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## MGLCC's President Steps Down

by Jamie Griffin

Len Piechowski felt it was time to step aside as president of the Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center (MGLCC) prior to the current election of the MGLCC Board of Directors this summer. However, he didn't feel it was the "right" time. Emotionally and physically exhausted, but motivated by his love for the GLBT community, Piechowski successfully ran for another term as president, although he says it wasn't his intention to do so.

Then, early in his current term, two things happened. Already mentally drained from his intense involvement and advocacy in the community, Piechowski organized the previously annual MGLCC Gaymes Olympics in Memphis. The event, Gaymes IV, raised 10,000 dollars for the organization, but took a serious toll on Piechowski mentally. Secondly, Piechowski began to see first hand the talent and energy of the new board and then he knew the time was right.

"I can step aside and not lose any sleep about the future of the organization," Piechowski said. "I've been running on fumes for



Holding a sign that spreads love to the rainbow community in the Mid-South, Len Piechowski, president of MGLCC, will continue to nurture the development of MGLCC until Feb. 1, 2007.

awhile and now I have honestly come to believe that talent on the MGLCC team is the strongest it has ever been. There is so much capability and energy now."

Under Piechowski's leadership since 2002, MGLCC has thrived and is on track to actualize the organization's vision for the future, MGLCC 2023. His contributions

have been countless, highlighted by the start of a counseling center, chairing the building search committee that helped secure the MGLCC's current building location, and the raising of \$26,000 in grant funding for the center. His work and efforts have not gone unappreciated.

"Although Len will no longer be

## BEST OF GAY MEMPHIS 2006

RESULTS INSIDE!

president of MGLCC, he leaves in place a profound legacy of competence, passion and vision that will empower the community center and the larger GLBT community for many years to come," said Will Batts, MGLCC treasurer.

Perhaps his most important contribution during his four years as president is what's allowing him the peace of mind to step down—the recruitment of the most diverse board in the history of the organization. Piechowski's official last day as the organizations' president is Jan. 31, 2007.

The MGLCC Board has recommended Piechowski remain on the board as a member-at-large, pending community ratification.

"I was not even thinking about the possibility of remaining on the

board as a member-at-large and I was delighted and touched when I was asked to do so," admits Piechowski. "The board understands that my involvement will be limited to only attending board meetings and working on the finance committee for six months at least."

Also pending community approval is the appointment of current vice president Charlie Weatherall, as president pro-tem and current member-at-large, Autumn Falconer as vice president pro tem. Both received unanimous endorsements from the MGLCC's Board of Directors to move into the perspective positions. If given the chance, Piechowski believes both Weatherall and Falconer will

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## OutFlix Continues Summer Success with Classic Movie Night

by Jamie Griffin

The good news continues to pour in for OutFlix's Chairman, Jim Farris. Fresh off of a successful film festival this past summer, OutFlix's organizers were looking to find a way to keep the event on the front of people's consciousness throughout the year. One such attempt is the birth of Classic Movie Night. But before the idea could morph into reality, the organization had to find the right movie and the right location to have it.

Farris finalized the screening rights for the 1939 classic film *The Women*. There's no irony that director of the film, the late George Cukor, was gay.

"Cukor being gay helps make more sense of the film choice," says Farris. With the film selected, the location of where it would be

shown was the next hurdle. Again, Farris was able to work his magic and secure the Downtown Muvico Theatre as the venue for the Jan. 20 showing. The movie will begin at 8 p.m. and suggested donations will be accepted at the door.

Meanwhile, the OutFlix committee continues planning for the 2007 film festival. The dates for the festival are confirmed for Aug. 16 through the 19 and Aug. 24 and 25.

For Farris, staying ahead of the game is important.

"There will be films released early in 2007 that we'll know early on that we want to include in our festival," say Farris. "We can schedule and promote these early on, and then, even if a great film is released as late as shortly before our festival begins, we will be able to schedule it to be shown right after a film that we've been able

to promote for several months. That way, we will have well-promoted movies every night."

As for the chances OutFlix's first Classic Movie Night being a success, Farris feels the organization has history on its side.

