



# Boletín

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## Valiente hosts bilingual GLAAD media training in June

*Event will be held at the Latino Cultural Center*

By Jesse Garcia  
Valiente Secretary

Valiente will host a bilingual media training workshop provided by the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, on Friday, June 9, at 6 p.m., at the Latino Cultural Center.

The center is located at 2600 Live Oak, Dallas, TX 75204. Southwest Regional Media Manager for GLAAD, Coral Lopez will facilitate the workshop. The event is open to the public.

Lopez, who has been with GLAAD since the Fall of 2005, looks forward to meeting again with members of Valiente.

"I am very excited to work with Valiente and hope to see many LGBT Latinos at the training," Lopez said. "I truly believe that you all are the key to changing the hearts and minds of our very own familias."

Media training is part of Valiente's ambitious approach at exploring a variety of Latino-focused educational programs.

"We hope projects like these will further generate interest among local LG-BTQ Latino/as, as well as begin to build the bridge towards activism and leadership among our community," said Efred Garcia, vice chair of Valiente's education and cultural committee.

Lopez will address the need for more coverage of the Latino LGBTQ community. "The topic of my session will be the lack of visibility in our different communities — LGBT, Latino and mainstream media," said Lopez. "As a double minority LGBT people of color have to work twice as hard to make their voices heard. Visibility in the end is about survival."

Lopez said that historically the LGBT people of color have been left out of the primarily white LGBT movement and simultaneously ignored by the Chicano/Latino movement. Today more and more so-



*Coral Lopez of GLAAD will present a bilingual media training session on June 9 at the Latino Cultural Center.*

cial/civil rights organizations and leaders are realizing that our overall survival and success in our diverse movements depend on firm coalition building, Lopez said.

"It is here that LGBT people of color — who navigate several identities and worlds — become an asset to our movements," she added.

Lopez said people who attend her session will walk away with understanding the importance of "messaging" when speaking of or, advocating for, the Latino LGBTQ community.

Attendants will also learn how to respond to defamation in the media and receive tips on how to strategically share their stories with the media and their community.

Lopez, originally from Aguascalientes, Mexico, was raised in South Central Los Angeles, California. She attended the University of California at Los Angeles, where she earned a degree in Chicana/o studies. ▽

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## 2006 HIV Prevention Leadership Summit comes to Dallas

Dallas has been selected as the host city for the 2006 HIV Prevention Leadership Summit to be held at the Hilton Anatole June 4-7. Area members of the HIV prevention/services community are busy contacting local community members and businesses in hopes of raising support and funds for a host reception dinner.

"The funds raised will go toward host committee activities," said Efren Garcia, HPLS Host Committee Co-Chair and Valiente's vice chair of the education and cultural committee. "Among many things, the host committee is tasked with providing a respite lounge for people living with AIDS as well as a host reception dinner for conference attendees. It's an opportunity to showcase Dallas and its LGBTQ community."

From previous conferences, it's known that more than 80 percent of the conference attendees are gay.

"The 1,800 persons attending will not only want the most current and invigorating information, they want to experience the host city," said Jamie Schield, HPLS host committee chair. "With support from the local community, we hope to be able to do this."

The HPLS is a conference of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and put together by the National Minority AIDS Council. The summit is intended to bring together leaders in HIV prevention to disseminate and exchange information to enhance program planning and management. The annual conference draws top HIV experts from the science field, health industry, federal and state governments, private enterprise and community educators.



*Valiente Member Efren Garcia will co-chair the host committee for the upcoming HIV Prevention Leadership Summit in Dallas.*

The summit features institutes, workshops, roundtable discussions, and other sessions that are primarily intended for CDC grantees. "This is the 12th year of the conference and we are honored to have it in Dallas," said Schield.

"It's these experiences which I hope will serve me in my current role as Valiente's vice chair of the education and cultural committee," said Garcia, who was recently appointed to the committee by Valiente President Fernie Sanchez.

"I am confident that Mr. Garcia will help our organization advance our HIV/STD educational efforts within the local LGBTQ Latino population," said Sanchez, who encourages Valiente members to participate in the conference.

Registration for the conference is \$250. However, those wishing to volunteer their time may get free entry to the conference for each day they volunteer.

