

YOGA & DISCUSSION Get some free yoga followed by a discussion of *The Future of the Earth* by Arthus-Bertrand. Good for the body and mind. 3pm. Carver Library, 1161 Angelina. Free.

TRAIL CONSTRUCTION ON SLAUGHTER CREEK (See Saturday.)

SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.)

Blade Runner: The Final Cut @ Alamo Ritz, 4:15, 10pm
Superman: The Movie @ Alamo Lake Creek, 7:30pm

MUSIC (See Music Listings.)

Caribou, Fuck Buttons Emo's
B-Boy City 15 The Parish
Steve Earle Paramount Theatre

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AUSTIN BACKGAMMON CLUB WEEKLY TOURNAMENT Mondays, 7pm. DoubleTree Hotel, 6505 N. I-35, 913-3361. \$10. www.austin.rr.com/wsauer/bghome.html.

PRAY FOR THOSE IN UNIFORM National Day of Prayer presents this event with speakers and lectures and, of course, prayer. 11:30am. Camp Mabry, 2200 W. 35th, 782-1081. www.ndpaustin.org.

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY PROCEDURES The League of Women Voters hosts this informal discussion on the voting process from Election and Caucus to Delegate Selection and Delegate Voting. 6pm. Central Market North, 4001 N. Lamar, 206-1000. Free. www.lwaustin.org.

WHAT'S LEFT OF THE LATIN AMERICAN LEFT? Remember when Latin America was all revolutionary upheaval and violence, circa 1968? On this 40th anniversary, the Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies presents a two-day conference discussing what happened to the musical, political, and social movements of that time. Mon.-Tue., April 28-29, 9am-5pm. UT campus, Avaya Auditorium, ACES 2.302, 471-8418. Free. www.utexas.edu/cola/insts/llilas.

WINE BAT BLIND TASTING consists of six wines and paired appetizers. This week's theme is Champagne and sparkling wine. 7pm. Green Pastures, 811 W. Live Oak, 961-6151. \$25. www.winebat.com.

SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.)

Blade Runner: The Final Cut @ Alamo Ritz, 7pm
Suffering and Smiling @ Alamo Ritz, 10pm

MUSIC (See Music Listings.)

My Chemical Romance Stubb's
Joe Jackson Paramount Theatre

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BENEFIT FOR BENH ZEITLIN See Screens, p.58, for more info. Tue., April 29, 7 & 9:30pm. Alamo Drafthouse at the Ritz, 320 E. Sixth, 476-1320. \$8.25.

CRAFT CORNER Bead yourself some earrings and then wear 'em home. It's that easy. 7pm. Human Potential Center, 2007 Bert, 441-8988. \$20. www.humanpotentialcenter.org.

EFT SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT CIRCLE This weekly sexual-assault support group for women incorporates EFT acupressure techniques into the healing process. Tuesdays, 7-9pm. 8600 Brodie #236. \$10 suggested donation. freethroughaft@gmail.com, www.freethroughaft.com.

ISRAEL/PALESTINE IN THE NEWS UT professor Robert Jensen will discuss the facts and the stories that are part of the U.S. media's coverage of Israel and Palestine. 6pm. St. John's United Methodist Church, 2140 Allandale. www.thirdcoastactivist.org.

MEDICAID & ESTATE PLANNING SEMINARS Get the know-how to best utilize your coverage and assets. Medicare seminars: Tue.-Wed., April 29-30, 3:15 & 7:15pm both days. Estate planning seminar: Tue., April 29, 2 & 6pm. Greening Law Firm, 506 W. 15th, 476-0888. Free. www.greeninglawfirm.com.

MENTAL HEALTH PLANNING FORUM The Austin Travis County Mental Health Retardation Center presents this meeting to help clarify what a Local Planning and Network Development process is exactly. What will the changes mean to you? 5:30-7pm. ATCMHMR Annex, 1700 S. Lamar. Free. marietta.noel@atcmhmr.com, www.atcmhmr.com.

SPANISH CONVERSATION CLASS Drop in to improve your Spanish skills through talking, read-

ing, watching movies, and other *actividades divertidas*. Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30pm. EsquinaTango, 209 Pedernales, 524-2772. \$12 (\$40 per month; free, first class). info@esquinatangoaustin.com, www.esquinatangoaustin.com.

