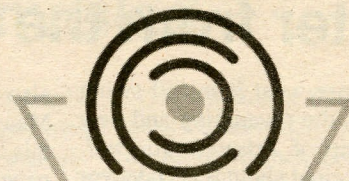


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- M. K. GANDHI -

## Pioneer Fought for Gay and Civil Rights

by Rebekah Hart

Of the thousands of men and women who worked to advance gay and lesbian equal rights post-Stonewall, Bayard Rustin also exerted a strong presence in the gay and lesbian community prior to the Stonewall era. His gay rights efforts grew out of his previous work for civil rights organizations.

Initiating his involvement in the civil rights movement through the outlet of the Communist Party, Rustin began his never-ending role of organizer for non-violent boycotts and marches. Although Rustin ended his involvement with the Communist Party after five years, his participation in the party sparked the fire of his yearning. He stated, "the communists were passionately involved in the civil

rights movement so they were ready-made for me."

Following his involvement with the Communist Party, Rustin began to organize the first March on Washington in 1941. Although the march was intended to be a protest against racial discrimination in the armed forces, the march was called off when Franklin Roosevelt issued the Fair Employment Act.

Rustin lived and breathed the concept of complete equality for all humans. Seeing it as a basic human right, he stated, "Both morally and practically, segregation is to me a basic injustice. Since I believe it to be so, I must attempt to remove it. There are three ways in which one can deal with an injustice. (a) One can accept it without protest. (b) One can seek to avoid it. (c) One can resist the injustice non-vio-

lently. To accept it is to perpetuate it."

Because of his devotion to desegregating America and his success in organizing the Journey of Reconciliation with members of the Congress on Racial Equality (CORE), he was chosen by Martin Luther King to organize the bus boycott in Montgomery, Ala. following Rosa Parks' refusal to relinquish her seat to a white man.

Following his successful involvement and organization of the bus boycott, Rustin became King's primary adviser; together they formed the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

Committed to nonviolence and civil rights, Rustin began organizing his second March on Washington. This march, however, was executed and heralded the involve-

ment of nearly four hundred thousand participants.

Regardless of Rustin's successful involvement in the civil rights movement, his contributions were considered highly controversial

due to three primary concerns voiced by members of the civil rights movement and by those opposing the advancement of African-Americans.

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National Civil Rights Museum representative Barbara Andrews points to Bayard Rustin in a photo displayed at the museum.

## ¡Adelante! Abre las Puertas a la Comunidad Gay Hispana del Medio-Sur

by Felipe Zuvichaux

Memphis, TN—En el Medio-Sur se observa el mayor crecimiento de la población hispana segun estudios de National Council of La Raza (NCLR), la organización representativa hispana más grande de los Estados Unidos. Por eso, actualmente existe una mayor demanda en las comunidades lesbianas, gay, bisexuales y transgénero (LGBT) hispanas por recursos y programas que se enfoquen en temas como educación, orgullo, derechos, igualdad, salud, y otros.

Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center (MGLCC) creó una organización llamada ¡Adelante! con la esperanza de proveer un ambiente seguro para hispanos en el cual fuese posible explorar los

temas mencionados que afectan nuestras vidas cotidianas. Así mismo, como meta ¡Adelante! tiene el establecer una buena relación entre la comunidad local que ofrezca un di- logo acerca de car-cter y semejanzas y no de prejuicio.

Personas LGBT siempre han existido en la cultura hispana pero sólo recientemente han comenzado a vivir vidas más abiertamente, especialmente en Norteamérica y la Comunidad Europea. Por ejemplo, Espaa se sumó el año pasado a ilos países que reconocen a las uniones entre homosexuales los mismos derechos, obligaciones y matrimonios entre hombre y mujerí, seg'n noticias latino.msn.com. A pesar de los acontecimientos en otros países o estados estadounidenses, a n

persisten estereotipos erróneos entre los hispanos en EE.UU sobre personas gay o lesbianas. Un estereotipo, es que los homosexuales ãse hacení o los califica de enfermos mentales a n cuando en 1973 American Psychiatric Association adoptó la posición de remover la homosexualidad como desorden mental y urgió leyes contra ladiscriminación, seg'n [www.psych.org/public\\_info/libr\\_publ/position.cfm](http://www.psych.org/public_info/libr_publ/position.cfm).

Hoy en día, 83% de compañías Fortune 500, como Fedex, Gap, Nike, Autozone, Kraft y Walgreens, tienen la política de no descalificar el empleo a una persona cualquiera que sea su orientación sexual, seg'n Human Rights Campaign (Campaa de ¡Adelanté! continued on pg. 4

## Celebration of Freedom to Marry Week Scheduled

by Jonathan Cole

The documentary film *Tying the Knot* will help launch opposition to the Tennessee Marriage Amendment in the Memphis area.

The Memphis chapter of Integrity, Inc. and Initiative: Fairness (I:F) will serve as hosts to a special Freedom to Marry Celebration at 6 p.m. on Mon., Feb. 13 in McClure Hall at Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church at 1720 Peabody Ave. This event will feature the highly-acclaimed film, *Tying the Knot: The Union That's Dividing America* in addition to offering an opportunity to learn more about organized opposition to the marriage amendment referendum that will appear on Tennessee's November 2006 ballot.

Local Memphians featured in the film will be present to meet those who attend. Admission is free, and refreshments will be provided.

The film highlights the vulnerabilities faced by many gay couples who are without civil

marriage rights in the United States.

From a historical trip to the Middle Ages to activists storming the Manhattan Marriage Bureau in 1971, *Tying the Knot* digs deeply into the past and present to uncover the meaning of civil marriage in America today.

Integrity, Inc. is an advocacy group whose mission is to be a witness of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons in the Episcopal Church and to the world.

I:F, the political committee of the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center, aspires to inform, unite and inspire the Memphis lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered community with a non-partisan and non-threatening environment in order to become politically aware of issues and processes affecting our community.

Donations for I:F will be accepted at this event.

Freedom to Marry week will be celebrated from Feb. 12-18.

Celebrate Freedom to Marry Week  
Feb. 12-18

## Letter from the Editor

The new year is in full swing and so is the revamping and new ownership of *Triangle Journal*. I'm so excited about this endeavor and its connection to the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center.

With a new year, changes are made, old habits are lost and new habits are formed. Not to run a metaphor dry, but the new year will also prove to be transitory for *Triangle Journal* and its content.

Readers will enjoy articles and reviews on businesses and restaurants as well as information on local organizations related to the gay, lesbian and transgendered community. We want to bring the paper back to Memphis—back to the people.

With the beginning of our new adventure, there are so many people to thank. First off I'd like to thank Allen Cook for his guidance, patience and the gift of the newspaper to MGLCC. This paper has been not only a hobby for him, but also a passion. I can only hope that our work can fill his shoes.

In addition, I'd like to thank Holy Trinity for housing our hardware and becoming, more or less, our new home. Special thanks are

also in order for Reverend Tim Meadows for his support during this transition as well as giving the paper a new home.

Finally, I'd like to thank the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center for envisioning this publication, dreaming of its success, and believing in my abilities, regardless of the last-minute issues and problems with which we were faced. Without this cornerstone of safety and communication in Memphis, many of us might have lost hope in fighting the fight.

My hope is that *Triangle Journal* will become your connection to each other, the Memphis community, its organizations and events which take place. Comments, suggestions, story ideas and volunteer writers are always welcome. I can be reached at tj@mglcc.org and will be more than happy to hear from you.

To meet the editor, editorial review board, and members of the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center, feel free to attend our Town Hall Meeting on Sun., Feb. 12 at 3 p.m.

Enjoy!

— Rebekah Hart, Editor

## Triangle Journal — Passing the Torch

By Allen Cook

After 15 years the baby graduated... *Triangle Journal* is back to where it started in the loving arms of a non profit organization.

Over the past several months, a number of people have asked me, "Won't you miss doing it?"

Well, the answer is "yes." I've put together a newspaper for our community every month for almost 26 years. Of course, I will miss doing it. How could I not?

On the other hand, there are benefits. The deadlines are gone (they won't be missed much), the headaches are gone, and I have the side benefits of having an entire extra room in my house and more time to devote to my partner John Stilwell who suffered a stroke a year and a half ago.

I am confident, however, in the people the MGLCC has selected to replace me. They seem well-qualified and anxious to begin. This issue is their first effort at publishing *Triangle Journal*, and we will all see them progress during the coming months. I am acting as a consultant until their routine is established.

As I write this, we're halfway through the weekend prior to publication. It's the time when everything comes together. On the surface it looks pretty chaotic, everyone involved is a little on edge because they all want it to go smoothly. I know from experience, it won't go smoothly but it will get done.

Rebekah Hart is handling the content of the paper as editor and new MGLCC Board Member Jami Griffen and an editorial board will be overseeing the production.

They've been handicapped by a last minute change in personnel.

Originally two people were hired by MGLCC to handle *Triangle Journal* — one to oversee content and the other to do layout. Both were to share all the other tasks involved.

Unfortunately life interferes with our best-laid plans. One of the two dropped out for personal and professional reasons (she got a different day job and found out she is pregnant) leaving Rebekah holding the bag so to speak.

While it's nice to think that it takes several people to replace me, I sincerely believe that *TJN* was at

its best when more than one person was at its helm.

A new office has been established thanks to the generosity of Holy Trinity Community Church, and I think everyone feels comfortable there.

Never one shy of bowing to clichés, sometimes it *does* take a village and our village has responded to the challenges.

As you have no doubt already seen, the banner of the newspaper has changed. MGLCC has dropped "News" from the name of the newspaper — now known simply as *Triangle Journal* — but that doesn't mean that news will be absent from the publication. A subtitle of "The newspaper of the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center" assures us of that.

There will be other changes as well. Some will be subtle, others obvious, but I am confident they will be positive in nature.

In closing, I would like to thank the Memphis rainbow community for trusting in John and me all these years and giving us the opportunity to serve it in ways we both found very rewarding.

### Editorial Policy of *Triangle Journal*

The editorial goal of *Triangle Journal*, the Newspaper of the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center, is to display proudly the contributions of the rainbow community in Memphis and the Mid-south. We are committed to providing information on issues of interest to our community on both the local and national levels.

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## On Aborting Black Babies and Other Musings of the Virtuous

Commentary by Len Piechowski

A few months ago former Secretary of Education and Reagan-era drug czar Bill Bennett amazed a number of citizens by stating that crime rates could plummet by aborting the pregnancies of African-American women. During the fallout that ensued, many individuals scrambled to protect his turn-of-the-century standing as "Czar of Virtues" by stressing the less sensational portion of his musings. Namely, he wasn't necessarily advocating this practice. He was just stating that it could reduce crime. All-righty then!

Through no assertive action on my part, I happen to live in a country where being white has its privileges. The closest I can get to an African-American first-hand experience is recalling my arrival in a far-flung portion of the Guangzhou Province of China in 1995. While walking the streets, I found that I was being stared at; not just by one person, but by practically everyone.