For additional information on HPLS volunteer or sponsorship opportunities, please contact: Jamie Schield [jlschield@tarrantcounty.com](mailto:jlschield@tarrantcounty.com) or Maya Poree [mporee@dallascounty.org](mailto:mporee@dallascounty.org)

## News Briefs



*Performer and Valiente Member Mimi Casanova raised nearly \$2,000 for Valiente during two shows in May at Hay K Rico and Havana. Her tribute to Rocio Durcal attracted more than 100 people at both venues.*

### **Valiente receives seven renewals, plus one new member in May:**

Since May 1, Valiente has received four renewal memberships: Eliseo Duarte, Jay Forte, Rey Franco, Dr. Jose Gomez, Francis Luttmner, Cesar Ruiz and Carlos Rojas, plus new member Luis Aguilar.

### **Valiente meets on June 15:**

Valiente's meeting takes place Thursday, June 15, at 6:30 p.m., at Havana's, located on 4006 Cedar Springs Rd., Dallas, TX 75219. Guest speaker is Edgar Gonzalez of the Greater Dallas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

### **Gay LULAC council debuts in June:**

LULAC National President Hector Flores will inaugurate the nation's first-ever Gay LULAC council on Monday, June 12, at 6:30 p.m., at Havana's, located on 4006 Cedar Springs Rd., Dallas, TX 75219. Valiente members are encouraged to attend.



*On May 25, the Coming Out Workshop en Español -- sponsored by the HRC Coming Out Project and Valiente, was held. Valiente Member Alejandro Zavala, a counselor at Centro de Mi Salud in Oak Cliff, conducted the session. In attendance were nine Latino men, who were in the process of coming out. Zavala will have sessions for the next six weeks at 7 p.m., Thursdays, at Centro de Mi Salud, 628 Centre St., Dallas, TX 75208. For more information, call 214.893.5458.*



*Left to right: Lambda Legal's Dennis Coleman and Valiente President Fernie Sanchez welcome Ben Leal to Dallas at the May Valiente meeting. Leal is the new Outreach Associate in Lambda's Dallas office.*

## Mundo Latino

### Where are all these Hispanics coming from? Most are homegrown:

The U.S. Census Bureau reports more Hispanics are born in America than those who enter through U.S. borders. From July 2004 to July 2005, there were an estimated 900,000 Hispanic births in the U.S. In that same time frame, there were 500,000 Hispanics who immigrated to this country.

### Eight million new citizens waiting in the wings, according to agency:

According to the Department of Homeland Security, in 2004 there were approximately eight million legal residents that could apply for citizenship. To apply for citizenship, a legal resident has to pay \$400 for a test which focuses on civics and English proficiency.

### Gay Latino leaves Republican post:

The Log Cabin Republicans, the national organization for LGBT Republicans, announced on May 23 that its president for the past four years, Patrick Guerriero, will step down to take a position with the Gill Foundation. The Gill Foundation helps promote LGBT equality in a nonpartisan manner. Guerriero will leave Log Cabin in September.

### Deport immigrants? Construction, service industries would crumble:

The Pew Hispanic Center's latest figures show that over half of the country's undocumented immigrants (around 12 million) hold jobs in the service industry. If there was a mass deportation today, the construction industry could lose 550,000 workers alone. The center also reports that Nevada and Arizona have the highest undocumented immigrant populations — seven percent of the states' total population. Undocumented immigrants make up 5 to 6.9 percent of the populations of Texas, California, Colorado and Florida.

### Hispanic HIV infection rising:

Although Hispanics make up only 14.4 percent of the U.S. population, a recent study from the Centers for Disease Control shows that 21 percent of all AIDS cases reported in 2004 came from Hispanic adults and children. ▼

# 10 Questions

with  
Rosalinda Gomez

Valiente is blessed with a membership that includes community activists, educators and artists. One particular artist is Rosalinda Gomez, whose works are currently on display at the "Photoworks 2006," a student photography exhibition at the University of Texas at Dallas. From May 15 through June 10, the work of Gomez will be featured at the Visual Arts Building at UTD (Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.).

**Boletín: Why are you involved with Valiente? Rosalinda Gomez:** "First it was just to have friends to hang around, second I wanted to know and learn about our community, but now I want to do something for our community and I think I can do it through Valiente."

**Boletín: What do you hope to accomplish with this group? RG:** "I hope that we can put together our different ideas and work as a team — a team of the future Latin LGBT leaders."

