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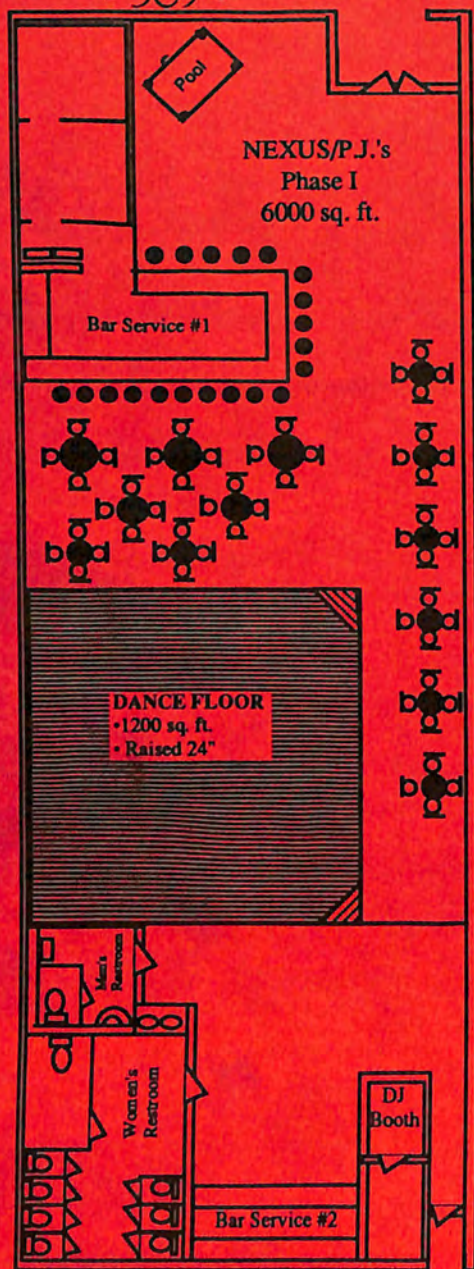
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# TO THE EDITOR

EXPRESSING THE OPINIONS & VIEWPOINTS OF DIMENSIONS' READERS

## GAY MEN & LESBIANS

### Allowing Hatred to Divide Us?

Dear Dimensions:

It's crazy for each of us to believe we exist solely for our own pleasures. Only fools delight in destruction.

We all struggle through some form of denial and will continue to do so until our last moments. There is a need in each of us that cries for acceptance and friendships. Will we stop blaming others for our own faults and shortcomings? Will we acknowledge reality and truth in the name of love and life? Life in the nineties is complex and deserves more energy spent on solutions rather than just fact finding. It begins with us, our individual selves. Should we be divided and fall prey to those who lurk

in the shadows against our own lives? Nobody wants to be vulnerable and be painted a fool. It's been said, but can we, knowing full well how much energy it takes to accomplish anything, expect other people to take up our slack? The time is ripe for closeness with one another regardless of our weaknesses. We need each other. Let's face it. Meekness is a far superior quality in mankind than weakness. They differ greatly.

Will we allow hatred to divide us or will we be responsible to our right as human beings to network with each others' minds, touching the heart as well as the soul?

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# THE NEWS

FROM AROUND THE REGION, THE COUNTRY & THE WORLD

## Trial Date Set For Legal Challenge to §21.06

AUSTIN - A trial date has been set for the case involving the Texas Human Rights Foundation's (THRF) legal challenge to Section §21.06 of the Penal Code. The trial will take place at 2:00p.m. on Monday, December 10th at the Travis County Court House located at 11th and Guadalupe in Austin. Section §21.06, the "anti-gay" statute of the Texas Penal Code, makes sexual relations between consenting adults of the same sex a crime.

The plaintiffs (*Morales et al.*), assert that the law violates the Texas Constitutional guarantees of privacy, equal protection and due process, as well as the Texas Equal Rights Amendment. They further allege that §21.06 clearly encourages discrimination and hate crimes against homosexuals, and that their career and employment opportunities are restricted as a result of the statute.

Arguing for the State, Dr. Paul Cameron states that, "If, in fact, §21.06 is causing such disruption (of the plaintiff's personal relationships and sex lives) it is accomplishing the wish of the legislature to discourage behaviors and bondings which have so much potential harm — both for the participants and society as a whole. The people of Texas, through their elected representatives,

are telling citizens that homosexual activity is wrong, that it ought not to be engaged in." Continuing, he says, "Stigmatization of homosexuality is woven deeply into our culture. The widespread disapproval and condemnation of homosexual activity led to the enactment of §21.06, not visa versa." Dr. Cameron's sentiments are clearly one more indication of why the repeal of §21.06 is crucial in the fight to end discrimination against gay men and lesbians in the state of Texas.

Presiding at the trial will be Judge Paul Davis. In determining the facts of the case, he will hear arguments from both sides, and consequently rule on the constitutionality of the law.

The trial will be held in the Travis County Courthouse in the 200th District Court, room 507.

For more information on the trial or the case, contact Nell Hahn, 512-474-6882, or the THRF office at 512-479-8473.

## Smithsonian Formally Acquires Gay/Lesbian Memorabilia

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The prestigious Smithsonian Institution formally acquires political memorabilia from "the cause of gay rights political activism" documenting the struggle of gay men and lesbians, working together to gain equality.

"The gift represents a significant part of



the political history of our time," said Roger G. Kennedy, Director of the National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution.

Veteran gay activist Vernon C. Mitchell of Marina del Rey, California, donated to the museum personal items from his years of activism including a unique banner he designed and produced for the April 9, 1989 March for Women's Equality and Women's Lives, organized by the National Organization for Women (NOW). Mark J. Tullai, also of Marina del Rey, carried the banner in the March. Both Mitchell and Tullai are confrontative activists and members of ACT UP and the Gay and Lesbian Alliance of Defamation (GLAAD), Los Angeles.

"History is our future," said Mitchell, "and unless it's preserved for posterity, the gay and lesbian quest for equality is seriously hampered."

Edith P. Mayo, who initiated the new acquisition stated, "This represents an additional aspect of the larger movement of human rights and equality we have tried to represent in the museum since the 1960's civil rights movement."

Ms. Mayo is a Curator in the Political History Division of the National Museum of American History (NMAH) where Mitchell's donation will be preserved.