After repeatedly checking my fly, I finally turned to my translator and guide to ask why I was attracting so much attention. He explained that the beautifully-yellowed inhabitants of this area had never seen a white man before. Amazingly, those stares were not

of hatred and suspicion, but of simple curiosity.

An additional positive, but nevertheless complicating, factor in my life is that I was, still am, and apparently always will be, a guy who falls in love with other guys. Although I treasure this fortunate orientation, I will never be able to know exactly what it is to be a guy who falls in love with women and who finds his fulfillment in their arms. Nope. Believe me, not a chance.

I suppose I won't have the opportunity to fully relate to the wonderful straight men that can accept and appreciate me. Nor will I have the opportunity to fully relate to the reactionary white males who envision that solving one of society's ills is accomplishable (but should not be practicable) through systematic pregnancy termination.

I'll just have to be reconciled to that. But there is a part of me that wishes I could get into these other "worlds" and the minds of the people who occupy them, at least for a few minutes. Such abilities might be helpful in fostering understanding and increasing my appreciation of them.

Most people, no matter what world they inhabit, tend to be ethnocentric. This is especially true for me and the people who live with



Len Piechowski

me in my world. I'm comfortable with my opinions and can even get pretty self-righteous about them. For example, I think that people who live in Bennett's world should not be criticized. Instead they should be ignored.

Although I'm rarely completely successful, my value systems prompt me to respect and accept the people who live in the "Land of the Virtuous" while ignoring their sermons.

Why? Because, I think they're hopeless.

It's not that I think that the opinions and practices that the virtuous espouse should be ignored. I just

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# Advice and Consent

Commentary by Will Batts

Recently, America had a chance to witness contentious Senate hearings for Supreme Court nominees John Roberts and Samuel Alito, though most of America was not inclined to watch the proceedings and even fewer were able because the hearings took place during our normal work hours. So, what's the purpose of these hearings? More importantly, why should the public care?

We care because we are Americans. We care because we maintain hope that our government remains strong and in the hands of capable stewards. We're often disappointed in those chosen to represent our interests whether it's in Shelby County, Nashville or Washington. Hope remains nonetheless.

The purpose of these hearings would seem to be a chance for the nominee to respond publicly to questions and concerns that individual senators may have before deciding for whom to vote. The Constitution prescribes that the President will make nominations to the Supreme Court "by and with the advice and consent of the Senate."

Sounds like a good plan.

No one person in our government should have the power to fill such a vital position as Supreme Court judge without some accountability. The framers of the Constitution took pains to ensure that the new government they were forming would not be a monarchy. As we all know from civics class, our form of government has three co-equal branches: the legislative, the judicial and the executive. Each branch has specific responsibilities and specific balances for the other two. Each branch has specific ways in which it can temper and control the more extreme decisions of the others.

When trying to educate people on why it was necessary to ratify the Constitution, three of our founders (Alexander Hamilton, James Madison and John Jay) wrote and distributed the Federalist Papers. Their goal was to garner support by explaining the purpose and need for the various parts of this powerful document. When outlining the need for the Senate to consent to presidential nominations, Alexander Hamilton wrote this:

"To what purpose then require the co-operation of the Senate? I answer, that the necessity of their concurrence would have a powerful, though, in general, a silent operation. It would be an excellent check upon a spirit of favoritism in the President, and would tend greatly to prevent the appointment of unfit characters from State prejudice, from family connection, from personal attachment, or from a view to popularity. In addition to

this, it would be an efficacious source of stability in the administration." (The Federalist Papers, #76, 1788)

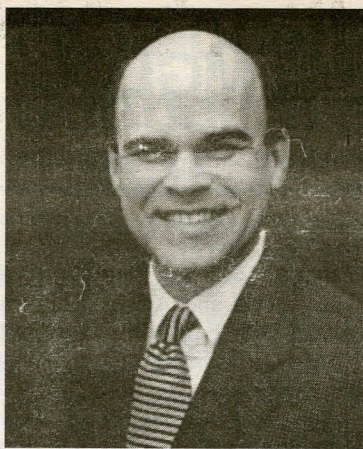
Hamilton goes on to explain that because the president is more inclined to make choices based on personal considerations, he should have a reminder and a control in the form of the Senate's approval. It's a brilliant way to give the power of nomination to one person and the approval process to the larger group. We all know from experience how long it takes for a large group of people to come to consensus. The Senate would never be able to choose a candidate if the power rested with them. In this manner, a nomination can be made quickly by one person with later approval by the larger group. Again, it's an insightful and useful structure. But in order for this to work, each branch must act responsibly.

Unfortunately, we're too far removed from that level of independence. We are moving towards an increasingly monolithic government. Republicans control both houses of Congress and the White House. Someone would find it difficult to claim that America has a balanced government. Remember that Bush has yet to veto a bill.

Only seven presidents have served without vetoing a bill. The last was James Garfield who was elected in 1881 and assassinated a year later. With two of the three branches of government acting almost in unison, how dangerous would it be to have the third filled with men and women singing the same chorus? It is vital to our national strength to have all three branches working in cooperation but not acting from the same narrow view of the world? This makes the advice and consent process extremely important. Our senators must consider the candidates independently and with a solemn resolve to act in the best interests of all of us. We must believe that these senators will consider all viewpoints, ensure the power of the majority will not be used to abrogate the rights of the minorities, and act in good faith in their deliberation.

Most of what we saw and heard in the televised hearings, however, was so scripted or so stridently partisan that any chance for reasonable debate and serious consideration was lost.

We should expect our leaders to think of the Constitution and the people before their political parties and their biggest donors. We should expect better. We should demand better. The responsibility is not theirs alone, however. It is also our task to maintain the balance of power and to protect the ideals of our founders. Hope is not enough. The Constitution, in the very first amendment, allows for



Will Batts

and compels us to petition the government for a redress of grievances. If we expect our elected officials to do their duty, then we must as well. We must speak out when we believe our government is not acting in the best interests of our people or our basic principles. It is our duty to speak out when we don't agree. Nothing is more American than that.

*Will Bates currently serves as a member of the board of directors of MGLCC. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the board of directors of MGLCC, this paper or anyone else except the author himself.*

# Gay Holocaust Memorial Design Unveiled

The design of a memorial dedicated to the thousands of gay men killed in the Holocaust was unveiled recently in Berlin.

The memorial, which is set to be built in the coming weeks, was revealed on the eve of international Holocaust Memorial Day. The design is the first time the German capital has an official memorial to gay victims of Nazi persecution, although memorials are already established in Amsterdam and San Francisco.

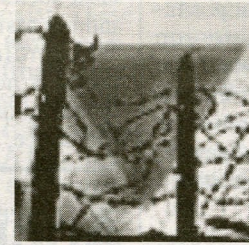
The German parliament approved the memorial in 2003 and a spokesperson said the construction would begin "as soon as possible," according to press reports. The memorial is a concrete slab that will show a video inside. It is likely to be situated close to the recently unveiled memorial to the Jewish victims of Nazi persecution.

The theme of this year's Holocaust Memorial Day was to remember those who helped rescue people from genocides, primarily in the Second World War, but also in other mass genocides since.

The true number of gay men killed during the Nazi "final solution" is not known, since laws forbidding homosexuality were kept in Germany long after World War II ended.

An estimated 15,000 gay men were sent to concentration camps during the Nazi era, but some believe as many as 600,000 could have been killed.

Unlike other groups, the ongoing stigma facing survivors of the camps meant few survivors came forward to tell their stories. Those who did spoke of torture, beatings and many of those convicted being mauled by dogs.



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Derechos Humanos).

En el año 2006, ¡Adelante! abre las puertas de entendimiento para cualquiera que desee tener conocimiento de la comunidad gay e hispana.

Preguntas específicas sobre el contenido de este artículo, por favor, póngase en contacto con Felipe, Presidente de ¡Adelante!, o Susana por correo electrónico a [Adelante@mglcc.org](mailto:Adelante@mglcc.org) o visite Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 892 S. Cooper Street, Memphis, TN 38104



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## Salsa Dancing at MGLCC

As a cross-cultural outreach, Adelante!, the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center's Hispanic organization, offered salsa dancing at the MGLCC's Cafe Q on January 20, 2006.

Participants lined up to learn salsa suelta with Imelda LaChica and her assistants.

According to Imelda, Salsa Suelta is not only a great way to "promote diversity through music and dance," but it also places an

"emphasis on step routines combined with an imaginative variety of gestures and moves that can be learned as you go."

Salsa dance is a distillation of many Latin and Afro-Caribbean dances that has been embraced more and more by dance lovers everywhere.

Anyone who would like to sway their hips to salsa suelta should stop by MGLCC on Feb. 17, at 6 p.m.



Dancers try to stay on step during Salsa night at the MGLCC

## Ancient Egypt's First Gay Kiss Secret?

Two Pharaonic manicurists buried affectionately together 4,000 years ago could be history's first same-sex couple, Egyptologists say.

Egypt's ancient tombs could hold the secret to the world's first gay kiss, according to Egyptologists, who believe that one tomb might have held the world's first recorded same-sex couple.

The 4,000-year-old tomb in Sakkara, near Cairo, was discovered in 1964. It was first thought that the two men buried inside may have been twins; its carvings depict the two men together.

However, new scholarship unveiled at a Swansea University conference recently in Wales suggests that the paintings lining the tomb point to a more romantic relationship.

The pictures show the two men kissing and touching noses, the most intimate form of greeting in Egyptian times. The men, Niankhkhnum and Khnumhotep, were always linked together in the images, despite both being married with families. They shared job titles — both were chief manicurists to King Niuserre of Egypt's Fifth Dynasty. They even labeled their tomb entrance in a

way that joins their names as one, according to Egyptologist Greg Reeder.

Leading experts told the Dec. 19-20 conference that a gay relationship was "probable," although nobody could be sure.

Reeder, who has spent several years studying the tomb, said the

images of the men showed the figures posed in the same way husbands and wives were.

"We can only say for certain that the carvings show a profound intimacy between the two men, and the people who built the tomb were possibly unsure how to portray this," Reeder said.

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## Softball Season Approaching

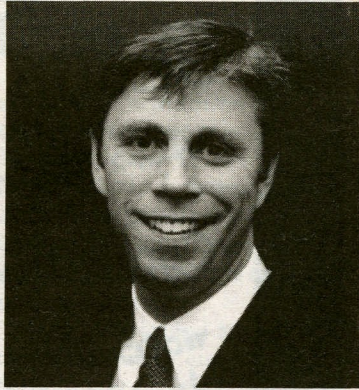
by Chris Haskins

The softball season is just around the corner! After the Bluff City Sports Association's first softball meeting on Jan. 9, there was the glimmer of excitement in the eyes of those who attended. Although the association is in the early stages of planning the starting date for games, this is the time to get involved.

For the softball junkies in the tri-state area, Bluff City Sports is part of a national softball league called NAGAAA (North American Gay Amateur Athletic Association). Its member cities host softball tournaments across the country.

Tournaments that have already peaked interest in the league include the Southern Shootout, which will be held in Birmingham over Easter weekend, and the North Star Classic in Minneapolis over Memorial Day weekend.

For more information visit the Bluff City Sports Association's



Chris Haskins

website at bluffcity-sports.net and see the events occurring within the league. In addition to updating fanatics on league fundraisers, recruiting nights and league sponsors, it also offers contact information for league representatives who can assist in signing up players wishing to start personal teams.

The league is always looking to expand and become a stronger and more positive influence in the gay and lesbian community.

## Ft. Lauderdale to Host Gay Softball World Series

Associated Press

During the week of Aug. 13-19, 2006, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., is scheduled to host the 30th Gay Softball World Series (GSWS), also known as Series 2006. The host for this year's tournament is the South Florida Amateur Athletic Association. This annual weeklong tournament crowns the champions in seven divisions of softball play which make up the North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance (NAGAAA).

NAGAAA is a nonprofit, international organization comprised of men and women dedicated to promoting amateur athletics for the gay community. Created in 1977, NAGAAA was formed to encourage the participation of gay men and women in organized softball competitions. Since its inception, NAGAAA has grown to 35 member cities representing some 40 gay softball leagues

throughout the United States and Canada. NAGAAA currently has two divisions of softball play: Open and Women's.

Within the Open Division, there are four subdivisions (or levels) of play. For the women's division three levels exist. These subdivisions pertain to the competitive level of softball play. Each year, a different member city plays host to the annual GSWS. The NAGAAA Gay Softball World Series is the largest-attended annual gay event of its kind worldwide.

But before Series 2006 rolls out in August, there's the "business" of gay softball. This year,

the Winter Meetings of NAGAAA will take place Friday through Sunday, Feb. 10-12, at the Westin Fort Lauderdale—the host hotel for Series 2006. These meetings (which usually take place in the host city in February) are held to set up the rules and criteria for organized gay softball and are attended by representatives from the various NAGAAA member gay softball leagues. This year's Winter Meetings will include discussion on the following: (1) a status update on the condition of the playing fields as a result of Hurricane Rita, (2) corporate sponsorship, (3) the Hall

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## MGLCC Night at the FedExForum See Grizzlies Win

by Chris Haskins

Jan. 10 was a very special night at the FedExForum. Representatives of the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center enjoyed a night of fun, fellowship, laughter and Memphis Grizzlies basketball.

Festivities tipped-off at 7 p.m. The crowd at the FedExForum was uneasy early in the game as the Sacramento Kings took a 12-point lead. At the start of the second quarter, shortly after the scoreboard announced that the Forum was playing host to the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center, the Grizzlies mounted what was to be an impressive and highly ironic comeback.

Led by three of the Community

Center's favorites: Pau Gasol, Shane Battier and Hakeem Warwick, the Grizzlies found themselves with a half-time lead. At the start of the third quarter, the crowd's intensity had risen to a new level. The Grizzlies went on a scoring run that ended in a comfortable lead that was never relinquished.

Not only did the Grizzlies' win cap off an already wonderful evening, but it also made those in attendance appreciate the efforts it took to plan an event that provided our community with a chance to represent itself on a very public stage.

The Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center's board members Will Batts and Len Piechowski planned the event.

For those who passed on the opportunity, a fun night of "family" fellowship was missed. The community center board hopes this will be the first of many events to come in the future that will unite and strengthen the community.

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# Tribal Court Sides with Wedded Lesbians

Associated Press

Two Cherokee women in Oklahoma have won their latest battle over recognition of their marriage before the Cherokee Nation's highest court, but questions remain about the official status of the marriage.

In a ruling dated Dec. 22, the Judicial Appeals Tribunal dismissed an injunction requested by members of the Cherokee Nation Tribal Council, citing their lack of legal standing to block the nuptials of Dawn McKinley and Kathy Reynolds.

"In other lawsuits, this court has dismissed cases brought by private citizens because they failed to demonstrate individualize harm required for standing," the dismissal

noted.

In August 2005, the Judicial Appeals Tribunal ruled that a local attorney, Todd Hembree, also lacked standing to intervene in the case of McKinley and Reynolds, who obtained a legal marriage certificate from tribal authorities in May 2004.

Hembree had challenged the marriage before the women could register their union with a lower tribal court clerk.

After the August court decision, nine of the 15 tribal council members filed an injunction to block the couple from trying to file their certificate.

In denying the injunction, the three justices cited the Hembree lawsuit, observing that he had "argued that his reputation would be injured if (McKinley and Reynolds) were allowed to marry."

However, the justices concluded, "Members of the tribal council, like private Cherokee citizens, must demonstrate a particularized harm. In the present case, the council members fail to demonstrate the requisite harm."

"We are relieved by the court's ruling," said Reynolds.

"Dawn and I are private people, and we simply wish to live our lives

in peace and quiet, just as other married couples are permitted to do. We are grateful to the court for applying the law fairly and for protecting our privacy and our rights as equal citizens of the Cherokee Nation."

The couple was represented by Lena Ayoub, a staff attorney for the National Center for Lesbian Rights.

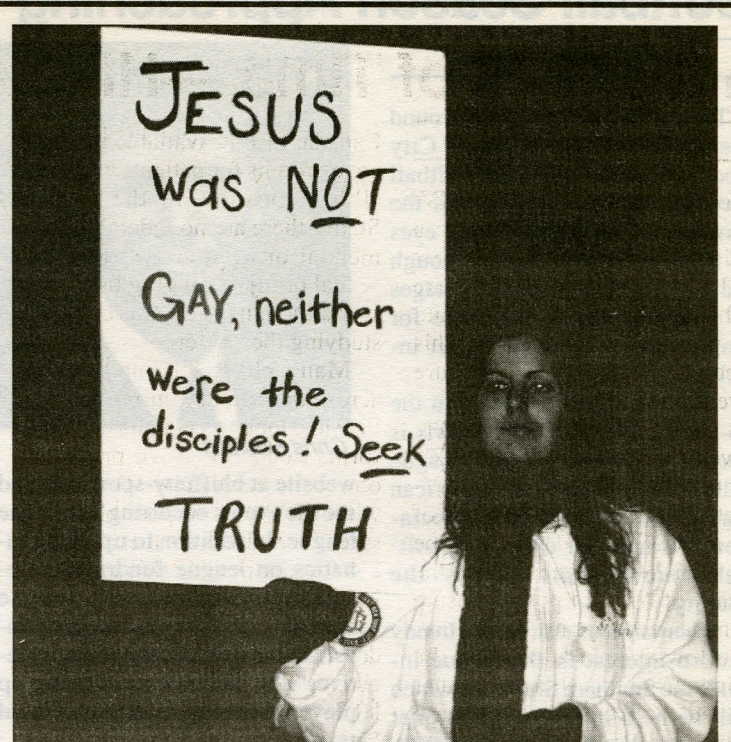
"The court held that legislators must demonstrate a specific, individualized harm in order to challenge the validity of a person's marriage, regardless of whether the marriage is between different-sex or same-sex couples," Ayoub said.

Mike Miller, a spokesman for the Cherokee Nation, said the ruling does not mean the couple's marriage is recognized.

"Under Cherokee Nation law we don't have marriage licenses; we have marriage certificates. Since this ruling, no one has asked to have that certificate certified."

Ayoub disagreed with Miller, saying, "Our position is that they are married. Their marriage has not been validated. It is my understanding that the final step is to have it filed by the clerk."

Ayoub admitted there are no plans to accomplish that filing. "We are exploring our legal options at this time," she said.



A demonstrator, who declined to give her name, protested with others outside of Theatreworks where the controversial play *Corpus Christi* was being staged. She stated that they were not protesting homosexuality, simply "the distortion of the scriptures" that portray Jesus as gay.

She stated they were not representing any church, but that as individuals they felt the play is blasphemous.

*Corpus Christi* was performed at Theatreworks from Feb. 17-29.

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## Gene Shalit Regrets *Brokeback* Comment

PanetOut Network

A gay media watchdog group said that film critic Gene Shalit has expressed regret over comments he made about *Brokeback Mountain*

during a *Today* show appearance in early January.

In his review of the film, which follows a two-decade romance between two cowboys, Shalit called the character of Jack a "sexual predator" who "tracks Ennis down and coaxes him into sporadic trysts."

The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation accused him of inciting homophobia with his comments, which aired Jan. 5, and demanded an apology.

On Jan 10, GLAAD said it received a statement from Shalit, saying, "In describing the behavior of 'Jack' I used words ('sexual preda-

tor') that I now discover have angered, agitated, and hurt many people. I did not intend to use a word that many in the gay community consider incendiary. . . . I certainly had no intention of casting aspersions on anyone in the gay community or on the community itself. I regret any emotional hurt that may have resulted from my review of *Brokeback Mountain*."

Shalit's gay son, Peter, criticized GLAAD's alarm over his father's comments in a letter that was posted on Advocate.com.

"He may have had an unpopular opinion of a movie that is important to the gay community, but he

defamed no one, and he is not a homophobe," the younger Shalit wrote of his father.

Shalit is one of the nation's best-known film critics and one of the few to criticize the film. *Brokeback Mountain* received widespread acclaim after opening in December, as well as dozens of honors, a Golden Globe and an Academy Award nomination on Jan. 31.

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# In the Nick of Time —HIV and Post-Exposure Prevention

by Dr. Martin Acree

For people not infected by HIV, but exposed to it, there may be a window of opportunity in the first few hours or days after exposure in which highly active drugs could help prevent HIV infection. This concept is called Post-Exposure Prevention (PEP).

A study of health care workers showed that treatment with AZT after needlestick exposure to HIV-infected blood reduced the odds of HIV infections by 81 percent. The study was not designed to test the efficacy of AZT for post-exposure treatment and has some limitations.

Following consultations, the findings from this study and other data led the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to recommend post-exposure prevention for some health care workers who are accidentally exposed to HIV-infected body fluids. Since PEP is recommended for health care workers, it is only logical that PEP be at least considered for people exposed to HIV through sex or injection drug use, especially since these are more common sources of HIV infection.

Internationally, many countries are moving ahead with PEP. In France, the Secretary of State for Health announced in August that PEP would be made available to all accidental exposures to HIV, whether occupational, sexual or injection. In British Columbia,

Canada, PEP is available in emergency rooms for patients with possible exposure. In the United States, there are no federal recommendations governing PEP for sexual or injection drug use exposure although the CDC is currently studying the matter.

Many physicians and clinics across the country currently offer PEP in widely varying forms. Most forms of PEP involve providing one or several anti-HIV drugs within 72 hours of possible exposure. These drugs are then taken for a 4-6 week period. Before PEP is implemented, a thorough risk assessment should be conducted to determine a patient's level and frequency of risk-taking, as well as the HIV status of the patient's partner. Patients should be informed of the potential side effects and difficulty taking the drugs and should be assisted to develop strategies to successfully take the drugs as prescribed. Partner notification and counseling can be part of a PEP program.

