



# News and Views

The Newsletter of the Lubbock Chapter  
of Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians and Gays

Support • Education • Advocacy

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## Personal Story: Dr. John Masselli

**When:** Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** St. John's United Methodist Church, 1501 University

For our chapter meeting on Tuesday, February 21, our program will feature John J. Masselli, Ph.D, CPA.

Dr. Masselli is the Haskell Taylor Professor of Taxation with the Jerry S. Rawls College of Business at Texas Tech University. Dr. Masselli plans to tell us about his personal story and his academic success. He will also talk about how he came out to the other Texas Tech faculty (which was not exactly intentional!).

We look forward to hearing Dr. Masselli's story of succeeding in the academic world. Thanks to Jesse Saldivar, Vice President for Outreach and Educational Initiatives, for arranging this program.

## Transgender Support Group

**When:** Tuesday, February 21, 2012  
Immediately following PFLAG meeting

**Where:** St. John's United Methodist Church  
Conference Room, 15th and University Ave.

For information on support for the transgender community, please contact us at [president@pflaglubbock.org](mailto:president@pflaglubbock.org).



## THE PFLAG MISSION

PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons, and their families and friends through: **support**, to cope with an adverse society; **education**, to enlighten an ill-informed public; and **advocacy**, to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights. Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays provides opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation and gender identity, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity.

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## Looking Ahead

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### Spring Social

**When:** Tuesday, March 20, 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** Orlando's Restaurant  
2402 Avenue Q, Lubbock TX

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PFLAG Lubbock members and guests are invited to our annual Spring Social on Tuesday, March 20, 7:00 p.m.

This year we will meet at Orlando's Restaurant, 2402 Avenue Q, for a dutch treat meal together. Their banquet room is reserved for us, and their menu includes a variety of delicious pasta dishes, pizzas, focaccias, sandwiches, soups, salads, and desserts at affordable prices.

Join us in an evening of fun and food at Orlando's!

### April Meeting

**When:** Tuesday, April 17, 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** St. John's United Methodist Church  
1501 University Ave., Lubbock TX

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As a part of PFLAG Lubbock's ongoing trans programming, Amanda Wheeler, a staff member at the Texas Tech University Student Counseling Center, will speak at our Tuesday, April 17, meeting. She works with Tech's LGBTQ students and has recently organized a trans support group at the SCC.

Ms. Wheeler will present information about how the proposed changes to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual ("DSM") may affect the trans community. She will also discuss the current controversy surrounding these revisions. Come learn about this most important timely topic. Our meeting will be held at St. John's United Methodist

Church, 1501 University Avenue, 7:00 p.m. Thanks to Jennifer Vencill, our trans coordinator, for arranging this program.

### May Meeting

**When:** Tuesday, May 15, 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** St. John's United Methodist Church  
1501 University Ave., Lubbock TX

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We welcome a panel of PFLAG allies to speak at our monthly meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 15, at St. John's United Methodist Church, 1501 University Avenue, 7:00 p.m.

This important segment of our PFLAG family will relate personal stories of their varying journeys to become supportive of the LGBTQ community and of the mission of PFLAG.

More on the panel will be forthcoming in a future newsletter.

### June Picnic

**When:** Tuesday, June 5

**Where:** Location & Details TBA

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PFLAG Lubbock's Annual Picnic and Scholarship Presentation will be Tuesday, June 5.

Look for details in upcoming newsletters.



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## Texas Tech 3rd Annual Drag Show – March 30, 2012

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Queens, Kings and Lubbock Royalty join us for one night only to present the TEXAS TECH DRAG SHOW

# The Texas Tech 3rd Annual DRAG SHOW

Brought to you by the Texas Tech Residence Halls  
Association in partnership with PFLAG and TTUGSA

Entertainment featuring  
local artists and  
amateur performers

Showing at the  
Frazier Alumni Pavillion

## Friday, March 30

Show starts at **8:30PM**

Doors open to VIPs at **7:45PM**

Interested in performing? Contact  
[sonia.jimenz@ttu.edu](mailto:sonia.jimenz@ttu.edu) by Friday, March 16

More Info: [rha@ttu.edu](mailto:rha@ttu.edu) | (806)742-2651 | [www.rha.ttu.edu](http://www.rha.ttu.edu)



## ***The Laramie Project* at Lubbock Community Theatre**

### ***The Laramie Project***

**When:** Special PFLAG Preview Night is February 16. Regular performances are February 17-19, 24-26, & March 2-4.

**Where:** Lubbock Community Theatre  
4232 Boston Avenue, Lubbock

*The Laramie Project*, written by Moises Kaufman and the Members of the Tectonic Theatre Project, is coming to Lubbock Community Theatre in February and March, 2012. *The Laramie Project* was created in response to the 1998 murder of Matthew Shepard, a gay student at the University of Wyoming.

