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## Cordova Residents Attend Representative Paul Stanley's Meeting

by Alex Hewlett

On March 23, 2006 ten GLBT supportive residents of Cordova attended a town hall meeting held by Republican district Representative Paul Stanley.

Stanley, representative for the second most Republican district in the state, was friendly, cordial, and accommodating to the GLBT supportive constituents in attendance, according to Thomas Simmons.

Simmons, who rallied the group to attend the town hall meeting after proactively viewing Stanley's website, indicated that he had one concern: to ensure that Stanley does not intend on making amendments to the upcoming adoption bill.

On the record to both *Triangle Journal* and to the *Cordova Beacon*, a weekly neighborhood newspaper, Stanley stated that his intentions are not to amend any of the three bills relating to adoption.

The committee hearing on the adoption bill has been postponed for later next week. The bill does not specifically relate to the GLBT community but can

be amended easily in order to ban homosexuals from adopting children. Last year, the bill was stopped in committee but was attempted to be altered and amended by Republican Representative Brian Kelsey.

Kelsey and Stanley are both co-sponsoring the adoption bill.

Stanley's town hall meeting, originally slated to discuss ethics reform and TennCare with Cordova constituents, took an interesting turn when ten GLBT supportive residents attended.

Recognizing both Simmons and partner, Felipe Zuvichaux, from lobbying efforts last month with Tennessee Equality Project's Equality Day on the Hill, Stanley was quick to state to everyone in attendance to "organize yourself and people will listen to you."

Stanley continued further by stating that he is well aware that his district "consists of rooftops and retail strip centers."

Though not GLBT-friendly in regard to legislative bills and laws, Stanley does not intend to amend the adoption bill.

This stands in contrast to

Representative Henri E. Brooks, district representative of the Cooper-Young district.

When asked last month about her lack of GLBT representation, Brooks stated that the GLBT community is not predominant enough for her to completely support GLBT-friendly laws when voting.

Brooks has abstained from voting on all issues specifically GLBT-related, including the Tennessee marriage amendment.

In addition to positive feedback from Stanley regarding the adoption bill, the remaining ten residents of Cordova warmly welcomed the GLBT supportive constituents, although two residents left immediately after GLBT issues were discussed with Stanley.

"The most surprising thing was that one lady in her mid-seventies said out of the blue, 'I just want you to know that I'm totally supportive of adoption and gay marriage,'" Simmons relayed to *Triangle Journal*.

The elderly woman continued to explain that her son died of AIDS in his early thirties. He was

unmarried, without partner, and died alone.

The woman inquired about PFLAG and asked if there was a local chapter.

Attendees informed her about the Memphis PFLAG chapter and she will be attending their next monthly meeting.

"If we can do this in Cordova, a district that's 80% republican and not GLBT-friendly, imagine

what can be done in an area that is [more GLBT-friendly]. Imagine what can be done with your representatives and senators in districts that have a predominant GLBT progressive influence. You have the power," Simmons stated.

For more information on contacting your local representatives, visit [tnep.org](http://tnep.org).



Ten Cordova residents attended Rep. Paul Stanley's town hall meeting on March 23 to discuss upcoming legislation. Photo provided by Tommy Simmons

## Bachelor and Bachelorette Auction Raises \$3,900 for MGLCC

by Rebekah Hart

On Friday, March 24, a wide variety of Memphis men and women auctioned themselves off for the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Bachelor and Bachelorette Auction. Held at Quetzal Café on Union St., over fifteen people were bid on and bought to raise 3,900 dollars for MGLCC.

Morgan "Tuffy" Keenan, one of the three organizers for the event, was impressed with the crowd turnout and response to the style of this year's auction.

"We had an eclectic crowd this year and a lot of people have told me they loved

the location. It's a new and funky place," Keenan stated.

Next year, organizers are hoping to make the auction a black-tie event.

Winning bidders of those auctioned received a complimentary date from MGLCC. Date packages included Memphis Grizzlies basketball tickets, tours of the Pink Palace and Rock 'n Soul Museum, tickets to Malco Movies and the Memphis Zoo, and gift certificates to various restaurants including Wild Oats, Bosc's, and Dish.

Bachelor Don Johnson was at first nervous about auctioning himself off but soon turned his fear into enthusiasm by

filling the crowd with friends.

When asked about his date he stated, "I'm so excited about this! Could anyone better have bought me?"

Purchased by Len Piechowski, the two will have dinner at Huey's and tour the Pink Palace Museum.

Different in this year's auction was the ability for those in attendance to bid on a couple of choice. Not wanting happily coupled partners to miss out on their opportunity to buy someone, two couples were auctioned. This endeavor broadened participation from the community and "eliminated any possible awkwardness," stated event chairperson Charlie Weatherall.

The success of this year's auction was even more incredible considering that MGLCC spent no money on the event. All brochures, bid cards, and advertisement flyers were printed on the community center's laser jet printer.

In addition, all date prize packages were donated by local organizations and businesses, including the location site of Quetzal Café.

Where is all the money going, you might ask?

"Although the board of directors of MGLCC will allocate where the funds of this year's auction will be spent, the donations will be placed into the gen-

eral fund of the community center's treasury," Len Piechowski informed *Triangle Journal*.

The highest bid of the evening was by Herb Zeman, who purchased a handsome bachelor for 450 dollars.

Couple Heidi Williams and Erin Cagle were purchased for 280 dollars.

Autumn Falconer was the female with the highest bid.

All bachelor and bachelorettes were sold for no less than one hundred dollars.

View pictures from the Bachelor and Bachelorette auction on page 2.

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## Brokeback Mountain Is Cultural Lesson

I know that I'll probably get beaten in a dark alley way and receive countless e-mails that I'm not defending the gay culture and media, but it has to be said. And not only am I willing to say it, but I'm willing to take the barrage of bruises.

Somebody has to do it. I'm sick of hearing about *Brokeback Mountain*.

Now that the Academy Awards and the GLAAD Media Awards are finished, however, I don't have anything to worry about. I can finally sit back, relax, and not worry about hearing those dreaded words "brokeback mountain" (except when it's released on DVD).

Granted, I understand the importance of the film's accolades and its symbolic acceptance for Americans to watch the movie, praise it, and nonverbally communicate to homosexuals that "being gay is okay!"

But the truth of the matter is that it took too damn long.

In George Clooney's acceptance speech for the film *Syriana*, he stated that he believed in the Academy because "this group of people gave Hattie McDaniel an Oscar in 1939 when blacks were still sitting in the backs of theaters."

Furthermore, he praised celebrities for their ability to openly discuss the AIDS epidemic in a time when, "it was just being whispered and we talked about civil rights

when it wasn't really popular."

Though I first found this statement comical, I later realized, a bit hesitantly I might add, how much mainstream media, films, and television dictate the belief system of Americans.

My above statement might sound like common knowledge and a bit pedestrian, but think about the magnitude of influence *Brokeback Mountain* has had on culture.

Before *Brokeback*, television had its regular gay celebrities and themes like Ellen DeGeneres, Rosie O'Donnell and *Will & Grace*. But lately, television has made homosexuality an all-inclusive event.

On a recent episode of the WB's *Veronica Mars*, starlet Kristin Cavallari (MTV's *Laguna Beach*) outed herself as a lesbian cheerleader in order to avoid a blackmail incident involving gay students on campus.

Daytime television is even picking up on the incredible changes in the American social culture.

On March 2, a fifteen year old transgender female to male named Tye Clark was a guest on the popular daytime show *The View*. The young man shared his story of realizing his true gender identity. Clark has created a website, [asktye.com](http://asktye.com), in order to help others with the transition, as well as answering questions about the process.

The acceptance and well-opined *Brokeback Mountain*

brought a new light to the media. It convinced the nation that talking about homosexuality and including it in television show scripts won't "make you gay." Though it might be difficult to convince state-wide legislators and Tennessee state representative Debra Maggart that homosexuality is "normal," at least the rest of America is coming full-circle.

In my opinion, *Brokeback Mountain* didn't win any awards because it was good. In fact, I thought it was boring.

It won awards because two straight men who are famous worldwide had the proverbial balls to act in a film as gay men.

It won awards because somewhere in the heavens above, someone realized it was due time that the GLBT community became socially acceptable.

It won awards because it proved to America that gay men aren't just theater-loving, show-tune singing hairdressers.

It won awards because it finally convinced America that gay people are just like everyone else.

And what better way to do it than slice it into mainstream media?

It's not like anyone else can brainwash America...

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Bachelor Felipe Zuvichaux struts down the runway during the Bachelor and Bachelorette Auction.



Couple Erin Cagle and Heidi Williams were auctioned at MGLCC's Bachelor and Bachelorette Auction for \$280.

## Billy Bean Knocks One out of the Park for Stonewall Tigers

Most of the students and faculty of the University of Memphis were watching the U of M Tigers assure their place in the NCAA Elite Eight on Thursday evening, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. But concurrently, a surprisingly large group of other Tigers, the Stonewall Tigers GLBTQ group, were being dazzled by the insights of former Major League Baseball player, Billy Bean.

Bean, who played with the San Diego Padres, the Detroit Tigers, and the Los Angeles Dodgers, is perhaps best known by the Memphis rainbow community as the special guest of the Second Annual Memphis Gaymes of 2004, an experience of which he repeatedly and proudly spoke during his presentation. "I spent my major league career in denial," he lamented. "But ... [at the Gaymes a few years ago]... I was inspired by how brave each and every one of the athletes was. They were so vibrant!" He spoke of how humbled he was by their courage to be who they were and how they were so proud of their talents.

Billy's fans, however, will be upset to know that his return to Memphis began on a rather difficult start. Upon his arrival at a friend's home, he bent down to introduce himself to his host's Dachshund puppy. He was promptly bitten on the upper lip. Sporting five stitches, his spirits were undaunted as he confidently and inspiringly shared his story.

For more than an hour, Bean spoke of his struggles of living in the major league closet, the loss of his partner, Sam, the process of coming out, and of his haunting regrets. But more importantly, his message of encouragement and hope far outweighed the pain he shared.

He inspiringly spoke of his first meeting with Judy Shepard at a meeting of the Human Rights Campaign a few short months after the tragic murder of her son, Matthew. Tears welled up as he described the meeting. He received clarity of purpose from her when she told him to simply "be who you are." He spoke of how critical it is for each of us to be exactly that. According to Bean, "...we can change our society by being ourselves to just one person at a time."

Billy surprised many in attendance at the symposium when he shared that the play

Take Me Out was inspired by his own coming out story. He proudly spoke of playwright Richard Greenberg's reading of Billy's coming out story in The New York Times and of his later telephone call to Billy describing the play he was inspired to write. Billy was delighted to hear that Take Me Out is currently being presented at Playhouse on the Square in Memphis.

What has he been up to since his last Memphis visit? Quite a bit. Some may remember the very popular game show of the 1950's and 1960's, I've Got a Secret. In it, four panelists attempt to guess the profession or activities of a secretive guest by questioning the guest about any and everything. Billy is currently filming a remake series of this show for the Game Show Network as one of the four panelists. It debuts April 17<sup>th</sup> on the Game Show Network.

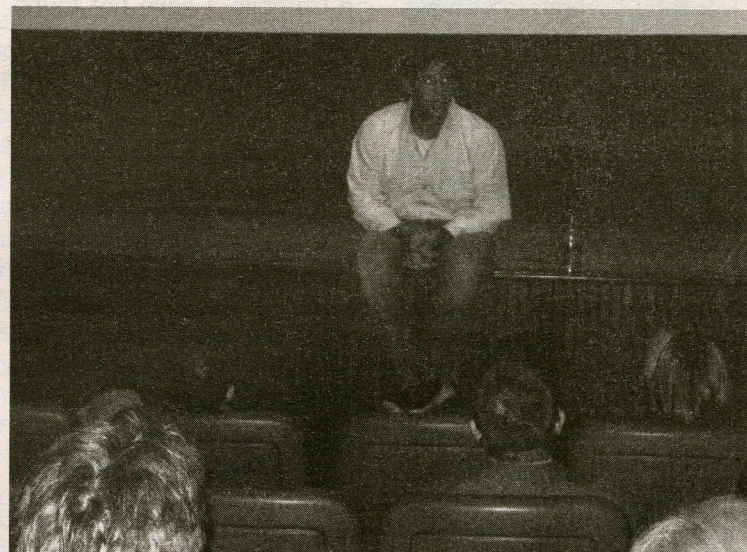
"There's a sense in the television industry that reality TV has seen its day. A lot of people think that a real resurgence of game shows is on the horizon,"

by Len Piechowski

says Bean. He said he's been having the time of his life doing the show in Los Angeles. Fans of Billy's book, Going the Other Way, Lessons from a life in and out of Major-League Baseball will be thrilled to know that it is being made into a movie by the Lifetime Network. Billy expects it to be completed by the end of 2006. Who's slated to play Billy? It's not decided just yet, but Billy beamed as he spoke about discussions regarding Josh Hartnett and Ashton Kutcher.