Dr. Keith Melder, Supervising Curator of the Political History Division said, "It's a significant acquisition. I'm tickled. It adds a new dimension to the whole field of the civil rights movement. Preservation of (such) things are important in and of themselves because

objects of this kind tend to get lost or destroyed over time."

Director Kennedy welcomed gay, lesbian, and feminist leaders to a private ceremony on October 24 in his Conference Room. Among those in attendance were representatives from the National Organization for Women, National Gay & Lesbian Task Force, Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Human Rights Campaign Fund, and the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, New York Chapter.

"These items will be stored in a non-public area, and sometime in the future we hope to have a display on social protest," said Dr. Keith Melder, "although at present nothing is being planned. The NMAH is obligated to balance its responsibilities for the collection's care and research with their use for public exhibition and loan."

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## Logo Contest and Meeting Announced For NLC

DALLAS - The Gulf Region of the National Lesbian Conference (Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas) is sponsoring a logo contest. The logo will be used on t-shirts to generate education and interest for the National Lesbian Conference (NLC) in Atlanta in April, 1991.

The logo is to be limited to black and white and of camera ready quality and will be silk-screened on colored shirts. The winner will be announced at the next Gulf Region Meeting which will

be held in Dallas, TX on January 25-27. Workshops to be presented at the meeting include Lesbian Mother, Incest, and more on Lesbian Battering. A discussion on homophobia and racism will be held on Friday evening, January 25. Workshops will be held on Saturday, followed by a discussion of the day's events. Sunday morning, January 27, there will be a business and planning meeting.

For information on submitting entries to the contest, contact Kathy Rome at (214) 941-0375 or (214) 521-8919. For information on the National Lesbian Conference contact Karen Lewis at (405) 528-3151.



# R E M E M B E R

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# WHAT'S GOIN' ON

A MONTHLY LISTING OF SPECIAL EVENTS ALL AROUND THE AREA

**DALLAS** - The **DALLAS GAY ALLIANCE** is hosting the **First Annual Dallas Lesbian & Gay Film Festival** at the historic **Texas Theatre**, December 6-9. For each of four evenings and one Sunday matinee you can catch lesbian & gay films that are all premiers in the Dallas area. Each evening will feature two or three women's films, with a total of ten separate women's films being shown over the course of the festival. Tickets are \$6 for any one block of films and are available at **CURIOUS TIMES** and the **CROSSROADS MARKET**.

**HOUSTON** - The **Lone Star Symphonic Band** will perform their **Annual Holiday Concert**, "A Winter Fantasy" on December 21st at 8pm in the sanctuary at the **Metropolitan Community Church of the Resurrection** at 1919 Decatur. The **Lone Star Swing Band**, and **The Lone Star Woodwind Quintet** will also be performing. Tickets are \$5 and are available at **INKLINGS** and **LOBO**. For more info, call (713) 862-5058.

**AUSTIN** - A meeting of the **Organizing Committee for the 1991 March on Austin** will be held on Sunday, December 9th, at 11:30am, at the **Radison Hotel**, 700 San Jacinto. Anyone interested in volunteering is encouraged to attend. If you can't make the meeting but would like to help, call **Dawn Tschabrun** at (512) 929-9083 or the **Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby** at (512) 474-5475.

**DALLAS** - Anyone who is interested in helping to start a **Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG)** chapter in the Dallas area is encouraged to contact **Darien Schnaithman** at (214) 696-4743.

**HOUSTON** - **THE WOMEN'S GROUP**, a feminist group for all women, is sponsoring many events during December. On the 2nd **Dr. Theresa Blackburn**, psychiatrist, will speak about women's issues. On the 9th **Carol Etzler** and **Bren Chambers** will perform. On the 23rd women will get together to share their stories about the holidays, and on the 30th a discussion will center around **Feminist Perspectives for 1991**. The **WOMEN'S GROUP** meets every Sunday at 10am in the **Sojourner Truth room (upstairs)** of the **First Unitarian Church**, 5210 Fannin. For more information, call **Iris** at (713) 529-8571 or **Laura** at (713) 529-1886.

**DALLAS** - The **Metropolitan Community Church of Dallas** will present comedians and musical duo, **ROMANOVSKY & PHILLIPS**, on Saturday, December 8th at the **First Unitarian Church of Dallas**. The Church is located at **Preston and Normandy** (one block north of **Mockingbird**). Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door and are available at **CURIOUS TIMES**, **CROSSROADS MARKET**, **LOBO** and **UPPER CRUST** or call (214) 526-6221.

**HOUSTON** - **An Evening of Cel-**

bratory Poems will be held at INKLINGS on Friday, December 21 at 8pm. The first poetry reading is sponsored by Afrofemcentric and the First Unitarian Women's Group. The reading is open to all women. To sign up, call Jacsun at (713) 529-7329 by December 17th.

DALLAS - If you haven't checked out the PLAYHOUSE, you need to get on over! You can relax and play pool on the top level while you watch the action on the dance floor below, or you can catch a breath of fresh air on the Patio. Be sure to catch the "Dana Does Drag" Show and 25¢ Draft on Friday nights. Check their ad for daily specials and up-coming events.

SAN ANTONIO - The CIRCLE has music to suit just about anyone! On Tuesdays it's Country Music, on Wednesdays it's music for the Baby Boom Generation and C&W, and a variety of dance and listening music on Thursday thru Sunday. Be sure to join them for New Year's Eve — it's gonna be a blast!

AUSTIN - Yes, Girls, NEXUS just

might be open in time for New Year's Eve. Of course, I'm not making any promises but be sure to check with them before you finalize your plans!

HOUSTON - The RANCH will host it's Official Grand Opening Party on Sunday, December 9th. The Little Bit Of Texas Band will be performing while you feast at the free buffet! Be sure to get your tickets and reservations for New Year's Eve now so you don't miss out on the party! Also, keep your eyes open for the new bar coming soon to a location near the RANCH — MS. B's should be open sometime in January, so get ready!

DALLAS - If you haven't checked out the changes at JUGS, you should. There's a new back bar with more games, a new DJ Booth that overlooks the new, larger dance floor and a big screen TV for all you football fans. They've got drink specials and events going on every night, as well as "Afternoon Delight" specials every day from 12pm-7pm. Be sure to catch the December Saturday Night Benefit Shows on the 8th and 15th.



