center

AUSTIN—At the Avon Kiss Goodbye to Breast cancer benefit concert held May 29 at La Zona Rosa, Susan Arnot Heaney, director of the Avon Breast Cancer Crusade, announced a \$25,000 donation. The donation will benefit Austin's Breast cancer Resource Center, supporting breast cancer diagnosis, education, and community outreach. Awarded by the Avon Foundation Breast Cancer Crusade, funds for this contribution were raised in part by ticket sales for the benefit concert featuring Delbert McClinton, Marcia Ball, and Fred Eaglesmith.

Organizers said the event helped spread awareness of the disease and reinforce the vital message that all are at risk for breast cancer, regardless of race, geography, economic status or cultural taste.

"We selected the Breast Cancer Resource Center to receive this gift because their mission matches that of the Avon Crusade—to provide access to care for medically underserved women, including poor, minorities, and those without adequate insurance," said Kathleen Walas, president, Avon Foundation.

"We are pleased to receive this important gift," said Alice Wilson, executive director, BCRC. "The funding will not only help us sustain the services we are presently offering, it will also allow us to increase our services by providing more volunteer and staff contact."

The Breast Cancer Resource Center (BCRC) is a grassroots organization created by breast cancer survivors in 1995 to provide support, education, and information to women who have been diagnosed with breast cancer, and their partners, caregivers, friends, and families. The Avon Foundation funds will benefit the Breast Clinic Support Program at Brackenridge Regional Public Hospital, where medically underserved women receive diagnosis and treatment.

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The Austin Baptist Women are an all-male, all-volunteer comedy troupe that tours Texas and the nation raising money for AIDS, HIV and breast-cancer charities. Since their inception in 1986, they have raised more than \$5.1 million for charity.

The Austin Baptist Women were recently awarded the 2002 "Entertainers of the Year" by the Gay Appreciation Awards, the 2002 "Philanthropic Organization of the Year" for the City of Austin, and the 2003 Spirit Award by the Human Rights Campaign.

Info: 512-472-5288 or www.baptistwomen.com.

Cowboys, Desks Highlight Top Drawer Sale

AUSTIN—On Saturday, June 14, 10 a.m. 'til 12 noon, Top Drawer Thrift Store presents the Psychic Cowboys at the store's location, 4902 Burnet Rd. This well-known local band performs in conjunction with Top Drawer's major sale that features computer desks, scheduled for this Saturday, 10 a.m. 'til 7 p.m. Twenty-five office/computer desks in good condition have been recently donated "and they are a great bargain for anyone in the market for a desk," organizers say. Admission is free.

All proceeds from Top Drawer Thrift benefit Project Transitions, a non-profit agency providing hospice, housing, and supportive care to individuals and families living with HIV/AIDS in central Texas.

Top Drawer also accepts clothing, furniture, household items, and other donations during operating hours, Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. 'til 7 p.m. Prospective volun-

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South Texas College of Law Establishes AMICUS Achievement Grant

HOUSTON—South Texas College of Law's AMICUS student organization has announced it has launched a fundraising initiative designed to honor those working towards diversity. The AMICUS Achievement Grant will be awarded to South Texas students who have demonstrated an involvement in gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered issues and a commitment to the advancement of this community. "This will encourage students to champion issues related to the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered community to create a better environment at South Texas," says AMICUS president Chad Schwarz.

The recipients of the grant will be selected based on their activism, achievement, community service, leadership in fostering diversity at South Texas, and financial need. "This grant is an important step for South Texas," said President and Dean Frank T. Read. "I am proud to see our students working to create a more tolerant and diverse community."

The fundraising kickoff event will be held Saturday, June 14 at Bering United Memorial Methodist Church, 1440 Harold, at 5 p.m. A variety of events will be held over the next year to raise the funds necessary to make this scholarship a permanent endowment at the college. Persons making contributions between June and December of 2003 will be specifically recognized as Founding Donors at designated levels.

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When HIV-positive and HIV-negative persons are in a coupled relationship, the routine issues of being a couple are not so routine any longer. The group will examine patterns of

behavior and communication in mixed serostatus couples, and ways to strengthen the relationships.

The free group will meet Wednesday evenings beginning June 18 through July 23, 7:30-8:30 p.m. with a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m. Advance registration is required. Call 713-526-1017 and ask for either of the facilitators, Melissa Beason Smith, LPC-I or Robert Snellgrove, LMSW-ACP.

The Bering Support Network continues to offer nurturing and healing spaces as it has for the past 17 years. Because of the nature of treating HIV/AIDS has changed, the issue of living with it have changed for many people, say organizers, yet many of the issues remain exactly the same. While BSN continues to offer both a general group for people impacted by HIV/AIDS and a group for people disabled due to HIV/AIDS, this series of topic-focused groups delves more deeply into some specific issues, themes and concerns.

Conferences Set to Help Black Churches with HIV/AIDS Educational Support

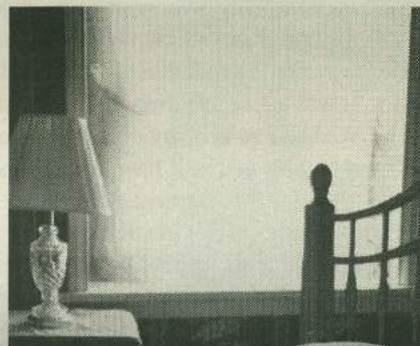
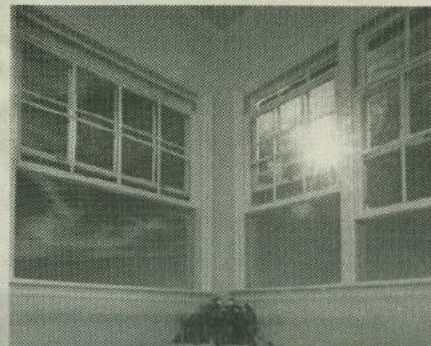
HOUSTON—The Urban AIDS Ministry Task Force will sponsor the fourth annual Black Church Lights the Way Conference and luncheon on Friday, June 20, 8 a.m. 'til 1 p.m. at St. Agnes Baptist Church, 3730 South Acres Dr.

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The task force is a coalition of area faith leaders who develop innovative strategies for reaching churches and ministers to better respond to the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Houston. The Bureau of HIV/STD prevention at the Houston Department of Health and Human Services serves as a facilitator for the task force.

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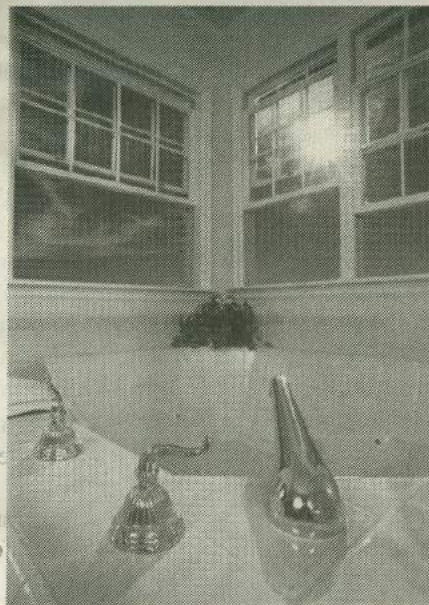
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News With A View

By Ann Rostow

Dear Diary

Now that I have completely exhausted my procrastination options, I can address my news list with professional vigor. Over the course of the last couple of hours, I have voted on the AOL poll (Do you prefer ketchup or mustard?). I have played several games of expert minesweeper. I have walked the dog, read a few irrelevant articles, studied an *Economist* pocket book called "World in Figures," and checked out all the PlanetOut profiles for women in the Austin area.

I prefer ketchup, scored 153 seconds, and learned the dirt on the Chilean poet, Gabriela Mistral. I discovered that American life expectancy ranks 28th, at 77.5 years, Angola has the highest inflation rate, and Zurich has the best quality of life of any city. As for PlanetOut, the 40-something women who like to smoke, drink, play golf, vote Democratic and have meaningless affairs are in short supply. Ladies, just because we are no longer in our twenties does not mean we have to suddenly lead responsible lives, be "open and honest," and refrain from "game playing." Anyone up for dark, mysterious, ambiguity can call me here at the *Triangle*. And one other thing. Everyone proudly puts "rap" as the entry to the category "music I hate." Hate's a strong word, and rap is not a monolithic genre. It's one of our society's racial chasms, so although I wouldn't put it at the top of my music list, I listen for the songs that bridge the ravine and have found many. There's lots of other music to "hate," if we must use that term. How about Palestrina? I find him so mechanical.

False Alarm

On Monday morning, we all came rushing into our respective offices in Dallas, Houston, and Austin, having heard "for sure" that the Supreme Court was going to announce its sodomy opinion on June 9 at 9 a.m. central. Rumors circulated like mad the previous Friday, but prior to that day, we all thought it would be announced on June 23 or later. It was as if Christmas had suddenly been declared for December 9. We had a rush of anticipation and expectation. This is a make-or-break ruling that will have a profound impact on the next phase of the gay rights movement. As a gay news reporter, this is one of the biggest stories of my life, let alone my reporting career. I even went home early Sunday night like an idiot, got a good night's sleep and set my alarm for 7:15. What a waste of Sunday Pride night in Austin. I blame the guys at the Triangle Foundation in Michigan

would have put the bill over the top in the Democratic-controlled chamber. If they had, the bill would likely have gone all the way.

Fashion Rights

And speaking of bills that went all the way, New Mexico was the big success story this year, but petitions are already circulating from conservatives, who came out from under their rocks to try to put the state's new gay rights law to a public vote. The good news is that these characters must come up with 200,000 names by June 20 in order to qualify for the 2004 ballot. That hardly seems likely, does it? The leader of this band of bozos, one Pam Wolfe, told the *Albuquerque Tribune* that under the bill, an employer cannot say: "George, you're doing a great job, but the dress and high heels don't cut it for this company."

In fact, dress policies have nothing to do with civil rights laws, and unfortunately, companies can inflict almost any reasonable code on their staff. You think I put on these sloppy jeans and T-shirts because I like the way I look? Hell, I'd much rather wear my Chanel suits and Ferragamo spikes, but our parent company won't let me.

Don't Tread on Me

The flag burning amendment passed the U.S. House of Representatives as usual this year, and let's hope it follows its usual pattern of dying in the Senate. I am oddly proud to live in country that allows Nazi parades, flag burning, and hate speech of all sorts. It says many things. We're not afraid, for one. Second, we recognize that police power cannot constrain a twisted human heart. And finally, we realize that the only power that can have an impact is the power of freedom itself. I know it's trite to say, but it's far more American to burn the flag or speak out against someone who does, than to pass a Constitutional amendment prohibiting that act. Plus, most Americans who burn their own country's flag have the intellectual complexity of a not very bright child. Are we going to waste our time passing a full fledged Constitutional amendment for them? And finally, what about our national penchant for Stars and Stripes clothes, pool toys, lunch boxes, beer mugs and toilet paper? What's next? A flag flushing amendment?

In other flag news, there's a gang down in Key West who are about to unfurl the largest Rainbow Flag in history, a 1.25 mile banner that includes all the original Rainbow Flag colors (including

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...at, the is something women who like to smoke, drink, play golf, vote Democratic and have meaningless affairs are in short supply. Ladies, just because we are no longer in our twenties does not mean we have to suddenly lead responsible lives, be "open and honest," and refrain from "game playing." Anyone up for dark, mysterious, ambiguity can call me here at the *Triangle*. And one other thing. Everyone proudly puts "rap" as the entry to the category "music I hate." Hate's a strong word, and rap is not a monolithic genre. It's one of our society's racial chasms, so although I wouldn't put it at the top of my music list, I listen for the songs that bridge the ravine and have found many. There's lots of other music to "hate," if we must use that term. How about Palestrina? I find him so mechanical.