Billy has also appeared in a rather provocative photo shoot for Blue Magazine, an Australian magazine featuring photography of the male nude. "Nothing frontal." He sheepishly, but quickly, added with a wink of his eye.

Though Bean's appearance was sponsored by the University of Memphis Student Activities Center's Co-Sponsorship initiative, Stonewall Tigers president, Robin Yow, and former vice-president, Will Carter, were responsible for all preliminary



Former Major League Baseball Player Billy Bean speaks to members of the University of Memphis Stonewall Tigers GLBT group and members of the Memphis community.

work with the Co-Sponsorship and working with Billy's agent to arrange the appearance.

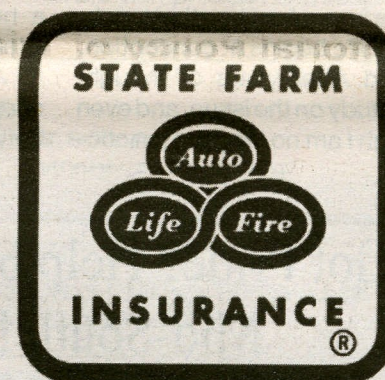
"Will and I were proud to convince the Co-Sponsorship that it was imperative to teach people about the effects of

homophobia," said Yow. "We thought Billy would be the perfect person to do just that!"

Judging from the turn out and the looks on everyone's faces, they were right!



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## Abortion: Whose Choice is It?

Editorial by Will Batts

Recently, several states have begun proposing legislation to ban abortions with few or no exceptions. South Dakota's new law bans all abortion except those involving the life of the mother. Tennessee's Senate recently took the first step in a process that would alter the state constitution so that it would not explicitly guarantee a woman's right to choose to have an abortion. Several other states are proposing similar restrictions on abortion and contraception. Is anyone shocked at the timing of these actions?

With conservative Republicans in control of the federal government and many of the state houses, the last remaining piece of the puzzle was altering the makeup of the Supreme Court. Now that Roberts and Alito have been confirmed, the conservative right must feel that the time has come for them to make their stand in what many of them describe as a "culture war."

First on the agenda is overturning Roe v. Wade.

Having been raised Catholic, I come from a tradition that teaches me life begins at conception. Period. After years of thought and study on the issue, and even though I am no longer a practi-

ing Catholic, I have not found anything that would change my mind on that point. Cells begin to divide and the process of building a human being begins as soon as the sperm and egg meet. Doesn't it at once become a new entity with its own DNA at that point? Sounds like life to me.

The next question is "Ok, so it's life, but is it a human being?" Perhaps we should look to the end of life: how do we determine if someone is no longer alive? The most important determinant for when life ends is when the brain ceases to function. That seems reasonable. No brain activity, no life. So do we become alive when our brain functions begin? Are we a human being when there is a distinguishable brain wave pattern? I've read that brain functioning can be measured typically about 6-8 weeks after conception. Should this be the point after which no abortions should be allowed?

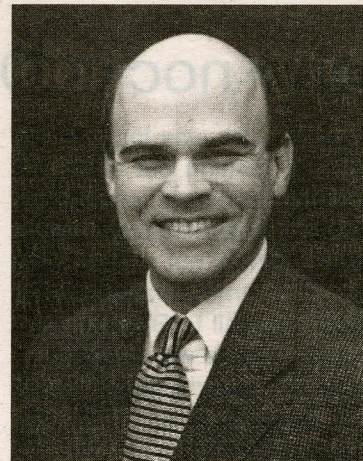
Because science can provide only the facts about when fertilization has occurred, when brain waves begin, or when a heartbeat can be detected, interpretation is left up to us.

Although some would like to characterize the debate as being between "people of faith" and

"secular humanists" or some such argument that the debate is between religious and non-religious people, the truth is that there exists a range of beliefs among the various religious traditions. The Catholic Church and other more conservative Protestant groups oppose abortion and want to mandate their choice for all of us. However, many Jewish groups believe that the state should stay out of the issue. Many of the Jewish faith believe that the decision is up to mother, father, doctor and perhaps the rabbi to help make the decision. If different religious traditions teach different things, then it seems a matter of interpretation or perspective.

We're left with the question: "Who decides?" Here's where I fall on the debate. If I were involved in the pregnancy, I would not want the mother to have an abortion unless her life was in danger.

That's my choice. But I don't feel that I can impose my beliefs on another person. I believe the decision is best made by the mother and father and whomever else they decide to include. Situations involving rape and incest further complicate this deci-



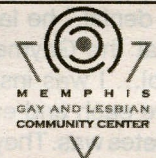
sion because of the resulting trauma and because the man involved has committed some crime. Ultimately, in those situations, the woman must make the decision for herself. Conservatives seek to remove that woman's choice by repealing laws allowing abortion or passing laws explicitly prohibiting it.

When and if Roe v. Wade is repealed, conservatives will no longer have one of their central issues to rally against. In order to keep power in the Republican Party, the far right will need another issue to fight. All the focus will shift to us, the GLBT community. As a gay man in a long-term, committed relationship, I am fearful that in my state alone, laws are being proposed and approved that seek to limit the choices I wish to make for myself, whether that be whom I choose to marry, whether or not I can adopt children, or who can make financial and medical decisions with and for me.

To me, that's the essential argument with the conservative position. Conservatives act as if their main objective is to save us from ourselves, to remove the possibility of our making a moral decision that might differ from their own narrow interpretation of religion. To ensure that we all live by their rules, they seek to pass laws that force our compliance.

When it comes to making the moral, spiritual, personal decisions about my life, I think I should make those for myself. Whose choice is it? The choice is mine.

Will Batts is currently a member of the Board of Directors of MGLCC. He also serves as the Director of MGLCC's annual OutFlix Film Festival. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology.



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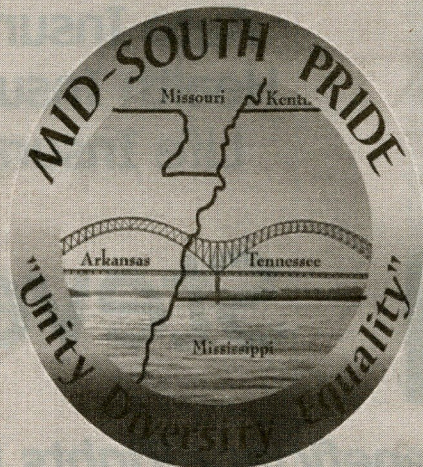
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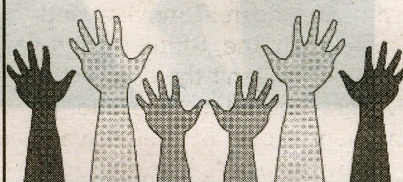
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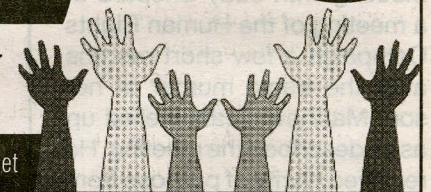
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# Go Ahead! Repeal Roe v. Wade...

Editorial by Len Piechowski

... it's the best thing that could happen to the rainbow community in the United States! There's a growing part of me that hopes our changing Supreme Court will take the bait offered by South Dakota a few weeks ago.

Am I a pro-lifer? Not so much. Used to be. Not anymore. Seems that science got in the way of my pro-life stance. Embryologists continue to marvel over the high rate of spontaneous abortions that happen naturally without medical intervention and frequently even without the knowledge of the women experiencing them.

Embryologists have reported that anywhere from 45% to 48% of all conceptions fail to progress to term. Let's just think about that for a minute. That's almost half of all conceptions! Seems that if human life begins when sperm meets egg, nature is wasteful (politely) and maybe even murderous (blatantly). The reasons embryologists give for these false starts are varied.

The most understandable is that nature discards its genetic mistakes. The most remarkable, however, is that embryologists just don't know why. With a

startling degree of frequency, an apparently "normal" conceptus fails to implant in the uterine wall. Spontaneous abortion thus ensues.

Let's also consider another natural phenomenon. Human Beings are capable of critical thought and decision making. Even the most archaic theologues allow for the human exercise of free will (they condemn some alternatives it exercises, but they allow for it nonetheless). Many scientists believe that through our evolutionary advance, we have developed the ability to reflect on ourselves and to participate with nature in our destiny. If we are truly, as many cosmologists believe, the "Universe-Reflecting-On-Itself" and able to act upon itself, then the true criminality of the abortion issue may lie in our reactionary refusal to utilize it. Medical abortion allows us to participate with nature in determining our destiny, a nature that seems to be highly willing to discard products of conception.

When does human life begin? I'm not really sure. Since I'm not a woman and am not facing this monumental decision, I

don't personally feel an urgent need to answer that question. But when I'm pressed, I have to say I don't think that it begins at conception.

I care about women. I believe they should have the right to decide issues about their bodies. And despite my apparent callousness in the previous paragraph, I do worry about the immediate ramifications that repealing Roe v. Wade will have on American women.

Decisions on legality will revert to the state, and I hope that the rainbow community will see the need to mobilize with organizations such as Planned Parenthood to offer transportation and accommodation services from pro-life state to pro-choice state for women desiring abortions.

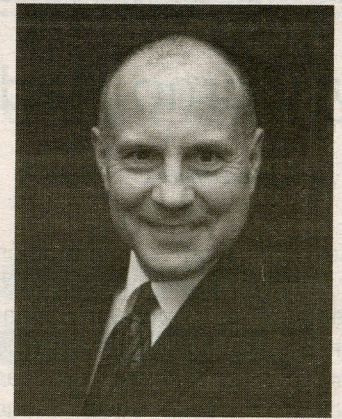
Using a wire coat hanger, my grandmother terminated one of her pregnancies nearly one hundred years ago. Fortunately for me, the offspring of a later pregnancy, she didn't hemorrhage to death as many desperate women in her situation have done. I loved her dearly and I can't imagine what terror she must have been

feeling. We can't let our sisters go through that horror again. We'll need to come to their aid. And I think we will.

As difficult as those challenges will be for women and for those of us who cherish their right to choose, I think the benefits of repealing Roe v. Wade will far outweigh the horrors within 12 to 18 months. Depending on how survey questions are asked, the majority of Americans indicate that they believe women should have the final say over their bodies, not the government. If the government installed by George W. Bush disregards this, just as it has disregarded anything foreign to its ideology, just you wait and see!

There were numerous states in the recent presidential election that defied red and blue classification. They were closer to purple. These purple states will turn blue as they see individual freedoms that they embrace continue to be eroded. The cherry on top will be that some of the red states will also tip to the blue. For the first time, abolition of civil liberties will touch the majority of Americans. It won't be just the poor, the gays, the other guys anymore. Now the majority of Americans will be affected and they won't stand for it.

It will be the final nail in the



GOP coffin... at least for a decade or so to come. And that's why you see so many of the GOP election frontrunners squirming over this issue right now. They smell the foul odor of backfire. There may be a tough lesson for the GOP in here somewhere: be careful what you ask for.

So, go ahead Mr. Chief Justice Roberts and Mr. Justice Alito. Do your thing. And Mr. President, can you please appoint another Justice real soon to assure the tip? It would really help us a lot.

Just think of what the rainbow community would be like with all of that blue blood pumping in our country!