**Boletín: Where are you from originally? RG:** "I have been living in Texas for 10 years. I'm originally from Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico."

**Boletín: What's your educational and professional background? RG:** "I have an associate's degree from Richland College in art and photography/digital imaging. I am currently earning my bachelor's degree in arts and performance at the University of Texas at Dallas."

**Boletín: Who is your idol and why? RG:** "I do not have an idol. Nobody is perfect."

**Boletín: What is your passion? RG:** "I have many passions but the first one is to



know new people."

**Boletín: Pick one of three: Frida Kahlo, Pablo Picasso or Diego Rivera. With whom would you like to have a conversation with and why? RG:** "I would like to have a conversation with Frida Kahlo, because I want to learn how to put my feelings and frustrations on a canvas just like Frida did."

**Boletín: Where do you see yourself in 10 years? RG:** "Finishing my PhD in Fine Arts or something else."

**Boletín: You enjoy photography. At what age did you start taking photos? RG:** "When I was 11 years old, my uncle brought a National Geographic magazine for the first time. I remember that the issue was about the Monarch butterfly that migrated all the way to Mexico. I loved the pictures in the magazine so much that I decided to be a photographer."

**Boletín: You currently have a photo exhibit at the University of Texas at Dallas from May 15 to June 10. What are the subjects of your photos? RG:** "My exhibition is about abstract color photography with emphasis on form." ▼

## Lambda Legal seeks Outreach associate

Lambda Legal seeks an Outreach Associate to coordinate Proyecto Igualdad, Lambda Legal's national Latino/Hispanic outreach project, as part of the Education and Public Affairs Department.

Proyecto Igualdad seeks to engage Latino/Hispanic communities in our ongoing efforts to insure the rights of LGBT and HIV-positive people. The preferred location for this position is in Lambda Legal's National Headquarters in New York City, but other Lambda Legal locations will be

considered. For more information, write, fax or e-mail: Beverly Tillery, Director of Outreach, Lambda Legal, 120 Wall Street, Suite 1500, New York, NY 10005-3904, Fax: 212-809-0055, or [btillery@lambdalegal.org](mailto:btillery@lambdalegal.org). No phone calls, please. Lambda Legal is a national organization committed to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people and those with HIV, through impact litigation, education, and public policy work. ▼

# Get your FUSE on!

**Young gay club  
extends invitation to  
Valiente members**

By Efren Garcia  
Education & Cultural Committee Vice Chair

The organizers of FUSE would like to extend an invitation to the members of Valiente in hopes of further increasing the number of young Latino men who participate in its program.

In the past, some of Valiente's members have participated in a variety of social activities alongside FUSE members and enjoyed free food, fun times and lasting friendships.

So what is FUSE? "We create monthly social events that encourage guys to meet each other to build friendships, relationships and community," said Alex Ortega,

Young Adult Program Coordinator of the Resource Center of Dallas and an active Valiente member.

FUSE is a project for young gay and bisexual guys between the ages of 18 and 27. The group holds weekly "Core Group" meetings, which is the heart and decision making body of the project.

FUSE sponsors events such as Gay Boy Volleyball, Gay Boy Tennis, and parties with special themes at places such as Hay K Rico, a local gay bar popular among young Latino gay men.

Throughout the month of May, FUSE volunteers found themselves extra busy as they help their local communities on projects well known among LGBT North Central Texans. FUSE volunteers provided support to this year's GLSEN Gayla Prom (Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network) and most recently the University of Texas at Dallas Homage Drag Show.

One of the main goals of FUSE is to promote safer sex among young gay and bisexual men by creating safe spaces where guys can talk about the issues surrounding sex and relationships.

You can also see FUSE volunteers promoting safer sex at bars, clubs and



*Valiente Member and FUSE organizer  
Alex Ortega*

parties where young gay men congregate or hangout.

FUSE is a program of the John Thomas Gay and Lesbian Community Center. To learn more about FUSE, visit [www.getyourfuseon.com](http://www.getyourfuseon.com) or contact Ortega at (214) 540-4410. ♡



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Valiente General Meeting  
Thursday, June 15, 6:30 p.m.  
Havana's on 4006 Cedar Springs Rd.

Featured guest:  
Greater Dallas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse