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100' Pride Flag to Retire

by Vincent Astor

One of the most lasting artifacts of Pride in Memphis will be retired after this year's celebration. Sewed together by volunteers and only meant to be used a few times, the 100' Pride flag will be ten years old this year and is becoming increasingly fragile. It has been a backdrop and a picnic blanket. It has decorated Overton Square, the Coliseum, the Shell and several parks and streets in its lifetime. It has been in most of the parades since 1997 (one time folded in half) and when not carried, it has been missed.

Its primary purpose has been to give fifty or so individuals a chance to march in the annual Pride Parade. For insurance purposes, only groups or vehicles are allowed to be marching units. However, the flag requires at least fifty people to carry it, so it becomes its own unit with opportunities for individuals to participate. There are hundreds of photos of

the flag from every angle, even from underneath with the wind billowing it over the camera. However, it is beginning to show its age.

The Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center (MGLCC) board, after receiving the assets from Memphis Pride in 2004, passed the parade regalia along to the newly-formed Mid-South Pride. After two years in storage, the flag was found to be in surprisingly good condition but Mid-South Pride realized that it could only serve a few more times. There are some stains that will not come out. The purple fabric is more like lavender. The handles around the edges must be repaired every year.

It will appear in the Memphis celebrations this year and for the first time the flag will travel to other Pride celebrations in the area. It is scheduled to be displayed in St. Louis and Little Rock before it is retired.

Every year, there have been

sponsors on the flag's lead banner. A campaign is being organized to replace the present flag with a more durable one. Sponsorship of the flag's replacement will be specially acknowledged during the 2008 pride parade as well as the annual sponsors which provide for its maintenance.

When the present flag is retired, it will not disappear completely. It is possible that it will be used in other ways. Part of it will always be preserved, and its successor will continue to march and parade in celebration of the pride GLBT Mid-Southerners feel and remain symbolic in the continued fight for equal rights.



Carrying the 100' flag was considered an honor, and the perfect way to participate in the parade without being committed to a float. The flag is now being retired and will be replaced by another. Photo courtesy author

Legislators Introduce License Plate Bill for TEP

by Chris Sanders

Tennessee legislators have proposed a bill that would establish a license plate benefiting the Tennessee Equality Project (TEP) Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization that promotes education and dialogue on issues related to equality for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons in Tennessee.

House sponsor Rep. Beverly Marrero (D-Memphis) and Senate sponsor Sen. Shea Flinn (D-Memphis) consider the bill an important move to increase awareness and education around issues of equality and discrimination in Tennessee. Rep. Marrero supports the bill as an expression of basic fairness: "As a Memphian, a Tennessean and an American, I'm always proud to speak up against all discrimination."

Sen. Flinn agreed, adding, "What's controversial about this? Once we open the process up to non-profits, all non-profits should

have the same opportunity."

Rep. Sherry Jones (D-Nashville) has also signed on as a House co-sponsor.

The bill, upon becoming law, would begin the process of bringing a license plate bearing the TEP Foundation logo to motorists if 1000 or more pre-orders are placed within a year.

TEP Foundation President Randy Cox praised the measure as an important step in increasing inclusiveness in Tennessee. "The TEP Foundation is excited about sending the message of equality throughout the state of Tennessee through this license plate program. Our goal is to educate Tennesseans that gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons are your neighbors, church members, and coworkers and deserve the same treatment as anyone else."

The TEP Foundation was established in 2005 and provides educational workshops and events throughout Tennessee.

Memphis Unveils The AIDS Project

More than 100 people visited On the Street Gallery in downtown Memphis in mid-Feb. to view The AIDS Project. Organized by a Memphis College of Art (MCA) student, Dail Chambers, the showing was the first time that MCA has provided the gallery to a student.

"[The] main reason for doing the show was because I feel like there should be more grassroots efforts to support our communities and the nonprofits that are in it. Friends For Life is a wonderful organization that directly gives to people in need. They were great to work with and very welcoming. The weekend of Feb. 9 was a good choice because it made a wonderful event for couples, especially with Valentine's [Day]right around the corner."

Friends For Life (FFL) made an appearance at the gallery, providing condoms, pamphlets,

lubrication and information about AIDS and their organization to attendees.

Two DJ's provided music; Jake Hendrix spinning dance and techno and Kris Robinson spinning hip hop.

Although FFL's main intent was to educate those in attendance on safe sex and AIDS, Ricci Hellman, the executive director of FFL, hit two birds with one stone and bought two pieces of jewelry.

Also in attendance was Jeff Niesen, MCA president. Chambers stated that he "was thrilled with the outcome and made a donation."

Passionate about both art and educating the public on socially taboo topics, Chambers' main goal was to "diversify the event as much as possible."

The three-day gallery was on exhibition from Feb. 9-11; while feeling exhilarated about the

event itself, Chambers was enthusiastic and grateful for finding FFL.

"I was sort of searching in Memphis to see what nonprofits were doing what. I looked for not only who was effective with their program, but also who had a more personal approach, the need of a donation, and actually was a strong example for the Memphis community. Friends For Life is a warm, personal, organization with a melting pot of a staff. They are well run, organized and extremely effective."

The works in the show were as diverse as the artists who participated. There were paintings, an installation, drawings, prints, photography and jewelry. The artists' work did not have to reflect the issue of the AIDS epidemic, but several pieces by Katie Lepo, Chambers, and a variety of other artists did.



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The Quest for the Perfect Skinny Jeans



Whether you're a flamer, a drama queen, femme, or butch, chances are that if you're human, you care about appearances. You want that pair of jeans that hugs your butt just perfectly and punches it out so that it looks delicious to those taking pleasure in your backside.

Or you want that care-free, laid back, easy going look to come naturally to you with that perfect cap to wear backwards and the pair of jeans that are manufactured to look faded and worn. It can't look like it was orchestrated, of course. It has to be sexy, cool, and not scream, "I spent way too much time picking out my attire."

Needless to say, appearances are first impressions. According to the old adage, clothes make the man.

So... let you tell me about the adventure that I had in the attempt to make myself.

Let's first begin my journey with the confession that I'm not the skinniest person on the planet. Nor am I the largest. Therefore, I fall in the comfortable category I like to call unhealthy. I smoke. I drink. I love food. I certainly don't exercise my body in the manner I should. And I'm not ashamed to say it, but most physicians would likely categorize me as the stereotypical obese American.

My quest to find the perfect pair of jeans started with an innocent phone call from a friend requesting my presence out on the town. Deciding to put myself out there and start battling with the single ladies again, I didn't think it would hurt for me to find the aforementioned perfect pair of jeans to make my backside look delicious.

This, my dear readers, is the beginning of the vicious quest I call conspiracy.

Being a die-hard midtown girl, I started the process at Old Navy. Little did I know, however, that I was only starting the process. I assumed, incorrectly, that Old Navy was full of perfect jeans for the perfect night in the perfect town. Much to my dismay, the largest size that the store had was far smaller than my waist. And trust me—don't think we didn't try. With three people scrounging the store for Rebekah's perfect pair, we still came up empty-handed.

Still desiring to be the sexiest vixen on the town that evening, I drug my friend along with me to the concrete jungle gym called Oak Court Mall. First stop: The Gap.

Unbeknownst to me, The Gap doesn't carry any size pants

larger than a fourteen in the store. The sales associate who tried to squeeze me into a size ten informed me that, "Larger sizes can only be purchased online."

Although I was secretly shooting darts at my newly found red-headed friend, I quickly escorted my dying inner-child and peace out of the door and to the next communist retail store.

Banana Republic. This store, conveniently, didn't even ask me if I needed any help. I gathered after a five minute rummage that they knew I would quickly leave after realizing that they didn't carry any sizes above negative five.

If you're already thinking to yourself that I'm slightly idiotic for going to all of the stores owned by the same umbrella company, you're correct. I gathered my mental state, which was slightly depressed at this point, and became much the wiser.

My jean-less legs quickly scurried to Lane Bryant, a store well known for its selection of clothes for robust women. Unfortunately, I received no solace from Lady Lane; her store had a small selection for the "middle-sized woman" and jumped from only a few pairs of jeans in my size (which were all the much loathed, hated, and unfashionable above-your-belly-button-tapered-jeans style) to mounds and mounds of jeans in larger sizes. And I'm not just talking more pairs—I'm talking styles, lengths, colors, and comfort levels.

Leaving Oak Court Mall near tears, I started to mentally disrobe my body and nit-pick at my faults. The pink train tracks on the belly. How much my shoulders make me look like a full-back football player. That I loathe my earthquake thighs. I pictured myself perfectly fitting into the cute dresses I fell in love with at Banana Republic.

After a few moments of self-pity and whining, I got angry. No one wanted to claim me. Trendy, mainstream clothing

stores don't want the "fat" girls shopping inside their store. It might scare off the skinny customers. I can hear the corporate Starbucks junkies now. "Oh, no. If we carry above a fourteen, imagine what the clientele would think. They wouldn't want to shop there anymore because only the fat girls like our clothing line. We'll just have the larger women do their shopping online." As if the only place plus size women feel comfortable shopping is sitting in front of their computer at home eating potato chips.

And the plus size stores don't want to claim "medium-sized" women, either. On the opposite end of the spectrum, size-specific clothing stores consider size fourteen to eighteen "thin," and are ashamed of what the larger women will think of themselves.

In a country where Kirstie Allen and Janet Jackson are dropped from the spotlight once they gain weight and are then quickly escorted back into high-society once the weight is gone, what else is a woman to do?

All I know is that those moments of weakness are gone. Although I write this article with a somewhat self-deprecating and sarcastic tone, I'm still proud of who I am. I still love food. I still smoke. I still drink. I still refuse to wake up any earlier than need be just to "get in a quick fix at the gym." And I'm comfortable with that. I know my downfalls and I'm not ashamed of it.

I'm just waiting for Dove to run another campaign for real women with curves and market their own jean line.

Until then, I refuse to wear jeans.

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To the editor of *Triangle Journal*:

On behalf of the Tennessee Equality Project, I would like to thank the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center (MGLCC) and Initiative:Fairness (I:F) for hosting the January Lobbying 101 training. An informed, enthusiastic group greeted Marisa Richmond, Lisa Beavers, Stephen Henry, and me and showed their commitment to the cause of equality in Tennessee.

Since the first Advancing Equality Day on the Hill in 2005, Shelby County has always sent a strong delegation of citizens to speak about our [GLBT] concerns with members of the General Assembly. It is encouraging to see that Memphis will be with us in force for the third annual Advancing Equality Day on the Hill on Feb. 20 in Nashville.

Thanks for all you do to hold the line on discriminatory legislation. See you in February!

Chris Sanders
Chair and President
Tennessee Equality Project

"What Is Love?"

Does love make you kind
Does love make you beautiful
Is love a wonderful word
Love is a big word to say to someone
What Is Love?
Love gives you and I strength to go on
Love is a wonderful thing
My heart and your heart is full of plenty of love
The love in your heart is wonderful
You make me want to stand before thee and kiss thou feet
When I say that I love you baby, it comes from the bottom of my heart
What Is Love?
Love is what I have for you as you stand there waiting for me to tell you that I Love YOU
What Is Love? What Is Love?

This poem was written by me for my former lover who died on Sept. 11, 2001 to The World Trade Center. The love that I had for him is still with me in my heart. He was the only true love of my life and the only real man that I wanted to spend my life with.
Shun "Treshun" Williams - Hines R.I.P.

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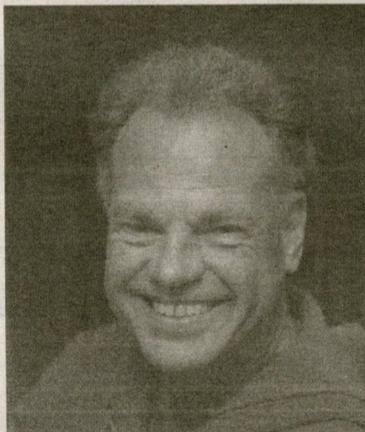
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Opinions

Smoking with the Devil—and the Government



by Monica Engesser

A couple years ago I was taking a break from my job, standing outside on a beautiful summer day, smoking a cigarette and relishing a moment away from the harried life of a customer service supervisor. A car pulled up uncomfortably close to me, and a well-meaning gentleman of perhaps 65 snapped me out of my reverie with a curt "you know, smoking doesn't make you look attractive." Still in customer service mode, I smiled at him

and said, "Yeah, I know I should quit. I just don't really have the desire." He proceeded to tell me horror stories of friends and family who had died terrible deaths from smoking related illnesses. He finished with "I hope you quit soon," and drove off, leaving me in a cloud of exhaust.

Why is it that so many people feel that it is their right, or even responsibility, to approach smokers and tell them that their choices are stupid? One would be hard pressed to find any person alive today who is unaware of the dangers presented by smoking. There are numerous programs, government funded and otherwise, to aid smokers who wish to quit. These self-righteous souls blame their crusade on health, the new god of the twenty-first century. However, these people are not as ardent about any other health issues; no one finds them going up to the morbidly obese in Burger King telling them to stop eating whoppers, nor does anyone see them stopping alongside beaches and

pools while driving by to warn leathery-skinned sunbathers of the perils of ultraviolet rays.

Yet smoking is a socially acceptable scapegoat, something it is ok to be prejudiced about, an act we teach our children to turn their little noses up at. It is an area where judgements are communally sanctioned.

We are closer to a second prohibition than ever before, and I've often wondered why smoking has not been outlawed yet. The answer of course, is as ancient as the practice of smoking itself: money. The American conscience won't allow smokers to just puff in peace, but the American budget is a bit too tight to give up all that tax money. We are left with a strange state of affairs.

Smokers are being slowly removed from mainstream society, first from hospitals and schools (ok, even the most ardent smoker can't argue with that) then break rooms, community centers, restaurants, bars, and some public sidewalks. About the only place

a person is allowed to smoke in public is at AA meetings, and many of those are going smoke-free as well.

While it is frustrating to feel like a social leper, I can certainly understand the logic behind banning smoking in many public buildings. I also have a great deal of respect for other people, smoking or non, and do my best not to let my own unhealthy choices endanger them.

So what is the point of my little tirade? Choice means just that, the freedom to choose, even if we choose the wrong thing. With every restaurant forced to go non-smoking, we are one step closer to totalitarianism. All I'm asking for is that private businesses be allowed to make decisions for their business, that individuals be allowed to make decisions for themselves, and that everyone starts calling a spade a spade.

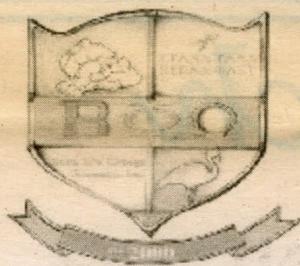
I ask lawmakers not to try to charm the public with rhetoric, such as "higher taxes discourage teen smoking," when really,

a dollar or two more per pack fits better into most high-schoolers' budgets than most in the "real world." All higher taxes does is provide the government with a guaranteed income, one that can be raised over and over again without anyone batting an eye, because after all, it's for our own good.

So by all means, choose not to smoke, say no to emphysema, cancer, halitosis and that nagging cough. But please, don't ever make the assumption that smoking equals stupidity, or that you could save a life by criticizing another's lifestyle choices.

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Opinions

The Obsolescence of the Victim

by Corey Taylor

Although same-sex desire has always existed, queer culture is relatively new, only a few centuries old from its earliest forms. Late 19th century to early 20th century developments in the medical and scientific fields burgeoned an interest in queer individuals from these factions.

Fledgling incarnations of gay rights groups during this time (such as the Scientific Humanitarian Community and The Chicago Society for Human Rights) allied themselves with the medical and scientific approaches that were being taken and attempted to secure rights from a passive position that gay people needed help. In *Queer Theory: An Introduction*, Annamarie Jagose characterizes this approach by saying that these early groups argued that "they deserved pity rather than persecution."

For well over 100 years, then, the GLBT community has posited themselves as the victim. A hundred years is a long time to learn and re-learn such a place in society, and GLBT citizens know their role very well. Friedrich Nietzsche and René Girard have both written about victimization

in these terms, but this tradition really goes back to Hegel's master-slave dialectic. Anti-gay advocates have built their own identity around the victim status of the Queer. Those who oppress Queer individuals and the Queer community (namely governments, Christian right groups, gay bashers, etc.) don't want them to lose their "victim status" because their own identity depends on it.

One of the ways in which the victim status is maintained is through the negation of elements of one's own rich culture. Thank God for porn stars, lawyers, truck drivers, teachers, doctors, flight attendants, families, strippers, parents, celebrities, and hairdressers. Thank God for drag queens.

In fact, in 1969, it was a group of drag queens and transvestites at a little gay bar called Stonewall Inn who made the choice not to be a victim, who said, "Oh, hell no."

Another somewhat related way in which the rainbow community maintains its victim status is with self-deprecating statements like "straight-acting" used to simply describe masculinity, as if Queer people are incapable of masculinity on their own. As if being just

like straight people is the ultimate goal, or the only way one can secure rights of self.

It goes right back to those early groups who created the victim status in the first place.

As Jagose says, these groups "favoured the improvement of public relations and presented images of homosexuality that would be acceptable to mainstream society."