"The Memphis gay community

has a rich tradition of attending and supporting art movies, dating back to the Guild Theatre (Circuit Playhouse now occupies the building where the Guild stood) in the 1940's, '50's and '60's," claims Farris. "Gay Memphians congregated at the Guild, as it

was one of few public places that the gay community felt safe and could let their hair down. There's nothing better than enjoying a great classic movie, in a real movie theatre, filled with our community and friends."



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## Political Purchasing

Anyone who knows me is well aware of the fact that my brain runs a zillion miles a minute, analyzing and scrutinizing the minutest of details.

So it comes as quite a surprise when I say that there are two sentences I've heard in my lifetime that have stuck with me and quintessentially molded the "adult" Rebekah—if there is such person.

#### 1. Personal is political.

A simple sentence with mounds of importance hefted into a few simple letters smashed together by luck to create a comprehensive word.

*Personal.* Personal is you. Whatever you think, you feel, you want, you desire, you encounter, you, you, you, you, you. Personal is selfish because personal is all about the inner desires, goals, and fears of a particular individual. The conscience doesn't lie to oneself, therefore producing a complete and whole truth that cannot be denied by its thinker—you.

*Political.* Political is everything from how many babies a politician kisses to saying the right words at the right time. It's even been rumored that candy-coated chocolates are political, with each color representing a plight, social problem, or fault with political systems. That spare change in your pocket? Pull it out and take a look at it—that's political as well.

When these two words are paired in matrimony by the officiating minister "is," the relationship gets a little tricky; but truth be told, each item, thought, and action that one does is political. The word "political" is directly associated to the concept of winning. And according to the rules and regulations of Darwinism, winning is everything. Because personal success, wealth, happiness, survival and growth is humanity's default setting, then quintessentially, everyone is currently engaged in developing a strategic plan to-

wards self-advancement.

#### 2. Buying is emotional.

Lexus and Mercedes owners don't buy an expensive car because they want to impress strangers on the highway with their hot wheels. They spend money on a car that feels right. That sounds smooth. That floats on the road. That makes them feel comfortable. They don't care how much it costs—they love that it makes them comfortable.

A common impulse of those suffering from bipolar disorder is shopping. A depressed person doesn't randomly drive to a mall and spend money because she must have that particular product or brand in order to feel happy; she begins spending money because it makes her feel good. It curbs the darkness of self and turns it into materialistic happiness.

This edition includes the Best of Memphis 2006. And needless to say, I was quite disappointed with some of the results. And I'm not disappointed because my favorite place to eat brunch wasn't chosen.

I'm disappointed at the lack of personal emotion and political suave of my fellow Mid-Southerners. Why would anyone in his right mind want to spend money at a business that doesn't support his entirety? If I walked into a restaurant and the hostess refused to seat me because my hair is ob-



noxiously curly, you'd better believe I'd be taking my hard earned money elsewhere.

Businesses that do not support human equality or personal freedom are listed in this publication. And it irks me.

Desires and dreams are political. What one purchases to make those dreams a reality is emotional. And if dreams, desires and personal wants are personal, then doesn't that mean that what you purchase is also making a political statement?

Think about the business that you purchase items from. Are they hesitant to serve you? Do you ever walk away wondering what negative things they might be saying about you?

I urge each of you to research and ask questions about the services and products you choose. You might be surprised at what you're paying for.

And you'll be even more surprised at how they view your money.

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

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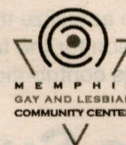
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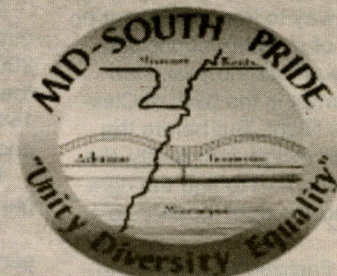


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# Letters to the Editor

## Passing the Torch

Dear Triangle Journal,

It was with a very heavy heart that I submitted my resignation as President of the Mid-South Lambda Professionals Alliance to the MLPA Leadership Team. I found it necessary, due to personal reasons, to step down from my leadership role and to allow another to step up in my place and perform the duties that I felt I could no longer do to the best of my abilities.

