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Wayfarers and gay-farers

by Len Piechowski and James Cox

We hope that by now you have gotten a chance to express your congratulations to some of the 21 people named in last month's issue of *Triangle Journal* as our community Movers and Shakers for 2008. In the words of one of our readers, recognition of this sort was "long overdue" and we consider ourselves privileged to be able to feature each of them and their important contributions to our community.

No matter how good people's intentions are, mistakes do occur, and we want to offer an apology to Darian Porter at Inz and Outz. We printed some inaccurate information about him and his store that we now wish to correct. Darian moved to Memphis from South Florida (he was not originally from there), worked at most seven weeks at Inz and Outz before purchasing it (not seven years), and still proudly displays the rainbow colors in his store. We think we could have used a bit more caffeine last month and we sincerely apologize for the inaccuracies.

A few days back, each of the 2008 Movers and Shakers received a note in the mail from the Board of Directors of MGLCC inviting them to reserve a special event on their calendars. At this time, we would like to ask you to do the same thing. Mark your calendars for Saturday evening, June 21, 2008, for our premiere recognition awards reception in their honor.

Please plan to join us as we honor each of these 21 individuals with food, drink, fun and a presentation of a special memento honoring their selection as the first ever group of Movers and Shakers. The event will be held at the Center for Southern Folklore located here in Memphis. The reception area will work perfectly for the honors the board has in mind. In addition, the board plans to kick off the annual MGLCC HOME membership campaign that evening. So, we hope to see you there to provide our movers and shakers the "props" they deserve.

And one more thing, as we were working on the Movers and Shakers feature, we got to thinking. Why not do it every year? We think we just might!

In this month's issue, we turn our attention away from what's moving and shaking at home to some of the gayest vacation spots around.

As the weather turns warmer, our minds turn toward getting the heck out of town, so we've (temporarily) satisfied our wanderlust by taking a look at New Orleans, Key West and Amsterdam, as well as getting a first-hand account of what it's like to cruise the seven seas.

The May issue is packed with tons of vacation recommendations about where to go and what to do, and even if you don't follow our suggestions, we hope you'll share your summer vacation photos with us!



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Dutch in old Amsterdam do it Even Gay Midsoutherners can fall in love with - and in - colorful, tolerant city

by Alan Herbers

Coler Porter wrote that since "the Dutch in old Amsterdam do it," we should all fall in love. He probably didn't mean fall in love with the city itself, but with its color, history and open expression, it's hard not to become enamored with Amsterdam.



I had visited Amsterdam for a few days a couple of years ago with a bunch of friends. On that trip, there were eight in the group and three of us made a side trip to Paris. So my first impressions of Amsterdam was how pretty and European it was. However, it was a hurried trip on the sight-seeing express and there was no time to rest.

I was determined that my partner John and I would be back to visit as this was such a fun, romantic city for gays and lesbians. We

wanted to take time to enjoy the next visit in the not-too-distant future.

My fiftieth birthday was in April and this was the special time for John and I to return to Amsterdam. We had no itinerary, other than taking our time and enjoying being there. Other commitments I made were to log our trip, visit the *Homomonument* and write a column for *Triangle Journal*.

The five days we were there could not have

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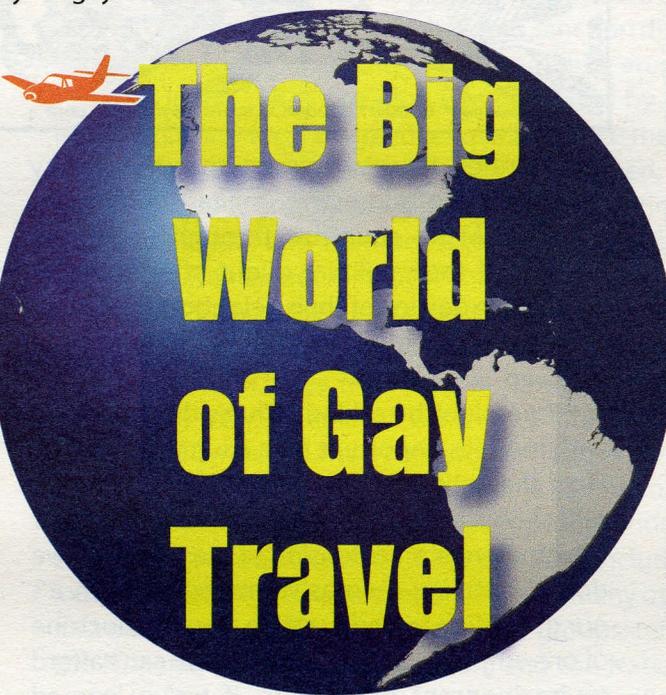
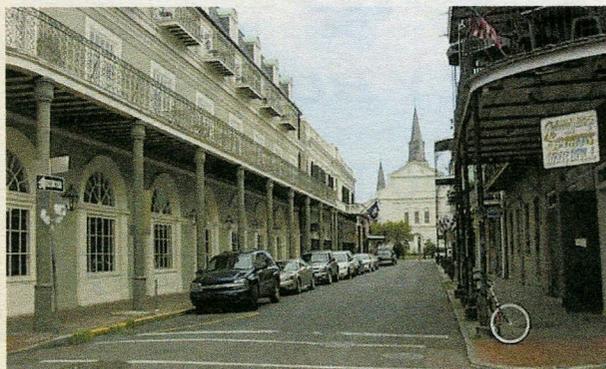
Best of Big Easy sometimes found off beaten path

by James Cox

You can find as many ways to explore New Orleans as there are crumpled plastic cups on Bourbon Street the morning after Mardi Gras. Attractions include ghost tours and garden tours, bar crawls and "guys gone wild" free-for-all's. But I truly believe the best way to see the Big Easy is to, well, take it easy.

Although there is a whole world outside this 78 square-block neighborhood, the French Quarter is the living, breathing, hip-shaking heartbeat of any gay jaunt to the Crescent City.

Because New Orleans is only a sixish-hour car ride through the Mississippi Delta from Memphis, it's the perfect getaway for a long weekend. Given the price of gas these days and that hotel parking in the French Quarter can cost at least \$20 a day, a less expensive and less traveled option is the train; a round-trip ticket aboard Amtrak from Memphis costs about \$100 per person. Taking the train has plenty of benefits: you can relax all the way into New Orleans; since no one wants to drive six hours home after a raucous weekend, the train lets you sleep it off, and the restrooms are a little cleaner than anything you'll find along I-55.



You could easily book every second of your weekend with a detailed itinerary that includes streetcar rides, cemetery tours, gambling at the nearby Harrah's Casino,

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Come home to Key West Southernmost island paradise a haven for gay travelers

by AJ Northrop

I have traveled to some of the most wonderful cities in the U.S. and after about three days, I'm ready to head home! It's not that I don't enjoy travel or the places I visit; I simply don't feel "at home." Long before I met my partner (and favorite travel companion), a few friends convinced me that they had found the perfect place for me to visit. After some hesitation, I bought a ticket and reserved a room. My first few days were awkward, but something was different. I could feel the sun and the



wind flowing through me. It seemed like a really big case of déjà vu was setting in. By mid week, I had become relaxed and felt "at home." And the morning I flew out, I cried.

After returning year after year, my face and name became as common as the palms and chickens that dominate the island. My partner and I visited as a couple nearly five years ago, still as magical as my first visit. While riding through the tropical streets, I remember that he paused, as if a light bulb went off in his

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Love Boat or Titanic? Q&A with frequent cruisers about ocean adventures

by Will Batts

Ever thought about setting a course for adventure? Ever wondered what it would be like crossing the high seas with dozens or hundreds of other gay or lesbian travelers? Local adventurers Steve Solomon and a lesbian couple identified as J and B offer tips and insights from their own experiences.

How did you first hear about gay and lesbian cruises?

J&B: We first saw the advertisements for the Olivia cruise in *Curve* magazine. We had been together for about a year and decided that this would be a great way to celebrate our anniversary.

Steve: In 1990, a friend of mine from San Francisco told me about an all gay cruise company called RSVP Vacations. I decided I would try it, even though I was a little skeptical. This particular cruise was on an 800 passenger ship. I got hooked.

How many cruises have you taken?

J&B: We have been on two gay cruises and one that wasn't.

Steve: 16 counting this past February. I'm also on an Atlantis Events European cruise for

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A bully on the international playground?

Moving US foreign relations from paternalism to fraternity

Commentary by Will Batts

We should celebrate. In a recent survey conducted for the BBC, fewer people around the world seem to dislike the United States. Surveyors asked 17,000 people in 34 countries for their opinions of a select group of high-profile countries. The 2007 survey results showed that more than 50% of respondents felt that the US had a "mainly negative influence" in the world, whereas the 2008 report shows that only 47% have the same negative feelings. What a relief! On the down side, though, we ranked somewhere between Pakistan and North Korea on the current list. Not exactly something for the resume.

What is it that the world despises and distrusts so much about us? Many theories are possible: jealousies over our power and wealth; resentment because of our abundant resources; bitterness for our lack of war and hardships; or, just perhaps, revulsion for our continued interference in the affairs of other countries.

The surveyors noted that negative opinions about the U.S. spiked in the wake of the Iraq war. Seems that the world doesn't like it when countries instigate wars on flimsy evidence and then make a mess of things trying to rebuild what they broke. Who knew?

We've learned in the years since the war began that not only did we go to war with the weakest of cases, but also that it's possible that attacking Iraq was in the plans of the Bush administration long before the catalyst of 9/11. Many members of the Bush cabinet have been members of a neo-conservative think tank known as the Project for a New American Century (PNAC). In a 2000 report titled "Rebuilding America's Defenses: Strategy, Forces and Resources for a New Century," PNAC stated:

Indeed, the United States has for decades sought to play a more permanent role in Gulf regional security. While the unresolved conflict with Iraq provides the immediate justification, the need for a substantial American force presence in the Gulf transcends the issue of the regime of Saddam Hussein.

PNAC's stated goals include developing "a foreign policy that boldly and purposefully promotes American principles abroad." On its face, the policy of encouraging democracy and freedom around the world sounds like a great



plan. Critics, however, assert that this policy translates into aggressive, militaristic empire-building. Many countries throughout history have used their military might attempting to control the destiny of their neighbors and rivals. That never seemed to end well for anyone involved.

You might be asking "What's this got to do with me?" It's important for a couple of reasons. First, the actions taken abroad by our country reflect back on us, however unfairly. Our government is an extension of the people. If we don't like being seen as warmongers, then it's our obligation to find a way to stop the doctrine of pre-emptive, unprovoked war. We can't afford to be innocent bystanders. If we've learned anything in the last seven years it's been that there are consequences to our actions taken around the world.

Second, the philosophy behind the radical

conservative view is a paternalistic notion that forcing conformity to a specific way of being is not only justified but morally imperative. They seem to believe that Iraq can be transformed into a democratic state by sheer force. We see this same distorted idea among those who wish to make everyone heterosexual. As if they're saying to us, "We know best because we're morally/politically/racially/economically/ethnically superior to you." It's an idea whose time has long passed.

Living up to our ideal that we're all "created equal" requires work. We need to confront our fears about people who are different. But doing so makes us better neighbors...both on a personal level and as a country. After seven years of being perceived as the bully on the block, perhaps it's time for us to start being a member of the global community rather than trying to control it.

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Political Activism 101

Simple ways for one voter to make a difference

by W. Andrew Stricklin

Many times we hear our friends or family members say that one person cannot make a difference in politics today. The power that one individual can



exert upon the system can truly be amazing. There are a number of ways to make an impact, and you do not have to be a "career" political activist to contribute.

Simply vote: Take a look back at the voting statistics from your area over the past several years to see that the amount of registered voters who do not participate in local, state and national elections is alarming. Nothing is more sacred than the right to cast your vote and be heard, yet thousands of Americans ignore the simplest way to be politically active.

Neighborhood "Get Out the Vote!" effort: Usually "Get Out the Vote!" is attached to a specific political party or campaign, but it can be as simple as an individual encouraging neighbors, family and friends to exercise their rights. One of the main reasons that people do not vote is because they do not have a way to the polls. Offer them a ride!

Make a donation: Life can get busy and time can slip away for many of us. If you do not have time to volunteer, a financial contribution can serve just as well. Many people believe that they have to make some huge contribution if they are going to support a political party, campaign or cause financially. That simply is not true.