The GLBT community must now consider that the status of victim no longer holds any value as an individual or as a community.

What if we just stopped being Victim?

It's not just about going to a Pride parade once a year; it's about living Pride every day. It's about building an identity around strength instead of victimization. It's about demanding equality instead of asking for the same rights that straight people have, one by one.

What if the oppressors were stripped of their identity?

Imagine how far the rainbow community can go when it stops being victim.

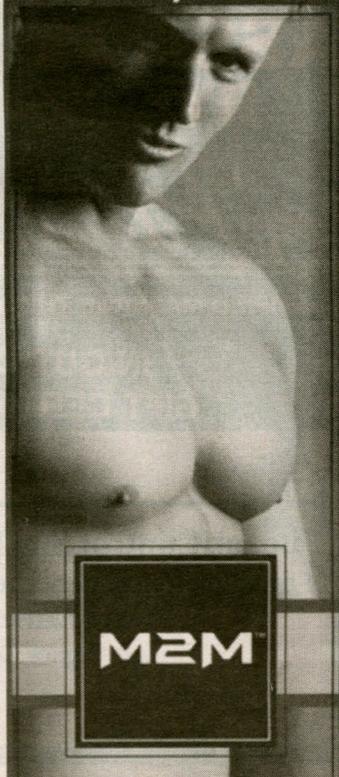
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"Fit for a King": Power Dressing Family Day at the Brooks Museum of Art

Celebrate the newest exhibition at the Memphis Brooks Museum of Art with a free Family Day on Saturday, March 10 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. "Fit For a King" Family Day honors the exhibition Power Dressing: Men's Fashion and Prestige in Africa, which opens to the public on that day. The exhibition features forty-nine spectacular examples of African men's dress spanning from Morocco to South Africa and representing over a century of fashion.

The "Fit For a King" Family Day festivities will include a high-energy performance by the acclaimed

musical dance company Watoto de Afrika, a series of short films inspired by African folk tales, a family activity guide for the Power Dressing exhibition, and plenty of hands-on art activities for the whole family.

Give your kids the royal treatment as they experience beaded costumes from South Africa, feathered outfits from Cameroon, and colorful cloaks from Morocco. *The New York Times* calls this exhibition "Perfectly gorgeous...bewitching...an unforgettable experience."

Zumba Dancing at MGLCC

Join in the Zumba dancing at the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center with Zumba instructor Imelda Lachica on Friday evening, March 2 at 8 p.m.

Zumba is a fusion of Latin and International music - dance themes creating a dynamic, exciting, effective fitness system! The routines feature aerobic/fitness interval training with a combination of fast and slow rhythms that tone and sculpt the body. Zumba utilizes the principals of fitness

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Living Green: A Community Panel at the Brooks Museum

The Memphis Brooks Museum of Art will host a panel discussion with local environmental experts on Sunday, Feb. 25 at 2 p.m. in the Dorothy K. Hohenberg Auditorium. Artists have long been concerned with environmental issues and have addressed them in their art for several decades. As both an art institution and an integral part of the Memphis community, the Brooks is providing a forum for sharing environmental information.

Four panelists will participate in the discussion: Jim Lutz, University of Memphis architecture professor and historian, will discuss sustainable building. Bill Bullock, Economic Development Manager for Memphis Light Gas and Water (MLGW), will discuss renewable energy. Andrew Couch, coordinator for Clean Cities of West Tennessee, will speak on alternative fuels. Laura Adams, president of the Shelby Farms Park Alliance, will talk about green

spaces and urban planning.

Sustainability is currently a popular topic in many circles. Jim Lutz defines it as "learning to do more with less. It's a realization that we have limited environmental resources and developing an approach for using them efficiently and effectively." MLGW has also been involved in green building through its ECOBUILD project designed to use energy-efficient and environmentally friendly technology, materials, and techniques in new home construction.

The panel will be moderated by Tom Badgett, Chief Information Officer for IdleAire Technologies Corporation. IdleAire is a Knoxville-

based company providing equipment that allows truck drivers to conserve fuel and minimize pollution by allowing heating, cooling, and other services while their engines are shut off.

Following the panel discussion at 3:30 p.m., there will be a screening of the film *Kilowatt Ours* introduced by Jon Paul Plumlee, Program Coordinator for the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy. *Kilowatt Ours* offers practical advice for reducing energy consumption in consumer households.

The Green Living panel discussion and film are free with museum admission.

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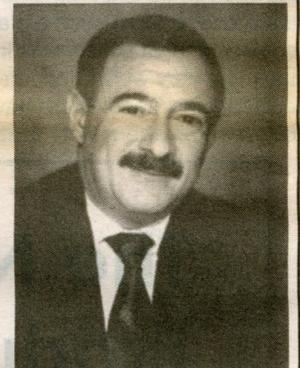
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Memphis AIDS Website Debuts

by Morgan Oliver

The website for Memphis Commission on AIDS, mcaids.com, is a new coalition of advocates throughout Memphis who have exhibited leadership and interest in issues concerning providers and clients infected and affected with HIV/AIDS, as well as other issues impacting delivery of HIV/AIDS programs and services. The website is a complete guide to the Memphis and international communities in regards to providing resource information concerning HIV/AIDS.

The mission of Memphis

Commission on AIDS is to help educate and heal the Memphis African American community and seek to improve the quality of life of HIV/AIDS peers. The commission will address the psychological, spiritual, physical, economic and social well-being of a community that is often isolated and excluded. The organization is meant to represent all people with HIV/AIDS in the Memphis area with advocates that reflect the demographics of the local epidemic.

As a new group, the commission is developing a strategy and putting its troops in place. Everybody is not tired of talking about

AIDS. The mission is to assemble advocates who are energized and committed to helping in the quest. This epidemic is demanding that all community resources get involved. The National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day on Feb. 7 and the Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS in March demonstrate that many others are getting the message that AIDS must be talked about and responded to in all communities.

Among the planned activities is providing a culturally based information session concerning HIV/AIDS to peers, medical and

social services providers, and the general public. The organization will act as peer advocates for the HIV/AIDS community and will support other HIV/AIDS organizations and projects by encouraging them to participate in culturally affirming, information-sharing activities. Town hall meetings will be held to update the community audience on conferences, events, new developments, and services available in the mid-south area.

The organization will host weekly workshops and discussion groups at the facility including prevention programs for those that are positive, programs for

those who are negative, computer training, leadership development, public policy, and HIV/AIDS support groups. Opportunities will also be available for testing and referrals for other services needed by peers.

As it develops, mcaids.com provides nearly any information one would need about HIV/AIDS.

For more information on becoming involved in this endeavor, contact the Memphis Commission on AIDS at morganline10@yahoo.com or call 901.774.3650.

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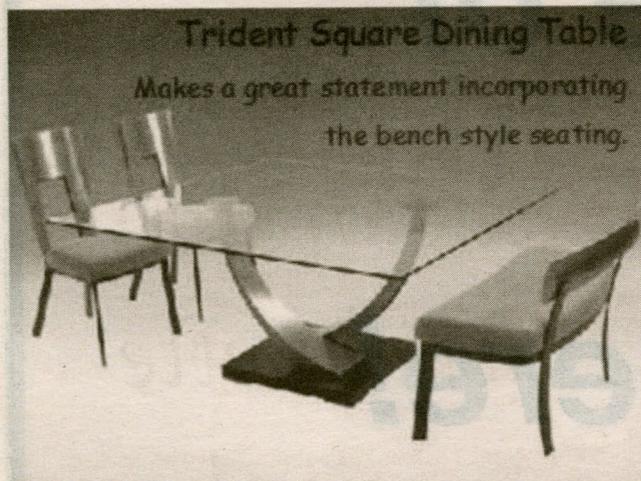
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Notes on a Banner—The Rainbow Flag is Born

by Vincent Astor

Use of the rainbow flag by the GLBT community began in 1978 when it first appeared in the San Francisco Gay and Lesbian Freedom Day Parade. San Francisco artist Gilbert Baker designed the rainbow flag in response to a need for a symbol that could be used year after year. Baker and thirty volunteers hand-stitched and hand-dyed two huge prototype flags for the parade. The flags had eight stripes, each color representing a component of the community: hot pink for sex, red for life, orange for healing, yellow for sun, green for nature, turquoise for art, indigo for harmony, and violet for spirit. The next year Baker approached San Francisco Paramount Flag Company to mass-produce rainbow flags for the 1979 parade. Due to production constraints—such as the fact that hot pink was not a commercially-available color—pink and turquoise were removed from the design, and royal blue replaced indigo. This six-color version spread from San Francisco to other cities, and soon became the widely-known symbol of gay pride and diversity it is today. It is even officially recognized by the International Congress of Flag Makers.