*Len Piechowski is president of the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center.*

## What Ever Happened to Apathy?

Editorial by Len Piechowski

Something's different. Have you noticed it?

For awhile, I thought I was imagining it. But then someone said something to me about it. One evening while talking with Felipe Zuvichaux at the Community Center (the spearhead of ¡Adelante!, the MGLCC Hispanic Initiative), Felipe mentioned that he's been noticing a real difference in the rainbow community of Memphis in the last two or three months.

We spoke about the 140-plus people in attendance at the Tying the Knot event, co-sponsored by MGLCC's Initiative: Fairness (I:F) and Integrity Memphis. I then was able to continue the discussion with others at the center. Some of them noted the over-50-people in attendance at the Lavender University forum on Transgender issues. Other community members were marveling at the amount of people coming out of the woodwork to write articles for Triangle Journal, the Newspaper of the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community

Center. Others were still beaming over Rep. Larry Turner's comments at the Equality on the Hill event in Nashville last month. Rep. Turner (Tennessee House of Representative, District 85, South Memphis area) stated that it's the Memphis activists who are the real movers and shakers in the State of Tennessee. I wasn't there. But the Memphians who were should be very proud of themselves!

Something's going on. Something's different.

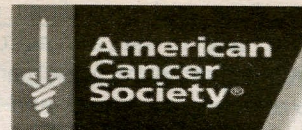
Under Tommy Simmons' and Katie Messmer's guidance, MGLCC's I:F can hardly keep up with the requests they're getting for information and their presence at public events. Under Will Batts' guidance, an expert team of counselors is almost ready to roll out our plans for a counseling referral service. Under Marty Katz's administration of the treasury, more money has been donated to the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center in the last three years than in its entire history, allow-

ing us to end 2005 in the black (the second year in a row). Due to the hospitality of the MGLCC volunteers, people are coming to the Community Center in droves.

Some of us haven't noticed the change yet. For example, a member of our community told me of a discussion he was involved in with community members a few nights back. They were bemoaning the question, "Where are all the black lesbians?" Imagine my delight when I could respond, "You can let them know that they're at MGLCC every Saturday afternoon and evening, rolling out some mighty important plans."

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## ¿ Como Reducir el Riesgo de Adquirir el VIH u Otras Enfermedades de Transmisión sexual ? (I Parte)

by Giovanna C. Polack

**Sexo Con Protección**  
 Cuando hablamos de sexo "seguro" es importante tomar en cuenta que el riesgo que implican las distintas prácticas sexuales puede variar. Tiene que decidir cual es la línea constante de riesgo. Hablamos sobre el sexo seguro en el conjunto de la vida sexual y emocional de una persona, y no como un tema aislado. De hecho, la seguridad de una práctica concreta depende del modo en que se haga. Casi todas las prácticas sexuales pueden realizarse de forma segura o insegura. Pensemos por un momento en la masturbación mutua la cual puede volverse insegura si la gente toca sus propios genitales luego de haber tocado con sus manos los fluidos vaginales, la sangre o el semen de su compañero/ a sexual si tiene el virus.

Mucha gente piensa sobre el sexo de forma bastante limitada. Por ejemplo, pensar que el sexo empieza solamente cuando hay penetración podría limitar la capacidad de protegerse y de mejorar su vida sexual mediante el sexo con protección. Consideramos que la sexualidad incluye cualquier actividad que a una persona le resulte erótica y excitante. **¿Por Qué Practicar El Sexo Con Protección?**  
 Mucha gente tiende a pensar que el sexo seguro solamente tiene sentido cuando:  
 \*no se conoce el estado VIH de la pareja sexual, o  
 \*la pareja sexual es VIH positiva.  
 De hecho, hay otras razones de por las que puede decidirse practicar el sexo seguro. Algunos ejemplos son:  
 \*Dos personas que, siendo VIH negativas y habiendo practicado siempre el sexo

seguro, no quieren perder el hábito de protegerse. Del mismo modo, si una persona está de acuerdo en practicar el sexo protegido, eso es un indicador de que esa persona ya lo ha practicado con sus compañeros sexuales anteriores.  
 \*Dos personas que, siendo VIH negativas, quieren evitar el tener que lidiar con el tema de la confianza entre ellos. Practicando el sexo seguro no hay necesidad de discutir si están siendo monógamos.  
 \*Dos personas que, siendo VIH negativas, acuerdan practicar el sexo con protección por seis meses antes de volver a tomarse la prueba de anticuerpos, en su preparación para concebir un niño.  
 \*Dos personas que, siendo VIH positivas, quieren evitar la reinfección con el virus o transmitir una cepa de VIH resistente a los fármacos. La

reinfección puede acelerar la progresión de la enfermedad.  
 Por supuesto, las parejas sexuales que son VIH negativas, y que esperaron seis meses desde su última actividad con riesgo para tomarse la prueba de anticuerpos del SIDA, y que confían en que ninguno de ellos se encuentra actualmente en riesgo, pueden practicar el sexo sin protección. Entre estas condiciones, la confianza en la pareja es a veces lo más difícil de conseguir. **¿Cómo puedo saber si soy VIH+?**  
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## Being Transgender and a Minority Proves Difficult with Society

by Casey Lanhan

"We're a minority within a minority," explained Cameron Adamez, 20, of Dallas, Texas. Adamez, a Hispanic (Female To Male) FTM, said that while having dual identities makes him more aware of his minority status, they are ultimately indivisible. "Since I'm both Hispanic and trans, they go together, and I seem to run into problems when I try to look at them separately." Mateo Parra, 29, is a Cuban FTM living in Durham, N.C. His experience has differed from Adamez's because his gender and ethnicity seldom converge. "The queer and trans communities here are very academic and white and sadly none too accessible to the Latino community." He continued, "Both worlds remain sort of separate for me unless I am back home in Miami where the trans Latino community is overwhelmingly supportive and actually exists." For Julio Juriasti, an 18 year-old FTM from Reynosa, Mexico, prejudism initially made it difficult for him to come to terms with his gender identity. However, he eventually did and sometimes encounters trouble for being a social 'outlaw.'

He states that, "Social repressions and prejudices are quite harsh in the Latin culture. There's machismo, which ends up affecting everyone, and the marked tendency to prefer living a lie rather than dealing with the truth coming from relatives, friends, and trans-people themselves. Overall, they are the same pressures trans people worldwide have with slight cultural differences." While trans Latinos face a barrage of pressures, family is usually one of the most stressful. Parra maintained that families tend not to be supportive of their transgender relatives. "I have known countless trans Latino folks who have to make the decision between transitioning and not being disowned. Luckily for me, my family is just starting to talk to me again," he stated. A Mexican-American FTM, who wished to remain anonymous, agreed, though he added that family can be a double-edged sword. "Hispanic families tend to be very close-knit and loyal, which can be a blessing if the family is supportive but a curse if they react negatively." He also stated that as a re-

sult of machismo, many trans-people and their families have real concerns about how being trans or having a relative who is will affect their reputations. Several people cited religion as being especially stressful. "Catholicism doesn't hold the GLBT community in high regard. As such, I can see fear of accepting one's own identity because of the pressure that religion or a religious family can place on an individual," said Jordan Sinclair, a 23 year-old FTM from Bloomington, Minn. Class issues are especially hard to deal with since they can make obtaining surgery or hormones more difficult. The inability to find decent work, often due to discrimination, sometimes leads transpeople to find other means of paying for transition. "I know plenty of trans women and trans men of color who have to resort to sex work, selling drugs, and crime," Parra explained. Monica de la O, 27, from Cancun, Mexico stated that trans Latinos face many broader social and legal issues as well. "Todo tipo de discriminaciones, legales o no, de particulares o del gobierno/Estado.

El tratar de encontrar trabajo, acceso a servicios de salud, incluso grupos de apoyo u otras personas trans en general. El desconocimiento generalizado de la sociedad frente a un tema tabú, lo cual les genera miedo y rechazo, que puede llegar incluso a la violencia," she stated. De la O is the spokeswoman and a collaborator for the Mexican association, Disforia de Género (DDG). Most interviewees said the best thing the Latino community can do to become more inclusive of transpeople is becoming educated. A.R. de Souza, 26, a Brazilian FTM who moved to the United States in 2002, said that people first must realize that not everyone conforms to what is socially expected of them or fits into neat categories. He was also quick to point out, however, that he believes this tendency is not limited to trans or queer people and that it is not found exclusively in the Latino community. "When it comes to acceptance, I actually think we do a better job than many other cultures," Souza said. De la O suggested that trans-

people can achieve equality best via community participation. "Realizar actividades educativas y culturales. Mostrar que somos personas como cualquier otras, solo buscando alcanzar el legítimo derecho de cada quien a la identidad de género." Brenda, a 28 year-old MTF from California who wished to be referred to by her first name only for safety reasons, said, "I believe that when people understand that our genitals do not define our sex, discrimination inside these communities will disappear." She is also a moderator for DDG's website (disforiadegenero.org). Adamez explained that he does not believe Latinos as a community can change, but that individuals can. "It's all a matter of seeing that we are all brown, and we all went through the experience of being ourselves in a country where we're not always accepted." **For more information on MGLCC's Hispanic LGBTQ group Adelante!, email adelante@mglcc.org**

## Brokeback Receives GLAAD Award

By Angela D'Amboise  
Associated Press

Taking home what is likely the last of its big honors as award season comes to a close, *Brokeback Mountain* and director Ang Lee took top honors at the GLAAD Media Awards this week in New York.

"Finally, an award that actually means something," Lee said as he took to the podium amid a standing ovation. "(It will probably be) the very last award I will accept for 'Brokeback Mountain'. And to end the journey here tonight is like coming home."

The film, which was favored to win the Oscar for Best Picture but lost in an upset to dark horse *Crash*, tells the story of a forbidden love affair between two cowboys. The film took home Oscars for Best Director and Best Original Screenplay.

*Brokeback Mountain* beat out *Capote*, *The Family Stone*, *Kiss Kiss, Bang Bang* and *Rent* for the title of outstanding motion picture in wide release at the 17th Annual GLAAD Media Awards.

"The fact is 'Brokeback

Mountain' has helped to change the world," Lee told reporters, according to the *New York Times*. Additional honors went to *Super Size Me*'s Morgan Spurlock, who took home an outstanding reality program nod for his month-in-the-life documentary series, *30 Days*. Oprah Winfrey snagged an award for a coming-out themed episode of *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, "When I Knew I Was Gay." And the media watchdog group also named Melissa Etheridge the year's outstanding music artist for her album, *Greatest Hits: The Road Less Traveled*, as reported by E! Online.

GLAAD was formed in New York City in 1985 as a response to biased AIDS coverage by tabloid newspapers and news stations.

This year's show took place at New York's Marriott Marquis Hotel and will be televised on gay network Logo on Apr. 15. For the first time, the program will also show on VH1 the following day.

## National

## Red Cross to Lift Gay Donor Ban

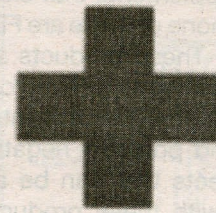
by Danny McCoy  
Associated Press

After more than a decade of banning blood donation from men who have sex with other men, the American Red Cross has announced they support legalizing donations from gay men provided they've gone at least a year without gay sex.

As reported by the Associated Press, the Red Cross' new position has prompted the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to consider a risk assessment that would take three to six months, and may lead to a reversal of the 16-year-old ban.

That ban prevents any man who has had sex with another man since 1977 from ever donating blood. With support from the Red Cross, the ban was reaffirmed in 2000.

A spokesman for the Red Cross said they made the decision to recommend a lift to the ban since last summer, though this is the first time an official statement has been made. The recommendation was made at an FDA workshop on whether better HIV tests made the ban



## American Red Cross

unnecessary.

Based in Washington D.C., the non-profit Red Cross is responsible for collecting roughly 45-percent of the nation's blood supply, according to AP.

A spokesman for the Red Cross called the ban "unfair and discriminatory" in a statement on the American Association of Blood Banks Web site.

"It does not appear rational to treat gay sex differently from straight sex," the statement continued, noting that in some cases, the ban led to the cancellation of blood drives.

