

REP YO CITY SPITFEST Twelve poets go head-to-head as they rep their respective cities. Renowned international poet via Baltimore Taalam Acey will be the one to beat, but Austin's own Blacklisted can't be counted out. Get a discount at the door by bringing three canned goods for the Capital Area Food Bank. 6-9pm. *Ruta Maya*, 3601 S. Congress Ste. D-200, 745-5589. \$15 (\$12, advance). www.spitfest.com.

SALUTE TO AMERICA CONCERT Start getting psyched for the Fourth of July with the Austin Civic Wind Ensemble playing the patriotic hits. 7:30pm. *Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center*, 1165 Angelina, 472-4809. Free. www.acwe.org.

SAVE MONEY, GROW GREENER Don't be the last on your block to start saving energy and water. Start surfing the green wave the cheap and convenient way. 2-4pm. *Windsor Park Library*, 5833 Westminster, 928-0333. Free. www.cityofaustin.org/library.

SELF-DEFENSE CLASS Learn to defend against assailants with Krav Maga techniques including weapons or just your body. Saturdays, 10:30am. *Penn Field*, 3601 S. Congress, Bldg. I-100, 441-5728. Free. www.fitandfearless.com.

SKILLSHARE AUSTIN This weekend, learn something new from someone who knows. Come and learn what you don't know or teach what you do. Make a kite, tattoo a friend, mend a sock, mix like a DJ, make a video, or learn the delicate art of "anarchist baby care." Sat., June 28, *Parque Zaragoza*, 2608 Gonzales. Sun., June 29, *Rhizome Collective*, 300 Allen. 10:30am-6pm both days. Free. www.skillshareaustin.org.

TEXAS TALES Wondering what happened to those big plans for a supercool central library for Austin? They're just waiting for you to donate a bit of money. Here's how: Come on down for some music from Jon Dee Graham, conversation with author Joe Nick Patoski, and a signed copy of Willie Nelson's latest bio. All this and the rewarding feeling of giving to improve our fair city's biggest bookery. 7:30pm. *Mexican American Cultural Center*, 600 River St., 478-6222. \$125. www.austinlibrary.org.

THE MOUNTAIN IS ALIVE! Support the local arts scene and maybe get a great deal on your new favorite artist. Okay Mountain will be auctioning art and other prizes. Raffles, live music, and cold beverages complete the evening. 5pm. *Okay Mountain Gallery*, 1312 E. Cesar Chavez Ste. B. www.okaymountain.com.

URBAN ROOTS FARM FEST Now that their first season of cultivating young leaders in the ways of farming is finished, it's your chance to reap their bounty. There will be fresh produce, games, and a little game called Name That Seed. All proceed go back to Urban Roots. 9am-noon. *Hands of the Earth Farm*, 7651 Delwau, 342-0424. Free. www.youthlaunch.org.

ARTIST'S MARKET (See Friday.)

ART OPENINGS (See Visual Arts.)

Pump Project, Wally Workman Gallery

SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.)

Mary Poppins @ Paramount, 3:30pm
Rosemary's Baby @ Paramount, 9:40pm
The Exorcist @ Paramount, 7pm
U2 3D @ IMAX Theatre, 7pm

MUSIC (See Music Listings.)

Mokey Lemon *Emo's*
Boris, Torche, Clouds *Mohawk*
Foot Patrol, Jazzus Lizard *Tiniest Bar in Texas*

Sunday 29

ADOPTION INFORMATION SEMINAR E-mail or call to register for Methodist Mission Home's info session. 1-2:30pm. *University Methodist Church*, 2409 Guadalupe, 210/696-2410. leonore@mmhome.org, www.mmhome.org.

ART FAIR A biweekly fair with live music and demos. 1-8pm. *Jerry's Artarama*, 6010 N. I-35.

ETHICAL SOCIETY OF AUSTIN Today's platform will cover the state of the Ethical Society. Find out what they're up to and what the future holds. 10am. *Laguna Gloria*, 3809 W. 35th, 835-9008. Free. www.esoa.org.