In 1994, a huge 30-foot-wide by one-mile-long rainbow flag was carried by 10,000 people in New York's Stonewall 25 Parade. At the end of the parade, it was cut into sections and parts of it are still preserved. In 2003, for the flag's 25 anniversary, the 8-color design was revived. At a mile-and-a-quarter long, the rainbow 25 flag, the longest in the world,

was unfurled in Key West, Florida, on June 15, during Pride Fest Key West. Spanning the entire length of Key West's Duval Street, the rainbow 25 flag extended from the Atlantic Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico. That flag was also divided into sections and those have found their way to other cities. Both these flags were designed and executed by Gilbert Baker and his assistants.

The History of the Memphis Flag

Dennis Kijowski, co-chair of the 1995 and 1996 Pride celebrations died in the autumn of 1996 before new chairs were chosen. The remaining leadership had a bit of a scramble to re-form, but the Pride of 1997 turned out to be very memorable and created one of the most popular Pride logos and Memphis' 100' Pride Flag.

Chet Overstreet, current location, San Francisco

"Close to the time of the Parade we decided we needed a giant Rainbow Flag like the mile-long flag that appeared in the New York City Pride Parade



An aerial shot of the flag on Cooper St. truly captivates the spirit and magnitude of the Pride flag.

[Stonewall 25, 1994]. It was only practical to scale it down a bit and so we decided to sew a 100 foot flag (which was just barely manageable). Then with two sewing machines set up... Tommy behind one and me behind the other we sewed and stitched and sewed and stitched through several bobbins and needles and after several laborious hours we came up with our lovingly-crafted

Rainbow Flag. To be honest it was a very Pride-filled moment for me and the cause of great celebration by the four of us."

Tommy Ross—current location, Las Vegas

"As I remember, we were at a pride meeting and talking about how we could make [Pride] more memorable. I had seen the flag used at New York Pride and suggested that we should make a 100 foot long flag. It was a lot of

fun but a lot of work. We sewed and sewed and sewed. I think two full weekends. At the parade that year, I remember people oohing and ahhhing when the flag passed down Poplar and onto Cooper then down Madison. It is one of my fondest memories and I felt like I had done something to promote Pride in Memphis."

Bill Hanley

"It was quite exciting trying to find all the material for the flag. Tommy and myself went to purchase the material and the women at the domestic counter

was an elderly lady probably in her mid 60's and she asked, "What are you boys going to do with all these reams of material?" Not wanting to offend her we just told her we were designing a flag. With a puzzled look upon her face, we elaborated and told her we were making a "gay pride flag", which made her grin from ear to ear. She then stated, "well one thing for sure is, that is sure is going to be colorful!"

We completed the task of sewing the flag and adding the grommets at the old Holy Trinity on Madison. We decided on using that location due to the fact the church had tables that were 10 feet long and it helped with guiding the fabric for sewing and ironing it after it was completed. The fellowship was wonderful going into the church and being with friends and working on a pride activity. I was one of the sponsors of the flag also as William's Massage Therapy."

Don Morgan

"There were not a lot of people stepping up to the plate so I became a sponsor for my business at the time, Gypsy's. I believe it may have been \$100 a stripe. I do remember all the sewing that went on at Holy Trinity."

Del Swanson and Gary Dody

"The next year [1998] we had to do more sewing and add grommets. Both of us worked on this in Pilgrim Hall at First Congregational [on Watkins]."

Traveling Pants Author Visits Memphis

by Jamie Griffin

Ann Brashares sat at Memphis' Davis-Kidd Booksellers before a room full of high school girls (many of them accompanied by their mothers) and shared her inspiration for her fourth installment of her best selling series, *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*. Her latest book, *Forever in Blue* concludes the series about the adventures of four adolescent friends who own a magical pair of pants that fit them all perfectly. In *Blue* the teenage girls you read about in the first book are now college age and dealing with more mature themes.

Although the majority of her readers are teenage girls, Brashares has been able to gain an interest from adult readers, also. So it comes as no surprise that several of her loyal readers who showed up at Davis-Kidd were disappointed to know that the *Pants* series was coming to a close.

"Yes, it's the last book," Brashares said to the audience. "It's with ambivalence that I say this because it's been so gratifying. I wanted to deliver (my characters) through adolescence. Maybe I'll write about the characters down the road when they are 35."

In the meantime, Brashares recently completed her first novel that will not be marketed to adolescents.

"It's for a little bit of an older audience," she says her new novel due out in June and titled, *The Last Summer (of You & Me)*. She hopes readers that have grown with her *Pants* books will give her new material a try.

But the *Travelling Pants* books may not be a distant memory. Warner Brothers has approached her about making a second movie from the series. The first book, *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* was adapted into a motion picture in 2005.

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Local

Memphis Trains Up for State Legislators

by Felipe Zuvichaux

On Jan. 27, 2007, the Tennessee Equality Project's (TEP) Lobbying 101 training session took place at the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center (MGLCC). The event was hosted by Initiative:Fairness (I:F), public policy committee of MGLCC.

The Lobbying 101 training session focused on explaining the Tennessee General Assembly legislative process and structure and how to better communicate with elected officials on topics that are of GLBT importance. A group of Memphians attentively listened to Marisa Richmond's (TEP Public Policy Chair) instructions on how constituents should present themselves before elected officials at the local, state and national level.

The Memphis participants were instructed foremost to have a positive outlook; be prepared to express one's story regarding how current laws affect him/her and/or their family; dress professionally; and use standard language that is inclusive, non-divisive, intelligent, polite, courteous and grateful.

The Lobbying 101 session wrapped up with a visit by Tennessee General Assembly Representative Beverly Marrero. Marrero stressed the importance of constituents addressing GLBT areas of concern to their public

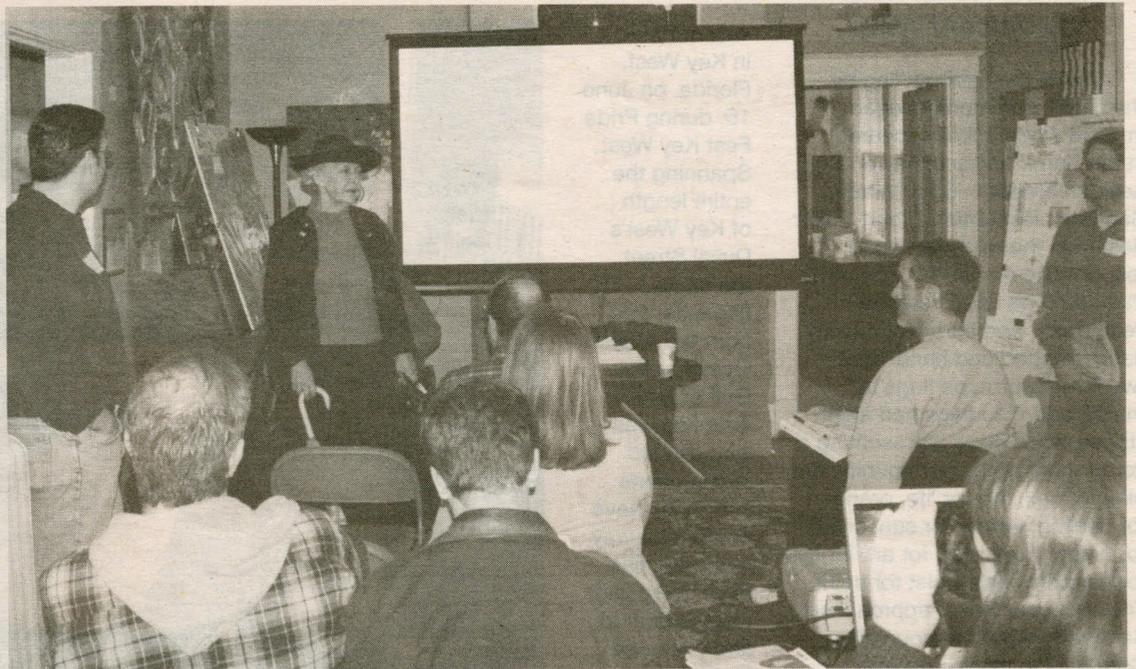
officials.

The session was a precursor to TEP's "Advancing Equality Day on the Hill" on Feb. 20, 2007, where attendees visited the Tennessee General Assembly in Nashville. The TEP "Advancing Equality Day on the Hill" was the second consecutive year Memphians networked with other Tennesseans to increase GLBT awareness and to advocate for parity in legislation and government practices.

Other cities that these statewide educational forums were held included Jackson, Nashville, Knoxville and Chattanooga.