TECH TAILGATE Meet and swap some business cards with other tech-savvy individuals (I think they've reclaimed the word "geek"). Stay on the cutting edge or get out of the way. 6pm. Zilker Clubhouse, 200 Zilker Clubhouse Rd. \$25 (\$20, advance; free, members). www.austintechcouncil.org.

WILLIE NELSON BIRTHDAY TRIBUTE No Willie, but the Love Saints will channel his spirit on this, his 75th birthday. 8-11pm. Broken Spoke, 3201 S. Lamar, 326-4260. Free. www.debrapetersmusic.com.

WORKSOURCE CAREER FAIR OK job-seekers, put on your workday best, bring some résumés, and prepare to dazzle. 10am-1:30pm. WorkSource Career Center, 6505 Airport. Free. www.worksourceaustin.com.

AUSTIN TIME EXCHANGE (See Saturday.)

WHAT'S LEFT OF THE LATIN AMERICAN LEFT? (See Monday.)

SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.)

Sunflower @ Alamo Drafthouse South, 7pm
The Films of Benh Zeitlin and Friends: A Benefit @ Alamo Drafthouse South, 7, 9:30pm

MUSIC (See Music Listings.)

Lover! Beerland
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BRAZILIAN NIGHT Start your evening with an Acadêmicos da Ópera Samba School rehearsal, and finish with Brazilian sounds from the likes of Seu Jacinto. Wednesdays, 7pm. Copa Bar & Grill, 217 Congress, 479-5002. \$3.

BUSINESS EXPANSION WORKSHOP Hear the pros and cons of opening a second location for your business from local success stories like RunTex's Paul Carrozza and Rudy's Ken Schiller.

GLBTSA DAY OF SILENCE PANEL The "SA" stands for "straight alliance," so everyone is truly welcome to this discussion at St. Ed's to commemorate the **National Day of Silence**. What'd ya think they were going to do? Sit there and look at one another? Thu., April 24, 7pm. St. Edward's, 3001 S. Congress, Ragsdale Center, 830/822-4961. Free. dsalaza4@stedwards.edu.

SAYING NOTHING AT ALL In a very peaceful protest to be held all day long, all over this country, students everywhere will take a vow of silence, calling for an end to the bullying and harassment of GLBT students. **Out Youth** helps co-sponsor an end to that silence, a rally on the south steps of our Capitol, with an open microphone for youth to share their experiences and stories. Solidarity, brothers and sisters. Fri., April 25. Texas Capitol, 1100 Congress, 305-8400.

SPLASH SOUTH Houston's huge five-day **Black Pride** fest **P.R.I.D.E. 13: A Deeper Love** culminates in one of our favorite of alllll pride daddy events: the **Houston Splash East Beach Party** at Galveston's Apfel Park. (The color? Orange.) There is nothing like this in all of Texas. Sun., May 4, 1-6pm. East Beach, Boddeker Drive, Galveston, 832/443-1016. www.houstonsplash.com, www.myspace.com/kkayclubbigny.

CONTINENTAL NEIGHBORS It's their first time rocking this SoCo hot spot, but it doesn't mean these kids need any instruction. They know just what to do. **Darling New Neighbors** rip it open, the **Horsies** keep it that way, and then **Pong** comes to show what a tradition looks like. It's an Austin coming-out party for local legends. Fri., April 25, 9pm. Continental Club, 1315 S. Congress, 441-2444. www.darlingnewneighbors.com.

PRIDE TEXAS! Volunteers and sponsors of all stripes needed. The big news? The **Pride Festival** and the **Pride Parade** will both happen on the same day, one after the other. Oh, and the fest will feature national headliners **Me'shell Ndegeocello** and **Pansy Division**. Sat., June 14, noon. Auditorium Shores, South First at Lady Bird Lake, 474-5475, 474-4422. \$10 in advance; \$15 at the gate. info@austinprideparade.org, marianne@equalitytexas.org, www.pridetexas.org, www.austinprideparade.org.

HILL COUNTRY VOLUNTEERS It's a ride, not a race, and it's one of the most fun AIDS fundraisers of the year. But it needs help to keep it running so smoothly. Volunteers help fuel up pit stops, keep riders aware of road hazards, and even get a dinner out of it. So, let the folks at **Out Youth** know if you'd like to help out this year. Sun., April 26. 419-1233. matt@outyouth.org, www.outyouth.org.