Keep in mind that no one knows for sure whether PEP works or not. The idea of providing potent anti-HIV drugs to prevent infection makes sense biologically, but some people believe the study of health care workers and AZT is not definitive, and there have been no studies on PEP for sexual or injection exposure. The potency of the new anti-HIV drugs, however, is a compelling, if unproven, reason to offer PEP treatment after exposure

to a life-threatening disease.

If effective, the biggest advantage would be possibly preventing an HIV infection but even if not, PEP may allow the opportunity to reach and counsel people at high risk for HIV that might not have sought assistance otherwise. This could include helping them develop skills for avoiding future exposure to HIV and serve as a bridge between prevention and treatment similar to other sexually transmitted diseases.

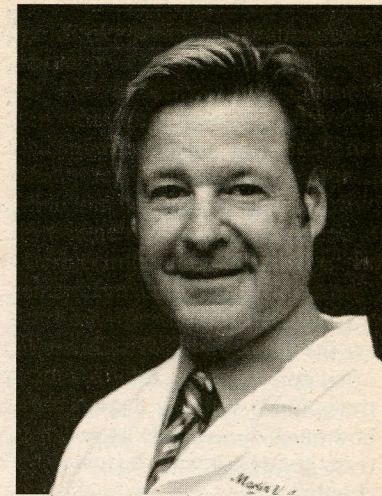
Of course, there are many disadvantages of PEP as well. One of the biggest fears about PEP is that people will return to unsafe sexual and drug using practices if they believe that PEP will prevent them from becoming infected. There is some evidence that treatment advances, including PEP, may be leading to increasing incidence of unsafe sex in the U.S. For example, rates of gonorrhea among men who have sex with men have recently increased for the first time since the early 1980s.

Another fear is that misuse of PEP drug therapies may cause a person to develop a resistant strain of HIV. If PEP drug therapy is unsuccessful and a person does develop a drug-resistant virus, the new anti-HIV drugs may not be as effective for treating that person. This can occur not only with PEP, but with any combination therapy treatment. PEP regimens can be both complicated and prohibitively expensive to follow. PEP drugs need to be taken on a strict and regular schedule.

Side effects of the drugs can be severe and debilitating, and long-term effects are still unknown. A typical dosage for four weeks can cost more than \$1,000.00 including the blood tests and clinic visits. There is no certainty whether insurance would cover such therapy for prevention or not. Prescribing PEP can be a complicated decision for clinicians, and should be done on an individual basis. Many believe that a person with a single case of unprotected sexual or needle-related exposure to an HIV-positive partner would be a good candidate for PEP.

However, providing PEP repeatedly to a person with ongoing high-risk behavior may cause disinhibition for unsafe sex and could be toxic. No one expects PEP to be 100 percent effective. No prevention is 100 percent effective for any medical condition, whether it be HIV, unwanted pregnancy or cancer. The best prevention effort requires a "myriad of imperfect, cumulatively effective interventions." A comprehensive HIV prevention strategy uses many elements to protect as many people at risk for HIV as possible. PEP does not take the place of abstinence or consistently practicing safer sex, but it may offer the opportunity to expand the range of prevention activities, thereby expanding the possibility of saving lives.

At present there is no effective vaccine against HIV and, although



Dr. Martin Acree

there are excellent drug regimens available to treat and control HIV, there is still no cure for AIDS. Therefore, prevention remains the most effective way to halt the epidemic. The best way to avoid HIV infection is to avoid exposure in the first place through sexual abstinence, having only uninfected sex partners, consistent condom use, injection drug use abstinence, and consistent use of sterile injection equipment.

However, recently we have learned a lot about treating HIV and understanding the progression of HIV disease. HIV drugs used in combination have been extremely effective in reducing the levels of HIV in the blood and restoring health to many patients.

## Feast For Friends Returns to St. John's United Methodist Church

Friends For Life's popular Feast For Friends will be returning to St. John's United Methodist Church on Mon., Feb. 6. The church is located at 1207 Peabody (the corner of Peabody and Bellevue). Doors open at 6 p.m. for appetizers and dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. For the last nine months the twice monthly congregational meal for people with HIV/AIDS and their caregivers was held at First Congregational Church while renovations were being completed to the fellowship hall at St. John's.

Kim Moss, executive director of Friends For Life, says "There is no way we can express our gratitude to First Congo for its support of this program as well as Friends For Life

in general." Feast For Friends, a free congregational meal program, is popular among volunteers, as well as persons with HIV/AIDS. Volunteers serve dinner to persons with HIV/AIDS twice each month (first and third Mondays). Entertainment, excellent food and good friends keep people coming back to the Feast For Friends dinner once they visit for the first time. This program is one of

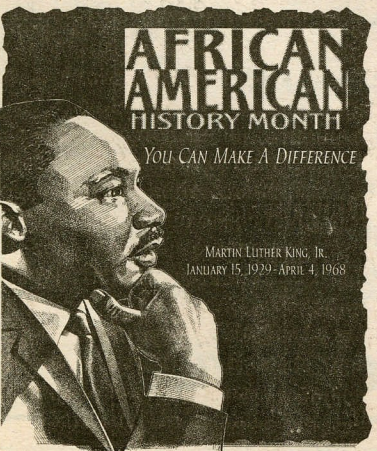
many that enhances Friends For Life's mission to help people affected by HIV/AIDS live well.

The meal is a full-course dinner beginning with hors d'oeuvres and punch with salad, an entrée and dessert following. The success of this program is due mostly to the fantastic volunteers who provide all of the food and serve the guests. Glenn Jones, a longtime volunteer is the

head chef and Martha Bowers, who has been with Feast For Friends from the very first dinner are the stars of the show. Mrs. Bower Additional volunteers come from Hands on Memphis and Volunteer Memphis. Friends For Life is always seeking new volunteers for this and other programs. For more information visit its Website at [www.friendsforlifecorp.org](http://www.friendsforlifecorp.org) or call

901-272-0855 and ask for Sandra Palazolo.

Friends For Life is the oldest and most comprehensive HIV/AIDS service organization in the Mid-South area and has a client base of 1,500 persons infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. 85 percent of its clients are African-American and 40 percent are women, many single mothers with children.



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# For the Bois

by Rebekah Hart

Imagine: You know exactly who you are. But in order to show your gender and sexuality to the rest of the world, you must suffer through therapy for approximately one year and wait for another human being to define you mentally "stable" in order to begin the metamorphosis of becoming a different gender.

Living in the queer world, these are the dilemmas and triumphs we often don't hear about, and sometimes don't want to discuss. But how much do we really know about transgendered and transsexual people?

I'll be the first to admit that I barely knew anything about the "T" aspect of GLBTQ (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer) except for the normal information spat out during my four-year stint in the Gender and Sexuality pro-

gram in college. But that never answers all the questions. And it certainly doesn't provide first-hand experience simply by watching *The Branden Tina Story*.

When I first met Jestyn Atreyu, it was at a local bar. I was amazed at her ability to simply walk in the bar by herself and do whatever she wanted, no questions asked. I approached her with the intent of writing an opinion article on lack of confidence in the lesbian world. I wanted to know what gave her that extra "umph" that others might lack.

When I met her for the interview, however, the first words out of her mouth were, "When you write this article, could you please use 'he'?"

Scratch my original article, eh?

Everyone in the gay and lesbian community comes out at some point in time, whether we want to or not. But Mr. Atreyu was forced to come out twice in his life. First, coming out as a lesbian at age 17 to a mother who instead thought

he was pregnant. Then once again at age 22 as transgendered.

The switch from his birth name, Jennifer, to his taken name, Jestyn Atreyu, occurred when he realized the strength, virility and heroism in the character Atreyu from the film *The Never-Ending Story*. An important woman in Jestyn's life helped choose the name and convinced him that he, too, could be a loving yet strong man. A name was born, and so was Jestyn.

Jestyn didn't "always know" like some people have inherently known since birth that they were gay or identified themselves differently in gender. After stuffing pound puppies down his pants, writing love letters to girls in high school using the pseudonym "Jordyn" and being mistaken for a boy at girls basketball games, Jestyn began to realize the pattern. He then met his new best friend, a female-to-male transgendered person. The pro-

verbial light bulb went off, and Jestyn began to realize that she was normal. And exactly what it meant.

Being transgendered, according to Jestyn, requires a flexibility when it comes to loving. In a sense, he considers himself almost bisexual in nature. But then again, he says, "I'm not straight and I'm not a lesbian. I'm just a lover of women."

Although dating doesn't come easy, he's straightforward from the beginning. "If women don't like my chest, then they obviously don't like me for who I am."

But is being transgendered or transsexual the new gay? Now that being gay and lesbian is no longer considered a shocker and is considered somewhat mainstream, have transgendered people become the next human rights campaign?

Although more people are coming out as transgendered, it hasn't

won the popularity contest. But then again, who in the gay community aside from Will and Grace has won the popularity contest?

Jestyn has placed upon himself the responsibility of teaching the Memphis community and world at large. In addition to his Myspace blog, "For the Bois," which houses information and other links to learn about transgendered people, he also organized drag king shows with a friend. Through these outlets and other transgendered groups, several people have thanked Jestyn for his contributions, as well as for helping them identify their own struggles with being transgendered.

Jestyn's story is simply one of many. For more information, visit [transgendercare.com](http://transgendercare.com). For a support group in the Memphis area, email the University of Memphis Stonewall Tigers at [stonewalltigers@yahoo.com](mailto:stonewalltigers@yahoo.com)

## Group Irked at 'Gender Confusion' Barbie

Associated Press

The Concerned Women for America urge a boycott of Mattel because Barbie's website, in asking kids their gender, had an option "I don't know."

A right-wing Christian group warns that Barbie is not just a

child's toy, but also a tool for the "transgender movement."

The Concerned Women for America, an activist U.S. group that says it "promotes biblical values," made the claims Dec. 30 after seeing a poll on the doll's website, which asked users whether they were "a boy," "a girl" or "I don't know."

The group says the toy's manufacturer, Mattel, has "overstepped a line," accusing it of joining forces with the "transgender movement."

However, the manufacturer said the reason for the neutral answer was more to do with human error than anything sinister.

Lauren Bruksch, a spokeswoman for Mattel, told ABC news that the inclusion was an oversight, since on all online polls the company tries to include a neutral answer for younger children.

In this case, the correct answer offered by the site should have been "I don't want to say," Bruksch said. However, Concerned Women for America has urged its members to boycott Barbie and other Mattel products in light of what group spokesman Bob Knight called the "very dangerous" issue.

The Barbie flap comes three months after the right-wing American Family Association and the Pro-Life Action League threatened to boycott Mattel over its American Girl dolls. Some of the dolls were involved in a promotion for Girls Inc., a nonprofit group that promotes leadership and self-esteem among young girls. Girls Inc. also supports abortion rights and acceptance of lesbians, to the dismay of the right-wing activist groups.

## Lavender University Holds Transgender Forum

by Erin Kay

On Tues., Jan. 17, the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center (MGLCC) held a Lavender University Transgender Forum.

The forum was the first of many Lavender University diversity awareness events to come at MGLCC. Seven speakers representing the transgendered community were present.

Robin Yow, a MGLCC board member, pointed out that there has been an apparent gap between the gay, lesbian and bisexual part of the community and the transgender part of the community in the past. The Lavender University Transgender Forum was an attempt at bridging this gap.

The forum was interactive, allowing the audience to ask questions and receive responses on any of the topics discussed.

Issues that transgendered people are faced with, including legal name changes, surgery options, hormonal treatment and preferred pronouns, were discussed at the forum.

While hormones are considered

a necessity in the gender transition, a simple pronoun change is enough for others.

One issue, however, that remained of prominent discussion was the definition of transgender.

While some members of the transgendered community prefer the term "transgender," some feel that defining themselves as gender queer or transsexual is more relevant.

Other topics discussed included the emotional costs and aspects of coming out as trans, as well as the reactions from family, friends, the gay community and the community at large.

"MGLCC is committed to promoting an understanding of the diversity within our community. By having regular forums concerning topics such as transgender awareness we are doing just that," says Yow.

Yow encourages members of the community to view the MGLCC website, [www.mglcc.org](http://www.mglcc.org), for upcoming diversity awareness events because, as Yow states, "Knowledge spreads understanding, which leads to acceptance and equality."

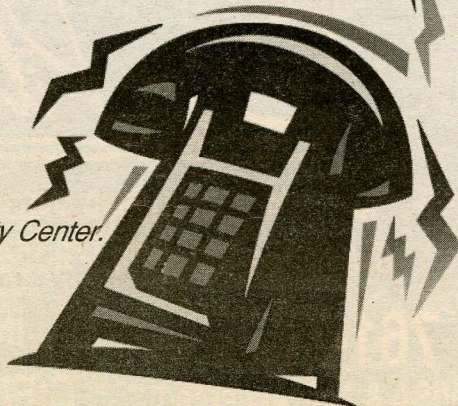
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# Headline

by Rebekah Hart

In celebration of Black History month, *Triangle Journal* Editor Rebekah Hart, Editorial Review Board Member Jami Griffen, and Initiate:Fairness director Tommy Simmons were able to interview the Director of Curatorial Services at the National Civil Rights Museum, Barbara Andrews.

Of primary interest during the interview was the connection between the civil rights movement and the gay rights movement. To Andrews, there is no apparent difference.

"Human rights are an issue for all," she states. "There aren't many differences (between the various causes), but people don't necessarily accept them."

Though gay rights and women's rights had seemingly attached themselves to the civil rights movement, Andrews believes that courage, commitment and determination are necessary tools in order for human rights ideals to become widely accepted.

Like Martin Luther King, she feels to fully realize one's vision, he or she will risk his or her job, livelihood and sometimes even family. A person's passion in achieving his goal requires sacrifice and dedication. The impediments left behind, therefore, become an unspoken identity in bettering the lives of others.

While Andrews believes that human rights issues have reached a peak, there are still many battles to win. "America is still on the fence about things. People don't understand 'human rights.' They know of their own agenda regarding the matter, but they rarely see the broader picture," she explained.

Noting lack of education and cultural experience Andrews says there are still many walls to climb before teaching the community about the true sense of the words "human rights."

How? Andrews suggests that leaders achieve a feeling of having a community within the battle. By striving for a creation of the true sense of community, leaders will

project their passion, dedication, and commitment to those involved, thereby uplifting the community and morale during the hardships faced.

As an example of how this was achieved, Andrews points to Bayard Rustin and his involvement with the civil rights movement, although openly gay while working for a Christian-based non-violent organization towards equal rights. Andrews urges the community to note how the civil rights leaders faced what seemed to be an oxymoron.

Rather than limiting Rustin's involvement, they instead viewed his homosexuality in an unbiased manner in order to make the change necessary in protecting gays and lesbians. By doing so, they were able to empower the people to push the frontier for gay rights.

With this sense of community, "humankind and the brotherhood" began to understand the struggles, even though the sentiments of the time didn't allow complete acceptance.

## MAGY Celebrates 10th Anniversary

by Russ Boyd

Memphis Area Gay Youth (MAGY) recently celebrated 10 years of providing support and advocacy for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning (GLBTQ) youth. The nonprofit organization, comprised of youth between the ages of 13-20 and committed adult "advisors," offers acceptance and support by sending the message: "You are not alone!"

Over the course of MAGY's history in the Memphis community, hundreds of GLBTQ youth have found a safe place to talk about their lives and connect with teens and adults who care. The group gathers every Friday night for a meeting that centers on a program typically led by adults (called

"MAGY Advisors") with opportunity for peer discussion. Recent topics include coming out, dealing with family, suicide prevention, healthy dating, HIV/STD education, religion and same-sex marriage. In addition to these weekly meetings, MAGY provides a 24-hour phone line for group information, referral services, volunteer opportunities, safe social activities and educational resources.

Karen Borth serves as one of 10 MAGY advisors and is known to many as the "MAGY Mom." She has worked with the group since its founding in 1995 and has helped shape the organization over the years.

"We started the group after two high school students came to the Stonewall Tigers (formerly known

as BGALA) after experiencing harassment at school," says Borth. "I had just completed research with the university that made me aware of the high rate of suicide among gay teens, and so I committed to help several Stonewall members create an organization to address the problem."

That core group of adults and two youth have grown over the years and weekly meetings sometimes draw more than 50 youth.

One of MAGY's major goals is to effectively get information about the group to teens who need it. If you would like to refer someone to MAGY, find ways to assist the organization, or simply get more information, visit [www.magyonline.org](http://www.magyonline.org) or call 901-335-MAGY.

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Though no longer involved with the Communist Party, his past ties with the organization were considered taboo. In addition to this aspect of the smear campaign, some participants of the Civil Rights Movement were also wary of Rustin's involvement because of refusing to fight for the armed forces in World War II. To top off what his adversaries would consider shameful, he was openly gay.

To which direction did the smear campaign turn? His homosexuality, of course.

J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, hired an undercover agent in order

to follow Rustin. The agent's results produced photos of Rustin speaking to King while taking a bath.

Although Rustin was neither intimate nor naked with King, Hoover claimed that the two were engaged in a homosexual act and were also in a relationship.

Following King's death, Rustin became highly valued by the trade union movement and a new civil rights organization, the Philip Randolph Institute. Up until 1979, Rustin worked closely with Randolph on improving African-American related issues following the Civil Rights Movement reigned by Dr. King.

During his final years, Rustin expanded his equal rights agenda to include protesting the Vietnam

War. In addition, he found it imperative that he begin fighting for himself—that is, his right to sexual freedom and liberation. The gay rights movement became the crux of his fight, and although he was only able to fight the gay fight for a few years, his statement in 1986 concerning the civil rights movement and its relation to the gay rights movement "The barometer of where one is on human rights questions is no longer the black community, it's the gay community. Because it is the community which is most easily mistreated."

It is because of Bayard Rustin's capability to successfully juggle both hierarchy of oppression and interlocking systems of domination that he remains the gay community's unsung hero.

## BGALA Changes Name

by Rebekah Hart

The University of Memphis' students for Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Awareness (BGALA) recently changed its name to Stonewall Tigers.

Robin Yow, president of the campus organization, stated that the name change was imperative in order to avoid exclusivity within the organization.

"The name, BGALA, is not inclusive of everyone the organization serves, such as transgender, queer and straight people. What provoked it was... the transgender community and straight supporters on campus," stated Yow. "The vice president and I continuously heard students say, 'I didn't know straight people could join,' she finished.

Within the next few months, Yow states that the organization will focus on educating themselves and the Memphis community on the significance of Stonewall and its relation to the campus organization.

Members of Stonewall Tigers expect that the name change will

not only increase membership drastically due to the new, all-inclusive name, but also provide an opportunity to promote equality and unity among students at the University of Memphis campus. Yow also suspects that the name change will better promote the group's purpose in a more positive light.

"For the next few years we envision our campus becoming more educated about GLBTQ rights and what it means to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, straight and any other identity people have," Yow explained.

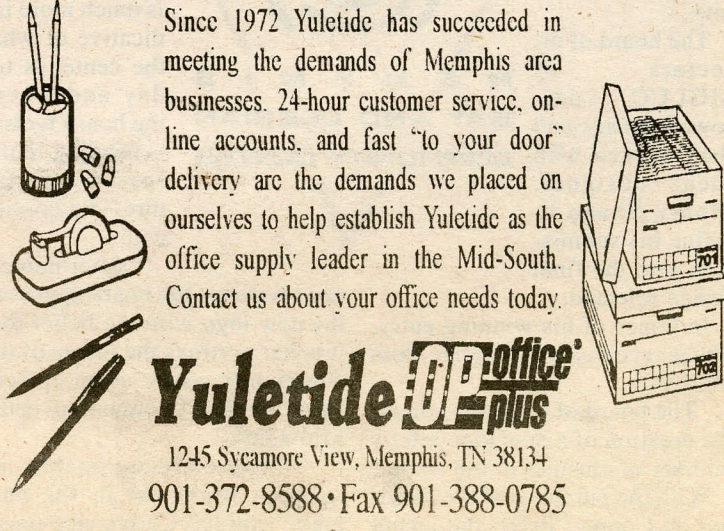
The Stonewall Tigers have several events slated for the month of February. On Tues., Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. the organization will host a Sex Education Forum with a guest speaker. On Thurs., Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. the Stonewall Tigers will hold an AIDS Forum with several guest speakers and on Wed., Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. they will show a documentary about the Stonewall riots.

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# The GLBT Press in Memphis' 30 Years of Printing and Counting

by Vincent Astor

If a person takes on the task of creating, providing or editing any periodical, it can prove at the least a chore, at best a shining contribution, and at all times a major part of life. It never ends—it simply begins all over again a few minutes after the completed papers are delivered. Expect to be popular. Expect to be very unpopular. Expect much praise and more criticism. Do it as long as it's enjoyable and then do it a little longer because it serves a good purpose. Then pass it on; if it's viable, other hands will take over. You will then be an indisputable part of our history that is widely accessible, and you can tell all your critics to take a flying leap.

30 years of printing? That is correct. Memphis' first gay journal was initially published in July of 1975.

Memphis too had an early chronicle. It was named *Gaiety* and its purpose was, in the words of editor Gary Poe, "... *Gaiety* can raise the consciousness of the Memphis and Mid-South gay. *Gaiety* offers a source of information... a forum for expression... an awareness of what we are... it's a newspaper that accepts; it doesn't criticize or belittle us for being homosexual." It also cost 35 cents.

It was significant that the front page of *Gaiety*, Vol. 1, No. 1, contained an ad about national Gay

Pride Week, 1975. It also contained the usual personal ads, horoscopes, news, bar ads, health advice and a list of Mid-South night spots.

News followed month after month: a gay bashing on Engineer's Beach in Arkansas, a drag benefit for the new Suicide and Crisis Intervention Center, harassment and arrest of drag queens and the later dropping of the charges. The Rain Check lounge was destroyed by arson and the story was followed up to the point that the defendants skipped town. A Mystic Krewe of Apollo was formed here and Memphis' first Gay Pride celebration was held in Overton Park.

One issue announced the formation of the Memphis Gay Switchboard by the Sexuality and Lesbianism Task Force of the National Organization for Women (NOW). Several issues contained a well-researched history of gay Memphis.

Then *Gaiety* disappeared.

A plaintive little allegory by Gary Poe blamed lack of support and apathy as the reasons for its demise. *Gaiety* was seen as a light in the darkness for some. "The brightness hurts my eyes... the tower is ugly, decorate it... It takes too much time." It was too progressive for its time; it made people who came out to forget, think instead. It then went away.

A small newsletter that a few

people read but nobody kept appeared for an issue or two, but no major replacement appeared for several years.

In 1979, co-editors Bill Johnson and Ric Sullivan began a new paper called *Gaze*. It was all business. The lead story was an account of the 1979 Gay March on Washington. The paper was radically activist. Bill Johnson's first editorial was entitled "Why Rock the Boat?" which was exactly what he, *Gaze* and the new Coalition (a Memphis chapter of the Tennessee Gay Coalition for Human Rights) intended to do.

"Oppressive hatred... grows and festers when left unconfined. We can no longer live under a sense of false contentment... We are not safe, inside the closet or out."

In 1980 the paper covered such important events as the Southeastern Conference of Lesbians and Gay Men at the Holiday Inn Rivermont (the Rivermark Apartments), the community protest and subsequent firing of DJ Ron Jordan of FM-100 for anti-gay remarks, the stand of presidential candidate John Anderson, and Judy Chicago's "The Dinner Party" on display at Memphis State University.

There were two Gay River Rides that year, one in June and one in October. The Gay Alternative radio program on WEVL was three years old and so was Tsarus. The

size of the paper stayed from 12 to 16 pages most months with an occasional larger issue.

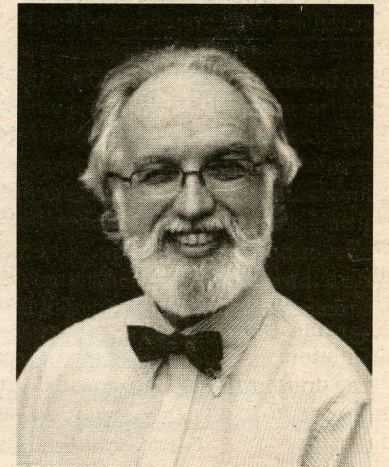
In 1981 the paper grew. More amenities were added, even an advice column and history features. Political and human rights issues were given primary importance, but the large spectrum of community life was not ignored. Memphis State recognized its Gay Student Union (the ancestor of The Stonewall Tigers). The advent of *Views from 10%*, a cable video show, and the picketing of the Barracks bar by a Black organization called Memphis Committee were front page stories.

The formation of the Phoenix AA meeting and the organization of the Memphis Chapter of Black and White Men Together (BWMT) were major news stories in 1982. 20th Century Fox had bought a full-page ad for *Making Love*. And there appeared the first article about Kaposi's Sarcoma—gay cancer.

Then, Bill Johnson resigned as editor.

His final editorial in the November issue was called "For All the Lonely People."

"Being a gay activist has been very rewarding for me... I have been rewarded by having the vast majority of lesbians and gay men tell me that I am nothing more than a self-seeking troublemaker... I am tired of guarding my every step



Vincent Astor

(and rather unsuccessfully) in order to please those who are intent upon publicly criticizing and sabotaging my work... I guess I am just tired... I realized recently that I have never felt more alone."

He apologized for the short, informal issue in October. He also issued a plea for help, now being sole editor with only a few volunteers.

It was time for a change. The Coalition was re-evaluating itself and would decide to become formally structured. *Gaze* already had a new masthead and logo and now would have two new editors — Allen Cook and John Stilwell.

Part II to this article will be printed in next month's newspaper.

## MGLCC Sports New Logo

by Jeff Curbo

The Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center (MGLCC) has unveiled its new logo.

Stemming from a two-month long logo competition, the new logo was selected from a number of submissions by various artists throughout the Memphis community.

The board of directors of MGLCC narrowed entries and then worked with local designer, Monty Shane to refine his submission into the final image selected.

In honor of his winning entry, Shane received a \$100 prize from MGLCC.

The board of directors sought the creation of a new logo after a number of changes at the center.

With the purchase of the building on Cooper Street, the recent acquisition of *Triangle Journal*

and the new GLBT-counseling services about to start, the board felt that the center needed a logo that better represented the strength of the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center.

"The center has grown tremendously over the past year,"

stated Len Piechowski, president of MGLCC board of directors.

"The new logo is much more indicative of what the center is today and where the board feels it is heading in the foreseeable future," he continued.

After numerous revisions, the board approved the new logo with the belief that it better portrays the image of the community center as an epicenter of the GLBT community in the Mid-south.

"Several recognizable attributes stand out in the new logo," said Jeff Curbo, vice-president of the board and chairman

of the marketing committee for the center.

"The triangle is a recognizable symbol of the gay affiliation of the center and the circles symbolize a sense of community, while

doubling as a very stylized "M", "C" and "C". The result is a pictorial representation of the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center in addition to the words displayed across the

symbol," continued Curbo.

Effective immediately, the new logo will be used on all new marketing and advertising for the center.

## Piechowski

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think that as persons they shouldn't be given too much attention. I no longer believe in 180-degree human conversions. Basically, I think most people don't change much over their lives. We might do some mid-course corrections from time to time, but that's about it. The Bill Bennetts are not going to change.

In an American society where people are pretty well evenly split in a 21st century civil war of culture, the people who live in the "Land of the Moveable Middle" have become critically important. And it is in their world that the opinions of the virtuous might actually have some weight and impact.

That's where the people in my world need to be spending our energy. The current state of affairs demands that we negate, refute and counterbalance the teachings of the virtuous. Not in their land,

not on their own turf, but in the "Land of the Moveable Middle."

People in my world can really profit from Black History Month because most civil rights leaders learned what to do with those living in the "Land of the Virtuous" rather quickly. Even a cursory glance at Malcolm's, Martin's and Sojourner's lives and actions reveals that they acted in complete disregard of them. They broke all their rules. They courageously acted as if they weren't even there. In doing so, the people of the moveable middle took notice and made a few mid-course corrections.

So I gotta ask? Why do we care about the Bill Bennetts? Why do we waste our energy trying to refute him, engage him in dialogue, call him names, and demonize him like he tries to do to us? After all, in the words of Dr. King: "...no lie can live forever."

In the final analysis, when world history is written by the humans of the future (assuming compassionate and intellectual evolution ever catches up with physical evolution), the Bill Bennetts will be a footnote. The people in my world who addressed the issues and provided alternatives in the "Land of the Moveable Middle" will be in the chapter title. Ethnocentric? You bet. But in my unshakeable opinion, true enough!

Len currently sits on the Board of Directors of the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center and serves as its president. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology and a Masters of Divinity. His views do not necessarily reflect those of his fellow board members, the MGLCC membership, nor the editors of this newspaper.

# ACLU Files Lawsuit

by Hedy Weinberg

The American Civil Liberties Union of Tennessee filed a lawsuit in April 2005, challenging a proposed amendment to the Tennessee Constitution that would ban same-sex couples from being able to marry in the state. The lawsuit was filed in the Chancery Court for Davidson County and charges the state failed to meet notification requirements as outlined in the state constitution.

"The drafters of our state constitution put in place very specific safeguards to protect the Constitution from being amended at the whim of politicians. Unfortunately, in their haste to write discrimination into the Tennessee Constitution, the sponsors of this amendment are attempting to undermine the democratic principles guaranteed by the constitution," said Hedy Weinberg, ACLU-TN executive director. "It's shameful that the politicians who are so eager to prevent gay people from securing the protections of marriage have so little respect for our state constitution that they are willing to ignore these procedural safeguards."

The ACLU filed the lawsuit on behalf of ACLU members; the Tennessee Equality Project (TEP), a statewide lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender lobbying organization; State Representatives Larry Turner, Beverly Robison Marrero and Tommie Brown; as well as a number of private citizens. The suit

names a number of government officials, including the Tennessee Secretary of State, Riley C. Darnell, Coordinator of Elections Brook K. Thompson, and Attorney General, Paul G. Summers.

State Representatives Turner, Marrero and Brown explained their reason for joining in the lawsuit: "When we took office, we swore that we would uphold the Tennessee Constitution. The Tennessee Constitution is what keeps us honest. When we no longer follow the rules, democracy is sacrificed. We are joining in this lawsuit because it's our duty to make sure that when we consider proposals to amend the state constitution, we follow the rules. That didn't happen here."

The lawsuit charges that the text of the amendment was not published six months prior to the General Assembly election as required by the State Constitution. Article XI, Section 3 of the Tennessee constitution sets forth rules for amending the Constitution. Before an amendment can be placed on the ballot for a general election, it must first be agreed upon by a majority of both the Senate and House of Representatives. Then the text of the amendment must be published in Tennessee newspapers at least six months before the next election of the General Assembly. When the next General Assembly convenes, a second vote is taken, and the amendment must be approved by two-thirds of the members of both the Senate and House. The amendment is put to the citizens for a vote

only if it meets all of these requirements.

According to the complaint filed by the ACLU, the proposed amendment received the necessary votes to pass the first vote in the House on May 6, 2004 and in the Senate on May 19, 2004. However, the secretary of state failed to publish the text of the amendment until June 20, 2004 – only four months and 12 days prior to the General Assembly elections that took place on November 2, 2004.

"By requiring the state to publish proposed amendments to the constitution six months before the elections, the citizens are given the opportunity to properly debate an issue of such fundamental importance and decide if they want to reelect the legislators who proposed it or choose to elect someone else instead. Failure to meet the six-month publication requirement renders the proposal unconstitutional and invalidates the amending process," said Melody Fowler-Green, ACLU-TN staff attorney.

Shortly after the case was filed, the Alliance Defense Fund filed a motion to intervene on behalf of 91 state legislators. The Alliance Defense Fund, a right-wing legal organization founded by such groups as Focus on the Family, has attempted to insert itself in nearly every marriage equality case in the country. While its efforts have been unsuccessful in most places, ADF and the 91 legislators were granted a permissive intervention and are parties in the pending case. However, the addition of these new parties does not change the substance

of the case in any way.