Gay rights activists have been protesting the ban for years, with much of the anger directed at the Red Cross, which according to published reports made \$2.1 billion in sales of blood and

blood products in 2004.

"Having sex with a man does not put you at high risk," John Givner, director of the HIV project at Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, a New York-based gay rights group, told the AP in a telephone interview in 2005. "Having unprotected anal or vaginal sex does."

The ban was first imposed based on early FDA evidence that suggested one or more units of HIV-positive blood a year could go undetected through testing and infect recipients.

Dr. Louis Katz, a member of the agency's Blood Products Advisory Committee, said recent changes in blood handling and testing may have reduced risks.

## Immigration Bill Removes Burden from Same-Sex Couples

Associated Press

The Senate Judiciary Committee passed a guest worker program granting an estimated 11 million undocumented immigrants a path to U.S. citizenship.

While bi-national same-sex couples will continue to face discrimination under the Senate-proposed program, it stands in stark contrast to last year's House-passed measure that would criminalize harboring undocumented immigrants, including same-sex partners with expired visas.

"The Judiciary Committee's bill is good news for America," said Immigration Equality Executive Director Rachel B. Tiven, "but lesbian and gay families are still cruelly discriminated against under immigration law, despite Congress' promise to value families."

"Nobody should be forced to choose between the person they love and breaking the law,"

said Human Rights Campaign President Joe Solmonese. "The House version would force a same-sex partner to turn in their loved one or risk criminal penalties. American families are being torn apart under the current structure and there is absolutely no reason to increase their burden."

The version passed by the Senate Judiciary Committee includes an amendment protecting groups and individuals from being prosecuted for knowingly or unknowingly offering humanitarian assistance to illegal immigrants.

Under the Senate's Judiciary Committee bill, participants would receive a valid visa status that would enable them to work for up to six years.

After the six-year work period, an individual under this program would pay a fine and then become eligible to apply for permanent residency.

The Senate Judiciary bill goes a long way toward addressing many problems within

the U.S. immigration regime but it is neither comprehensive nor fair.

The bill fails to address the second-class nature of same-sex relationships despite the guiding principle of family unity within the Senate bill and within the larger immigration system.

Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender immigrants, as well as their U.S. citizen partners, continue to be devalued as their relationships go unrecognized.

Additionally, several troublesome measures aimed at increasing border security and increasing the government's power of indefinite detention of individuals, expedited removal and deportation, now go to the full Senate for debate.

"Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender immigrants and their families are uniquely vulnerable," added Tiven. "Detaining more immigrants, with less judicial review, will put the lives of innocent people at risk."

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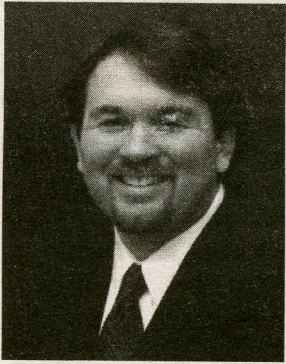


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## Prescription Weight Loss Drug Heading Over the Counter

by Curtis Petty



Within the gay community, body image is a large part of our culture. Outside of exercising and eating correctly, many of us turn to weight loss products. "What is the best way to lose weight?" and "Is there anything that I can use over-the-counter to help me lose weight?" are questions that everyone asks. As a pharmacist, I am asked these questions on a daily basis. My answer to the first question is to exercise, decrease caloric intake and consult with your healthcare provider when starting the weight loss process.

As to the second question, there are several herbal and

dietary supplements that exist, however, none of these are FDA approved. These products are not recommended for everyone because of possible drug interactions and potential negative health effects that can be associated with these products. Patients should consult their physician or pharmacist before starting these medications. Xenical®, a prescription-only product, is currently being evaluated for over-the-counter use by the FDA to be used in conjunction with physical activity and a reduced-calorie diet.

Xenical®, which contains the active ingredient orlistat, alters the ability of enzymes found in the stomach and the intestine to break down triglycerides. Because the triglycerides are not broken down, they are not absorbed by the body. These unabsorbed fats are then passed naturally through the digestive system. The typical dose is 120mg with each meal contain-

ing less than 30% fat. If the meal contains no fat, the dose should be skipped. Because the medication inhibits the absorption of fat in the intestine, the common side effects of this medication are uncontrolled bowel movements and oily spotting.

These side effects typically occur when patients eat meals containing greater than the recommended 30% fat. Patients who take warfarin or cyclosporine should consult with their physician or pharmacist before starting Xenical®. The effectiveness of these medications can be decreased when used with Xenical®. Patients who take Xenical® are advised to take a multivitamin. Vitamin supplementation is suggested because absorption of the fat soluble vitamins A, D, E and K from the diet can be decreased due to the action of the drug. Xenical® is not recommended in patients who have difficulty absorbing food and nutrients or have a

history of gallstones. When evaluated for effectiveness in maintaining weight loss, Xenical® was found to help patients maintain weight losses of greater than 10% of their body weight.

The over-the-counter version of Xenical®, which will be marketed by Glaxo-Smith-Kline®(GSK) and named Alli®, will contain 60 mg of the active ingredient orlistat. Patients will take 1 to 2 capsules of Alli® with each meal containing fat up to a maximum of 6 capsules per day. If the meal contains no fat, the dose should be skipped. When compared, the 60mg dose of Alli® was as effective as the 120mg dose of Xenical® in helping patients lose and maintain their weight.

With 120 million Americans currently considered obese, the FDA approval of this type of product offers additional help to those patients trying to lose weight. Using these drugs can help some patients reduce

weight by reducing overall fat intake. However, the use of Alli®, Xenical®, or any other weight loss product should not be the sole method of weight loss. To achieve and maintain weight loss, the most readily available and recommended method is physical exercise and reduced-caloric intake.

Each patient/person should evaluate whether the use of this drug in conjunction with diet and exercise is right for them. Before beginning any weight loss attempt or use of this product, patients should consult their health care provider. For more information about Xenical®, Alli® and the final over-the-counter approval by the FDA, visit [fda.gov](http://fda.gov) and [gsk.com](http://gsk.com).

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# Tennessee Medicare Part D HIV/AIDS

Associated Press

Tennesseans living with HIV/AIDS who are currently enrolled in Medicare and receiving medications through the Ryan White HIV Drug Assistance Program (HDAP) should enroll in a Medicare Part D prescription plan soon.

"Ryan White drug benefits for these individuals will end on April 15," remarked John Senter, Medical Care Management Supervisor at Nashville's Comprehensive Care Center. "By getting a Part D plan in place, they can maintain access to this life-saving treatment."

Federal regulations require states to move this category of patients to

Medicare Part D. A working group of advocates from across Tennessee is once again urging those affected to make an appointment with a Medical Care Manager as soon as possible. Patients who don't know who to call can find out via the Tennessee AIDS hotline at 1-800-525-AIDS (1-800-525-2437).

Participants may be responsible for premiums, deductibles, and co-pays, depending on a number of factors. Financial assistance for these costs is available to those who qualify, but an additional application is required.

"Getting signed up can be a challenge, but it also presents important

opportunities," commented Mark Hubbard, the interim chair of the Tennessee Association of People With AIDS. "Medical Care Managers have been solving problems and advocating for us since Part D enrollment began, and they are uniquely qualified to provide assistance."

The Tennessee Medicare Part D HIV/AIDS Working Group was formed to address the complex challenge of integrating the new Medicare drug benefit with the existing system of care for Tennesseans living with HIV/AIDS. It consists of experienced professionals and volunteers who currently work on the front lines of HIV care and services across Tennessee.

## Q & A with William N. Castle, DDS

*Dr. Castle is a predominant member of the Memphis gay community and his dentistry practice is located in midtown. He is often asked questions regarding oral health and has answered questions for TJ.*

**Q: It seems like every time I go to the dentist I'm told I have to turn around and come right back. Why have dental visits become more and more frequent? What happened to "once every six months"?**

A: Gum disease is so prevalent at this point that even The Guinness Book of World Records lists it as one of the top five non-communicable diseases. The chronic inflammation of gum disease affects 75% of the population at some point in their lives. This high level of incidence has partly to do with home hygiene, or lack thereof, but some people (possibly 30%) are just more genetically pre-disposed. Other contributors are: a diet low in nutrients, lifestyle choices, stress, smoking, autoimmune or

systemic diseases, and certain medications. The health risks are such that dentists and hygienists often recommend quarterly, rather than bi-annual, visits.

**Q: What health risks?**

A: Gum disease is directly related to heart disease, the nation's leading cause of death. It increases the risk of stroke. Periodontal bacteria enter the blood stream, traveling to other organs, where it begins new infections. Tooth loss is also a factor.

**Q: What's the difference between gingivitis and periodontal disease?**

A: Gingivitis and Periodontitis are both stages/forms of gum disease and often used (however mistakenly) interchangeably. Gingivitis manifests in the gums, Periodontitis in the bone. In time, the plaque which causes gingivitis spreads and grows below the gum line, breaking down the tissues and bone that support the teeth.

**Q: How do I know if I have gum disease?**

A: Some of the symptoms of gum disease are red, swollen and tender gums; bleeding while brushing and/or flossing; persistent odorous breath; and loose or separating teeth.

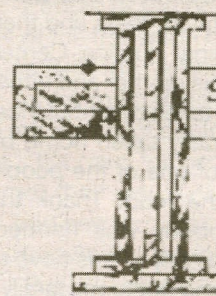
**Q: The last time I visited the dentist she said I had gum disease even though I had none of those symptoms.**

A: Sometimes, however, there are no symptoms at all. Just because you don't see it doesn't mean it doesn't exist. Early detection is one of the benefits of regular dental visits, and saving yourself from some of the above symptoms is a major blessing. Sometimes, the only way to detect periodontal disease is through a periodontal evaluation. Often, there is little or no discomfort with Gingivitis. A lot of people take a "not broke, don't fix it" attitude about their dental care, believing that if there were truly a serious problem they would know it. Considering the risks of a delayed response to

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gum disease, this is a curious philosophy. Strangely, when asked whether they'd like to keep their teeth, most of these people would answer yes.

**Q: I just spent a fortune on crowns and cosmetic procedures and you're telling me I still need to make regular visits for check-ups? Shouldn't all that work last me a while?**

A: Most people don't realize it, but crowns require just as much attention as your natural teeth. Like your natural teeth, they need to be flossed and brushed and periodically checked by a dental professional. Think of them as an investment. Most things you've spent a lot of money on require some kind of maintenance. A Lexus needs its oil changed once in a while, too.

**Q: All those dental visits add up, though.**

A: They save you more money than they cost you. Look into

crowns and root canals and even extractions and compare those costs with a regular check-up. No matter where you go, they're at least four times the amount of a single visit, and less time invested as well. Certainly they cause less pain.

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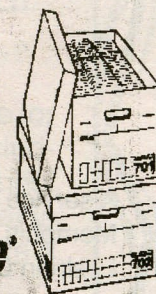
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# Coming Out: The Family Revelation

by Marvin Skinner

It was late July of 2003 and I was in the passenger's seat of my cousin's car. We were going about 35 mph on Park Ave around 6:30 in the evening. As we passed Baptist East, I felt the vehicle lurch forward and strike something on the driver's side. We had slowed some, but not stopped. I realized something was terribly wrong.

As we began to veer onto the median, I yelled for Randal to pay attention and pull over. He was hardly coherent and due to a drug interaction, he had lost consciousness (a fact that my family and I found out later). He snapped awake and attempted to straighten his wheels. With a concerted effort, he attempted to steer his car to a safe place. I, too, grabbed the wheel.

That nanosecond of collective wakefulness saved our lives. Although we struck three vehicles, all were fine. Everybody involved was wearing a safety belt. Our airbags deployed. I got out of the car unscathed, and walked around to the driver's side. I was relieved to find Randal stirring awake. He limped out of the now totaled car and we stood together in silence.

Of course, an ambulance, fire

truck, and three police cars came. Since Randal was disoriented and there were collisions, procedures had to be followed. He was taken to the hospital for tests and then to the Criminal Justice Center. He phoned his mother and father before being taken by ambulance. I was eventually taken home by the mother of one of the people we hit on the road. Thank the Universe nobody was harmed!

