

## GAY COMMUNITY TO CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN EVE WITH "SCARY FAIRY" BLOCK PARTY

DON JONES

Several local clubs, groups, and organizations are teaming with the gay and lesbian nightclubs located on Main Avenue to plan a Halloween event slated to begin at 6:00 pm and end at 11:00 pm on Saturday, October 30th, in the parking lots surrounding the Saint, HEAT, The Pegasus, and the Silver Dollar Saloon nightclubs. In addition to live on-stage entertainment, there will be music, food, beverages, and a long list of other activities designed to make this event a winner. For your \$1 donation at the gate, you'll enjoy:

A costume contest, In addition to the costume contests planned at each of the participating bars, there will be a separate contest for block party participants, with winners in several categories.

A Jack O'Lantern Contest, with an auction of the pumpkins afterward, biggest pumpkin, carving.

A Small Haunted House at each bar entrance.

The organizations coordinating the event include TGRA, Diversity Center, Royal, Sovereign Imperial Court of the Alamo Empire, Alamo City Men's Chorale, Krissie's Kids, We are Alive, Proud 2 Be, Bears of San Antonio, Project Save, BEAT AIDS, and many others. Other organizations interested in participating may contact Troy Tamez at 210-264-8769 or at [troytamez@sbcglobal.net](mailto:troytamez@sbcglobal.net).

Booths are available for \$75.00, and may be used for food, merchandise, games, or information. The coordinators encourage a carnival-like atmosphere, so the campier and more festive your entry, the better. For food

vendors, only one menu item may be served per booth and the food item choices will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Food item selections will be confirmed to the applicants as soon as possible, but vendors are urged to await confirmation before making firm plans.

For planning meeting dates and times, contact Troy Tamez. For vendor applications, come join us at the planning meeting or call Fran Mendez at 210-884-4034.



## DIVERSITY CENTER CALLS FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR "IN THE LIMELIGHT" GAY AND LESBIAN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

First annual event to take place during Fiesta San Antonio 2005

DON JONES

The Diversity Center, San Antonio's and South Texas' gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community center, is soliciting submissions for their first-ever gay and lesbian international film festival. The SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL GLBT FILM FESTIVAL looks forward to providing the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community with a much anticipated cultural event and adding to the positive image of this community.

Submissions of films and videos by, about, or of interest to gay men, lesbians, bisexuals, or transgender

people are now being accepted for our FIRST ANNUAL FILM FESTIVAL APRIL 14-17, 2005. The submission dates are Saturday, January 15th, 2005 through Monday, February 28, 2005. Guidelines for submissions are as follow:

1. VHS NTSC video format or DVD only are accepted for preview. All preview tapes must be labeled, on both the tape and the case, with the title, running time, filmmaker's name, and a contact phone number.

2. Rough cuts and works-in-progress are eligible for submission only if an exhibition print is available by Saturday, March 25, 2005.

3. Accepted categories are Narrative shorts and feature length, Documentaries, and Animation. We do not program Experimental films.

4. Film and video works in languages other than English must be subtitled.

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## SAVE A HORSE, RIDE A COWBOY!

TROY TAMEZ

The Texas Gay Rodeo Association is having their 21st Annual Rodeo from September 24th to 26th in Austin, Texas. The Capital City Rodeo will be held at the Travis County Expo Center the last weekend of September. Cowboys and cowgirls will be there from all over the state both to party like only Texans can and to enjoy the rodeo as well. The rodeo will be on Saturday, the 25th, and Sunday, the 26th.

If you're interested in attending, tickets are \$15 for one day or \$25 for both days, if purchased by 10 pm Friday night at the host hotel, the Double Tree. The number for the Double Tree is 1-800-222-8733. Tickets may also be purchased online at <http://www.tgra.org> for your convenience.

Volunteers are needed to help make this event even better. If you're interested in helping out, volunteers and crew members need to register on Friday September 24, 2004 at the Double Tree Hotel.

Registration is open from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Robertson Room. If you need more information on volunteering, or would like to volunteer, please email Marcia Johnson, TGRA's State President, at [mjtoolgirl@yahoo.com](mailto:mjtoolgirl@yahoo.com). Please include the time and dates of your availability.

So break out your tightest wranglers and your cowboy boots, and join us for one hell of a good time!

### Capital City Rodeo Schedule of Events

Thursday, September 23, 2004  
Rainbow Cattle Company  
8:00 pm - TGRA Royalty Competition

Friday, September 24, 2004  
Show Barn - Travis County Expo Center  
12:00pm - Horse Stall check-in begins

Host Hotel - Double Tree Hotel  
6:00pm - 9:00pm - Robertson Room  
Contestant and Volunteer Registration, Package Ticket Sales  
6:00pm - 10:00pm - Lobby outside Phoenix Room  
Maps, Information and Inventory Sales  
8:00pm - Midnight - Phoenix Central  
Kick Off Party and Dance  
10:00pm - Phoenix Central  
2004 Royalty Step Down  
2005 Royalty Crowning

Saturday, September 25, 2004  
Show Barn Arena - Travis County Expo Center  
8:30am - New Contestant Meeting  
9:00am - Rodeo Competition Begins  
9:00am - Vendor Area Opens  
Noonish - Opening Ceremony, Grand Entry, Foot Parade  
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5. Please do not send submissions in fiber-filled envelopes, as the dust damages tapes and VCRs.

6. In addition to your tape submission, please send photos, stills and press kits, reviews or other publicity materials you may have. Photos may be used for promotion or used for the Diversity Center Web site and program guide. The Diversity Center must be notified in writing of any press or photo restrictions. Photos can also be emailed as attachments in JPEG format to [filmfest@diversitycentersa.org](mailto:filmfest@diversitycentersa.org).

7. Final program decisions will be made by Sunday, March 27, 2005, and notifications will be emailed or postal mailed.

8. Submitted tapes and materials of works not accepted for the festival will be returned only if a SASE (self-addressed stamped envelope) of sufficient size and with sufficient postage is enclosed with submission materials. The Diversity Center does not pay rental fees for submitted works programmed into the festival.

9. Shipment of exhibition materials to the Diversity Center must be paid by the applicant. The Diversity Center accepts no responsibility for loss or damage of programmed exhibition materials during shipment to or from the festival. In case of loss or damage during the festival, the responsibility of the Diversity Center is limited to the costs for repair or replacement of the print.

10. Return shipment of exhibition materials will be paid for by the Diversity Center.

11. Entering a film or video indicates the acceptance of the Diversity Center submission guidelines and requirements.

12. Send submissions to:

DIVERSITY CENTER ATTN: FILM FEST COMMITTEE  
PO BOX 12254  
SAN ANTONIO TX 78212

For more information: email  
[filmfest@diversitycentersa.org](mailto:filmfest@diversitycentersa.org) or call 1-210-223-6106, or see the website at  
<http://www.diversitycentersa.org/Main/Filmfestival/Default.htm>.

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Saturday, September 25, 2004

Afternoon - Rodeo Competition Continues

1:00pm - Entertainment - North End of Show Barn

Rainbow Cattle Company

7:00pm - 9:00pm Cocktail Party and Show

Sunday, September 26, 2004

Show Barn Arena - Travis County Expo Center

9:00am - Rodeo Competition Begins

9:00am - Vendor Area Opens

Noonish - Mounted Grand Entry

Afternoon - Rodeo Competition Continues

1:00pm - Entertainment - North End of Show Barn

Host Hotel - Double Tree Hotel

8:00pm - Midnight - Phoenix Central

Awards Ceremony and Dance

For More Information call the Rodeo Hotline (214) 346-2107 or visit [www.texasgayrodeo.org](http://www.texasgayrodeo.org)

## STONEWALL DEMOCRATS OF SAN ANTONIO PAC DISTRIBUTES \$1,000 IN CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

On August 23, 2004, the Stonewall Democrats of San Antonio Political Action Committee (SDSA PAC) approved campaign contributions totaling \$1,000 to gay-friendly state and local candidates. Checks were issued to the following candidates: David Van Os for Texas Supreme Court (\$500); State Representative Mike Villarreal (\$200); State Senator Leticia Van De Putte (\$100); Sheriff Ralph Lopez (\$100) and Bexar County Constable Jimmy Willborn (\$100). All of these candidates are facing Republican opponents in the November 2 election.

SDSA is an organization that advocates on behalf of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender equality and has 125 members, 15% of whom are heterosexual.

