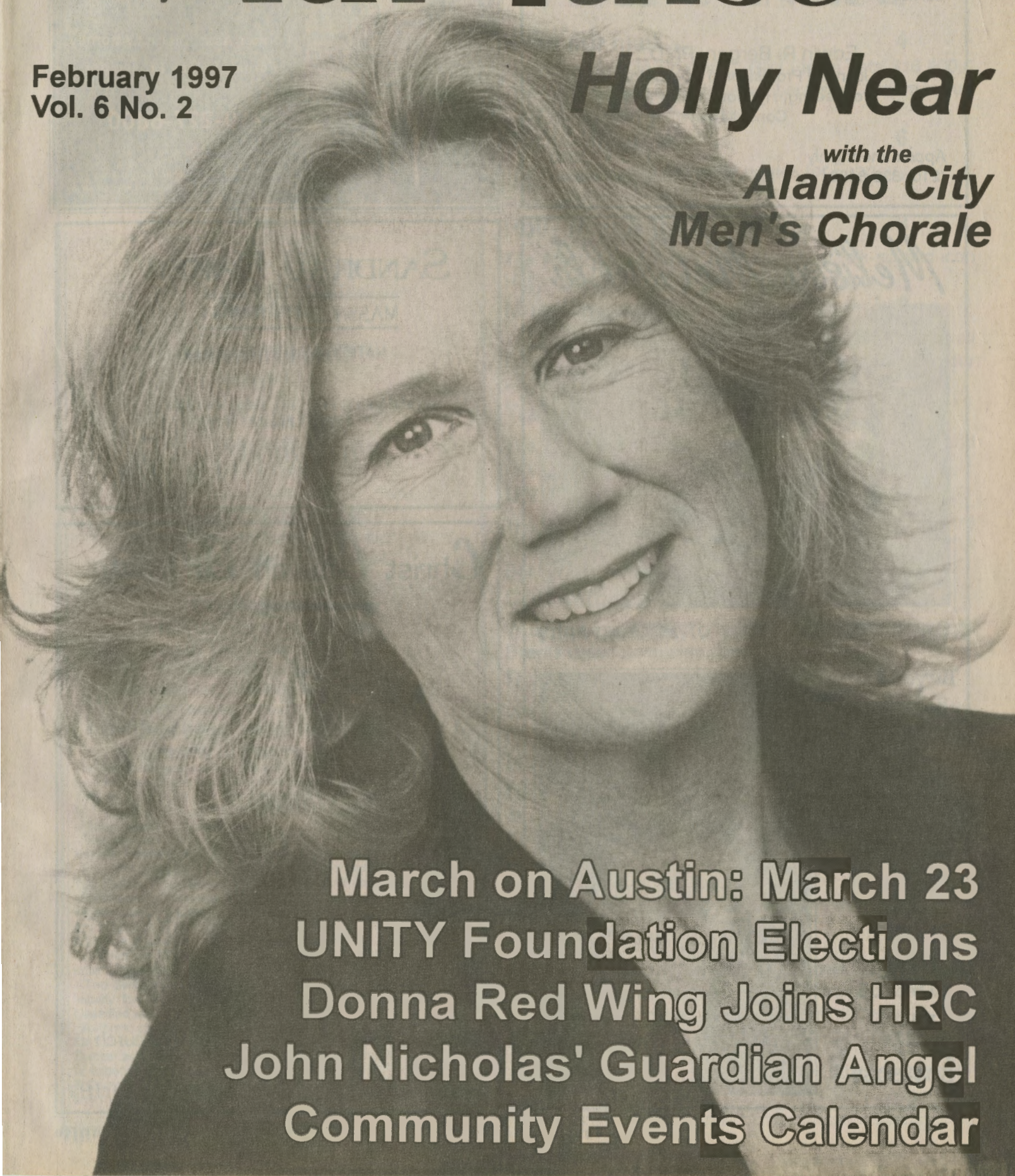


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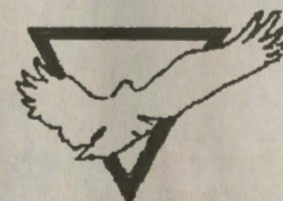
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American Boyz in Spanish

It is with great pleasure that the American Boyz announces the establishment of a special contact for Spanish speakers.

Calico was born in Mexico and reads and speaks Spanish fluently.

Plans are now being developed to provide Spanish language transgendered materials. Persons wishing to provide input or who have questions should feel free to contact either Calico at: CALRECHY@aol.com (Spanish or English) or transman@netgsi.com (English only).

The American Boyz is an organization for people who were born female but who feel that is not an adequate or complete description of who they are. It includes but is not limited to tomboys, butches, crossdressers, transsexuals, intersexuals and others, along with our significant others, friends, families, and allies. For more information contact:

transman@netgsi.com, or to use the automatic service, send email to: majordomo@netgsi.com with the command in the body of an email, "info amboyz".

Gary Bowen
Coordinator-in-Chief
The American Boyz

Gay Fiesta Nets \$16,400

The Board, staff and members of the Blue Light Candle Project wish to thank the community for another great Gay Fiesta. Once again a good time was had while raising funds for persons living with HIV and AIDS. This much needed money pays for those needs that are not met through traditional sources such as government or corporate grants or donations.

This year our gross was \$30,000 and our net was \$16,400. We have already started putting the money to good use by purchasing heaters for persons living with the virus and needing a little assistance. We are also providing fully cooked meals delivered to homebound persons.

Give yourself a pat on the back and a big round of applause.

Watch for the next BIG BIG event on May 4, 1997 when The Blue Light Candle will present Tejano Fest '97 with five of your

favorite Tejano bands and performers at Mission County Park. An all day celebration of Cinco de Mayo.

Fran Mendez

For information on The Blue Light Candle Project or its programs write P.O. Box 12444, San Antonio, Texas 78212.

Re: Your December Issue

As President of a no-profit air-medical service based in San Antonio for terminally ill AIDS and cancer patients, I find the information in your publication informative and insightful.

Information is the oxygen of the modern age. It seeps through the walls topped by barbed wire, it wafts across the electrified borders.

Keep up the great work!

Michael Bartels
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A World Without Gays? Beam me up Scotty!

"Well!" I fumed as we emerged from the movie house. "I guess as far as Star Trek's concerned, there are still no gay people in the 24th Century."

Greg and I had just seen Star Trek: First Contact, and as we walked out into the December night I pointed out in exasperated detail that every other minority group was represented among the crew of the Enterprise except gays and lesbians. Not that we needed to be popping out from every control panel or beaming down on every transport just to make a point, I acknowledged, but we needed at least to be there.

Greg flashed me a mischievous smile and replied, "Well, who knows? Maybe we're not there. Maybe they finally found the gay gene and we were all eradicated before the days of Kirk and Spock."

He chuckled at his own joke, but suddenly he sobered. "You know," he continued thoughtfully, "it is possible, isn't it? I mean, if science could isolate the gay gene, we could be engineered out of existence — and maybe in the next thirty years instead of the next three hundred."

And of course, we could be. The discovery

of the "gay gene", which most of us are convinced exists, will be a double-edged sword for gays and lesbians when and if it happens. On the one hand, it would demolish forever the argument that gays "choose" their orientation and are thus undeserving of protected minority status like African-Americans or the handicapped. But on the other hand, if the exact cause of our sexual orientation could be determined, it would be no time at all before science offered a "cure" for homosexuality — perhaps not for those of us who are already legally recognized as persons in our own right, but certainly for prospective parents who might be "at risk" of giving birth to a gay son or lesbian daughter. And if the cure turned out to be too expensive — well, there would be another option for parents who didn't want the responsibility of bringing a "different" child into the world. Thanks to Roe v. Wade, they could always choose abortion.

What's that you say? No woman would choose to abort a child simply because of his or her sexual orientation? I'm "fearmongering" in an effort to drive a wedge between gay activists and the pro-choice movement? Not at all. I'm simply a gay man who's looking the facts squarely in the face and inviting my brothers and sisters in the community to do the same.