What does any of this have to do with coming out to my family?

Well, while waiting, my cousin began to apologize for putting me in danger and that no matter how I lived my life would he ever purposely put me in harms way. I was shocked by the wreck, the drama, the heat, and my cousin's apparent openness with my homosexuality.

Though I had never "officially" come out to anyone, I had known deep down that my family knew, but like a "good" Southern family, we didn't talk about it. They respected my private life and didn't ask any questions.

Since we lived 45 minutes from each other, we and our circle of friends rarely had any contact without an effort.

I called out to him. "Randal? You obviously know I'm gay. Do your parents know?"

Then my cousin went on to tell me that "...of course they know! We've talked about it a few times."

Well! I was a little impressed with my kin and their ability to sit over dinner and have a nice casual chat about my "gayness."

After everything was settled with my cousin's wreck, 201, insurance, and all of the other necessary "accident" procedures, I got my aunt and uncle together and asked them if they knew, knowing full well what the answer was.

My uncle smiled and said, "Uhh yeah. No real mystery there." My aunt, on the other hand, didn't smile. She was very serious and only said two things.

"It's good you feel comfortable with us to tell us something we've known since you were nine. When you come over Sunday for dinner, should we set another place at the table?"

*Want to share your coming out story? Send it to us! Submissions for May must be received by April 20. Send your story via email at [tj@mglcc.org](mailto:tj@mglcc.org).*

# What is a MAGY Meeting?

by Russ Boyd

Memphis Area Gay Youth (MAGY) has provided a safe place for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youth for over ten years. Teens from all over the Memphis metro area gather nearly every Friday night throughout the year and find a place where they are accepted, nurtured, and educated. But what exactly goes on at a typical MAGY meeting?

Youth between the ages of 13 to 20 can arrive at the MAGY location as early as 7:00 pm and will find snacks and drinks provided for the evening. During the first hour, the youth socialize with one another.

Typically, three adults are present each week, but for special events, it's not unusual to see six or seven MAGY advisors present to help. For many teens who participate in MAGY, these MAGY meetings are the only time they see some of their friends and is a rare opportunity to talk with others who are experiencing challenges similar to their own.

Around 8 p.m. the adults and youth gather in the meeting area to begin the evening's program, which varies from week to week. While one week may feature a social activity that allows the youth to get to know one another better, the next may center on a presentation about "safer" sex and making healthy choices or get the youth involved in

a discussion about same-sex marriage and supporting GLBT-friendly companies.

Many programs are led by MAGY advisors, but guest speakers occasionally join the group to talk about specific topics. Currently, the group welcomes guests for a regular series called "When I Grow Up...", featuring GLBT adults who talk about their vocation and how being out in the workplace (or choosing not to be) affects their lives. Other common meetings include preparation work for upcoming events such as the Pride Parade and Cooper-Young Festival, cook-outs for various holidays, and movie nights featuring films relevant to the GLBT community.

Meetings conclude at 9 p.m., but youth are welcome to stay to continue socializing with friends and advisors. Regardless of the theme or topic for a particular night, one goal remains the same.

"We want to provide a safe place where the youth can be themselves," says Allison Becker, a MAGY advisor for over a year. "When they leave the meeting, we hope they have gained a sense of acceptance and belonging."

If you know someone who could benefit from the MAGY experience or wish to learn more about how to support the organization, visit their website at [magyonline.org](http://magyonline.org) or call MAGY at (901) 335-MAGY.

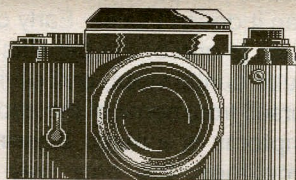
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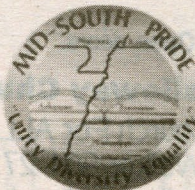
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# R-E-S-P-E-C-T is Key When Addressing Transgender Individuals

Triangle Journal met with Cristofir Bradley and Robin Yow for advice regarding how to properly address someone who is transgendered.

Bradley is female to male transgendered. He has been taking hormones for the past four years and has lived as a male for the past five.

Yow is the president of the Stonewall Tigers, the University of Memphis "queer-straight" union, and feels a sizable segment of the gay and lesbian community is uneducated regarding transgender issues.

**TJ: What is the correct pronoun to use when referring to a transgendered person?**

CB: I can tell you what the correct pronoun for me is. For someone else it would be based on that person's gender of preference.

RY: It does totally depend on the individual. Instead of gender preference, I would say gender identity.

CB: Agreed. You have your standard he or she. Then there's "Ze" for he & she. "Hir" for him or her. Some people use the plural and say "they." There's no one correct way. It depends on the person. Most people would prefer the gender they identify with. There are some people where gender is really fluid.

**TJ: People who are not transgendered seem to have a hard time.**

CB: For me they don't. When people have problems with what word to use it's often times dealing with a (transgendered person) who is not using hormones. It's easy to identify me because I use hormone and

by Triangle Journal Staff

the way I look. But that's not always the case (with a transgendered person). Then it gets tricky because the trans person can feel one way, but present themselves another way.

RY: If I decided one day I prefer a male pronoun and I decide to change and say I want to be a he, people would have problems adjusting. Because even now, on days when I'm dressed like a boy with my hair cut low, people still call me a she.

**TJ: So people are going to continue to make mistakes.**

CB: Yes. Before I was on the hormones, I looked like a girl, but that's not who I was on the inside. It was very disconcerting, but that's why I got on the hormones and now I feel more in harmony. But that's me person-

ally. Before the hormones, I did everything possible to appear masculine. I studied the way men and women interacted in public. I changed the way I sat, took up space, my mannerism, my voice. People at the beginning stage of the transition have more issues with the names. If a person looks masculine but says 'call me Sarah,' it could be confusing. It's hard for people to just forget their visual clues. Then too, you can throw an endrogynous person into the mix...

RY: But it's always good to just ask.

CB: Yes, if you're coming from a respectful place, it's okay. (You can say (to a person you're not familiar with) I'm asking to be sure. Or you can just observe and don't say anything for a while and see what people around that person is calling them. You can avoid pronouns period. You can refer to them as "they" or you can say their name a lot.

Some people you can ask, but they may not like being asked.

RY: If you know the person, you'll know what to call them.

CB: Just be respectful. Come from a respectful place instead of looking at the person as a freak.

RY: Yes, being respectful is key.

CB: It is very important.

**TJ: But "they?"**

RY: If you think about it, "they" means more than one. Which could also mean more than one gender.

CB: I personally don't like "they," "it," or "Ze." Some people don't like the bipolar standard.

**TJ: I would imagine "it" would always be objectionable.**

CB: Some people are okay with "it," but I'm not. I don't use it, wouldn't suggest using it. That could be totally offensive.

RY: I would be offended.

CB: The most important thing to remember is to come from a respectful place. And sex is male and female. Gender is masculine and feminine. A male could put on a dress and be feminine, but that does not change your sex.

RY: Gender is socially stratified. Different cultures have different ways of defining what's masculine and what's feminine. And if gender identity is something you don't understand, take the time to learn about it. There's transgender forums held periodically at the MGLCC (Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center).

If interested in learning more or participating a transgender awareness forum contact Yow or Bradley by e-mail at robinyow@gmail.com or cristofir@gmail.com

## Miss Mid America at Backstreet

The Miss Gay America pageant will hold its official preliminary pageant, the Miss Mid America Pageant, Friday evening on March 31 at Memphis' own Backstreet Coliseum at 9:30 p.m.

Contestants and participants include past royalty of the pageants, with current reigning Miss Gay America, Nicole DuBois as special guest. Other participants include Raquel Chevallier, Miss Gay America 2005, and Rachael Erikks, Miss Gay America 2004.

Competitors will be required to complete a male interview, solo talent number, an on-stage interview, and an evening gown category. The pageant theme is Pretty in Pink.

The Miss Gay America pageant will be held in Memphis from October 18-22 where the winner of the Miss Mid America pageant will compete for the title of Miss Gay America.

Tickets for the Miss Mid America pageant cost ten dollars in advance and twelve dollars at the door. Organized by Gay America Pageants, a division of L & T Entertainment, it is also sponsored in part by Friends and Family Magazine and Sharp Flowers.

The following evening, Saturday, April 1, Backstreet will host the Miss Gay America revue show. Two shows will be held at 10 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. Admission for the event is fifteen dollars. Performers include Miss Gay America titleholders from 2000 through 2006.

## Outflix Scheduled for 2006

The Outflix film committee has begun its preparations for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Outflix Film Festival.

Although the call for film submissions has been released, no films have been chosen as of yet. The selection committee for the festival, however, has begun reviewing movies that have already been received.

In addition to ensuring that viewers will watch entertaining, high-quality films, Will Batts, director of the Outflix film committee states, "We are committed to broadening the scope and appeal of the movies to include more films about women, African-Americans, other ethnic groups, transgen-

der issues, and sub-groups within the gay community."

To provide more entertainment, the committee is also planning at least one social event that is directly related to the festival. Depending on venues, however, additional social events could occur.

In addition, the festival committee is seeking out potential alternatives and additional venues in which to house the festival and its social events.

Movies chosen for the Outflix Film Festival and official schedule for the five day event will be released in July. This year's festival will occur from Aug. 2-6.

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# Events

## Amy Steinberg at Java Cabana

This weekend, Memphians will be graced once more with the goddess-like presence of Amy Steinberg.

Traveling with her guitar and sound equipment packed into her compact car, listeners from across the nation have hailed Steinberg's music and lyrics as "life-changing" and "spiritually developing."

Though she writes and performs her own music, Steinberg doesn't mind playing other songs.

Last September, Steinberg performed at the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center's Friday night Q Café, playing singles from her upcoming album release as well as favorite songs of the crowd.

While Steinberg is a fantastic solo performer, she has also had the opportunity to play live with names like Ani DiFranco,



Melissa Ferrick, Meredith Brooks, and Lisa Loeb.

Insisting that the power of the feminine divine and mystique resonate through her songs, her voice and lyrics become an exploration of womanhood and sexuality.

Music themes include love, self-acceptance, female power, and exploration, while her lyrics imbibe a passionate sense of self and understanding of the

mysterious world around her.

Steinberg was awarded Songwriter of the Year from the Songwriter Showcases of America and Best Solo Performer from the Orlando Music Awards.

Not enough womanhood and female power?

Local singer and songwriter Autumn Fox, will accompany the Goddess Extraordinaire, as Steinberg likes to refer to herself.

Fox, whose sound and lyrical composure compare to Ani, Alanis Morissette, Jewel, and Sarah McLachlan combined, will add extra spices of feminine power, beauty, and the elegance of love to the show.

Steinberg and Fox will perform at Java Cabana, 2170 Young Ave. at 9 p.m. Admission is a suggested five dollars.

## Community HIV Network at MGLCC

On April 22 between 2 and 5 p.m., the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center will host the Community HIV Network.

The event will be bilingual (English and Spanish), and co-

sponsored by ¡Adelante!, the Hispanic organization of MGLCC and Beta Phi Omega Sorority, Inc.

The purpose of ¡Adelante! is to support the Mid-South's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and questioning Hispanic community by becoming actively involved with societal contributions through education, awareness, leadership, and cross-cultural

partnerships and celebrations.

The Beta Epsilon chapter of Beta Phi Omega Sorority, Inc. is committed to promoting safe sex and educating the GLBT community of ways in which to practice safe sex.

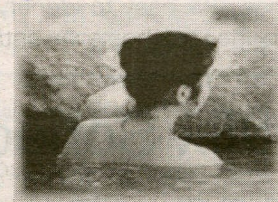
In addition to the Community HIV Network program scheduled for April, Beta Phi Omega also hosts the annual clothing drive, Pretty in Pink.

For more information about the Community HIV Network, contact Felipe Zuvichaux at adelante@mglcc.org/901.570.0876 or contract Natasha Holmes at nholmes@betaphiomega.net

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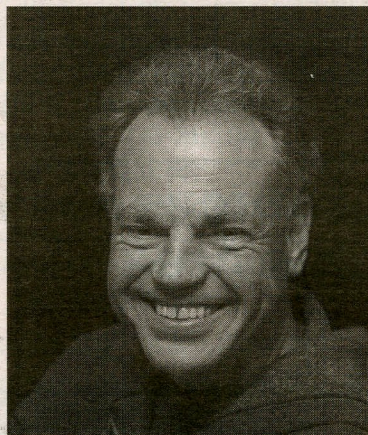
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## Tranny Roadshow Travels to Memphis

Tranny Roadshow, a traveling theater troupe which forces the crowd to internalize concepts of gender, is acclaimed across the nation as intelligently entertaining and insightful. They are halfway through their second nation-wide tour.

With constant audience interaction and resisting from separating the expression of gender and self, the Roadshow is expected to bring non-stop laughs to Memphis.

Although all of the performers are trans, it is not required

for audience members to be trans or completely comprehend trans issues. The performance, though entertaining in nature, will culture and enlighten those both exposed and unexposed to the trans world.

Audience members will view performances of poems, rapping, break-dancing, singing, and storytelling. While many of the performances are trans-related, not all of them are.

Because all people, regardless of race, gender, or sexuality, have multiple identities, Tranny

Roadshow attempts to break the barriers of mainstream cultural norms and focus on self-identity.

The performers are not strictly trans. They are poets, filmmakers, photographers, sculptors, and comedians.

The Tranny Roadshow will perform Thursday, April 13 at 7 p.m. at the Media Co-Op Stage at 1000 S. Cooper St. in Memphis.

Tickets cost between five and fifteen dollars and the performance is appropriate for all ages.

## Book Signing with Laurinda Brown

The Beta Epsilon chapter of Beta Phi Omega Sorority will host a book signing with author Laurinda D. Brown on Saturday, March 15 at the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center.

Her first novel, *Fire & Brimstone*, was published independently in 2002. In 2004, Strebtor Books published *Brimstone* and released it in March.

Following *Brimstone*, her second novel, *Undercover*, was released in November later that year.

Brown's characters from her freshman novel, *Gayle and Chris*, were two female lovers torn between the morality of right and wrong. While *Gayle* was an active church-goer, *Chris* remained asleep in bed every Sunday morning.

The novel pushes the elements of faith, sexual identity, and self-identification to new heights while insisting that the two female lovers are not hidden behind the lesbianism, but instead actively progressive within their community.

In addition, Brown forces readers to contemplate the underlying issue of her characters being African-American lesbians and their interlocking domi-

nations in relation to society.

Her second novel, *Undercover*, introduces Nathaniel, the brother-in-law of *Chris*.

By stemming Nathaniel's character from *Brimstone* into *Undercover*, Brown ensures that readers are intrigued and feel at home while exploring another form of homosexuality.

Nathaniel, a drag queen diva in a Memphis nightclub, shuns his former life of homosexuality when his lover Patrick ends their relationship.

Creating a metamorphosis for himself, Nathaniel's life is reinvented when he gets married and has three children. But to discover the issues and crises he's faced with after marriage, you'll have to read the book yourself.

In addition to these books, Brown has also published a collection of short stories entitled *Walk Like a Man*. The book is now a play. Auditions for the play will take place April 1 in Atlanta.

Brown, who recently published her latest novel entitled *The Highest Price for Passion* in December of 2005, will answer questions and read excerpts from her newest release.

## Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere Forms Local Chapter

After five years of living together, partners Teri Burroughs and Cynthia Luna recently came out to Burroughs's three children.

Immediately following their revelation, the two daughters and son had questions, including the inquiry of whether or not there were other children like them, and how many children of GLBT parents there were. Of main importance to the children, what peer groups were available for them in which to seek companionship and understanding?

After endlessly searching for an organization where children of gay parents could fit in and be with their peers, Burroughs immediately remembered a group mentioned to her years ago by a friend, Children of Gays and Lesbians Everywhere (COLAGE).

The proverbial light bulb turned on and Burroughs has been running with the idea ever since.

In a few short weeks and only word-of-mouth communication, Burroughs has established a membership consisting of twenty children and eleven adults.

Events that COLAGE hopes to host include discussion groups, camp-outs, and get-togethers. Though these activities have not yet been planned, Burroughs says that the events "depend on what the kids' imaginations can come up with, as long as it's in a safe, fun and loving atmosphere."

As of yet, the Memphis gay community has been incredibly

supportive of the newly established COLAGE chapter.

According to Burroughs, "Everyone believes as we do that the community needed a support group for our children."

COLAGE members are hoping that the Memphis GLBT community will welcome the new children's organization warmly. They also envision the Memphis gay community and COLAGE creating a bond that will support all families everywhere.

Topics of discussion for the first COLAGE meeting include family backgrounds, children coming out to their friends about their parents, homophobia in school, gender and sexuality, and GLBT history. Again, Burroughs states that the children's interests and concerns are the main priority and their thoughts will dictate where discussions lead.

The Memphis chapter kick off for COLAGE will be April 22 from 2-4 p.m. at Neshoba Unitarian Universalist Church on Raleigh-LaGrange Road in Cordova.

Following the initial meeting, COLAGE will meet the third Saturday of every month from 2-4 p.m. at Neshoba U. U. Church, beginning May 20.

For more information on COLAGE, visit the National Office website at [colage.org](http://colage.org). To learn more about the Memphis COLAGE chapter, contact Teri Burroughs at [colagememphis@yahoo.com](mailto:colagememphis@yahoo.com)

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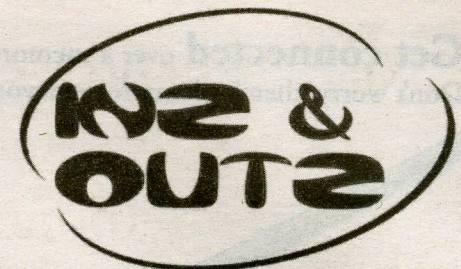
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## Perception v. Reality: *Lost & Delirious*

by Jami Griffen

When Piper Perabo portrayed a lesbian in the recently released movie, *Imagine Me & You*, it wasn't the first time she'd played such a role.

In 2001 she was Paulie Oster, a boarding school senior who falls in love with her best friend in *Lost and Delirious*.

While *Imagine* serves as a romantic comedy, *Lost* is a more dramatic look at perception versus reality.

What's real is Paulie and Tori's love for each other, even though they're also roommates. But a conservative prep school is apparently not the ideal place for them to publicly display their feelings.

With the exception of their new roommate, Mary, their relationship is kept safe until Tori's younger sister and her friends unexpectedly arrive in their dorm room one morning to find Paulie and Tori naked in bed—together.

For Paulie, an outspoken outsider, the revelation shrugs off her shoulders.

But Tori finds the humiliation of being "like that," too much to bear and goes out of her way to change the perceptions that her schoolmates have of her, which of course means distancing herself from Paulie.

But Paulie fights, both literally and figuratively, to win Tori back.

*Lost* embodies what Huey Lewis & the News sang about in the 80's: "the power of love."

And as the group noted and Paulie learned about love, "it's strong and it's sudden and it's cruel sometimes."

Through an artistic use of poetry and prose, Perabo does a great job of showing us just how cruel and how painful it can be.

Although I really enjoyed this film, based on a novel by Susan Swan, I find it hard to believe Tori did not have a problem being intimate with Paulie while Mary, the new girl, lay awake in the same room.

Or maybe the director chose a fresh-faced naïve-looking Mischa Barton for the role of Mary to lend credibility to her mousey, introverted and unassuming character.

And maybe we are to believe, as apparently Paulie and Tori did, that Mary was so disconnected from the rest of the student body that she was practically harmless or just too apathetic to "out" her new roommates.

The movie is powerful and honest concerning "star-crossed" lovers.

Better yet, it's available on DVD.

## Reviews

### Sessions Provides Relaxing Entertainment

Reviewed by A. Espinoza

If you're looking for a great way to escape from the heavy techno and dance music most bars would have but still want to be in a predominantly gay bar, Sessions is the perfect place.

Located at 1278 Jefferson Ave. in an isolated location hidden among midtown and downtown Memphis, Sessions provides more than just dancing.

Entering the location you'll immediately hear patrons belting out songs while performing karaoke, but you'll also hear the drums of conversation in the background.

With plenty of seats at the bar itself and a small lounge

room immediately behind the bar, intimacy with friends is definitely achievable. Talking amongst friends isn't a problem because you don't have to fight with the music to be heard.

Want entertainment beyond karaoke?

Walk down the hall, following the sounds of music as you continue. Enter through the black door and BAM! You've entered the home of the two longest working drag queens in Memphis, JoAnn and Sofonda Peters.

Watching the drag show at Sessions is like attending a small concert venue: perpetual interaction between the crowd and performers give the feeling of home.

*Sessions entertainer Angelica Collins entertains the crowd during Sessions' Belles of the Ball drag queen show. The cast performs Friday and Saturday evenings at 10 p.m.*

Photo by Andie Espinoza



Because of the separation between the social lounge and the entertainment room, there are no problems in hearing the emcee as he announces upcoming performers or interacts with the crowd.

In addition, drinkers don't have to worry about running to the front lounge bar between numbers because of the bar in the showroom.

Though the "Belles of the Ball" drag show cast is predominantly smaller than most, that doesn't mean the performances aren't up to par. With four rotating cast members, audiences will see anything from Diana Ross impersonations performed by JoAnn to upbeat pop music performances by Angelica Collins.

An eclectic cast with a wide variety of taste in music ensures that each audience member is entertained.

Sofonda Peters, a performer since 1972, comically entertains the crowd to country songs such as "Redneck Woman" while Mamie Michaels, performing since last October, prefers entertaining the crowd with various show tunes.

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## Tipping the Velvet: A Timeless Novel

by Rebekah Hart

Although *Tipping the Velvet* was first published in 1998, that doesn't mean the novel is outdated.

In fact, everything about the novel is outdated according to today's standards.

But that's exactly the factor that has drawn readers to *Tipping the Velvet* after all these years: its ability to delve into the lesbian world of early eighteenth century London.

From the beginning of the novel, author Sarah Waters is able to engage readers in the novel as she tells readers about the main character's small town oyster family in Whitstable. Nancy, who is later referred to as Nan once she begins her ever-changing metamorphosis of self, travels all throughout

London constantly changing her roles within society, both figuratively and metaphorically.

Waters's novel is a coming of age lesbian tale that's considered as a "must-read" by many queer theory literary scholars. Because *Velvet* isn't about being a lesbian, living in London, or the social restraints of gender, it's about finding oneself.

And that, above all, is a lesson that speaks above and beyond time.

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# Foot Loose and Fancy Free at the Flame

Reviewed by Alicisa Nelson

It's Saturday evening. Where do Memphis lesbians travel in order to whet a wide variety of incredibly different social appetites?

Madison Flame, located at 1588 Madison in midtown is just the place to release all worries and dance the night away. "The Flame," as regulars refer to it, is a lesbian bar located in the center of midtown and downtown Memphis, providing entertainment for the lesbian world of Memphis.

Even though the bar has always been popular amongst the lesbian community, it recently became a brand new hot spot for weekend entertainment and fun. Reason being:

a brand new way to step your steps and dance your dance.

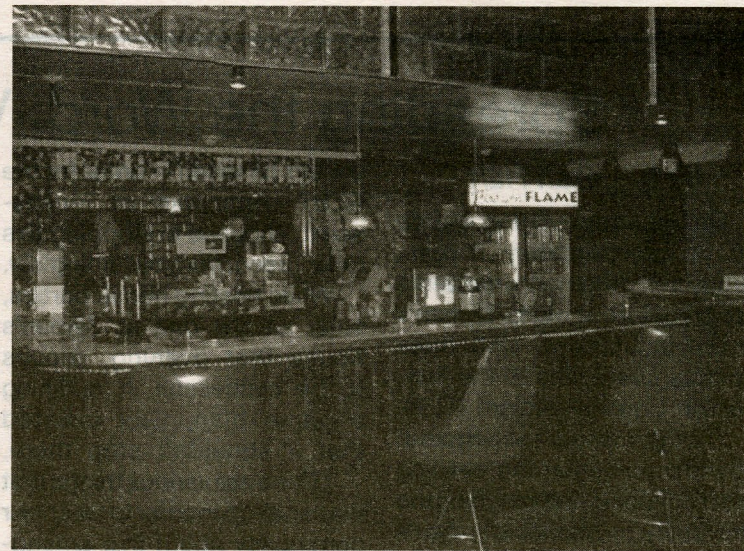
With DJ RJ as the new music provider, Madison Flame has become the location of choice on Saturday nights for lesbians in the area. RJ, whose music play varies from hip-hop and R&B to pop and slow songs, it's impossible for anyone in the bar to not get out of their seat and join the throngs of women on the dance floor. Dancing is not an option with RJ in the DJ booth, even if you hate to dance.