Carter Beard will temporarily be serving as Acting President, as directed under our by-laws, until nominations for a new President can be open and the election scheduled. Please lend a helping hand to Carter during this time of transition.

When I started work on founding MLPA a year and a half ago, I had such a grand vision for this organization and looked forward to finding those who shared my vision to help the group reach its full potential. I feel confident that this will happen under the current leadership team and future presidency.

Over the past five years with my involvement in the Mid-South gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning community, I have met a great number of wonderful people who care as strongly as I do for the well-being, future, and constructive development of our community. I am honored to call many of them "friend"!

[...] I want to strongly encourage everyone who has the best interest of the GLBT community and this organization to become active in the development. The community has so much to lose if it does not unite.

I leave the leadership of MLPA with a strong hope for the future of our community because I have met so many amazing leaders. Please pay the very small cost of sacrifice to become an active member of the community!

Sincerely,

Andrew Stricklin, Founder  
Mid-South Lambda  
Professionals Alliance  
December 2, 2006

## A Feast of Thanks

Editor,

On Thanksgiving Day I joined over twenty family members for the most delicious feast I have ever partaken of. (You young people out there be careful not to end your sentences with a preposition.)

Conversation was interesting and intellectual. The recorded music was delightful. Never mind that I had never met/seen about one-third of the guests: meeting new family is exciting. The location was not Chef Greg, which my older son had described the day before as "extremely messy," but a comfortable place just down the street. You may have guessed already. The Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center!

Over the years I've had many fine Thanksgiving holidays, but 2006 was the best ever. "Family," I feel so lucky to be "kin" to you. Supporters of MGLCC, thank you for making it possible. We are fortunate in our bond of community as we work to make this a fairer, supportive, more-nurturing city and world.

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# Opinions

## Bipartisan and Bisexual Bi-Myself

by Monica Engesser

In comedienne Margaret Cho's recent stand up routine *The Notorious C.H.O.*, she tells a story about hooking up with a woman while performing on a lesbian cruise. This incident, she said, raised all sorts of questions. "Am I gay, am I straight? I finally realized, I'm just slutty, where's my parade?"

While acceptance of homosexuals is on the rise, very few people know what to do with a bisexual, or even how to categorize us. We are the red-headed stepchild of the gay community (no offence intended to any red headed stepchildren reading this).

I don't consider myself straight but I fear offending gay people if I say I am gay. Gay men have their heroes, role models, and stereotypes. Lesbian women do, too. And bisexuals are sort of an afterthought, always mentioned after their "completely gay" counterparts in the GLBT hierarchy. Even then, no one really seems to have much to say. At pride stores I can peruse hundreds of t-shirts, bumper stickers, magnets, and

pins designed for gay men and women, but for me? I get one option, the classic "I heart bisexuals." And that's not proclaiming much. I can't even find anything proclaiming that "I AM bisexual." There are many misconceptions about bi's. The biggest misconception is that all bisexuals are heartbreakers and sluts.

Now, I can't speak for anyone but myself, but I consider any extraneous activity when I'm in a relationship with either gender to be cheating, and I can't be the only one who feels this way. My bi-orientation does keep a lot of women from taking a chance on me, which is frustrating, but at the same time understandable. Most lesbian women have, I think, been hurt in the past by a bi-curious girl loving them and leaving them when they found themselves a man, and this often closes the door on any future they might try with a woman who identifies herself as bi.

I was a bit of a late-bloomer sexually. I was 18 and had just lost my virginity to a boy when I realized I wasn't straight. It was Christmas break. I was home from

college and hanging out with one of my best friends, talking and laughing, when out of left field I got *that* feeling for her. It was a little alarming to me because I had always considered myself straight and I didn't know if it was a fluke brought on by the events of my year, the camaraderie and the moonlight, or if I really did like women.

Throughout college I developed crushes on nearly as many women as men and began describing myself as "straight with a female fetish." I wasn't ready for the implications of bisexuality and I sensed that I wouldn't exactly be welcomed into the gay community with open arms. Straight girls would freak out and straight guys would instantly demand a threesome.