To qualify for SDSA PAC financial support, the candidate must meet at least three (3) of the following four (4) criteria: (1) must be a state, local or judicial candidate (SDSA PAC is registered as a state PAC with the Texas Ethics Commission and is not eligible to make campaign contributions to candidates running for federal office); (2) received the endorsement of SDSA or another Stonewall Democrats chapter in Texas or has addressed the Texas Stonewall Democratic Caucus; (3) established a supportive voting record and/or policy initiatives on GLBT issues, or if not an incumbent, must have demonstrated support on GLBT issues through public speeches or campaign materials; and (4) demonstrated viability as a candidate through broad financial support, other endorsements and/or a chance of winning.

SDSA PAC also considers the following factors in making campaign contributions: (1) the candidate has appeared at SDSA meetings and/or other events in the GLBT community; (2) has given financial support to GLBT organizations or events; (3) received awards or other recognitions from GLBT organizations or groups, and (4) demonstrated general "friendliness", accessibility and outreach toward the GLBT community.

Thanks to generous support from members of SDSA, the SDSA PAC has received contributions totaling \$3,300 since its inception on May 12, 2004. A portion of these funds are earmarked for SDSA's candidate endorsement activities. SDSA has endorsed 27 Democrats in races that will appear on the November 2 ballot and will print voter's guides that will be mailed to over 3,500 households in Bexar and surrounding counties and distributed to bars and other locations frequented by the GLBT community.

"Gay dollars do count", says Richard Moon, Assistant Treasurer of the SDSA PAC, "and the only way we can keep contributing to campaigns through November 2 is if we have the support of our community."

If you are interested in making a contribution to the SDSA PAC, you may contact Dan Graney at (210) 494-7442 or [dcgraney@yahoo.com](mailto:dcgraney@yahoo.com).

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## WITH APOLOGIES FROM THE EDITOR AND AN ANNOUNCEMENT

With my apologies to our readers, this issue became rather tight, quickly. We have a number photos from various events that took place this past two weeks, but unfortunately, we just ran out of room!

On hand hand, it is very difficult to decide what to run and what not to run. On the other hand, it is very exciting to have as much community involvement in the paper! I was very proud of the last issue because Vortex had a number of local articles contributed by various people from different organizations. This issue has surpassed that!

I feel like Vortex has started to become more of a community paper and shall continue to become even more so!

Next week I will endeavor to include all the photos excluded from this issue and I will promise an announcement concerning changes that will improve Vortex immensely

Jim Kane

# DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE IS OCT. 2

# THE GRASS ISN'T GREENER, WE'RE JUST FRIGGIN' TRIPPIN'

chronicles of single-hood by anna-marie

Okay, it's now been a few months since I made the decision to break up with my partner of over 15 years. I honestly felt, and still do, that it was best for the both of us, not just myself. I could see that we had become complaisant and had lost that fire. And many times the only passion that we experienced was the heated argument over who ate the last of the Potato Chips or used the debit card and didn't record it. And of course I was always at fault.

One morning I woke up wondering how I had become the Director of Waste Management and Head Grounds Keeper. Okay, I know that there is a certain comfort in knowing your place. Sort of like the "comfortable-old-wallet-in-the-back-pocket-theory".

Well, I realized that most think I have absolutely gone mad, gotten off of my meds, or was having an affair. WRONG! I have never and would never cheat on my spouse. Okay, so maybe I have cut back on the meds and yes, at times, I am a little nuts. But, sometimes we just have to go out on a limb and

Jump...

Most would have wanted the life that I had, a beautiful, intelligent, trusting mate, a great home, etc., etc.

We had traveled much and done almost anything that our little hearts desired. Why breakup now?

Let's just say that my life was in a state of flux and I had no choice. But, that's another story...

Do you remember the Saturday Night characters that Steve Martin and Bill Murray played? You know those "two wild and crazy guys"? Well, in all honesty, after a few too many cocktails I am realizing that I'm not too far from becoming them. Embarrassed? Of course! Someone should hold classes on being single. Imagine after 15 years of not going to the bars, meeting new women, or some one to remind you that you're nearing the "stupid drunk" phase of the evening you are suddenly out there with no rule book.

There should be a bootcamp to prepare us for this life. For instance, I just discovered that I stutter every time an attractive women ask me a question at a club. Me? You're talking to me? Uh, uh, ahrrgg I just swallowed the olive toothpick and all, real smooth as I fall to the floor grasping for breath pretending to be having a stroke, a much more acceptable malady.

But the one's that I really pity for having to put up with us are the bartenders. Have you ever noticed that the newly single are the first ones at the bar and the last ones to leave? And the bartenders are always getting hit on by us. You see they have to be nice to us. Plus, it's not like they can just get up and leave. They are the first to hear every tired line in the book before the other women have a chance. I swear that every bartender in this town pours me doubles every time I buy a drink just to get me drunk faster and the hell out of their bar.

I don't blame them. Well, as embarrassing as a bad case of zits prom night I guess I'll survive this also. Hopefully, I haven't made an ass of myself in front of every women in this town, yet...

Next Month: "Are you SURE this isn't your first time?"

## GAY FIESTA IN OCTOBER

TROY TAMEZ

The 21st Annual Gay Fiesta will be held at the historic LaVillita Assembly Hall on Sunday, October 10th from 12 pm until 8 pm. Gay Fiesta is a day of fun filled activities for everyone in the community, with plenty of food, drinks, and dancing. There will also be vendors with various merchandise items.

Admission is \$8 for individuals 21 and up and is \$10 for minors. A valid id is required. Those individuals under 18 must be with their "legal" guardian & have valid proof.

Behind the scenes and absorbed into the hustle and bustle of GayFiesta, individual volunteers, volunteers from various organizations, and entertainers are working hard to make GayFiesta fun and to raise funds for charity. If you're interested in helping out with this event or need more information, you can email [gayfiesta@yahoo.com](mailto:gayfiesta@yahoo.com) or check out <http://www.gayfiesta.org>.

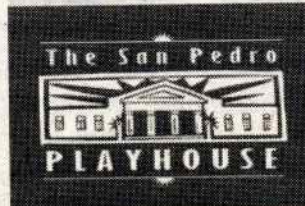
Check out Gay Fiesta's website for pictures of all the fun from previous years!

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## TONY KUSHNER'S PULITZER PRIZE DRAMA ANGELS IN AMERICA MILLENNIUM APPROACHES & PERESTROIKA



SEPTEMBER 25-  
OCTOBER 31



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# IN FOCUS TEXAS GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

TROY TAMEZ

Gay Rodeo. There's something you don't see all the time. The truth is though, that for the past 21 years, the Texas Gay Rodeo Association (TGRA) has thrived in Texas. The organization is committed to promoting the image of women and men in rodeo, and they have a blast doing it. TGRA puts on an annual rodeo in Texas (see this issue's "Save a Horse, Ride a Cowboy" for more details), stages smaller local events, and raises money for charity. Over the past 20 years, they've raised more than \$2 million in funds for charities.

During the past year, San Antonio's TGRA chapter raised over \$10,000 for local charities, including: Beat-AIDS, Krissie's Kids, the San Antonio Aids Foundation, We Are Alive, and Mujeres Unidas Contra el SIDA. The same night that funds were disbursed to these agencies, the fundraising for the next year began, with a strong start of over \$500 in contributions. TGRA was also instrumental in ensuring that this year's Gay Pride SA Block Party went off without a hitch and was widely successful in its first year of existence, with several members working all day, from sunrise until well past midnight.

Since one of the primary goals of the organization is fundraising, members can frequently be found at (you guessed it) fundraising events around town. The first Sunday of the month, they host a hamburger night at the Pegasus, starting at 6:00 pm. The price for a burger is \$3.00. There's also a BBQ at the Annex the 2nd Sunday of the month starting at 5:00pm, and the price for that is \$4.00. The BBQ plate comes with sausage, brisket, salad, beans, and all the fixings. TGRA also holds "Play Days" throughout the year. Play days are mini-rodeos for practice and fun, and participants range from the very young to the young at heart. Other special events are held throughout the year, so keep your eyes posted for information about those occurrences.

And if you're real lucky, you'll get to catch a TGRA show at one of the bars around town. The San Antonio chapter president, Ms. Anne Budd, is running for Ms. TGRA, and no, she's not lip-synching when she's up on stage. She's putting on a real live performance. And her partner in crime, Miss Wanda Bouvier (most of us know her simply as "Wanda") is a candidate for Miss TGRA. Wanda cooks up one hell

of a chili and enjoys the attention of her gentlemen callers. Both ladies are tireless in their commitment, lending their fundraising skills to local organizations on an almost weekly basis. Anne, Wanda, and other performers will be performing at the Saint on Friday, September 11th, from 9 pm to 10:30 pm for the Annual President's Show.