If some women are already having abortions because the child they're carrying is of the "wrong" sex, do you really think that women in the future will hesitate to abort a child because he or she has the "wrong" sexual orientation? Remember, one of the grounds on which pro-choicers justify abortion is that every child should be "wanted." You don't want a gay child? Fine! You can get rid of it.

And such fears are anything but exaggerated. For example, John Fortunato, in Embracing the Exile, recounts that after a young man named Tim came out to his parents, "... his mother approached him. She put her arm around his shoulders. Tim took this to mean that she was going to accept him. 'Tim,' she said, 'I've made only one mistake in my life.' Tim asked her what she meant. 'Twenty-two years ago,' she said, 'I should have had an abortion.' This is no isolated instance. In the now-famous report on teen suicide that Dr. Louis Sullivan suppressed during his tenure as United States Secretary of Health and Human Services, there is an account of a gay teenager who was thrown out of his home when his parent's discovered his sexual orientation.

When he tried to reconcile with his parents by calling them from a pay phone, the boy's mother told him point-blank that had she known when she was carrying him that he would grow up to be homosexual, she would

have aborted him then and there.

A rare case, you say? Enlightened, liberal, and well-meaning parents wouldn't dream of doing such a thing? It's comforting to suppose so, but I wouldn't bet on it. In fact, some might very well decide that aborting their unborn gay child would be in the child's best interest. As one woman I know put it: "Why should I bring a child into the world whom I know is going to have to deal with all this bigotry and hate? Why bring up an innocent child to face that? So, yes, I would have an abortion if I knew my child would grow up to be homosexual."

In other words, "Trust me, dear, you're better off dead."

Given the hard facts, the great question becomes, what are gays and lesbians going to do now to prepare for a time when a woman's "right to choose" becomes a hunting license to exterminate our kind? For that time may well be coming — perhaps as soon as within the next two or three decades. Do we really think that we can educate society out of its anti-gay prejudices by then? Or do we as a lesbian and gay community need to reconsider the whole issue of abortion?

After all, if a woman's "right to choose" is absolute, then a woman is free to have an abortion for any reason — even blind, irrational anti-gay prejudice. If gays and

lesbians want to object to aborting the gay and lesbian unborn on grounds that we are persons of worth and dignity who have a right to grow up and lead productive and fulfilling lives, then we have another issue to confront. Because if we have a right to life, doesn't every other unborn child have that same right?

In the end, gays and lesbians my find that for us, the issue of abortion boils down to a choice between defending the lives of all unborn, or sanctioning our own extinction. As science closes in on the gay gene, "going boldly where no one has gone before", it may be that more and more "pro-choice" gays and lesbians are going to start listening to the arguments of their pro-life brothers and sisters and then say, "Beam me up, Scotty."

Tom Sena
Founder & Vice-President
Pro-Life Alliance of Gays and Lesbians (PLAGAL)

PLAGAL was organized in 1990 to advance the pro-life cause within the lesbian and gay community. PLAGAL has approximately five hundred members and active groups in Boston, Cleveland, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Philadelphia, and Washington, DC.

Women in the Arts

Women in the Arts, Inc., a national non-profit organization based in Indianapolis, IN, is seeking volunteers to serve on standing committees.

WIA is producer of the National Women's Music Festival as well as other events for women. Some of our local events you might recognize are the Goddess Rocks and the Women's Film Festival.

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If you are not familiar with our organization, please visit our Web site at <http://a1.com/wia> before inquiring.

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Quote - UnQuote: (on being out)

"Just by being out you're doing your part. It's like recycling. You're doing your part for the environment if you recycle; you're doing your part for the gay movement if you're out."

—Tennis champ Martina Navratilova to San Francisco Bay Times.

"This sweet little blond girl [from The Sonny & Cher Show] turned out to be a big dyke. There's something wonderful about that, because that's life."

-- Chastity Bono to USA Today.

"I'm an openly gay trailer-trash Mexican. How could they not love me?"

—Ice-skating national champion Rudy Galindo.

"I was 18 or 19 when I helped [actor Montgomery Clift] realize that he was homosexual, and I barely knew what I was talking about. I was a virgin when I was married and not a world expert on sexuality. But I loved Monty with all my heart and just knew that he was unhappy. I knew that he was meant to be with a man and not a woman, and I discussed it with him. I introduced him to some really nice young guys."

—Elizabeth Taylor to The Advocate.

"I'm sort of a gay success story, a very inspirational one. What happened to me is exactly the opposite of what closeted people fear: They think they'll lose everything if they come out. This did not happen to me at all. In fact, everything came back tenfold."

—Rocker Melissa Etheridge to The Advocate.

"I've always been openly gay. It would never occur to me to behave otherwise."

—Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus Ringmaster Eric.

"I just wish more of my fellow queers would come out sometimes. It's nice out here, you know?"

—Elton John, accepting a Distinguished Achievement Award at the Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Center's 25th anniversary blowout.

"She's a lesbian, that's what I'm here to talk about!"

—Outing inventor and gay journalist Michelangelo Signorile shouting at U.S. Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., at a book signing in New York City.

"Any garbage rumors about any aspect of his personal life are just that — garbage. This is someone who was interviewed once on the Today show [in 1988] in front of his 14-year-old son and asked by a sleazy reporter if it was true he was gay. It wasn't true then, it isn't true now, and even raising the issue is demeaning to him and to the political process."

—Bob Dole's communications director, John Buckley, on the rumors that Jack Kemp is a closeted homosexual.

"I married Peter Allen, and he didn't tell me he was gay. ...Everybody knew but me! And I didn't find out until I found out. And I found out...let me put it this way: I'll never surprise anybody coming home again as long as I live. I call first."

-- Liza Minnelli to The Advocate.

"I don't mind straight people as long as they act gay in public."

—T-shirt worn by Chicago Bulls transvestite Dennis Rodman during a network-TV interview.

"So many people are gay — or go both ways. I don't care. I don't want to hear about it. ... I don't go for this outing business. If someone is gay, that's their business, and they should have the right to protect their privacy about it."

—Richard Nixon, according to Monica Crowley's book Nixon Off the Record.

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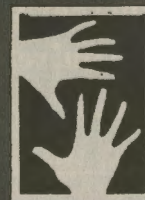
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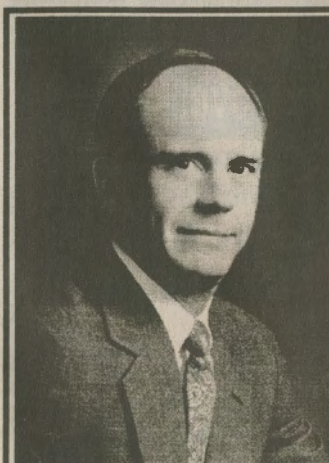
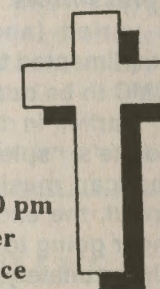
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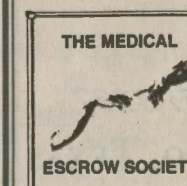
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Holly Near to Sing with Chorale March 7

"We are gay and straight together, and we are singing, singing for our lives!"

These words from singer/songwriter Holly Near will ring in Laurie Auditorium at Trinity University when she performs with the Alamo City Men's Chorale on Friday, March 7, at 8:00 pm. Near is a consummate performer who has recorded 15 albums, some of which have included Melissa Ethridge, Bonnie Raitt, and Kenny Loggins as guest performers.

A highly respected leader in the progressive movement, Near has championed the rights of people living with HIV, women's rights, and environmental issues. For her inspiring leadership, she has received a prestigious "Woman of the Year" award from Ms. Magazine.

Ms. Near's appearance is one of many events during March celebrating Women's History Month in San Antonio. The concert, produced with the assistance of the Women's Studies Program at Trinity University, is appropriately titled "Singing For Our Lives" after one of Near's signature songs.

