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KEVIN FENTON

If you're going to set yourself on a hot seat, it's best to be prepared. Fenton, the new director of the National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, comes with work experience as a public health physician in his native United Kingdom and the life experience of a gay man of color. High on his agenda: "to educate the younger generation of gay men around HIV." Sounds like he's ready for the heat.

CHRISTINE QUINN

New Yorkers like to think they're ahead of the curve in just about everything, so it's surprising it has taken so long to have an openly gay person (and a nonmale) in what's often called the second most powerful office in the city. When Quinn was elected by her peers as speaker of the New York City council, she declared that she was proud to be in a city where "diversity is seen as a strength, not an impediment." Someone should embroider that on a pillow.

MATT FARBER

After creating Logo, the channel founder left his position running the network and has been spreading gay wherever he goes, creating the first major gay label (Music With a Twist) with Sony, the syndicated radio show (*Radio With a Twist*) with Clear Channel, and the online social network Gays, Lesbians, and Everyone Else.

LISA THOMAS

We're reasonably certain she's the only former energy-bar entrepreneur to have won a Grammy award. After running operations for Clif Bar and cashing out for a reported \$62 million in 2002, Thomas turned her attention to projects like producing documentary films (*Homeland*, the story of four Native American environmental activists) and records (the movie's companion album, *Sacred Ground*, won the Grammy for Best Native American Album).

CHRIS SALGARDO

If beauty is as beauty does, then Salgado is one beautiful guy. As president of the Specialty Brands Group of L'Oréal USA he heads up three major luxury brands: Kiehl's Since 1851, Giorgio Armani Beauty, and Shu Uemura. It sounds like two jobs



THE FUND-RAISER JORGE VALENCIA

Many of us give lip service to the idea that our youth are our future, but Jorge Valencia has been dedicating much of his work life to the idea. For nearly six years he's been head of the Trevor Project, a nonprofit that has the country's only 24-hour suicide prevention help line specifically aimed at LGBTQ teens. In January he'll take over the top job at the Point Foundation, which provides scholarships and mentoring for exceptional LGBT youth. It looks like the future got just a bit brighter.

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more than most of us would be able to handle. "I didn't get to this position simply because they like the way I dress," says Salgado. Though it probably didn't hurt.

JUSTIN CANNON **10 UNDER 25**

While still an undergraduate French major at Earlham College, a Quaker school in Indiana, Justin Cannon started TruthSetsFree.net to dispel antigay myths about interpreting the Bible and highlight what he calls the six biblical "lobber passages" that are often used to condemn homosexuality. He's now organized GayHarmony.net, the Web's first (and so far, only) gay Christian matchmaking site. By the way—Justin is single, 22, and

studying for the Episcopal priesthood at a Berkeley, Calif., seminary.

NEIL GIULIANO

Yes, there are progressive Republicans, and this former mayor of Tempe, Ariz., is one. Since becoming president of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation late last year, he has seen that "the biggest challenge facing our movement in the next couple years is to engage our straight allies like never before.... Seven out of 10 Americans now say they know someone who is gay or lesbian. The burden is on each of us to actually talk with them about our issues and compel them to stand with us."