GRIEFSHARE invites anyone grieving from the loss of a loved one to join these weekly meetings. Each session begins with a video on grief recovery and ends with discussion. Sundays, 7-9pm. *St. Paul Lutheran Church*, 3501 Red River, 472-8301. Free. www.griefshare.org.

NCNW MEMBERSHIP TEA The local chapter of the National Council of Negro Women hosts its 25th anniversary membership tea. 3-5pm. *St. James' Episcopal Church*, 3701 E. MLK, 926-6339. www.ncnwaustin.org.

WEEKLY PUBLIC AFFAIRS FORUM features a presentation from Drs. Steve Bett and Adam Blatner. Together they'll discuss the complicated science behind writing systems, their history, their current usage, and the future of orthographies. Sundays, 11:30am-12:30pm. *First Unitarian Universalist Church*, 4700 Grover, 452-6168. Free. www.austinnu.org.

ARTIST'S MARKET (See Friday.)

JUNK-A-THON (See Saturday.)

LAVENDER CUTTING (See Saturday.)

SKILLSHARE AUSTIN (See Saturday.)

SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.)

Mary Poppins @ Paramount, 2pm
Rosemary's Baby @ Paramount, 5:30pm
The Exorcist @ Paramount, 8:15pm

MUSIC (See Music Listings.)

Her Space Holiday *Mohawk*
San Antonio Legends Tribute *Threadgill's World HQ*
Big Black Smoke, the Thulsa=Doom, *Eagle Claw Red 7*

Monday 30

BOOSTCAMP Catalyst 8 helps local artists get their work in front of the public. Several panelists start the discussion called Building Relationships to Boost Your Arts Career. Is it art if no one sees it? 6:30pm. *Copa Bar & Grill*, 217 Congress, 482-0800. \$10. www.thelongcenter.org/getinvolved.aspx?id=1416.

HILL COUNTRY OUTDOORS NEW MEMBER MEETING Please RSVP for this meeting of outdoorsy, sporty people who enjoy the company of the same. 6:30pm. *Opal Divine's Penn Field*, 3601 S. Congress, 707-0237. www.hillcountryoutdoors.com.

LIVING THE QUESTIONS This weekly group aims to be an "open-minded alternative" to all of those other Bible studies that attempt to give "all the answers." Through June 30. Mondays, 6:30pm. *University Christian Church*, 2007 University Ave., 477-6104. Free. www.ucc-austin.org.

NAKED YOGA FOR MEN This gay- and straight-friendly class is, well, read the title. Mondays, 7:30-8:45pm; Wednesdays, 8:30-9:45pm; Saturdays, 10-11:15am. *NiaSpace*, 3212 S. Congress, 443-3013. \$12. nudeyoga@texas.net, www.austinnakedyoga.com.

PUBLIC MEETING ON LANDFILL Perhaps it's time to do a little homework and find out what the proposed sale of the Williamson County Landfill would mean for you. Bring that homework and share it with other civic-minds. For more, see "Naked City," p.12. 7pm. *Hutto Lutheran Church Parish Hall*, 402 Church St., Hutto. www.huttocitizen.org.

SPACE STATION CHAT Local Cub Scout Pack 304 and the International Space Station get a little chat time, with help from NASA and the American Radio and Relay League. Who knew that the space station had a fully operational ham-radio station that could be contacted from Earth? Well, it does, and, if things go as planned, the scouts will be chatting with astronauts. There will also be other demonstrations of the power of the ham. In space, everyone can hear you talk. 1pm. *Blackland Prairie Elementary School*, 2005 Via Sonoma Trail, Round Rock. Free. www.austinhams.org.

WORKSHOP FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES VSA Arts of Texas sponsors this workshop that aims to bring greater employment options for the disabled in the art world by changing employers' attitudes. Everyone should do what they love. 9am. *Austin-Travis County MHMR Training Center*, 1700 S. Lamar, Bldg. 1 #102, 454-9912. \$15. lynn@vsatx.org, www.vsatx.org.

SPECIAL SCREENINGS (See Film Listings.)

Frankenstein @ Paramount, 7pm
Willie Nelson's 4th of July Celebration @ Alamo Ritz, 10:10pm

MUSIC (See Music Listings.)

Dustin Welch & the House Band *Momo's*

Tuesday 01

EAT & DONATE Fish City Grill donates 15% of its daily sales every first Tuesday. This week, proceeds go to Minorities for Equality in Education, Employment, Liberty, and Justice. 11am-10pm. 4200 S. Lamar, 442-FISH (3474). www.fishcitygrill.com.

HILL COUNTRY TOASTMASTERS Get those public-speaking skills polished. Tuesdays, 6:30pm. *Austin Community College*, Bldg. 1000, Rm. 1109, 1555 Cypress Creek Rd., Cedar Park, 512/694-4731. Free. www.hillcountrytoastmasters.ning.com.

the GAY place

BY
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Paige Shilt & Katy Koonce wed in California



NEWS: PAIGE SHILT & KATY KOONCE GOT MARRIED IN THE OC! And by **Pastor Jay Bakker**, no less. The happy couple were joined by fellow **Soulforce** pals **Mel White & Gary Nixon** and **Jeff Lutes & Gary Stein**. Sometimes activism is real life and real life is activism. Sometimes, people just want to live their lives and be free to love and be who they are. Congrats Paige & Katy & Waylon (their handsome 5-year-old) and friends. And thank you all for witnessing and representing the best of our community. (See the **Gay Place Blog** for more details.) www.bilerico.com/2008/06/marriage_equality_and_the_memory_of_tamm.php, www.soulforce.org.

GAYRIBBEAN HALLOWEEN CRUISE 2008 Yes, it's Summer. That gives you two seasons to pull together that perfect costume for all the perfect parties aboard (and ashore) for this spooky autumn cruise. Sail from Galveston aboard *Carnival's Conquest* to *Montego Bay, Grand Cayman and Cozumel*, 877-560-8318. From \$568. info@gayribbean.com, www.gayribbeancruises.com.

LADY LIBERTY'S BACKYARD BASH Give her your mute, your silent, your inarticulate masses yearning to be heard. This new colossus, mother-of-all poetry slams, offers a worldwide welcome to all tempest-tossed, wretched refuse to hear the inspiration of a host of lady wordsmiths, including host **Erin Livingston**, **Precious M. Yett**, **Hilary Thomas**, **Ms. Jackson**, **Ebony Stewart**, **Love Robinson**, and more (as in roller girls, burlesque, and more). Sat., July 5, 4-10pm. *Quack's Maplewood Bakery*, 1400 E. 38th, 538-1991. \$10 (\$7.50 advance). erin@mynewgirlfriend.net, www.spokenwoman.com.

WHAT'S GAYER THAN A CABARET? Not much. Watch out **Austin Cabaret Theatre's** sassy-ass blog. www.austincabaret.blogspot.com.

RED, WHITE, & BLUE Three nights; three colorful circuits. **RED Hot Preview Party** (Fri., July 4, 5pm) Barbecue cookout and preview of Red Hot auction items. **WHITE Party** (Sat., July 5) White attire encouraged. **BLUE Hawaiian Beach Party** (Sun. July 6, 5pm), featuring free gourmet burger bar, Undergear swimsuit fashion show, and two shows of *La Cage*. Fri.-Sun., July 4-6. *Oilcan Harry's*, 211 W. Fourth, 320-8823. www.oilcanharrys.com.

IT'S A TRAVESTY OF TRIVIA! Trivia hotter than a preacher's private life, starring Ms. **Rebecca Have-meyer** and **Silky Shoemaker**. *Thursdays through July 10*. *Victory Grill*, 1104 E. 11th, 902-5057. \$10, "decorative" attire; \$13, ordinary clothes.

PURE ENVY LADIES' PARTY DJ Havoc spins 'em tight for this wall-to-wall lady fest. Fri., June 27. *Pure Ultra Lounge*, 419 W. Sixth, 924-2675; for booth, bottle service, or VIP info: 762-2000. \$8 (\$10 after 11pm), \$25 VIP passes sold on website. missesevents@gmail.com, www.myspace.com/lezifairevents.