ONE LAST GAY SKATE! A million lights are dancing, and there you are, a shooting star! But the lights went out. The music stopped. The quads were sorted by size and retired to the racks forever. **Austin's Gay Skate Night** disappeared when the rink that hosted it closed. Well, just like *Xanadu*, baby, we must once again honor that place where nobody dared to go, the love that we came to know for one last hurrah, this time under the bunny at Playland. One last spin. Lace 'em up. Hit the floor. Tue., May 6, 7-10:30pm. Playland Skate Center, 8822 McCann, 452-1901. \$7; rollerblades welcome, skate rental available. jsvetlik2003@yahoo.com.

HOT STEPPERS Come help decide what this LGBT salsa dancing group will do next at their **Open Planning & Organizing Meeting**. Sun., April 27, 5pm. Mama

8:30-11:30am. The Long Center, 701 W. Riverside, 974-7800. \$50. www.cityofaustin.org/sbdp.

COALITION TO ABOLISH DEATH PENALTY MEETING Come and join the pro-life movement. 11:30am. Austin History Center, 810 Guadalupe, 441-1808. Free. www.tcadp.org.

METROPOLITAN BREAKFAST CLUB Learn about Goodwill Industries' business model. It's more than just cheap clothes. 7am. Darrell Royal Memorial Stadium, sixth floor, 2108 E. Robert Dedman Dr., 479-9460. \$15. www.mbcAustin.org.

MIDWEEK AUSTIN FARMERS' MARKET This growers-only market features fresh food, chef demos, kids activities, live music, and more every week, rain or shine. Wednesdays, 4-8pm. The Triangle, 46th Street, between Guadalupe & Lamar. Free. www.austinfarmersmarket.org.

POETRY & FILM DISCUSSION GROUP

Wednesdays, 7:45pm. Formosa Art & Tea, 200 E. Pecan #5, Pflugerville, 512/989-8678. www.drinkarttea.com.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM LECTURE UT Law Dean Lawrence Sager, one of the nation's top constitutional scholars, will tackle this weighty topic. 4pm. Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, 100 E. 27th, 472-6736. Free. www.austinseminary.edu.

STATE PRAYER BREAKFAST The National Day of Prayer puts its hands together for Rick Perry and other speakers, authors, and people of prayer from all denominations. Reservations must be made by April 25. Wed., April 30, 6:30am (doors). DoubleTree Hotel, 6505 N. I-35, 695-0402. \$30. www.ndpaustin.org.

STRESS REDUCTION WORKSHOP Bring a chair or mat and see how hypnosis can help reduce stress without getting sleepy. Wed. & Fri., April 30 & May 2, 5:45 & 7:30pm both days. Zilker Park, 587-3882. Free. www.allthatis.biz.

TECH NIGHT Join the tech revolution. Learn or discuss Linux, open source, hacking, and other cooperative movements in the digital realm. 7-10pm. MonkeyWrench Books, 110 E. North Loop, 407-6925. Free. www.monkeywrenchbooks.org.

THIRD COAST FILM NIGHT features *We Feed the World*, a documentary about food and globalization. 7pm. Alamo Drafthouse at the Ritz, 320 E. Sixth,

476-1320. \$8.25 (\$6, students/seniors). www.thirdcoastactivist.org.

UNDERSTANDING FIBROMYALGIA WORKSHOP Call to register by Mon., April 28, for this holistic workshop. 6pm. Natural Health Center of Austin, 4701 Westgate Blvd. Ste. B-202, 892-3366. Free. www.nhcaustin.org.

WALLER CREEK COMMITTEE PUBLIC WORKSHOP Be the first to know the latest schematics of the Waller Creek redevelopment. Impress your friends! 6:30-8:30pm. UT campus, Thompson Conference Center, 2405 Robert Dedman Dr. Free. www.cityofaustin.org/wallercreek.

YOUNG EXECS HAPPY HOUR & GIFT DRIVE Schmooze and drink with other young professionals while doing your karma a solid by bringing a gift for **Austin Children's Shelter**. 6pm. Firehouse Lounge, 605 Brazos. Free. tracy@youngexecs.net, www.youngexecs.net.

MEDICAID & ESTATE PLANNING SEMINARS (See Tuesday.)

SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.)

Exte: Hair Extensions @ Alamo Ritz, 9:30, 12mid

MUSIC (See Music Listings.)

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Kid Koala Mohawk
Plutonium Farmers, Attic Ted, Pataphysics Chain Drive
Kanye West, Lupe Fiasco Frank Erwin Center

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AMIGOS FIESTA & BENEFIT All you have to do to help students volunteering in Latin America is listen to some music, eat some food, and bring some cash to donate. There will also be a silent auction to quietly whisk your donatable dollars away. 6:30-9pm. Laguna Gloria, 3809 W. 35th, 731-6129. Donations appreciated. www.austinamigos.org/fiesta.html.

BAKING BENEFIT RSVP and you'll get a top-notch baking class and the warm feeling of giving money to the **March of Dimes**. 6pm. The Kitchen Space, 1204 Cedar. \$50. www.theteamfitzgerald.com.

Fu's Asian House, 4615 N. Lamar, austingaysalsa@yahoo.com. groups.yahoo.com/group/austinlgbtsalsa, www.myspace.com/austinlgbtsalsa.

UT QSA CONFERENCE Saturday kicks off with City Council hopeful **Randi Shade** and keynote ENDA activist **Mara Keisling**, plows through a full day of seminars, and culminates in **Queer Prom**. Fri.-Sat., April 25-26. \$10 (\$8, advance; \$5, students). www.queertx.org/qtc.

H.O.T. BEARS UNRUN Two days, parties, gatherings, and bears, bears, bears. Just think of the back hair. Swoon. Register for free, 7pm at 'Bout Time, for this fourth year of fundraising and hairballs. Pick up a schedule, and play, play, play, Bears! Cap it off with our **H.O.T. Bear Contest** with all proceeds from raffles and tips go to **OutYouth** and the **Wright House**. Go Papa, go. Fri.-Sat., April 25-26. *Bout Time*, 9601 N. I-35, 832-5339; *Chain Drive*, 504 Willow, 480-9017. www.heartoftexasbears.org.

SMALL BIZ DOMESTIC PARTNER BENEFITS À LA AGLCC The Austin Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce is joining up with a major insurance carrier to bring an exclusive offer to member businesses of the Chamber. This is the first time in history that the Texas Board of Insurance has approved an insurance carrier to offer group insurance with domestic partner benefits to small businesses, and, to date, only one insurer has been approved. The AGLCC this week initiated a rollout of the new insurance plan to its member businesses. How cool is that? info@aglcc.org, www.aglcc.org/36/Small_Business_Group_Insurance_with_Domestic_Partner_Benefits.htm.

ARARAT FEAST & BELLY DANCE Date night, all romanticlike. Belly dancing, intuitive readings, a buffet, and that ambience that soothes and melts the rest of your worries right off your back. Reservations encouraged. Fri., April 25, 7:30pm. Hot Mama's Espresso Bar, 2401 E. Sixth #104, 476-MAMA. \$15, includes three-course buffet. kelly_ararat@yahoo.com, www.myspace.com/hotmamasespresso.

IN IT TOGETHER Oooh, Tts. or HRC's **Tuesdays Together** give a reason to gather, imbibe, and meet some like-minded queerbots. Is always a good time to make good friends. Tue., April 29, 6-8pm. The Belmont, 305 W. Sixth, 457-0300. info@hrcaustin.org.

KNT X VI Gender-bending. Can't fit it all into one box. But for six years, established Austin drag king/genderfudgin' troupe, **Kings N Things** have been boxin' it up big time and wrappin' it up with a bow. KNT is having its birthday bash. Cake, cock, and cause for stirs. Down theres. Join all 21 of the crew, a few out-of-town friends, and special guest emcee, **Der Lancebian**. Wed., April 30, 9pm. Elysium, 705 Red River, 478-2979. \$10. www.kingsnthings.org.

CHAIN DRIVEN Austin's favorite dark corner is all aglow with the majestics of melody and amazingsness, handling middle-of-week blues with a bit of color. Please note. Your brain face may get rocked off by: **Plutonium Farmers, Attic Ted, Pataphysics**, and **Ethan Master** (of Hawaiian ukulele). Please note. You have been warned. Wed., April 30, 9pm. Chain Drive, 504 Willow, 480-9017.

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 Send gay bits to gayplace@austinchronicle.com.

its member businesses. How cool is that? info@aglcc.org, www.aglcc.org/36/Small_Business_Group_Insurance_with_Domestic_Partner_Benefits.htm.