Become a campaign volunteer: The lifeblood of any political campaign is its volunteers. There is a wide range of things that you can do as a volunteer. The simplest things are putting a bumper sticker on your car or yard sign in front of your house. Campaigns use what are called Precinct Captains. They are the individuals who take responsibility for a given area and engage in a number of different activities in that area to get the campaigns' messages to the voters.

Host an Election Watch Party: Many times we say there is not enough time to get together with family and friends like we have in the past. Everyone loves to get together, and we all have to eat. An Election Night Watch Party is a great way to bring people together, share a meal & conversation while capitalizing on energy that surrounds an election.

There are more ways to help than listed here, but this might provide a head start. We can use our creative juices to come up with other ways to get involved.

We can't have equality without the "T"

Battle for fully-inclusive ENDA continues

Commentary by Marisa Richmond, Ph.D.

For many years, the transgender community has lobbied to have "gender identity" added to the Employment Non Discrimination Act (ENDA). The transgender community has had to endure claims that doing so would doom the bill to failure despite the fact that it failed in the Senate, and did not move at all in the House, without such coverage. In the meantime, growing numbers of states, counties and cities were passing non-discrimination laws including both sexual orientation and gender identity, while many businesses and institutions were also passing fully inclusive non-discrimination policies. Finally, after many years of hard work and education by transgender activists and supporters, a fully inclusive ENDA, H.R.2015, was introduced in the House of Representatives with 172 co-sponsors, including Steve Cohen and Jim Cooper of Tennessee.

Throughout most of the spring and summer of 2007, the GLBT community focused on passing a fully inclusive Hate Crimes bill. In the House of Representatives, the Hate Crimes bill received 237 yes votes, more than ever before. In the Senate, the same bill had 60 supporters, the minimum needed to invoke cloture on a filibuster. These votes clearly demonstrated support for fully inclusive legislation.

On the day of the historic Senate vote, the *Washington Blade* broke a story that House leadership had gotten cold feet and was preparing to discard the transgender community and, instead, support an alternate bill, H.R.3685, which would sanction discrimination against a major segment of the GLBT community. In response, the GLBT community erupted in an incredible show of unity.

The United ENDA Coalition was organized by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and the National Center for Transgender Equality. While these two groups were at the center of the lobbying effort, there were over 300 groups which joined, led by other national organizations. One of the most important groups was the Equality Federation, a coalition of statewide GLBT political groups, which encouraged its member state organizations to join the United ENDA Coalition. This included Tennessee Transgender Political Coalition, of which I am president, and Tennessee Equality Project.

By mid-March, the number of groups which had joined United ENDA was nearing 400 and still growing as more GLBT groups realized the importance of standing together as one community. This coalition includes the National Association of LGBT Community Centers, along with 31 local community centers, one of which, the Chattanooga LGBT Center, is in Tennessee. The National Stonewall Democrats and 21 of its local chapters stood in support of only a fully inclusive ENDA. PFLAG and nine local chapters; the International Federation of Black Prides and the International Association of LGBT Pride Coordinators and several local Pride committees; 14 GLBT mental health and AIDS/HIV support groups; 24 faith organizations, including Soulforce which has organized protests and lobbying campaigns across Tennessee and many other states; GLSEN; COLAGE; Family Pride Coalition and many other GLBT youth and family groups; ten GLBT groups serving those in higher education; the National Black Justice Coalition, and the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, to name but a few. Of course, the United ENDA Coalition would not be complete without a large list of local transgender support groups including four from Tennessee, one of which, Perpetual Transition, is based in Memphis. Only two major groups decided not to join this impressive list: the Human Rights Campaign and the Log Cabin Republicans.

Sadly, when the House of Representatives voted on H.R.3685, they passed the bill. It was the first time in history a civil rights bill had passed in either House of Congress over the objections of the community it is supposed to serve. Only seven of the original co-sponsors of H.R.2015 stood with a united GLBT community and voted against the new bill. These seven members, Michael Michaud of Maine, Rush Holt of New Jersey, and Yvette Clarke, Jerrold Nadler, Edolphus Towns, Nydia Velázquez and Anthony Weiner of New York, deserve to be recognized for their support of equal rights for all gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people.

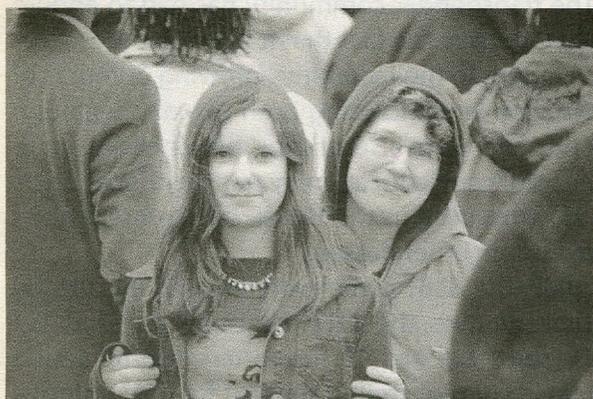
In January 2008, Edward Kennedy (D-Massachusetts) announced his intention to push for a Senate vote on H.R.3685 despite this opposition from the GLBT community. He plans to do so before pushing for final resolution on the Hate Crimes bill, which already has at least 60 senators in support and is actually supported by the GLBT community.

The groups in the United ENDA Coalition remain solidly opposed to H.R.3685 and continue to insist that only a fully inclusive ENDA should be discussed. Of the three remaining Presidential candidates, both Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama say they support a fully inclusive ENDA, while John McCain is opposed to any ENDA. It is up to all who support equal rights for "all" to keep pressure on candidates and make sure they understand the necessity of having "gender identity" in the language to protect all who may not conform to gender stereotypes, regardless of sexual orientation. If you belong to a group that serves the GLBT community and it has not yet joined the United ENDA coalition, you should introduce a resolution in your next meeting and get that group to join. The fight for a fully inclusive ENDA has been going on for over a decade. It will continue for as long as it takes. You can be part of the effort.

I urge all to stand together as one community since you cannot have Equality without the T.

40 years later ...

Rainbow community members attend the vigil to honor Dr. King on April 4

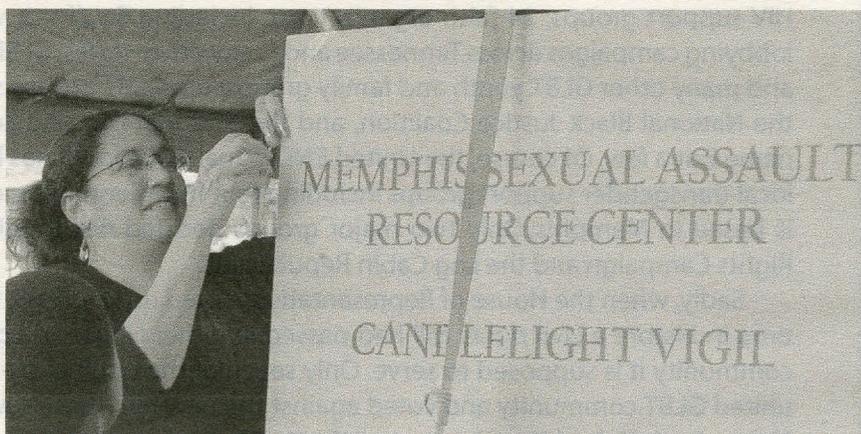


Rainbow community members Edie Love with her daughter, Lily (above) and Mark Jones (below) brave the weather to honor the 40th anniversary of the death of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Top Center: Rev. Jesse Jackson makes his way through the crowd approaching the spot on which he stood 40 years earlier at the former Lorraine Motel. Top Right: Rev. Al Sharpton addresses the crowd as the children of Dr. Martin Luther King and Mrs. Coretta Scott King look on. Center Left: The esteemed Benjamin Hooks opens the ceremony with profound remarks after a crowd of hundreds (above right) waited for hours in respectful silence outside the National Civil Rights Museum.

Memphis Sexual Assault Resource Center takes back the night

MSARC commemorates with candlelight vigil, annual 5k run and shared stories of courage



Memphis Sexual Assault Resource Center's Laana Taylor prepares for the MSARC annual Candlelight Vigil (above center) on April 17. Community members remember victims of sexual assault by candlelight (far left bottom). Shelia Tankersley reads the poem "Letting Go" (immediate left) penned by an anonymous sexual assault victim and Tamekia King (above) performs a vocal solo. MSARC's Annual 5k Run/Walk to End Sexual Violence was scheduled for Friday, April 25.

Pride parade celebrity Grand Marshals announced—many cultures, one community

by Vincent Astor

Peterson Toscano -- activist, actor and playwright -- has consented to be the Celebrity Grand Marshal for this year's Pride Parade. Two local Grand Marshals have also been selected -- both an important part of the Memphis GLBT community -- Mike Morgan, designer and primary builder of the new 100-foot Rainbow Flag and Bill Hanley who was responsible for the 1997 predecessor flag.



Peterson Toscano

The parade will take place June 14 which is celebrated as Flag Day. The theme for the parade is *Many Cultures, One Community* so it is appropriate that the new 100-foot flag of GLBT culture will take center stage. Also in this year's parade will be the 100-foot section of the Sea to Sea flag and mementos of the retired Memphis Pride Flag. Flags representing states, countries and cultures of all descriptions will be appropriate trimmings for this year's event and the Parade will be led off by the five-flag color guard representing our locale.

Morgan has written in the past for *Triangle Journal* and lived for several years in Las Vegas where he had careers as a bartender and leathermaker. He returned to Memphis in 2007 and volunteered to design and head up the volunteers who have worked most Saturdays since early February. Construction of the new flag has taken place in the fellowship hall of First Congregational.



Mike Morgan

Hanley sat on the board of the former Memphis Pride in 1997 when it constructed the flag retired last year. He, Tommy Ross and Chet Overstreet were the primary builders of that flag which was sewn in the fellowship hall of Holy Trinity. Bill has been very active at Holy Trinity in recent years and previously with MGLCC.



Bill Hanley

Peterson Toscano studied Theater and English Literature at City College of New York after which he worked as a teacher and the director of education at CASES, a NYC alternative program for youth offenders. As a gay man, Peterson's journey out of the closet has been long and complicated. After years of submitting to reparative therapy Peterson enrolled in the ex-gay residential program, Love in Action. He graduated successfully from the

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Gettin' diggy wit' it at Playhouse on the Square

by Ian Keller

Construction officially began on the new home for Playhouse on the Square with a public groundbreaking ceremony and outdoor party at the new theatre site on the northeast corner of Union Avenue and Cooper Street on Thursday, March 27, 2008.

The groundbreaking event, called *Dig the Scene*, was attended by hundreds of the fans of the arts and several esteemed public officials. The program included various remarks by the dignitaries present as well as tastes of chocolate martinis dubbed *The Groundbreaker*. Dance, pop and disco hits of the 70's were performed live by Funk de Ville.

The theatre company was born 38 years ago with the founding of the Circuit Players in 1965. Playhouse now produces 16 shows each season at its two main stages. John Morris, the architect for Chicago's famed Steppenwolf Theatre, designed the new theatre. Montgomery Martin Contractors, Inc. will build the new home for Playhouse on the Square.



Above: Rainbow community member and member of the Playhouse Board of Directors, John Kinsey. Below: Construction begins with the help of Shelby County Mayor A.C. Wharton, U.S. Congressman Steve Cohen and Tenn. State Senator Beverly Marrero among the dignitaries. Bottom: Funk de Ville adds a 70s flare.



Fasten your seatbelts, 'cause May 10 is gonna be a bumpy night

by Mark Jones

MGLCC's Outflix committee will screen *All About Eve* in the backyard of Jim Farris and Chad Johnson's home at 4549 Laurelwood Dr. on Saturday evening, May 10. Although the event will be free, donations are welcome and encouraged as this is a benefit for the 2008 Outflix Film Festival, a weeklong festival of GLBT cinema celebrated here in Memphis. The party begins at 8 p.m. and the movie will begin promptly at 9 p.m.. The rain date will be the next evening, May 11, at the same time and place.

At the party, Herb Zeman will kick off a \$2,500 matching campaign challenge. Herb intends to match all donations over \$200 to the Outflix Film Festival up to a total of \$2500. The committee is hoping that many community members consider this screening to be the perfect time to donate money and support Outflix. All checks should be made out to MGLCC.