LADIES HAPPY HOUR Head her up, move her out, rawwwwow hide, baby. Angel will be slingin' 'em at

For more gay stuff, see *Calendar online*: austinchronicle.com. Send gay bites to gayplace@austinchronicle.com.

SIERRA CLUB PICNIC Join in on this tradition, chat with the Sierra Club folks, and bring a dish for the potluck. No alcohol allowed. 6:30-10pm. *Zilker Park Rock Garden picnic area*. www.texas.sierraclub.org/austin.

SLOW BURN WINES The Slow Burn people will be showing off their wares and helping you choose just the right wine for that spicy concoction you're brewing this Fourth of July. Tue. & Thu., July 1 & 3, 6:30pm. *Central Market South*, 4477 S. Lamar, 899-4300. \$25. www.austinslowburn.com.

SPANISH CONVERSATION CLASS Not an instructional class, but a way to get more comfortable

the trough. And early enough for you wizened cowgals. Every Friday, 4-9pm. *Rainbow Cattle Co.*, 305 W. Fifth, 472-5288. Free.

YR LIPSTICK IS SHOWING Here come Austin's original **Lipstick Lesbians**, a club for those who know (in their own words) that femme "is not something you apply with make-up, it's at your core." You less-frilly types are welcome as well, as long as the femme-love and an interest in some good connections and conversation is at your core. June 20-July 18. lipsticklesbiansaustin@yahoo.com.

CENTRAL TEXAS BOYS OF LEATHER MEETING Shiny, shiny ... shiny boots of leather. Every fourth Saturday and, on the patio for cookouts, every second Sunday of the month (5-8pm). *Chain Drive*, 504 Willow, 480-9017. \$5 to benefit *CTBOL* charities. www.ctbol.org.

HOW LOW CAN YOU GO? How high do you wanna get? Melissa Hargrave will explore **Female Low Sex Drive**, to help ward off lesbian bed death. And by "explore," we mean "talk about." Sat., June 28, 10am. *Waterloo Counseling Center*, 3000 S. I-35 #315, 444-9922. Free.

PRIDE PARADE HOUSTON Love a parade? Houston's big daddy lineup, the largest Pride in the Southwest, rolls this Saturday for the 30th year! See the website for details on the festival and the nighttime festivities. Sat., June 28, 8:45pm. 713-529-6979. info@pridehouston.org, www.pridehouston.org.

AUSTIN LONESTARS RUGBY CLUB Taking a break for '08 but referring interested parties to the Austin Rugby website. *Burnet Middle School*, 3000 S. I-35, 841-8289. www.lonestarsrugby.org, www.austintrugby.com.

THERE'S A HOEDOWN THERE Ho down where? Can we get a yeehaw? **Lushe**, Rain's First Tuesday bash for the babes, goes boot-scooting boogie. This go-round is all about finding that Midnight Cowboy inside of you. Assless chaps. Spurs and boots. A hootenanny of a good ol' time. And for some reason, every month, there's always at least one person who climbs the stripper pole all the way to the ceiling. "Look ma, ho hands." Tue., June 3, 9pm. *Rain on 4th*, 217 W. Fourth, 494-1150. www.rainon4th.com.

GAME SHOW NIGHT Hit the Hump Day, and get a jump on Club Popular every Wednesday night with OCH's ode to game shows: **Hey, Bartender, Drag Idol**, and **Are You Smarter Than Ross?** Wednesdays, 10:30pm. *Oilcan Harry's*, 211 W. Fourth, 320-8823. www.oilcanharrys.com.

THIS WEEK ON GP BLOG Why wait 'til Thursday? Come visit us online at the **Gay Place Blog**. This week: **Jay Bakker** hitches some local honeys, **Cyndi Lauper** loves us (teh gays), and **Post-Pride Stress Disorder**. Oh, and a new video game where you can head-butt cops and collect martinis called **Stonewall Brawl**. 454-5766. gayplace@austinchronicle.com, austinchronicle.com/gayplaceblog.