Directed by Jay C. Brown, the production is made from a series of interviews with hundreds of people, and they all come together to tell the story of Matthew Shepard's death and the effect it had (and still has) on people in Laramie and

everywhere.

Please consider attending one of the performances and encouraging your friends and family to join you!

Choose from regular show nights and matinees on February 17, 18, 19, 24, 25 & 26; and March 2, 3 & 4 (adults \$20; students \$15). Regular shows begin at 8:00 p.m.; matinees begin at 2:00 p.m.

Also, if you'd like to get more involved, Lubbock Community Theatre still needs ushers at most performances. Contact Lubbock Community Theatre, (806) 749-2416, if you can help. Ushers see the show for free! This is a great opportunity for students, or for those on a budget.

Lubbock Community Theatre presents  
**The Laramie Project**  
Written by Moises Kaufman and the Members of the  
Tectonic Theatre Project, Directed by Jay C. Brown

Co produced by The Pain Management Clinic of  
Hemmo A. Bosscher, M. D., P. A.  
Produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play  
Service Inc.

February 17-19 \* 24-26  
March 2-4

Fridays/Saturdays 8p.m.  
Sundays 2p.m.

Made in America Again  
PFLAG  
Lubbock Community Theatre

TTU Residence Hall Association's GLBT Awareness Week

# GLBT AWARENESS WEEK

**M 3/26 11AM-1PM**

**O** CHECK OUT OUR TABLE AT THE FREE  
**N** SPEECH ZONE. GET A VIP WRISTBAND



**T 3/27 7PM**

**U** PFLAG MOM WILL SPEAK ABOUT HER EXPERIENCES.  
**E** JOIN US TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE GLBT COMMUNITY.  
**S** DURING RHA GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT THE LEADERSHIP  
DEVELOPMENT CENTER AT CARPENTER/WELLS



**W 3/28 7PM**

**E** WATCH "THE BIRDCAGE" AT THE  
**S** SUB ESCONDITO THEATRE.



**T 3/29 ?PM**

**H** WE KNOW YOU LIKE SURPRISES.  
**U** SO JUST LOOK OUT FOR THIS ONE.  
**R** YOU'LL KNOW IF YOU'RE THERE.



**F 3/30 8:30PM**

**R** 3RD ANNUAL DRAG SHOW. FRAZIER ALUMNI PAVILLION.  
**I** SEE SEPARATE ADS TO PARTICIPATE. VIPS GET IN  
EARLY.



Brought to you by the Residence Halls Association



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## Lola Marie Drew Scholarship: Apply Now!

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PFLAG Lubbock's Lola Marie Drew Scholarship, established in 1996, is awarded each year to recognize outstanding gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered (GLBT) students from the Lubbock community. We feel it is important to encourage the continuing education of self-identified GLBT students, and we hope to foster a positive image of GLBT young people in society.

Applicants must be gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgendered, 18 years or older as of August 1, 2011, and attending a post-secondary educational institution in the South Plains area in Fall 2012.

Applications are judged on the following criteria: demonstration of integrity and honesty; participation and leadership in community activities; determination and potential to achieve goals; and demonstration of financial need.

Materials must be postmarked by **April 15, 2012**, including: completed application and questionnaire; high school, GED, or most recent post-secondary transcripts; two letters of recommendation, mailed by your references; and a signed copy of the scholarship recipient agreement.

Send applications to:

**Scholarship Committee**  
**PFLAG-Lubbock**  
**Box 94493**  
**Lubbock, TX 79493**

Questions? Call (806) 438-6504, or send an e-mail to [president@pflaglubbock.org](mailto:president@pflaglubbock.org).

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## Book Signing at MCC

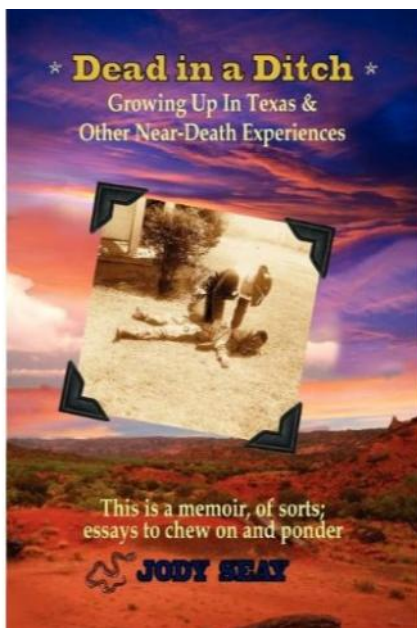
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### Book Signing with Jody Seay

**When:** Thursday, February 16, 6:30 p.m.

**Where:** MCC Lubbock, 4501 University Ave.

MCC will host author Jody Seay for a signing of her new memoir, *Dead in a Ditch: Growing*



*up in Texas & Other Near-Death Experiences*, on Thursday, February 16th at 6:30 p.m.

Seay's memoir is available through Koho Pono Press, whose website describes the book as "a memoir that

will have you laughing until tears fall and you have to sit with your legs crossed. It'll break your heart, too. If you want to laugh and cry with one crazy Texas-born hooligan, then this is the book for you."

This is Seay's second book. Learn more from the back cover of the book itself:

*I come from a large family. My Mother's biggest fear was that one or all of us would die on her watch when we were babies and then children. As we grew up, her fear shifted a little – not just that we would die, but that we would be found Dead In A Ditch. It was the ditch part that always made it seem so much worse, something drug or alcohol related, to be sure. Mother's children crumpled up and tossed out the window like an old beer can. "Where have you been?" she would say, "I was worried sick. I thought you were dead in a ditch." This was Mother's mantra.*

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# Supporting Those Who Support PFLAG Lubbock

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## Businesses

### Adams Flowers

3532 34<sup>th</sup> St.  
(806) 792-2126  
<http://www.adamsflowerstx.com/>

### Belly's Café

1406 Ave Q  
(806) 853-9001

### Ellsworth String Quartet

(806) 799-7227

### Kyra Blankenship & Angela Bakersville

Attorneys at Law  
(806) 765-5161 or 1-800-364-7021

### MassageLubbock.com

Jason Weber R.M.T.  
(806) 535-5044 E-mail: [jweber1965@hotmail.com](mailto:jweber1965@hotmail.com)

### Rainbow Candleworks, Ceramics & Things

(806) 773-0149 (cell); (806) 792-9127 (home)  
<http://www.rainbowcandlecompany.com>

### Rattan and Wicker Specialties

252034<sup>th</sup> St.  
(806) 793-3455

### Sprague's Massage Therapy

(806) 438-2221  
E-mail: [stressmts@door.net](mailto:stressmts@door.net)  
<http://www.fly.to/smc>

## Churches

### Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)

4501 University Avenue, (806) 792-5562  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Friday Lambda AA Meeting 8 p.m.  
Wednesday Doorways Youth Group 7:00 p.m.  
Newsletter available upon request  
E-mail: [mcclubbocktx@aol.com](mailto:mcclubbocktx@aol.com)

### St. John's United Methodist Church

1501 University Avenue (across from Tech Campus)  
(806) 762-0123  
A Reconciling Congregation Sunday mornings:  
8:30 a.m. Holy Communion  
9:00 a.m. Fellowship Time  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School Classes  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship  
E-mail: [openminds@stjohnslubbock.org](mailto:openminds@stjohnslubbock.org)  
[www.stjohnslubbock.org](http://www.stjohnslubbock.org)

### United Congregational Church

1701 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, (806) 744-0747  
Member of the United Church of Christ (an officially GLBT supportive denomination, see [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org))  
Sunday Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Adult Education at 11:00 a.m.