When asked why people should become involved with TGRA, State President Marcia Johnson replied, "Well we raise money for our community, we host 2 excellent rodeos a year, and we have fun no matter where we go. You can go to the website (<http://www.tgra.org>) and get applications. Looking forward to meeting all of you." Plus, you know that nobody can combine Gay and Rodeo like a Texan can!

If you'd like to know more about, or are interested in joining TGRA, you may contact Anne Budd by email at [anne@texascowgirl.net](mailto:anne@texascowgirl.net) or by phone at (210) 844-0867. You can also come by either the September chapter meeting on Sunday, September 5th at the Heat at 2:00 pm, or the October chapter meeting on Sunday, October 3rd at the Pegasus at 2:00 pm.

## GAYS AND LESBIANS TO WITHHOLD \$1.4 BILLION DURING OCTOBER 8 ECONOMIC BOYCOTT

The U.S. lesbian and gay population spends an average of \$1.4 billion each day, totaling \$500 billion a year, and Boycott For Equality is organizing a one-day nation-wide economic 'walkout' on October 8, 2004 to make that point clear.

The one-day event is designed to highlight the contribution that lesbians and gays make to the domestic economy and tax base, at the same time they are denied the full legal protections and civil liberties afforded heterosexual Americans.

"We want to remind those in our nation who don't always see the impact of our community in terms of dollars and cents that we do have real market power," said Boycott for Equality Co-Founder Dale Duncan. "We were inspired by Don't Amend Founder Robin Tyler's famous quip, 'If being gay is a disease, let's all call in sick to work' and decided to put those words into action."

Up to twenty-seven million Americans identify as being primarily lesbian or gay, yet no Federal law provides protection from discrimination in the workplace and many State and Federal laws prohibit

access to the rights and responsibilities of marriage. According to the Washington D.C.-based public relations firm Witeck-Combs Communications, the US Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) population contributed an estimated \$500 billion to the U.S. marketplace in 2003, while The University of Georgia's Selig Center at the Terry College of Business estimates that the African-American, Hispanic, Asian and Native-American markets contributes \$688 billion, \$653 billion, \$344 billion, and \$45 billion respectively.

"This event brings into focus the economic contribution of GLBT citizens," said Duncan. "And people understand money. The response so far has been tremendous."

Some major groups that have endorsed or encouraged Boycott for Equality Day include the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Don't Amend: The Equality Campaign, The Advocate magazine, Civil Marriage US, DC Diversity, Equality Illinois and Wyoming Equality.

Additionally, comic Margaret Cho's web site, [loveisloveislove.com](http://loveisloveislove.com), has listed Boycott For Equality

Day as one of the "12 Things You Can Do" to promote gay and lesbian equality.

October 8 falls on a Friday, and the following Monday is National Coming Out Day, Duncan explained. "It seemed like a great time to make our presence felt."

Boycott For Equality is an Atlanta-based non-profit formed to promote the boycott, scheduled this year for October 8. For that day, GLBT Americans and their straight allies are encouraged to withdraw from the economy in three specific areas:

- 1) Do not purchase anything. Do not generate sales tax or business revenue.
- 2) Don't work. Take the day off - do not generate payroll taxes, income taxes or add to the economy.
- 3) Do not use cell phones. Dropping out of the communication network is a way to measure the impact of your presence.

For more information, visit [www.boycottforequality.org](http://www.boycottforequality.org)

## ANGELS IN AMERICA

ANGELS IN AMERICA will open at the San Pedro Playhouse Russell Hill Rogers Theater on September 25, 2004. Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Drama as well as the Tony Award for Best Play, this Tony Kushner masterpiece has never been produced in San Antonio, Texas. Kushner, often described as "this generation's Tennessee Williams," takes us on a journey that follows a handful of young people on a wildly theatrical roller-coaster ride through the demise of the sexual revolution brought about by the AIDS epidemic. The audience will experience the anguish, fear, exhilaration, love and loss of the characters as they do battle in the political, sociological and moral mine fields of 1985. Rejoice in the triumphant spirit of hope which fuels these Angels' passion for life.

Both Part I: Millennium Approaches and Part II: Perestroika will be presented during the six-week run-part one the first two weeks; part two the second two weeks with a marathon presentation of both parts the last two weeks. A complete performance schedule appears below.

Artistic Director Frank Latson directs. The play contains strong language, sexual content and nudity.

The San Pedro Playhouse, just north of downtown and San Antonio's famed Riverwalk, is San Antonio's oldest live theater. The award-winning Playhouse, nestled in beautiful San Pedro Springs Park, opened in 1930 and recently underwent a multi-million dollar restoration which incorporated state-of-the-art technology while preserving the building's historic charm.

Tickets are \$20 each for adults with discounts for students, seniors, military and groups. Special "Angel Pass" discount tickets can be purchased for both parts for \$35. Call 210 733-7258 for tickets and information.

Specific show dates and times are as follows:

Angels in America: Millennium Approaches  
Saturday, September 25, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 26, 2:30 p.m.  
Friday, October 1, 8:00 p.m.  
Saturday, October 2, 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday, October 3, 2:30 p.m.  
Friday, October 22, 8:00 p.m.  
Sunday, October 24, 2:30 p.m.  
Thursday, October 28, 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday, October 30, 2:30 p.m.  
Sunday, October 31, 2:30 p.m.  
Angels in America: Perestroika  
Friday, October 8, 8:00 p.m.  
Saturday, October 9, 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday, October 10, 2:30 p.m.  
Friday, October 15, 8:00 p.m.  
Saturday, October 16, 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday, October 17, 2:30 p.m.  
Saturday, October 23, 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday, October 24, 7:00 p.m.  
Friday, October 29, 8:00 p.m.  
Saturday, October 30, 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday, October 31, 7:00 p.m.

# GOING STRAIGHT, OR HOW TO KEEP YOUR NELLIE ASS OUT OF JAIL

DON JONES

San Antonio's GLBT (gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered) community recently became the recipient of a blessing from the San Antonio Police Department. Police Chief Albert Ortiz appointed a veteran SAPD Captain, Larry Birney, as a liaison between the SAPD and our community. Captain Birney, or Larry as he prefers to be called, has fielded a great number of phone calls since the announcement, and there's plenty more on his plate.

The move was significant enough to warrant a story in the San Antonio Current, and was the impetus for a series of interviews of community members and other interested persons by Express-News reporter Lisa Marie Gomez. An interesting side note is that the Express has made their own appointment of Ms. Gomez as a minority affairs reporter covering the GLBT community. If you're counting, that makes three major, influential San Antonio institutions that have recently recognized that the community to which we belong is a significant part of the city's cultural, political, and governmental mix, and that we deserve their attention.

What kind of attention do we want and need?

By elevating our relationship with the SAPD to a level worthy the scrutiny of the Express-News, we have approached a decision-making crossroads: Will the GLBT community take the high road, examine our own flaws, and undertake an effort to demonstrate to the greater community an eagerness to take the initiative by addressing the historical problems that have resulted in law enforcement's apparently increased level of activity in our bars, discos, and nightclubs, or will we wink at the urban plagues that cause this type of attention?

Here are the issues: Excessive alcohol consumption and the resulting danger to ourselves and others on the roads, the ready availability of narcotics in our nightspots, and the things some people do to obtain the money to get those narcotics, including prostitution. Some of us face other problems after we get home, such as GLBT domestic violence, an issue that the State of Texas is addressing via its award of a grant to the Diversity Center to provide education and services to those who experience this horrible nightmare as well as to those who respond to the 911 calls.

If the community takes the initiative to address these issues proactively, the action will earn us the respect of the greater community as well as that of law enforcement and local government. If we choose to ignore the problems, we will continue to see SAPD officers in and around our nightspots and face the reality of having to bail our friends and loved ones out of jail.

In the coming weeks, months, and years we will either step up to face these issues or we will have wasted this opportunity. We need to take decisive, well-constructed steps to seize this opportunity to demonstrate our community's maturity and willingness to embrace good citizenship. We must take advantage of the growing sophistication of our relationship with the news media to highlight our efforts and ensure that the entire city knows what we have done, are doing, and what plans we are making to achieve the objective of a law-abiding community that addresses its own problems in a thoughtful and solution-oriented manner.

By adopting this strategy and taking these steps, we will have the moral authority to insist that the City also mend its ways. We can provide sensitivity and awareness information to the SAPD and EMS personnel to make sure they show us the appropriate professionalism they show any other minority group. We can insist on diversity among the professionals that respond to our concerns, and expect that our community is proportionately represented among their ranks. We can help to create an atmosphere where GLBT police officers and EMS personnel are comfortable with being 'out,' and ask for SAPD and Fire Department assurances that those officers will be preferentially assigned to the areas where they are more likely to encounter the GLBT citizens who need their services. We can also insist that the City provide domestic partner benefits to their employees so they can enjoy the same peace of mind that is enjoyed by their 'straight' coworkers.