All About Eve won the Oscar for best picture in 1950 and features stars Bette Davis, Anne Baxter, George Sanders, Celeste Holm and many more. The annual OutFlix Film Festival will be held September 5-11 at the Ridgeway Four. Proceeds from the festival benefit Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center.

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Table manners

Responding to the "biggest threat our nation has, even more so than terrorism or Islam."

Commentary by Elizabeth Pitts

Some time ago I dated a young man who had one of those doddering old uncles who held court at the dinner table, saying whatever came to mind without caring about manners or tact. Those few dinners I had at his house usually involved everyone at the table cringing at some time or another, with pursed lips and tense eyebrows. If forces of will could have become tangible, you'd have seen rolls of duct tape appearing from nowhere, flying across the room to cover his mouth before he could relate his opinion on The Jews, The Democrats or The Women These Days. What wasn't downright racist or sexist was certainly borderline territory when company was present. The clean-up afterward with my boyfriend's mother was a time of apologies on her part and reassurances on mine.

I thought of this old uncle a few weeks ago when a representative of my state made national news: State Representative Sally Kern held court



at a metaphorical dinner table and drew all eyes for a moment to Oklahoma. Reading about it, I felt my eyebrows tense. My verbal reaction: oh, good Lord. Rest assured I fully grasped the irony of a Christian woman invoking His name in response to Kern's statement.

"The homosexual agenda is destroying this nation; it's just a fact," Kern is heard saying on a YouTube audio segment. "I honestly think it's the biggest threat our nation has, even more so than terrorism or Islam."

Over the course of the past few weeks, Sally Kern has vowed not to apologize. In fact, she has expanded her assertion to include scriptural references in an attempt to garner support from like-minded Oklahomans as the rest of the state cringes across the table, praying for the duct tape to appear.

Irony? This legislator from Oklahoma City, where 13 years ago the U.S. experienced its first evil instance of domestic terrorism, has the gall to look at the state of affairs in our country today and blame homosexuals. Kern, a former social studies teacher, believes that homosexuals are a bigger threat to society itself than people who think it's a good idea to fly planes into skyscrapers. This woman from Jonesboro, Ark.,

of all places, believes that the "homosexual agenda" is a larger problem for the United States than those people who feel that violence is an effective way to get a point across.

Then again, I've spent enough time at the state capitol lately to be empathetic to Rep. Kern's plight: things are tough all over, and absent any recourse or solutions from the federal government, one can imagine that the will of the people dictates that there be answers at the state level for why our lives are harder than they used to be. Why does our county have the third-highest high school dropout rate? Why is Oklahoma number two in the nation for grandparents raising grandchildren? Why is gas so expensive? I'm certain that legislators reach for answers with the same myopic grasp that we all do. Sally Kern has clearly come up with an answer that satisfies several of her constituents: blame the gay people.

That's not to say that I condone her statements, obviously. But there are those who've wished her death, who've threatened her life. That's as out of line as she is. Truly I think, in spite of the fact that I restrained myself from posing as one of her constituents at the last legislative luncheon I attended so that I might question her biblical citations, in the end

I'm thankful that Sally Kern was so vocal about her views. There are some in the state who characterize her statements as "hate speech," believing that she should be censured or otherwise punished for making such wild and ridiculously inflammatory assertions. I don't know; speech is speech, and the same First Amendment protects her that protects me and my colleagues who write for the *Triangle Journal*. I'm not sure I'm ready to give that up.

Were her statements out of line and impossibly incorrect, in my opinion? Sure. But I'm glad she voiced her opinion instead of keeping her mouth shut and merely voting her opinion, because *now we know*. The people of my state, including her constituents, are fully aware of the extent to which she does not represent us. Not one of the residents of her district has to vote for her again. And maybe the rest of the country will get the message that we don't agree with her: we're the family around the table, pursing our lips knowing that one day we'll be able to look across a table where everyone can sit together and thank the Lord for our bounty, instead of apologizing over a sinkful of things that might never come clean.

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Palestino gay recibe permiso para vivir con su pareja israelí

por Erick Vásquez

JERUSALEM - Israel ha otorgado a un palestino gay un permiso de residencia, algo muy poco común en ese país. El hombre de 33 años, no identificado por razones de seguridad, es originario de la ciudad de Jenín, ubicada en Cisjordania y ocupada por Israel.



El Ministerio de Interior de Israel difícilmente otorga estos permisos a palestinos de Cisjordania que quieran vivir con sus parejas en Israel, independientemente de sus preferencias sexuales. El periódico israelí Yedioth Ahronoth afirmó en su sitio de internet, que el Palestino lleva cinco años solicitando el permiso para poder vivir con su pareja israelí, un ingeniero de computación en sus cuarentas con el que ha mantenido una relación de ocho años.

"En el presente caso, el abogado del interesado afirmó que la vida de este se encontraba en peligro tras haber recibido amenazas de muerte por parte de otros palestinos que desaprueban sus preferencias sexuales", dijo Peter Lerner, vocero del Coordinador de Acciones Gubernamentales en los Territorios Ocupados y parte del Ministerio de Defensa israelí.

"Con base en esto hemos otorgado un permiso temporal" afirmó Lerner. Y agregó: "El palestino todavía tendrá que tramitar los papeles para que le sea otorgada la residencia permanente".

Rauda Morcos, directora de Aswat, un grupo activista lesbiano en Palestina, afirma que la homosexualidad sigue siendo un tema tabú en las ciudades tradicionalmente conservadoras y musulmanas de Cisjordania. A pesar de esto, se han reportado pocas hostilidades de violencia física en los últimos años.

"El motivo de nuestras dudas es que los palestinos gay son presionados por las fuerzas israelíes a colaborar con sus fines bajo el temor de que sus preferencias sexuales sean expuestas" afirmó Morcos.

Mientras la homosexualidad es más ampliamente aceptada en Israel, algunos sectores de la sociedad como los judíos ultra-ortodoxos constituyen una fuerte oposición a los derechos gay. El año pasado, durante la celebración del Día del Orgullo en Jerusalem, se recibieron amenazas de judíos religiosos que amenazaron con violencia.

Egyptian men sent to prison for gay sex

Egyptian court officials reported that five men were convicted of homosexual behavior on April 9, 2008, and were sentenced to three years in prison, according to the precepts of the Egyptian legal system. The defense attorney for the five men, Adel Ramadan, told the Associated Press that the judge found the men guilty of "habitual practice of debauchery" – which is the term applied to consensual homosexual acts in the Egyptian legal system.

Homosexuality is not explicitly defined in the Egyptian code, but other laws governing obscenity, prostitution and debauchery are applied to gay men and used to prosecute them. Several Egyptian human rights groups claim that this ordinance is currently being used to crackdown on HIV positive men. Four of the five men convicted tested HIV positive. Ramadan, a lawyer working for one of these human rights groups, Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights, said the five men were abused and tortured over a period of several months to extract confessions from them. According to Ramadan, "Two of them cried, screamed and shrieked" as the verdict was read. "The other two, they remained silent, but I saw anger in their eyes for the injustice they have been exposed to."

The case is currently being appealed to Egypt's Court of Cassation, the highest appellate court in the country. Human Rights Watch, another human rights group monitoring this trial, has criticized the verdict and others as being driven by ignorance and fear of AIDS. Egyptian police have denied making any arrests based upon HIV status.

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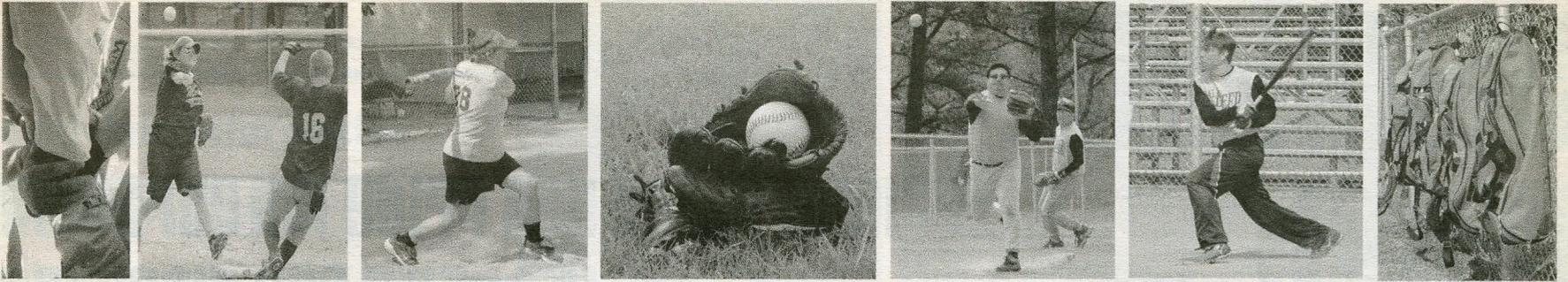
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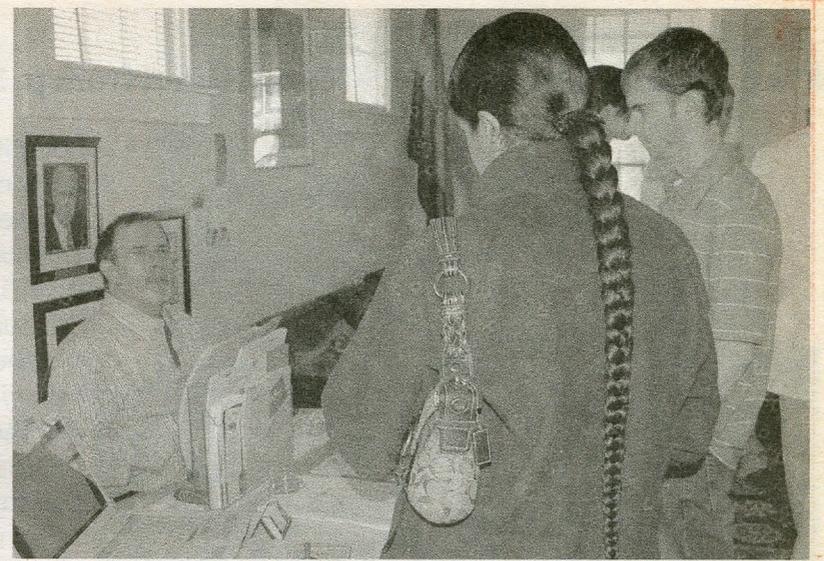
Health fair: Informative and fun

by Curtis Petty, Pharm.D.

On Saturday April 12, Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center hosted the first of hopefully many health fairs commemorating the end of the sixth annual LGBT Health Awareness Week. Individuals representing the UT College of Pharmacy, Friends for Life, the Memphis Center for Reproductive Health, Memphis Pride and mental health counselors were in attendance. These healthcare professionals were on hand to check participants' blood pressure, blood glucose level and HIV status, as well as to provide information on contraception and to address other healthcare concerns. Once tested, individuals were able to receive counseling on personal health issues. Information on immunizations, options for smoking cessation and ways to get help for alcoholism and drug addiction was also on hand.

"I think the health fair was wonderful," said Marian Bacon, one of the health fair's participants. "I learned a lot of valuable information. More people should have come out."

This year's event was held on the first nice day in a while so our turnout was low but those individuals who did attend received some extremely valuable counseling and information on new medications that they had just started. The representatives for each of the organizations felt that the event was a success and each learned much from the other. For those who missed this day, fear not! We are planning many more events. Future events will cover topics such as breast cancer awareness, HIV/AIDS, high blood pressure, diabetes and mental health awareness. If you have other ideas that you would like us to cover, or if you are a healthcare provider/organization that would like to participate in an event please email me at cp1234_1999@yahoo.com with your suggestions.