False Alarm

On Monday morning, we all came rushing into our respective offices in Dallas, Houston, and Austin, having heard "for sure" that the Supreme Court was going to announce its sodomy opinion on June 9 at 9 a.m. central. Rumors circulated like mad the previous Friday, but prior to that day, we all thought it would be announced on June 23 or later. It was as if Christmas had suddenly been declared for December 9. We had a rush of anticipation and expectation. This is a make-or-break ruling that will have a profound impact on the next phase of the gay rights movement. As a gay news reporter, this is one of the biggest stories of my life, let alone my reporting career. I even went home early Sunday night like an idiot, got a good night's sleep and set my alarm for 7:15. What a waste of Sunday Pride night in Austin. I blame the guys at the Triangle Foundation in Michigan who got me going with an email, and told me on the phone that "sources in Washington" were giving them the word. Yeah, yeah, yeah. Michigan! Why did I believe them?

As one of my partners in crime remarked: "Somebody saying 'I have an inside source' is usually about as trustworthy as someone saying he's a 'gymnast' or 'swimmer' on gay.com."

Still, I'll be at my desk at 8:30 next Monday morning too. Now it's anybody's guess, and after June 23, the Court can schedule the release of opinions on days other than Monday. Rallies are scheduled around the country on the day of the opinion-whenver that might be. In Austin, we'll meet at Republic Square on West 4th at 6:30 p.m. Dallas will congregate at the Gay and Lesbian Center on Reagan at 5:45 p.m. Houston meets in front of City Hall, 901 Bagby at 5 p.m. Check Lambda's website at lambdalegal.org for updates next Monday morning.

If At First You Don't Succeed

Moving on, I'm sorry to say that the Illinois Senate adjourned without taking action on the gay rights bill that held so much promise at the start of the session. It's not completely dead, because the senate will return late this fall for some kind of wrap up period, but it's too bad that activists could not find the one or two votes that

cut it for this company. In fact, dress policies have nothing to do with civil rights laws, and unfortunately, companies can inflict almost any reasonable code on their staff. You think I put on these sloppy jeans and T-shirts because I like the way I look? Hell, I'd much rather wear my Chanel suits and Ferragamo spikes, but our parent company won't let me.

Don't Tread on Me

The flag burning amendment passed the U.S. House of Representatives as usual this year, and let's hope it follows its usual pattern of dying in the Senate. I am oddly proud to live in country that allows Nazi parades, flag burning, and hate speech of all sorts. It says many things. We're not afraid, for one. Second, we recognize that police power cannot constrain a twisted human heart. And finally, we realize that the only power that can have an impact is the power of freedom itself. I know it's trite to say, but it's far more American to burn the flag or speak out against someone who does, than to pass a Constitutional amendment prohibiting that act. Plus, most Americans who burn their own country's flag have the intellectual complexity of a not very bright child. Are we going to waste our time passing a full fledged Constitutional amendment for them? And finally, what about our national penchant for Stars and Stripes clothes, pool toys, lunch boxes, beer mugs and toilet paper? What's next? A flag flushing amendment?

In other flag news, there's a gang down in Key West who are about to unfurl the largest Rainbow Flag in history, a 1.25 mile banner that includes all the original Rainbow Flag colors (including turquoise!). I don't have the AP guidelines on this, but I think Rainbow Flag should be capitalized. At least in June. My *Triangle* colleagues and I folded our flag, military style into little triangles after last weekend's Austin Pride. Mais oui! Anything else would have been ungaytriotic.

What Else?

We have a lesbian prom queen in Lincoln, Nebraska. These stories used to be jaw droppers, but in recent years they've become run of the mill. So congratulations to Catherine and the voters at Lincoln High. And speaking of Nebraska, John Lotter's bleating about unfair treatment from his death row cell, where he's serving time for the murder of Brandon Teena. Lotter insists that his buddy Marvin Nissan was the trigger man, and he wants the state to order DNA testing on Nissan's gloves. Nissan turned state's evidence, and won a life sentence for the 1993 killing. Lotter was sentenced to death for his murderous role.

I don't know. I'm not in favor of the death penalty for anyone, but it's hard to shed tears for Mr. Lotter, who raped the transgendered 23-year-old and participated in the murder of three people; Teena, and witnesses Lisa Lambert and Philip Devine. Just throw away the key.

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My mind is open on paranormal phenomenon, mainly because what is hard science to us today was magic in an earlier age. But mainstream astrology? Is it possible that everyone born between October 23 and November 22 will be focusing on "an important relationship with an older person" this month?

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Finally, a small theater in Princeton, Indiana, dropped plans to stage *The Laramie Project*, after local wingnuts complained. "We abhor the death of Mr. Shepard that the play is written around," said minister Charlie Dietz in an Associated Press item. "But we would not in any way endorse or condone homosexuality." The cowardly theater collapsed under the pressure, and canceled the production.

Have any of you seen *The Laramie Project*? It's a play about the reaction of citizens in the Wyoming town to the murder of Matthew Shepard—the story of a community forced to confront violence and homophobia from within. You have to wonder about some of these religious leaders. Thinking petrifies them. Mr. Dietz added that he'd like to see a community theater "where we could go and enjoy a good, wholesome play." And a library filled with Horatio Alger novels, a restaurant that just serves steak, potatoes and iced tea, and a choral group that only plays Palestrina.

Let's all steer clear of Princeton, Indiana.

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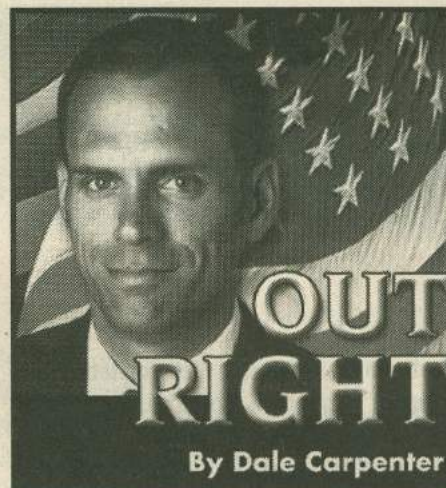
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Will Marriage Victory Bring a Backlash?

This could be a historic summer for gay rights. With all eyes focused on the coming U.S. Supreme Court sodomy decision, an even more significant court ruling may also soon arrive. The Massachusetts Supreme Court is expected to rule by mid-July in a case called *Goodridge v. Department of Public Health*, which challenges the state's law limiting marriage to opposite-sex couples. Many legal experts put our chances in Massachusetts at 50-50 or better. So it's time to ask: if we finally get gay marriage in one state, will we face a huge backlash that makes our "victory" a pyrrhic one?

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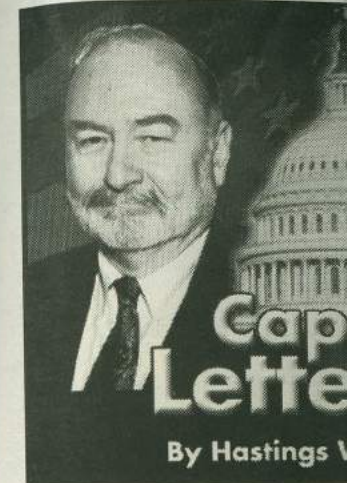
Though thousands of amendments have been proposed in the past two centuries on every conceivable subject, only 27 have been adopted. Ten of those came in one swoop as the Bill of Rights and three came in the immediate aftermath of the Civil War. So outside of those two transformative historical periods, only 14 amendments have passed. That's about one every quarter-century. In our entire history, only four court decisions have been overruled by an explicit amendment. None of those were state court decisions. All this augurs well.

The stakes on this issue are unusually large, however. Gay marriage is now seen as the Holy Grail by both gay and anti-gay activists, the thing for which everything else seems like just a prelude. It's "the mother of all cultural battles," as one conservative commentator recently put it. Even the tussle over anti-gay sodomy laws, which are in themselves a more radical affront to equal gay citizenship, is being treated by the religious right as a rehearsal for the fight over gay marriage.

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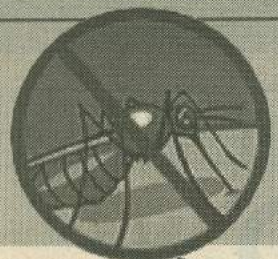
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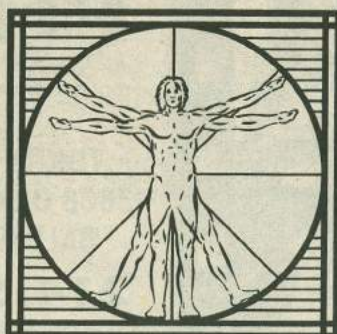
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While a ruling for gays on sodomy laws would be consistent with a dominant national view about sexual privacy, a ruling for gays on marriage would swim against a strong national current about the definition of marriage.

What form might a marriage backlash take? The creativity of gay-rights opponents knows few bounds, so it's hard to say. At a minimum, the remaining thirteen states that haven't yet adopted their own DOMAs would be pressured to do so.

The more dangerous and potentially more far-reaching reaction might come in the form of a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage altogether. Such an amendment, which would create a federal definition of marriage, has already been proposed. It has little support because Congress has so far seen no need for it. A state's recognition of full-fledged gay marriage, however, could change that.

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On the whole, I think it's unlikely a Massachusetts marriage victory by itself would generate a constitutional amendment. It would probably take a pro-gay marriage ruling there *plus* another ruling from federal courts requiring that other states must recognize such marriages before a constitutional amendment would pass.

An advantage of our federal system is that it allows states to experiment with social change before the entire country adopts the change. If gay marriage becomes reality somewhere, and the sky doesn't fall, opposition to gay marriage may recede. The time-consuming nature of the constitutional amendment process may buy us enough time to ease fears.

But be on guard. With every gay-rights victory forced on unwilling democracies by courts, we come closer to the mother of all backlashes.

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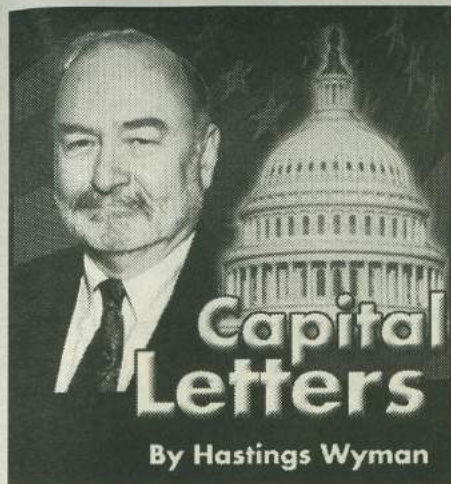
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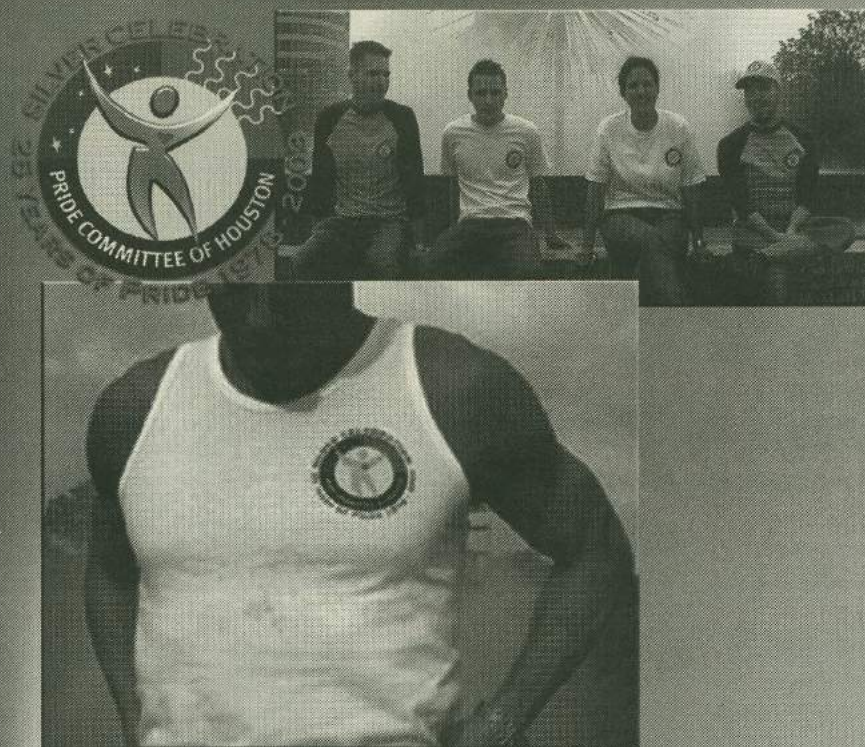
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While the Victory Fund was not involved in Hogan's campaign, it continues to endorse promising candidates. An endorsement from the Fund helps candidates in two ways. First, by certifying that gay candidates are qualified for the office they seek and have a reasonable chance of winning, the Fund's imprimatur encourages campaign contributions. And second, the Fund organizes fundraising events on behalf of candidates, helping them boost their campaign war chests.