This concert is the third of four slated during the 10th



Anniversary Season of the Alamo City Men's Chorale, San Antonio's critically-acclaimed gay men's chorus. The chorale and Near will each perform their own set and join each other on several songs as well. Together with Near, the chorale—and, at times, the audience—will speak of hope, joy, peace, love, and justice in the universal language of music.

Advance tickets are \$10 each and on sale in Austin at BookWoman and in San Antonio at Elements Gift Shop, Encore Video, the Laurie Auditorium Box Office, On Main, Textures, and Zebra'z. Credit card orders may be placed by calling APMC at (210) 495-SING.

At the door, tickets will be \$12. Call

APMC for information about the special rate for groups of ten or more.

CHORALE GARNERS CRITICS' PRAISE

Following its December concert, "Home for the Holidays," the Alamo City Men's Chorale received its second glowing review of 1996 in the *San Antonio Express-News*. Mike Greenberg praised the concert for its varied (and sometimes humorous) repertoire, complimented the chorale for its singing, and declared APMC to be one of the best choral groups in the city.

Earlier in the year, Diane Windeler heralded the chorale's "splendid" concert of African and African-American music. She predicted that, "if they're not careful, the excellent Alamo City Men's Chorale is no longer going to be one the city's best kept secrets."

Unfortunately, many in the gay and lesbian community have not heard this outstanding ensemble and some are unaware of its existence.

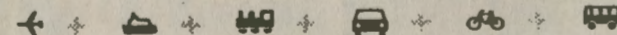
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"It's Time for Justice"

March on Austin & Lobby Day



On March 24, 1997 thousands of Texans will march to the Texas State Capitol in a united effort to end hate crimes in Texas and to lobby the Texas Legislature for equal protection under the law for people of all orientations, increased funding for HIV, the Gay Marriage Issue, and against "Referendum and Initiative."

For too many years, hate crimes have devastated hundreds of Texans. It is time that Texas lawmakers do all they can to stop violence against gays, lesbians and transgender citizens by passing the Texas Hate Crime Bill (Senate Bill 80) sponsored by Senator Rodney Ellis.

According to Diane Hardy-Garcia, Executive Director of the Lesbian & Gay Rights Lobby of Texas (LGRL), The Texas Hate Crimes Bill would increase penalties for hate crimes motivated by prejudice or bias based on race

March on Austin March 23 Lobby Day March 24

ethnicity, religion disability and sexual orientation. Increased penalties would serve as a deterrent to hate-related violence in the same way that increased penalties for crimes against police officers has helped deter violence against police officers.

Hate crimes deserve stiffer penalties because these crimes are designed to terrorize and intimidate whole groups of people simply because of who they are. Hate crimes affect people of all races, religions, ethnic groups, sexual orientations and gender identities.

In 1993, Texas passed a hate crime law that is considered vague and difficult to enforce. As a result it has rarely been used. Since 1992 the Texas Department of Public Safety has reported over 1600 hate crimes.

LGRL asks all Texans to gather at Palmer Auditorium at 12:00 noon. (Riverside Exit from I-35). The march will begin at Palmer Auditorium and proceed across the Congress Avenue Bridge and up Congress Avenue to the Texas Capitol.

Immediately after the March a rally and picnic will be held at the south end of the Capitol.

The next day LGRL asks everyone to take a day off work to visit their state Senator and Representative to discuss the Hate Crime Bill, the Gay Marriage issue, increased HIV funding to pay for the new and expensive protease inhibitor drugs, and to lobby against the

proposed "Referendum and Initiative" legislation which has been used by religious political extremists in other states to roll back basic equal rights for lesbians and gays.

Broussard Murderers Up for Parole

Due to Texas' weak Hate Crimes Law the three men found guilty of the brutal 1991 murder of Paul Broussard, a gay Houston banker, are up for parole.

LGRL urges all Texans to write Texas officials asking that the three men not be granted parole.

Letters should be sent to Raven Cazan, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, State Director of Victim Services, PO BOX 13401, Austin, TX 78711 or faxed to 512-406-5417.

The letters must include the names and ID numbers of the three men: Jaime Aguirre, TDC 668879; Javier Aguirre TDC 653413; and Leandro Ramirez TDC 690675.

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Annual Book on Transgender Issues Released

The International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy (ICTLEP) announces the publication of its fifth annual book on transgender issues. Entitled *Proceedings V*, it joins an annual series beginning in 1992 of transcribed presentations and appended papers dealing with the multitude of legal challenges faced by transgenders along with strategies for progressive change in the law as it relates to transgenders.

Proceedings V features reports dealing with the legal needs of transgendered people of color, of FTM's, and of those transgenders who are not transsexual.

In addition there are several reports devoted to the non-USA, TG legal issues and the full text of the recent European decision that makes USA federal law look silly in its mis-handling of transgender employment discrimination.

There are also extensive reports on (1) the history of same-sex marriage, (2) the beginning of the end of any requirement for genital surgery "before" legal sex correction, (3) the background work by and joint statement with NCLR on GID change, (4) the new handouts generated by TG advocates within PFLAG, (5) the parallels between the feminist and the transgender communities, and (6) the legal underpinnings that draw the homosexual and the transgender communities together.

The book price is \$65.00. There are discounts for multiple purchases, plus shipping and state tax if applicable. As always, ICTLEP encourages lesbigr (shorthand for lesbian, bisexual, gay, transgender and rhymes with alligator) activists to push their local university libraries, local law schools and local large employer corporation with Human Resources Departments to order the set for reference.

Individual articles from this and preceding volumes may be purchased by contacting ICTLEP at (713) 777-8452 or ictlep@aol.com.

An "INDEX to Proceedings I-V" will also be published in the coming weeks. The index is free of charge and is being posted on the America Online, Keyword, "ICTLEP" and on the web page at www.abmall.com/ictlep.

All together, the five ICTLEP books present over 1200 pages of the research, discussion and brain storming of seven judges, six law professors, two legislators, twenty-six attorneys and law students, and thirty-two lesbigr activists.



Phyllis Randolph Frye, founder and Executive Director of ICTLEP, wonders: "Why does the transgender community continue to reinvent wheels that have already been invented in the above areas by the above well known and recognized people at annual ICTLEP conferences? I hope that our community will at last discover these resource books, begin to study them and push their local university libraries and employer Human Resources Departments to place these books. We of ICTLEP have been at this task now for over five years, and we have been doing it for you to utilize!"

UNITY Foundation to Hold Open Board Elections

The UNITY Foundation will elect seven new members to the Board of the San Antonio Gay & Lesbian Community Center on February 27. The meeting is open to the community and will be at 7:00 pm at MCC Church, 611 E. Myrtle.

UNITY Foundation is calling on all members of the community to consider an elected position on the 21 member Board. One third of the Board is elected each year.

The UNITY Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit Texas organization formed by the lesbian-gay-bisexual-transgender community in San Antonio last year to form a Gay & Lesbian Community Center.

The Board has made an offer on a large building on Main Street and is currently in negotiations with the building's owner.

Nominations, including self-nominations, should be sent to: UNITY Foundation / Gay & Lesbian Community Center, PO BOX 15857, San Antonio, TX 78212.