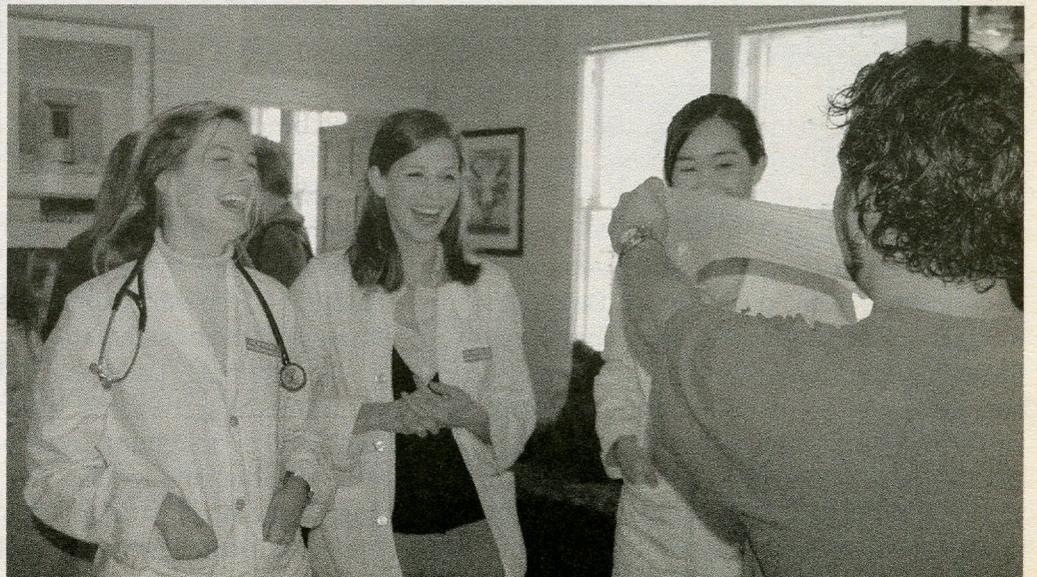
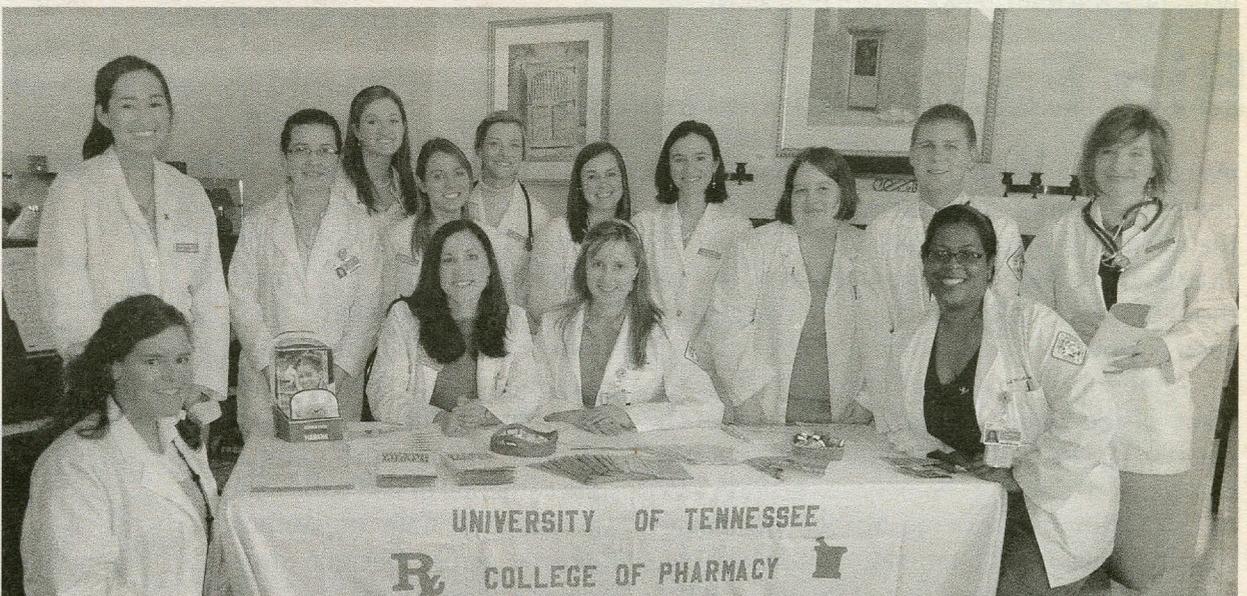
Above: Friends For Life's HIV test administrator John Buchanan counsels a gay man about high risk behaviors before administering an oral HIV antibody test.

Upper right: Mental health counselor Bob Loos discusses issues of emotional well-being with health fair participants.

Right: Jake Hughes has his blood glucose level evaluated.

Below: UT College of Pharmacy students unwind.

Bottom: Friends For Life's Joe Girouard demonstrates the proper use of a dental dam for intrigued pharmacy students.



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Alan Herbers (left) and his partner John Stratton visit Amsterdam's Rembrandtplein, a city park celebrating the Dutch artist Rembrandt. Photo courtesy of John Stratton

bought a four-day tram pass for 18 Euros (a little less than \$30). This allowed us to take any tram anytime or anywhere. They only run in the city and the Outer Districts, which is where our hotel was, Old Zuid district.

The Netherlands has an interesting history and Amsterdam is an impressive city. The city is built completely on canals; the roads, buildings and infrastructure that support life there are amazing.

It seems pretty much everything is legal in Amsterdam. In the Red Light District, there are sex shops, coffee bars and smart shops that sell legal marijuana and hallucinogenic mushrooms. I was told that Amsterdam's population increases significantly over most weekends for tourists seeking this legal trade.

On our first day, we tried to find the Homomonument which "Commemorates all women and men ever oppressed and persecuted because of their homosexuality. Supports the international lesbian and gay movement in their struggle against contempt, discrimination, and oppression. Demonstrates that we are not alone. Calls for permanent vigilance."

This monument consists of three triangles, representing the past, present and future. Locally, it is also referred to as "the Pink Point."

Visiting Amsterdam was a visual pleasure. The colorful tulips were in bloom and the trees were blossoming. Same-sex couples walk hand in hand openly and are accepted as part of everyday life. While most urban cities have gay districts, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered people are openly part of Amsterdam's daily culture.

While we were visiting, we witnessed a public ceremony at Dam Square, where the Queen of the Netherlands was hosting the president of Brazil and we were able to see them placing a wreath at their war memorial. Amsterdam is rife with war history, most notably from World War II. The city is also the site of the Anne Frank house.

Amsterdam has a number of museums worth visiting, including the Rijksmuseum where the country's national art treasures are on display, and the Van Gogh museum, which houses the paintings of this great artist.

The Rembrandtplein is a park that has statues of the artist Rembrandt and is surrounded by a number of outdoor cafés. Amsterdam has all types of cafes and restaurants that feature freshly made food and fresh vegetables. The city has great delectables: food, pastries and chocolate!

This was a very special trip since the plan was just to enjoy being with my partner in this special city. Amsterdam is romantic, historic and fun.

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even just bar-hopping. Rather than over-committing yourself, keep it simple. Remember the three things you should do in the French Quarter: look, eat and drink. And even if one of those options isn't for you, the other two should keep you busy for the weekend.

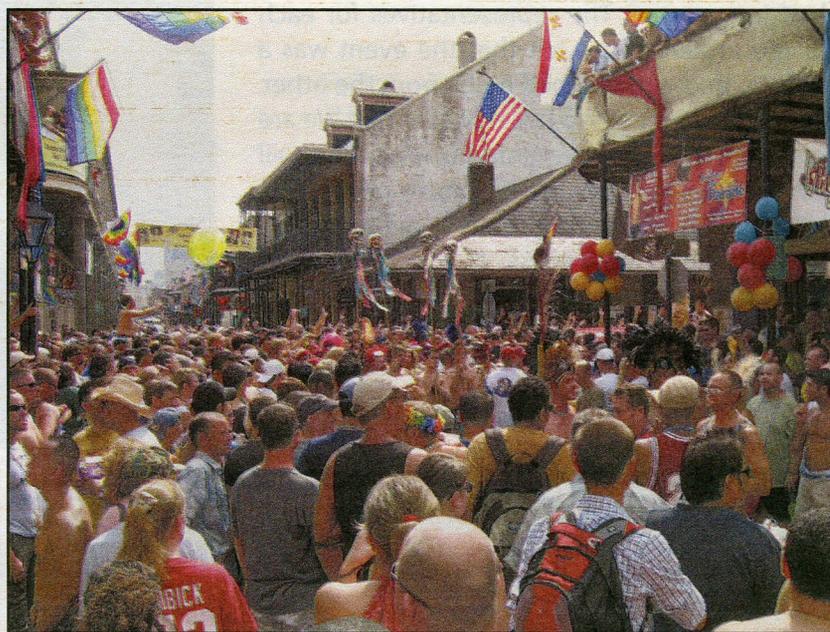
Although fires and storms have ravaged some of the wooden structures in the French Quarter, or Vieux Carre, the 200-plus-year-old French and Spanish influenced architecture has stood the test of time. You'll soon realize that the resilient Quarter, in its expansiveness, activity and tolerance, is one of the most GLBT-friendly getaway destinations in the South. Remember, however, that while most anything goes in the Quarter and that locals barely bat an eye at same-sex hand-holding, the intoxicated rednecks in the flashy part of Bourbon Street may not be as accepting.

Bourbon Street is the most famous and most visited street in the Quarter, but treat yourself to a leisurely walk down Royal, Dauphine or Burgandy. The streets are quieter and narrower, the architecture is more authentic and the shops and restaurants are less touristy than those you'll find on Bourbon, the only street in the Quarter that allows neon signage. The farther you wander from Bourbon Street, the more you'll experience the mystery and history that makes New Orleans such a captivating place.

While you're wandering, it's hard to miss Jackson Square and St. Louis Cathedral, the centerpieces of the French Quarter. You wouldn't be a tourist in the Big Easy unless you have your photo made in front of the sculpture of Andrew Jackson, the spires of the cathedral or had coffee and beignets at Café du Monde, directly across Decatur Street from Jackson Square.

Dining opportunities abound in the French Quarter; from Lucky Dog carts on the street corners to the Court of Two Sisters, there's something for every pocketbook and appetite in between. And while there are more popular restaurants, the best experiences to remember are well off the beaten path.

For example, Louisiana Bistro is probably not something I would have found on my own, but I'm grateful to my friend John Kinsey who introduced me last July to this quiet, elegant and oh-so-small place at 337 Dauphine Street. Louisiana Bistro is one of the last "indie" restaurants left in the Quarter. Its menu blends

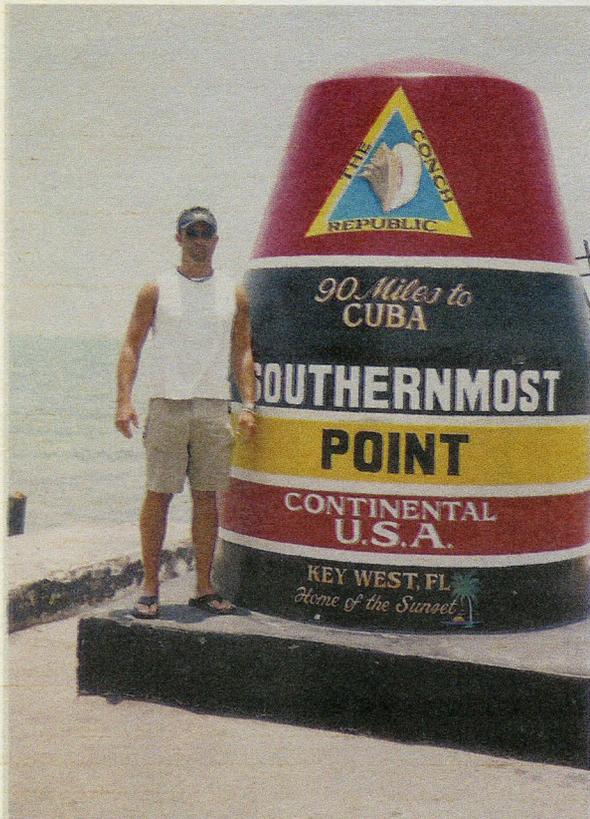


Every Labor Day weekend, thousands of gay men pack the streets of the French Quarter for the last circuit party of the year, Southern Decadence.

a contemporary cooking style with traditional Cajun and Creole ingredients, but honestly, you shouldn't concern yourself with anything listed on the menu, except the "Feed Me" option which comes in a three, four or five-course dinner. Your dinner that night is whatever Chef Mars is able to craft in the kitchen on the spur of the moment, based on what was fresh at the market that

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This giant buoy marks the southernmost point in the continental US and is a popular landmark for straight and gay visitors, like Rob Day, to Key West.

head, "This place reminds me so much of you!" A smile stretched across my face as we stepped out of the cab into the steamy heat of Key West, Fla.