During the 2006 Tennessee legislative session, twelve anti-GLBT bills were introduced but none passed. Only two GLBT-friendly Tennessee bills became law in 2006; Senate Bill 3895 which prohibits healthcare providers under the "Cover Tennessee" program from refusing services to enrollees based on sexual orientation, and amended Senate Bill 3112 which encourages the University of Tennessee system to offer a hate crime course. Tennessee hate crimes law includes sexual orientation.

Some members of the 2007 Tennessee General Assembly are expected to introduce anti-LGBT bills that affect anti-discrimination, hate crimes, other relationship recognition, parenting and



Tennessee legislator Beverly Marrero speaks to the crowd of Memphis citizens who traveled to Nashville for Tennessee Equality Project's Equality Day on the Hill Feb. 20. Marrero is a supporter of the rainbow community and recently sponsored the bill that would create a license plate for TEP. At the Lobbying 101 event, held at MGLCC, attendants learned how to properly speak with legislators and prepared them for the event.

education/schools. Some micro examples are domestic partner benefits, housing, adoption rules, foster care guidelines and high school gay-straight alliances.

TEP is a statewide organization that advocates public policy equality for the gay, lesbian, bi-

sexual and transgender populace. It establishes relationships with state legislators, increases awareness within the GLBT population of any proposed 'anti-gay' bills and collaborates with local grassroots organizations such as Memphis' own Initiative:Fairness (I:F).

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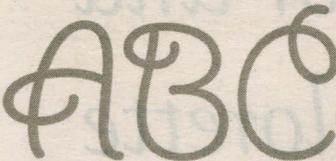
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Sports

Thanks For The Reminder, Hardaway

by Jamie Griffin

Friends, gays, and straights, lend me your thoughts and eyes. For I've come to praise Tim Hardaway, not to bury him. Huh? Yes, the same Tim Hardaway who was quoted saying he "hates gay people," when asked about retired NBA player John Amaechi's recent decision to share with the world he is gay.

Hardaway, a former NBA player himself, admitted he was homophobic. "I don't like gay people and I don't like to be around gay people," he said. "I am homophobic. I don't like it. It shouldn't be in the world or in the United States."

"And second of all," he continued, "if (Amaechi) was on my team, I would really distance myself from him because I don't think that's right. And you know, I don't think he should be in the locker room while we're in the locker room. I wouldn't even be a part of that."

Double Wow!

So where in the world can I, a person who advocates acceptance and tolerance of people regardless of race, religion, sex, or sexual orientation find praise with these statements? Just give me a moment, please.

When Amaechi came out, there was so much discussion about how it would have been better if, like WNBA star Sheryl Swoopes, he had made this revelation while he was playing the game.

Oh they talked on and on about how the NBA and other professional sports leagues have evolved past discriminating against gays and lesbians.

Even TNT NBA analyst and Hall of Famer, Charles Barkley, suggested he was very confident he had played with several gay players during his career, and all that mattered to him is that his teammates helped him win.

"Nobody cares John Amaechi is gay," Barkley said after hearing Amaechi's announcement. "I just find it humorous and amazing people think we care if someone is gay or not."

Good for you Barkley and very comforting words for America to hear, but forgive those of us in or closely associated with the gay community for not sharing your optimistic assessment. And while we are at it, forgive women if they are not so quick to accept the status of sexual equality from a man's point of view.

But if a former bad boy macho athlete like you feel as if all is well in sports as it relates to gay athletes, then it must be true.

Unfortunately Charles, it is not that simple, although some of us would love for it to be. Hardaway's comments, which came after yours, may have floored you, but to our community, it hardly comes as a surprise. I know I'm not naive enough to think the world is void of athletes who share Hardaway's view. The only thing shocking about Hardaway's comments is that he would put his broadcast career in jeopardy by actually sharing his views with reporters.

We all know that in this era of being politically correct, there are things you just don't say to the media, regardless of how you feel.

Need proof, just google former Atlanta Braves pitcher John Rocker and tell me how that went if you don't already know.

In truth, Hardaway doesn't really deserve to be praised because "hate," as he puts it, never leads to anything good, certainly not love.

But one would have to believe his statements represent the mindset of other athletes. He's probably somewhere right now wondering what happened to his backup. You know, the ones who laughed along with him when he made those types of comments in the locker room as a player.

Perhaps they've learned a thing or two from you, Timmy. Actually, two people declined comments for this story; one, a former NBA player with Memphis ties, and another a former NBA coach who also resides in Memphis. This doesn't mean the two are anti-gay, but it does suggest this is a bit of a touchy subject for those in the world of sports.

Unfortunately, Hardaway's comments serve as proof of what members of the gay community already knew. And now, hopefully, the rest of the world can come to grips with the fact that there is still work that needs to be done when it comes to judging people by, in the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., "the content of their character."

So I give a little praise to Hardaway, but not for his views, but for his ability to open the eyes of those like Barkley, who thought gay bashing was just a thing of the past.

NAGAAA Winter Meetings Held in Phoenix

Earlier this month, the city of Phoenix and the Cactus Cities Softball League, the hosts for this year's Gay Softball World Series (GSWS), was the site of the annual winter meetings of the North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance (NAGAAA). These winter meetings were held Feb. 3 - 4 at the official host hotel for Series 2007, the Sheraton Crescent Hotel Phoenix.

Each year, the host city has two administrative-type meetings, one in Feb., and the other during the opening weekend of the GSWS. These meetings are where the official business of softball takes place. In addition to various updates regarding Series 2007 in Phoenix (held Oct. 1 - 6), several significant announcements were made.

NAGAAA welcomes the most recent league members to its organization, both from the state of California, the cities of Palm Springs, and the Silicon Valley.

For Series 2007 in Phoenix in Oct., there will be three Host Hotels, as follows: the Sheraton Crescent Hotel Phoenix (the official host hotel), the Hilton Garden Inn, and the Hilton Suites.

Each year, there are many NAGAAA-member softball tournaments held all over the country. At the winter meetings this month, each member association introduced their city's tournament information. For a complete listing of our member cities and their

annual tournaments, please visit the NAGAAA website at www.nagaaasoftball.org, and click on the link for "Member Associations" and select the sub-link for "Member Tournaments."

During these winter meetings, the NAGAAA Open Division held officer elections for two of its board positions: Commissioner and Treasurer.

The winning bid to host the 2008 GSWS went to Seattle, Washington, and will be hosted by the Emerald City Softball Association. At this time, Series 2008 will be held either in the month of August 2008, or during Labor Day week in 2008.

But before Seattle, Series 2007 will take place in Phoenix—slated for the week of Oct. 1 - 6, 2007.

This year, approximately 3,000 athletes from 185 teams throughout the USA and Canada are expected to compete within the eight divisions of play. Host for the 31st Annual GSWS is the Cactus Cities Softball League, and NAGAAA is proud to announce that Coors Light is an official sponsor for Series 2007. More information about Series 2007 will be issued in July 2007. In the meantime, please visit the official website at www.series2007.org

For more information about the North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance, please visit the website at www.nagaaasoftball.org, or email them at Publicity@nagaaasoftball.org.

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Sports

Memphis Prime Location for NGBA Tournament

This coming year, Memphis basketball players are trying their best to organize an event for the fall. Organizer, Herschel Stokes, would "like to set up a full weekend for out of state players [that] would be able to attend our event."

While plans are still under way, Stokes is confident that the event will be a success, and not just a run-of-the-mill tournament. He's even gone to the extent of working with Mark Chambers, a representative with the National Gay Basketball Association (NGBA).

"They seem very interested in using Memphis as one of their hosting sites for a tournament such as this."

With the Memphis rainbow community excelling in host events such as Mid-South Pride, Memphis Gaymes, and the Outflix Film Festival, the city has received positive light in recent years as a middle ground

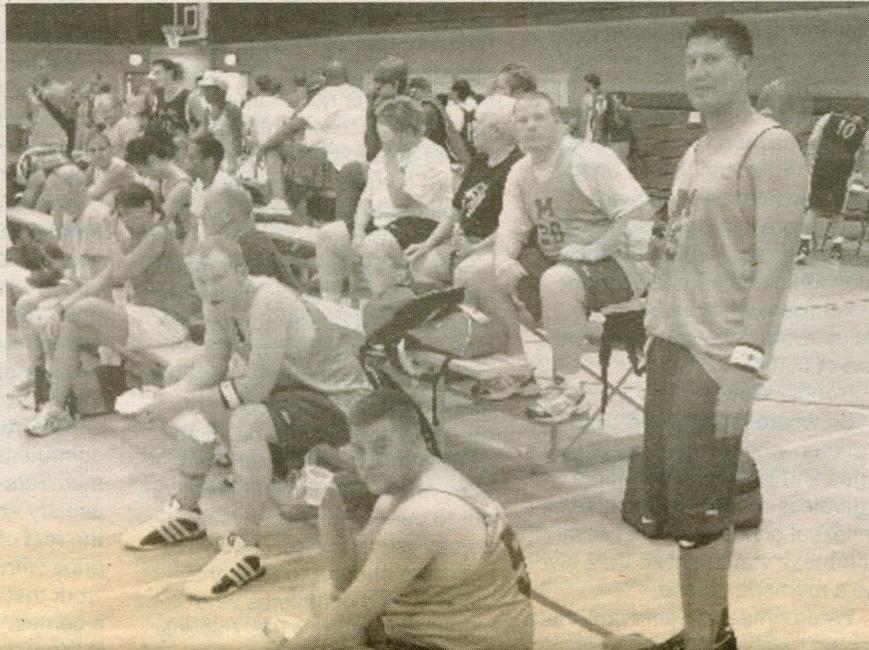
between coasts and more socially acceptable than in earlier years.

