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Laundry and Bourbon/Lone Star

When: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. and Through July 9, 8 p.m. Continues through July 6

Phone: 451-1221 Price: \$13/\$16

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Sometimes theatre shows us slices of our own lives, and sometimes it shows us things a little less familiar. It's more of the latter in James McLure's double bill of *Laundry and Bourbon* and *Lone Star*. In McLure's 1970's Texas, the women are confined to housework and gossip (with a little alcohol thrown in), while the men cat about, brawlin' and drinkin' and generally misbehavin'. The three actresses that tell the women's story are all strong (Leslie Milne is a particular stand-out as the harried mother of some monstrous children), but their age disparity is a little disconcerting considering they are meant to have gone to school together. The men's story is both amusing and a little upsetting——the laughs come from their brutish/boyish behavior and the upset comes from one of the character's experiences during the Vietnam War. Both plays provide interesting snapshots of a different time and place. *–Kate Watson*

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