Even before landing, my partner was transfixed by the aerial view of the Keys. The water is clear enough to see the coral reef, sand bars, even schools of dolphin! Landing is a little unnerving because the plane lands just feet from the ocean. The annual average temperature on the island is 78 degrees, but the high humidity makes the air feel much warmer. "Island time" is used to describe the pace in the Keys. The pace is much more carefree and relaxed. A taxi or rentals are the best means of transportation unless your accommodations provide a shuttle. It's easy to get around on the island, bicycles and mopeds are more common than autos in Old Town Key West. Traffic congestion primarily consisting of mopeds and bicycles, but in Key West when traffic stops, it becomes a parade.

There are more than 29 GLBT-friendly owned and operated hotels, guest homes and rentals recommended by the Key West GLBT Business Guild. One stands above them all, Alexander's, 1118 Fleming St, with a five star rating. It caters exclusively to GLBT/friendly guests and is located in the heart of Old Town. The contemporary tropical environment of this guest house offers charm and

convenience, located in walking distance of restaurants, shopping and nightlife. After getting settled, I always take a walk to Fausto's, 522 Fleming St, the only full service gourmet grocery on the island. Aside from the staples, the store carries the best selection of wine, imported beers and imported nibbles. Other highlights include the tropical produce, international bakery and deli. The service is excellent and there's even a resident sommelier to assist in selecting and pairing wine.

I can honestly say I've never had a bad meal on Key West. And while many tropical destinations have fresh seafood fare, conch is unique to the Key West menu. Conch is a crustacean that makes its home inside the large shell on its back. Most restaurants include conch fritters and conch chowder as appetizers. Conch is a novelty worth trying.

My partner and I have agreed that our favorite restaurant is Seven Fish, 632 Olive St. Tucked away inside residential Old Town, it's a tiny space packed with style paired with an eclectic menu. While the menu's staple is fresh seafood, I can't recommend the meatloaf and mashed potatoes enough. The classic home-style comfort food pushes the limits of presentation and just like Mom's; it melts in your mouth! One warning: you must make a reservation for parties larger than two.

Entertaining yourself on the island is easy. There are many historic tours such as Hemingway House, Conch Tour Train or the Gay and Lesbian Historic Trolley Tour that points out the historical and economic significance that the GLBT community had (and still has) on Key West. The best photo op is at the giant Southernmost Point buoy that signifies its place in the United States and the proximity of 90 miles to Cuba.

Fast Buck Freddie's, 500 Duval St, is a must if gift shopping is on your list. Also consider Towels of Key West, 806 Duval St, original home for the pride beach towel. In addition to beach towels, the shop carries a selection of fine linens for your home. There are enough art galleries, book shops and upscale clothing stores up and down Duval Street to keep even the savviest shopper occupied during their stay.

I don't generally recommend the "beach" because it's small, crowded and a distance from quaint "gay" Old Town. Blu Q is the only all male catamaran and gay sailing offered on the island. Captain Steve is a salty dog who shows his pride by offering back country (and often clothing optional) island adventures for men where kayaking and snorkeling are some of the package options. The romantic comes out in him by offering two-hour sunset cruises. The packages are customized to your party and reservations must be made in advance at captainstevekw.com.

Mosquitoes, humidity and UV sunlight are three words of warning. Natural bug repellent and SPF are recommended. Drink plenty of water to keep hydrated, and stay inside during the peak of the day. The mid-afternoon sun is plenty for sunbathers.

For more information about Key West contact the Key West Business Guild at gaykeywestfl.com or call 305-294-4603. The island is a tropical paradise, but the locals make it unforgettable. It's a place everyone can "come home" to.

Gay cruises

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eight days from Barcelona to Rome in July.

What places have you seen?

Steve: The Caribbean including Puerto Rico, the Bahamas, Virgin Islands, Mexican Riviera, as well as Alaska.

J&B: We have been to the Bahamas, Puerto Rico, St. Thomas and Half Moon Cay.

Favorite destination?

J&B: The Caribbean for sure. It's probably easy to tell since that is where we kept going...the weather, the food, the beaches...really nothing bad to say about any of it.

Steve: Alaska because it is so different than any of the warmer destinations.

Least favorite?

Steve: Probably Princess Cay & Half Moon Cay. These are islands which Princess and Holland America lease from the Grand Bahamas, and are nothing more than a place to dock for an afternoon.

J&B: Have to be honest with this question. Anywhere I go as long as my partner is with me, is never bad.

Are you still in contact with friends you've met on board?

Steve: Yes, and over the years we always see each other on cruises, so it like a "family" reunion each year

J&B: We have been very fortunate in meeting some wonderful people on our cruises. We made friends that live in New York, Ohio and Illinois. We have been to NY twice to visit with friends and stay in touch via email and phone calls.

What's the food like?

J&B: To die for! I find the best thing to do is diet before the trip, because once there, it is too hard to pass up all the great food. There is food from morning to late into the night. I'm telling you, there just must be something about the Ocean air. It makes you hungry.

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You never know who you'll meet aboard a gay cruise, whether it's new friends or celebrities. Steve Solomon (left) poses with disco diva Thelma Houston.

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Dialogue unplugged

Commentary by Len Piechowski

After months of frustrating delays in coordinating the schedules of pastors and mediation professionals, the board of directors of Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center authorized participants of Initiative: Fairness, the public policy arm of the center, to pull the plug on attempts to create a dialogue that would have brought pastors and representatives from the GLBT community into dialogue. The initiative was first started in November of last year and was unable to get off the ground despite the preparation and enthusiasm of our community. Frustrated by the long delays caused by conflicting professional schedules, the board finally abandoned the effort.

In a letter addressed to MGLCC board of directors, Jacob Flowers, executive director of Midsouth Peace and Justice Center, expressed his firm confidence that continued efforts to bring these two groups together with appropriate mediation specialists could still happen, but not within a 30-day period deadline insisted upon by the MGLCC board.

To replace the initiative, some members of MGLCC board of directors will attempt an informal dialogue the week of May 5 with any available pastors without the help of mediators. The informal discussion will aim to create alternative voices in the African-American religious community during the upcoming election campaign.

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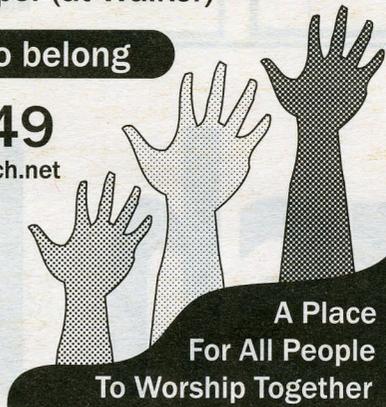
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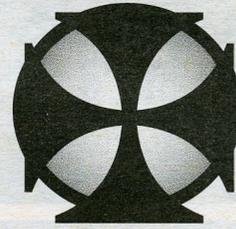
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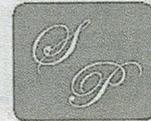


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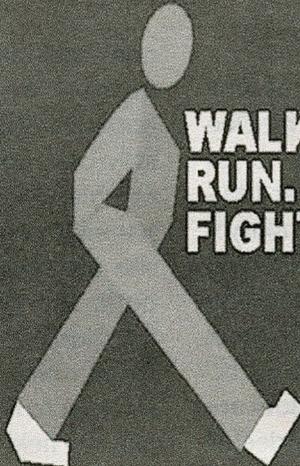
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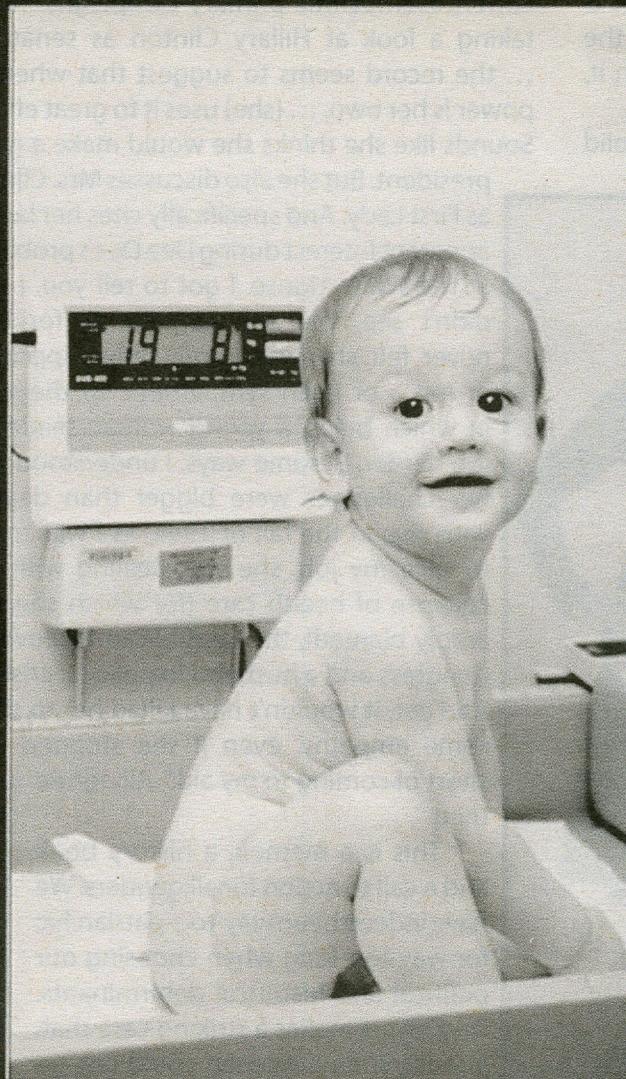
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Why Women Should Rule the World - not your typical "I Am Woman" treatise

Some hetero guys say they already "rule the roost;" is it time to give women a shot at something bigger?

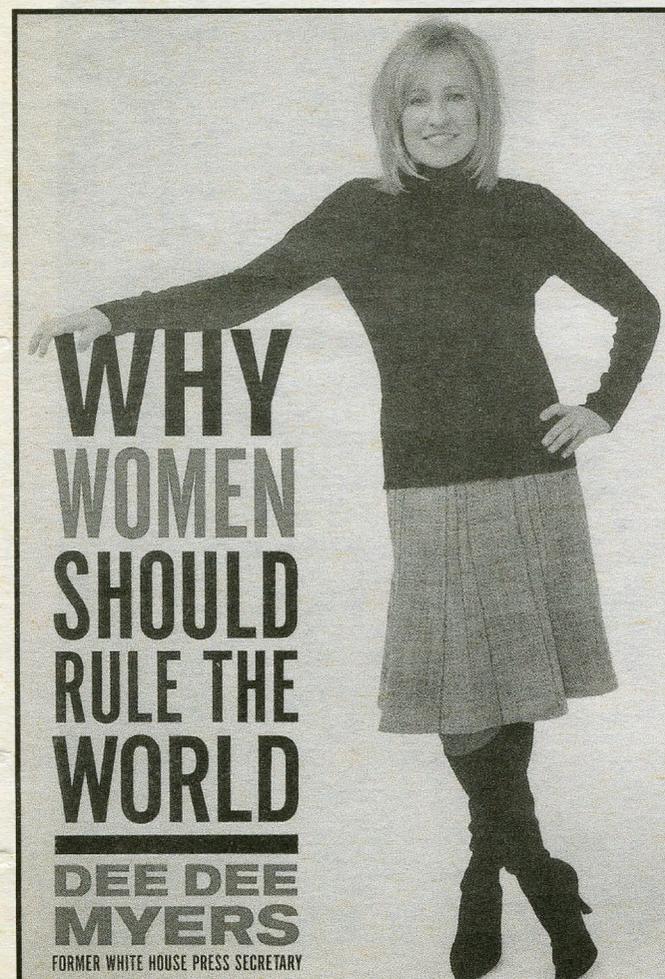
by Len Piechowski

Midway through the first chapter of *Why Women Should Rule the World* by Dee Dee Myers, Bill Clinton's former press secretary, I couldn't help but think of that 1945 classic Christmas movie, *The Bells of St. Mary's*. In one scene, Father O'Malley (Bing Crosby) pontificates to Sister Mary Benedict, played by Ingrid Bergman, (now there's a nun you don't see every day!) that "it's still a man's world, Sister." Without missing a beat, she asks "And how are they doing with it, Father?" The parish priest is forced to admit that they're not doing very well with it. Not very well indeed.

Judging from the title of Myers' work, one would tend to think she might agree. And she does. But I was actually quite surprised with the amount of empathy she displays when discussing how men have handled their world.

