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# TO THE EDITOR

EXPRESSING THE OPINIONS & VIEWPOINTS OF DIMENSIONS' READERS

## BRAVO!

Dear Dimensions:

Bravo! Thank you for a wonderfully refreshing publication! No phone sex ads or photos of men in G-strings! You have grown so much since your modest beginnings. Kelly & Tasha should pat each other on the back.

It's nice to have a link to other women around Texas and other areas. I had lost contact with you and thought you were no longer in publication. Much to my surprise, I spotted a copy a couple of months ago at Ellie's Garden. We, in this area of Texas, are privileged to have this magazine and a women's bookstore who provide copies for us. Again, Thank you for all your hard work. Keep it up!

Natalie P.

Lubbock, TX

## LEFT OUT AGAIN

Dear Dimensions:

The "Texas Festival" held at the John F. Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. this June was another slap in the face to gay and lesbian Texans. Looking over the program we see that great care was taken to present a clever sampling from all ethnic groups in order to show off our diverse and lively Texas culture.

Even though there are gay and lesbian artists involved in the various art offerings, they remain hidden in the usual manner.

The Festival does not include any work with a gay or lesbian theme or any art that has arisen from the gay commu-

nity. There is no indication of the contributions gay Texans have made to the great Texas landscape.

One has to wonder why this deletion was made in the program. I suspect that it is because George Bush is in the Whitehouse. We certainly wouldn't want to embarrass the President by acknowledging that there are homosexuals in Texas. The rest of the world might find out.

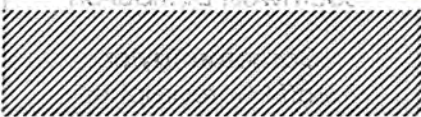
Because the "Texas Festival" has neglected to include gay and lesbian artists, it has failed to be a real Texas festival in a big way.

They could have at least presented Jimmy James at the Kennedy center doing Marilyn Monroe singing "Happy Birthday Mr. President."

Gene Wesley Elder

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# THE NEWS

FROM AROUND THE REGION, THE COUNTRY & THE WORLD

## Maxey Resigns

AUSTIN - In an effort to devote more time to his new job, recently elected State Representative Glen Maxey will step down as Executive Director of the Lesbian Gay Rights Lobby of Texas (LGRL). He submitted his letter of resignation to the LGRL Board at its May 4th meeting in Austin. The Board expects to bring Maxey on as an ex-officio member at its July meeting.

For four years Maxey has worked for repeal of the state's "anti-homosexual conduct" law (section 21.06 of the Penal Code) and promotion of AIDS legislation for funding and community-based programs. He also worked in coalition with CHOICE activists on legislation affecting a woman's right to choose abortion.

Maxey was elected State Representative from District 51 in south Austin on March 6 in a special election that was called after Governor Ann Richards appointed Representative Lena Guerrero to the Railroad Commission. Following his election, Maxey requested a ruling from the Legislative Legal Council to determine in what capacity he could stay on with the Lobby. The council ruled that he was well within the law if he maintained an administrative position, the only restriction being lobbying.

As the first openly-gay elected state official, Maxey says his decision to

leave the Lobby was not an easy one, but that several things finally convinced him it was a necessary and positive step. On a personal level, he said he struggled with burnout and realized there simply weren't enough hours in the day for him to do both jobs. Maxey also says that while current Texas law allows him to have a paid position with the Lobby, new ethics legislation currently being written by the Legislature will likely change that law when it goes into effect in September. Maxey emphasized to members of the LGRL Board that it is crucial for the Lobby to maintain a sense of propriety, and in fact to be a leader on the ethics issue. Maxey's departure leaves the Lobby under the direction of Lobbyist Laurie Eiserloh.

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## Hotline Established To Free Sharon Kowalski

MINNESOTA - A national "Let Sharon Kowalski Come Home" hotline has been established by a coalition of organizations to pressure Minnesota Governor Arne Carlson to intervene on behalf of Sharon Kowalski. Each call to the 800 number will generate a letter to Governor Carlson, demonstrating the level of national outrage surrounding this case and the the recent decision.



Judge Cambell's April 24 decision denying Karen Thompson guardianship of Kowalski has spurred outrage from disabled and lesbian and gay rights activists. Despite overwhelming testimony by medical professionals that Kowalski's interests would be best served by moving her home to St. Cloud to live with Thompson, Campbell awarded guardianship to a "neutral third party," Karen Tomberlin, a friend of Kowalski's family. In response to the court's decision, Thompson's attorney has initiated the appeal process.

The hotline number is 800-325-6000, ID #9860. The charge for each call is \$6.25. The charge for the call will pay for the letter to Governor Carlson, and a portion of the funds generated will go to the Karen Thompson Defense Fund.

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## NOW Demonstrating to Overturn Gag Rule

NEW YORK - A march and rally will highlight the National Organization for Women's 1991 National Conference in New York City July 5-7. Thousands of feminists from around the country will mobilize at the New York Hilton to rally in support of legislation that would overturn Bush Administration regulations upheld in the recent Supreme Court decision *Rust v. Sullivan*, which deny a woman who uses a federally funded health clinic any information on abortion, even if her pregnancy endangers her life or health.

Activists at the Conference will also debate NOW's policies and priorities for the coming year. Hot topics will

include violence against women, civil rights, and recent abortion legislation. The march will step off at the New York Hilton at noon on Saturday, July 6th and culminate in a rally at Grand Army Plaza at the Southeast corner of Central Park. Dr. Irving Rust, the plaintiff in the recent Supreme Court case, Eleanor Smeal, President of the Fund for the Feminist Majority, and other noted speakers and performers will address the crowd. Activists will be encouraged to mobilize political pressure on Congress in support of Legislation to overturn the gag rule. This is part of a coordinated national campaign by a coalition women's rights, women's health, free speech and medical groups.