According to the SAPD's own website, there were 2,054 sworn officers on the force in 2003, the most recent year for which such numbers were posted. If one assumes a gay to straight ratio of 1:20, the SAPD should reflect a presence of 102 GLBT officers. Again, assuming a male to female ratio of 1:1, our police force should include 51 male-identified GLBT police officers and 51 female-identified police officers. These numbers would reflect the composition of the community served by this agency.

How do we take the first step?

The first step needs to be collection of data. We need to know and be able to quantify the nature and number of police calls that could be characterized as GLBT related, and armed with that knowledge, begin to develop a plan based on the continued on page 6

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# GLAAD UNVEILS 30-SECOND 'I DO' TV SPOT

The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) today unveiled the winner of its "I DO" contest, a national advertising competition designed to promote equal marriage rights and protections for gay and lesbian families. GLAAD also today announced a partnership with Rock the Vote to take the ad and its message of marriage equality to young voters in key states.

"I Believe in Love" was created by Kyle Grote of West Jefferson, Ohio, with the help of his siblings Katie Stephenson and Tom Grote and producing partner Frank Koch. GLAAD will place the 30-second ad in select markets this fall. The ad can be viewed online at [www.idoin30seconds.org](http://www.idoin30seconds.org).

"As millions of gays and lesbians see their lives reduced to a partisan political wedge issue, it's more important than ever that we open America's eyes to the reality of our families, the rights we lack and the protections we need," said GLAAD Executive Director Joan M. Garry. "The Grote family's ad reaffirms the

dignity, the value and the common humanity of our relationships. GLAAD is honored to be able to share this ad with people across the country."

"I Believe in Love" depicts a woman who traces her family's history of overcoming prejudice and discrimination against the backdrop of her own fight to marry the woman she loves. The ad closes with the recent quote by Vice President Dick Cheney: "Freedom means freedom for everyone."

"Making the spot was really a family project," says Kyle Grote, who, like his sister, Katie, is straight. "When our brother Tom came out 14 years ago, it really opened our eyes and our hearts. We've seen the intolerance he's faced, and it's strengthened our desire to support him. Creating this ad - putting a human face on such an important issue - gave us the opportunity to do just that."

To help promote the "I DO" campaign, GLAAD is also joining forces with Rock the Vote, taking the message of marriage equality to college campuses and

promoting young voter turnout this November. The Rock the Vote tour begins Sept. 11, 2004 at Kent State University in Ohio. GLAAD will be part of the Rock the Vote bus tour on several of its September and October dates, including its stop at the first presidential debate on Oct. 1 in Miami.

"Young people have an unprecedented opportunity to be the swing vote in this election," said Jehmu Greene, president of Rock the Vote. "We plan to mobilize 20 million new-generation voters to go to the polls in November, and the bus tour will be a catalyst for bringing young people together to talk about the issues at stake."

"The goal of the 'I DO' campaign is to give people a voice and to tell the stories of our lives," Garry added. "We're bringing these spots to the LGBT community and to young people along the Rock the Vote bus tour so that they too will understand the importance of making their voices heard."

For more information go to [www.glaad.org](http://www.glaad.org).

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priorities expressed by those statistics. Once we know more precisely which problems create the greatest demand for police activity, we can quickly reduce the demand for law enforcement by reducing the incidence of those types of calls.

The next step is education. There are three distinct populations that need to be provided with more information.

One population is the 'first responders,' or the law enforcement, EMS, and medical personnel who deal with incidents of violence, infractions, and accidents, to assist them in developing appropriate behavior in their interactions with the GLBT community, as well as insights into the mechanics of GLBT relationships so they can identify domestic violence and respond appropriately.

The second group is the GLBT community itself. We must be aware of the imperfections of our milieu, and help those within our community who need to be informed about the dangers of excessive alcohol consumption, driving while intoxicated, illegal narcotics, and domestic violence. The first step toward solving a problem is identifying it as a problem. As examples, for some a fourth drink may be excessive. For others, two drinks may render them incapable of safe driving. And many, many members of our community don't recognize the signs of an abusive intimate relationship.

The third audience for an educational message is the entire population of the City. These people will influence the nature and scope of governmental interventions based on their perceptions of the groups and problems involved. They will respond positively or negatively depending on our efforts to paint a picture using the media to publicize our own initiatives to address our problems. With the public on our side, we can expect greater access and cooperation from the SAPD, the Fire Department, and City Hall.

#### What are our goals?

In order to win the hearts and minds of the GLBT community and build grassroots support for reform, we need to have clearly defined results in mind that represent a significant payoff that can be easily described to those whom we wish to persuade. The issues should be identified and positioned to result in:

Reduced risk of being jailed,  
More freedom of personal expression and tolerance,  
and Greater economic opportunity.

How can we make these assertions? By working toward a culture of citizenship, we not only reduce the incidence of law enforcement activity in our

places of community, but we also reduce the actuality of the acts that result in arrest. By demonstrating community responsibility and initiative, we gain the moral high ground and polish the image held by the greater population with regard to our lifestyles. By enhancing our image we also gain a greater opportunity for ourselves and people like us to obtain economic opportunities such as jobs, promotions, and benefits.

These are all very real and attainable goals, provided there exists within the community a desire to attain them. One area is already under attack: the issue of GLBT domestic violence. The Diversity Center, as mentioned above, is under contract with the State to address the issue over the next three years. The other issues remain unaddressed at this time.

#### What's next?

In the coming weeks, the Diversity Center will continue to work on the following:

Collection of data from SAPD on the nature and result of law enforcement activity in the bar district

Development of a GLBT Task Force to develop and implement a plan of action, and

Continued public awareness efforts.

We will work with the Police Liaison to identify the problem areas and possible sources of program funding. We will promote the idea of a Task Force with Diversity Center groups as well as with other organizations. We will ask the City and County to assist with identification of areas where political entities share our goals and can help us to achieve them.

#### Other Issues

The SA Current's September 9th issue includes an article on page 7 that acknowledges the new SAPD liaison and raises some issues that should not be ignored in our relationship with law enforcement. While commending the Chief of Police on the appointment, the Current article also reminds us of incidents where GLBT community members are victims of violent crime. This is another area where development of a relationship and rapport can help the community to realize a greater sense of security and respect from the non-GLBT residents of our city. San Antonio still does not recognize a non-discrimination policy that specifies sexual orientation or gender identity as protected from arbitrary personnel actions. There is no local ordinance recognizing hate crimes against GLBT people, and the State law that addresses this issue is seldom invoked. [I was unable to find any reference to "Hate Crimes" in the SAPD's crime statistics section of their website.]

Historically, the SAPD and our judicial system as a whole have regarded some GLBT crime victims as less than human. Somehow, a gay murder victim whose killer claims "gay panic" is less of a loss than a heterosexual victim, and the imposed sentences for the crimes reflect that sentiment. Some officers like to refer to crimes committed against GLBT individuals as "no human involved" crimes, insinuating that the victim, as a gay, lesbian, or transgendered person, is undeserving of justice. Some of you are old enough to remember the ex-marine who murdered his male sex partner in a Broadway motel room and received probation for the offense. Others may still feel the sting of the lack of interest in charging Juan Manuel Arredondo with a hate crime in the recent murder of Clarence "CJ" Jurens, where the alleged murderer scrawled "he repe me" in the victim's blood on the bathroom mirror.

An internet search for relevant news stories resulted in several unpleasant memories: Matthew Shepard, Barry Winchell, and Billy Jack Gaither, all deaths of gay men resulting only from the fact that they were gay or rumored to be so.

The Current article also raised the incident where Riverwalk Park Rangers accosted two male Canadian tourists, calling them "fags" and physically restraining them for questionable reasons. Although the Park Police do not fall under the authority of the Chief of the SAPD, they still are law enforcement officials and their actions point to a culture of insensitivity among law enforcement officers.

#### Utopia?

According to the FBI's most recent available statistics, 2002 data included reports of 1,464 offenses caused by a sexual-orientation bias. Of these, male homosexuals were the targets of 65.4 percent of the attacks. Law enforcement attributed the remaining offenses to anti-homosexual bias, 17.7 percent; anti-female homosexual bias, 14.1 percent; anti-heterosexual bias, 1.8 percent; and anti-bisexual bias, 1.0 percent. Interestingly, the same report shows only two incidents of hate crimes in Bexar County during 2002, with both incidents being motivated by race.

There are several reasons there were no hate crimes based on sexual orientation reported in San Antonio in 2002. Perhaps there were none, and San Antonio is a gay Utopia.. Perhaps there were such crimes but they were not reported. And perhaps there were such crimes that were reported, but failed to be recorded as hate crimes.

Fairness and equality demand that these situations also be addressed. A key element toward accomplishment of this objective will be education of law enforcement officers and other criminal justice professionals.



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We invite all Community friendly businesses and organizations to list their local contact information in the Directory for free. Please e-mail your information to bexarvortex@earthlink.net or call (210) 213-0072 and speak with Jim Kane.

# CALENDAR

<p><b>FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17</b>          AIDS Walk Fundraiser          BERMUDA TRIANGLE</p> <p>Miss Yella Rose          10:30 PM          CAMEO THEATRE</p> <p><b>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18</b></p> <p>Burgers &amp; Hot Dogs          4:00-7:00 pm          TAGZ</p> <p>Military Party          THE HEAT</p> <p>Karaoke On The Patio          Average Homo Show: Cash Prize          PEGASUS</p> <p><b>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19</b></p> <p>Metropolitan Community Church          611 E. Myrtle 10:30 am &amp; 6:30pm</p> <p>River City Living Church          202 Holland 11:00am</p> <p>Spirit of Peace Church          IH-10W &amp; Loop 410 5:00pm</p> <p>Family Night on the Patio          4:00-9:00pm          BERMUDA TRIANGLE</p> <p>Sordid Lives          8:00 PM          Charity Cook Out          6:00 PM          Trash Disco,          Amateur Male Strip-Off: Cash Prize          PEGASUS</p> <p>Pool Tournament          TAGZ</p> <p>Amateur Strip Contest          Midnight          SA EAGLE</p> <p><b>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20</b></p> <p>Belly Dancers          Blanco Rd. 7:30pm          DEMO'S GREEK FOOD</p> <p>Pool Tournament          8:00 PM          Karaoke on the Patio          PEGASUS</p> <p><b>TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21</b></p> <p>Pool Tournament          TAGZ</p> <p>Darts Night          8:00 PM          Mid Summer Nights Karaoke          PEGASUS</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22</b></p> <p>Belly Dancers          N. St. Marys 7:30pm          DEMO'S GREEK FOOD</p>	<p>Pool Tournament          THE SAINT</p> <p>Karaoke Night with Liz          BERMUDA TRIANGLE</p> <p>Pool Tournament          8:00 PM          PEGASUS</p> <p>Dart Tournament          TAGZ</p> <p><b>THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23</b></p> <p>Bullfrog Benevolence Fund Steak Night          PEGASUS</p> <p>Gay Dart League-SA Steak Night          THE SAINT</p> <p>Miss Gay Fiesta          11 PM          THE SAINT</p> <p>Pool Tournament          Bears 'n Boxers          Wet Boxer Short Contest          Midnight          SA EAGLE</p> <p>Bears 'n Boxers          Wet Boxer Short Contest          Midnight          SA EAGLE</p> <p><b>FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24</b></p> <p>Miss Yella Rose          10:30 PM          CAMEO THEATRE</p> <p>Mr. SA Eagle          11 PM          SA EAGLE</p> <p>BEXAR VORTEX AD DEADLINE</p> <p>Gay Loteria          7:00pm-9:00pm          DIVERSITY CENTER</p> <p>Mr. San Antonio International          11 PM          THE SAINT</p> <p><b>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25</b></p> <p>Sports Fundraiser          BERMUDA TRIANGLE</p> <p>Burgers &amp; Hot Dogs          4:00-7:00 pm          TAGZ</p> <p>Angels in America: Millennium          Approaches          7:00 PM          SAN PEDRO PLAYHOUSE</p> <p>Hanky Party          9 PM          SA EAGLE</p> <p>Karaoke On The Patio          Average Homo Show: Cash Prize          DJ Jakester          PEGASUS</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26</b></p> <p>Metropolitan Community Church          611 E. Myrtle 10:30am &amp; 6:30pm</p> <p>River City Living          202 Holland 11:00am</p> <p>Angels in America: Millennium Approaches          2:30 PM</p> <p>Court Bingo          4:00 PM          106 OFF BROADWAY</p> <p>Spirit of Peace Church          IH-10 and Loop 410 5:00pm</p> <p>Charity Cookout          5:00 PM          Sordid Lives          8:00 PM          Amateur Male Strip-Off: Cash Prize          PEGASUS</p> <p>Family Night on the Patio          4:00-9:00pm          BERMUDA TRIANGLE</p> <p>Pool Tournament          Burgers &amp; Hot Dogs          TAGZ</p> <p>Amateur Strip Contest          Midnight          SA EAGLE</p> <p><b>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27</b></p> <p>BEXAR VORTEX CALENDAR DEADLINE</p> <p>Belly Dancers          Blanco Rd. 7:30pm          DEMO'S GREEK FOOD</p> <p>Pool Tournament          8:00 PM          Karaoke on the Patio          PEGASUS</p> <p><b>TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28</b></p> <p>Pool Tournament          TAGZ</p> <p>Darts Night          Mid Summer Nights Karaoke          PEGASUS</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29</b></p> <p>Belly Dancers          N. 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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO REGISTER VOTERS IN THE BARS

We are looking for volunteers to register voters.

Now more than ever, LGBT voters can determine the course of an election. But to do so, GLBT voters need to understand the power of democracy and its ultimate tool, the vote.

In order to meet this challenge, GLBT for Kerry San Antonio and Stonewall Democrats of San Antonio are mounting a very aggressive voter registration effort. In cooperation with local bar owners Deputy Registrars along will be registering voters at San Antonio bars on the last three weekends of September and the first weekend of October. The deadline to register to vote in this election is October 4.

The goals of this voter registration drive are to: 1) strengthen and expand the LGBT voting base and increase our chances of electing GLBT friendly candidates in November and 2) get accurate voter information for get-out-the-vote activities in the early voting period and on Election Day.

The voter registration project runs Sept. 10-11, 17-18, 24-25 and Oct. 1-2 from 10:00PM until 12:00PM. To volunteer contact Susan MacCabe at (210) 386-1462 or [maccabe\\_s@hotmail.com](mailto:maccabe_s@hotmail.com).

## SAN ANTONIO AIDS FOUNDATION WALK & RUN FOR LIFE 2004

Join the San Antonio AIDS Foundation (SAAF) in the fight against AIDS. In its 14th year, the Walk & Run for Life will be held on Saturday, October 2, 2004 at Woodlawn Lake Park with registration beginning at 8:00 a.m. The Walk & Run for Life attracts hundreds of South Texans to celebrate life, help promote HIV/AIDS awareness and raise funds for SAAF.

The Walk & Run for Life is a family-friendly 5K walk and a timed 5K run. Children are welcomed but should be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times. Pets are also allowed but must remain on a leash at all times.

Participants can walk with family members, friends, co-workers or pets. Walkers can participate as an individual or can organize a community team.

Registration forms and complete details about the Walk & Run for Life 2004 can also be found on SAAF's website at [www.tksaaf.org](http://www.tksaaf.org). For more information about or to request materials for the Walk & Run for 2004, please contact Ramiro Sanchez at (210) 225-4715 or at [rsanchez@txsaaf.org](mailto:rsanchez@txsaaf.org).

## ALAMO CITY MEN'S CHORALE AUDITIONS

The Alamo City Men's Chorale will be holding auditions for singing members for its upcoming 2004-2005 season. Rehearsals begin Tuesday, August 31 at First Unitarian Universalist Church, 7150 W. IH-10. For more information please call (210) 495-SING or (210) 654-7549.

## MR. SA EAGLE

The SA Eagle has begun the Preliminary Mr. SA Eagle contests, which will run through November leading up to Mr. SA Eagle contest in December. The winning contestant will then be sent to the 2005 International Mr. Leather in Chicago in May 2005. The next Preliminary will be September 24th, 11:00 PM at the SA Eagle. Contestants for the Preliminary Mr. SA Eagle will be judged in the following categories.

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The 16th Season of GDLSA will begin on September 14, 2004. GDLSA was formed in 1991, and has had over 100 members for 8 seasons in a row. Last season GDLSA had 140 members. GDLSA raises approx \$18,000 per 9 month season for local charities. There will be meetings at the ANNEX EVERY Tuesday at 7:30pm through Sept. 7th. There will be some new clubs entering this season and it looks like there will be 20-26 teams. For more info go to [www.gdlsa.org](http://www.gdlsa.org) or contact Bob Fogg, Pres. for 10 seasons, at the Saint 225-7330.

## MUSICIANS

Local music label 7records is accepting tracks and sponsors for a CD compilation titled "GLOWBOY". Proceeds from the sale of this project will be split equally between The Diversity Center, The Rape Crisis Center and Mujeres Unidas. Art for this CD and Poster has been designed by respected artist David Orona. An original live mix of "Cue The Pulse To Begin", the title track off "THE QUEER AS FOLK" TV show is being donated by The Burnside Project. This CD will be released nationally in Oct 2004 during AIDS Awareness Month with a special release at The 2nd Annual GILDA Fundraising Event at The Bermuda Triangle. Interested parties should contact Anna-Marie ASAP at 7records, 206 San Pedro, Ste 315, San Antonio, TX 78205 210-733-3900, toll free 1-888-210-3900, [www.7records.com](http://www.7records.com).

## TAGZ DART TEAM

Tagz, you know that bar in the Yard, on McCullough that people have heard is closed or straight or anything else, well they are looking for people who can hit the mark. Tagz wants to form its own Dart Team and host a Gay Dart League Tournament. If you can thrust your shaft and hit the mark call Tagz at 828-4922 for details.

## BERMUDA TRIANGLES PATIO

Are you a charity? Does your organization raise money for charity? Better yet can you Bar-Be-Que? Bermuda Triangle has a beautiful new patio, complete with waterfall, pond and bridge and space for a lovely pit. Many in the SA Community know BT has started a family evening on Sunday, unfortunately many in the Community don't. Ms. Jill is opening early so we parents can bring our kids and spend quality time playing with them. As anyone who has spent time around kids knows, they are stomachs with legs. So Bermuda Triangle is looking to help parents, kids and give back to the Community by sponsoring one or more charities with a space to cook your meat and sell it to raise money. Contact the Bermuda Triangle to hook up with a pit.

## JANS RAINBOW BOWLING LEAGUE

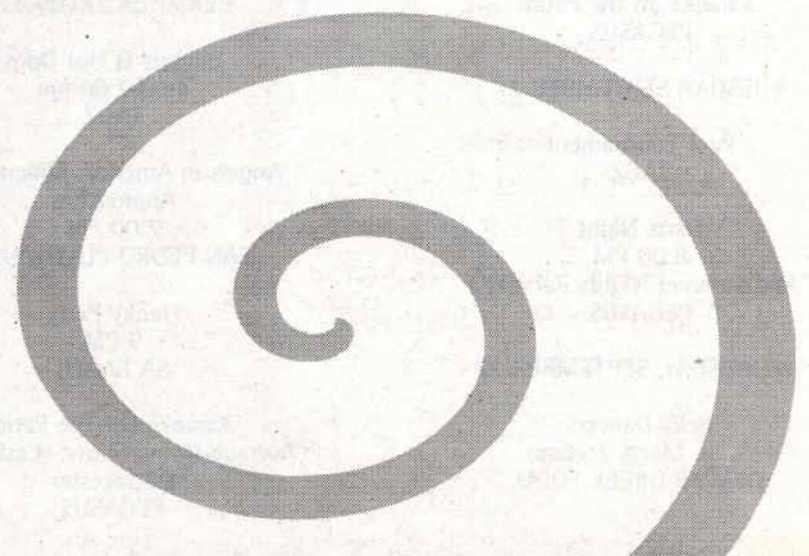
Jans Rainbow is the oldest Gay and Lesbian Bowling League in the city. They are part of the local San Antonio Bowling Associations and are affiliated with the International Gay Bowling Organization. So if you are interested in having some fun, raising some money for charity and socializing with a good group of ballers, contact Mike at [m Spencer1@satx.rr.com](mailto:m Spencer1@satx.rr.com) to join a league. The first organizational meeting will be September 8th at Wonder Lanes on Austin Hwy at 7:30 PM.

## SANTIKOS MOVIE TICKETS

The Diversity Center is involved in an on-going fundraiser in conjunction with Santikos. Purchase your ticket for any movie playing at any Santikos Cinema at the Center for \$7.50 and the Center will receive a donation from Santikos of \$3.00. This is great for the Community, no waiting, no queues in the heat, and the Community gets a part of the money you would pay any way.

## FOOD PANTRY NEEDS DONATIONS

Most of us only have to get up and go to the refrigerator when we want a nosh. Many in the Community and on the fringes of the Community don't have that convenience. Hunger is an on-going crisis in SA. The Food Pantry at the MCC-SA does what it can to abate this problem. Often times the sign on the side door of the church reads OUT OF FOOD. So, when you are at the Gucci B, or Central Market, Costco or Sam's, pick up some extra cans of staples (remember non-perishables, not everyone has electricity) and haul them over to the church, 611 E. Myrtle, the Kendall St. entrance. If that's too hard, drop a check in the mail, note it ATTN. Food Pantry. Ask yourself, how many paychecks stand between you and not having food to eat?



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# LOG CABIN REPUBLICANS VOTE TO WITHHOLD ENDORSEMENT FROM PRESIDENT BUSH

## National Board Announces Log Cabin Will Focus on Supporting Inclusive Republican Candidates for U.S. House and Senate

Log Cabin Republicans are withholding their endorsement from President Bush for 2004. "Log Cabin's National Board has voted to withhold a Presidential endorsement and shift our financial and political resources to defeating the radical right and supporting inclusive Republican candidates for the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives," said Log Cabin Board Chairman William Brownson of Ohio. The Log Cabin Board of Directors voted 22 to 2 not to endorse the President's re-election.

"Certain moments in history require that a belief in fairness and equality not be sacrificed in the name of partisan politics; this is one of those moments. The national board's vote empowers Log Cabin to maintain its integrity while furthering our goal of building a more inclusive Republican Party. Log Cabin is more committed than ever to its core mission to build a stronger and more inclusive Republican Party. There is a battle for the heart and soul of the Republican Party, and that fight is bigger than one platform, one convention, or even one President," said Log Cabin Republicans Executive Director Patrick Guerriero.

The vote by Log Cabin's 25 member national board marks the first time since the organization opened a national office in Washington, DC in 1993 that the organization has not endorsed the Republican nominee for President. Log Cabin endorsed Bob Dole in 1996 and George W. Bush in 2000. Exit polls confirmed that over 1,000,000 gays and lesbians voted for Bush/Cheney in the 2000 election, including nearly 50,000 in Florida alone.

Log Cabin will devote its financial and political resources to elect fair-minded Republican allies to local, state and federal offices. Log Cabin will endorse more than 50 GOP candidates for the U.S. House and Senate. "Every victory by fair-minded Republicans is a victory for the future of our party. We have made it clear that we can either be the party of Arnold Schwarzenegger and Rudy Giuliani or we can be the party of Alan Keyes and Rick Santorum," continued Guerriero.

"Log Cabin has proudly supported the President's firm leadership in the war on terror. As principled Republicans, we believe in our Party's commitment to a strong national defense and a confident foreign policy. We especially applaud the President's leadership in cutting taxes for American families and small businesses, his belief in free market principles and his compassionate and historic leadership in the global fight against HIV/AIDS," continued Guerriero.

"At the same time, it is impossible to overstate the depth of anger and disappointment caused by the President's support for an anti-family Constitutional Amendment. This amendment would not only ban gay marriage, it would also jeopardize civil unions and domestic partnerships. For six months, the President has made it clear what he opposes. He opposes civil marriage equality; however he has failed to articulate clearly what he supports. Does he support federal civil unions? Does he support domestic partnerships? Does he support tax fairness for gay and lesbian couples? Does he support employment non-discrimination? Does he support hate crimes legislation? Does he support allowing gay and lesbian service members to serve openly and honestly?" asked

Log Cabin Political Director Chris Barron. "An organization's endorsement means nothing if it does not have to be earned."

"Some will accuse us of being disloyal. However, it was actually the White House who was disloyal to the 1,000,000 gay and lesbian Americans who supported him four years ago. Log Cabin's decision was made in response to the White House's strategic political decision to pursue a re-election strategy catered to the radical right. The President's use of the bully pulpit, stump speeches and radio addresses to support a Constitutional amendment has encouraged the passage of discriminatory laws and state constitutional amendments across America. Using gays and lesbians as wedge issues in an election year is unacceptable to Log Cabin," continued Guerriero.

"At the same time that we saw record numbers of gay and lesbian delegates at the Republican National Convention, and at the same convention where we saw hundreds of fair-minded Republicans gather to support Log Cabin and our allies, our party's platform adopted vicious and mean-spirited language that marginalizes gay and lesbian Americans."

Log Cabin's 2000 endorsement of the Bush/Cheney ticket came during an election where the Republican nominee ran a compassionate conservative campaign that avoided culture war issues. After meeting with gay Republicans in 2000, Mr. Bush declared "I am a better man," and welcomed gays and lesbians as valued parts of the American family. The early days of the Bush administration were marked by significant victories-maintaining existing anti-discrimination protections for federal employees, appointing openly gay employees throughout the Administration, a continuing dialogue with our organization, and the extension of survivor benefits to gay and lesbian partners who lost loved ones on 9/11.