Myers claims that she loves men. (Wondered about that in the early nineties, didn't you?) She proudly boasts that she is married to a really good one, and that she even gave birth to a really tiny one a few years back. Her premise is not so much that women should replace the male power structure but rather should join it, feminize it and therefore balance it out a bit.

The academic studies she cites are very solid



ones, including Dr. Deborah Tannen's landmark treatise on male and female communication patterns. She explores the different worlds of little boys and little girls through the paradigm of violence and aggression contrasted with the paradigm of consensus and collaboration. And she discovers an apparent legitimate role for both. She even takes classic feminism to task for glossing over the biological and psycho-social differences among the genders in their attempt to level the playing field. For Myers, the playing field is to be leveled precisely through the expression of those differences.

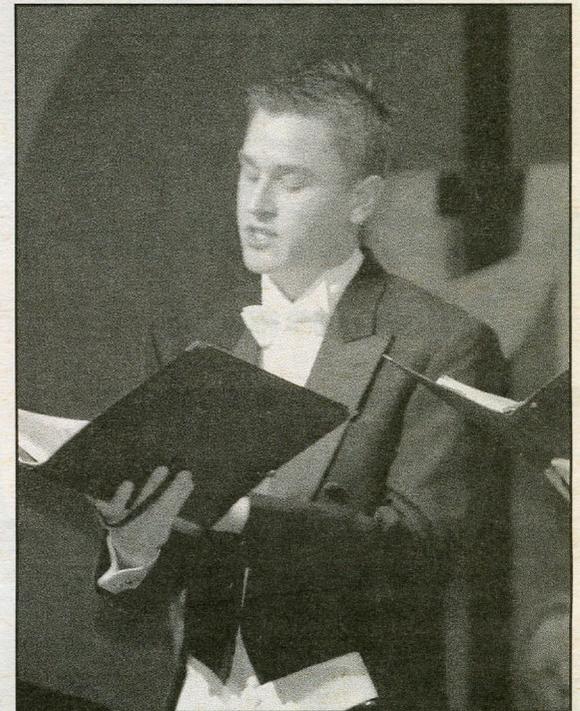
She is pretty kind to President Clinton, even though she makes no bones about the coals she was dragged over as his press secretary. She knew what the job was when she took it, but uses her personal travails in the position as a case study of how women are sometimes placed in a positions of power without being given the reigns or the authority to use them.

A 2008 publication, Myers' *Why Women Should Rule the World* brings us right up to the current Democratic primary campaigns. When taking a look at Hillary Clinton as senator, "... the record seems to suggest that when ... power is her own, ... [she] uses it to great effect." Sounds like she thinks she would make a good president. But she also discusses Mrs. Clinton as First Lady. And specifically cites her lack of apparent interest during Dee Dee's problems at the White House. I got to tell you, I sure didn't see this one coming: "I, for one, never felt she was particularly supportive of me - or even sympathetic to the ways in which being a young woman made my job harder. In some ways, I understood that her challenges were bigger than dealing with me: In the fall of 1994, as I was trying to save my job, she was dealing with the collapse of health care (for which she was amply blamed), the Republican takeover of Congress and a husband in political crisis ... And yet. It wouldn't have killed her to show some empathy, even if she stopped well short of coming to my aid." All rightie then.

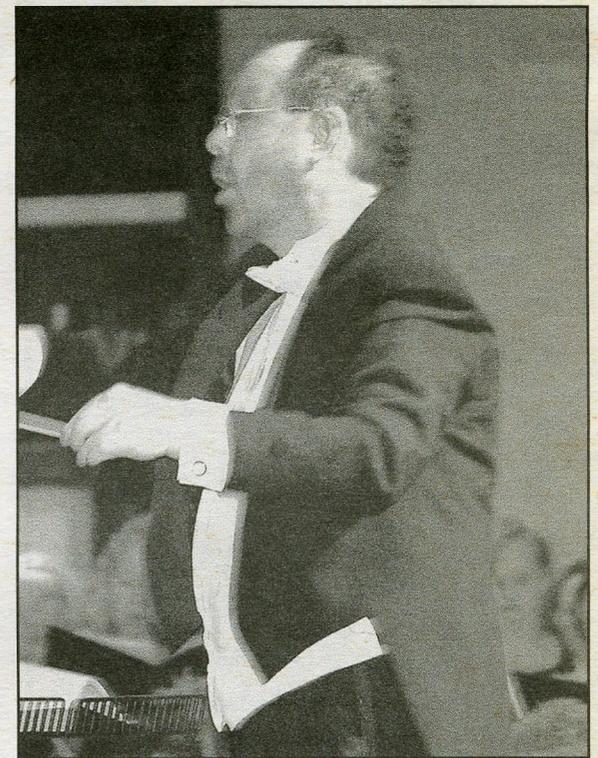
This is a memoir, a history book and a call to action for all genders. We have indeed been way-too-patriarchic for way-too-long when choosing our political and historical determinants. And Myers makes a striking case that, at a minimum, women could not do any worse than we men have done and, Margaret Thatcher aside, they probably would do quite a bit better.

J. S. Bach's Mass in B Minor performed flawlessly

Brings a packed cathedral to its feet



Rhodes College presented Johann Sebastian Bach's Mass in B Minor at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on March 28. The program was performed by The Memphis Symphony Orchestra, The Rhodes Singers, The Rhodes MasterSingers Chorale and The Rhodes Women's Chorus. Countertenor, Mikah Meyer performed in brilliant falsetto (above). Timothy W. Sharp (below) was the conductor.



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Snap Judgments strives to show colorful, vibrant side of Africa

Brooks presents contemporary African photography by Andrew Cruz

Snap Judgments: *New Positions in Contemporary African Photography* is currently on exhibit at the Memphis Brooks Museum of Art. A collection of color and black-and-white photography, transparencies, newspaper media and multimedia installation art, the exhibit runs from March 1 to May 25.

The exhibit is a response to mainstream media portrayals of Africa, which according to Okwui Enwezor, adjunct curator of the exhibit, focuses on death, disease, war and economic deterioration while ignoring the multifaceted and human nature of the people there, a perspective illustrated by the exhibit. The exhibit seeks to address or even reverse what has been dubbed "Afro-pessimism," while not ignoring the troubles of the peoples of Africa.

With photographers from Egypt, Algeria, Morocco, Nigeria, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Kenya, South Africa and other nations, the exhibit covers the myriad of humanity on the African continent: from North African Arabs donning traditional Muslim clothing and closing their eyes to the war-torn present while seeking solace in tradition; to black South Africans gathered one on top of the other in Johannesburg prisons; to the hustle and bustle of *matatus*, or privately-run public-use buses, along the streets of Nairobi; to the clutter of pots and rugs on rooftops of Cairo, where people huddle for conversation, dinner and sleep under the stars but within the confines of one of Africa's largest cities.

African artists were largely unknown outside Africa until the 1990s, due to the collapse of the Soviet bloc and the resulting changes in political and cultural dynamics, which includes the increasing importance of what were the non-aligned states during the Cold War (such as most African nations, India, and the Middle East) on the global stage compared to the "Euro-

American," in addition to the economic and political phenomenon of globalization, which has interconnected geopolitical relationships around the world.

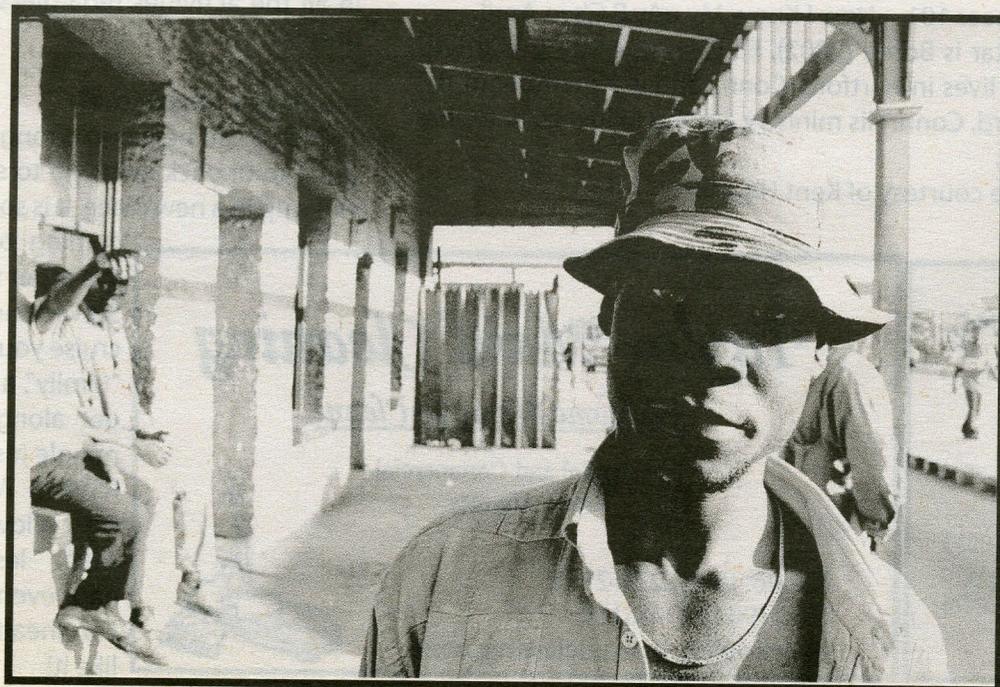
Examples of artwork on exhibit are *Merçi la Chance de me suivre dans mes rêves* and *Quand je prendrai la place du Père Noël, tu verras*, by Mohamed Camara, from Bamako, Mali who works in Bamako and in Paris, France. His color prints explore images of festive, often Christmas-like décor in lights and other holiday décor with models who explore the visual scenes of his literature-like portrayals.

Nontsikelelo "Lolo" Veleko, a Cape Town, South Africa native who lives and works in Johannesburg, explores youth fashion in South Africa in her color photography—bright oranges and lime greens as common colors with camouflage for girls and over-size, knit hats for boys against the urban landscape of the South Africa.

Omar Daoud, born in Annaba, Algeria who works in Algiers and in Paris, France, photographs scenes from North African cities, including a series focusing on individuals' faces and eyes, sometimes open, sometimes closed, sometimes in reverie, sometimes sewn shut, as they face the contemporary landscape of civil war side-by-side with prosperity for the elite.

When you're done viewing the exhibit on the ground floor of the museum, which includes several more artists in the *Snap Judgments* exhibit than are mentioned here, don't forget the movie playing on the main floor. The show is a presentation of photographs in triptych, or three simultaneous parts, and is titled *Trip to Mount Ziqualla*, by Theo Eshetu. An Ethiopian born in London who explores Ethiopian culture, the triptych gives a Byzantine impression reminiscent of Ethiopian painting influenced by the culture of the Byzantine Empire.

A print, *Bus Stop, Old Harare, 2001* by Luis Basto on exhibit at Snap Judgments at Memphis Brooks Museum of Art. Photo courtesy of Memphis Brooks Museum and of the artist.



Dark Blue

Almost Black

If you don't like the color of your life...change it!

by Carl Smith

Jorge (Quim Gutierrez) a good looking, young Spanish man works as a janitor, but goes to school part-time in pursuit of a business degree. After 7 years, Jorge gets his degree, but soon afterwards, his life takes an unplanned turn when his father (Hector Colome) suffers a stroke. Jorge, feeling obligated, puts his life on hold to become the caretaker for his father. Armed with a business degree, Jorge goes on many job interviews, but is turned down time and time again since his only experience is that of a janitor. Jorge's longtime on-again, off-again girlfriend Natalie (Eva Pallares) tries to help Jorge by arranging job interviews which always end in failure.



As if things couldn't get more complicated for Jorge, along comes his wayward brother Antonio (Antonio de la Torre). Fresh out of prison, Antonio presents Jorge with a life-changing proposition. He wants Jorge to help him get his imprisoned girlfriend, Paula (Marta Etura) pregnant in order to remove her from the dangers of general population to the much easier life of the maternity wing. Jorge initially rejects the idea, but after giving it some thought, he agrees to help Antonio and Paula.

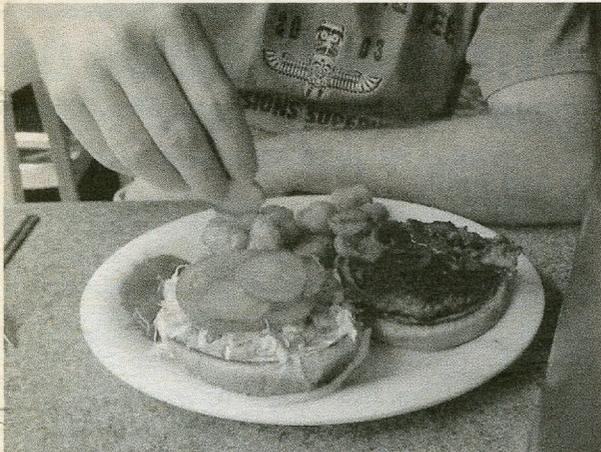
On the outskirts of Jorge's troubled life is his best friend Israel (Raul Arevalo), who is aptly nicknamed Sean for his convincing resemblance to Sean Penn. As he begins questioning his own sexuality, Israel passes the time by spying on a very handsome masseur in a nearby high-rise apartment. Pretty soon he gets more than an eyeful when he learns the identity of one the masseur's frequent clients.

This Spanish, subtitled film, written and directed by Daniel Sánchez Arévalo, is a heartwarming, funny and thought-provoking examination that asks the audience to decide for ourselves how to handle some of life's most challenging situations. Do you accept your station in life, or are you taking steps to change it?

I would love to see a sequel of this film that focuses more on the sub-plot of Jorge's best friend Israel.

"Dark Blue Almost Black" is now available at Inz & Outz Gifts & Cards, 553 S. Cooper St. in Memphis.

Big Easy - continued from p. 15



When you've tired of crawfish and gumbo, get back to basics in New Orleans with a burger at Clover Grill.

day. The chef came out prior to dinner to ask if there were any allergies and anything we didn't like. After being assured that he had free reign, Chef Mars returned to the kitchen to prepare crawfish beignets, chicken-fried filet mignon with a BBQ sauce and a side of asparagus and white chocolate bread pudding with fresh fruit for John and me. And your meal is unique to your table. Another party in the restaurant ordered the Feed Me special, and their meal was completely different from ours.

I also recommend brunch at Chartres House Café. The doors swing open to Chartres and Toulouse streets, and, from a table on the main floor, you have a great place to sip a spicy Cajun-style bloody Mary and people-watch. Despite its reputation as the center of the Cajun food universe, you can also get a darn good burger throughout the Quarter. Be brave and have the peanut butter bacon cheeseburger as a late-night treat at Yo Mama's Bar & Grill on St. Peter. To

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program nearly two years later, but in January of 1999 he finally came out and fully accepted himself as a gay man.

This resulted in his acclaimed Doin' Time in The Homo No Mo Halfway House which will end its run of many years in 2008. Peterson appeared in Memphis in February to perform this production and to premiere his newest play Transfigurations. He returned here at the request of the Rhodes College Gay Straight Alliance to perform his play Queer 101—Now I Know My gAy,B,C's in April.

Peterson's film credits include Star Queen--A Star is Bored (2002), Eli Parker's Getting Married? (2001) and Fish Can't Fly (2005). Peterson currently lives in Hartford, Conn., and is a member of the Religious Society of Friends (Quaker) in West Hartford, Conn. His ministry among fellow Quakers has been endorsed through the form of a Travel Minute.

The photos of Morgan and Hanley on page 7 are courtesy of Kent Hamson.

round off your Big Easy burger fix, have lunch at Clover Grill, 900 Bourbon St. This 24-hour greasy spoon is conveniently located near the gay bars, and you'll get a perfect hamburger that's been fried under a hubcap.

Within stumbling distance of Clover Grill is the oldest gay bar in the country and former haunt of playwright Tennessee Williams, Lafitte in Exile. During Southern Decadence – an event over Labor Day weekend known as gay Mardi Gras – the bar gets rather rowdy (actually, the whole French Quarter is rowdy and overrun with rainbow flags, beads and 100,000 sweaty shirtless men), but the rowdiness is worth it to see 200 men singing along to a "Mamma Mia" video mixed with clips from "Mommie Dearest." No matter what time of year you go, Lafitte's and its "sister" bar, Good Friends at 740 Dauphine St., are great places to relax in the afternoon. For dancing and something a little more upbeat, hit Bourbon Pub and Parade at the corner of St. Ann and Bourbon streets.

Since the bars in New Orleans never close, you might find yourself walking back to your hotel in the wee hours of the morning, as I did last July. I started down quiet Royal about 4:30 a.m. There was lots of foot traffic, other people finishing their day, while cooks and dishwashers were beginning theirs. The air was humid and fragrant with the day's commingled aromas of smoke, food and post-Katrina new construction. As I strolled down Royal, the full moon was setting behind the spires of St. Louis Cathedral and reflecting on the wet bricks of Orleans Avenue. It was a reminder that even a loud, non-stop city like New Orleans can have whispered moments of magic.

Gay cruises

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Steve: Excellent! The food is what you would expect in an expensive restaurant, as it should be, and the food is pretty much available all day and all night!

What's the best thing about the cruises?

J&B: Being ourselves. It's really interesting when you walk around, you can always tell the women that do not live in "accepting" states. They are the ones holding hands non stop for the first couple of days. After awhile, you just stop noticing everyone around you and just start being...I know that sounds odd, and I don't really have the words to make it sound correct, but "normal". I kind of hate that word as it implies that we are not "normal", but no one stares when you steal a kiss in the middle of the deck or pull out a chair for your partner to sit in. We get to show our love openly. It's just a great feeling.

Steve: Your food, hotel & entertainment are paid for, other than alcoholic beverages. [Seeing entertainers such as] Thelma Houston, Mary Wilson from the Supremes, Sister Sledge, Joan Rivers, and many others.

What's the worst thing?

Steve: That the week must come to an end, and the seven days you have had in Oz is over!

J&B: Leaving. Yes we miss the food, but we know we are going back to our regular lives, somewhat back in the closet. Oh yeah, miss the chocolate on the pillow every night.

What advice would you give first-timers?

Steve: Book a gay cruise and you will be hooked on them too! You cannot have a better vacation especially since everything but alcohol & shore excursions are prepaid.

J&B: Pack lightly. On our first Olivia cruise, they sent us a list of activities and special attire dinner nights (such as Western Night). We thought we needed to dress for each occasion so packed a ton of outfits. We have since learned to pack light and not get carried away with all the special evenings because we still shared in all the activities regardless of how we were dressed.

Any other comments?

J&B: One can never go wrong with a cruise. It is great to unpack once, go to sleep at night and wake up in a new place. It is sort of like the world

coming to you instead of the other way around.

Steve: When you go on a gay cruise you are traveling with "family", and everyone does get along. Men & women mingle just fine together on RSVP & Atlantis since they do allow everyone--gay men, lesbians, transgender and even straight people. Go ahead and try it; you'll like it!



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- 65 Love of Lesbos
- 66 Starting scale notes, for Maria
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- 4 With 47-Down, having sex with a blues icon?
- 5 Do Austin Powers
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- 8 Lurer of phallic fish
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- 10 Rio festival
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- 13 W. H. Auden's tongue
- 21 Top-secret org.
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- 25 Grace ___
- 26 Joel of *Cabaret*
- 27 Site of Gay Games VI (abbr.)
- 29 1,101 to Caesar
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- 34 Author Marcus
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- 39 Land of Margaret Cho's ancestors
- 40 Woodworker's tool
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- 44 You wear it with a thong down low
- 46 Leather sticker
- 47 See 4-Down
- 48 Pay no attention to
- 49 Liam of *Kinsey*
- 50 Evaluate asses?
- 52 Emulate Toller Cranston
- 53 Like some baths
- 56 Straight, in a bar
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- 58 ___ death (loss of interest)
- 59 Oddball comedian Philips
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Down

- 1 Bite at a GLAAD gala
- 2 Come to mind
- 3 Pleasured orally

May Q-Scopes by Jack Fertig Reconsider your hopes, Aquarius!

Mercury going into his own sign, Gemini, sets minds and mouths a flutter. He immediately squares Saturn in Virgo and, quincunx to Pluto in Capricorn, points out limits and problems in ways more critical than gracious. Try to be diplomatic with others, but for yourself, be thick-skinned and ruthlessly pragmatic.

ARIES (March 20 - April 19): Worrying about money really doesn't help. You need to explore new possibilities and make some changes. Keep a calm, cool head, remaining open to new ideas and still critical enough to avoid flaky risks.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): A sudden burst of energy could go into erotic adventurism that by itself offers dubious satisfaction. What you need is some domestic or community connection, either affirming one strong sexual partnership, or a sense of home in your own queer community.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Some adjustments are necessary to your partnership - or your search for one, if indeed you're searching. Time out with a trusted friend can help clarify your issues. A friend could even help out in negotiating tough problems with your partner or another opponent.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Social obligations and efforts may take more out of you than you expected, in terms of both money and personal commitment. Gauge your energy and finances carefully. Party smarter, not harder!

LEO (July 23 - August 22): You may feel threatened by rumors, but any direct response only makes them worse. Make light of them, and try to see what you might be doing inadvertently to feed them. Even without that spur, some humble self-scrutiny can prove helpful!

VIRGO (August 23 - September 22): Arguments may be a distraction from what's really bothering you, or a path to find that out. Remember that *good* arguments are about getting to the truth, not about who's right. Traditional "wisdom" may need some tweaking, but can prove an important key.

LIBRA (September 23 - October 22): Sexual experimentation can be spiritually liberating, or just plain exciting. Some of your friends may disapprove of your new avenues of exploration. Could they be right? Think ahead, and be careful!

SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): You're at a major career peak. Your partner or a close colleague has ideas about how to maximize it. If you find those ideas unpalatable or too challenging, at least use them as a starting point to develop your own strategies.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 - December 20): Get past all those excuses, and make the necessary adjustments to your schedule so you can get the exercise you need! Burning off some energy will be good for mind and body, helping to keep you out of arguments at work.

CAPRICORN (December 21 - January 19): A little wicked play is good for the soul. Go ahead and indulge. Exploring secret desires is good, but how many of your secrets do you want to have revealed? Be careful of whom you can trust!

AQUARIUS (January 20 - February 18): Arguments at home seem to just go around in tight, painful circles. Think ahead, take the long view, and reconsider your hopes. Asking a friend to mediate can be very helpful.

PISCES (February 19 - March 19): Your mouth can get too far ahead of your brain. Be careful with that. The line between wit and sass is hard to remember. Focus your busy brain on your work. Don't say anything to bosses until you are certain it will help!

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Pool Tournament at The Jungle at 7:30 p.m.

Dart Tournaments at One More & Pumping Station at 8 p.m.

Karaoke at Metro at 10:00 p.m.

Second & Fourth Mondays

Perpetual Transition - transgender support group meets at 7:30 p.m. at MGLCC

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May 6

Outflix 2008 Planning Meeting at 6:30 pm at MGLCC

May 13

Memphis Gaymes 2008 Planning Meeting at 6:00 pm at MGLCC

May music night at MGLCC with Ginger Doss and Beka Kelso at 7 p.m.

Every Tuesday

Phoenix AA (Open AA group) Grace-St. Luke's Church, 1790 Peabody at 8 p.m.

The Caring Group: Relaxation and destressing by subtle energy practices at Holy Trinity UCC at 7 p.m.

Lesbians with Breast Cancer support group at YWCA, 766 S. Highland at 7 p.m.

Singles Dart Tournament at Crossroads 7:45 p.m.

Pool Tournament at One More at 8:30 p.m.

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May 7

Men's Potluck at 6:30 p.m. at MGLCC

May 21

Womyn's Potluck 6:30 p.m. at MGLCC

Every Wednesday

Dart Tournament at The Jungle at 7:30 p.m.

Galloway Church Book Club at Otherlands at 7:30 p.m.

Every Second Wednesday

TEP meeting at Quetzal at 6:30 p.m.

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First Thursday of the month

PFLAG meets at Central Library at 7 p.m.

Cooper Young Business Association sponsors a monthly **Neighborhood Night Out** ... call 276-7222 for info.

May 22

Gayme Night at MGLCC at 7 p.m.

Lavender University: "Your Life Your Choices" at MGLCC with Ayla Heartsong at 7 p.m.

Every Thursday

Cotton Pickin' Squares square dancing group at Holy Trinity UCC at 7:30 p.m.

Women's Rugby Practice at U of M at 6:30 p.m.

Karaoke at Paragon at 9 p.m.