Chancellor Ellen Hobbs Lyle heard arguments from all sides on Fri., Jan. 20. She indicated that she will issue a written opinion by Feb. 20. Because this unconstitutional amendment is slated to be on the state-wide ballot next November

for ratification, time is of the essence in this case. Everyone involved agrees that the Tennessee Supreme Court may have to make the ultimate decision, and must do it rather quickly. A decision can be expected by mid-2006.

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## Lobbying 101 Training

NASHVILLE — The Tennessee Equality Project (TEP), a statewide GLBT rights organization, is partnering with the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center's (MGLCC) Initiative: Fairness (I:F) to present "Lobbying 101" on Sat., Feb. 11, from 9 a.m. to noon at MGLCC.

Lobbying 101 is designed to prepare citizens to lobby their members of the Tennessee General Assembly at TEP's "Advancing Equality Day on the Hill" in Nashville on Tues., Feb. 21.

"We trained over 50 citizen lobbyists from Memphis, Knoxville and Nashville last year to work for equality in the 2005 General As-

sembly," said TEP board spokesman Chris Sanders.

"Their work helped beat back the tide of anti-gay legislation introduced last year. We urge the Memphis GLBT and allied community to come to this session and learn how to advocate effectively for equality with our lawmakers."

Tommy Simmons of I:F invited TEP to present the training.

"We are glad to deepen our partnership with TEP," notes Simmons.

"We both realize that citizens from all parts of Tennessee have to be involved if we are going to advance fairness for the GLBT community."

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# S.P.I.T. Bowling Tourney Slated for March

by Chris Haskins

The 13th annual St. Patrick's Invitational Tournament (S.P.I.T.) will be held on March 17-19 at the Bartlett Lanes. The Invitational is sponsored by Brothers and Sisters Bowling League, a local gay bowling association.

The tournament offers several chances to win cash. The events will be broken into singles, doubles and team competitions. Local bowlers will take on some

of the nation's best gay and lesbian bowlers.

After the Invitational, an awards banquet will be held at the Appling Manor, Sun., Mar. 19, at 6:30 p.m.

The Brothers & Sisters Bowling League has its league play on Sunday nights at Winchester Bowl at 6 p.m. All entries are welcome and must be received by Fri., Mar. 3.

Details for the Invitational can be viewed at the tournament's website: [www.spit.cc](http://www.spit.cc).

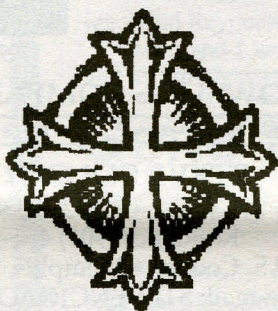
## Softball

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of Fame selection for 2006 inductees, and (4) plans for the annual AIDS fundraiser, which will be held for the first time at the Hard Rock Cafe in nearby Hollywood, Fla..

If you have any questions or would like more information

about NAGAAA, contact Nancy Pribich at [publicity@nagaaasoftball.org](mailto:publicity@nagaaasoftball.org). For more information about Series 2006 in Fort Lauderdale, go to [Series2006.org](http://Series2006.org). Additionally, you can visit NAGAAA on the web at [nagaaasoftball.org](http://nagaaasoftball.org) for the Open Division, or at [nagaaawomen.org](http://nagaaawomen.org) for the Women's Division.



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# D.C. Moves to Grant Partner Benefits

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress remains the last impediment before gay and lesbian residents of the District of Columbia can receive some domestic partnership benefits.

The D.C. City Council passed two bills that provided limited benefits to gay and lesbian couples. Mayor Anthony Williams is expected to sign the measures, but because of the unique relationship between the city and the federal government, Congress now has 30 days to review and potentially block the benefits.

"This is a step forward, but we're

many steps away from D.C. couples having equal protections and responsibilities," said Human Rights Campaign President Joe Solmonese. "Though some members of Congress may attempt to eliminate these protections, there is never an easy time or place to advance civil rights."

The bills give domestic partners power of attorney over each other, the ability to sue for negligence in the death of a spouse and immunity from testifying against one another. They create obligations similar to alimony if partnerships are dissolved.

If approved, D.C. residents would have among the most expansive domestic partnership benefits in the

nation, following only Massachusetts, which has legal gay marriage; Connecticut and Vermont, which have civil unions; and California, which gives automatic stepparent adoption rights.

"The D.C. City Council has made a tremendous decision to move towards equality for its same-sex partnered residents," said Jody M. Huckaby, executive director of PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays).

It is unclear if Congress will take on the issue. Gay rights measures have fared poorly in Congress, but Republican leaders have been unable to kick-start a federal amendment to block gay marriage.

# Foundations Partner on LGBT Scholarships

Associated Press

The Point Foundation, the first national organization to offer scholarships to LGBT college students and their allies, has announced a new partnership with the Matthew Shepard Foundation to award three students \$10,000 grants.

"We are thrilled to partner with the Point Foundation and contribute to their work through the Matthew Shepard-Point Scholarships," said Judy Shepard. Her son, Matthew, was killed in an anti-gay hate crime in Wyoming in October 1998. He was 21 years old.

"Our family and foundation are proud to create an educational

legacy that honors Matthew's commitment to service and equality," she said.

Vance Lancaster, the executive director of the Point Foundation, will personally fund one of these new scholarships.

"Judy Shepard and I are both about changing hearts and minds through education and turning around situations, making a positive out of what appears overwhelmingly negative," Lancaster said.

In choosing the three Matthew Shepard-Point Scholars, the board would look for someone with "academic achievements, as well as a current involvement with helping advance the LGBT community, as

well as a demonstrated commitment to helping advance equality in the future," said Gregory Lewis, managing director of the Matthew Shepard Foundation.

A student's financial need would be a factor as well, Lewis told the PlanetOut Network. "Often when a kid comes out, his or her parents reject them and won't help them with college," Lewis said. "We intend to be there to make sure college is a reality."

mtvU, the television network from MTV for college students, said it will renew its support for the Point Foundation by again supporting a \$10,000 scholarship available to students attending any of mtvU's more than 730 affiliate schools.

Each year, the Point Foundation selects a range of LGBT students and their allies who are racially, ethnically, geographically and academically diverse for undergraduate and graduate degrees at some of the nation's most prestigious institutions of higher learning.

In 2005, the foundation made news when it came to the aid of Maya Keyes, the daughter of conservative commentator Alan Keyes, who cut off her financial support after she revealed she is a lesbian. The Point Foundation awarded her a scholarship so she could attend Brown University.

Said actress Judith Light, a member of the Point Foundation's board: "Our commitment to Point scholars represents the best that our community can do for young people in a society that still discriminates, still marginalizes and still closes the door of opportunity for far too many outstanding individuals."

A Point Scholarship often covers the cost of tuition, books, supplies, room and board, transportation and living expenses. In addition, Point Scholars are matched with mentors.

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**Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center (MGLCC):** 892 S Cooper, Memphis 38104 ☎ 278-4297.

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

**Memphis Stonewall Democrats:** www.memphisstonewalldemocrats.org, ☎ 327-2677

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

**Mid-South Pride:** Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, & Transgendered Pride Events • 111 S. Highland, Suite 261 ☎ 328-6349, 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 ☎ 323-3514.

**Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (P-FLAG):** ☎ 761-1444 Website: www.pflagmemphis.org  
**Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (P-FLAG):** Jackson, TN 38305 ☎ 1-901-664-6614 for information, e-mail: burtren@aeneas.com

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

**Stonewall Mission Church:** A Progressive Christian Church • Sun. Service 6:30 p.m., meets at the Center, 103 Berry Rd., Nashville, TN 37204 ☎ (615) 269-3480.

**Sunshine Travelers:** Meets every other Tuesday at 7 pm at The Jungle, ☎ 788-4PLA (4752)

**Tennessee Leather Tribe:** Gay men's/women's leather org. 1568 Rolling Hills Dr., Memphis, TN 38127-5409 ☎ 357-1921.

**The Mid-Towners Bowling League:** ☎ 323-3111 - Linda Etherton, 342-4630 - James Bailey.

**Tsarus:** Leather-Levi club • Box 41082, Memphis 38174-1082.

**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.

**UT-Martin ALLIES:** Campus and community. Alternate Weds. 5 p.m. Info 131F Humanities Bldg., Martin 38238, neilg@utm.edu ☎ 587-7301.

**WAC (Woman's Action Coalition):** PO Box 1203, 3566 Walker, Memphis 38111 ☎ 678-3339.

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**Alive Memphis!** A Holistic Healing Center, www.alivememphis.com, Individual & Couples Therapy, EMDR, Radiant Heart Therapy. ☎ 372-2991, Susan Taranto; 372-2593, Carol Schlicksup.

**Eric Cassius, L.P.C., C.H.T.:** Hypnotherapy, Individual, Group, Adolescent, Couples & Family Counseling. Sliding scale fee available. ☎ 685-5491 for appointment.

**Joel Chapman, PhD:** 1000 S. Cooper ☎ 844-4357.

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ing, rebirthing ☎ 761-3435.

**Patricia Goshorn, M.Ed.:** Licensed Psychological Counselor • Simmons, Kelman & Assoc., 3960 Knight Arnold Rd, Ste 316 ☎ 369-6050.

**Cliff Heegel, PhD:** Licensed Psychologist • Centerpoint, 5180 Park Ave. Ste 150 ☎ 767-1066.

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**Rhonda Manning Hidaji, LCSW:** Individual & Couples. Goal-Oriented Gestalt & Integrative Psychotherapy, Sliding Fee Scale, Germantown/Cordova area ☎ 757-7706.

**Joseph Robert Pfeiffer, LCSW:** ☎ 578-9107.

**M. Todd Puckett, MS, LPC:** Personal Enhancement Coaching. • 5050 Poplar Ave., Suite 2400 ☎ 844-6228.

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## DENTAL SERVICES

**William N. Castle, D.D.S.:** Dentist • 79 North Cooper ☎ 685-5008.

## FINANCIAL SERVICES

**Ronnie Bingham, CPA:** Taxes, accounting, estate planning ☎ 753-1413.

**Donald Morgan Bookkeeping and Tax Service:** ☎ 458-0152.

**Karen B. Shea:** Financial Consultant, Smith Barney Inc., 1661 International Dr., Ste. 200 ☎ 818-4134, 800-227-4146, fax: 818-4233.

**Sarah A. Washington:** Investment Advisor ☎ 466-3588, website: www.jpl.com/sarah.washington, e-mail: sarah.washington@jpl.com.

## FLORISTS

**Botanica:** 3092 Poplar, ☎ 458-1929.

**Park East Florist:** 6005 Park ☎ 761-2980.

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**ABC/A2Z:** Digital Photography/Videography. By Appointment ☎ 377-7701.

**Graffiti Graphics:** 1985 Madison #7 ☎ 278-5002.

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## HELP & INFORMATION LINES

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**Gay & Lesbian Helpline:** ☎ 1-888-340-GLBT (Mon.-Fri., 5-10pm, Sat.-Sun., 4-9pm).