Unfortunately these early successes were short-lived. "Last year, a dramatic and disappointing shift occurred rooted in Karl Rove's public acknowledgment that the 2004 re-election campaign would focus on turning out four million more evangelicals who he believed stayed home in 2000," said Guerriero. The President's initial reluctance to amend the Constitution became full-fledged support on February 24th of this year.

Log Cabin has spent most of the year fighting the anti-family Federal Marriage Amendment. This fight culminated with a July victory in the Senate when a growing chorus of Republican opposition to the amendment forced the pro-amendment faction to play procedural games to avoid an embarrassing loss. As many as a dozen or more Republican Senators were prepared to oppose the FMA on its merits.

"During the fight over the anti-family FMA, we sadly watched as the President and his Administration leaned on Republican members of the House and Senate to support this divisive and unnecessary amendment. We watched as the President's support for this anti-family amendment emboldened the forces of fear and exclusion to push anti-gay ballot initiatives and legislation on the state and local level. We watched as the radical right works to defeat fair-minded Republicans across the nation. We watched as the Republican Party Platform rejected our Party Unity Plank and included language opposing not only

civil marriage but also civil unions, domestic partnerships or indeed any basic benefits for same-sex couples. At a time when courageous gay and lesbian military personnel are helping to win the war on terror, the platform outrageously claims 'homosexuality is incompatible with military service'," continued Guerriero. The GOP platform language continues to target gays and lesbians and fails to present a positive agenda to ensure basic fairness for millions of gay Americans, who pay taxes, serve in the military, enhance communities, and serve in government.

Throughout this challenging year Log Cabin has doubled in size and launched new chapters where none existed. Log Cabin successfully led the fight against the Federal Marriage Amendment with its first ever television advertising campaign, worked with 18 GOP lawmakers in passing hate crimes legislation in the Senate, and continued supporting and educating state and local officials. Log Cabin was proud to be the only gay and lesbian organization to endorse Arnold Schwarzenegger's campaign for Governor of California. Log Cabin also was proud to see many of its closest allies speaking in primetime at the Republican National Convention. "It is not surprising to anyone at Log Cabin that the President's first real bounce in the polls came after a convention that highlighted inclusive Republicans and focused on unifying issues such as winning the war on terror. Log Cabin knows that the 2006 and 2008 elections will highlight a new generation of inclusive Republican leaders," said Guerriero.

Log Cabin calls on both major parties to return to the issues that unite the American family instead of fueling an unnecessary culture war. Log Cabin also denounces the continued flip-flops on gay and lesbian issues from Democratic nominee John Kerry. Senator Kerry has repeatedly made clear his opposition to civil marriage equality and has supported discriminatory constitutional amendments in Massachusetts and Missouri.

Log Cabin is firmly committed to seeing inclusive Republicans elected in 2004. Log Cabin will continue to oppose and expose any efforts to marginalize gays and lesbians. We also will continue to make it clear that the only way the GOP can continue as the majority party is to reach out to all Americans. Log Cabin also will continue to make it clear that the gay and lesbian community can realize full equality only if it works on building new alliances with conservative and centrist Americans.

"The battle for the heart and soul of the Republican Party has just begun. We are confident that the politics of inclusion and hope will prevail over the politics of exclusion and fear. History, fairness and common decency are on our side," concluded Guerriero.

Last week, Log Cabin launched a new television advertising campaign to take this fight for the GOP's future directly to the American people. The ad makes it clear that the party has a choice. We can be the party of hope, in the best tradition of Ronald Reagan, by uniting around issues that bring Republicans together, like winning the war on terror; or the party can divide Americans with the politics of intolerance and fear that only lead to hate.

# AUTUMN SUMMERS

CARLOS VELA

As you may or may not know Autumn Summers has been awarded the Community Service Recognition Award. Now if the name sounds familiar but you can't quite place where you know her from I have made a list of 10 possible ways you may know Autumn Summers.

1. She has probably asked you for a dollar.
2. She has probably given you a ticket then asked you for a dollar.
3. If you have ever gone to a benefit show and been asked for spare change.
4. If you are young and Latino
5. If you are a fireman
6. If someone has stolen your boyfriend
7. If you have been in any gay bar in San Antonio...Ever.
8. If you are missing any drag.

## MORE COMPANIES TO CLOSE ON OCTOBER 8 TO SUPPORT BOYCOTT FOR EQUALITY

JIM SMITH

Echelon Magazine, a news source for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Business Community, was the first of several LGBT businesses who have committed to close their offices October 8 as part of the national Boycott For Equality to protest marriage and employment discrimination. Now, several others have joined the boycott. With still a month to go before the walkout, more than 650,000 visitors have come to the web site, and almost 5,000 people have taken an active role by pledging to support the effort by providing money and contacts. The success is a result of endorsements from lesbian and gay groups across the country and a grass-roots desire to do something to raise awareness about freedom and equality. "It's fantastic to see the community uniting behind this event," said Boycott for Equality Co-Founder Dale Duncan. "it's about time we put aside our self-fulfilling cynicism and do something to show our strength and express our freedom." Joining Los Angeles-based Echelon Magazine ([www.echelon.com](http://www.echelon.com)) are Traders Neighborhood Store in Atlanta ([www.tradersatlanta.com](http://www.tradersatlanta.com)), Shag: The Salon in San Antonio ([www.shagthesalon.com](http://www.shagthesalon.com)), Azteria Healthcare Recruiting in Los Angeles ([www.azteria.com](http://www.azteria.com)), Alta Vida Dental Lab in Springfield, Missouri, and The Grass Harp, also in Springfield, Missouri. Keith Taylor, owner of Shag: The Salon in San Antonio, Texas, writes "We're closing our business for the day. We believe the long term impact far outweighs any short term loss. If we all work together to educate the people we do business with every day, we can really make a difference in the way that we are treated." Daniel A. Smith & Jim D. Arndt, owners of Springfield, Missouri-based Alta Vida Dental Lab and The Grass Harp, issued a joint statement: "I think it is not only our right but our duty to stand up for what every American should have in this country: equal opportunity and treatment under the law." Duncan welcomes the actions these businesses have taken, and expects many more to follow. He says small businesses are particularly sensitive to the extra costs that discrimination brings, such as the added tax burdens incurred by unmarried partners who are taxed differently for domestic partner benefits from their counterparts who are able to legally marry. "When the owner of a small business leaves the economy, they bring their employees with them," Duncan points out. "Nobody can say that America is stronger or better when gay people are not allowed to participate fairly - but in effect, that's what is happening. These closures will help to change that." ----- Boycott For Equality is an Atlanta-based non-profit formed to promote the boycott, scheduled this year for October 8. For that day, GLBT Americans and their straight allies are encouraged to withdraw from the economy in three specific areas: 1) Do not purchase anything. Do not generate sales tax or business revenue. 2) Don't work. Take the day off - do not generate payroll taxes, income taxes or add to the economy. 3) Do not use cell phones. Dropping out of the communication network is a way to measure the impact of your presence. Some major groups that have endorsed or encouraged Boycott for Equality Day include Don't Amend: The Equality Campaign, The Advocate magazine, Civil Marriage US, several local PFLAG chapters, DC Diversity, Equality Illinois and Wyoming Equality. Additionally, comic Margaret Cho's web site [loveisloveislove.com](http://loveisloveislove.com) has listed Boycott For Equality Day as one of the "12 Things You Can Do" to promote gay and lesbian equality. For more information, visit [www.boycottforequality.org](http://www.boycottforequality.org).

9. If you ever attended a show where the MC talked longer than all the performances combined.
10. If you are one of the many, many people whom she has helped through her efforts in our community, in our lives, and in our hearts.

The first 9 were in jest but the 10th truly comes from not just my heart but from the hearts of many others. Autumn Summers works for the community year round no matter what the season. That is why on Thursday August the 19th 2004 She was named this year's recipient of the Community Service Recognition Award.

I am very happy that this award was given to a very deserving Alfonso. I say Alfonso and not Autumn because Alfonso is the man behind the woman. Together they make one really incredible, adorable, insufferable person.



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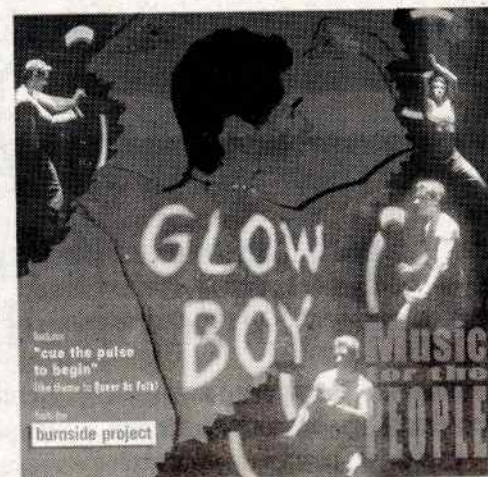
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# WHAT IS PROUD 2-B?