The Victory Fund's most recent endorsements include Tom Rasmussen (D) for the Seattle City Council. Rasmussen has been a prominent civic activist for some 25 years on a wide range of causes, including gay rights. He has served on a number of city commissions, most recently on the Mayor's Commission on Aging. The city has had no openly gay council members in the past eight years, and Rasmussen is a good prospect to change that. Of the four candidates who have filed for an at-large seat, Rasmussen has raised the most money—always a good sign. Seattle's nonpartisan primary will be on Sept. 16.

On the East Coast, John Frederick (D) is a hot prospect for election to the Albany County (N.Y.) legislature. He serves as chief of staff to New York State Assemblyman Steve Sanders (D). Frederick is HIV-positive and has been an advocate on HIV/AIDS issues. The Albany County Democratic primary is on Sept. 9.

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al Democratic Party as Gay and Lesbian
Outreach Director, as Midwest Field
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With Spengler at the money helm,
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expand the roster of openly gay elected
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since the mid-1970s, to the board of com-
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the number of gay officeholders has hit
250, a record high.

prospect to change that. Of the four can-
didates who have filed for an at-large
seat, Rasmussen has raised the most
money—always a good sign. Seattle's
nonpartisan primary will be on Sept. 16.

On the East Coast, John Frederick
(D) is a hot prospect for election to the
Albany County (N.Y.) legislature. He
serves as chief of staff to New York State
Assemblyman Steve Sanders (D).
Frederick is HIV-positive and has been an
advocate on HIV/AIDS issues. The
Albany County Democratic primary is on
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For the near future, the Victory Fund
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of lesbian Barbra Kavanaugh (D) to the
position of city controller in Buffalo, N.Y.
This is not Kavanaugh's political debut:
She previously served as councilmember-
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Victory Fund's communications director,
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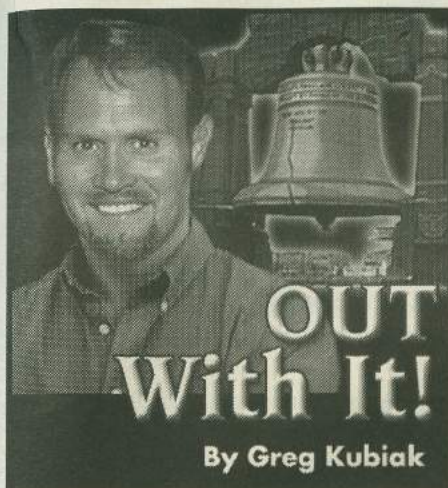
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lege savings plans, and homemade, crayon-colored Father's Day cards that say, "I luv you, Daddy!" gets strong enough, I know I've got some place to turn.

With the anti-gay adoption standards that haunt would-be parents in Florida and other states, more and more gay men and lesbians are taking the plunge to be bio-parents. And it's great that businesses catering to this need are growing to help families of choice.

Making that choice to be a father was Eric, a gay man in New York City, with the help of his lesbian friend and roommate, Mary, who was willing to part with her egg to form a baby. This non-traditional family was portrayed in the recent world premiere of *The F Word*, a play by Jordan Beswick performed by D.C.'s Actors' Theater of Washington.

After demonstrating as authentic a desire for a child as any straight man or woman could, Eric was still haunted about how to reveal his fatherly evolution to his family, (the F word of this play.)

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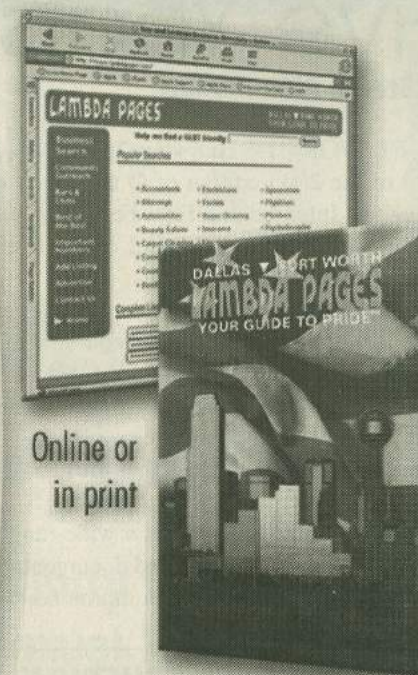
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But I have not ruled out having a family of my own just yet. Just last month I received some information from Growing Generations, a Los Angeles-based organization that bills itself as the "oldest and largest surrogacy and egg donation firm dedicated to serving the gay and lesbian community" (www.growinggenerations.com). This business, with its staff of "11 highly trained case managers and professionals" is owned by gay and lesbian parents who have managed over 265 cases and assisted with the births of more than 170 babies. So if the urge for midnight feedings, dirty diapers, parent/teacher conferences, col-

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In *The F Word*, we never learn if Cindy really overcomes this hypocritical position with her brother Eric. Like so many real-life families estranged from their gay or lesbian relatives, we only hope that a gay brother capable of unconditional love of his child, is worthy of the same from his sister. While we wait for the time when we won't have to fertilize an egg to earn that same love, let's wish gay dads everywhere a Happy Father's Day.

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Five Years On, Q Cinema Keeps Rolling

By Steven Alan McGaw

FT. WORTH—Thursday, June 19 marks the opening night of the 2003 edition of Q Cinema, Fort Worth's Gay & Lesbian International Film Festival. Celebrating its fifth anniversary, this year's model of the fest offers 45 films from seven countries.

Q Cinema is known for splashy openings and closings, and this year is no exception. On June 19, first-nighters can enjoy *Danny in the Sky*, a Canadian work about a teen model's fall from grace. Comedienne Georgia Ragsdale will be in attendance on closing night, Thursday, June 26, for a screening of her *Wave Babes*, a parody of last year's surfer girl hit, *Blue Crush*.

In between, the Q offers a wide-ranging list of films, features and shorts, fiction and documentaries. Notable fictive works include the British drama *Lawless Heart*, about

how a friend's death affects his friends, and *Savage Roses*, described as a lesbian street drama. American Idol winner Kelly Clarkson makes her film acting debut (yes, ahead of *From Justin to Kelly*) in the frat rat love story, *Issues 101*.

Many festival goers look forward to documentaries (where else can they be seen?), and this year's menu offers several. Two works, shown together under the umbrella of Keeping the Faith, examine the often thorny relationship between homosexuality and religion; they are *Of Men and Gods*, and *Santeros*. Gay youth is the focus in *Jim in Bold* and *Coming Out: A Collection of Stories*, while the *Triangle* pairs with the Q to screen *Hope Along the Wind: The Life of Harry Hay*.

Other works of note include the music video *Fine Line* (the work of Dallas' Hunter Nolen) and two short films,

Southern Family and *Found*, each involving a TCU graduate (*Found*, it should be noted, features actor Christopher Bradley, best known as the sexy older guy in *Leather Jacket Love Story*). Fort Worth filmmaker David Stovall offers a peek at his work-in-progress *Blue Saloon*, and discusses the often tumultuous process of getting a movie made.

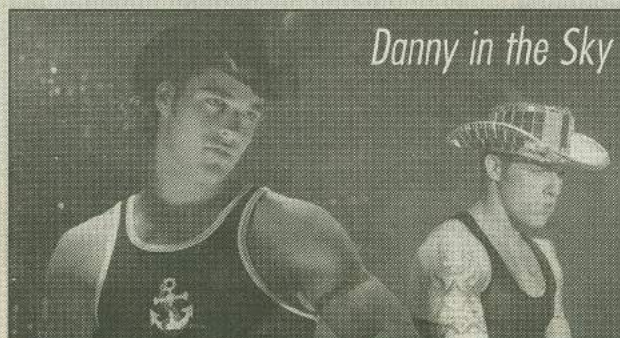
Q Cinema involves five venues this year. They are the Four Day Weekend Theatre downtown, the theatre in the fine new Modern Art Museum, the Fort Worth Public Library, Victory Arts Center on the Southside and the Best Friends club in east Fort Worth. For a complete listing of times and places, as well as ticket and festival pass prices, check the website at www.qcinema.org. Printed schedules will also be available at all venues.

Q CINEMA 2003 SCHEDULE

Remember the film festival mantra: All information is subject to change.

Thursday, June 19

Danny in the Sky, followed by Opening Night party
7:30 p.m. Four Day Weekend Theater, \$20



Friday, June 20

Lawless Heart
6 and 8 p.m. The Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth

Saturday, June 21

Jim in Bold
12 noon, Victory Arts Center

Girls Shorts II
5 p.m. Victory Arts Center

Blue Saloon
7 p.m. Victory Arts Center

Issues 101
9:30 p.m. Victory Arts Center

Sunday, June 22

Coming Out: A Collection of Stories
12 noon Victory Arts Center

Trans-itions with Just Call Me Kade, Myth of Father and Unhung Heroes
1:30 p.m. Victory Arts Center

Keeping the Faith with Of Men and Gods and Santeros Carlos
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Monday, June 23

Savage Roses
7 p.m. Fort Worth Public Library

Boys Shorts IV
7:30 p.m. Four Day Weekend Theater

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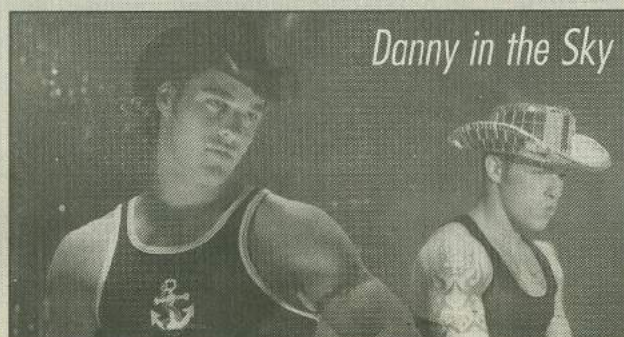
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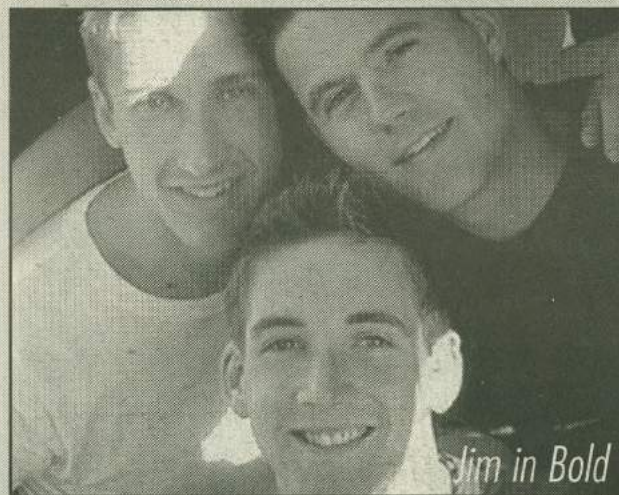
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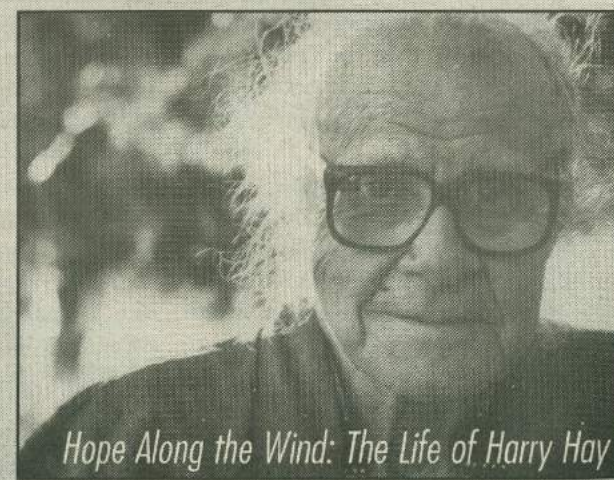
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Never A Secret

Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon Celebrate 50 Years of The Good Fight

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activists by night, Del and Phyllis forged links with others on the phone, talking to nowhere else to turn. "We just kept going," Lyon said last winter. "One thing echoed."