Barbara Blue with Nat Kerr at Crossroads at 10 p.m.

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May 2

"Purlie" opens at Playhouse on the Square

May 9

"It's Greek To Me" Annual Food Festival at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church at Highland and I-40

Delta Nomads perform at Q-Cafe at MGLCC at 7pm

May 23

Book Signing: Triangle Journalist Andrew Cruz signs copies of his work *To Walk Across the Pacific* at 6 p. m. at MGLCC.

May 30

June *Triangle Journal* on the stands

Every Friday

First Congo Films at First Congregational Church at 7 & 9 p.m.

Seriously Sober at Holy Trinity UCC at 8:00 p.m.

Karaoke at One More at 8 p.m.

Drag Show at Crossroads at 11 p.m.

Late Night Beer Bust at Pumping Station at 10 p.m.

Drag Show at Backstreet at midnight.

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May 3

Memphis Farmers' Market celebrates "Cinco de Mayo"

Meeting for MGLCC members on Constitution and Bylaws revisions at 9 a.m. at MGLCC

May 10

"It's Greek To Me" Annual Food Festival at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church at Highland and I-40

Memphis Farmers' Market "Queen Bees"

MGLCC's OutFlix presents "All About Eve" at 8 p.m. at Farris/Johnson residence

May 17

Int'l Day Against Homophobia

Memphis Farmers' Market "Spring into Greens"

Getting the Love You Want Workshop for Gay and Lesbian Couples call 382-0450 for info

Red Room @ Quetzal. 668 Union Ave. at 10 p.m.

May 24

Memphis Farmers' Market "Lettuce Salute You."

Lush Life @ Quetzal 10:00 p.m.

May 31

Memphis Farmers' Market "Cauliflower Dreaming"

Every Third Saturday

Mirror Image Transgender Support Group at Holy Trinity at 7 pm.

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ADULT BOOKSTORES

▼ **Fantasy Warehouse #1:** 791-793 N. White Station ☎ (901) 683-9649

BARS

- ▼ **901 Complex:** 136 Webster St., (901) 357-8383
- ▼ **Backstreet Memphis:** 2018 Court St., (901) 276-5522
- ▼ **Crossroads:** 1278 Jefferson Ave., (901) 272-8801
- ▼ **Lorenz/AfterShock:** 1528 Madison Ave., (901) 274-8272
- ▼ **Metro Memphis:** 1349 Autumn, (901) 274-8010
- ▼ **Nocturnal:** 1588 Madison
- ▼ **One More:** 2117 Peabody, (901) 278-6673
- ▼ **Paragon:** 2865 Walnut Grove, (901) 320-0026
- ▼ **Pumping Station:** 1382 Poplar Ave., (901) 272-7600
- ▼ **The Jungle:** 1474 Madison Ave., (901) 278-0521
- ▼ **Vault,** 529 S. Highland

BOOKS

- ▼ **Borders:** 6685 Poplar Pike
- ▼ **Burke's:** 936 South Cooper
- ▼ **Davis-Kidd:** 387 Perkins Extended
- ▼ **Memphis Public Library** 3030 Poplar

COMMUNITY GROUPS

- ▼ **Adelante:** Support group for GLBT and questioning Hispanic community Contact: adelante@mglcc.org
- ▼ **Blue Suede Bears of Memphis, Inc.:** 41 S. Morrison - www.bluesuedebeards.com
- ▼ **Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere (COLAGE) Memphis:** - colagememphis@yahoo.com - colagememphis.yahoogroups.com
- ▼ **Cotton Pickin' Squares:** Gay/Lesbian square dance club meets Thurs., 7 pm Holy Trinity, 685 S. Highland, (901) 272-2116
- ▼ **4F:** Leather/Levi group, 698 Pope Dr., Bartlett 38112
- ▼ **Friends For Life:** HIV/AIDS service organization - 43 N. Cleveland, (901) 272-0855 - www.friendsforlifecorp.org
- ▼ **Initiative:Fairness** (political committee of the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center) : IF@mglcc.org; www.mglcc.org/IF
- ▼ **Memphis Area Gay Youth (MAGY):** PO Box 241852, Memphis, TN 38124 - (901) 335-MAGY - www.magyonline.org
- ▼ **Memphis Center for Reproductive Health:** 1462 Poplar Ave. - (901) 274-3550
- ▼ **Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center (MGLCC):** 892 S. Cooper St., (901) 278-6422 Web site: www.mglcc.org
- ▼ **Memphis Stonewall Democrats:** P.O. Box 42041, Memphis, TN 38174 -

www.memphisstonewalldemocrats.org - mphsstonewalldem@yahoo.com - (901) 327-2677

▼ **Mid-South Equality:** www.geocities.com/midsouth_equality

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

▼ **Mid-South Pride, Inc.:** Mail to 111 S. Highland Ave., Suite 322, Memphis, TN 38111 - 685 S. Highland, 3rd Floor - (901) 414-2197 - Fax: (901) 592-6635 - info@midsouthpride.org - 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

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

▼ **Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG):** Memphis, TN - (901) 755-1076 - www.pflagmemphis.org - gidrdrake@aol.com

▼ **Parents, Families, & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG):** Jackson, TN 38305 - (901) 664-6614 - burtren@aeneas.com

▼ **PFLAG Oxford/North Mississippi:** Meets the third Thursday of every month. Johnson Commons room 203 (Isom Center) 7 p.m. - (662) 816-2142 - PO Box 2142 Oxford, MS - www.geocities.com/pflag_oxfordnorthms

▼ **Perpetual Transition:** A support and social group for transgender people of all varieties and non-trans allies. - clanham@memphis.edu. - www.groups.yahoo.com/group/perpetualtransition

▼ **Shelby County Committee of Tennessee Equality Project:** shelbycounty@tnequalityproject.com

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

▼ **Tennessee Equality Project** works for the equality of LGBT persons through the establishment of fair and equitable laws. Meets every second Wednesday at 6:30 pm at Quetzal.

▼ **Tennessee Leather Tribe:** Gay men's/women's leather org. 1568 Rolling Hills Dr., Memphis, TN - (901) 357-1921

▼ **Univ. of Miss. Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Association:** GLBA, PO Box 3541, Univ., MS 38677 - (662) 915-7049 - glba@olemiss.edu - www.olemiss.edu/orgs/glba

▼ **UT-Martin ALLIES:** Campus and community. Alternate Weds. 5 p.m. Info 131F Humanities Bldg., Martin, TN 38238 - neilg@utm.edu

COUNSELING SERVICES

- ▼ **Counseling Referral Service:** MGLCC's Confidential Counseling Referral Service - (901) 347-8701
- ▼ **Kent D. Fisher, LPC, MAC:** Experiential

Healing Center, 1713 Lockett Pl. - (901) 372-0710. EMDR, group, individual, couples & family therapy

FOOD, RESTAURANTS, AND COFFEE

- ▼ **Bogie's Delicatessen:** 2098 La Salle Pl. - (901) 272-0022
- ▼ **Buns on the Run:** 2150 Elzey Ave. ☎ (901) 278-2867 Cafe Ole: 959 South Cooper
- ▼ **India Palace:** 1720 Poplar
- ▼ **Java Cabana:** 210 Young
- ▼ **Molly's:** 2006 Madison
- ▼ **Otherlands:** 641 South Cooper
- ▼ **Pie in the Sky:** 2158 Young Avenue
- ▼ **Quetzal:** 668 Union Ave.
- ▼ **Wild Oats:** 522 Poplar

HELP & INFORMATION LINES

- ▼ **Gay & Lesbian Helpline:** 1-888-340-GLBT (Mon.-Fri., 5-10pm, Sat.-Sun., 4-9pm)
- ▼ **Gay & Lesbian Youth Hotline:** 1-800-347-TEEN Mon.-Fri. 5-9 pm (Pacific) Web site: youthtalkline.org
- ▼ **LINC:** (901) 415-2700 ☎ A community informational agency providing information on shelters and senior services
- ▼ **Memphis Sexual Assault Resource Center:** (901) 272-2020
- ▼ **Narcotics Anonymous:** (901) 276-LIVE.
- ▼ **Peer Listening:** Youth-staffed GLBT youth hotline - 1-800-399-PEER - Mon.-Fri. 5-10 pm (Eastern)
- ▼ **Suicide & Crisis Intervention:** (901) 274-7477

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

- ▼ **Dabbles:** 19 North Cooper
- ▼ **Inz and Outz:** 553 South Cooper (901) 728-6535
- ▼ **The Studio:** 629 South Cooper
- ▼ **Paggios Hair Salon:** (901) 274-3944
- ▼ **Video, Movies, and More:** 3125 Poplar

SPIRITUALITY

- ▼ **American Gay Atheists (AGA) Memphis:** Box 41371, Memphis, TN 38174-1371
- ▼ **First Congregational Church:** Worship Service: Sun. 10:30 am • 1000 S. Cooper St. ☎ (901) 278-6786
- ▼ **First Presbyterian Church:** Sun. School, 9:30 am; Coffee & fellowship, 10:30 am; Worship, 11 am • 166 Poplar Ave. - (901) 525-5619
- ▼ **Galloway Church:** www.gallowaychurch.com
- ▼ **Holy Trinity United Church of Christ:** Worship Service: Sun. 11 am; Bible study: Wed. 7 pm - 685 S. Highland - (901) 320-9376 - office@

holyltrinitymemphis.org

▼ **Integrity Memphis:** Meets the 3rd Tues., Healing Service/Eucharist, 6pm; Dinner, 6:30pm; Meeting 7:30pm - c/o Calvary Episcopal Church, 102 N. 2nd - (901) 525-6602

▼ **Living Word Christian Church:** Worship Service Sun. 9:30 am • 1015 S. Cooper - (901) 485-0949 - www.livingwordchristianchurch.net

▼ **Memphis Friends (Quakers):** Sunday 11:00am - 917 S. Cooper - (901) 274-1500 - memphisfriends.org

▼ **Memphis Gay & Lesbian Atheists & Humanists:** (901) 327-2677 - memphisgalah@yahoo.com

▼ **Neshoba Unitarian Universalist Church:** (901) 266-2626

▼ **Open Heart Spiritual Center:** 2489 Broad

▼ **Unity Church of Memphis:** 2570 Kirby Rd. Memphis, TN 38119

SPORTS AND FITNESS

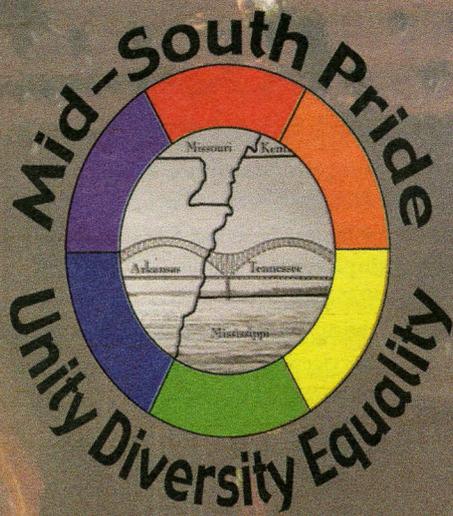
- ▼ **Bluff City Sports Association:** www.bluffcitysports.net
- ▼ **French Riviera Spa:** 3486 Poplar

THEATER

- ▼ **Circuit Playhouse:** 1705 Poplar
- ▼ **Playhouse on the Square:** 51 South Cooper
- ▼ **TheatreWorks** 2085 Monroe

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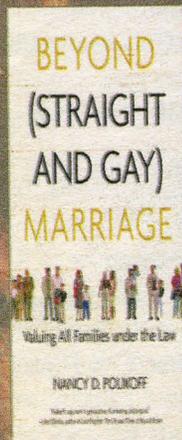
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Nancy D Polikoff the author of the book "Beyond (Straight and Gay) Marriage" will be making a presentaion on "Valuing All Families Under the Law" in todays Modern Society. Event to be Hosted at Holy Trinity United Church of Christ @ 685 S Highland

The Memphis Movie Premieres Of:



Sunday 5:00 PM June 8th

Crossroads and the Blue Suede Bears will be hosting the Kick off party with food, fun, games and a Show!

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www.MidSouthPride.org

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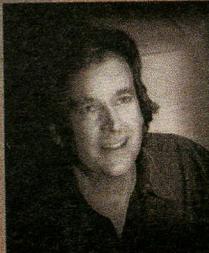
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