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## Lesbian/Gay Health Concerns To Be Addressed at Louisiana Conference

NEW ORLEANS - The largest national conference concerning lesbian and gay health issues is expected to draw over 1,500 attendees when the 13th National Lesbian and Gay Health Conference convenes in New Orleans on July 24-28.

This year's Conference will feature more than 225 presentations dealing with issues such as: volunteer management, lesbian and gay health, mental health, substance abuse, and lesbian and gay youth issues.

Hilda Hidalgo, PhD, Professor of Public Administration and Social Work at Rutgers University and author of Les-

bian and Gay Issues; A Resource Manual for Social Workers will present seminars about mental health, including "Coming Out".

Other conference presentations will be led by Jim Graham, Administrator of Whitman-Walker Clinic; Richard Isay, MD, Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at Cornell Medical College and author of Being Homosexual; Gay Men and Their Development; Dan Bross, Executive Director of the AIDS Action Council; and Tim McFeely, Executive Director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund. Ellen Ratner, Board Member of the

National Lesbian and Gay Health Foundation which co-sponsors the conference with the George Washington University Medical Center, said, "This annual meeting brings together health care professionals and community leaders from around the world. Participants are often on the front lines of AIDS research, treatment and care. Our conference provides a forum for the exchange of ideas, information, and technical support for all providers of health care to the lesbian and gay community."



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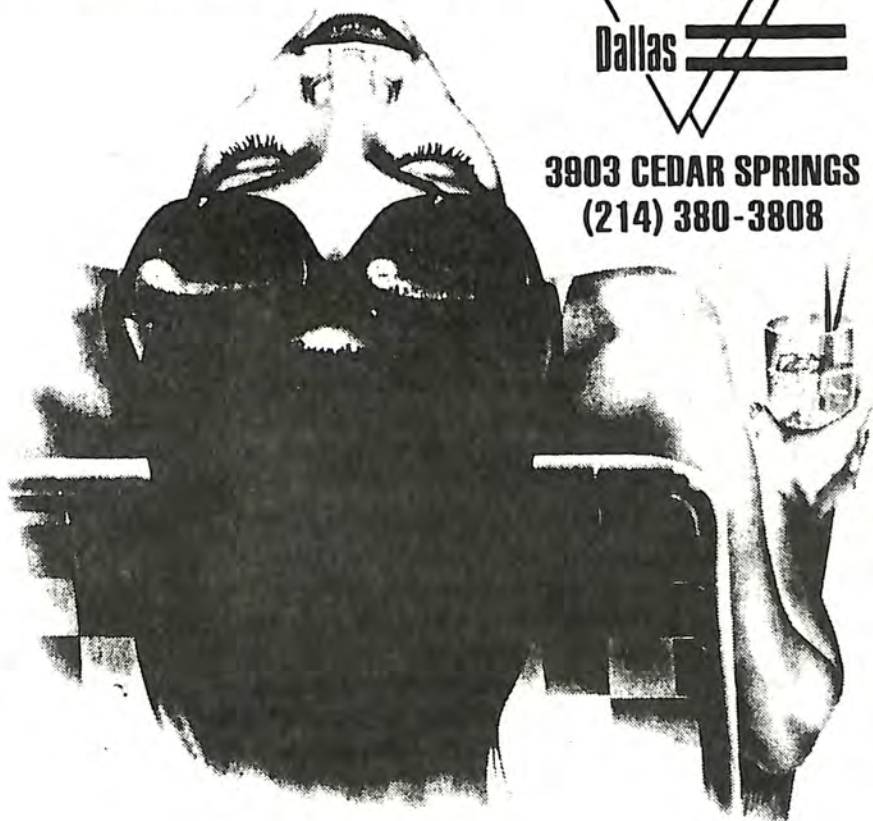
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# WHAT'S GOIN' ON

A MONTHLY LISTING OF SPECIAL EVENTS ALL AROUND THE AREA

**DALLAS** - The **WOMEN'S CHORUS OF DALLAS** is hosting their annual **Talent Show and Fundraiser** at the **VILLAGE STATION** on July 21st at 2pm. The show is titled **Pretty Women: The Variety Show** and will feature the best of the chorus competing in a talent contest. In conjunction with the show, there will also be an **auction** of "romantic items" including an evening dinner cruise for two. Tickets are \$10 and are available by calling (214) 276-2072.

**HOUSTON** - A new women's sexuality group at the **MONTROSE COUNSELING CENTER** will meet on Mondays from 6:15-7:45pm July 15th through September 9th. The group is designed to provide women (particularly women who love women) a safe place to talk about their sexuality. The group will explore defining one's sexuality, sexual problems, gynecological conditions and myths, relationships, and will explore the messages advertising sends about our bodies. For information, contact **Leah M. Harter, M.A.** at (713) 529-0037.

**DALLAS/FT. WORTH** - The **North Texas Women's Sport's Association's (NTWSA) Bicycle Club** is rolling! Membership applications and information are available by writing to NTWSA at P.O. Box 141199, Dallas, TX 75214. The club sponsors group rides as well as planning meetings and is open to all women.

**AUSTIN** - **DOCUDYKES**, the documentation committee of the **Fourth Annual Texas Lesbian Conference** (held in Austin last April) are asking for

help from anyone who has papers from Texas lesbian/gay activism in the 70's. The papers would be donated to the **Texas Lesbian Conference Collection** at the **Barker Texas History Center** at the **University of Texas at Austin**. They are also seeking volunteers to help organize an **Austin Lesbian Resource Center**. If you are interested in donating materials or helping with any project, contact **Meg Barnett** or **Deb Shelby** in care of **TLC '91**, P.O. Box 401063, Austin, TX 78704.

**DALLAS** - The **AMADO MIO Salon** is offering **free haircuts** for **PLWA's** on the first Sunday of each month from noon until 5pm. They are also looking for hair stylists to volunteer their time in this endeavor. For an appointment or to volunteer, call **Miguel** at (214) 522-7121.