Gay community aside, my friends treated the whole thing as a colossal joke. They would listen, hug, and say "but do you really think you feel the same way about girls as you do about guys?" Or they would just come right out and say "this is just a phase," "you're not bi," or my favorite, "just make up your mind." It

wasn't that I have bad friends—I've just always been a very open person and they had a hard time accepting that I had a late coming attraction to women.

I plastered my car with rainbows, one bumper sticker that proclaimed "I kiss boys," the matching "I kiss girls," on the opposite side of the car. With time came acceptance.

Since I was 18 I have loved men and women—at different times, but for the same reasons. I tend to see people as people, regardless of race or gender, and occasionally I meet someone I just click with in all the right ways. And that, to me, is love. My last boyfriend of three years was extremely unwilling to accept my orientation and because I was in love and because I didn't plan on ever being with a woman again, I stopped talking about it and even tried to convince myself that it had all been "a college thing."

While I sequestered myself "back in the closet" to avoid conflict, it always bothered me that he was unwilling to accept the duality of my nature. Since we've broken up, I have re-embraced

my sexuality and vowed never to hide it again. Honestly, it rarely comes up. If asked, I tell.

In the appropriate context, I proclaim willingly and unasked. Coming out on myspace may only mean that I get dozens of emails from couples eager to spice up their marriage (no thanks), but I feel good knowing that it's out there, I own it, and I am proud to be a woman who loves women and men, equally.

The only time it bothers me to be bi is when I feel that I am treated as a second-class citizen by other gay people. It's so subtle and glossed over. It seems that I'm not gay enough; even my good friends joke about me really being a lesbian that isn't ready to take the plunge, as if that would somehow bring me into an inner-circle that I can never belong to as long as I like penis.

In the end, everyone is looking for love. If you're attracted to men, great! If you're attracted to women, wonderful!

I just happen to be attracted to both, therefore providing me with the best odds of finding a soul mate.

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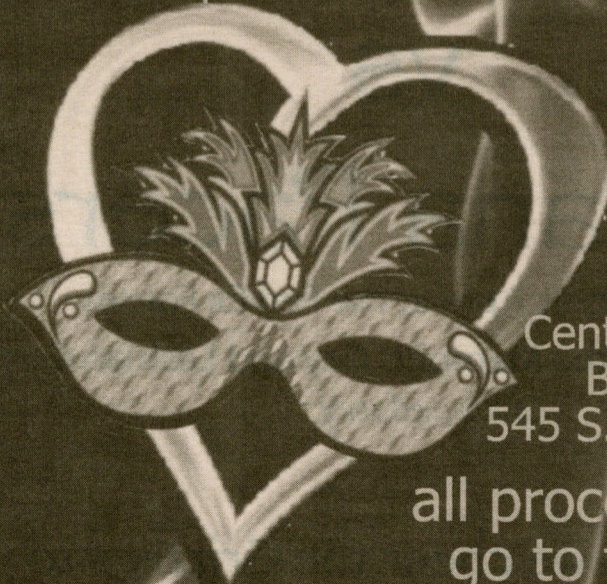
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## Opinions

### My Eight Years Working with Len Piechowski

by Herb Zeman

I met Len Piechowski for the first time in Nov. of 1997 when we both attended the first meeting of the Memphis Lesbian and Gay Coalition for Justice (ML-GCJ), founded by Jim Maynard. We both ended up on a Publicity Committee. Piechowski became heavily involved and appeared at public events with Maynard, while I stayed in the background for personal reasons. Two years later, when I heard that the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center (MGLCC) Board of Directors was planning to purchase a building for a new community center, I joined the board to help with the effort. My late lover, Charles Butler, had been the vice president of the MGLCC in 1994 and had secured for the MGLCC the 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. I wanted to continue his good work and do what I could to make the MGLCC building a reality.

During my first two years on the MGLCC board, Jason Crockett was the president, but the driving force behind raising mon-

ey for the new building came from Len. He single-handedly raised \$72,000 for the building fund, and as one of his victims, I knew how hard he could push to get people to give until it hurt. I gave a substantial amount of money to the building fund over those two years, but I could afford it.