As the '60s unfolded, Del and Phyllis were alone. The Stonewall riots had generated a new activism, but for Del and Phyllis, the feminist movement was not onto a path they always followed. Phil signed a relationship with a man. Women, National Organization for Women, membership in the anti-homophobic community founder Betty Friedan. And there was a feminist movement for lesbians and gay men, referred to as "the NOW conventions." Del Martin pushed the recognition to recognize discrimination as a feminist issue.

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Joan E. Biren's *No Secret Anymore*, the fourth movie in our Profiles in Pride series, is the first documentary to profile Lyon and Martin, and next Thursday will be the Texas premiere of the newly-released film. Begun in 1999, Biren spent four years interviewing the couple. "We just sat around and talked, and she filmed," Lyon told her neighborhood newspaper on the eve of the San Francisco premiere last February. "I don't think we have a clue what we've said."

But as you'll see, the couple has chronicled a half-century of remarkable social change, from the days of Joe McCarthy's witch hunts against communists and perverts, to the days of marching on Washington and lobbying by the Human Rights Campaign. From the days of police raids, where every woman in a lesbian bar was subject to arrest, to the days when thousands of lesbians flock to Palm Springs every March or book an Olivia cruise every summer.

For Del and Phil, the story started back in 1952, when they fell in love. They moved in together the following year on Valentine's Day, which has made it fairly easy to remember their anniversary over the ensuing decades. Del told Phyllis that come what may, they would stay together "for at least one year." Somehow, they made it, she recalled.

After a couple of years, Lyon and Martin felt starved for the friendship of other lesbians. They finally met one other woman, then another, and formed what would become the first lesbian political organization in history, the Daughters of Bilitis. It started out as a social group of about eight women. The women would meet at someone's house, or go off for a picnic. In time, however, some of the group wanted to become more serious and take on political issues. The Daughters of Bilitis split off from the party crowd, and a handful of lesbians, led by Del and Phil, got to

work.

By then in their early 30s, the couple opened an office and started producing a newsletter for lesbians, called *The Ladder*. Confidentiality was so critical at that time, that the mailing list was carried home each night and never left at the office unguarded. Reporters by day, and

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activists by night, Del and Phil arranged meeting and conferences, forged links with other groups, and spent hours on the phone, talking to desperate women who had nowhere else to turn. "We just did things, and I guess we just kept going," Lyon told the *Noe Valley Voice* last winter. "One thing just led to another," Martin echoed.

As the '60s gave way to the '70s, Lyon and Martin found themselves no longer alone. The Stonewall riots in June of 1969 had generated a wave of new gay activism, mostly among men. The rising feminist movement was leading lesbians onto a parallel political track, and not always a smooth one. When Del and Phil signed up for a couples membership with the National Organization for Women, NOW promptly canceled that membership option. No one was more homophobic than feminist icon, NOW founder Betty Friedan, the couple recalls. And there was a strong effort by part of the feminist movement to distance itself from lesbians and lesbianism, which Friedan referred to as "the lavender menace." At the NOW conventions in 1971 and 1973, Lyon and Martin pushed the resolutions that forced the organization to recognize discrimination against lesbians as a feminist issue.

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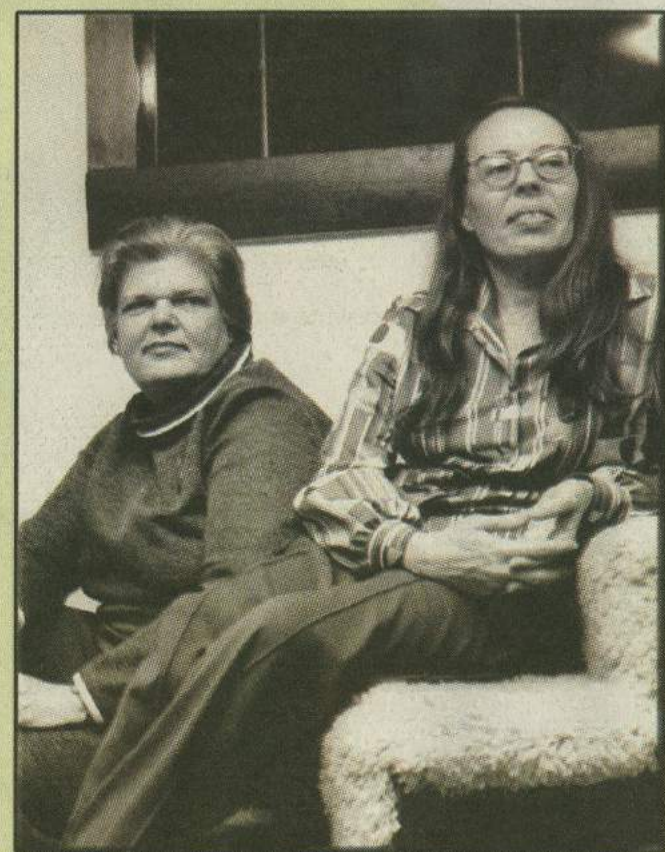
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In 1973, both women had celebrated the achievement of one of the earliest goals of Daughters of Bilitis. Thanks in large part to their nearly two decades of speaking, writing, meeting and educating, the American Psychiatric Association had finally removed homosexuality from its list of mental disorders. The breakthrough was enormous. Much as sodomy laws continue to hold gay men and women hostage to a formal stamp of "criminal," the APA designation had long branded homosexuals as officially "insane." But Lyon and Martin, then pushing 50, didn't pause to enjoy their victory. "Nobody had invented 'burn out' then," says Phyllis, "so we didn't know we could do that. We just kept going."

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It is difficult, however, to live up to the OLOC standards and treat Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon like a couple of buddies who happen to show up at the same fundraiser. San Francisco's lesbian community stands in awe of these two civil rights pioneers, both in terms of what they've accomplished, and in terms of their relationship. Fifty years of partnership is a stunning achievement, and as the movie reflects, the couple are still in love. Is there a secret, asked reporter Erin O'Brian?

"If we had a secret, we would have written a book and made a million dollars," Lyon said. "We love each other, we have similar interests. Our lives were very similar even before we met." And it helps, Martin added, "that we're both losing our memories at the same time." ▼



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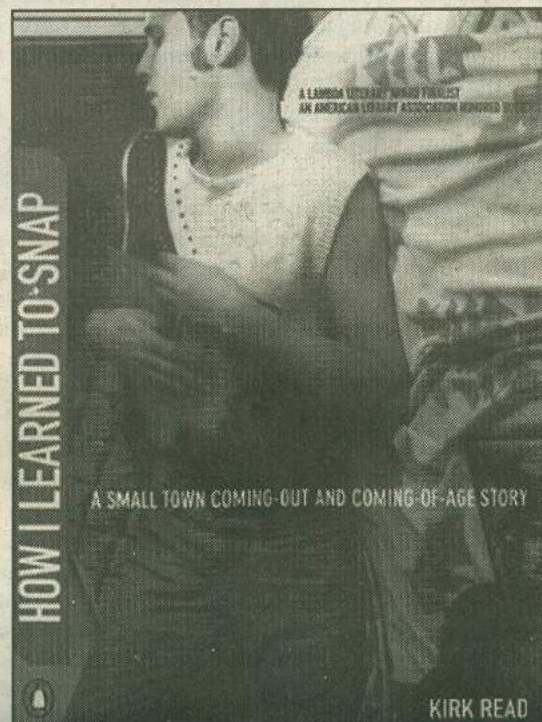
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Kirk would eventually get recognition for something other than his gayness, as his writing took off.

He had one of his plays performed by a local theater group when he was a senior, and ended up meeting someone with whom he would embark on his first serious relationship. Not bad for a seventeen-year-old.

In between he made some forays into cow tipping, tormenting the right wing friends of his parents, and just generally using the weapons at his command (intelligence, a quick wit, and a fabulous sense of humor) to help make his gay adoles-



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But Kirk's childhood wasn't all sweetness and light. One of the most telling chapters in his book discusses how, while on his way to class one day, a young man threw him on the ground and began kicking and punching him. Kirk, who admits throughout his work that he is more of a lover than a fighter, was seriously hurt by the attack, but was more hurt by the fact that, once he was able to get up, he saw the face of a teacher who had witnessed the whole thing, but had done nothing to stop it. When Kirk tried to confront the teacher about her behavior, she merely turned away, shutting her classroom door firmly behind her. Hurt both physically and emotionally by what he had just endured,

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Read's "How I Learned to Snap" is a hilarious romp through a gay childhood. Kirk is a wonderful role model for kids coming up (and coming out). In it he takes on Pat Robertson with a rolled up newspaper, channels his inner ACT UP activist, and learns how to throw attitude with a capital "A" while still sharing the vulnerability, fear, and trauma that comes with being a gay teen.

A perfect way to celebrate who you are during this Pride season, *How I Learned to Snap: A Small-Town Coming-Out and Coming-Of-Age Story* by Kirk Read is published by Penguin and is available at fine GLBT bookstores everywhere.