Call the UNITY Helpline at 734-UNITY for more information

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COMMUNITY EVENTS Calendar

DAILY

8:30a 12:00p, & 4:30p Hot meals program, San Antonio AIDS Foundation, 818 E. Grayson 225-4715
12:00n-2:00p Hot lunch for HIV+ persons, Alamo Area Resource Center, 800 W. Lexington 222-2437
Mon-Fri, 8:00a-5:00p by appointment, Free Nutrition Counseling, San Antonio AIDS Foundation, 818 E. Grayson 225-4715

Mon-Fri, 8:30a-4:30p by appointment, Free Nutrition Counseling, The Wellness Connection, 1424 Fredericksburg Rd., 78201 732-3111

Mon-Fri, 8:30a-4:30p by appointment, Therapeutic Massage, The Wellness Connection, 1424 Fredericksburg Rd., 78201 732-3111

Mon-Fri, 9:00a-5:00p, Free HIV testing and counseling, The Family Planning Department at the University Health Center (formerly Brady Green), 527 N. Leona 270-3833 or 270-3699

WEEKLY

SUNDAYS

10:30a St. Nicholas the Wonder-worker Byzantine Catholic Church of America, Divine Liturgy, 9539 Bowen Dr., 78250. 520-8213

10:30a St. Sergios and St. Bacchos Orthodox Mission Divine Liturgy, 7600 Blanco, #2202 697-3264 FrRick@aol.com

10:30a MCC service, 611 E. Myrtle 734-0048

10:50a Church of Religious Science (Science of Mind) service, 8037 Pinebrook 342-7897

11:00a Spirit of Life Lutheran Church, bilingual service, Manor Baptist Church-Chapel (1/2 block north of Donalson, Jefferson area). A multicultural congregation. Rev. Jennifer Menter 826-8771

11:00a River City Living Church service, 202 Holland 822-1121

2:00p Worship service, Christ Church of Faith, held at Unitarian Universalist Church, I-10 & Loop 410 East. Rev. Glenn Masters III. 930-1958

5:30p Dignity, St. Ann's Church (in convent), 210 St. Ann 558-3287

6:30p Lambda AA Women's Group, 923 E. Mistletoe 732-4300 or 821-6325

8:15p Lambda AA Discussion, 923 E. Mistletoe 732-4300 or 821-6325

MONDAYS

By appointment. Mental health counseling, Wellness Connection, 1424 Fredericksburg Rd., 78201 732-3111

6:30-8:30p HIV+ Gay Men's Support Group, Alamo Area Resource Center, 800 W. Lexington 222-2437

6:30p Steak night benefits San Antonio PWA Coalition, Alamo Station 414 W. Laurel

7:30p Alamo City Wranglers square dance rehearsal, Bonham, 411 Bonham

8:15p Lambda AA 12x12 Study, 923 E. Mistletoe 732-4300 or 821-6325

9:00p Janspeople Bowling League, San Pedro Bowl, Rector St. across from North Star Mall 377-2803



Jose Feliciano

Feb 7-9

TUESDAYS

11:00a-12:00n Fitness Training, Alamo Area Resource Center, 800 Lexington. Class size limited. 222-2437

11:30a Women affected by AIDS support group, Alamo Area Resource Center, 800 W. Lexington 222-2437

3:00p-6:00p Psychiatric Clinic, Dr. Ken Vogtsberger,, Wellness Connection, 1424 Fredericksburg Rd., 78201 723-3111

6:00p Bereavement Support Group, Alamo Area Resource Center, 800 W. Lexington, 222-2437

7:00p-9:00p Alamo City Men's Chorale rehearsal, River City Living Church, 202 Holland 979-7308 or 734-7226

WEDNESDAYS

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11:00a-12:00n Fitness Training, Alamo Area Resource Center, 800 Lexington. Class size limited. 222-2437

2:00p HIV- Support Group, Alamo Area Resource Center, 800 W. Lexington, 222-2437

6:00p HIV Anonymous Testing, San Antonio AIDS Foundation, 818 E. Grayson 225-4715

6:00p San Antonio Gay/Lesbian Tennis League, McFarlin Tennis Center, 1503 San Pedro

6:30p Lambda AA Women's Group, 923 E. Mistletoe 732-4300 or 821-6325

7:00p-9:00p MCC Prayer Service and Work-shop, 611 E. Myrtle 734-0048

7:00p Divine Liturgy, St. Nicholas the Wonder-worker Byzantine Catholic Church of America, 9539 Bowen Dr. 520-8213

7:00p Bible study, Christ Church of Faith, held at Unitarian Universalist Church, I-10 & Loop 410 East. Rev. Glenn Masters III. 930-1958

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THURSDAYS

1:00p B.E.A.T. AIDS Support Group, 707 Dawson St. 212-2270

5:30p Caregiver's Support Group, Alamo Area Resource Center, 800 W. Lexington, 222-2437

6:15p Lambda AA Discussion, 923 E. Mistletoe 732-4300 or 821-6325

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FEBRUARY

1—SATURDAY

Through Feb 16 **San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo**. For information call 225-5851
 2:00p **BAZAAR BLUE STAR** street fair — Call for performers at JumpStart Theater steps, Blue Star Arts Complex, S. Alamo at Probandt: Kitty Williams hosts "open stage" for performance artists, belly dancers, singers, musicians, comedians and people who do "stupid human tricks." To reserve your 10-15 minutes to amaze, awe and stupefy, call 223-6631

9:00p Bexar County Bears Cave

Party, featuring Mr. Cave Bear and Mr. Cave Cub contests, charity raffles, surprise hirsute competitions, and unBEARably grrreat munchies. ReBar, 826 San Pedro. For info call 377-7308

2—SUNDAY, GROUND HOG DAY

Feb 2&3, **DAY of FAITH, HOPE, and LOVE** at the State Capitol, sponsored by Texas AIDS Network. Call for info (512) 447-8887

7:00p MCC sponsored 9-week intensive study of sexual issues and Biblical texts. First 3 Sundays of Feb and Mar. Classes facilitated by Rev. John Nicholas. 611 E. Myrtle. 472-3597

2 - "What was sex for?"

9 - "Was there romance in Bible times?"
 16 - "Same-sex relationships in Bible"

3—MONDAY

7:00p SA NDW, Esperanza Peace & Justice Center, 922 San Pedro. 673-8600

4—TUESDAY

Through Apr 27, **Shared Stories: EXPLORING CULTURAL DIVERSITY**, Lower Gallery, The Institute of Texan Cultures, 800 S. Bowie. Free

7:00p SALGA (San Antonio Lesbian Gay Assembly), Esperanza Peace and Justice Center, 922 San Pedro. Call 697-3266



7:00p-9:00 **VOICE** for Animals meeting, Circle School, 217 Pershing 737-3138

7:30p **CLAUDIA SPEAKS: Love, Passion, Betrayal and Murder in Ancient Rome**. Myths and legends of heroines from ancient Roman drama come alive when the San Antonio Public Theater performs at the San Antonio Museum of Art. Free. Call 978-8100



Van Cliburn

Feb 14

5—WEDNESDAY

6:30p "Family" Violence Task Force meeting. 732-3032
 7:00-9:00p **San Antonio Women's Caucus** for Art, Writer's Group, Wallace-Musket Gallery, Blue Star Arts Complex, upstairs in Bldg. B. 223-6631

6—THURSDAY

7:00p-8:30p **Parents and Friends of Lesbians & Gays** meeting, The Resource Center, 121 W. Woodlawn 351-0395

7—FRIDAY

8:00p **JOSE FELICIANO** with the **POPS** at the Majestic Theatre. Call 554-1010
 Also 8p on Feb 8 and 2p on Feb 9

9—SUNDAY

4:00p San Antonio Prime Timers monthly meeting, MCC, 611 E. Myrtle
 6:00p **MODERN ROMANCE III** at Magnolia Gardens on Main St. sponsored by the San Antonio Equal Rights Political Caucus. Great friends, great food and great entertainment with **Ken Slavin** make for a wonderful evening. \$15 per person on presale at On Main, Elements, Eden Home Furnishings and Rainbow Spirits. Call 828-2723
 7:00-8:30p **Alpha Lambda Omega** Christian study and discussion group co-sponsored by St. John's Lutheran Church and Unity Foundation. Pioneer Rm., St. John's, 502 E. Nueva.

10—MONDAY

6:30p San Antonio AIDS Foundation Board meeting, 818 E. Grayson
 7:00p Support group for gay men, lesbians, and their families, Jewish Family Service, 1931 N.W. Military Dr., #202 349-5481



Holly Near with ACMC

Mar 7

11—TUESDAY

8:00p **CARMEN** by the Moscow Festival Ballet at Lila Cockrell Theatre. Tickets \$20-\$40, call 226-2891

12—WEDNESDAY

7:00pm Chain of Command at Pegasus, 1407 N. Main 899-7879

13—THURSDAY

Through Feb 17, **National Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum**. (213) 964-7820

7:00p **Unity Foundation Open Board Meeting**, River City Living Church, 202 Holland. For information call 734-8648 — 734-UNITY

14—FRIDAY

Through Mar 22, **The Norman Conquests** at the Josephine Theratre. Call 734-4646

8:00p **RED RIBBON GALA** benefiting Alamo Area Resource Center in it's fight against AIDS. Spring Hill Event Center. Call 222-2437

8:00p **VAN CLIBURN** performs with the San Antonio Symphony. Laurie Auditorium. Tickets \$20-\$50; gala seating and reception \$150. 554-1010



Ken Slavin

Feb 9

IT'S TIME FOR JUSTICE

Saturday, March 22

P-FLAG Southwest Regional Conference, 12 noon at Grace United Methodist Church, 205 E. Monroe, Austin. Call (512) 447-8873

Youth Rally on south steps of the State Capitol at 1:00p. Call LGRL at (512) 474-5475

Log Cabin Republicans cocktail reception from 5:00p to 6:30p. Call for details (512) 467-9797

The Dance sponsored by LGRL at the Cuff and the Forum Club, corner of 4th and Congress in Austin at 9:00p. Call (512) 474-5475

Sunday, March 23

Spiritual Services by MCC at the City Coliseum in Austin at 10:00a.

March to the Capitol begins from the Palmer Auditorium at 12:00n. Call LGRL at (512) 474-5475

Rally & Picnic, rally at the south entrance of the Capitol followed by a street party at 4th and Lamar outside the Cuff and Forum. Call LGRL at (512) 474-5475

Monday, March 24

LGRL Lobby Day (512) 474-5475
Children's Art Exhibit at the State Capitol.

Volunteer to help - (512) 474-5475

15—SATURDAY

10:30p Monthly benefit show for the Court of the Alamo Empire, 2015 Place, 2015 San Pedro 735-9657

16—SUNDAY

11:00a-5:00p **10th Annual ASIAN FESTIVAL** at the San Antonio Museum of Art. "Travel" through the Orient without leaving San Antonio. Free for members/regular admission for others. For more information call 978-8136

2:00p **LESBIAN PARENTS' ALLIANCE**, support for lesbian single parents, couples and their children. Meeting in a private home; children welcome. Pot luck munchies. Sponsored by **UNITY Foundation**. Call for address and info 734-UNITY

3:00p The Court of the Alamo Empire monthly meeting, 2015 Place, 2015 San Pedro 735-9657

18—TUESDAY

5:30p Bexar County HIV/AIDS Planning Council, Brady Green Clinic, third floor con room, 527 N. Leona. 224-2437

19—WEDNESDAY

5:30p AIDS Consortium meeting, Brady Green Clinic, 3rd floor lecture room, 527 N. Leona 224-2437

7:00-9:00p **San Antonio Women's Caucus** for Art, Writer's Group, Wallace-Musket Gallery, Blue Star Arts Complex, upstairs in Bldg. B. 223-6631

7:00p Bexar County Bears meeting, Rebar, 826 San Pedro. Information 377-7308

20—THURSDAY

7:00p San Antonio Equal Rights Political Caucus General Membership Meeting, MCC, 611 E. Myrtle. 828-2723

21—FRIDAY

Through Mar 15, **The Merchant of Venice** at the San Pedro Playhouse. Call 733-SALT

22—SATURDAY

7:30p **MARTHA WASHINGTON SWEETHEART BALL**, benefiting the MCC-SA Choir at MCC, 611 E. Myrtle. Live entertainment and lots of food all for a \$5 donation. Call 472-3597

23—SUNDAY

10:30a Installation of **Rev. John Nicholas** as Pastor of MCC-SA. 611 E. Myrtle. Call 472-3597

2:00p **CLAUDIA SPEAKS: Love, Passion, Betrayal and Murder in Ancient Rome**. Myths and legends of heroines from ancient Roman drama come alive when the San Antonio Public Theater performs at the San Antonio Museum of Art. Regular admission price. Call 978-8100

8:00p **B.B. KING**, the King of the Blues, at Laurie Auditorium. Call for tickets 224-9600

7:00-8:30p **Alpha Lambda Omega** Christian study and discussion group co-sponsored by St. John's Lutheran Church and Unity Foundation. Pioneer Rm., St. John's, 502 E. Nueva.

27—THURSDAY

7:00p **Unity Foundation Annual Meeting**, Report to the community and election of 7 Directors. All members of the community are encouraged to participate. River City Living Church, 202 Holland. For information call 734-8648 — 734-UNITY

MARCH

Through Mar 9 I, **Claudia: Women in Ancient Rome**. Exhibit featuring Roman painting, statuary, mosaics and decorative arts that explore the role of women in ancient Rome. Cowden Gallery, San Antonio Museum of Art.

1—SATURDAY

2:00p **BAZAAR BLUE STAR** street fair — Call for performers at Jump Start Theater steps, Blue Star Arts Complex, S. Alamo at Probandt: Kitty Williams hosts "open stage" for performance artists, belly dancers, singers, musicians, comedians and people who do "stupid human tricks." To reserve your 10-15 minutes to amaze, awe and stupefy, call 223-6631

2—SUNDAY

Through Mar 3, **Frontliner's Day** in Austin, sponsored by the Texas AIDS Network. Call (512) 447-8887

2:00p **International WOMEN'S DAY MARCH** and **RALLY** at Travis Park.

7:00p MCC sponsored 9-week intensive study of sexual issues and Biblical texts. First 3 Sundays of Mar. Classes facilitated by Rev. John Nicholas. 611 E. Myrtle. 472-3597

3—MONDAY

7:00p SA NOW, Esperanza Peace & Justice Center, 922 San Pedro. 673-8600

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7:30p **"WOMEN EN LARGE"** slide lecture/performance with author/photographer Lorrie Toby Edison, Blue Star Art Gallery, Blue Star Complex, S. Alamo at Probandt.



Rosemary Clooney

Mar 7-9

6—THURSDAY

7:00p-8:30p **PFLAG** Parents and Friends of Lesbians & Gays meeting, The Resource Center, 121 W. Woodlawn 351-0395

7—FRIDAY

8:00p **SINGING FOR OUR LIVES** with **Holly Near** and the **Alamo City Men's Chorale** at the Scottish Rite Temple. 495-7464

8:00p **ROSEMARY CLOONEY** with the **POPS** at the Majestic Theatre. Tickets \$15-\$46. 554-1010
 Also 8p on Mar 8 and 2p on Mar 9

PLANNING AHEAD...

1997

Mar 23 March on Austin
 Mar 24 Lobby Day - Austin
 Apr 6-7 Rainbow Day - Austin
 Apr 18-27 .. Fiesta San Antonio
 May 3 Waltz Across Texas
 May 4 Tejano Fest '97
 May 25 First Splash
 Jun Pride Month
 Jun 5-28 ... Fiesta Noche Del Rio
 Jun 21 ACMC Concert
 Aug 31 Last Splash
 Sep 13 Fiesta del Jardin
 Oct 4 BEAT AIDS Volunteer Appreciation
 Oct 11 Coming Out Day
 Nov 4 Election Day

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My Guardian Angel

By John Nicholas

Helen Speaks: Actually, this is Helen. Your Petrine spiritual leader looks like he has the vapors, so I thought that if y'all were ever going to get a *Marquise* column, I'd have to do it myself and see if I can shame this little nebish into some activity.

John: HELEN! I do not have the vapors, or any other kind of gas. I need some quiet time, time alone, time out, personal time. (Is any of this getting through?) I have to think something through.

Helen: Pardonnez Moi, mon petit chou! Incidentally, Martyr, my love, I AM YOUR TIME OUT! What in the H— do you think a Guardian Angel is for, anyway? Tell Helen all about it.

John: You'll just get tacky and hateful!

Helen: I'm not authorized to get hateful (and neither are you, not that anyone would know!) and I am your Guardian Angel. And tacky is something you have to avoid by skillful means. As a duly haloed Spirit, I am obliged to tell the TRUTH, and if your clumsiness gets noticed, as it will, and you mistake my sage counsel for tackymouth, that is *not* my problem.

John: It's all the dying, Helen, there's so much of it! We're supposed to make a difference, and here and there we do make a difference. But it's all so little! There's a mountain of work and there aren't even fifty of us with so much as a toy shovel! We're tapped out, Helen. The people who could make a difference in this dying business are the very ones who are giving us the shaft. I don't know what to say to all these folks, the ones who come and need so much. I'm ashamed that we have so little to give and to use. I want to make a difference, but I really don't know if I do. You get close to someone and they leave. Hell, they die!

Helen: O.K. John, how about this? All your good deeds and thoughts are part of the heavenly treasury of grace that you have built up and they are held on account to enable you to gain You-Know-Who's approval. That's one; now, all those you're grieving over are even now in the Presence and enjoying the company of The Blessed Virgin and all the Angels and Saints. Feel any better?

John: Well, not really. As a matter of fact, I kind of resent the formula approach from you of all people!

Helen: Why? Not even a Nun could have said it better than I did.

John: That's not the point. When you hurt, you hurt until it stops hurting and some empty repeat of some boring Catechism of Sunday School lesson isn't going to help a bit. I need to know that



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the hurt is going to bring something positive (like a cure) somewhere down the road.

Helen: I know. The truth is, John, that you're operating in the same twilight that all the saints, if you will, have operated in. The Africans in our midst have lived half their collective lives among us in slavery, hoping, just hoping that someday it would end. The Jews spent the better part of the last two thousand years saying, "next year in Jerusalem" and only in your lifetime could they return to Israel. The Palestinians spent forty-six years as a people without a country and only last year were they afforded even a hope for having a say in their own future. Look at Russia, at the Women's Movement, at Native Americans.

All these people who work and hope and struggle and bleed and die are doing it in faith! Oh, not your Sunday School faith that has no challenges and does little more than form a backdrop for middle-american dysfunction, but faith in a future that we need to look for in spite of all that is arrayed against us, in spite of the fact that we might not personally enjoy any of it.

Dear heart, you've made such a big deal about how people like us are just people like anybody else.

In the midst of all this dying, we have quietly taken our place beside all the great peoples of this Earth. We've come out of the bars, the salons, the baths and the parks and we have become a people, no matter what anyone says. We could have done it without the illness and the dying, but this crisis brought it about in an instant of time.

None of this is going to make the hurt go away before it is time for it to go away. Hurt is like the common cold. You're stuck with it for two weeks if you take aspirin and for fourteen days if you don't. Of course, our kind of hurt is much more painful than a cold, but we can and will come out of it.

The operative word, John, is 'WE' I didn't live to see it and there's an even money chance that you won't either. But some of us will. You can chuck it all and hide in any variety of closet, or you can work to leave something behind for those who see Freedom to enjoy.

John: Alright. But you do not comfort me. Maybe it is too soon for comfort of that sort but still, sometimes I get to craving just a moments rest.

You know, kind of cradled in the arms of someone who understands and cares. Like, someone who *really* cares —

Helen: Like I said, Honey, I am your Guardian Angel. Com'ere and put your head on my shoulder. Now close your eyes and rest for a minute —

National News . . .

Red Wing New HRC Field Director

Seasoned Advocate To Build HRC from Grassroots Up

WASHINGTON — Donna Red Wing, a longtime advocate for lesbian and gay rights who was instrumental in the defeat of Oregon's anti-gay ballot measure in 1992, has been named the national field director for the Human Rights Campaign, according to Executive Director Elizabeth Birch.

"We are very fortunate to add Donna Red Wing's talent and vast experience to the staff of the Human Rights Campaign," Birch said. "Donna's abilities as an organizer, public speaker and committed activist will continue the process of building our movement, and the Human Rights Campaign, from the grassroots up."

Red Wing, 46, began work at HRC's Washington office on Jan. 15, 1997. Before joining HRC, Red Wing was a senior consultant to the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation. Based in Portland, Ore., she created a grassroots network of GLAAD outlets to monitor and respond to media representations of gay men, lesbians, bisexuals and the transgendered community.

She is also GLAAD's former field director and community affairs director. Red Wing helped create and manage GLAAD's training programs in dealing with media, violence against gay men and lesbians and organizing against anti-gay initiatives. She was also a national spokeswoman for the organization, delivering scores of keynote speeches within the gay community.

From 1989 to 1993, Red Wing was executive director of the Lesbian Community Project in Portland, the largest lesbian organization in the Pacific



Northwest. During that time, she helped lead the fight against Measure 9, a virulently anti-gay ballot measure that would have amended Oregon's constitution to declare homosexuality "abnormal and perverse" behavior. As a result of her efforts, The Advocate magazine named Red Wing its 1992 Woman of the Year. Simultaneously, her adversaries on the right proclaimed Red Wing "the most dangerous woman in Oregon."

From 1985-1989, Red Wing was executive director of the Child Assault Prevention Project of Central Massachusetts. She holds a bachelor's degree from Assumption College and a master's from Clark University, both in Worcester, Mass.

Red Wing and her partner, Sumitra Red Wing, have been together for 10 years. Donna Red Wing's son, Julian, is a professional musician.

Ex-Ex-Gay Web Site Debunks Anti-Gay "Cures"

The Ex.Ex site (<http://members.aol.com/exexgay>) which is a site on the World Wide Web devoted to exposing the lies of so-called "reparative therapy" and "ex-gay ministries" that claim to "cure" homosexuality. In the words of the site,

"Most people are aware that there is a group of people that say that homosexuality can be 'healed' or 'cured.' Unfortunately that claim, combined with social and religious pressures, has caused many gays and lesbians to go through the emotionally damaging and unsuccessful process of 'sexual re-orientation.'"

Doug Upchurch, founder of the site, says that, "It is our belief that a person that accepts and integrates their sexual orientation is a healthier person, both mentally and emotionally."

"After spending almost 12 years of my life in both formal and informal ex-gay groups, I know there are many ex-gay groups, but there are many more ex-ex-gays." Ex.Ex also features information about so-called ex-gay ministries, personal stories from ex-ex-gays, and links to other useful sites.

Contact: Doug Upchurch, Ex.Ex, e-mail: exexgay@aol.com, WWW: <http://members.aol.com/exexgay>.

Installation Of Reverend John Nicholas

Metropolitan Community Church of San Antonio is happy to announce the formal installation of their new Pastor, The Reverend John Nicholas. The special service will take place on February the twenty third at 10:30 am. The Reverend Eleanor Neely, District Coordinator of the South Central District of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches will be officiating. Please make a space in your calendar for attending this special worship service. M.C.C. of San Antonio is located at 611 East Myrtle. Please contact the Church office at (210) 472-3597 for further details.

See The Marquise Community Events Calendar on page 11 for a listing of new classes.

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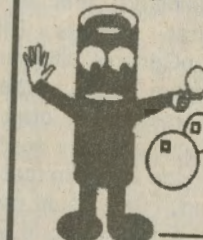
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Lesbian and Gay Community Leaders Meet with Gore

Vice President Pledges Strong Support in Second Clinton Term

Washington - Vice President Gore pledged continued support for the gay community in the second Clinton administration after meeting in the White House with a group of gay and lesbian leaders.

"Vice President Gore was very open to our requests and positive about continuing the dialogue we began four years ago," said Elizabeth Birch, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign. "We also invited the vice president to stop by the gay and lesbian inaugural ball."

Also attending the meeting were: Roberta Achtenberg, an official with the Department of Housing and Urban Development; Keith Boykin, executive director of the Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum; Kerry Lobel, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force; Martin Ornelas-Quintero, head of the Latino/a Lesbian and Gay Organization; Jeff Soref, a gay Democratic activist; and Jeff Trammel, board chair of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund.