**SAN ANTONIO** - **Gay And Young in San Antonio (G.A.Y. in S.A.)** is a new support group for the younger generation of lesbians and gays. The group will also sponsor dinners, outings, picnics, and fundraisers to help younger gays become comfortable with the gay community. Information is available by writing P.O. Box 690816, San Antonio, TX 78269-0816.

**DALLAS** - The **Coalition of Lesbian/Gay Student Groups (CLGSG)** will be conducting a **retreat** for **Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual youth** and students in the **Texas Hill Country** on July 20-21. The event is open to representatives of all Coalition member organizations. For more information on CLGSG and the **Lambda Leadership Workshop** can be obtained by calling or writing the



Coalition at (214) 621-6705, P.O. Box 190712, Dallas, TX 75219.

**BEAUMONT** - The newly formed Lambda Women's Support and Social Group is seeking new members and volunteers. The group plans to sponsor discussion meetings as well as various social activities. Meetings are held every Friday from 6:30-8:30pm at 2655 Sweetgum Lane #17. For more information, please contact Cheryl at (409) 736-1439 or Toni at (409) 898-4546.

**EVERYWHERE** - You asked for it, you got it! OLIVIA CRUISES is now offering an historic, first-ever, women's cruise through the Greek Isles. The trip will begin in Athens with stops in Mykonos, Santorini, Rhodes and the Isle of Lesbos. OLIVIA is also offering a second cruise to Alaska in response to the sell-out of the first cruise. The Greek Cruise is scheduled for September 21-28, 1992 and the second Alaskan Cruise is set for June 12-19, 1992. To receive a brochure on all cruises, call Olivia Cruises toll free at 1-800-631-6277.

**KEY WEST, FL** - The 5th Annual Women In Paradise celebration is set to happen September 9th thru the 15th in Key West, Florida. A variety of activities will be offered including: sailing, swimming, golfing, biking, SCUBA and snorkeling. Entertainment will include: a street fair, the Ms. Gay Key West Pageant, women's theatre, singer/songwriter Lucie Blue Tremblay, comedian Marga Gomez and a fashion show. Many Key West guest-houses will be offering reduced rates for the celebration. For information on Women in Paradise, call 1-800-535-7797

**AUSTIN** - Start the month off right with the Annual Tavern Guild 4th of July Picnic at Pease Park from noon-

4pm. After the picnic, join the girls at NEXUS for a Steak Night Feast from 7-9pm (before the fireworks). On July 11th, be sure to catch Michael Lynne Boles Hypnosis Magic Show at 10pm. And, on July 21st at 9pm it's the "All My Rowdy Friends" Show, hosted by Ms. TGRA Candidate Karen Di-Angelo.

**HOUSTON** - If volleyball is your thing, be sure to check at the RANCH and MS. B'S for information about weekend Volleyball Tournaments to be held on the PATIO! If you prefer your activities indoors, check out musicians Donna & Charlene at MS. B'S on the 3rd and 18th, and comedian Nancy Ford on the 11th. At the RANCH you can enjoy a Variety Show on the 7th to benefit MCC New Freedom in Christ Church.

**SAN ANTONIO** - If you missed out on the Talent Search at the CIRCLE, you are in luck! Talent Search 2 starts on July 14th. There will be cash prizes awarded in both live & lip sync categories. Tuesday Night Topics at the CIRCLE this month are: Kay Ford's Night on the 9th, and lesbian sex expert Joanne Loulan on the 23rd.

**FORT WORTH** - PARTNERS is moving! The new bar will be located at 3425 South Freeway (at the corner of Barry & I35) Be sure you make it to the Grand Opening on July 3rd. There will be a Grand Show as well as lots of Drink Specials and lots of fun! If you need more info, the new phone number is (817) 927-9555.



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# DEAR AGNES

ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT LOVE,  
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## Dear Agnes,

My lover and I have been together for almost five years. In the first two years of our relationship she had several affairs. We finally went to counseling and the affairs stopped. I told her if it ever happened again I would leave.

We bought a house together and opened our own business. Then, about four months ago, she began having another affair with a close friend of ours.

I moved out a month ago. It has been very hard on me, but I had to do it. I couldn't stand to sit home nights waiting for her.

Now she's coming around again, begging my forgiveness. She says it was only a momentary loss of sanity and I am the one she truly loves.

I don't know what to do. I love her, but I don't know if I can trust her again. I gave her more than one chance, and after I had finally regained my trust of her, she did it again.

## Sitting On The Fence Houston, TX

### Dear Sitting,

Before you agree to go back, you need to ask yourself what it is you really want. Do you truly want the relationship to continue, or are you simply lonely? After five years in a relationship, it is very hard to go back to being single. Be sure that you aren't just re-

acting to loneliness, and that you really want to work on your relationship before you move back in.

If you really want to return to this relationship and want it to work, I suggest both of you go back to counseling. It will be hard and you probably won't have complete trust in her for quite awhile, but you can do it.

Good Luck.

## Dear Agnes,

Last year I ended a relationship of four years. About six months ago I started seeing the most wonderful woman, and she moved in last month. The problem is that my mother is driving us both nuts!

She really liked my ex, and she still sees her for lunch, etc. My mom was always trying to get me to go back to the relationship, and was very upset when I started dating again.

Now she comes over to our house, makes snide remarks about my new lover, and talks incessantly about what "Sheri" is doing. Last week she invited me over for dinner while my lover was at work and conveniently "forgot" to tell me that she had also invited Sheri. She doesn't know that Sheri and I broke up because Sheri was sleeping with two (yes, two) other women.

I've tried telling her that if she can't be

nice to my lover, she shouldn't come to our house, but she comes anyway.

Any suggestions?

### **Ready to Strangle Mom City Withheld**

**Dear Ready,**

Sit your mother down (just you and her) and tell her why you and Sheri broke up. Tell her (in no uncertain terms) how it made you feel and that you will never return to the relationship. Also, tell her that if she continues to be rude to your new lover, you will refuse to answer the door when she comes over.

