

Alphabet Soup

Upcoming Events!

- Open Mic Night
Wed. Nov 19th
- Transgender Day of Remembrance Thur.
Nov 20th
- RENT Sing-Along/
AIDS Awareness Fri.
Dec 5th

MILK: Coming Out in Theatres December 5th!

Gay Rights Activist. Friend. Lover. Unifier. Politician. Fighter. Icon. Inspiration. Hero. His life changed history, and his courage changed lives. In 1977, Harvey Milk was elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, becoming the first openly gay man to be voted into major public office in America. His victory was not just a victory for gay rights; he forged coalitions across the political spectrum. From senior citizens to union workers, Harvey Milk changed the very nature of what it means to be a fighter for human rights and became, before his untimely death in 1978, a hero for all Americans. Academy Award winner Sean Penn stars as Harvey Milk under the direction of Academy Award nominee Gus Van Sant in the new movie filmed on location in San Francisco from an original screenplay by Dustin Lance Black and produced by Academy Award winners Dan Jinks and Bruce Cohen. The film charts the last eight years of Harvey Milk's life. While living in New York City, he turns

40. Looking for more purpose, Milk and his lover Scott Smith (James Franco) relocate to San Francisco, where they found a small business, Castro Camera, in the heart of a working-class neighborhood that was soon to become a haven for gay people from around the country. With his beloved Castro neighborhood and beautiful city empowering him, Milk surprises Scott and himself by becoming an outspoken agent for change. He seeks equal rights and opportunities for all, and his great love for the city and its people brings him backing from young and old, straight and gay, alike – at a time when prejudice and violence against gays was openly accepted as the norm. With vitalizing support from Scott and new friends and volunteers, Milk plunges headfirst into the choppy waters of politics. He also mentors young street activists like Cleve Jones (Emile Hirsch). Bolstering his public profile with humor, Milk's actions speak even louder than his gift-of-gab words. Soon, he is known

all across the city and even beyond, but his persistent determination to be a part of city government drives him and Scott apart. While making his fourth run for public office, Milk takes a new lover, Jack Lira (Diego Luna). The latest campaign is a success, as Milk is elected supervisor for the newly zoned District 5. Milk serves San Francisco well while lobbying for a city-wide ordinance protecting people from being fired because of their orientation – and rallying support against a proposed statewide referendum to fire gay schoolteachers and their supporters; he realizes that this fight against Proposition 6 represents a pivotal precipice for the gay rights movement. At the same time, the political agendas of Milk and those of another newly elected supervisor, Dan White (Josh Brolin), increasingly diverge and their personal destinies tragically converge. Milk's platform was and is one of hope – a hero's legacy that resonates in the here and now.

From filmsinfocus.com



National Protest Against H8

On Election Day of this year while the world celebrated a historical moment, LGBT inequality was being written into the California, Florida, Arizona and Arkansas constitutions. In California where LGBT people had enjoyed marriage equality since June our rights were ripped away from us over night.

Since the elections, tens of thousands of people have been pouring into the streets through-

out California in protest over the passing of Prop 8. Dallas' Protest is part of a nationwide peaceful day of action against Prop 8. This effort coordinated through the website www.JoinTheImpact.com will take place at exactly the same time this coming Saturday in front of City Halls throughout the country.

Please join us this Saturday, November 15 at 12:30 PM, in front of City Hall for a peaceful protest rally with community

speakers.

Let us show California, and the nation, that we will stand united until we have Equality.



Date: 11/19/2008 **Time: 9 pm -11 pm**

Spectrum

OPEN MIC MEET

Hughes-Trigg
VARSITY

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SMU Womens Center

Quotes of the Day:

The only journey is the journey within.

Rainer Maria Rilke

Did you hear about the Scottish drag queen? He wore pants.

Lynn Lavne

Enjoy some free cookies/brownies and hot chocolate!

You can...

- Sing/Play a song
- Read aloud poetry
- Read aloud short stories
- Share a story (funny, personal, etc)
- Perform a monologue
- Show us a dance number!
- Stand up comedy

Anything you find artsy and creative...bring it on!