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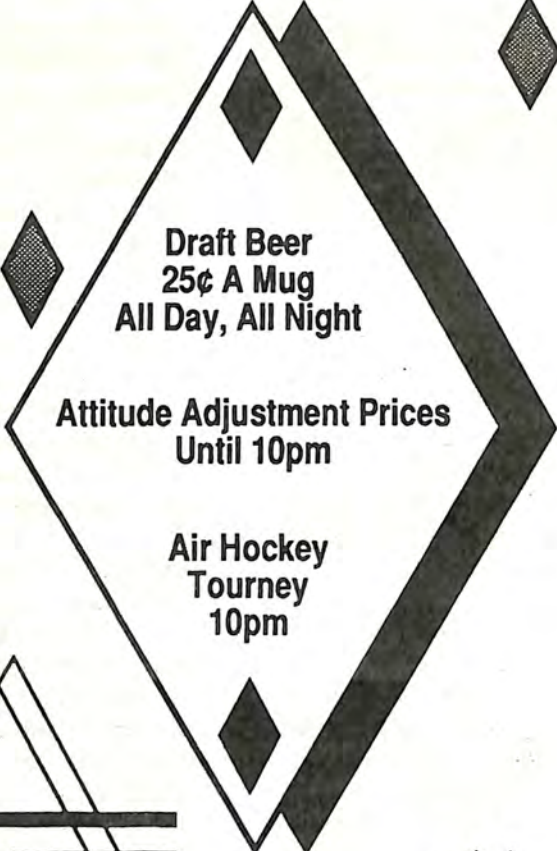
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# DEAR AGNES

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## Dear Agnes,

This probably sounds really stupid but it is very serious to me.

My lover and I just broke up after three years together. It wasn't a pleasant break-up, and we are hardly on speaking terms right now. The real problem is the dog.

Two years ago I got my lover a puppy for Christmas. She loved her at first (while she was still little) but then she got where she hardly paid any attention to her. I'm the one who fed her, played with her and took her for walks.

When we broke up she told me I could keep the dog. About two weeks later I was out of town and a mutual friend of ours agreed to keep the dog while I was gone. When I came back, my lover had come to my friend's and taken the dog. Now she won't let me have her back.

I know she doesn't care for the dog and is only doing this to hurt me. I'm afraid that she isn't taking care of the dog the way she should.

She says that since the dog was a gift to her that it is hers and she's going to keep it. I say that since I'm the one that cared for the dog, I'm the one that should keep her. She refuses to listen to reason and I don't know what to do. I've thought about stealing the dog back, but I'm afraid she would only steal it from me and that could go on forever...

I've also thought about calling the police and reporting the dog stolen, but I know they wouldn't do anything since we lived together for so long.

I'm angry and worried about the dog,

do you have any suggestions?

**WANTS CUSTODY**  
**Dallas, TX**

## Dear Custody,

Tell your ex that you want the dog back and set a time to go pick it up. If she refuses to let you have the dog remind her who took care of the dog for the past two years. Also remind her that she gave you the dog when she moved out and that you want it.

If she still insists you cannot take the dog, ask her why she wants the dog. I'm willing to bet she is keeping the dog, not because she wants it, but because it is a way to keep some sort of control over you.

If you absolutely cannot reach a compromise, at least negotiate visitation rights. This will give you a good idea of how the dog is being cared for.

If you do get the dog back, don't leave her with friends again. Put out the money for professional kennel boarding. It may cost a little, but you'll sleep better knowing your dog is safe.

## Dear Agnes,

I hope you can help with this problem. My lover and I have been together for four years. My parents know about my sexuality and really like "Sharon". However, Sharon's family is still in the dark. Most of the time I don't mind that they think Sharon and I are just "room-mates", but every year at the holidays we end up fighting about it.



Because her parents don't know, we end up spending every Christmas apart from each other. She won't let me go to her parent's home with her because "it might look funny", and she won't come to my parents or stay home with me because she doesn't want to upset her mother.

I've tried telling her that she is twenty-eight years old and that she doesn't have to have her mother's approval for everything she does, but she still believes that even the mention of spending Christmas somewhere else would make her mom have a nervous breakdown.

Anyway, it's not like she's an only child, she has 4 brothers and sisters who are all married and have children. I'm sure they could get along without her for one year.

I hope you can help. We agreed that I would write to you and whatever you say — that's what we'll do.

**APART AT CHRISTMAS**  
Houston, TX

## Dear Separated,

I may be that the best thing you can do is plan a special vacation (for just the two of you) over the holidays. Take a cruise, fly to a warm beach somewhere, or go skiing.

Spending the holidays on vacation, instead of just opting to stay home, may help alleviate Sharon's anxiety about being away from her family. Also, her mother will likely be less upset knowing that her "little girl" is off on a great vacation instead of worrying about her being home alone and lonely.

Another option is to create a day, complete with traditions, that is a holiday just for the two of you. Living a lesbian lifestyle often means that we have to create or own traditions, and if you can't work it out any other way, you can create your own Christmas as well.



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# A Lobbyist Of Our Own

A Interview with Laurie Eiserloh, Lesbian Lobbyist & Community Organizer for the Lesbian Gay Rights Lobby

by Tasha Sumner

Many of you may not be aware that the Texas lesbian community now has it's own full-time lesbian lobbyist working for us in Austin. The Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby (LGRL) of Texas recently hired Laurie Eiserloh to work with veteran lobbyist Glen Maxey to push forward the concerns of lesbians and gay men within the state.

Texas is one of only five states (the others are California, New York, Wisconsin and Massachusetts) that have

lesbian/gay lobbyist working on a state level. Out of those five, only Texas and Massachusetts have full time lesbian lobbyists.

I recently interviewed Laurie by telephone about her goals and philosophy about being our lesbian lobbyist. But, first, let me tell you a little bit about her. She is 26 years old and is originally from San Antonio. She did her undergraduate work at the University of Texas at Austin and graduated in 1986. She

also attended the UT law school and graduated in May of 1990. Before coming to the LGRL, she worked as a lobbyist at the law school, doing research and legislative drafting for Tom Henderson of the Texas General Land Office, and doing research for Texas Supreme Court Judge Candidate, Gary Mauro. Laurie began working for the LGRL on November 15th, 1990 and is quickly getting acquainted with her job. So, now that I've told you a little about her, I'll let her speak to you for herself.

