



¡Para Todos!

Marta Alvarado
nombrada una LGBTs más
influyentes del 2002



9



Comedian Reno, "Rebel Without a Pause" in Asheville
Jan. 22-25 & Jan. 29 - Feb. 2-25



Jennifer Holliday joins The Charlotte Symphony in concert Jan. 24 and 25 26

Mancini Foundation awards grants LGBT groups 4

NGLTF signs anti-war statement 7

True Spirit Conference in Washington DC 15

Get ready for the Southern Womyn's Festival 21

South Carolina

Green Party plants SC roots in Charleston 21

ONLINE
Q.POLL
www.q-notes.com

What type of fundraising athletic event do you participate in?

- . walking . running
- . bicycling . triathlon
- . writing checks . none

Q.POLL RESULTS: 26

Former Texas Gov. Ann Richards to be HRC keynote

Annual HRC dinner being held in Greensboro to enable wider attendance from across the Carolinas

The organizers of the Human Rights Campaign's 2003 Carolinas Gala are pleased to announce that former Texas Governor Ann Richards will be the keynote speaker at the February 15th event at Greensboro, North Carolina's Grandover Resort.

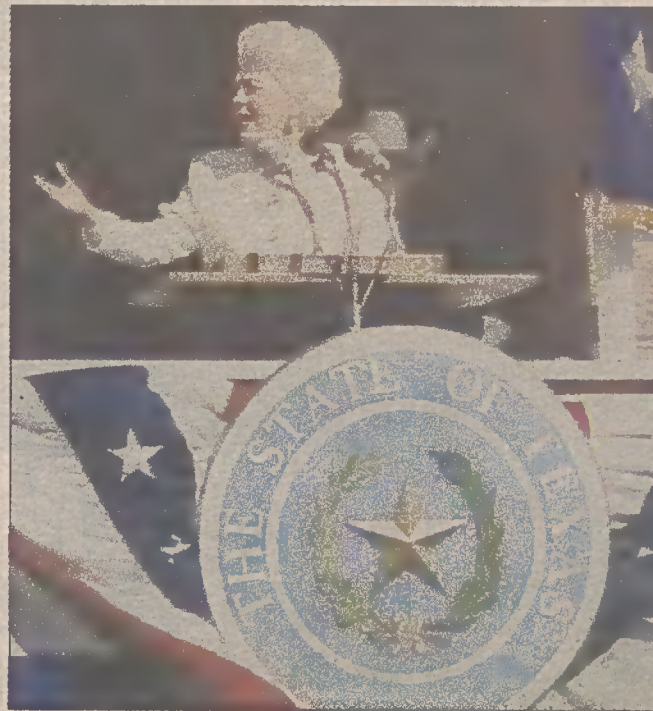
Richards has won widespread acclaim for her accomplishments as an elected official and as an inspirational national leader and role model. Richards burst onto the national scene in 1988 when she delivered the keynote address to the Democratic National Convention. Beckoning the nation to unify behind the belief that we can do better for ourselves and our children, Richards also offered a memorable salute to the achievements of women, reminding her worldwide audience, "Ginger Rogers did everything that Fred Astaire did. She just did it backwards and in high heels."

Born in Lakeview, Texas, Richards graduated from Waco High School in 1950 and attended Baylor University on a debate scholarship. After graduation, she went to the University of Texas at Austin, where she earned her teaching certificate. From 1955 to 1956, she taught social studies and history at Fulmore Junior High School in Austin. Richards first became politically active at the University of Texas and remained active, volunteering in local and statewide campaigns and

working for critical social causes. Combining her command as a speaker with years of achievement as Texas state treasurer and a Travis County commissioner, teacher and activist, Richards entered the 1990 gubernatorial campaign and was elected the 45th governor of Texas.

In the hotly contested gubernatorial race with George W. Bush leading up to the 1994 elections, Richards' support of equality for all persons regardless of sexual orientation, and her appointments of qualified individuals who happened to be lesbian and gay, were used by the Republican party to label Gov. Richards as "anti-family." Richards, mother of four, had also agreed to work for repeal of the Texas sodomy statutes, statutes that criminalize certain sexual behaviors only if they occur between persons of the same sex. The statutes were used against John G. Lawrence and Tyrone Garner who were arrested in 1998 in Mr. Lawrence's Houston home on the basis of a false police report filed by a neighbor. Their case is currently up for review by the United States Supreme Court.

Funds raised at the Carolinas Gala will further the work of the Human Rights Campaign as they advocate for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and trans-



Former Texas Governor, Ann Richards

gendered persons toward the goal of ensuring that every person can be open, honest, and safe at work, at home, and in the community.

info: details in Out & About calendar . page 34
February 15 . Greensboro, North Carolina
Human Rights Campaign . www.hrc.org.
www.boxofficetickets.com . 800-494-8497

Tour de Friends — make your resolutions reality

First-ever fundraising bicycle ride to be sponsored by local, regional and national non-profits with open books and no middle-man profiteer

by Justin Leach

Every day five more North Carolinians are infected with HIV. Every week, five additional North Carolinians with HIV/AIDS walk into the offices of Alliance of AIDS Services-Carolina for the first time looking for help. Each month, 80 North Carolinians are put on a waiting list — sometimes for up to a year — to get life-saving drugs. Nothing kills more African Americans between 25 and 44 than AIDS.

This summer, there is a new event coming to North Carolina that could raise millions of dollars this year to help thousands of people living with HIV/AIDS. This event's success will allow for the expansion of services and programs provided by the Alliance of AIDS Services-Carolina to a level never before seen in this state.

Funded and managed by non-profits

There have been similar rides in the past, but this is the first such ride that is both funded and

fully managed by the agencies benefiting from the money raised. The Alliance of AIDS Services - Carolina has joined Food & Friends in

Tour de Friends bicycle ride will depart Raleigh, NC, June 19, travel through Virginia and end on the Mall in Washington, DC June 22.

It is a true test of endurance. There may be times when a riders will question their ability to peddle on to the next rest stop. But ask anyone who has participated in rides like this and they will tell you they would never trade the experience for anything in the world.

Terry Milner, a Carrboro resident said, "Last year, my partner and I went to Alaska to ride in a similar event to raise money for people with AIDS and it was absolutely incredible! You're there on your bike, pushing yourself to your own limits along with hundreds and hundreds of other cyclists and you're almost overwhelmed by the incredible realization that you are truly making a huge difference, it really is life altering. That's why we have both decided to participate in this year's Tour de Friends as it actually helps programs right here in North Carolina,"

Lots of help to keep you going

The ride is designed so anyone can participate, regardless of skill level or athletic ability.

see **TOUR** on 3



Tour de Friends
IT'S NOT JUST A RIDE. IT'S THE HUMAN RACE.
June 19-22, 2003 / 330 Miles NC to DC

Washington, DC and the Fan Free Clinic in Richmond, VA to produce the only other ride of this size outside of California and the only such ride on the East Coast.

Tour de Friends' riders and accompanying volunteers will travel four days and 330 miles, through the very communities who will receive the money raised by the ride.