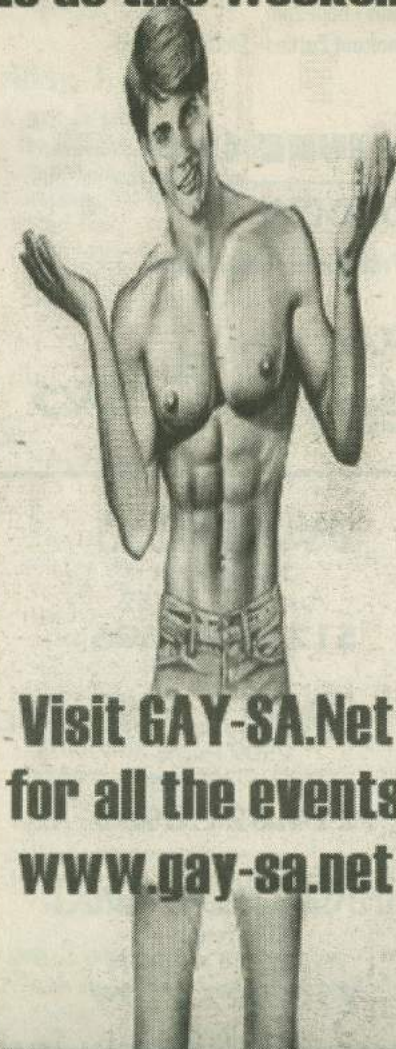
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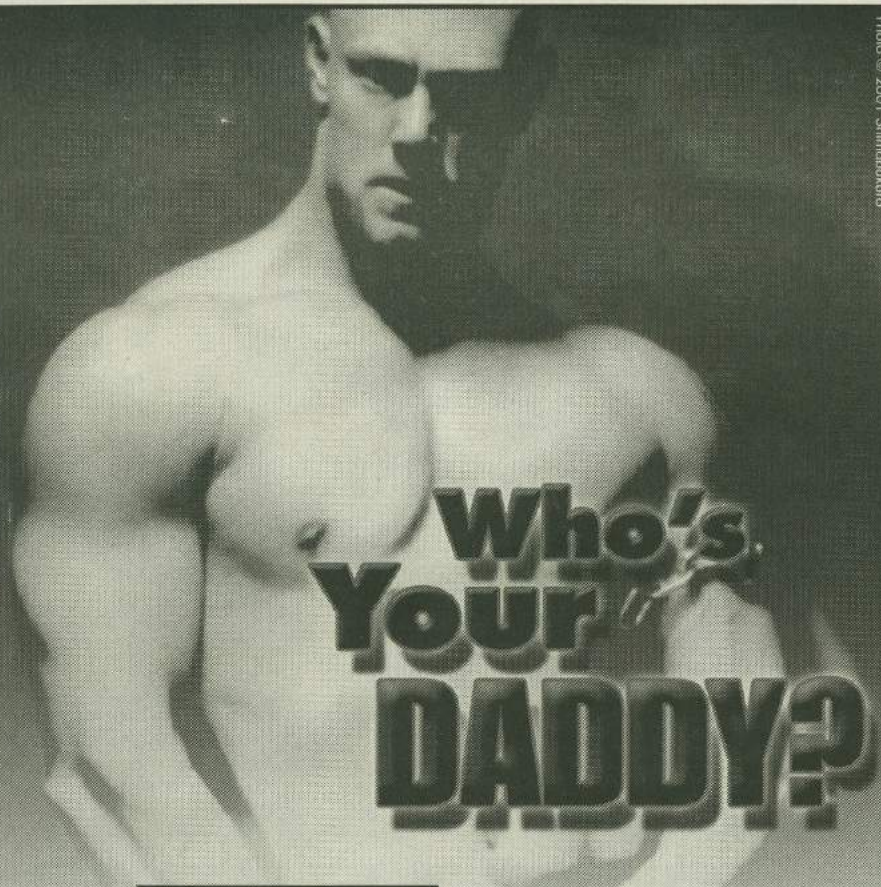


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A New 'Hamlet' Triumphs at Alley

By Chuck Perroncel

HOUSTON—Gregory Boyd, Artistic Director of The Alley Repertory Theatre, has set the Hope Diamond in the crown of his phenomenal 2002-03 season with William Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. I say the Hope because of its size, great value and its curse. Probably the best known of the Bard's plays, *Hamlet* carries the freight of having been played by some of the world's greatest actors: Sir John Gielgud; Sir Laurence Olivier; Sir Alec Guinness and the prince of American theater, John Barrymore. Other more contemporary actors Kenneth Branagh, Kevin Kline, Mel Gibson, all have also preserved the role on film for daunting comparisons.

In addition, Boyd has starred a young less experienced actor (Ty Mayberry, 25, Alley Company player) in the title role, courting criticism for Mayberry's youthful inexperience (only one previous Shakespeare role). Still further he has made substantive cuts which tend to emphasize the 'wily fox' aspect of *Hamlet*'s character and downplay his 'crazed with grief' aspect. In addition, he has set the play in a quasi-Victorian setting. One would expect critical lightening to strike over any one of these oddments, but Boyd virtually invites the curse of the critics in combining them all.

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of action and scene change. And the costumes! They are perfectly glorious. Not a costume queen, this reviewer was bowled over by the way that they enhanced the character development and the action. Not having the distraction of the tights clad scrawny legs of the Victorian male costumes, one could focus on the acting. Seeing Gertrude (Elizabeth Heflin) in the exquisite pleats and swirls of her regal gown strongly emphasizes the shallowness of this queen who would marry her husband's murderer to keep her place at the pinnacle of society.

Then there's The Company. What marvelous ensemble playing. From the delightfully pedantic Polonius (John Tyson) through that other charmingly humorous character the grave digger (Charles Krohn), the Company cast members and the auditioned actors turn in exceptionally fine playing. The cast of the 'play within a play' are fittingly vulgar in action to fit the raucous lines written for the folk in the penny gallery. And the other supporting actors are solid and strong: Jennifer Cherry as Ophelia, Philip Lehl as Horatio, Daniel Magill as Laertes deserve special praise.

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The setting (designed by Neil Patel, set; Constance Hoffman, costumes; Chris Parry, lighting; and Rob Milburn and Michael Bodeen, sound) is overwhelming. Enter the Theater and you are confronted by a monstrously heavy brick castle looming out of the dark and fog. You know immediately that nothing good will happen here; it is oppressively heavy. A central tower and a revolving stage allow for scene changes from exterior to interior ingeniously without compromising for a moment the ominous feel of the set. Light changes on the metal foil lined interior of the tower make it, now a turret, now an interior entrance to one or another room of the castle. The music, the deafening toll of the bell, all of the sound effects provide for a seamless flow

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The fact is that no matter how vaunted or how influential a critic is, the only thing any of us can say is, "I liked it" or "I didn't like it." All the erudite or gossipy comparisons are merely cover for the critic's statement of taste.

A good critic, in my book, does not see his/her job either as educating the players and production staff or as protecting the public from what s/he doesn't enjoy. Critical enjoyment may depend on the critic's quality of sleep the night before, the number of drinks at dinner before the play, the level of the critic's frustration at never having played the role, or simply an attack of gas' during the performance. Each production and each performance is a piece of art that stands on its own. Approached anew by the audience and the critic, it stands or falls on its own merit.

I saw *Hamlet, Prince Of Denmark* at the Alley this week. I liked it! I found it stupendous!

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of prideful events ranging in focus from historical to hys- terical, pop to political, sexy to spiritual, and just down right gay!

Houston invites GLBT Texans and their friends to participate in any or all of the these highly diverse events

all of which aptly reflect our community's high diversity.

As Pride Committee of Houston's Official Media Sponsor for the fifth consecutive year, Texas Triangle proudly urges our readers to join in the celebration. After all, we're only 25 once!

Friday, June 13

6-9:30 pm

Civil Rights Celebration Benefiting Lambda Meteor
2306 Genessee
Houston, TX 77006
Cost: \$25 advance/\$35 at the door
Info: 214-219-8585 or Shelley Kennedy,
713-822-7688
www.lambdalegal.org

9 pm-3 am

Virginia Slymm's Super Special Show Rich's
2401 San Jacinto
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11 am-10 pm

Pride Day at Six Flags AstroWorld Six Flags Astroworld
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Tickets go on sale Friday, May 30.
Info: 713-521-0107
www.SouthBeachthenightclub.com

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Sunday, June 22

Wednesday, June 25

8:30-10 am

Explaining HIV Drug Resistance: A Patient-Friendly Approach
The Center for AIDS
1407 Hawthorne (at Yupon)
Houston, TX 77006
Cost: Free, but RSVP required
Info: The Center for AIDS
713-527-8219
www.centerforaids.org

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7:30 pm

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info@gcam.org
www.gcam.org

Friday, June 27

11 am-5 pm

National HIV Testing Day
215 Westheimer
Houston, TX 77006
Cost: Free
Info: Montrose Clinic

Cost: Donations accepted at door.

Info: The Grey Party, Inc.
P.O. Box 130773, Houston, TX 77219-0773
832-567-3916
www.steelparty.com

9:30 pm-12:30 am

Out of the Bars and Into the Streets with Q-Patrol
Meet at GLBT Community Center
3400 Montrose #207, Houston, TX 77006
Cost: Free
Info: Q-Patrol
PO Box 66362, Houston, TX 77266
PH: 713-528-SAFE (7233)
qp_callouts@hotmail.com

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XALT—Xtreme Adoration of the Lord
Together (PRAISE DAY)
Community Gospel Church
4305 Lillian, Houston, TX 77007
Cost: Free
Info: Community Gospel Church
713-880-9235
cgospel@communitygospel.org
www.communitygospel.org

Tuesday, June 24

6-8 pm

Outbreak: A Community Forum on Gay Men's Sexual Health
1415 Bar and Grille
1415 California, Houston, TX 77006
Info: Montrose Clinic, Inc.
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PH. 713-830-3000
eroland@montroseclinic.org
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Tickets available June 14 at M2M Fashion.
Info: www.spoiledparties.com
unhinged@u-p.org
www.u-p.org

Queer as Folk—THE BABYLON TOUR
South Beach Night Club
810 Pacific
Houston, TX 77006



Calendar

ALVIN

CATS meets every first Friday, 7 p.m. for fun, food, music and a movie. Open to all trans individuals. Info: 281-585-8089, 1-866-234-8883 or tghelp@tghelp.org.

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Find the straight world, one straight bar at a time. Second

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Waterloo Counseling Center's Men's Coming Out Group provides a safe place for men who are exploring thoughts and feelings related to issues of sexual identity, disclosure and relationship building. \$10 fee for each session. Info: Rick, 512-444-9922, ext. 310.

American Cancer Society's Dialogue helps lesbian cancer patients, their families, and friends better understand and learn to live with cancer. Meets first and third Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. St. David's Health Resource Center, 3000 North IH-35. Info: Velma Valero, 512-919-1911.

Rainbow Rollerskaters roll on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, 8 p.m., benefiting community charities. Rollerblades welcome. Skate World Northwest, Anderson Mill Rd. Tickets: \$6. Info: 512-851-9576 or dbaker62@earthlink.net

Fast Track, a running club for gay men, meets Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. Info: Jim, 512-453-8878 or www.geocities.com/fasttrackrunners.

Austin Tennis Club meets for regular tennis session at South Austin Tennis Center, Fridays, 7-9 p.m. Info: www.austintennisclub.com or austintennisclub@yahoo.com.

Sun Dragon Martial Arts offers courses for women and gentlemen. Co-ed karate classes are fun and non-competitive. Women's classes in karate and Tai Chi. Personal safety workshops for men or women, with emphasis on avoiding hate crimes. 203 E. Riverside Dr. Info: 512-416-9735.

Texas 360 Aquatics, the newest swim team in Austin, seeks swimmers of all ages and abilities to join the team. Info: texswim360@hotmail.com, texas360aquatics.com or Chris, 512-565-7750.

HIV Wellness Center seeks personal trainers to work with people living with HIV/AIDS. Minimal pay is negotiable. Info: Monica, 512-467-0088.

Do you want to help stop the spread of HIV/AIDS? Would you be comfortable talking about sex in bars on 6th or 4th Street (like you don't already)? If so, then volunteer with the AIDS Services of Austin prevention team. Info: 512-406-6167.

Hike, camp, canoe, and do other overwhelmingly wholesome activities with Adventuring Outdoors, a gay recreation group. Meet them at a potluck on the first Wednesday each month, or help plan new activities on the third Tuesday. Info: Peter, 512-374-9688 or www.main.org/adventuring.

The Friends of David Powell Clinic seeks volunteers of all ages and backgrounds to assist in fund-raising activities, clerical work, and data base collection. The David Powell Clinic specializes in the treatment of HIV infected clients, and serves the

BRYAN/COLLEGE STATION

GLBT Professional Network, an officially recognized organization for GLBT Texas A&M University faculty, staff, and graduate students, meets the first Monday of each month. Info: http://glbt-pn.tamu.edu/.

Friends Congregational Church (UCC), an open and affirming congregation, worships Sundays, 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., and Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. 2200 Southwood Dr. Info: 979-693-7021, www.friends-ucc.org, or friends@myriad.net.

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Dragonflies Dallas (gay Asian and Pacific Islanders) meets first Saturday of every month, 6 p.m. John Thomas Gay and Lesbian Community Center. Info: www.dragonfliesdallas.org.

Lambda Pride Toastmasters meets every Friday, 6:30 p.m. at Cathedral of Hope, Room 106; off Nash at Inwood. Info: www.lambdapride.com.

Purple Light, a support group for the trans community meets the fourth Sunday of each month at the John Thomas Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 2701 Reagan. There is also an informal social get-together the second Sunday of each month. Cost: \$3. Info: www.goldleopard.com/purple.