On top of excellent dance music, patrons have the option of playing pool on one of two pool tables, playing darts, or playing electronic games

at the bar. Get a spot on the pool tables fast, however, because quarter lines build up quickly and last all night.

Heading for one of the two bars? With two fast, efficient, and highly-professional bartenders serving drinks, it's hard to complain about the service. Within seconds, an order is placed; before you can say "thank you," your drink and change are already sitting in front of you.

Madison Flame is located on the corner of Madison and Avalon. It offers karaoke every Wednesday night and the sounds of DJ RJ every Friday and Saturday night. Cover is a mere five dollars and the entertainment lasts all night long!



Madison Flame, located on the corner of Madison and Avalon, has become the location of choice for lesbians on Saturday nights. DJ RJ plays non-stop, crowd-pleasing music to keep the crowd dancing into the early hours of the morning.

Photo by Andie Espinoza

## Garrison Starr's The Sound of You & Me

by Autumn Falconer

Garrison Starr's latest release, *The Sound of Me & You*, proves once again that Starr's talent is truly amazing! With each CD, including *Me & You*, listeners feel as though she's writing part a of their story. This new CD is no different.

Pulling listeners from out of their busy schedules and into the lyrics and rhythms of each song, Starr's ability to connect with her audience supercedes other artists.

With this new release, listeners are given an opportunity to see Garrison's life unfold—the

good, the bad, and the "ugly," a song title in *You & Me*. In identifying personal issues with Starr's, listeners are given peace in knowing that they aren't alone.

Starr is joined once more in this CD by the great talent and close friend, Neilson Hubbard. With the powerful music arrangements that the duo concocts, *You & Me* is destined to be included in one's daily dose of music.

Check out the song "Let Me In." If you've ever lost someone and ached to go back to that relationship, to go back home, this is the song for you. "Leave the light on... cause I'm outside

of the place I once belonged."

Another favorite, "Big Enough" hits home for listeners who have lost their love because their partner couldn't handle "that kind of love." "From everything to nothing. You'll always be haunted by the love you couldn't take. You let it slip away. We were in love... thought it was big enough. I held you to me till you had to be free."

"Beautiful In Los Angeles" is an upbeat memory of an old love. A love left behind, but who can still bring a smile to one's face because of the chance given to share life with that person.

Check out Garrison Starr's new CD, *The Sound of You & Me*, in stores now. Get it and get connected!

I promise you'll play it daily!

## The Gay Film You Don't Know About

by Rebekah Hart

When heading to movie theaters this weekend and looking at the movie listings, you won't see a movie that's GLBT related.

Or so you thought... V for Vendetta, in theaters now, has an underlying plot related to homosexuals. It's the gay love story you didn't hear about.

Natalie Portman, who plays Evey, is a young woman growing up in the struggles of war. Though Evey's parents have raised her to rally and believe in the war efforts, her thoughts turn upside down once she learns about the life of V and his attempts at stopping the bellicose country of England.

V, a crusader for truth, honor,

and equality, urges Evey to fight with him against the monarchs.

While parliament is battling on the home front, minorities, gays, and thinkers alike are tossed into concentration camps and herded like sheep to die.

Evey struggles with her conscience as to which path to follow. Does she follow the guidance and upbringing of her family or does she forge new opinions concerning the war based on her experiences?

At breaking point, Evey realizes that her office mentor is gay after discovering a collection of male nude photos. Petrified that Evey might release the information to authorities and condemn him, he pleads with her that she keep the knowledge to herself.

Evey, however, has her own worries, as V pushes her further to make a decision in joining forces.

While reading a book, Evey finally begins to understand what V is asking of her. After reading the story of two female lovers and their heartbreaking love for one another, she makes her decision to stand up and fight for love—the illegal kind.

This tale will touch the hearts of those who remember or commemorate the lives lost during World War II and the pink triangles homosexuals were forced to wear throughout those trying times.

Though not based on the events of the past, V for Vendetta strikes a chord in the GLBT community.



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# Politics

## Spreading the Word: Vote No!

by Rebekah Hart

On Saturday evening, March 25 at approximately 7 p.m., nearly thirty Memphis residents congregated at Herb Zeman's house in midtown with three political strategists of the Tennessee Equality Project (TEP).

Though many of the people in attendance began the evening with socializing and watching the University of Memphis's men's basketball team compete in the Elite Eight game against UCLA, a heavier mood settled once the game ended. Topic of discussion: this November's election ballot which includes the highly contested marriage amendment.

The marriage amendment, which would strictly outline marriage in the state of Tennessee as between a man and woman, will be decided upon when voters enter the box later this year.

Randy Cox, chair and president of TEP, spoke to the group about political actions that

should be taken in order for the GLBT community of Tennessee to succeed in stopping this amendment from becoming law.

While hosting house parties, such as the one at Zeman's house that evening, proves to be successful in outlining a game plan, Cox insisted that it shouldn't stop there.

"There are various things that we can all do in order to teach our community about this amendment other than having house parties. Talk to everyone about this. Wear the buttons. Make people ask you questions. The more personal you make this issue, the more likely they are to vote 'no'," Cox told the group.

TEP strategists also taught those in attendance what to do when religion or personal morals becomes an issue.

"This is the only law that will take away rights rather than granting rights to citizens. If you can't vote no on the

marriage amendment, then don't vote at all," Cox stated.

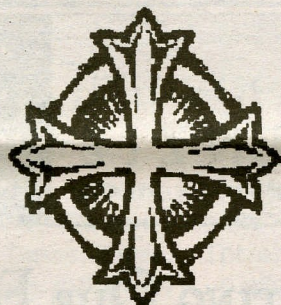
With professional lobbyist Jenny Ford representing TEP and GLBT constituents in Tennessee, the Nashville-based organization has been able to stop various bills. Fighting the marriage amendment, however, is much different.

Instead of state and district representatives voting on the marriage amendment and it potentially becoming a law, voters this November will dictate the outcome of the amendment.

For more information on how to assist TEP in stopping the marriage amendment, visit [tnep.org](http://tnep.org) and sign up to receive their weekly e-mails. For information on how to help with local efforts, visit [mgicc.org/if](http://mgicc.org/if)



Representatives from the Tennessee Equality Project speak to Memphians about informing the community of the upcoming marriage amendment. The TEP house party event was held at Herb Zeman's house.



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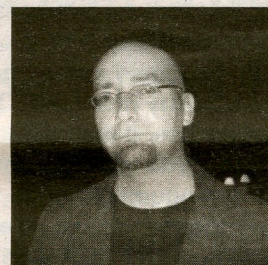
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### Do you think the Memphis gay community is more politically or socially active?



Alan Laxton - East Memphis

"Probably more social. The gay community is more focused on friendship rather than political advancements."



Greg Jordan - Midtown

"If I had to give a one-word answer I'd say social. But it definitely has it's political points. There's a huge group of people who does everything social and there's a huge group who does everything political. The challenge is bringing them together."



Aggie Brown - Midtown

"I would say social. Very rarely is there something political that people are talking about. You hear more about the fun stuff."

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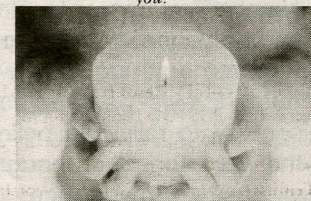
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## COMMUNITY GROUPS

**Adelante:** support group for GLBT and questioning Hispanic community Contact: adelante@mgcc.org  
**Alliance:** Leather/levi club • Box 42174, Memphis 38174.  
**American Gay Atheists (AGA) Memphis:** Box 41371, Memphis 38174-1371.  
**Aphrodite:** 3430 Summer Ave, Memphis 38122.  
**Stonewall Tigers:** University of Memphis, c/o Stonewall Tigers, 2522 Campus Postal Station, Memphis, TN 38152-2521, e-mail: stonewalltigers@yahoo.com  
**Bluff City Sports Association:** Box 41074, Memphis 38174, web site: www.bluffcitysports.net.  
**Brothers & Sisters Bowling League:** 465-4371 - Richard Andrews.  
**Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere (COLAGE) Memphis:** email - colagememphis@yahoo.com website - colagememphis@yahoogroups.com  
**Cotton Pickin' Squares:** Gay/Lesbian Square Dance Club Meets Thurs., 7 pm Holy Trinity • 685 S. Highland, Memphis 38104 272-2116.  
**Equality Tennessee:** P.O. Box 330965, Nashville, TN 37203, www.equalitytennessee.org.  
**4F:** Leather/Levi group • 698 Pope Dr., Bartlett 38112.  
**First Congregational Church:** Worship Service: Sun. 9:30 & 10:00 am, Wed. 6 pm • 1000 South Cooper 278-6786.  
**First Presbyterian Church:** Sun. School, 9:30 am; Coffee & fellowship, 10:30 am; Worship, 11 am • 166 Poplar 525-5619.  
**Friends For Life—HIV Resources:** HIV/AIDS Service Organization • 1384 Madison, Memphis 38104 272-0855 or 278-AIDS, www.FriendsForLifeCorp.com.  
**Galloway Church:** www.gallowaychurch.com  
**Holy Trinity Community Church\*:** Worship Service: Sun. 9 & 11 am; Bible study: Wed. 7 pm; 685 S. Highland, Memphis 38111 320-9376, e-mail: office@holyltrinitymemphis.org.  
**Integrity Memphis:** Meets the 3rd Tues., Healing Service/Eucharist, 6pm; Dinner, 6:30pm; Meeting 7:30pm c/o Calvary Episcopal Church, 102 N. 2nd

525-6602.

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

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

**Living Word Christian Church:** Worship Service Sun. 10 am & 6pm, Wed. 7 pm • 2489 Broad Ave 452-6272

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

**Memphis Center for Reproductive Health:** 1462 Poplar Ave 274-3550.

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

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

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

**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

**Neshoba Unitarian Universalist Church:** 266-2626

**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 (PFLAG):** 761-1444 Website: www.pflagmemphis.org

**Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG):** 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.

**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.

**Unity Church of Memphis:** 2570 Kirby Rd. Memphis 38119

**Univ. of Miss. Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Assoc.:** GLBA, PO Box 3541, Univ. MS 38677 662-915-7049, email: glba@olemiss.edu, website: http://www.olemiss.edu/orgs/glba.

**UT-Martin ALLIES:** Campus and community. Alternate Weds. 5 p.m. Info 131F Humanities Bldg., Martin 32838, neilg@utm.edu 587-7301.

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

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

**Gay & Lesbian Youth Hotline:** 1-800-347-TEEN (Thu.-Sun., 7pm-11:45pm.).  
**Gay & Lesbian Switchboard:** 278-4297 • 24-hrs.  
**LINC:** ☎ 415-2700.

**Memphis Sexual Assault Resource Center:** 272-2020  
**Narcotics Anonymous:** 276-LIVE.  
**Peer Listening:** Youth-staffed GLBT youth hotline (Mon.-Fri., 3-9pm) 1-800-399-PEER.

**Suicide & Crisis Intervention:** 274-7477.  
**Transvestite-Transsexual National Hotline:** (617) 899-2212 (8-2am, Mon.-Sat.).