The gay leaders voiced strong reservations about President Clinton's plan to impose an annual per-capita cap on Medicaid. Medicaid is the largest source of medical care for people living

with HIV and AIDS, providing coverage for 53 percent of Americans living with AIDS, including more than 90 percent of children living with AIDS.

They also urged the vice president to depoliticize the discussion surrounding needle exchange programs as a means to stop the spread of HIV. And they stressed the continued need for a White House liaison to the gay and lesbian community, a post that is currently vacant.

"We also thanked Vice President Gore for his leadership last year in pressing for passage of the Employment Non-discrimination Act, a bill to outlaw job discrimination based on sexual orientation," Birch said. "Gore had promised to fly back to Washington from an appearance to cast the tie-breaking vote on ENDA in the Senate, if needed. As it turned out, ENDA failed to pass by one vote."

The Human Rights Campaign is the largest national lesbian and gay political organization, with

members throughout the country. It effectively lobbies Congress, provides campaign support and educates the public to ensure lesbian and gay Americans can be open, honest and safe at home, at work and in the Community.



ABC Holding Key to Ellen's Closet

Five Gay Characters Off Air

According to a January 10 Associated Press story, ABC's Ellen is ready to come out, but ABC may not let her. ABC Entertainment President Jamie Tarses admitted that an episode of the sitcom that reveals Ellen Morgan (Ellen DeGeneres' title character) is a lesbian is in the works. In the January 10 wire story, Tarses is quoted telling reporters that "We are very seriously considering going in the direction that everyone is speculating on." She would not make any guarantees that the episode would air, however. "In any case, nothing will happen immediately," the AP article states. "Ellen will go off the air in March and April so its 9:30 Wednesday slot can showcase a

new romantic sitcom starring Arsenio Hall on March 5."

Not counting the Ellen Morgan character, ABC will be pulling five of the remaining 22 lesbian and gay characters on prime time off the air during the spring.

According to GLAAD's Managing Director William Waybourn, "It is a great tragedy that ABC is now waffling on what could be one of the boldest and most dramatic steps ever taken by an American television network. It would be a great injustice if ABC robbed the American public of this tremendous opportunity to get to know such a positive lesbian character."

Let ABC know that the only thing holding back Ellen from coming out now is their own unfounded fears, and insist that Ellen be let out of the closet.

Contact: Jamie Tarses, ABC Television Network, 2040 Avenue of the Stars, Los Angeles, CA 90067, fax: 310.557.7679, e-mail: abcaudr@ccabc.com.



Against Valentine's Day

By Richard D. Mohr

Love, like God and pornography, is in the details. Or at least this is true of those loves that take a marital shape.

I don't want to throw a wet blanket over an occasion to party and perhaps I'm just a fuddy-duddy, but it seems to me the conception of love standing behind Valentine's Day is a mistake. On that model, one falls in love all of a sudden, as though struck by Cupid's arrow, and then persists eternally in that love, which changes from being thought of as an arrow to being thought of as a high blaze, one which magically requires no fuel and produces its own oxygen. Love here is a pure, mystical, disembodied passion, a heady mix of suddenness and transcendence, one which in its early, tingly phase psychologists sometimes call "limerence."

Been there. Done that. Lasted six months. No t-shirt.

True love cuts a different course — one more mundane. Indeed it is rooted in the mundane, the ordinary, even if it sometimes has unexpected beginnings.

We met — Bob and I — on Wednesday 24 May 1978. I was an unemployed bum, he a bartender with a spare afternoon. We intersected while cruising one of the continent's great sexual playgrounds — the ravines that make up Toronto's David Balfour Park, like LA's Mulholland Drive, a wilderness lost amid urban bustle. The day was the year's earliest on which one could reasonably sunbathe. After winter's exile, a few gay boys with time on their hands were out reclaiming swathes of the park as gay turf, while also working on their base. Bob and I had each riveted our eyes on the outstretched frame of what could easily have been a ballet star, but oblivious to his admirers, Apollo nattered away with a nerdy friend.

Bob and I settled on each other, drifted bushward, then to my place. Sex, rather than being wild, crazy, wondrous — was instead exquisitely attentive. Limerence was no where in sight, but from our patient tendance applied to the material aspects of living sprang the headwaters a marital love. The attentiveness lead to the sharing of meals, the planning of days, and before you knew it, nearly nineteen years have logged for our journeyings together.

Along the way, we have accumulated the standard debris of daily domestic life in America — sanitary district tax bills, car insurance payments, property tax evaluation reassessment challenges, a mortgage (now burnt), sets of dishes, toasters, a post-hole digger, left over gallons of house paint, stuff like that. In the main, our life together is ordinary, not operatic. But in its very ordinariness lies its marital nature.

For what marriage is — the thing as lived, not the legal monster — is intimacy given substance through the medium of everyday life, the day-to-day. Marriage is the fused intersection of love's sanctity and necessity's demand.

Culturally we are disinclined to count Great Loves as marriages. Antony and Cleopatra, Tristan and Isolde, Catherine and Heathcliff — these are loves which burn gloriously but too intensely ever to be manifest in a medium of breakfasts and tire-changes. Neither do we count roommates, even "domestic

partners," as married if all that they do is share the common necessities of life (food, housing, and the like). Marriage requires the presence and blending of both necessity and intimacy.

There is now plenty of empirical evidence to show that gay and lesbian couples fulfill this definition of marriage. And ironically, because gay and lesbian couples are freed from the automatic and weighty social expectations of role divisions along gender lines — breadwinner, homemaker, proposer, disposer, top, bottom — gays and lesbians may well provide the cultural exemplars of married life. For an intimate relationship, as distinct from an impersonal or commercial relation, is one that takes its color from the individuality of its members. Roles fixed, or presumed to be fixed, by nature therefore cut against intimacy. For operating according to roles presupposes that people are interacting as types or kinds, not as unique individuals.

It is true that gay and lesbian relations generally divide the duties of living between the partners — this is the efficient thing to do,

the very first among the economies of scale that coupledom affords. But who does what is in the first instance a matter of personal preference and joint planning rather than of nature and culture. Decisions are made in part with an eye to who is better at doing any given task and who has free time — say, for ironing or coping with car-dealerships. But adjustments are made in cases where one person is better at most things — or even everything; here the relation is made less efficient for the sake of equality between partners, who willingly end up doing things they would rather not do — not out of a sense of traditionally assigned duty and role, but out of an impulse to help out, a willingness to

sacrifice, and a commitment to equality.

In these ways both the development of intimacy through choice and the proper valuing of love are interwoven into everyday life. Choice improves intimacy. It makes sacrifices meaningful. And it gives love its proper weight. In a gay marriage the sacrifices that descend instantly through custom and ritual in many heterosexual marriages descent gradually over and through time — and in a way they are better for it. For the sacred values and loyal intimacies contained in a gay marriage are a product of the relation itself, they are truly the couple's own.

Gay folk and straight folk should strike a deal: gays can teach straights how to do it right and straights can give up their monopoly on the benefits of legal marriage. Against that day, Bob and I carry on. Perhaps sedimentation alone is the explanation and perhaps I'm simply deluded, but our love feels ever more deep, robust, substantial — the sort of thing that might lead one to believe in permanent non-material objects, traces of the divine, whatever. Our marriage courses on unwed — shimmering, if plain, constant, and nice.

So let prospective lovers' lessons be: Send flowers and candies if you wish, but hold the limerence. Don't be the love of my life, be the love of my living. And for sure, don't be my valentine.

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Project, PO Box 15705, 78212.