Club Francais Gai de Dallas is open to anyone who speaks fluent French. Info: club-francais-dallas@paris.com.

Committed For Fun, a new, social group meets weekly, giving monogamous couples the opportunity to meet other couples for friendship, outings, and traveling. Couples new to Dallas or those who are on a short visit who would like to see the city are encouraged to call. Info: 214-395-6774 or roniq69@hotmail.com

DTA, Dallas Transgender Alliance meets every second Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m., at the Dallas Oak Lawn Public Library Auditorium, 4100 Cedar Springs Rd. Info: www.geocities.com/dtgalliance.

Friends Associating and Relating (FAR) is a support group with educational and social activities giving gay men and lesbians a place to meet other than the bars. Info: 214-328-6749.

Gay? Mature? Hungry? Dallas/Ft. Worth Prime Timers meet several times throughout the month for meals and fellowship. Info: 972-504-8866.

Baffled by bisexuality? BiNet Dallas meets the first Friday of each month for support/discussion, 7 p.m. at the John Thomas Gay and Lesbian Center, 2701 Reagan and the third Saturday of the month for brunch, 10:30 a.m. at the Metropolitan Community

and emotional support for HIV/AIDS infected youth and their parents/guardians. Info: Human Services Network, 972-283-0468.

MaleCare Dallas, a gay men's prostate cancer support group meets on the third Wednesday of each month. Bethany Presbyterian Community Center, 4523 Cedar Springs Rd. Info: russ@malecare.com or 972-247-7944.

Pride Institute-DFW offers continued care support for GLBTs who have been in a substance abuse treatment center within the last year. Free. Tuesdays, 6 p.m. Info: Jay Lewis, 214-207-5903.

Nelson-Tebedo Health Resource Center offers screening and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases each Wednesday, 6-8 p.m. 4012 Cedar Springs. \$50. For appointments, call Donna Parks, RN, BSN at 214-528-2336.

La Mesa Redonda se reúne cada jueves de las 6-9 p.m. para hombres Latinos viviendo con el VIH. (La Mesa Redonda meets every Thursday from 6-9 p.m. for Latino men living with HIV.) En español. Gratis! En el Resource Center of Dallas en la esquina de Reagan y Brown. Info: Ruben, 214-540-4446.

SPIRITUALITY

A contemporary praise and worship community church is currently being organized in Dallas. Curious? Info: 972-669-5777.

Grace Oasis Apostolic/Pentecostal Church conducts weekly GLBT Affirming Bible Studies. Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. John Thomas Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 2701 Reagan St. 972-928-7380 or RevCCM@yahoo.com

Trinity House of Spirituality offers Buddhist meditation and Reiki sharing circle. Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Info: 214-637-1954.

DENTON

Ally Program at University of North Texas offers programs, resources and diversity training. Info: Dr. Dan Emenheiser, 940-565-2456 or www.unt.edu/ally.

GLAD (Gay and Lesbian Association of Denton), the University of North Texas' gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered and/or straight student organization meets Wednesdays. Info: http://orgs.unt.edu/GLAD.

Lavender Circle, UNT's queer feminist organization meets Thursdays. Info: http://orgs.unt.edu/lavendercircle.

Interweave, Unitarian Universalists for GLBT Concerns, offers discussion and socializing the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month, 7 p.m. Denton Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 1111 Cordell. Info: Mark, 940-891-1457 or markcoomes@yahoo.com.

University of North Texas Delta Lambda Phi fraternity meets Sundays. Info: http://orgs.unt.edu/dlp.

EL PASO

Under 22? Youth OUTreach meets Thursdays, 6 p.m. and Saturday, 7 p.m. for lively discussions, activities, and community involvement. Info: www.GAYelpaso.org. LAMBDA Parents meet Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Info: www.LAMBDA.org. Both groups meet at the Community Center, 216 S. Ochoa.

tions, offers worship services Sundays, Bible study, Wednesdays, 7 p.m. 908 Per 817-335-3222 or www.celebration-com Rev. Carol A. West, Pastor.

Fort Worth Church Project is pastored openly gay graduate of TCU's Brite Div Jefferson Church, 1959 Sandy Lane. Info: www.fortworthchurch.com.

At Angel of Hope Christian Church, they diversity, they embody it. Sunday service, St. Info: 817-920-7767 or www.angelofhope.org.

Fellowship of Love Outreach Church serves School for adults and children 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6 p.m.; Wed. p.m. 901 Bonnie Brae. Info: www.folochurch.com.

FRISCO

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Invade the straight world, one straight bar at a time. Second Friday of every month, 6-9 p.m. Locations vary. Info: www.gorillathang.com.

PFLAG-Austin meets the third Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m. Trinity United Methodist Church, 600 E. 50th. Info: 512-302-PFLAG.

The Bisexual Network of Austin sponsors TGIB socials every Friday, 7 p.m. The Bi Women's Discussion Group meets every second and fourth Tuesday, 7 p.m. Bi Boyz BBQ is monthly. Info: www.main.org/binetaustin or call 512-370-9573.

FUND-RAISERS

The Central Texas boys of Leather holds a cook-out each third Sunday of the month, 5 p.m. Chain Drive patio, 504 Willow. Benefits CTBoL charities. Tickets: \$5.

HEALTH & FITNESS

The Austin Lonestars, Austin's inclusive rugby football club, practices Wednesdays and Saturdays. Info: www.lonestarsrugby.org or 512-445-5242.

The Austin Night Flyers Rugby Football Club practices on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Info: www.austinnightflyers.org or textfite@aol.com.

Midtowne Spa of Austin and the Texas Department of Health conduct free, confidential HIV/Syphilis testing every other Tuesday, 9 p.m.-12 midnight; and every Monday. 5815 Airport Blvd. Info: 512-302-9696.

Women interested in exploring your sexual identity and other

Past Track running club for gay men, meets Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. Info: Jim, 512-453-8878 or www.geocities.com/fasttrackrunners.

Austin Tennis Club meets for regular tennis session at South Austin Tennis Center, Fridays, 7-9 p.m. Info: www.austintennisclub.com or austintennisclub@yahoo.com.

Sun Dragon Martial Arts offers courses for women and gentlemen. Co-ed karate classes are fun and non-competitive. Women's classes in karate and Tai Chi. Personal safety workshops for men or women, with emphasis on avoiding hate crimes. 203 E. Riverside Dr. Info: 512-416-9735.

Texas 360 Aquatics, the newest swim team in Austin, seeks swimmers of all ages and abilities to join the team. Info: texswim360@hotmail.com, texas360aquatics.com or Chris, 512-565-7750.

HIV Wellness Center seeks personal trainers to work with people living with HIV/AIDS. Minimal pay is negotiable. Info: Monica, 512-467-0088.

Do you want to help stop the spread of HIV/AIDS? Would you be comfortable talking about sex in bars on 6th or 4th Street (like you don't already)? If so, then volunteer with the AIDS Services of Austin prevention team. Info: 512-406-6167.

Hike, camp, canoe, and do other overwhelmingly wholesome activities with Adventuring Outdoors, a gay recreation group. Meet them at a potluck on the first Wednesday each month, or help plan new activities on the third Tuesday. Info: Peter, 512-374-9688 or www.main.org/adventuring.

The Friends of David Powell Clinic seeks volunteers of all ages and backgrounds to assist in fund-raising activities, clerical work, and data base collection. The David Powell Clinic specializes in the treatment of HIV infected clients, and serves the uninsured and the under insured residents of Austin and Travis County. Info: Henry, 512-389-3958.

Austin Gamblers Bowling League, Austin's only gay and lesbian league, meets Tuesdays, 8:20 p.m. at Dart Bowl, 5700 Grover. Info: Steve Cawthorn, 512-647-7073 or austingamblers@yahoo.com.

Austin Frontrunners meets for its weekly walk/run each Sunday morning, 7:45-8 a.m. Then it's time for breakfast. Info: Charles, 512-473-8334 or www.frontrunners.org.

Hays-Caldwell Women's Center is currently forming an evening support group for men who experienced childhood sexual abuse. Info: Lynette, 512-396-3404, ext. 242 or 1-800-700-4292.

SPIRITUALITY

Kingdom Seekers in Christ Jesus offers worship and study Sundays, 10:30 a.m. and Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., or via Time Warner Cable, Channel 11, Tuesdays 10 p.m. Webcast at www.whosoever.net. 81 San Marcos St. Info: 512-322-0049 or RevThoul@WhoSoEver.net.

BEAUMONT

Lambda A.A. Group meets Wednesdays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. All meetings are open and smoke-free. 1385 Calder. Info: 409-866-6165.

Lambda Pride Toastmasters meets every Friday, 6:30 p.m. at Cathedral of Hope, Room 106; off Nash at Inwood. Info: www.lambdapride.com.

Purple Light, a support group for the trans community meets the fourth Sunday of each month at the John Thomas Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 2701 Reagan. There is also an informal social get-together the second Sunday of each month. Cost: \$3. Info: www.goldleopard.com/purple.

Club Francais Gai de Dallas is open to anyone who speaks fluent French. Info: club-francais-dallas@paris.com.

Committed For Fun, a new, social group meets weekly, giving monogamous couples the opportunity to meet other couples for friendship, outings, and traveling. Couples new to Dallas or those who are on a short visit who would like to see the city are encouraged to call. Info: 214-395-6774 or roniq69@hotmail.com

DTA, Dallas Transgender Alliance meets every second Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m., at the Dallas Oak Lawn Public Library Auditorium, 4100 Cedar Springs Rd. Info: www.geocities.com/dtgalliance.

Friends Associating and Relating (FAR) is a support group with educational and social activities giving gay men and lesbians a place to meet other than the bars. Info: 214-328-6749.

Gay? Mature? Hungry? Dallas/Ft. Worth Prime Timers meet several times throughout the month for meals and fellowship. Info: 972-504-8866.

Baffled by bisexuality? BiNet Dallas meets the first Friday of each month for support/discussion, 7 p.m. at the John Thomas Gay and Lesbian Center, 2701 Reagan and the third Saturday of the month for brunch, 10:30 a.m. at La Madeleine (Lemmon at Oak Lawn). Info: alexande@ticnet.com or www.geocities.com/binetdallas.

Dallas Gay and Lesbian Bar Association meets for lunch the second Thursday of each month, 12 noon. Dallas Bar Association (Belo Mansion), 2101 Ross Ave. Info: 214-540-4460.

FUND-RAISERS

Firedancers presents its 17th Annual Ruby Slipper Charity Auction. Sunday, June 15, 1 p.m. The Hidden Door, 5025 Bowser. Benefits various AIDS charities.

HEALTH & FITNESS

Immunocize classes held Monday-Friday, 10:30 a.m., Centrum Sports Club. Info: 214-521-5124, ext. 1108.

Lambda Alanon meets Thursday nights, 8 p.m. at 2438 Butler, #106. Info: 214-887-6699.

Team Dallas Aquatics, a gay and lesbian U.S. Masters team, seeks swimmers and divers of all ages and abilities to join. Regular coached practices, six days per week. Info: www.TeamDallasAquatics.com.

Texas Twisters, Dallas/Fort Worth's gay and lesbian country-western dance club, holds its general membership meetings on the fourth Sunday of each month, 7 p.m., at various locations. www.textastwisters.org or 972-993-2021, ext. 5052.

Positively Young provides resources, provides psychological

Trinity House of Spirituality offers Buddhist meditation and Reiki sharing circle. Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Info: 214-637-1954.

DENTON

Ally Program at University of North Texas offers programs, resources and diversity training. Info: Dr. Dan Emenheiser, 940-565-2456 or www.unt.edu/ally.

GLAD (Gay and Lesbian Association of Denton), the University of North Texas' gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered and/or straight student organization meets Wednesdays. Info: http://orgs.unt.edu/GLAD.

Lavender Circle, UNT's queer feminist organization meets Thursdays. Info: http://orgs.unt.edu/lavendercircle.