Explain that, while it is perfectly all right with you if she and Sheri remain friends, you will not put up with her

constant cheerleading on Sheri's behalf.

If this doesn't work, you might even try talking to Sheri. You don't say in your letter whether or not she is party to this. Your mother may be doing this without her knowledge.



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THE STORY OF NIKKI AND HOW SHE CAME TO BE.  
AS TOLD TO TASHA SUMNER



We sit down in the living room among a sea of toys. Nikki is fascinated with the buttons on my tape recorder. She giggles and gurgles as she plays with the buttons and pulls on the cord.

Nikki is the secondary subject of this article. She is a beautiful nine month-old girl with brown hair and the biggest blue eyes you've ever seen. The real subject here is how Nikki came to be. Her mother, Cindy, was artificially inseminated, and she is going to tell you (in her own words) what that entails.



I had been thinking about this for about ten years. When I started to get close to thirty-five, I realized I needed to "do it" before the risks got too great. I had talked about this alot and my partner, Jean, said, "You should go ahead and do it — you won't be happy if you don't." So I decided to at least look into it. Jean did let me know from the very start that she did not want to be the main caretaker. It was my dream to have a child, not hers. Although she loves Nikki and has a great time with her, she is not the primary caretaker.

If Jean had had a brother, we would have used him as a donor. We also talked about having a friend donate the sperm, but most of the men we know are gay, and the risk for AIDS was just too great. (In fact, one friend we had considered has since died of AIDS). Plus, I didn't want anybody who could claim custody or anything like that.

I went to Dr. Jones\* (who was my doctor already). Because she is a woman and a single parent herself, I felt like she would be understanding and a good place to start.

She was very receptive, even though she had never done artificial insemination before. She asked me questions about my stability, and after we talked, she decided I would be a good parent and helped me get started. She went and talked to another doctor who had done artificial insemination, and we started looking for sperm banks.

The first place we checked was with the sperm bank at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center here in Lubbock. We

were told that they wouldn't inseminate unmarried women so that left them out. Dr. Jones got a pamphlet from the other doctor on the California Cryobank. The pamphlet told about their screening proces, and we decided to go with them.

They use frozen sperm which means they can check the donor for AIDS and go back and check him again in six months, before they release the sperm. This means they are alot more accurate than sperm banks who use fresh sperm and can only test the donor once. They also do extensive screening for alot of other health problems.

After we had chosen the sperm bank, they sent me and the doctor some forms to fill out. After they received my forms, they sent me a catalog of donors every month. The catalog gives the donor number, ethnic origin, hair color, eye color, height, weight, body type, how many years of schooling, major interests and age. From that you pick four or five that sound interesting, and they send you a more complete profile that details their family health history (including the cause of death of any deceased family members), as well as a more complete description of the donor. At the time I became pregnant, the sperm cost about \$165 (from this sperm bank) and another \$65 to ship.

After they've sent the detailed descriptions, you pick one or two that you think you want to use. It's best to pick two so that you have a backup in case they're out of the one that you want.

One thing that is scary is you don't get

\*The Doctor's name has been changed to protect her identity.

to see what the donor looks like. You don't know what their facial features are. You don't know if they've got a big nose or ears that stick out. I really didn't think about that until after I was pregnant. I know it really doesn't matter, but you do want your child to have everything.

While all this was going on, I had to keep detailed records of my temperature. I had to take my temperature every day and chart it to find out when I was ovulating. I kept records for five months before I even tried to inseminate the first time. There is usually only a forty-eight hour period when you are fertile during the month, so you want a pretty good idea of when you are ovulating or it can get very expensive.

When my temperature indicated that I was about to ovulate, I called the sperm

nate me. All I had to do was hold the sperm in my hand until it thawed. Then she checked it under the microscope to make sure it was motile, and used a syringe without the needle on it to inseminate me. I didn't get pregnant any of those times. The fourth time, my ovulation fell on a weekend. I didn't want to skip a month so I ordered the sperm and had Jean inseminate me. Nikki was conceived this time, so I can honestly say "Jean got me pregnant." Miracles do happen!

Nikki's donor was 25 years old with brown wavy hair and green eyes, he's 5'10", 165 lbs. and he's a Russian Jew. He's working towards his Masters in Child Psychology. He is interested in music, sports and movies and is pretty active.

After the insemination, all I had to do

**I called the sperm bank and said "Send me my sperm tomorrow", and gave them the donor number.**

bank and said "Send me my sperm tomorrow", and gave them the donor number. They need twenty-four hours notice and then they send the sperm out overnight UPS. The sperm comes in a styrofoam cooler packed in dry ice. The vial is only about an inch tall and a little bigger around than a pencil. You can have the sperm delivered to your house or to the doctors office.

The first three times, I took the sperm to the doctors office and had her insemi-

was wait and see if my period came. After the fourth time I knew I was pregnant almost immediately. I was so in tune with my body that I noticed all the changes. Within a week my breasts had gotten sore and I had a numb feeling in my abdomen. When my period was late, I went and had a pregnancy test, and it was positive!

Within a month everything changed. I got sick in the afternoon and evening instead of in the morning. My breasts



got larger. I had to urinate constantly. I got just enough of a paunch so that none of my pants fit (I didn't get big so that I looked pregnant, but none of my clothes fit). Later on I lost the curl in my hair and my skin got splotchy. Everything in my body was going to take care of the baby. I didn't want to eat the whole nine months. I only gained 15 pounds during the pregnancy. I started to really look pregnant about the fifth or sixth month. A lot of people would ask about the father. If I wanted to, I told them I had been artificially inseminated, if not, I just told them I wasn't married and they dropped the subject. It was really neat during the delivery because there were only women in the room. Jean, my mom, my sister and the doctor were all there for the birth. Nikki was born on August 26th and weighed 7lbs. 9oz.

Everything worked out great at work. I managed to get a position where I work at home. I had to take a cut in pay, but it's worth it because it allows me to stay home with Nikki, and I get to keep all my benefits. I would like to go back to school and get my teaching certificate, so that I can be on the same schedule as Nikki when she starts school.