San Antonio Museum of Art, 200 W.
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Lesbian Information San Antonio
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United States Mission (residential
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American Civil Liberties Union (San
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Human Rights Campaign San
Antonio (HRC), PO Box 700652,
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Log Cabin San Antonio
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multicultural congregation, Rev.
Jennifer Menter 826-8771

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Texas Gay Rodeo Association of
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PO Box 15857, 78212 734-UNITY

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Alamo Business Council (ABC), PO
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Alamo City Wranglers (square
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Alamo Couples, PO Box 12446,
78212 Voice mail 979-1015

Bexar County Bears, PO Box 17232,
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bcobears/index.htm

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12342, 78212

Chain of Command (Leathermans
Club), Pegasus, 1407 N. Main.
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Gay/Lesbian Solidarity at UT Health
Science Center San Antonio, 7703
Floyd Curl Dr., DS-Box 466, 78248

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bach, Rd., #116, 78232 646-7151

Prime Timers of San Antonio (mature
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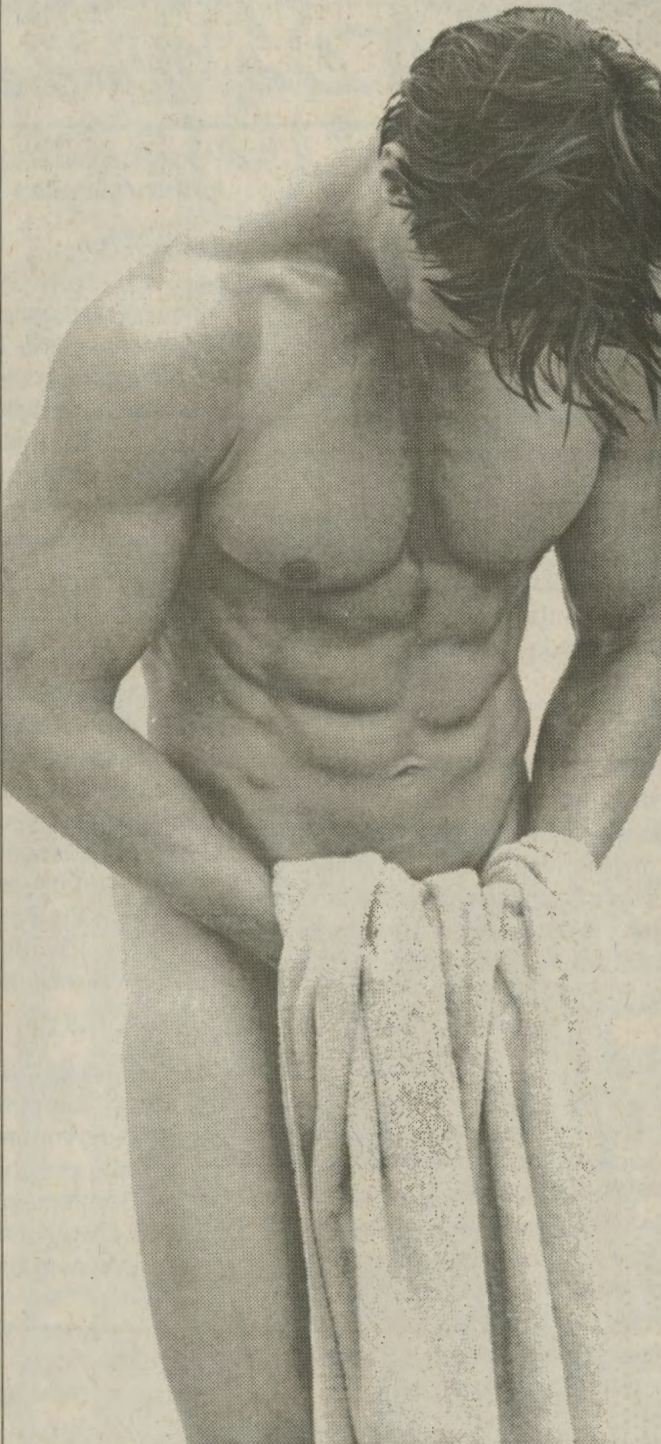
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PISCES

February 20 - March 20
There's a lot going on behind the scenes that could affect your future. Be a good listener and you will benefit from a new point of view. Your water sign influences your psychic abilities, imagination and sensitivity. Your most compatible signs are Capricorn, Taurus, Cancer and Scorpio. Lucky numbers for this month are 2-3-8.

ARIES

March 21 - April 20
There's safety in numbers this month. Group activities and social events put you in the spotlight. Your fire sign is a sign of independence and you have a sense of always being alone and gives you pure self focus even when involved in a relationship. Your most compatible signs are Aquarius, Leo, Gemini and Sagittarius. Your lucky numbers for this month are 2-5-8.

TAURUS

April 21 - May 20
An unexpected coup could put you in line for a promotion at work. Someone special could be working behind the scenes to give you a break. Doubts about your love life should subside after the Full Moon of the 22nd. Your earth sign has you concerned with practicality and dependability in life. Your compatible signs are Capricorn,

Pisces, Cancer and Virgo. Lucky numbers for this month are 1-3-6.

GEMINI

May 21 - June 21
Indulge that restless feeling during the New Moon on the 7th and plan a dream vacation or a simple getaway. Getting to know someone away from work could lead to an interesting exchange of information. Your air sign makes you highly versatile and communicative. Your compatible signs are Aquarius, Aries, Leo and Libra. Your lucky numbers for this month are 1-2-8.

CANCER

June 21 - July 23
Show the caring side of your nature; you can easily charm the opposition. Personal relationships could be a bit stressed now as you sense the winds of change blowing. If you have been clinging to the past, now's the time to embrace the future. Your water sign has you governed by emotion and sensitivity. Your most compatible signs are Pisces, Taurus, Virgo and Scorpio. Your lucky numbers for this month are 1-2-9.

LEO

July 24 - August 23
Use your charm for all it's worth when those around you are indecisive. Use cool logic as well as sympathy. Romance is in the air. Someone could pop the question or suggest a merger. Your fire sign shows you are destined to lead and organize in an inspirational, aggressive, dynamic and idealistic manner. Your most compatible signs are Aries, Gemini, Libra and Sagittarius. Your lucky numbers for this month are 1-3-7.

VIRGO

August 24 - September 23
Find out what is draining the cash flow and put a plug in it during the New Moon on the 7th. Share your time wisely. Your earth sign gives you power to communicate in a material, reflective and strategic manner although you may be secretive at times. Your compatible signs are Capricorn,

Taurus, Cancer and Scorpio. Your lucky numbers for this month are 1-4-8.

LIBRA

September 24 - October 23
Move forward with confidence in all relationships. You're lucky with love and all creative projects now. Let logic rule the day when love distracts you from the tasks at hand. Your air sign gives you the power to lead in a mental, aggressive, dynamic and idealistic manner. Your compatible signs are Aquarius, Leo, Gemini and Sagittarius. Your lucky numbers for this month are 2-6-0.

SCORPIO

October 24 - November 22
The month begins on a high note. You could find just what you've been looking for to make your home a castle. Your water sign gives you the ability to organize in a sensitive, reflective and strategic manner even though you may be secretive at times. Your compatible signs are Capricorn, Pisces, Cancer and Virgo. Lucky numbers for this month are 0-1-2.

SAGITTARIUS

November 23 - December 21
Do some serious thinking about where you are going and with whom. Changes are coming, so go with the flow. Your fire sign gives you the ability to communicate in an inspirational, aggressive, dynamic and idealistic manner. Your compatible signs are Aries, Leo, Libra and Aquarius. Your lucky numbers for this month are 1-2-3.

CAPRICORN

December 22 - January 20
An off-beat adventure could bring interesting new people into your life. Past accomplishments put you in the public eye. Does your outside image reflect the best of you? Your earth sign gives you the ability to lead in a material, reflective and strategic manner. Your most compatible signs are Pisces, Taurus, Virgo and Scorpio. Your lucky numbers for this month are 1-2-7.

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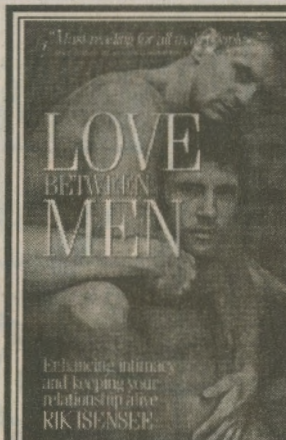
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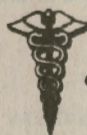
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