Interweave, Unitarian Universalists for GLBT Concerns, offers discussion and socializing the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month, 7 p.m. Denton Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 1111 Cordell. Info: Mark, 940-891-1457 or markcoomes@yahoo.com.

University of North Texas Delta Lambda Phi fraternity meets Sundays. Info: http://orgs.unt.edu/dlp.

EL PASO

Under 22? Youth OUTreach meets Thursdays, 6 p.m. and Saturday, 7 p.m. for lively discussions, activities, and community involvement. Info: www.GAYelpaso.org. LAMBDA Parents meet Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Info: www.LAMBDA.org. Both groups meet at the Community Center, 216 S. Ochoa.

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Trinity Metropolitan Community Church worships Sundays, 11 a.m. 1846 W. Division St., Suite 305. Info: 817-265-5454 or www.trinitymcc.net.

Tarrant County Gay Pride Week Association meets the third Sunday of each month, 3 p.m. to help organize the annual Ft. Worth parade and picnic events. www.tcgpa.org.

Agape Metropolitan Community Church worships Sundays, 10:30 a.m. 4615 E. California Pkwy. Info: 817-535-5002 or www.agapemcc.com.

GLSEN Tarrant County works to create an atmosphere of respect for all members of school communities regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. Meets the second Tuesday of every month, 7 p.m. at Bennigan's. Info: 817-294-5101 or www.glsentarrant.org.

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Help celebrate 25 years of Pride in Houston with PCOH. Meets the second month, Info: www.pridehouston.org, volunteer.org, or 713-529-6979.

Esperamos conozer! Charla Espanola, meets every other Thursday at Agora, 11 p.m. Everyone is welcome for fun, engaging conversation en espanol. Info: charlaespanola@att.net or 713-416-7203.

WIPsociety is a pansexual leather, Levi, Biker, adult entertainment and social club. Info: www.wipsociety.net or 281-564-0615.

The Stonewall Law Association of Greater Houston presents Professionals Mixer, each second Wednesday. Info: 713-522-5428.

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Discuss the priorities of the GLBT community

HIV/AIDS infected youth and their Human Services Network, 972-283-

men's prostate cancer support group Tuesday of each month. Bethany Center, 4523 Cedar Springs Rd. Info: 2-247-7944.

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Resource Center offers screening and admitted diseases each Wednesday, 6-8:30. For appointments, call Donna 8-2336.

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Fort Worth Church Project is pastored by David Boger, an openly gay graduate of TCU's Brite Divinity School. First Jefferson Church, 1959 Sandy Lane. Info: 817-595-6925 or www.fortworthchurch.com.

At Angel of Hope Christian Church, they don't just believe in diversity, they embody it. Sunday service, 10:30 a.m. 901 Page St. Info: 817-920-7767 or www.angelofhope.org.

Fellowship of Love Outreach Church services include Sunday School for adults and children 9:30 a.m.; morning worship, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday evening, 7 p.m. 901 Bonnie Brae. Info: 817-921-5683 or www.folochurch.com.

FRISCO

FriscoPride is social organization for the gay and lesbian community in Frisco, offering monthly social events. Info: www.friscopride.com or info@friscopride.com.

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Mayor's thoughts with Janine Brunjes, the Mayor's Liaison to the GLBT community. Roundtables are scheduled the third Thursday of each month, 7-8 p.m. Info: 713-520-1142.

The Blue Stockings Salon book group for lesbians meets every other Wednesday. Info: http://www.geocities.com/lesbianldg/.

Lesbian & Gay Immigration Rights Task Force-Houston chapter meets every second Thursday, 8 p.m. Bering Memorial Methodist Church, room 230. Info: Chris, 713-426-3128 or crigdon072@hotmail.com

Houston Chapter of Inmate Families Organization (Info) meets the second Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. of each month at Montrose Library, 4100 Montrose. Info: 713-515-3736.

Houston Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus general meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m. at the Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center, 3400 Montrose Blvd., Suite 207. Info: voter@hglpc.com.

The past is present. Gulf Coast Archive and Museum of GLBT History, Inc., 1609 West Main, #4. Open by appointment only. Info: 713-227-5973 or www.gcam.org.

BiNet Houston meets Thursdays, 7 p.m. at the Hobbit Cafe, 2243 Richmond. Bi-questioning people, GLBT, and all open-minded people are welcome. Info: 713-467-4380 or www.flash.net/~bihouse.

Houston Lesbian and Gay Community Center offers varied programming for Houston's GLBT community, including a display of memorabilia from the collection of the Gulf Coast Archive and Museum of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender History, as well as paintings from the Positive Art Workshop. 3400 Montrose. Info: 713-524-2022.

An Uncommon Legacy Foundation meets the third Wednesday of each month, 1400 Hermann Drive in the Gallery, first floor. Info: 713-520-1142.

Astro Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf meets at Montrose Clinic, 213 Westheimer. Info: aradhoutx@aol.com for meeting dates.

Cyberwomen, unite! Need info about health, politics, resources, a calendar of community meetings and events, and more? Log on to FEMNET, a free Email list of interest to feminists and lesbians in the Houston/Galveston area. To subscribe to The Feminist Online Network, send an email to FEMNET-subscribe@yahoo.com with the word subscribe in the subject area.

A Feminist Group for all women meets every Sunday, 10:45 a.m. in the First Unitarian Universalist Church, 5200 Fannin at Southmore Sojourner Truth Room, 3rd floor. Info: Iris Greer Sizemore, 713-529-8571 or Laura Reich, 713-529-1886 or ChzHead005@aol.com.

HEALTH AND FITNESS

The Rainbow Ranglers offer free country and western dance lessons Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30 p.m. Brazos River Bottom. Info: www.Rainbowranglers.org.

Lesbian Health Initiative meets the first Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m., at Alternative Health and Wellness. Info: 713-603-0023.

Montrose Counseling Center provides culturally affirming, quality and affordable services primarily to gay, lesbian, bisex-

Jump Start, a group for GLBT persons living with disabilities such as MS, cerebral palsy, amputations, head trauma, and/or neuro-deficits. Second and fourth Fridays, 11 a.m. Info: 713-526-1017, ext. 208.

GLBTQ? HIV/AIDS? Grieving? Lonely? Bering Support Network wants to help. Info: 713-526-1017 or www.beringumc.org.

Join the Gay/Lesbian Breakfast Club for a three-mile walk each Saturday, 9:30 a.m. the Memorial Park in front of the tennis center. They then adjourn to Java Java Cafe, 911 11th, for breakfast. Info: 281-437-0636 or http://members.aol.com/momingclub/index.htm.

The Lone Star Volleyball Association plays Sundays, 4:30 p.m. St. Thomas University's Jerabec Center. Info: 713-717-5782 or www.LSVA.org.

Body Positive Wellness Clinic offers a 3-month core program for HIV positive men and women consisting of supervised exercise training and nutritional counseling as well as optional massage therapy and chiropractic care. Graduates of the program are encouraged to continue using the facilities and receiving all services. Info: 713-524-2374.

The Montrose Clinic offers free HIV testing Mondays at Brick's 4-8 p.m., Club Xcape 9 p.m.-midnight; Tuesdays at 611 Club 4 p.m.-8 p.m., and The Club Houston 8 p.m.-12 midnight; Wednesdays at Mary's 4-8 p.m., Ripcord, 9 p.m.-12 midnight, E/J's 10 p.m.-1 a.m., and Midtowne Spa 10 p.m.-1 a.m.; Thursdays at BRB 8 p.m.-12 midnight, Cousins 8 p.m.-12 midnight; Fridays at E/J's 10 p.m.-1 a.m., Midtowne Spa 10 p.m.-1 a.m., Meatrack 10 p.m.-2 a.m. Classes are also offered for individuals newly diagnosed with Hep C. Info: 713-830-3000.

SPIRITUALITY

Integrity (GLBT Episcopalians and Friends) meets each fourth Sunday, 12:30 p.m. for brunch. Maria Selma Restaurant, 1619 Richmond.

GLBT Pentecostals meet Tuesdays, 7 p.m. for Bible study and prayer. Info: 936-931-3761 or Wgb1947@cs.com.

The Bering Spiritual Support Group, Houston's oldest and largest HIV/AIDS group, meets Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. at Bering Memorial United Methodist Church, 1427 Hawthorne. Info: 713-526-1017, ext. 208.

Worship services at First Unitarian Universalist Church of Houston are Sundays, 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., with brunch offered between services. 5200 Fannin. Info: 713-526-5200 or www.firstuu.org.

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA) welcomes everyone to its traditional Lutheran worship service on Sundays at 10:30 a.m., preceded by Adult Education at 9 a.m. 2515 Waugh Dr. Info: 713-528-3269, or office@gracelutheran-houston.org.

Interested in worshipping with Christians who have a liberal view on gender and sexuality issues and/or are gay and lesbian members of the Church of Christ? Call Michael, 713-868-3318.

The Jewish Congregation Mishpachah Alizim meets for Sabbath services the second Friday of each month, 8 p.m. at Baby Barnaby's, 602 Fairview. Info: 866-841-9139, ext. 1834 or mishpachah@anahap.com

MINERAL WELLS

Mineral Wells Prime Timers, an organization for older gay and bisexual men and their younger admirers meet the second Saturday of each month. 324 Whispering Oaks Southwind. Info: 940-325-0325 or mwtpime@yahoo.com.

RICHARDSON

High Tech Happy Hour meets Friday, June 13, 5:30 p.m. at Pappasito's Cantina, 723 S. Central Expressway. Info: 972-480-8595.

SAN ANTONIO

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Cheer San Antonio, a new performance cheerleading squad practices Sundays, 2-4 p.m. at Olmos Park. No experience required. Info: www.geocities.com/cheersanantonio or Mitch, 210-380-7574.

Christie Lee Littleton facilitates the Transgender Support Group, Metropolitan Community Church, 611 Myrtle. Info: 210-472-3597 or Christielee6@aol.com.

The Gay + Lesbian Community Center of San Antonio offers a wide variety of GLBT social, health, and educational programs. Open Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Sunday, 1-6 p.m. Metropolitan Community Church, 611 E. Myrtle. Info: 1-866-452-2724, 210-223-6106 or http://glccsa.org.

San Antonio Prime Timers (mature gay and bisexual men) meet several times throughout the month for meals and socializing. Info: 830-980-8744 or saprimetimer049@aol.com.

Texas Tradition offers clogging lessons each Thursday night, 6:30 p.m. (beginners); 7 p.m. (intermediate); and 8 p.m. (advanced). Southside Lions Park Community Center, 3100 Hiawatha.

Y.U.T.H. Group (Youth United To Help), a peer support and social group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and questioning youth meets the first and third Sundays of every month, 4-6 p.m., 611 E. Myrtle. Info: 210-223-6106 or yuth@glccsa.org.

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Abundant Grace in Christ Jesus holds services at its new location at 10415 Perrin-Beitel Suite 106. Contemporary Praise and Worship Service on Sundays, 10:30 a.m.; Prayer/Outreach Service, Sundays 6 p.m.; Bible Study Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Info: Pastor Greg Harman, 210-445-5156.

Discover why Triangle readers voted Metropolitan Church of San Antonio's Rainbow Cathedral the best place to worship in San Antonio. Sunday services, 10:30 a.m. 611 E. Myrtle. Info: 210-472-3597 or www.mccsa.org.

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Lesbian & Gay Community Center, 803 Hawthorne. Info:
B.K. Silva, AVERHouston@yahoo.com or 281-415-6876.

Discuss the priorities of the GLBT community as well as the

display of memorabilia from the collection of the Gulf Coast
Archive and Museum of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual &
Transgender History, as well as paintings from the Positive Art
Workshop, 3400 Montrose. Info: 713-524-2022.

An Uncommon Legacy Foundation meets the third
Wednesday of each month, 1400 Hermann Drive in the
Gallery, first floor. Info: 713-520-1142.