My family was very supportive. They have known I was gay since I was 22. My mother was really excited, especially when we found out it was going to be a girl. Nikki is the only female grandchild she has. My dad didn't approve. He never even mentioned the fact that I was pregnant. Even in the ninth month, it was like he didn't notice I was pregnant. He would come and

visit her when she was real little and say all the right things, but you could tell he wasn't really connected to her. Then when she was about four months old, he came in and said "hi" to her and she smiled at him, and you could see him melt. Ever since then she's been PaPa's little girl. My sister was great from the very start, she's always been supportive of me.

If I was going to give any advice, it would be to take a look at your life and make sure you are in a situation that you can do this. Your life will change completely. It's expensive and the responsibility is twenty-four hours a day. Your life will be planned around the baby for quite awhile. If you feel certain you can handle it, and it is what you really want, do it!



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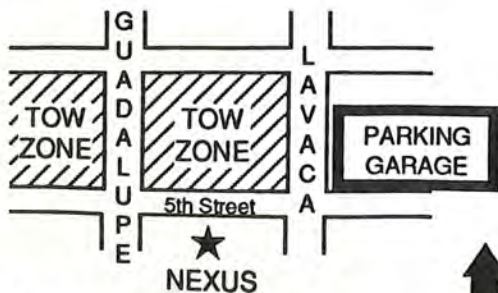
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# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

AN OVERVIEW OF THE RECENT SESSION  
OF THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE

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BY LAURIE EISERLOH

LOBBYIST FOR THE LESBIAN/GAY RIGHTS LOBBY OF TEXAS

On May 27th at midnight, the 72nd session of the Texas Legislature ended. This has been a victorious session for the Lesbian and Gay community. We defeated house bill 2509, sponsored by Rep. Clemons (D-Pollock), that would have criminalized persons living with HIV infection and undercut all of our past policy successes. We defeated house bill 2448, sponsored by Rep. Carona (R-Dallas), and House Bill 1362, sponsored by Rep. Hartnett (R-Dallas). Both of these bills dealt with mandatory testing of health care workers. We defeated House Bill 238, sponsored by Rep. Ovard (R-Dallas), which would have criminalized persons suspected of exposing fire fighters and police officers to the AIDS virus.

But most importantly, we defeated House Bill 702, sponsored by Rep. Ron Wilson (D-Houston). This bill would have caused HIV positive doctors and dentists to lose their licenses. It would have made it possible for doctors and dentists to refuse to treat HIV positive

patients, which in turn, would have led to a shortage of doctors to treat those living with HIV. This bill would have also opened the door for other oppressive legislation and more mandatory testing.

The defeat of House Bill (HB) 702 was a big task, and we, as a community, must congratulate ourselves for our organization, political acumen and perseverance. Consider what we had against us. Some of the state's major lobbies supported this bill. Ron Wilson, the bill's sponsor, is one of the most powerful politicians at the capitol and other politicians besides Wilson were pushing for the passage of this bill. Also, you may recall the press attention that mandatory testing of health care workers has received in the past months. Two Florida dentists and several hospitals have been in the news because of health care related HIV transmission of HIV. One of the networks did an opinion poll and stated that over 80% of all Americans support mandatory testing. The



odds were definitely against us.

Fortunately, Lieutenant Governor Bob Bullock supported us in our battle against HB702. Even when the bill was on the intent calendar, ready to be called, Lieutenant Governor Bob Bullock stood steadfastly by, in the face of tremendous political pressure, and supported our community by refusing to call the bill for a hearing on the senate floor.

Something that we must understand as a community is that the support of someone like Bob Bullock does not exist in a political vacuum. All of you who worked in his campaign, educated him about lesbian and gay issues and who donated money to his campaign deserve thanks. When the passage of HB 702 seemed almost inevitable, the phone calls and telegrams of those who had worked so hard in the Bullock campaign really paid off.

As for the good bills that the LGRL introduced, we are disappointed that none of them passed. It has always been difficult for the lesbian and gay community to pass positive legislation. This session has been particularly difficult because of a conservative backlash caused by the election of Ann Richards, Bob Bullock and Rep. Glen Maxey. (Maxey is the first openly gay person to be elected to the Texas Legislature.)

We may see some changes next session. Rep. Maxey's presence in the House is a constant educational experience for legislators. Because of the homophobic remarks against Maxey, legislators are witnessing first hand discrimination, against a gay person who is also their peer. Those who care about other forms of discrimination, but perhaps never understood homophobia, are beginning to stand up for gay and lesbian issues. By next session, I predict

that we will have several new supporters of gay and lesbian issues in the Texas House.

The Texas Legislature meets every two years, however, the Governor plans to call several special sessions in the interim. The first of these special sessions will be in July to discuss the state budget. Our issue in this first special session will be funding for high risk insurance pools benefitting persons living with HIV. Also, I plan to push for a state resolution asking the Center for Disease Control to redefine AIDS so that women, who have different opportunistic infections than men, will receive the same benefits that men receive.

Again, I would like to congratulate the gay and lesbian community for a job well done. All of you who worked so hard for the Richards and/or the Bullock campaign — your time, your money and most importantly, your vote really paid off this session.

If you would like to thank Lieutenant Governor Bob Bullock for his support, you can contact his office by calling (512) 463-0005, or writing to: Room 219, Capitol Building, Austin, TX 78701.

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# WHAT A WORLD, WHAT A WORLD!



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## A RE-INTRODUCTION

A REPEAT OF NANCY FORD'S FIRST COLUMN IN  
DIMENSIONS (FROM SEPTEMBER 1988)  
IN HONOR OF OUR FIFTH ANNIVERSARY!

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Hiya! And welcome to What A World, What A World—a humor column here in Dimensions. Monthly in this space expect to see the sort of literature Erma Bombeck might write if she had a thing for women.