In addition, Memphis basketball players are inviting the community to compete in Chicago on April 21 and 22 for the seventeenth annual Coady Round Ball Classic tournament. The event is sanctioned by the NGBA and showcases both men's and women's brackets.

Stokes is currently looking for volunteers, ideas, and monetary donations to get the idea off the ground and running. "Any help that I can get from the community will be great[ly] appreciated."

For more information, contact Herschel Stokes at membasketballjoc@aol.com.

Below: Participants in past basketball tournaments take a break and turn to the camera.



Gay Groups Complain; Snickers Ad Dropped

Associated Press

A commercial for Snickers candy bars launched in the Super Bowl broadcast has been withdrawn after the company got complaints the ad was homophobic.

The ad showed two auto mechanics accidentally kissing while eating the same candy bar and then ripping out some chest hair to do something "manly."

One of the alternate endings on the Snickers website showed the men attacking each other.

The Human Rights Campaign and the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation complained to the maker of Snickers, Hackettstown-based Masterfoods USA, a division of Mars Inc., which also makes M&M's and other candies.

The website also featured video of players from the Super Bowl teams reacting to the kiss.

"This type of jeering from professional sports figures at the sight of two men kissing fuels the kind of anti-gay bullying that haunts countless gay and lesbian school children on playgrounds all across the country," Human Rights Campaign president Joe Solmonese said in a statement.

GLAAD spokesman Marc McCarthy said the group believed "this kind of prejudice was inexcusable." Masterfoods spokeswoman Alice Nathanson issued a statement in which she said the company would stop running the ad on television and the website.

"Feedback from our target consumers has been positive. In addition, many media and website commentators of this year's Super Bowl commercial line-up ranked the commercial among this year's top ten best. *USA Today* ranked it 9 of its top ten picks," she said.

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Reviews

Roped in to a Dying Dinner Party

 by Carl Smith

If you're a true Alfred Hitchcock fan, then you simply must see *Rope*. Considered to be one of his finest film works, *Rope* is the story of Brandon Shaw (John Dall) and Philip Morgan (Farley Granger), two Manhattan socialites who plan to execute the so-

called "perfect murder" of their friend David.

After committing their foul act, they hatch a devious plan to throw a dinner party and use their not-so-dearly departed friend David as the hidden, macabre table centerpiece as a way to flaunt their intellectual superiority.

Party guests include some of David's closest relatives and friends along with their former schoolmaster, Rupert Cadell (Jimmy Stewart) from whom Brandon and Philip's murderous plot originates. This film was a groundbreaking achievement in it's time because of it's underlying gay subtext and subtle overtones, although never outright mentioned.

The dialogue is as rich, playful, and full of double entendres as it's characters. The cinematography is unique and ingenious and moviegoers are treated to continuous camera takes that mimic a stage play from which this classic suspense was adapted.

You get the feeling as if you're sitting in row E, center. On a scale of 1 to 10, I rate this cinematic gem a 10.

Gymnast Tumbling its Way to Outflix?



by Carl Smith

This film is the story of how a former competitive female gymnast, Jane Hawkins (played by Dreyfa Weber), copes with past disappointment, the inevitability of growing older, and finally discovering her hidden bisexuality. After suffering a career-ending Achilles injury, Jane seeks to find satisfaction as a massage therapist and channels the same energy, strength and discipline into it just as she did in her formative competitive years.

Jane meets Serena, a young, beautiful, Korean aerialist (played by Addie Yungmee) and is drawn in by this lovely distraction. Troubled by her lack of children and feeling trapped in a loveless marriage, Jane's attraction to Serena

overwhelms her and over time, she willingly succumbs to her hidden emotions.

While preparing for an audition for a Las Vegas Cirque style act, Jane and Serena must face demons that threaten both their blossoming professional and personal relationship. Jane is faced with making a clean break from her husband while Serena struggles to come out to her Jewish parents.

The characters, along with the story, are well developed and the flow is well timed. This film bundles all the elements of turmoil and inner-strength and presents them in a visually appealing package.

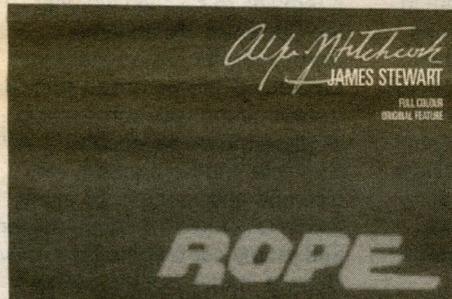
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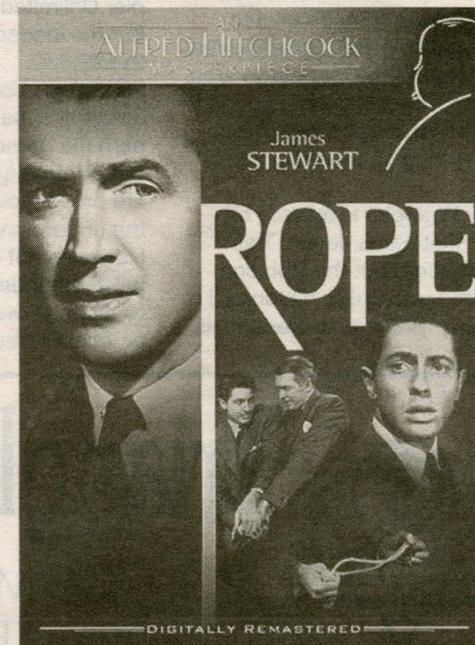
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by Casey Williams

2007 Jeep Wrangler Rubicon Unlimited

The 2007 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited is one of those ideas that makes you scratch your head and say, "Why didn't anybody think of that before?" Even though a Wrangler is a time-honed off-road tool for getting virtually anywhere, most people think of Jeeps as toys for hot gay men with their tops off or butch outdoorsmen all dressed for the kill. Trying to get friends in the back wasn't worth the trouble and cargo space was abysmal. In retrospect, the answer was amazingly simple: add two doors and stretch the wheelbase accordingly.

Two extra portals come in a totally new Jeep Wrangler, which was redesigned for 2007. If you look quickly (or even slowly), you might not even notice that the Wrangler is updated, since it retains traditional features like the grater grille flanked by round headlamps, mud flap fenders, removable doors with exposed hinges, a fold-down windshield, removable top and the most upright body design since the Model T ended production. Buyers can choose between a soft top and one with an array of removable panels to allow for total open-air motoring or just a big sunroof.

Drivers and passengers will appreciate a brand new interior. There's still plenty of hard plastic, metal, and durable carpets given the Wrangler's potential environments (think rain, mud, river water, snow, sand, and grass), but our rugged Jeep was also equipped with an Infinity CD audio system, Sirius Satellite Radio, air-conditioning, mega blast furnace heater, and front/side airbags. Several more dollars adds in-dash navigation, power locks (a Wrangler first), power windows (another Wrangler first), and remote keyless entry (thanks to those power locks). Split/fold rear seats expand the rear cargo area. Designers updated just enough to keep the Wrangler modern without screwing up anything else.

Any Wrangler is a fierce off-roader that earns Jeep's Trail Rated badge, but the Rubicon Unlimited is capable beyond all necessity. Proving its credentials,

the Wrangler Unlimited can climb up and over almost anything short of the face of Mt. Rushmore. Rubicon Unlimited ups the performance with low- and high-speed 4x4 gears, locking differentials, and an electric-disconnecting active sway bar system for both control and maximum wheel articulation.

Of course, all of that off-road hardware would be useless without a capable powertrain. Wrangler Unlimited is powered by a 202-horsepower 3.8-litre V6 with 237 lb.-ft. of torque and connected to a six-speed manual transmission. Gearing is obviously calibrated for off-roading as the Wrangler accelerates like the small truck it is, but there is plenty of power to enter freeways and cruise at 80 mph. Fuel economy is rated 17/19-MPG city/highway (nobody ever called the Wrangler an economy car).