**DIMENSIONS:** *First, I would like for you to explain, for those who don't know, what the LGRL is and what it does.*

**LAURIE:** The first thing I would like to do is to encourage people to join the Lobby. The Lobby is for everyone, we have a gay man and a lesbian lobbyist. The Lobby is the go-between between the people, our lesbian and gay constituents, and the state government. We represent their interests to the government. Not everyone can get to Austin or has time to write their Legislator, so we are here working for them. Which means that if they join the Lobby, they will have a voice in Austin.

What the LGRL does is lobby at the state level only. We do some work on the national and international levels, but we lobby only at the state level.

We work on a whole variety of issues, everything from AIDS issues and women's health issues to the repeal of §21.06 [the Texas sodomy law]. We work on every single issue in which gay and lesbian people are affected. We work on issues pertaining to Senior Citizens, probate, child care, and just about everything else you can think of.

Gay people are everywhere and we work on anything that affects them.

**DIMENSIONS:** *What are your main concerns?*

**LAURIE:** At the top of our list, always, is getting §21.06 off the books. As long as §21.06 remains a part of Texas law, we will have a hard time progressing in any other area.

Another thing that I'm looking at very carefully is lesbian health issues. The National Women's Health Network has recently done some studies on lesbians and illness, and they found that lesbians are at higher risk for cancer of the reproductive organs because most lesbians do not become mothers and do not take birth control pills. What that mainly concerns is breast cancer and uterine cancer. Another thing is that lesbians often run up against discrimination from health care providers. This is not only because they are lesbians, but because they are women — and if they are women of color or poor women, then class and race issues also come into play.

Lesbians are not as likely to get adequate medical care because they can't afford it. Lesbians are often afraid to come out to their doctors, and when they do, the doctor often does not know what they should be looking for.

In Dallas, a group of women have started a lesbian clinic day, one or two times a week at a local AIDS clinic. They have a day when lesbians can come into the clinic and get check-ups by doctors that are very aware of lesbian health needs. I'd like to see that program replicated around the state.

**DIMENSIONS:** *What about lesbians and AIDS?*

**LAURIE:** This is a big concern. It makes a lot of women really angry to talk about lesbians and AIDS. I believe that this is a kind of "head in the sand" approach. This is something that the National Women's Health Network is looking into. What has happened is that the Center for Disease Control has not been keeping statistics on woman to woman transmission. This means that we really don't have any idea about the numbers of lesbians who have AIDS or how they got it. So, we need to look at this and see how serious a problem it is in our community and if we need to start a massive education effort.

One interesting point is that women die of AIDS four times faster than men. This is because the medical establishment hasn't really studied how this complicated virus affects women's bodies. Women often don't exhibit the same symptoms as men in the early stages of the disease. For instance, one of the early symptoms of the disease in women is chronic vaginitis, but this isn't included in the government's list of symptoms. This means that women often don't get on government treatment programs until it is too late.

**DIMENSIONS:** *Your title says Lesbian Lobbyist/ Community Organizer, what does Community Organizer mean?*

**LAURIE:** What I would like to do as Community Organizer is to inform women about lesbian issues, and get women involved with the Lobby that haven't been active in it before. Many women feel very disenfranchised with the political system. They feel like it

doesn't really make any difference in their lives because they have had no voice in it for so long. This is a really good time for all of us to get involved since we not only have someone in the governor's office who is supportive of women's issues, but also of lesbian and gay issues.

What I would like to do is go around the state and talk to women who may not have easy access, because of socio-economic or geographical reasons, to the lesbian political community. In the spring, when this session [of the legislature] is over, I'm planning on going to the Rio Grande Valley and doing some work there because we [the Lobby] probably haven't done as much work in the Valley as we should have in the past. I also want to do the same thing in a lot of the smaller towns. However, this doesn't mean I'm going to neglect the big cities.

My biggest goal as community organizer is to try to give people a sense of the diversity of our community and also of the numbers.

**DIMENSIONS:** *How do you feel the election of Ann Richards & Bob Bullock will affect the efforts of the LGRL?*

**LAURIE:** This is definitely a positive move. We have friends in the legislature who can and will introduce legislation to repeal §21.06, and we no longer have to be concerned that if that legislation does reach the governor's desk, it will be automatically vetoed.

Also, Richards will make over 4000 appointments during her four years in office and many of these appointments will go to openly gay men and lesbians. I would like to encourage anyone who is interested in one of these posts to

contact us at the Lobby. We can help lead them through the process and give a little push in the right direction. There are committees for everything from veterinarians to grocers; and Ann will make appointments to many of them. I would also like to point out that the Turtle Creek Chorale, the Dallas Women's Chorus and the Capitol City Men's Chorus will be performing at the inauguration ceremonies. They are going to be standing behind Ann and singing the *National Anthem* and *The Eyes of Texas*, etc . . . It's going to be wonderful. I think it will be televised. I think straight people don't realize how significant this is for the gay community.

**DIMENSIONS:** *Any last words?*

**LAURIE:** I would like to encourage women to support the LGRL. I think many women are afraid to have their name appear on our mailing list or even to write a check to the "Lesbian/Gay" Rights Lobby. We now have a political action committee called the Calkin Fund

so that people who want to support the Lobby but are very afraid to be on our mailing list or afraid to write a check to us, can donate to the Calkin Fund, or they can just donate anonymously.

I would like to say, while encouraging people to join the Lobby, that we are very discreet. We have ways for people who are more "out" to help in an "out" way, and ways for people who are not "out" to be very discreet.

*If you would like to join the LGRL you can write to them at: P.O. Box 2579, Austin, TX 78768, or call; (512) 474-5475. If you are in the Austin area, you can stop by their new offices (they will move in late December) at 18th & Nueces. They will be sharing the space with the Texas Human Rights Foundation and will use some of their space as a community center. Laurie also encourages you to call and talk to her if you have concerns you would like to see addressed by the LGRL. She says that she is your representative in Austin, and she wants to hear your views!*



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# WHAT A WORLD, WHAT A WORLD!

## RESOLUTIONS FOR THE 90's

BY NANCY FORD



Welcome to the 90's. I know what you're thinking, and no, I have not been in a sugar coma for the last year. You see, technically speaking, a decade begins with the year ending with a "1". Mathematically, 1990 closed out the 80's. Thank you for your attention. Now let's move on.