Astro Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf meets at Montrose Clinic,
213 Westheimer. Info: aradhoutx@aol.com for meeting dates.

Cyberwomen, unite! Need info about health, politics,
resources, a calendar of community meetings and events, and
more? Log on to FEMNET, a free Email list of interest to fem-
inists and lesbians in the Houston/Galveston area. To subscribe
to The Feminist Online Network, send an email to FEMNET-
subscribe@yahoo.com with the word subscribe in the
subject area.

A Feminist Group for all women meets every Sunday, 10:45
a.m. in the First Unitarian Universalist Church, 5200 Fannin at
Southmore Sojourner Truth Room, 3rd floor. Info: Iris Greer
Sizemore, 713-529-8571 or Laura Reich, 713-529-1886 or
ChzHead005@aol.com.

HEALTH AND FITNESS

The Rainbow Ranglers offer free country and western dance
lessons Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30 p.m. Brazos River
Bottom. Info: www.Rainbowranglers.org.

Lesbian Health Initiative meets the first Tuesday of each
month, 7 p.m., at Alternative Health and Wellness. Info: 713-
603-0023.

Montrose Counseling Center provides culturally affirming,
quality and affordable services primarily to gay, lesbian, bisex-
ual, and transgender individuals. Info: 713-529-0037 or
www.montrosecounselingcenter.org.

The Montrose Soccer Club practices Saturdays, 10 a.m. at
Woodrow Wilson School, Fairview at Yupon. Info: montros-
esoccer@yahoo.com or 713-862-9491.

Houston Roughnecks Rugby Club practices Mondays and
Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. Info: www.roughnecksrugby.org.

Bike for a Better City Bicycle Club is currently seeking mem-
bers. 713-523-6381.

Grupo de Apoyo para Latinos gay y bisexuales VIH positivos.
Lunes 6:30 p.m. Para mas informacion llama al 713-830-3025.
Montrose Clinic, 215 Westheimer.

Positive Women, a professionally facilitated support group for
HIV positive women, meets Thursdays, 11 a.m. at Bering
Memorial United Methodist Church, 1427 Hawthorne. Lunch,
child care and transportation provided. Info: 713-526-1017,
ext. 206.

Recovery From Food Addiction—A Twelve Step Program
meets every Thursday, 12 noon. St. Stephen's Episcopal
Church, 1801 W. Alabama. Info:
www.geocities.com/RFA77235/ or 713-673-2848.

Lambda Houston (Alcoholics Anonymous) is open seven days
a week and hosts 40 group meeting each week. 1201 W. Clay.
Info: 713-521-1243.

Director of Bering Support Network Ken McLeod facilitates

SPIRITUALITY

Integrity (GLBT Episcopalians and Friends) meets each fourth
Sunday, 12:30 p.m. for brunch. Maria Selma Restaurant, 1619
Richmond.

GLBT Pentecostals meet Tuesdays, 7 p.m. for Bible study and
prayer. Info: 936-931-3761 or Wgb1947@cs.com.

The Bering Spiritual Support Group, Houston's oldest and
largest HIV/AIDS group, meets Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. at
Bering Memorial United Methodist Church, 1427 Hawthorne.
Info: 713-526-1017, ext. 208.

Worship services at First Unitarian Universalist Church of
Houston are Sundays, 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., with brunch
offered between services. 5200 Fannin. Info: 713-526-5200 or
www.firstuu.org.

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA) welcomes every-
one to its traditional Lutheran worship service on Sundays at
10:30 a.m., preceded by Adult Education at 9 a.m. 2515
Waugh Dr. Info: 713-528-3269, or office@gracelutheran-
houston.org.

Interested in worshipping with Christians who have a liberal
view on gender and sexuality issues and/or are gay and lesbian
members of the Church of Christ? Call Michael, 713-868-3318.

The Jewish Congregation Mishpachah Alizim meets for
Sabbath services the second Friday of each month, 8 p.m. at
Baby Barnaby's, 602 Fairview. Info: 866-841-9139, ext. 1834
or mishpachah@onebox.com.

Congregation Beth Israel hosts a monthly study group led by
Rabbi Whitman and Rabbi Glickman for gay and lesbian Jews
in the Houston area. First Thursday of every month, 7:30 p.m.
at Beth Israel, 5600 N. Braeswood. Info: Rabbi Glickman,
713-771-6221.

New Covenant Christian Church holds worship service at the
GLBT Community Center, 3400 Montrose, Suite 207.
Sundays, 10:30 a.m., Info: 713-984-5806 or 713-524-8541.

All-Spanish worship services are celebrated every Saturday, 6
p.m. in the chapel of Resurrection Metropolitan Community
Church, 2025 W 11th St. 713-861-9149 or 713-303-3409.

A Feminist Group meets Sundays, 10:45 a.m. in the Sojourner
Truth Room, 3rd floor of the First Unitarian Universalist
Church, 5200 Fannin at Southmore (elevator accessible). Info:
Iris Greer Sizemore, 713-529-8571, www.houstonwom-
ensgroup.com, or HouWG@aol.com.

An introduction to Buddhism is offered each Tuesday, 7 p.m.
at 634 W. Temple in the Heights. Info: Carlton, 713-862-8129.

LIVINGSTON

Grace Assembly, a gay/gay affirming church, offers aerobics
classes on Monday, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 7 p.m.; a GLBT
support group (with dinner), Thursdays, 7 p.m.; and worship
services on Sundays, 11 a.m. 567 Cedar Grove. Info: 936-646-
7214 or leol1@eastex.net.

a wide variety of GLBT social, health, and educational pro-
grams. Open Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.,
Sunday, 1-6 p.m. Metropolitan Community Church, 611 E.
Myrtle. Info: 1-866-452-2724, 210-223-6106 or http://glcc-
sa.org.

San Antonio Prime Timers (mature gay and bisexual men)
meet several times throughout the month for meals and social-
izing. Info: 830-980-8744 or saprimetimer049@aol.com.

Texas Tradition offers clogging lessons each Thursday night,
6:30 p.m. (beginners); 7 p.m. (intermediate); and 8 p.m.
(advanced). Southside Lions Park Community Center, 3100
Hiawatha.

Y.U.T.H. Group (Youth United To Help), a peer support and
social group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and
questioning youth meets the first and third Sundays of every
month, 4-6 p.m., 611 E. Myrtle. Info: 210-223-6106 or
yuth@glccsa.org.

SPIRITUALITY

Abundant Grace in Christ Jesus holds services at its new loca-
tion at 10415 Perrin-Beitel Suite 106. Contemporary Praise
and Worship Service on Sundays, 10:30 a.m.; Prayer/Outreach
Service, Sundays 6 p.m.; Bible Study Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Info: Pastor Greg Harman, 210-445-5156.

Discover why Triangle readers voted Metropolitan Church of
San Antonio's Rainbow Cathedral the best place to worship in
San Antonio. Sunday services, 10:30 a.m. 611 E. Myrtle. Info:
210-472-3597 or www.mccsa.org.

Travis Park United Methodist Church—the Church with An
Open Heart, Open Minds, Open Doors—invites the GLBT
community to worship. Contemporary worship services at 11
a.m. on Sundays. 230 E. Travis. www.travispark.org.

SEGUIN

Southern Animal Rescue Association (SARA), Texas largest
no-kill animal sanctuary for more than 600 domestic animals
has weekend volunteer opportunities every Sunday, 9 a.m.
with hands-on animal care. Catered lunches and lots of fun
provided. Info: Tracy, sarasanc@swbell.net or www.sarasanc-
tuary.org

WACO

PFLAG-Waco meets the second Tuesday of each month, 7
p.m. Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 4209 North 27th St.
Meet for chat, drinks and perhaps a meal at PFLAG Waco Pub
Nite, the third Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m. Info:
www.pflagwaco.org or 254-776-3806.

STATEWIDE

Learn to lobby for your rights with the ACLU's Stand Up for
Freedom—Because Freedom Can't Protect Itself seminar.
Through June 15, in Washington, DC. Info: www.aclu.org,
email mem_conf@aclu.org, or 212-549-2561.

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508 West Avenue
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512-472-3534

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United Court of Austin presents *Pool Tournament* the third annual, each month, 7 p.m. with drink specials. Benefits the Wellness Center. Dick's Diner, San Jacinto.

Zachary Scott Theatre Company presents *Parade*, through June 29, 2003. *Committed*, through August 1, 2003. Riverside Dr. Info: 512-476-0084 or www.zachscott.com

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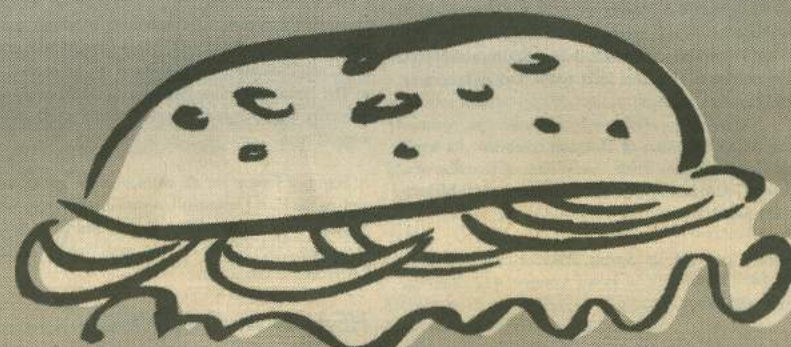
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Austin Playhouse presents *The Dead Presidents' Club*, through June 22. Penn Field, 3601 S. Congress Bldg. C. Info: 512-476-0084.

Rude Mechanicals presents *Grrl Action 2003*, through June 29. The Off Center, 2211-A Hidalgo. Info: 512-476-7833 or www.rudemechs.com.

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The Dallas Poets Community presents *The DPC Annual Gay Pride Reading*. Wednesday, June 25, 7 p.m., at The MAC, 3120 McKinney Ave. Benefits Youth First Texas. Free! Info: 214-953-1212 or www.the-mac.org.

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It's *The Deck Show* (get it?) with Nancy Ford. Start your weekends happy with music, comedy, and a cold one on 1415's outside deck. Every Friday, 9 p.m. 1415 Bar & Grille (formerly Sonoma), 1415 California. Info: 713-522-7066.

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ComedySportz presents improv comedy every Friday night, 8 p.m. Lambert Hall, 1703 Heights Blvd. Tickets: \$10. Info: 713-868-1444 or www.comedysportz-houston.com.

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(airing Mondays, 8-10 p.m.)

LOCKHART

Gaslight Theater presents *Come Back to the Five and Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean*, through June 21. 204 N. Main. Tickets: \$3-\$16 Info: 512-376-5653 or www.gaslighttheater.com.

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ComedySportz DFW performs Fridays and Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. at Parkway Plaza Shopping Center, 3115 W. Parker Rd., Suite B #330. Info: 972-964-3866 or www.ComedySportzDFW.com.

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Theater LaB Houston celebrates its 10th anniversary with *The Big Bang!* through June 28. 1706 Alamo. Tickets: \$22. Info: 713-868-7516 or www.theaterlabhouston.com.

Theatre New West presents *Jerker* through July 12. 1415 California. Tickets: \$20. Info: 713-522-2204.

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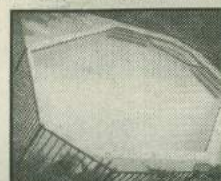
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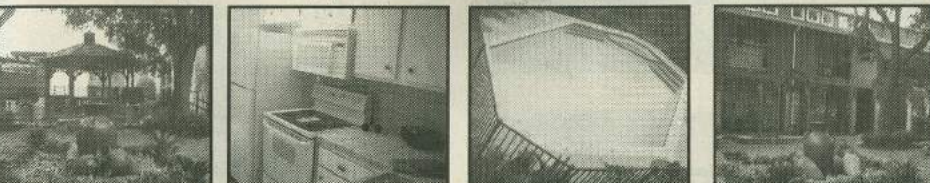
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