**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.).

**Gay & Lesbian Switchboard:** ☎ 278-4297 • 24-hrs.

**LINC:** ☎ 415-2700.

**Memphis Sexual Assault Resource Center:** ☎ 272-2020

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**Suicide & Crisis Intervention:** ☎ 274-7477.

**Transvestite-Transsexual National Hotline:** ☎ (617) 899-2212 (8-2am, Mon.-Sat.).

## LEGAL SERVICES

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**Deborah K. Brooks, Attorney at Law:** 200 Jefferson Ave. ☎ 529-8888.

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**Robert Ross, Attorney at Law:** 100 N. Main, Ste 3310 ☎ 525-0417.

**Jocelyn D. Wurzburg, Attorney at Law:** 5118 Park, Ste 232, ☎ 684-1332.

## LODGING

**French Quarter Suites\*:** 2144 Madison ☎ 523-8912.

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**Mike Warkentin, LMT:** By appt. ☎ 218-0669. Inbalance Fitness, 794 S. Cooper

**Stephen Pair:** Sports, therapeutic, relaxing, Swedish massage ☎ 277-1705, stephenpair@aol.com

**Tom Pitman:** Swedish/Deep tissue - Hot stone massage ☎ 761-7977. e-mail: tompitmanmemphis@yahoo.com

## MEDIA

**Family & Friends:** Free monthly magazine • Box 771948, Memphis 38177-1948, ☎ 682-2669, Fax: 685-2234, email: FamilyMag@aol.com,

**Triangle Journal:** Free monthly newspaper published by Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center • Box 11485, Memphis, 38111-0485 ☎ 229-5877, Fax: 454-1411, email: memphisTJN@aol.com.

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**DJ Services:** breakbeatkid69@hotmail.com.

**DiversityBuilder:** Free Professional Gay Referrals, Box 3614, Brentwood, TN 37024 ☎ 615-794-5047, email: info@diversitybuilder.com, www.diversitybuilder.com

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**Tom Webb Ins.:** Insuring in the Gay and -Lesbian Community, 4646 Poplar ☎ 682-2170.

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**Joanna Johnson, Realtor, Clay Johnson Realty:** 757-B West Poplar Ave. ☎ 853-0237.

**Glenn Moore, Broker, Owner, Woodland Realty:** ☎ 377-1057.

**Steve Solomon, Broker, Sowell & Company:** 54 S. Cooper ☎ 278-4380.

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**Travel Customized by Jean Morris:** Member International Gay & Lesbian Travel Association ☎ 465-2936.



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Calendar Listings in non-bold type take place at GLBT-friendly venues or are of interest to the GLBT community.

# Out & About

## REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

### SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

- 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@holytrinitymemphis.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
- **Living Word Christian Church - Morning and Evening Worship Services - (901) 452-6272 - 10am and 6pm**

### WEDNESDAY CHURCH SERVICES

- Taizé - First Congregational Church - (901) 278-6786 - 6pm
- **Holy Trinity Community Church - Fellowship Supper and Bible Study - (901) 320-9376 - office@holytrinitymemphis.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 MemphisGayBowling@aol.com - 6pm**
- **Pool Tournament - Pumping Station - 6pm**
- **Bingo - Sessions- 8:30 m**
- **After Park Set Sundays - Paragon - 9pm**
- **Lights Out, Everything Goes - J-Wag's - 10pm**
- **Drag Show - Backstreet - 11pm**
- **Drag Show - Sessions- Midnight**

### 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**
- **Karaoke Night - J-Wag's - 11pm**

### WEDNESDAYS

- **Frontrunners 3-mile run, Overton Park Pavilion, 6pm**
- **Dart Tournament - The Jungle - 7:30pm**
- **Lights Out - Come Party in the Dark - Metro**

### THURSDAYS

- **Thursday Night at the Gaiety - GLBT Film Series, MGLCC, 7 p.m.**

## FEBRUARY 2006 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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			• Men's Potluck, MGLCC, 6:30 pm	• Family Flavors Evening at the Gaiety Film Series, MGLCC, 7pm <i>Evita</i>	<i>See regular Friday events</i> • Cafe Q, Coffee House MGLCC, 7pm featuring Jen and Kim	• Alliance Club Night, Pumping Station, 10pm
• Blue Suede Bears Chill Cookout, Pumping Station, 5-8pm • Brothers and Sisters Bowling, Winchester Lanes, 6pm • MGLCC Board Meeting, MGLCC, 6-8pm	• Bluff City Sports Assn., MGLCC, 6pm • Perpetual Transition, MGLCC, 6:30-7:30pm • Blues Bash Meeting, MGLCC, 7pm	• Blue Suede Bears Board Meeting, MGLCC, 7pm • The Caring Group, HTCC, 7pm • Phoenix AA, 1720 Peabody, 8pm	• Stonewall Democrats Movie Night, MGLCC, 7pm, <i>The Trip</i>	• Family Flavors Evening at the Gaiety Film Series, MGLCC, 7pm <i>Hello Dolly</i>	<i>See regular Friday events</i> • Cafe Q, MGLCC, 7pm featuring Show Tunes Sing-Along Night with Vincent Astor & Friends.	• Tennessee Equality Project Workshop: Lobbying 101, MGLCC 9am-Noon
• Lambda Professionals Leadership Meeting, MGLCC, 2:30pm • Town Hall: Meet our Triangle Journal Staff, 4-6pm • Brothers and Sisters Bowling, Winchester Lanes, 6pm • WAC, First Congo, 6:30pm	• Friends for Life Coffee House, 6-8pm, Call 272-0855 for location • MGLCC Counseling Planning Meeting, MGLCC 6:30pm	• The Caring Group, HTCC, 7pm • Phoenix AA, 1720 Peabody, 8pm	<i>Triangle Journal Advertising Deadline</i> • Women's Monthly Potluck, MGLCC, 6:30pm	• Family Flavors Evening at the Gaiety Film Series, MGLCC, 7pm <i>The Sound of Music</i>	<i>See regular Friday events</i> • Cafe Q, MGLCC, 7pm, Salsa Dancing with Imelda presented by Adelanté	• MLPA Business Meeting, MGLCC, 2:30 pm • Monthly Potluck and Birthday Party, MGLCC, 6pm • Tsarus Club Night, Pumping Station, 10pm
• Brothers and Sisters Bowling, Winchester Lanes, 6pm	• Perpetual Transition, MGLCC, 6:30pm	• Integrity Meeting, Calvary Church, 6:30pm • Outfix Planning Meeting, MGLCC, 6:30pm • The Caring Group, HTCC, 7pm • Phoenix AA, 1720 Peabody, 8pm	• MGLCC Volunteer Appreciation, MGLCC, 6:30pm	• Family Flavors Evening at the Gaiety Film Series, MGLCC, 7pm <i>Cabaret</i>	February TJN Due Out <i>See regular Friday events</i> • Cafe Q, MGLCC, 7pm featuring Boy and Girl	
• Brothers and Sisters Bowling, Winchester Lanes, 6pm • Friends for Life Fabulous February Concert, New Daisy Theatre, 6:30pm (see ad on p. 4)	• Friends for Life Coffee House, 6-8pm, Call 272-0855 for location	• Volunteer Appreciation, MGLCC, 6:30pm • The Caring Group, HTCC, 7pm • Phoenix AA, 1720 Peabody, 8pm				

- Movie Night, Sessions, 8 p.m.
- Cotton Pickin' Squares - Holy Trinity Community Church - (901) 438-2427 - 7:30pm
- Dart Tournament - J-Wag's - 8pm

- 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

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**Worship Service**  
11:00AM  
**Wednesday Night Study**  
7:00PM  
**Thursday Evenings**  
Cotton Pickin' Squares

- Drag Show - J-Wag's - 3am

**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
- Karaoke- Sessions 8:30 p.m.
- Drag Shows - Allusions Entertainment Center - 10:30pm & 12:15pm

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- E. Inz & Outz
- F. MGLCC
- G. Playhouse on the Square

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3. Crossroads
4. J-Wag's
5. Lorenz
6. Madison Flame
7. Dish\*
8. Metro Memphis
9. One More
10. P & H Cafe\*
11. Paragon Lounge
12. Pumping Station
13. The Jungle

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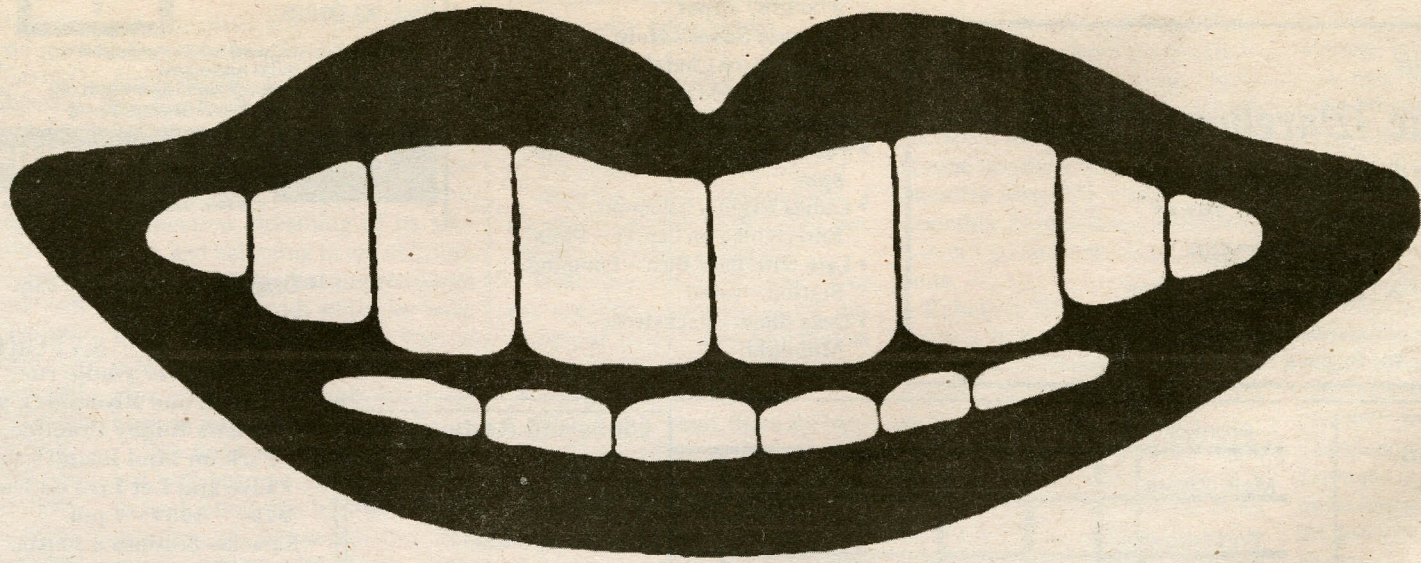
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