### First Unitarian Universalist Church of Lubbock

2801 42<sup>nd</sup> St.  
Lubbock, TX 79413, (806) 799-1617  
Adult education: Sundays 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service & Children's Classes: 11:00 a.m.  
<http://uulubbock.org>

## Organizations

### Equality Texas (EQTX)

Equality Texas is the largest lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered organization in Texas. Working toward the elimination of social, legal & economic discrimination based on sexual orientation & gender identity through lobbying, education, & research directed toward the Texas Legislature & other state governmental agencies  
PO Box 2340  
Austin, TX 78768  
(512) 474-5475 E-mail: [info@equalitytexas.org](mailto:info@equalitytexas.org)  
[www.equalitytexas.org](http://www.equalitytexas.org)

### LGBTs Lubbock, Literature, Etc.

<http://www.duanesimolke.com>

### OUTwest Lubbock

OUTwest Lubbock is the new virtual GLBTQIA community center. Email [contact@outwestlubbock.org](mailto:contact@outwestlubbock.org) for more information or visit [www.outwestlubbock.org](http://www.outwestlubbock.org). Don't forget to check out their YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/outwestlubbock](http://www.youtube.com/outwestlubbock)

### PFLAG Odessa

Meetings: First Monday of each month.  
Contact: Shari Johnson  
([sharijohnson@grandecom.net](mailto:sharijohnson@grandecom.net)) for more information

### Planned Parenthood Association of Lubbock, Inc.

Briercroft Office Park #14  
On 58th Street (between Ave Q and Ave P)  
(806) 795-7123  
Planned Parenthood provides confidential, affordable, quality reproductive health care for women & men. Services include annual exams, HIV and STD testing and treatment; breast and cervical cancer screening; partner testing and treatment for STDs. GLBT and Transgender services and resources are available. Education programs and public speaking for community groups and schools are available.

### South Plains College Gay/Straight Alliance

The SPC GSA meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. on the Reese campus. For more information, please contact Skylar Lange, [gsaspc@yahoo.com](mailto:gsaspc@yahoo.com).

### SPCAA/Project CHAMPS

3307 Ave. X  
(806) 771-0736  
M-F 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Project CHAMPS provides confidential medical and social services to clients living with HIV/AIDS. Eligible clients must provide proof of HIV+ status and must live in Texas. Income requirements vary depending on services requested. Contact Project CHAMPS for details and to schedule an Intake. No walk-ins, please. Email [pchamps@spcaa.org](mailto:pchamps@spcaa.org)

### Texas Tech Gay/Straight Alliance

For meeting details contact Dee Nguyen at [d.nguyen@ttu.edu](mailto:d.nguyen@ttu.edu)

### The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Support Group

Texas Tech University Counseling Center  
Meets during the fall & spring semesters  
Interested Tech students can call the Counseling

Center at: (806) 742-3674.

**Transgender Support—Amarillo**

Amarillo MCC hosts a support group for transgender individuals, families and allies of transgender individuals. Meetings are on 2nd Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.; contact Sandra Dunn, [sandradunntg@att.net](mailto:sandradunntg@att.net)

**Underground GSA**

Underground GSA was created to provide a place for LGBT members and straight allies to meet and hang out during the summer, winter break, and spring break. This group primarily targets college students, but high school students are welcome. Email: [undergroundgsa@yahoo.com](mailto:undergroundgsa@yahoo.com)

**Social**

**Club Heaven**

19th and Buddy Holly Ave. Club Heaven is open Thursday and Saturday nights as a Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender accepting club.

**Doorways**

Doorways is a young adult group meeting at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. Contact MCC for meeting details and age range.

**This Week in Texas (TWIT)**

<http://www.thisweekintexas.com>

*If you would like to be included in or make corrections to the list of our supporters, feel free to contact us at [president@pflaglubbock.org](mailto:president@pflaglubbock.org).*

**CONTACT US:**

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PFLAG Lubbock holds regular meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at St. John’s United Methodist Church, 1501 University.

**PFLAG LUBBOCK MEMBERSHIP FORM**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE(home) \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE(cell) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**DUES :** Individual - \$35      Couple - \$50  
Student - \$25              Student Couple - \$40



Check all that best identify you:  
 GLBT (GAY, LESBIAN, BI, TRANSGENDERED)  
 ALLY                       PARENT/FAMILY

Checks payable to:  
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PO Box 94493  
Lubbock, TX 79493-4493