To enhance on-road capability, our test vehicle was equipped with electronic stability control (to prevent sliding and potential roll-overs) and four-wheel anti-lock disc brakes. The longer wheelbase makes the Wrangler almost livable on the Interstate, but one steers more by suggestion than direct input. When you realize the basic concept of the Wrangler debuted before the Interstate highway system, it is much easier to forgive a few of the vehicle's on-road deficiencies. Off-road is the Wrangler's playground.

When it comes to Jeeps, my partner believes Wrangler owners should either be hot gay men or they should keep their tops on. I'm not quite as shallow, and that's good considering how many types of people will want the four-door Wrangler Unlimited. It makes traveling cross-country on the Interstate as easy as tromping through backwoods and across the Rubicon Trail. Wrangler Unlimited begins at \$20,410, but the loaded test model came to \$29,630.

2007 Jeep Compass 4x4
Jeeps like the Wrangler Unlimited earn the brand's Trail Rated badge, signifying that they are proven tough guys with the underpinnings to match. However, not everyone needs a full-bred underplated 4x4 to drive to the mall, work, college campus, or local Starbucks, although



Photo courtesy Jeep

they may appreciate the tough looks and high seating position that comes with the Jeep badge. This may sound like sacrilege to traditionalists, but Jeep introduced a new model for 2007 that is designed for highways and city streets, not mud pits and mountain trails. Orient yourself to the Jeep Compass.

Based on the Dodge Caliber platform, the Compass is a front-drive passenger car that can be optioned up with all-wheel-drive, rides on a four-wheel independent suspension system, is powered by a 172-horsepower 2.4-litre four-cylinder engine, and is shifted with either a five-speed manual or continuously-variable automatic transmission. Electronic Stability Control and four-wheel anti-lock brakes are available. Fuel economy for our test vehicle was rated 23/26-MPG city/highway—more than acceptable for a 4x4 SUV. Styling inside and out is true to the Jeep tradition of simplicity. The tall body rides lower than other Jeeps, but looks good with its body color bumpers, round headlamps, slit grille, 17" chrome wheels, and satin silver accents. Passengers ride on rugged canvas-like seat upholstery (heated leather is optional), listen to a nine-speaker Boston Acoustics audio system with flip-

down speakers in the liftgate, and expand cargo space with 60/40 split fold-down rear seats. A thick four-spoke steering wheel, silver finishes, and a gated shifter look sporty. There's even an iPod holder in the center console lid. Safety is especially important in a smaller car. Compass comes with front and rear side curtain airbags plus some of the thickest doors found separated from a Volvo. Electronic stability control and traction control keep drivers in their intended direction of travel. Proving all-wheel-drive has benefits even in road-grade passenger cars, engineers designed a full-time system that can be locked into four-wheel-drive mode to handle snow, sand, and other treacherous surfaces. As good as the Compass looks, driving is believing. I expected the little SUV to drive like a hollow compact car. It doesn't. In fact, its four-wheel independent suspension system gobbles up bumps and spits them out without

drama. Put it into a corner, and it settles firmly and without tipsiness. From the time you put the Compass into gear until you park it again, it behaves exactly like a car and very unlike any Jeep that came before.

It remains to be seen whether the Compass will enhance Jeep and offer new customers something special or just pilfer an historic brand with soft-roading indifference to real capability. As a vehicle, the Compass is very nice and answers a need many customers have for a fuel-efficient and roomy car that fits their active lifestyle. It may not be able to climb rugged trails, but it is an ace on slick and snowy roadways. For most people, that's more than enough—just stay out of streams. Base prices start at \$15,985, but our loaded test model came to a value-packed \$22,600. Please send questions and comments to Casey at CRWAuto@aol.com.



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What I Learned from Don Neilson



by Monica Engesser

Although local treasure and real estate agent Don Neilson may never win a Nobel Prize for literature, his combination memoir, cookbook, and southern living commentary, *What I Learned from My Aunts*, is a fun and folksy read. Highly personal and dripping with down-home sentimentality, this book whisks the reader away to the hills of southern Virginia where readers are introduced to each of his eight aunts, as unique as the hues of the rainbow, and every bit as colorful.

Each chapter also contains at least one recipe, from a simple cough remedy (with a moonshine kick!) to a democratic banana pudding, many of which this reader is very anxious to try.

Similar in tone and subject matter to David Baldacci's 2001 novel, *Wish You Well*, Neilson's book has all the makings of a personal and commercial success. By putting each of his aunts under

a microscope one at a time, with their individual peculiarities and lifestyles, we are given a blueprint of sorts of who the author is today. Showing a tightly knit family, readers are privy to all the squabbles and splendor that Neilson experienced growing up, and like him, fall in love with Aunts Rhodia, Elsie, Bobbie, Joyce, Paula, Donna, Irma, and Dixie.

The book is arranged by aunt, so we are given memories from childhood alongside memories from college and recent years, blended together like the perfect smoothie. The experience of reading Neilson's latest artistic endeavor is reminiscent of sitting in on a stranger's home movie showing, with the main subject sitting next to you to explain who everyone is. By the time the last page is turned, we are sad to wave goodbye to the aunts. We feel as though if given the chance to meet us, they would give us a big hug and show us the same kind of unconditional love and

support that Neilson was so lucky to have. This book is also a fun snapshot of real southern living. Southern traditions, southern cooking, and southern sensibility each get their moment to shine. Make no mistake, this book touches on some controversial issues, and Neilson is perfectly frank in his handling such topics as abortion, poverty, and being gay. But along with these more difficult topics, readers are treated to some laugh-out-loud anecdotes about crippled chickens, too-red cakes, and truly funny descriptions of hairstyles and homebuyers.

The conversational, first person tone is perfect for the cozy subject matter and feels like an oasis after a long day of reading academic texts or newspapers full of reports of death and destruction around the world.

Neilson's frank handling of difficult topics, combined with his complete openness about many highly personal subjects, is per-

haps the most telling aspect of this book. Since he seems to be perfectly comfortable spinning the stories, his aunts must be some remarkably open-minded women.

What I learned from Don Neilson was a deeper appreciation for the importance in his life of growing up strong, Christian, and part of a fiercely loyal and loving family. We should all be so lucky as to have aunts like these.



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Airport Bookmart: 2214 Brooks Rd E. (901) 345-0657.
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Allusions Entertainment Center*: 3204 N Thomas St. (901) 357-8383
Backstreet*: 2018 Court Street (901) 276-5522.
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Metro Memphis*: 1349 Autumn (901) 274-8010.
One More*: 2117 Peabody (901) 278-MORE (6673).
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Paragon Lounge*: 2865 Walnut Grove (901) 320-0026
P & H Cafe*: 1532 Madison Ave. (901) 274-9794.
Pumping Station*: 1382 Poplar Ave. (901) 272-7600.
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American Gay Atheists (AGA) Memphis: Box 41371, Memphis 38174-1371.
Beta Epsilon Chapter of Beta Phi Omega Sorority, Inc. Community Service Organization catering to Feminine Lesbian, Bisexual, and Heterosexual women Contact: President Natasha Burnett Holmes at (901) 949-6889 or betaphepsilonchapter@yahoo.com; www.betaphiomega.net
Blue Suede Bears: www.bluesuedebears.com • bartbear69@yahoo.com
Bluff City Sports Association: www.bluffcitysports.net.
Brothers & Sisters Bowling League: (901) 465-4371 - Richard Andrews.
Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere (COLAGE) Memphis: email - colagememphis@yahoo.com website - colagememphis@yahoo.com
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vice/Eucharist, 6pm; Dinner, 6:30pm; Meeting 7:30pm • c/o Calvary Episcopal Church, 102 N. 2nd (901) 525-6602.

Initiative: Fairness (Political Committee of the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center). Contact at IF@mglcc.org. Web site: www.mglcc.org/IF

Jackson Lambda Support Group: Memphis Lambda Center (901) 427-1500 for information.

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Memphis Area Gay Youth (MAGY): PO Box 241852, Memphis, TN 38124 (901) 335-MAGY. Website: www.magyonline.org

Memphis Center for Reproductive Health: 1462 Poplar Ave (901) 274-3550.

Memphis Gay & Lesbian Atheists & Humanists (GALAH): www.geocities.com/memphisgalah (901) 327-2677.

Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center (MGLCC): 892 S Cooper, Memphis 38104 (901) 278-4297. Website: www.mglcc.org

Memphis Lesbian & Gay Coalition for Justice (MLGCJ): 111 S. Highland, Suite 305, Memphis, TN 38111 (901) 262-2702, e-mail: mlgcj@yahoo.com, www.mlgcj.org

Memphis Stonewall Democrats, P.O. Box 42041, Memphis, TN 38174, www.memphisstonewalldemocrats.org, email mphstonewalldem@yahoo.com, call 327-2677. Meet 4th Sunday of the month at MGLCC at 2 pm.

Mid-South Equality: www.geocities.com/midsouth_equality • (901) 212-1410

Mid-South Gay and Lesbian Republicans (MGLR): groups.yahoo.com/group/MidsouthGLR/

Mid-South Lambda Professional Alliance (MLPA): Contact at groups.yahoo.com/group/midsouthlpa

Mid-South Pride: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, & Transgendered Pride Events • 111 S. Highland, Suite 322, (901) 328-6349, outside Memphis 866-502-9677 website: www.midsouthpride.org.

Mirror Image: TV/TS support group • c/o Barbara Jean Jasen, Box 11052, Memphis, TN 38111-0052.

Mystic Krewe of Memphis United: 41 S. Century, Memphis, 38111. www.geocities.com/mardigrasmemphis

Mystic Krewe of Pegasus Memphis: a social charitable organization. 7626 Shelby Woods Cove, Memphis, TN 38125

Open Heart Community of Faith: North end of First Congregational Church, 1000 South Cooper, Rev. John Gilmore (901) 323-3514.

Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG): (901) 682-8709 Website: www.pflagmemphis.org E-mail: gidrdrake@aol.com

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Pink Pistols: e-mail: memphis@pinkpistols.org.

Stonewall Tigers: University of Memphis, c/o Stonewall Tigers, 2522 Campus Postal Station, Memphis, TN 38152-2521, e-mail: stonewalltigers@yahoo.com

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Unity Church of Memphis: 2570 Kirby Rd. Memphis 38119 Univ. of Miss. Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Assoc.: GLBA, PO Box 3541, Univ., MS 38677 (662) 915-7049, email: glba@olemiss.edu, website: http://www.olemiss.edu/orgs/glba.

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Gay & Lesbian Hotline: 1-800-285-7431 (24 hr. help & information for Lesbians, Gays, transvestites & transsexuals).

Gay & Lesbian Youth Hotline: 1-800-347-TEEN (Thu.-Sun., 7pm-11:45pm).

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REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

- First Unitarian Church of Memphis (AKA Church of the River) - 292 Virginia Ave. W. 38101 - Minister, Burton D. Carley - Services 11am - 526-8631
- Open Heart Community of Faith - Bible Study & Worship Celebration - North End of First Congregational (1000 South Cooper) - (901) 323-3514 - 9am
- Holy Trinity Community Church - Sunday School and Holy Worship Service & Children's Church - (901) 320-9376 - office@holyltrinitymemphis.org - 9:45am and 11am
- First Congregational Church - Sunday School, Café Congo, and Worship Service - (901) 278-6786 - 9:30am, 10am, and 10:30am
- Prescott Church - Sunday School & Worship Service - (901) 327-8479 - 9:30am & 10:45am
- The People of Galloway Church - "Open Door" Service - 10:45am
- Living Word Christian Church - Morning and Evening - (901) 452-6272 - 10am and 6pm

WEDNESDAY CHURCH SERVICES

- Taizé - First Congregational Church - (901) 278-6786
- Holy Trinity Community Church - Fellowship Supper and Bible Study - (901) 320-9376 - office@holyltrinitymemphis.org - 6pm & 7pm
- Living Word Christian Church - Worship Service - (901) 452-6272 - 7pm
- Open Heart Community of Faith - "A Course in Miracles" - Study Group - North End of First Congregational (1000 South Cooper) - (901) 323-3514 - 7:30pm

SUNDAYS

- Tea Dance - Metro - 4pm
- Brothers & Sisters Bowling League - Winchester Bowl - (901) 722-5236 or MemphisGayBowlin@aol.com - 6pm
- Pool Tournament - Pumping Station - 6pm
- After Park Set Sundays - Paragon - 9pm
- Drag Show - Backstreet - 11pm

MONDAYS

- Monday Night at the Movies - Sponsored by Holy Trinity Community Church - Bartlett Cinema 10 - 6:45pm - Details at www.HolyTrinityMemphis.org
- Pool Tournament - The Jungle - 7:30pm
- Dart Tournaments - One More, Pumping Station - 8pm
- Karaoke Night - Metro - 10pm

TUESDAYS

- Women's Rugby Practice - Audubon Park - 6:30pm
- Phoenix AA - Open AA group - Grace-St. Luke's Church, 1790 Peabody - 8pm
- The Caring Group - Relaxation and de-stressing by subtle energy practices - Holy Trinity Community Church - (901) 320-9376 - 7pm
- Lesbians with Breast Cancer - Support Group - YWCA (766 South Highland) - 7pm
- Singles Dart Tournament - Crossroads - 7:45pm
- Pool Tournament - One More - 8:30pm
- Karaoke Night - Metro - 10pm

WEDNESDAYS

- Frontrunners 3-mile run, Overton Park Pavilion, 6pm
- Dart Tournament - The Jungle - 7:30pm

- Lights Out - Come Party in the Dark - Metro
- Karaoke - Madison Flame 7p.m. - 3am
- Galloway Church Book Club - Otherlands 7:30 pm

THURSDAYS

- Cotton Pickin' Squares - Holy Trinity Community Church - (901) 438-2427 - 7:30pm
- Karaoke - Paragon - 9pm
- Karaoke Night - Allusions Entertainment Center - 9:30-11:30pm
- Amateur Show - Metro - 11:30pm

FRIDAYS

- First Congo Films - First Congregational Church - (901) 278-6786 - 7pm & 9pm
- MGLCC Coffeehouse Nights - Community Center - (901) 278-4297 - 7pm
- Seriously Sober - Holy Trinity Community Church - (901) 320-9376 - 8pm
- Karaoke - One More - 8pm
- Pool Tournament - Crossroads - 8pm
- Ladies Night - Allusions Entertainment Center - 10pm
- Late Nite Beer Bust - Pumping Station - 10pm
- Drag Show - Backstreet - Midnight
- Dance with DJ RJ - Madison Flame

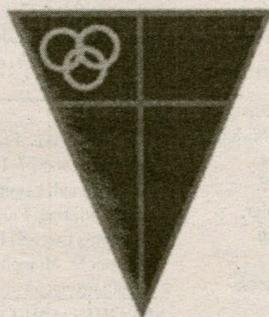
SATURDAYS

- Frontrunners 2-mile run, The Pier parking lot (Union and Riverside), 9am
- Women's Rugby Practice, Harbortown Greenbelt Park on Mud Island - 9am
- Live and Let Live on Cooper St. - MGLCC - 278-4297 - 7 pm
- Drag Show - Allusions Entertainment Center 10:30pm & 12:15pm
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
* Indicates that the event will take place at MGLCC				1	2	3
					* Zumba Dancing 8 p.m. * Vagina Monologues at TheatreWorks; show starts at 8 p.m.4	Vagina Monologues at TheatreWorks; show starts at 8 p.m.
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
* I:F meeting at 1pm	*Nike TN GLBTF Network Volunteer Night		*Men's Potluck 6:30pm	* Outflix Meeting 7 p.m.		*Holocaust Exhibition Committee 10 am *Lavender University: Financial Planning Part I at 7 pm *Alpha Chi Upsilon Rainbow Social Mixer 6pm Fit for a King at Brooks Museum 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
* MGLCC Board Meeting 3 p.m.	*Perpetual Transition 6:30pm *Nike TN GLBTF Network Volunteer Night			Arts of March at Inbalance Fitness 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.	MGLCC Bachelor & Bachelorette Auction at Dish 7pm Miss Mid America Pageant at Madison Flame 10 p.m.	*Beta Epsilon Interest Meeting 3 pm *Monthly Potluck and Birthday Party 6pm *Lavender University: Financial Planning Part II 7 pm
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	*Finance Committee 6:30 pm *Nike TN GLBTF Network Volunteer Night		*Womyn's Potluck 6:30	*Lavender University: Personal Empowerment Series 7pm *FedEx LGBTF Volunteer Night	*Q-Cafe Coffee House: Boy & Girl 7pm	OutFlix presents <i>Rope</i> at Muvico 8 pm *Lavender University: Financial Planning Part III 7pm Beta Phi Epsilon Stud/Femme Competition
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
*Stonewall Democrats Meeting 2pm	*Perpetual Transition 6:30pm *Nike TN GLBTF Network Volunteer Night	*FedEx LGBTF Volunteer Night			*Q-Cafe Coffee House: Jenesther Brown 7pm	Beta Phi Epsilon Night "Out" at Jillian's 8 p.m.

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