To give you a little background on myself, (Thanks for asking.) I am 5'2", eyes of green, and was born sometime prior to the Johnson Administration. (Thanks for not asking.)

*Physiquely*, my weight I am nowhere near proportionate to my height, as they say in Stewardess School. I should be on the same macrobiotic diet John Lennon was on before he checked out. I would be okay on a diet if it weren't for Peanut M&M's. And I don't buy the 40 cent bag of Peanut M&M's. Nonononono. I don't buy the 80 cent bag of Peanut M&M's. Nonononono. I go straight to the \$2.99 POUNDER! This is the BIG one you can buy for \$1.99 at K-Mart blue light specials (And don't pretend to not know what *blue light special* means because any number of you can be found lurking in the gaudy lingerie department at any given time of the day or night, waiting for that blue light to go on. Don't lie to me; I know my audience.) If they packaged Peanut M&M's in those big, fifty pound

dog-food bags, I'd buy those, too. The grocery bag boy would sling the big yellow-with-brown-letters bag over their shoulders and grunt, "put these in the trunk for you, ma'am?"

"Oh, nonononono," I'd reply. "Wedge them up there in the front seat. It's a long drive home. Five, six blocks, maybe."

But it's not my fault. Obesity runs in my family. Well, okay, it doesn't *run*; it just sort of lumbers along, very laboriously. My Aunt Delores weighed nearly 300 pounds when she died. Her will stated that, at the time of her death, she wished to be cremated, and for her ashes to be stored in a decorative urn and placed on the family mantelpiece. But at 300 pounds she would only cremate as far down as chitlins. She wouldn't fit into that decorative urn, either. We had to put her remains in a big Tupperware container up on the mantle. After one New Year's Eve party we noticed that Aunt Delores had disappeared completely. But her spirit lives on within us because after all, we are what we eat. Sexually, I've been gay all my life, but out only for eleven years. My mother asks how I know I'm gay. Because my lover told me I'm gay — that's how I know I'm gay. Contrary to popular be-



lief, women do not "go gay" as a result of not being able to have an orgasm with a man. I can have an orgasm with a man. I can also have an orgasm with a hairbrush and a six pack of Lone Star, but I don't want to set up housekeeping that way.

Frankly, I've never been quite sure why we call ourselves "gay". Most of the time I can barely afford to be happy.

Spiritually, "I believe in the incomprehensibility of God," (Honoré de Balzac), that we must "Love one another," (Jesus Christ), and "You can't always get what you want, but if you try sometimes you just might find you get what you need." (Mick Jagger). I also believe that Elvis lives, but that subject rates its own column. For now, suffice it to say that any twentieth century rock star that rates mention in the boo of Revelation has earned my respect.

Educationally, I attended Kent State University and majored in Post-Radical Depression. Ironically, I was married at the time. Yes, Sis, to a *man*. For three years. They were six of the happiest months of my life. As I talk to more and more women of the Community, I discover that many of us have dabbled in hetero matrimony. Then we divorced and moved on with our real lives. Incredible as it may seem, statistics show that the divorce rate has declined. Suicide, on the other hand has gone through the roof. What a co-inky-dink.

Politically, I'm aghast. In any event, God bless the U.S.A. In the United Kingdom (you know - *England* - where it swings like the pendulum do,) they have a law called Clause 29 which prevents local municipal authorities from promoting homosexuality. The practical effects of this legislation will be the closure of gay centers funded by

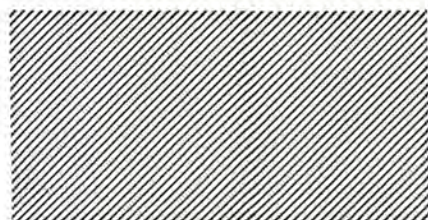
the government as well as possible removal of licenses for gay pubs and clubs. Positive images of homosexuality in schools will be outlawed, as will the promotion of gay or lesbian lifestyles as "pretend family relationship." This, I fear, should almost be expected from a country who honors its groundbreaking, statement making *men* by giving them the title of "Sir" prefixed to their names (i.e., Sir Lawrence Olivier, Sir John Gielgud, etc.) And how are outstanding English *women* honored? The monarchy proclaims them Dames, (i.e., Dame Judith Anderson, Dame Edith Evans,) as in there is nothing like a . . . ." Everyone knows that even the more colloquial *Classy Broad* beats *Dame*, but today neither of them can beat this particular Royal Flush. What a world, what a world.

So now, Loyal Dimensionites, you know a little about me, and how I stand on a few issues of the day. Now it's your turn. If you have any comments, questions, or have any suggestions regarding the content of WAW, WAW, feel free to write to me c/o Dimensions. Talk to me ladies, I know you're out there.



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*Nancy Ford will be appearing in Houston at Ms. B's on Thursday, July 11th and at Missouri Street Station on Sunday, July 21st.*



# POETRY

FROM OUR READERS

## How to Break Up With Your Lover Better Now

KNOWN AS YOUR MOST RECENT LOVER OR  
EX-LOVER AS  
THE CASE MAY BE

Just start with  
I'm sorry but I'm not attracted to you anymore.  
I'm attracted to you but not in that way.  
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Too much is happening in therapy to make me available.  
It's not fair to you.  
I have too many demands on my time.  
I don't know what's wrong with me; I don't feel sexual.  
I'm too tired, just too worn out to have a relationship.  
I'm too tied up with my family's problems to have a  
relationship right now.  
I thought I wanted a relationship but I find I need more time  
to be single.  
I want to date around.  
I'm just confused.  
I need time to get to know myself.  
I don't know what I want anymore.  
Be indirect. Mutter around. Make her mad.

-Janell Moon  
San Francisco, CA



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THIS MONTH, TASHA SUMNER REVIEWS:

## Murder By Tradition

by Katherine V. Forrest

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## Benediction

by Diane Salvatore

We will start this month with the latest in Katherine V. Forrest's Kate Delafield mystery series.

Murder By Tradition centers around the death of Teddie Crawford, a restaurant owner and caterer. Teddie is found dead from multiple stab wounds in the kitchen of his restaurant. The suspect in the murder claims that Teddie made homosexual advances towards him and threatened him with knife if he didn't comply. Kate isn't convinced.

With every step in the investigation, Kate is more convinced that Teddie was killed deliberately.

No one in the Police department is especially interested in pursuing a case that involves a dead gay man, so Kate is left to investigate on her own.

During the trial, Kate is threatened with exposure of her sexual orientation by the defense attorney, a one time friend of Kate's dead lover.

Kate's current love is more and more frustrated with Kate's reclusiveness during the course of the case.

Murder By Tradition is a continuance of Katherine V. Forrest's excellence in lesbian literature. The plot is riveting and the characters, as usual, are expertly drawn. This books differs from past efforts, in that much of the focus is on the trial process and not totally on the investigative work. The mystery is in *how* the murder happened, not who did it.

One truly endearing facet of Kate Delafield, LAPD homicide detective, that

sets her apart from other detectives in lesbian mysteries is her closetedness. In real life, we can't all be "out" to everyone who crosses our path and Kate's reticence about admitting her lesbianism on the job makes her seem much more real.

This, like all of Ms. Forrest's work, should be on everyone's *must read* list.

Next, we'll look at Benediction by Diane Salvatore. Grace is a junior at Immaculate Blessing Academy for Girls in Queens, New York. The story opens with Grace and her best friend Anne at a spiritual retreat for their class. Anne is driving Grace up the wall with all her talk about "how far" she will go with her boyfriend. Before too long, something happens that makes them both forget talk of boys for awhile. They overhear two seniors, Linda and Joan, arguing about the state of their love affair.

They are caught listening at the door and the two seniors explain that they were only practicing for a play with Linda playing the male role. Anne buys the explanation, but Grace isn't so sure. The incident stays in the back of her mind when they return to the school.

When the next school year begins, Grace meets Meg, and her entire life is turned upside down. Grace's home life and her relationship with Anne begin to feel the strain as she becomes more and more involved with Meg. While things with Meg get more heated, Grace's boyfriend, Glen, begins to place more and

more sexual pressure on her.

Benediction is easily the best "coming out" novel I have ever read. The writing is beautiful, giving the story a gauzy feel — like a distant memory coming back into focus.

Even if you never attended Catholic school, I'm sure that you, like me, will find elements of your own story in Benediction. Grace's profound sense of discovery (and fright at her "differentness") in her relationships with both Meg and Glen should be familiar to most members of the lesbian community.

This is the first novel of Diane Salvatore, and I hope there will be many more to come. Benediction is destined to be a classic and I strongly suggest that everyone read it.

Both Benediction and Murder By Tradition are available at your local bookstore or from Naiad Press Inc., P.O. Box 10543, Tallahassee, FL 32302. Benediction is available in paperback for \$9.95, Murder By Tradition in hardback for \$18.95. When ordering, please enclose 15% for postage and handling. Complete Naiad Press, Inc. catalogs are available upon request.



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# Do You Make Friends Easily?

**QUIZ**



You've seen them—they are the women that always seem to be surrounded with people. They love social activities and make new friends with ease. Are you one of them? Or, do you find it difficult to keep old friends, much less make new ones? Answer the questions below to find out if you are “people person”.

## ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TRUE OR FALSE

1. I think there is some good in everyone, no matter how bad they may appear at first.
2. I am not comfortable at big, crowded parties.
3. I am a very dependable person. I don't like to shock or disappoint anyone.
4. I believe in honesty at all costs. The truth, no matter how much it hurts, is always better than a lie.
5. I like to play “hard to get” with lovers and friends.
6. I have a lot of friends I can call on in time of need.
7. When I have to tell someone “No”, I try to be as nice as possible.
8. People with strong opinions make me nervous.
9. I know I've got faults, I know what

they are, and I don't mind admitting them.

10. I don't like to do favors, no matter how small, for people I am not close to.

11. I have a very hard time choosing a gift for anybody.

12. I think my life has been a lot of fun and very educational, even the bad parts.

13. I can always impress someone when I want to.

14. I don't care for people who talk too much.

15. If I meet someone I want for a friend or lover, I don't give up until I've "got" them.

## SCORING

Give yourself two points for each correct answer.

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| 4. F | 12. F |
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| 6. F | 13. F |
| 7. T | 15. T |
| 8. F |       |

### IF YOU SCORED:

#### 0-10 points

You can be a difficult person to get to know. You may appear to be a bit of a snob at times.

You have a very strong will and you are rarely willing to put yourself out for anyone. Your best asset in dealing with people is your ability to find and keep friends. Although it is difficult to get to know you, and even harder to win you over, it is well worth the effort. You are a devoted friend.

#### 11-20 points

You are very good at making new friends, but you tend to be very selective. You may seem "standoffish" until you are comfortable, and may keep an emotional distance even with close friend. You can be charming and charismatic, but generally will not go out of your way to impress others or find friends. You wait for them to come to you.

#### 21-30 points

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"i have no lover,  
there is no other I want  
more than you tonight."  
Oh, how she wooed me,  
courted, pursued me.  
Though she begged me, I never replied.  
It took all the power  
and prayers I could pray  
to finally say no — but I lied.

**-Maria Bakkum**  
Sioux Falls, SD

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# HOROSCOPE

WHAT'S IN THE STARS FOR YOU THIS MONTH?

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## ARIES

Home and family responsibilities may be weighing you down during the first week of July. Make time to get away, if only for a night, to lift your spirits. A creative project begun around the first of July could pay off big later in the month. Your timing is great and your ideas are on target. Take advantage of this to boost your career, improve your finances and put some "zing" in your love life.

## TAURUS

Although the focus will be on home and family during the first week of July, you may find yourself away from home more than you'd like due to business and social activities. Things will settle down after the 14th and allow you to (finally) focus on problems that need your attention at home. You'll be itching to get out of town during the last part of the month, but it isn't in the cards. Tend to personal obligations now, so you can get away early next month.

## GEMINI

Your finances could be a bit tricky early in July. You'll need a lot of planning and a little luck to smooth out money matters this month. Job demands will keep you close to home all month, but you can find time to get away for fun and relaxation if you will put your nose to the grindstone during working hours. Don't let all this work stress you out, you could get emotional and say things you don't mean to someone you love.

## CANCER

Money and partnership matters could be under stress during the first part of July. Take your partners wishes into consideration before you act to avoid emotional upset. Some plans you've had in the making for some time could come to fruition if you play your cards right. After the 15th you should start "tooting your own horn" at work. Your boss may not notice what great work you've been doing if you don't point it out!

## LEO

Romance is in the air and a serious commitment could result during the first two weeks of July. After the 14th the focus will switch to career matters. It will pay for you to keep a watchful eye on a competitive co-worker who may be undermining your efforts. Towards month's end you may have to put career on the back burner once again as you focus on a family problem that needs resolving.

## VIRGO

You may have to give in on an ongoing argument to maintain a relationship during the first part of July. After the 9th you'll have a chance to prove your worth to higher ups at work. A good impression now could put your career on the fast track! Your social life also picks up after mid-month, but don't overdo it. You'll need all your energy to take care of a dispute at home towards month's end.



## LIBRA

A promotion as well as increased pay could be in the works during the first week of July. Added responsibilities may wear you down at first, but you'll bounce back soon enough. After the 17th a long-standing family feud could erupt into fireworks. Try to stay out of the way and don't pass judgement. Your involvement will only make things worse. To avoid conflict, try to divide your time evenly between work and home towards month's end.

## SCORPIO

A long-term goal you've been working towards for some time can be reached during July. The secret is to relax and things follow their own course. An argument with a loved one after the 17th could be cleared up in no time if you are willing to compromise. Your personal appeal is at a peak towards month's end. Use it to further career interests and make new friends. You will feel much more relaxed if you take time out for yourself towards month's end.

## SAGITTARIUS

You may be feeling a bit restless during the first week of July. A change of scenery could be just the ticket to lift your spirits. After the 15th someone you were kind to in the past could repay you by giving you a boost up the career ladder. Towards month's end you may find that money just slips through your fingers. You may have to leave your checkbook at home to keep your spending in check.

## CAPRICORN

Although practical matters are at the forefront during July, it won't hurt to let your hair down a bit and get away for a short vacation. After the 17th you may have put your personal concerns aside for awhile and concentrate on taking care of conflicts that arise in your family. Don't put your trust in someone you met recently — trust your old friends to steer you in the right direction on an important decision towards month's end.

## AQUARIUS

Avoid arguing over who's to blame for a problem during the first week of July. Set your sights on solving it instead of finger-pointing. Someone in power is watching you around the 16th. A bold career move could really pay off now. Pay attention to the advice of a loved one towards month's end. It could mean the difference between success and failure. If you need help handling a situation don't hesitate to ask for it.

## PISCES

Your work life and home life could be at odds during the first part of July. Try to give equal time to both to avoid problems. After the 10th you'll be able to find time for some social outings that give you the opportunity to meet new friends. Try to stay in the background at work around the 17th. Co-workers can be especially touchy right now and it won't take much to touch off a confrontation. Someone you consider a friend could be hinting at a more serious relationship.



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A LISTING OF SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS, BUSINESSES & CLUBS

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### organizations

Sister Source Cooperative & Lesbian Resource Line  
144 Harvard SE • 268-2116

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### organizations

Gay/Lesbian Association of UTA  
P.O. Box 19348-77, UTA St. 76019 • 794-5140

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### clubs

Nexus • 305 W. 5th • 472-5288

### organizations

Affirmation (Methodist) • 7403 Shoal Creek • 451-2329  
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P.O. Box 1350 78787 • 280-6107  
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P.O. Box 822 78767 • 462-9888  
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P.O. Box 26583 78755 • 473-7104  
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385-5181 or 928-9070 (hotline)  
Gay/Lesbian Student Association at UT Austin  
458-3971 • Box 275 Texas Union 78712-7338  
Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby • 601 W. 18th St • 474-5475  
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  
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Waterloo Counseling Center  
507 Powell 78703 • 322-9654  
Texas Human Rights Foundation  
601 W. 18th St. • 479-6473  
AIDS Legal Assistance 1-800-828-6417  
The Treehouse (Lesbian Mothers Support Group)  
607 Nucesas St. 78701 • 477-5822

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Advanced Electrolysis • 3209 Premier Dr. #124  
Plano, TX 75075 • 424-7147  
Business Delivery Systems  
14902 Preston Rd. 75240 • 733-1108  
Curious Times - Women's Books etc.  
4008D Cedar Springs • 528-4087

### clubs

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

### organizations

Affirmation • PO Box 225831 75222 • 948-1546  
AIDS Resource Center • P.O. Box 190712 75219  
Asians & Friends • PO Box 9142 75209 • 392-3339  
Congregation Beth El Binah  
P.O. Box 64460 752206 • 987-5139  
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  
Harvest Metropolitan Community Church  
5900 South Stemmons 76205 • 1-800-497-HMCC

## FT. WORTH (area code 817)

### organizations

Affirmation (Methodist) • 478-7837  
RESPECT - Gay/Lesbian Association  
828 Hardwood Rd. • Hurst, TX 76054

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### businesses

Inklings • an alternative bookshop  
1846 Richmond • 521-3369



## clubs

Ranch • 9218 Buffalo Spdwy. • 666-3464

Ms. B's • 9208 Buffalo Spdwy. • 666-3356

## 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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### businesses

Ellie'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

Wild Wilde West Productions — theatre co.

P.O. Box 504 79408 • 796-0880

## 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, NY 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

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### organizations

Women's Resource Center

P.O. Box 5089 73070

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2312 NW 39th 73112 • 521-9696

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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

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