CARLOS VELA

That is a question that can only be answered by our community and our members. Earlier this year our community was at odds over an annual event and many of the event's sponsors decided not to participate. This created a situation where the likelihood of success was small if not impossible. This created at least two problems. The first was the loss of revenue from an event that in the past had been a major fundraiser for our community. The second was the possibility that San Antonio would be possibly the only metropolitan area not to have a pride event in June. It became clear to many in our community that these would both be losses that our community could not afford. However without a community account, we as individuals depend on the organizations of our community to start, support, and sponsor any and all community functions. This was unacceptable to our founders. We persevered and contacted the owners and operators of our local clubs and found that they were willing to allow their properties to be used as a place to hold a second event. Not to take away from the event that had been held annually but as a guarantee that our community could celebrate in pride as well as meet some of the financial needs of our community. We, Proud 2-B, as of yet did not exist. Yet it was through our efforts that this alternative fundraiser not only took place but also returned nearly \$3000.00 to our community. Although the problems were alleviated, it was clear to us, the individuals of our community that our community's power lays in our organizations and not in the hands of the individuals that are part of it. We came to realize both the dependency we have on our organizations as well as the lack or inability of community action by its individuals. It became abundantly clear that if we as individuals wish to have a voice in our community's events we must either solicit organizations or have the means to provide for our needs. We had to admit that for too long we have been naive in the roles of our organizations and complacent in our roles in our community. This was the birth of Proud 2-B.

The first action taken on the behalf of Proud 2-B was the creation of a members list. In order to inform the public about Proud 2-B a portion of the cover page

read:

If you see social value in our community you are Proud 2-B

If you can look past someone's faults and see instead their value you are Proud 2-B

Proud 2-B

If you want your voice to be heard instead of ignored you are Proud 2-B

Proud 2-B

Hollywood has already seen our dollar value, and they are not alone. So let us come together as a community. Your \$1.00 donation will be a symbol of our unity. It will allow us to send a copy of this Declaration of Independence with our signatures to all our community leaders, as well as to start a community fund available for community events.

Also included was the preamble to the Declaration of Independence chosen for its ability to state the case of our founders. It reads:

We hold these truths to be self evident that all men are created Equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principals and organizing it's powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security.

It is my hopes that Proud 2-B will be a guard for our future security. That with the help of all the individuals that make up our community we will establish equality. For it is our core belief that everyone has value. We also believe that this value cannot be measured against the value of another. For it is impossible to say what deed or act is of greater importance, because it is not always in our power to see what effect our actions may have on lives. We hold that true equality cannot be guaranteed by any government but can only be realized when we become capable of seeing ourselves through proud eyes. Until every individual looks at themselves for who they truly are, and is able to accept there shortcomings as well as their strengths, only then will equality have a chance. For prejudice is nothing more than observing a fault we cannot accept in ourselves in another. We understand the bond between the individual and the communal. If either falls short they are both in jeopardy.

It is my hope that Proud 2-B will encourage personal growth in individuals so that they may find the strength and wisdom needed to center the community around issues and causes that go beyond our needs of today but ensure our ability to pursue happiness in the future. To allow people to have a reverberating voice echoing the common needs of our community. Not only so we can be heard amongst ourselves but so we might also have a voice in society.

So what is Proud 2-B? Proud 2-B is made up of friends that have committed themselves to each other in a way that transcends family. We are brothers and sisters related not by blood but by our hearts. We have seen that our paths are similar and the way is not always safe. So instead of walking alone we have chosen to walk together so that we may give each other strength when needed. We share our loads, so that no one person carries a load that is beyond them, but instead we all carry no more than we can handle. We also rejoice in the joy we give each other, for that is one of our greatest strengths. For the rest we will have to wait and see, But at least we are in great company.

## HOME DEPOT ANNOUNCES DOMESTIC PARTNER HEALTH INSURANCE AFTER HRC REVEALS PETS ALREADY COVERED

"The Home Depot is finally putting its people first," said HRC President Cheryl Jacques.

WASHINGTON - The Human Rights Campaign learned Thursday that the Home Depot has announced it will offer domestic partner health insurance a day after HRC publicly denounced the company's policy to cover employees' pets but not their partners.

"The Home Depot is finally putting its people first," said HRC President Cheryl Jacques, after learning that Home Depot put out a memo at close of business Wednesday announcing the change.

The Human Rights Campaign's WorkNet project revealed Wednesday that Home Depot, based in Atlanta, was one of four Fortune 500 companies that offered pet insurance but not DP health insurance despite published policies prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation - and one covering

gender identity. The others are: Sprint, based in Overland, Kan.; Waste Management of Houston, Texas; and Ecolab of St. Paul, Minn.

"We now call on Sprint, Ecolab and Waste Management to recognize that good business is putting an employee's partner above the family pet," Jacques added.

Home Depot had been slated to earn a failing grade on HRC WorkNet's Corporate Equality Index, to be released later this month. The addition of domestic partner health insurance benefits will raise its score to 71 percent - which is also Sprint's tentative score. Waste Management is slated to receive 43 percent; Ecolab will not be scored because the company has never replied to the HRC questionnaire. The index

measures how equitably companies treat their gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender employees, consumers and investors

"The only thing keeping Home Depot from a perfect score is its lack of a non-discrimination policy covering gender identity," said HRC Education Director Kim I. Mills, who oversees WorkNet. "We will continue to work with the company to ensure all its employees get equal treatment."

The Human Rights Campaign is the largest national lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender political organization with members throughout the country. It effectively lobbies Congress, provides campaign support and educates the public to ensure that LGBT Americans can be open, honest and safe at home, at work and in the community.

# MISS YELLA ROSE COMES TO SAN ANTONIO!

"This is the story of 6 naughty drag queens, one crown, and a dashing host who doesn't have a clue!"

JOSEPH GARRETT

The Cameo Theatre (recent host to the outrageous gay musical "When Pigs Fly") will play host to Lee Marshall's MISS YELLA ROSE - a multi-media comedy about a beauty pageant gone horribly awry. The show opens August 20 and is a production made possible by Jerry Pilato (Executive Producer of the Actor's Theatre of San Antonio), Don Fox (recent SPOTS cover boy and San Antonio's hottest gay-friendly theatre producer), Lee Marshall (best known as "Frankenfurter" at the Woodlawn Theatre's ROCKY HORROR SHOW, and the Cameo Theatre (a beautifully restored, Egyptian art-deco performance space and bar near Sunset Station). SPOTS magazine is proud to be the official publication of MISS YELLA ROSE.

The show will run for 3 months on Friday nights at 10:30pm.

# HRC FOUNDATION'S NATIONAL COMING OUT PROJECT LAUNCHES 2004 THEME: 'COME OUT. SPEAK OUT. VOTE.'

"Come Out. Speak Out. Vote." is the theme for this year's National Coming Out Day - encouraging gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Americans to talk to their families and friends about their lives, the Human Rights Campaign Foundation announced today.

"This year, we need more than 'I'm gay and it's OK.' We need our families and friends to say 'It's not OK to use gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender issues as a wedge,'" said Cheryl Jacques, president of the Human Rights Campaign. "We must talk to and involve our families and friends. Their voices are some of the strongest in the fight for equality."

In December 2003, the HRC Foundation conducted a public opinion poll that found while 77 percent of respondents consider themselves "out" as gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender, only 32 percent talk to their parents about public policy issues, and only 46 percent talk to their brothers and sisters about such topics. In contrast, respondents were much more likely to speak frankly on these topics with casual acquaintances (57 percent) or coworkers (54 percent).

To promote awareness of GLBT families living honest and open lives, the HRC Foundation offers resources to GLBT people at [www.hrc.org](http://www.hrc.org).

National Coming Out Day is celebrated every Oct. 11 to mark the anniversary of the 1987 March on Washington for Gay and Lesbian Equality. Each year since, thousands of GLBT people and allies have celebrated National Coming Out Day in schools, churches and businesses nationwide through workshops, speak-outs, rallies and other events aimed at showing the public that GLBT people are everywhere.

The Human Rights Campaign is the largest national lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender political organization with members throughout the country. It effectively lobbies Congress, provides campaign support and educates the public to ensure that LGBT Americans can be open, honest and safe at home, at work and in the community.

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