Next only to a really good collagen treatment, there's nothing like a virgin decade to give a gal a fresh start on life. And while generally speaking I have always believed making New Year's resolutions to be a pagan ritual practiced only by those with limited self-esteem, this year I've reconsidered. I also believe that those who do not learn from the past are destined to repeat it, and sometimes not with the facilitator of our choice. Therefore, in a sincere effort to avoid repeating various disasters-turned-learning experiences wrought in the 80's, here is my personal list of resolutions for the 90's. Fell free to adopt them as your own if applicable.

### I Resolve:

- to avoid the use of inflexible terminology, i.e. "never", "always"

and "forever", especially when referring to supposedly-housebroken pets, relationships with human beings, and the artistic consistency of eccentric hairdressers.

- to remember that my car has been designed to serve me as a mode of transportation, and I should not treat it's interior as though it were a storage closet, a purse, or an aluminum can/newspaper recycling center.
- to practice restraint when striking up conversations with women in nightclubs in small towns on the road. Even though these women may very closely resemble Gloria Steinem in dim light, these same women may also have, just that weekend, been released from prison, and may misinterpret my not wanting to lambada as a reason to rumble.
- to remind those who choose to dine with me that, in my home, Nutrasweet and Simplese are considered instruments of the devil.



- to accept the fact that while a holistic approach to healing may work wonders for the body and spirit, from an automotive aspect, it sucks.
- to realize that just because someone double-dares me to do something, it doesn't mean I actually have to accept the challenge. It should be enough to visualize that, yes indeed, if shaved, my dog's butt would closely resemble Jesse Helms' profile. It should not be necessary to put my dog through the humiliation of depilation just to prove a political point.
- to continue to believe that God is watching us, God is watching us, God is watching us from a distance, and I know that He knows that I know that He knows that He never intended for Maybelline's moisturizing make-up cover stick to be a permanent replacement for the cosmetic benefits of a full night's sleep.
- to remember that Operation Desert Shield has little or nothing to do with panty liners for Saudi Arabian women.

And so, dear Dimensionites, Happy New Year, Happy 90's, and stay tuned to *What A World, What A World*.



## Nancy Ford will be performing:

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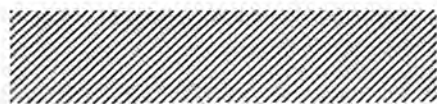


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# Planning Your Holiday Party

A black and white photograph of party decorations. In the center, a large, dark, round balloon is partially obscured by a streamer that runs across the frame. To the left, a portion of a Christmas tree is visible. Below the main balloon, there are smaller, lighter-colored balloons and more streamers. The background is light and slightly out of focus.

It's that time of year — a time when friends and family get together for the traditional holiday party. Whether it's an informal get-together or a fancy holiday cocktail party, there are some things you need to know if you plan on serving drinks.

## HOW MUCH TO BUY

Plan on serving four to five drinks per person. Some will drink less, some more, but this should be enough to get you through a three to four hour party. To

help you figure out how much you need to buy, use the conversion chart below.

- 1 bottle Wine = approx. 5 glasses.
- 1 fifth liquor = approx. 30 mixed drinks
- 1 keg beer = approx 12 cases beer
- 1 "pony" keg = approx. 6 cases beer
- 1 party bubble = approx. 2 cases beer

One good way to cut time and costs is to plan on serving only one drink that can be made ahead of time. In addition to cutting costs, this also lets you enjoy the

party instead of spending the entire night behind a bar. Margaritas or Egg Nog are both good choices (recipes below) when served along with beer for those who don't care for mixed drinks.

## **MARGARITAS FOR MANY**

**Makes 50-60 drinks**

2 fifths white Tequila

1 fifth Triple Sec

3 bottles Sweet & Sour Drink Mix

Pour all ingredients into large bucket and stir well. To serve, dip into pitcher or punch bowl and serve over ice. Garnish with lime slices. To convert to "Gold" Margaritas, use gold tequila and replace triple sec with Grand Marnier.

**TIP:** To easily salt rims of glasses, place a clean sponge in a bowl and pour Sweet & Sour drink mix or lime juice over sponge. To salt, simply rotate rim of glass on sponge and dip into margarita salt.

## **EGG NOG**

**Makes 18 servings**

6 Eggs

1 cup sugar

1 cup milk

1 tsp. vanilla extract

3 cups heavy cream

1 cup dark rum (or bourbon), optional

Beat eggs until combined. Slowly beat in sugar and continue beating until foamy. Stir in milk, liquor and vanilla. Beat cream just until thickened and gently fold into egg mixture. Refriger-

ate. Sprinkle with Nutmeg before serving.

**TIP:** For single drinks it is easier to use pre-made egg nog and add one jigger (shot) of rum or bourbon if desired. Keep in mind that raw eggs are associated with salmonella poisoning. Be sure that you use eggs that are clean, unbroken and without cracks.

## **FULL BAR**

If you plan on setting up a "full service" bar, the first thing you'll need is a bartender. If you've never tended bar you may want to hire a professional bartender or recruit a friend with experience. However, if you prefer to do it yourself, you'll need to arm yourself with a book of drink recipes and acquaint yourself with the bar equipment and basic drink recipes before the party. Below I've listed the ingredients and equipment you'll need to get started (serves approximately 25 guests for three to four hours).

### **Liquor**

1 Bottle each of Scotch, Vodka, Gin, Rum, Tequila and Bourbon. Also include several bottles of white and red wine, and several cases of beer.

### **Mixers**

One bottle each of Triple Sec & Dry Vermouth. Several bottles each of Sweet and Sour drink mix, Coke, 7-Up, Tonic, Soda, Orange and Grapefruit Juice.

### **Bar Equipment & Miscellaneous**

Several lemons and limes cut into

wedges, small jar of green olives, margarita salt, shaker, strainer, swizzle sticks, shot glasses, and corkscrew. You may also want pour tops for all liquor bottles to reduce waste and spills. Be sure you have plenty of cocktail glasses and napkins on hand.

Most drinks are self-explanatory (i.e. scotch & water, bourbon & coke or gin & tonic), and most of us know what a "screwdriver" consists of (vodka & orange juice), but, if you've never tended bar you may want to study up on what goes into a margarita, cuba libra, whiskey sour, etc., before you get behind the bar.

## SAFETY

Drunk driving laws get more stringent every year and you should be prepared to take some precautions to protect both yourself and your guests. Below are some ideas to help you get started.

- Always serve food at a party where

drinks are served.

- Keep plenty of coffee, soft drinks, and other non-alcoholic beverages on hand.
- Stop serving drinks and serve only non-alcoholic beverages approximately one hour before the party breaks up.
- Have the number of a local taxi company posted above the phone for easy access.
- Or, have a friend who doesn't drink be on hand as a taxi service.

Another good idea is to meet each group or couple at the door and find out if they have a designated driver. If they don't have one you can take their keys at the door so that there will be no conflict later on.

With a little planning and a few precautions you can throw a great party without too much work, and make it a great time both for your guests and yourself!



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THIS MONTH'S GUEST COLUMNS:

Movie:

## HENRY & JUNE

by Amy Q.

Entertainer:

## MONICA GRANT

by Susan Indest

As a special treat this month we are going to feature two guest reviews submitted by Dimensions readers.

### Henry and June

by Amy Q.

Anyone who partakes of radio, TV or newspapers has probably heard a review of the film *Henry and June*. If it's not art, it's certainly news!

Why? Mostly because it launched a whole new rating category. NC-17... that's censor code for "No Children under 17". This new designation is a supposed breakthrough for the motion picture industry, a kind of "nasty as we wanna be, but not an 'X' rating".

No reviewer in the mainstream media could discuss this movie without making it clear that the objectionable adult content of *Henry and June* involved plenty of intense lesbian love scenes. Talk like that tends to raise one's expectations.

Having seen it for myself, I'd say that

the movie could use alot more lesbian love than it actually has. The scenes between the women are provocative and sensuous, but they are not as graphic, nor as numerous, as the hetero sex in this film.

The racy reputation of *Henry and June* is just a by-product of cultural double standards on the subject of sex. The much discussed lesbian scenes are mostly smooching and petting that would be standard TV fare between two members of the opposite sex.

The film's story is based on the diary of French writer Anais Nin and portrays her relationship with American expatriate author Henry Miller and his wife June during the 1930s. Actress Maria de Medeiros, who plays Anais, has the biggest, most expressive eyes imaginable. Uma Thurman in the role of June is equally gorgeous and fascinating (I would have liked to see more, but her character was out of town for a lot of the movie).

The cinematography was beautiful; I

especially liked the lighting and the sense of visual texture. Some of the shots of Paris made me want to book a flight to France right away.

*Henry and June* is certainly a film worth seeing, but for some reason a couple sitting behind me got up and left only 20 minutes before the end of the movie. I wondered why. Did their babysitter have to be home before midnight? Were they bored? Were they offended by the lesbian sex? . . . or the other sex? . . . or by me and my noisy friends . . . ?

## Monica Grant

by Susan Indest

When comic/musician Monica Grant took the stage in New Orleans recently, what followed was more than an hour and a half of non-stop entertainment the audience will be talking about for a long, long time.

Monica dazzled the audience with a wide variety of material, proving herself to be a great talent and a comic genius. She switched from comedy to "serious" material with great ease and superb skill.

On the humorous side, there was her song "Coming Out Story", about a trip home to break the news to Mom. And, "Best Girl" about a girlfriend deciding to marry a man and a wild dash to the church to try to stop the wedding. "PMS" bemoans the woes

of pre-menstrual syndrome and the nightmares that accompany it. And "Down at the Sperm Bank", sung to the tune of "Under the Boardwalk", is about "alternative" means of insemination. During this song the audience joined in on a sing-

along of the refrain.

A real crowd pleaser was "Co-dependency Polka" for which Monica put aside her usual acoustic guitar for her accordion.

Monica's humor wasn't restricted to songs. There were her survival tips for meeting your lover's parents (one of the funniest acts I've ever seen).

Monica's comedy had the audience roaring with laughter and some literally laughed until they cried.

Monica proved herself to be a true Renaissance woman with her amazing ability to entertain in a variety of ways — she even did a little tap dance! And her quick wit was displayed in her ability to relate humorous observations of places and events she came across in her brief to stay in New Orleans.

Monica's show was so outstanding she received two standing ovations and left the audience calling for more.

Many of Monica's songs can be found on her tape "Harbor Girl." And, hopefully the rest of her new material will be on her next recording, which she'll make in the spring.

Monica's show is uplifting and validating and she is truly a valuable asset to the lesbian and gay community. It will be a pleasure to watch this wonderfully talented entertainer as her repertoire grows.



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# Are You TOO Patient?

QUIZ

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There are some women who believe that it is always better to be polite than to speak up about what they want. There are the women who let everyone else ahead of them in line when they've got a cart full of groceries and women who wait patiently for hours at the doctors without ever complaining. To find out if you are too patient, answer the following questions as honestly as possible!

1. You've been seeing the same woman for three years, but she says she's still not ready to commit. You:

- a. keep waiting and hoping.
- b. start dating other women, just in case.
- c. give her an ultimatum.

2. A friend's child has pulled all the leaves off of your favorite houseplant. You:

- a. tell her it's alright and not to worry.
- b. count to ten and then explain that it's taken ten years to get the plant to look that good.
- c. start screaming that she's just ruined the only thing you've ever been able to grow.

3. When you have to cook dinner for yourself, you have:

- a. a steak from the grill with all the trimmings.
- b. soup and salad.
- c. a sandwich or microwave dinner.

4. An acquaintance is being very nosy about your salary, you:

- a. show her a paycheck stub.
- b. ignore her and change the subject.
- c. tell her if you wanted anyone to know you'd call the local radio station and place an ad.

5. At the bar one night, a woman pushes her way ahead of you and orders drinks for a party of 10. You:

- a. stand quietly and wait your turn.
- b. tell her nicely that you were ahead of her in line and you are only ordering a beer.
- c. "accidentally" bump into her after she's got her tray of drinks.

6. At the hairdresser's, the receptionist informs you that your stylist is running 30 minutes behind schedule. You:

- a. apologize for not calling ahead to find out if everything was on schedule.
- b. request that they call you the next time they're running late and take a seat.
- c. tell them that you have an appointment and you expect to keep it. If they



can't get you in on time, you'll find a new stylist.

7. Your idea of a nice dinner out is:
- waiting an hour for a table at the newest "hot" restaurant in town.
  - going to a restaurant with a short wait and good food.
  - eating in the parking lot of the local drive-thru burger joint.

8. Do you agree with the following statements? (check all that apply)
- Good things come to those who wait.
  - I'll wait forever to get what I want.
  - Complaining gets you nowhere.

## SCORING

Give yourself points as follows:  
Questions 1 thru 7 — a-3, b-2, c-1  
Question 8 — give yourself 3 points for each answer checked.

### if you scored: 7-13

Patience may be a virtue, but not when you are so patient you let yourself get stepped on. You "bend" so much that someday you might just break. Remember that the tortoise didn't win the race because he was slow, he won because he was persistent. Sometimes you really do have to stand up and voice your opinion. Simply waiting for good fortune to come your way isn't good enough. You've got to ask for it!

## 14-21

You've struck the right balance. You have figured out when a situation calls for patience on your part and when it calls for action. This allows you be compassionate as well as getting where you want. Slow and steady does win the race, but "steady" is the operative word here. You know you've got to keep pushing to get where you want to be, but you've also learned when to slow down and watch the world go by.


## 22-30

You are impatient to the point of obsession. You are the one who will argue with the woman in the "Express" lane at the grocery store when she has eleven items in her cart instead of ten. Remember that just because you are fast does not mean you are efficient, and you may be offending the people around you with your emphasis on speed. If you take time to think before you lose your patience next time, you might find that it is easier to get the results you want with sugar rather than vinegar.



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Hold me tight.

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The storm doesn't give way  
    We're too exhausted to sob  
    Much less rise for our job  
The persistent clock radio plays.

Wind hounds the fragile oak tree  
The chill is between you and me  
    The morning coffee is too weak  
    Our hot water pipes slowly leak  
Are we too hurt to see?

Spring may never come again  
Like it did way back then  
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# HOROSCOPE

WHAT'S IN THE STARS FOR YOU THIS MONTH?

## ARIES

**DECEMBER:** Pay attention to your own needs before you tend to everyone else's or you'll finish out the year feeling cranky and exhausted. Be sure to make plans well ahead of time to avoid last minute mixups. **JANUARY:** News or gossip you hear may not be reliable. Money and personal problems that have been plaguing you lately take a turn for the better.

## TAURUS

**DECEMBER:** A friend may need your support but don't get so involved that you take on her problems. Try to wrap up holiday preparations by the 14th since your energy levels won't be nearly as high after that. **JANUARY:** Your ambitions haven't diminished, they may just be headed in the wrong direction. Reassess your financial and career goals to get you back on track.

## GEMINI

**DECEMBER:** You may have a tendency to make play too much like work during this holiday season. Even if you are feeling swamped, give yourself time to relax and enjoy the season. **JANUARY:** All the extra effort you've put into your job could start to pay off. Keep social activities to a minimum, family interests should come first right now.

## CANCER

**DECEMBER:** Your routine at work could be dragging you down. Be sure to

get out and enjoy holiday preparations and the social activities of the season. This will help relieve the stress you've been feeling on the job. **JANUARY:** The recognition you've been seeking at work comes your way and makes you feel great — but, don't spend your money before you get it!

## LEO

**DECEMBER:** You may feel torn between obligations and fun. Everyone seems to want a piece of you right now. Don't feel put upon, enjoy the limelight. Be careful with a new romance — it may not be all that you expected. **JANUARY:** Holiday spending has put you in a bind and you might have to cut back on expenses and travel plans this month. Focus home and family matters.

## VIRGO

**DECEMBER:** An old love may resurface, but don't be fooled. You have grown while she remains rooted to the past. Put your emotional ties to her behind you and move on with your life. **JANUARY:** It's a good idea to avoid either borrowing or lending money this month. A change of direction could be in the works — be flexible but sensible.

## LIBRA

**DECEMBER:** You may have been so wrapped in work and home affairs that you haven't had time to socialize. Get out now and take advantage of all the social activities surrounding the holi-

days. **JANUARY:** Turn on the charm and you might just attract Ms. Right! An optimistic mood colors the month and brings good luck at work.

## SCORPIO

**DECEMBER:** Avoid eavesdropping and prying — you may hear something you don't want to hear. Don't lend money or valuables to a friend, pay back could be a problem. Your serious mood lifts just in time for Christmas festivities - enjoy! **JANUARY:** Don't base all your plans on one financial deal. Spread yourself out for protection and security. Pay attention to details, both on the job and at home.

## SAGITTARIUS

**DECEMBER:** An unusually heavy workload in addition to all the holiday activities can keep you really busy. Fortunately, you enjoy burning the candle at both ends! Watch your finances carefully as you may run into problems. **JANUARY:** Money matters get back on track early this month. Turn on the charm and you can attract love and good fortune. Enjoy social events.

## CAPRICORN

**DECEMBER:** You may have trouble keeping up with all your projects this month. Make lists and stay organized and you'll be able to enjoy a break for the holidays. A potent Full Moon in your sign could signal a new direction. **JANUARY:** Push

money matters into the background temporarily. Travel could be in the cards for some. You could use a change of scenery.

## AQUARIUS

**DECEMBER:** Don't encourage an acquaintance who's been flirting with you. Be nice but don't give in — both of you could end up being embarrassed. Be careful with your money since your gift list may grow at the last minute. **JANUARY:** You may not see eye to eye with a higher-up on the job. A compromise is possible if you set your mind to it. Romance may pop up where you least expect it.

## PISCES

**DECEMBER:** You could get so involved in other people's needs that you forget your own. Friends and family are especially demanding right now, but you must remember that you can't be all things to all people. **JANUARY:** Don't be so anxious to make a break in a current relationship. You may regret it later on. You could be torn between work and pleasure. If you handle it right you could find yourself with a raise or promotion.



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458-3971 • Box 275 Texas Union 78712-7338

Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby • PO Box 2505 78768

Lesbian Mothers - Karen • 339-8508

Live Wire Productions • PO Box 141202 78714

Metropolitan Community Church

1100 Springdale Rd. • 929-3660

Oasis Ministry

5555 N. Lamar Blvd. #L101 • 441-9191

P-Flag (Parents/Friends Lesbians/Gays) • 328-3830

Sapphire! • Lesbian Social Group • 1600 S. Lamar

Waterloo Counseling Center

507 Powell 78703 • 322-9654

Texas Human Rights Foundation

2201 N. Lamar # 203 78705 • 479-8473

AIDS Legal Assistance 1-800-828-6417

## DALLAS, TX (area code 214)

### businesses

Business Delivery Systems

14902 Preston Rd. 75240 • 733-1108

Crossroads Market • 3930 Cedar Springs

521-8919 or 1-800-992-6404

Curious Times - Women's Books etc

4008D Cedar Springs • 528-4087

### clubs

Jugs • 3810 Congress • 521-3474

The Playhouse • 5727 Nash • 350-9814

Sue Ellen's • 3903 Cedar Springs • 559-0707

### organizations

Affirmation • PO Box 225831 75222 • 948-1546

AIDS Resource Center

P.O. Box 190712 75219

Dallas Gay Alliance

P.O. Box 190712 75219 • 528-0144

Dallas Gay/Lesbian Historic Archives

P.O. Box 190712 75219 • 821-1653

Dallas Gay Youth Group

300 Turtle Creek Plaza #116 • 307-7203

Dallas Outdoors

P.O. Box 35474 75235 • 276-5270

Dallas Tavern Guild

3900 Lemmon Ave. #220 • 526-5292

Dignity/Dallas • PO Box 190133 75219 • 226-4101

Foundation for Human Understanding • 528-4233

Grace Fellowship in Christ Jesus

2727 Oak Lawn 75219 • 528-2811

Lesbian Information Line (LIL)

P.O. Box 191443 75219 • 528-2426

Lesbian/Gay Political Coalition

P.O. Box 224424 75222 • 828-9882

Lesbian Resource Center

1315 Skiles • 821-3999

Lesbian Visionaries

P.O. Box 191443 75219 • 528-4087

Metroplex Republicans

P.O. Box 191033 75219 • 941-8114

Oak Lawn Community Services

P.O. box 191094 75219 • 520-8108

Oak Lawn Symphonic Band

P.O. Box 190973 75219 • 986-1751

SDA Kinship (Gay & Lesbian Adventists)

PO Box 38454 75238 • 373-8484

WANT (Women In The Arts) 288-929/ 823-3105

Womyn Together • 3920 Cedar Springs • 528-4233

## DENTON, TX (area code 817)

### organizations

COURAGE, Lesbian Gay Student Org.

P.O. Box 5067 76203 • 382-3813

## FT. WORTH (area code 817)

### organizations

Affirmation (Methodist) • 478-7837

RESPECT - Gay/Lesbian Association

828 Hardwood Rd. • Hurst, TX 76054

## HOUSTON, TX (area code 713)

### businesses

Inklings • an alternative bookshop

1846 Richmond • 521-3369

## clubs

Ranch • 9125 S. Main • 666-3464

## organizations

### AIDS Foundation

3927 Essex Lane • 623-6796

### AIDS HOTLINE

c/o Switchboard • 529-3211

### Gay/Lesbian Students University of Houston

4800 Calhoun • 529-3211

### Gay & Lesbian Switchboard

P.O. Box 66591 77266 • 529-3211

### Houston Gay Political Caucus

P.O. Box 66664 77266 • 521-1000

### Kingdom Community Church

614 E. 19th • 862-7533

### Lambda ALANON • Lambda Center for Alcoholics

1214 Joanne • 521-9772

### Lesbian/Gay Students-Univ. Houston Clear Lake

2700 Bay Area 77058

### Metropolitan Community Church

Of The Resurrection

1919 Decatur • 861-9149

### Montrose Counseling Center

900 Lovett #203 77006 • 529-0037

### Montrose Pool League/Billiards • PJ 863-8482

### PWA Coalition - Houston

1475 W. Gray #163 • 522-5428

### Womynspace

P.O. Box 980601 77098-0601

### Women's Softball League

6431 Pineshade • 868-6256

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## LUBBOCK, TX (area code 806)

### businesses

Elle's Garden • 2812 34th St. • 796-0880

### organizations

#### Lubbock Lesbian/Gay Alliance

P.O. Box 64746 79464 • 796-2403

Names Project/Lubbock • 796-1800 or 744-1957

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## NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

### Affirmation: United Methodists for Lesbian/Gay

Concerns • P.O. Box 1021 • Evanston, IL 60204

### AIDS Action Council

729 Eighth St. S.E. Suite 200

Washington, DC 20003 • (202) 547-3101

AIDS 800 • 1-800-221-7044

### Conference For Catholic Lesbians

P.O. Box 436, Planetarium Station

New York, New York 10024

GLAAD/USA • 80 Varick St. #3E • NY, NY 10013

Hate Crime Line • 1-800-347-HATE

National Gay Alliance for Young Adults, Inc.

P.O. Box 190426

Dallas, TX 75219-0426 • (214) 307-7203

National Gay/Lesbian Clearinghouse

666 Broadway 4th Floor

NY, NY 10012

### National Gay/Lesbian Crisisline

1-800-SOS-GAYS

### National Gay/Lesbian Task Force

1517 U Street NW

Washington D.C. 20009 • 202-332-6483

### The Fund for Human Dignity

666 Broadway 4th Floor

NY, NY 10012

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## NORMAN, OK (area code 405)

### organizations

#### Women's Resource Center

P.O. Box 5089 73070

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## OKLAHOMA CITY, OK (area code 405)

### organizations

#### Oasis the Community Center

2135 NW 39th 73112 • 525-AIDS

#### Herland Sister Resources, Inc.

2312 NW 39th 73112 • 521-9696

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## SAN ANGELO, TX (area code 915)

### businesses

#### Books Etc., Inc • Lesbian/Gay/Alternative Books

2410 W. Ave N 76904 • 942-1544

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## SAN ANTONIO, TX (area code 512)

### clubs

The Circle • 8021 Pinebrook • 341-2818

### organizations

#### Dignity/San Antonio

202 N. St. Mary's • 349-3632

#### Integrity/San Antonio

P.O. Box 150006 78212 • 684-4920

#### River City Living

#### Metropolitan Community Church

202 Holland 78212 • 822-1121

LISA (Lesbian Information SA) • 828-LISA (5472)

SALGA - San Antonio Lesbian &

Gay Assembly • 733-7300

SALSA - San Antonio Lambda Students Alliance

P.O. Box 12715 78212

Coordinator, Jim 228-9877

#### San Antonio AIDS Foundation

P.O. Box 120113 78212-9313

San Antonio Tavern Guild • 822-2823

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## SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TX

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### accommodations

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