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

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- 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@holyltrinitymemphis.org - 6pm & 7pm
- Living Word Christian Church - Worship Service - (901) 452-6272 - 7pm
- Open Heart Community of Faith - "A Course in Miracles"

- Study Group - North End of First Congregational (1000 South Cooper) - (901) 323-3514 - 7:30pm

### SUNDAYS

- Tea Dance - Metro - 4pm
- Brothers & Sisters Bowling League - Winchester Bowl - (901) 722-5236 or MemphisGayBowlin@aol.com - 6pm
- Pool Tournament - Pumping Station - 6pm
- Bingo - Sessions - 8:30 m
- After Park Set Sundays - Paragon - 9pm
- Karaoke Smack Down - J-Wag's - 9pm-2am
- 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
- Manic Monday Happy Hour - Sessions 3 - 6pm

### 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
- Brewsky Tuesday with Beer and a Movie @ 7 - Sessions

### WEDNESDAYS

- Frontrunners 3-mile run, Overton Park Pavilion, 6pm
- Dart Tournament - The Jungle - 7:30pm
- Lights Out - Come Party in the Dark - Metro
- Karaoke - Madison Flame 7p.m. - 3am
- Bulls Eye Darts w/Mitch - Sessions 8pm

### THURSDAYS

- Thursday Night at the Gaiety - GLBT Film Series,

## April 2006 Community Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
* Taking place at MGLCC						1 MGLCC open 2-6pm
2 MGLCC open 2-6pm *MGLCC Board of Directors Meeting 3-5pm Brothers and Sisters Bowling, Winchester Lanes 6pm	3 MGLCC open 6-9pm *BCSA 6pm *Perpetual Transition 6:30pm *Blues Bash Meeting 7pm	4 MGLCC open 6-9pm The Caring Group, HTCC 7pm Phoenix AA, 1720 Peabody 8pm	5 MGLCC open 6-9pm *MGLCC Finance Committee 6:30pm *Men's Potluck Dinner 6:30pm Fellowship Supper, Holy Trinity 6pm	6 MGLCC open 6-9pm *Night at the Gaiety featuring The Broken Hearts Club 7pm Cotton Pickin' Squares, Holy Trinity 7pm	7 *Q-Café Coffee House featuring Skinny White Chick 7:30pm	8 MGLCC open 2-6pm
9 MGLCC open 2-6pm *Lambda Professional Alliance 2:30pm *I:F Meeting 4:30pm Brothers and Sisters Bowling, Winchester Lanes 6pm	10 MGLCC open 2-6pm	11 MGLCC open 6-9pm The Caring Group, HTCC 7pm Phoenix AA, 1720 Peabody 8pm	12 MGLCC open 6-9pm Fellowship Supper, Holy Trinity 6pm *Stonewall Democrats Meeting 7pm	13 MGLCC open 6-9pm *Night at the Gaiety featuring But I'm a Cheerleader 7pm Cotton Pickin' Squares, Holy Trinity 7pm	14 MGLCC open 6-9pm *Q-Café Coffee House featuring Jen-Esther Brown 7:30pm	15 MGLCC open 2-6pm *Beta Phi Ome Sorority Book Sign with Laurinda Bro 2-5pm *Alpha Chi Ups Mixer 5-7pm
16 MGLCC open 2-6pm Brothers and Sisters Bowling, Winchester Lanes 6pm	17 MGLCC open 6-9pm *Perpetual Transition 6:30pm	18 MGLCC open 6-9pm *Outflix Meeting 6:30pm *Gaymes Planning Meeting 6pm The Caring Group, HTCC 7pm Phoenix AA, 1720 Peabody 8pm	19 MGLCC open 6-9pm *Women's Potluck 6:30pm Fellowship Supper, Holy Trinity 6pm	20 MGLCC open 6-9pm *Night at the Gaiety featuring The Iron Ladies 7pm Cotton Pickin' Squares, Holy Trinity 7pm	21 MGLCC open 6-9pm *Adelant□ presents Latin Dance Night 7pm	22 MGLCC open 2-6pm *Beta Phi Ome and Adelant□ present an HIV Awareness Seminar with Testing 2-5pm *Monthly Potluck dinner and Birthdays Party 6pm
23 MGLCC open 2-6pm Brothers and Sisters Bowling, Winchester Lanes 6pm	24 MGLCC open 6-9pm	25 MGLCC open 6-9pm The Caring Group, HTCC 7pm Phoenix AA, 1720 Peabody 8pm	26 MGLCC open 6-9pm Fellowship Supper, Holy Trinity 6pm	27 MGLCC open 6-9pm *Night at the gaiety featuring Maggie and Annie 7pm Cotton Pickin' Squares, Holy Trinity 7pm	28 MGLCC open 6-9pm *Q-Café featuring Boy and Girl 9pm	29 MGLCC open 2-6pm
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- MGLCC, 7 p.m.
- Movie Night, Sessions, 8 p.m.
- Cotton Pickin' Squares - Holy Trinity Community Church - (901) 438-2427 - 7:30pm
- Dart Tournament - J-Wag's - 8pm

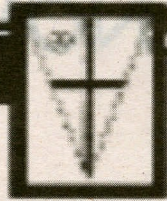
- Karaoke - Paragon - 9pm
- Karaoke Night - Allusions Entertainment Center - 9:30-11:30pm
- Amateur Show - Metro - 11:30pm
- Trivia - Sessions 8pm

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

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**Weekly Schedule**

Worship Service  
11:00AM

Wednesday Night  
Study  
7:00PM

Thursday Evenings  
Cotton Pickin' Squares

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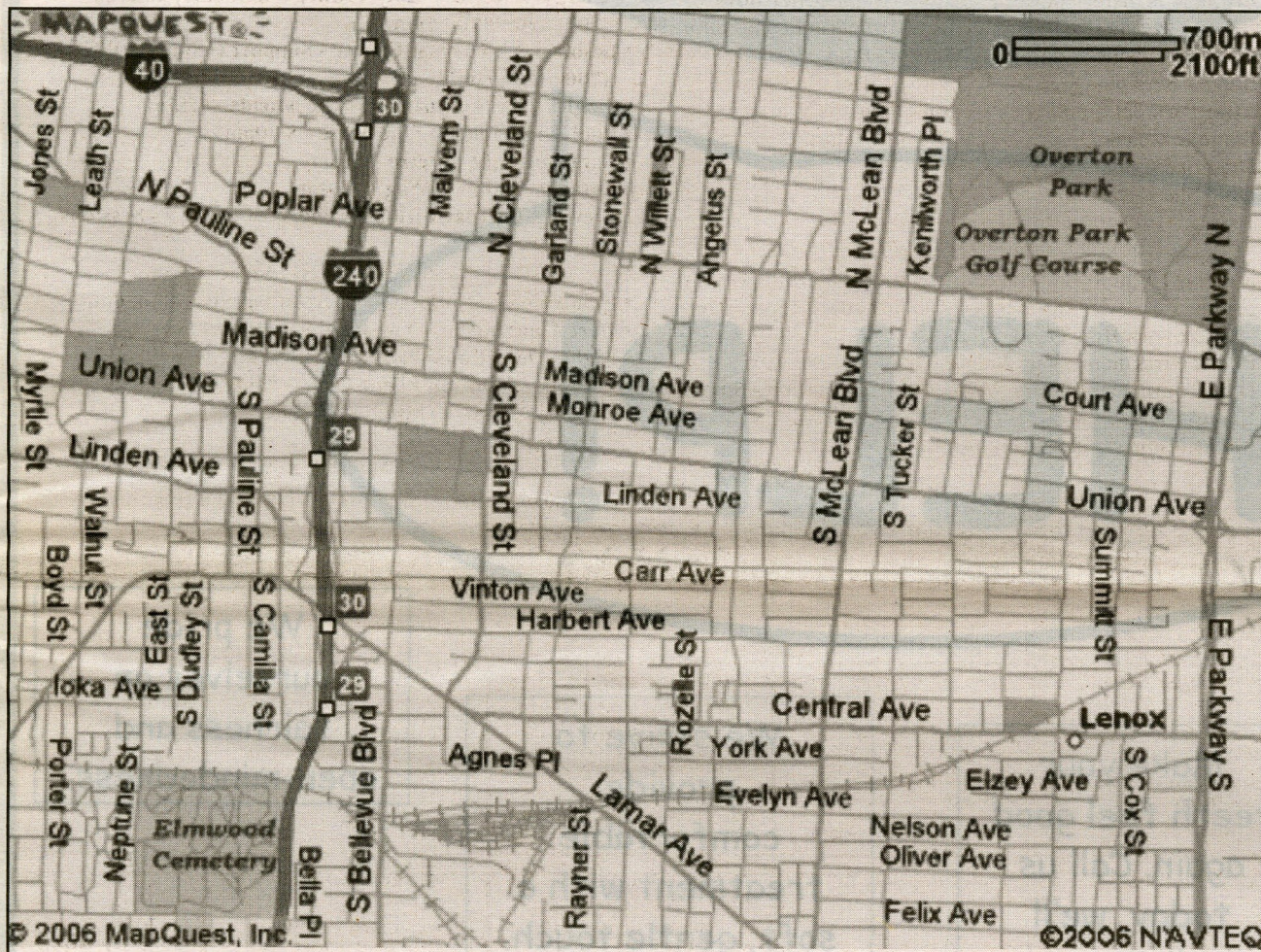
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- SATURDAYS**
- Frontrunners 2-mile run, The Pier parking lot (Union and Riverside), 9am
  - Women's Rugby Practice, Harbortown Greenbelt Park on Mud Island - 9am
  - Live and Let Live on Cooper St. - MGLCC - 278- 4297 - 7 pm
  - Pool Tournament - J-Wag's - 10pm
  - Karaoke- Sessions 8:30 p.m.
  - Drag Show - Allusions Entertainment Center 10:30pm & 12:15pm
  - Dance with DJ RJ - Madison Flame
  - Belles of the Ball - Sessions 10 pm





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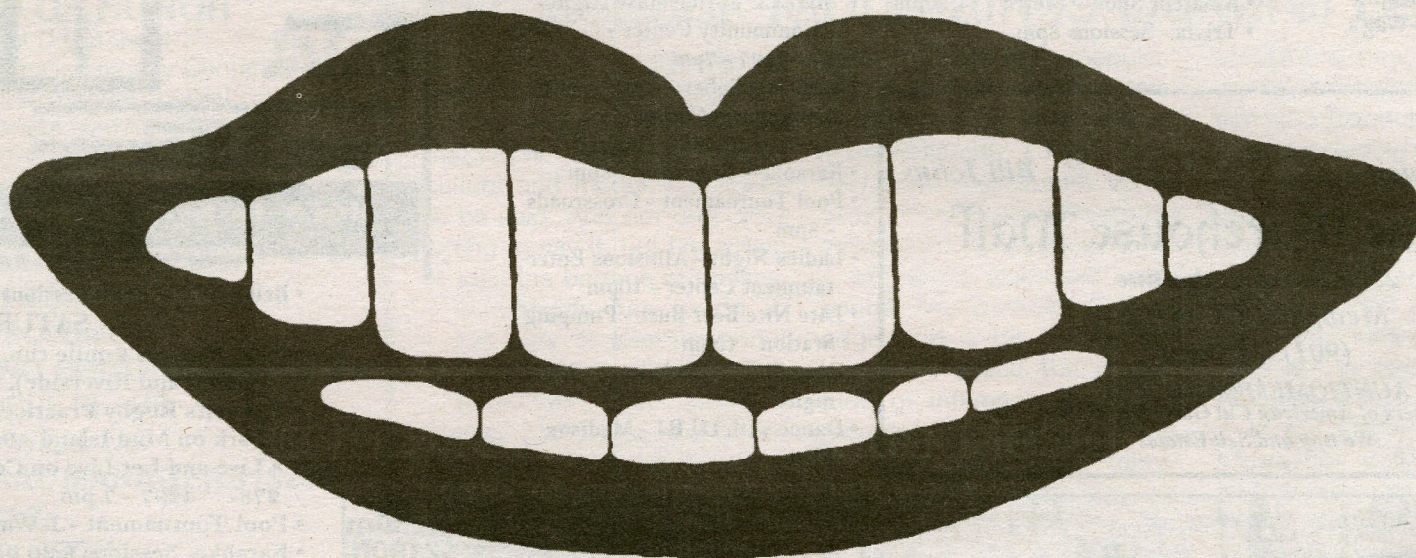
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