Len gave a sizeable contribution as well, but he couldn't afford it.

After the drama of those two years, I became president of MGLCC. Hence, I know what an incredibly hard job it is. I only lasted six months, but I had a good excuse for leaving. I purchased the building at 892 S. Cooper and couldn't be landlord, president, and member of the board all at the same time.

Truth be told, I was ready to leave after six months. I was happy to have an excuse for a graceful exit, and Len took over the second half of my one-year term. He's been president ever since, with a total of over four years.

That he's now ready to step down isn't a surprise to me. The surprise is that he lasted four

years.

But what an incredible four years it has been for the MGLCC. Len took the Board of Directors and turned it into an effective governing body that actually got things done. He was as good at leadership as he was at raising money, and his board meetings were part legislative meeting and part experiential growth training.

Never losing sight of the need to assist the members of the board in their personal growth, Len empowered his board members to contribute in time and effort far more than they might ever previously have thought they could.

It would take the rest of this newspaper to enumerate all the accomplishments during Len's tenure as president, so let's make it simple.

When I signed the original 15-year lease purchase agreement with MGLCC, I thought it would take 15 years to purchase the building. Two years later, MGLCC bought the building for the balance left on the mortgage. That MGLCC could accomplish that

feat in two years is the best example of the dynamic leadership Len brought to the center.

Now that I didn't own the building anymore, I could be a member of the MGLCC Board of Directors again. Hence, I got to serve as a Member at Large under Len's presidency for two years.

I got to see his leadership ability first hand, not just hear about it from others. I will miss having Len as president, but I'm glad he will remain on the Board of Directors as a Member at Large. I'm glad that Charlie Weatherall has agreed to step up to be President and Autumn Falconer has agreed to step in as Vice President.



Len Piechowski

I'm confident that the good work that Len has started will continue under their leadership.

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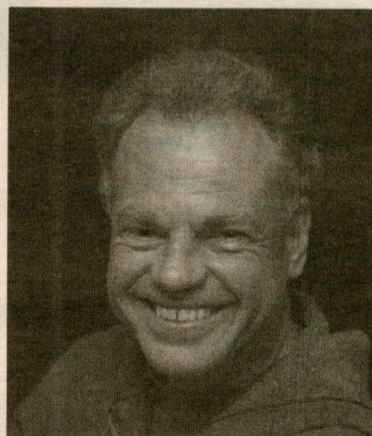
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# Local

## A Year with Personality

by Bob Loos

As announced in the December issue of Triangle Journal, the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center's (MGLCC) Lavender University schedule for 2007 includes the monthly Personal Empowerment Series. This series is intended to provide a confidential and safe environment in which to explore emotional issues that can be barriers to personal wholeness. The first meeting of this series will be held on Thursday, Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. at MGLCC. The topic of the kickoff session will be "Homophobia and the Personal Impact of the Tennessee Marriage Amendment."

The meetings are free of charge and is open to any interested persons over the age of 18. Personal Empowerment sessions meet on the fourth Thursday of each month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at MGLCC. The format is a short presentation on the featured topic followed by discussion of its personal emotional impact. In order to promote an emotionally safe environment, participants will be asked to sign and comply with a

set of group rules outlining requirements for confidentiality and appropriate behavior.

Topics currently planned are hetero-sexism, family of origin issues, the coming-out process, addiction, grief and loss, assertiveness, HIV/AIDS, self-esteem, and many others. *Triangle Journal* will publish each month's topic and a schedule will be posted at the center in addition to the website (mglcc.org).

Note that the Empowerment Series is not offered as therapy, and neither is it intended to be. Participants who have a need for more intensive support will be referred to professional counseling, either through the MGLCC Counseling Service, or to a therapist of the participant's choice. Also, the series' focus is on inner-emotions and is not a medical, religious, political, or social discussion group. As discussions touch on these areas, the instructor will direct the focus of discussion toward their personal emotional impact.

For more information please visit [mglcc.org/lavender](http://mglcc.org/lavender).

by Charlie Weatherall

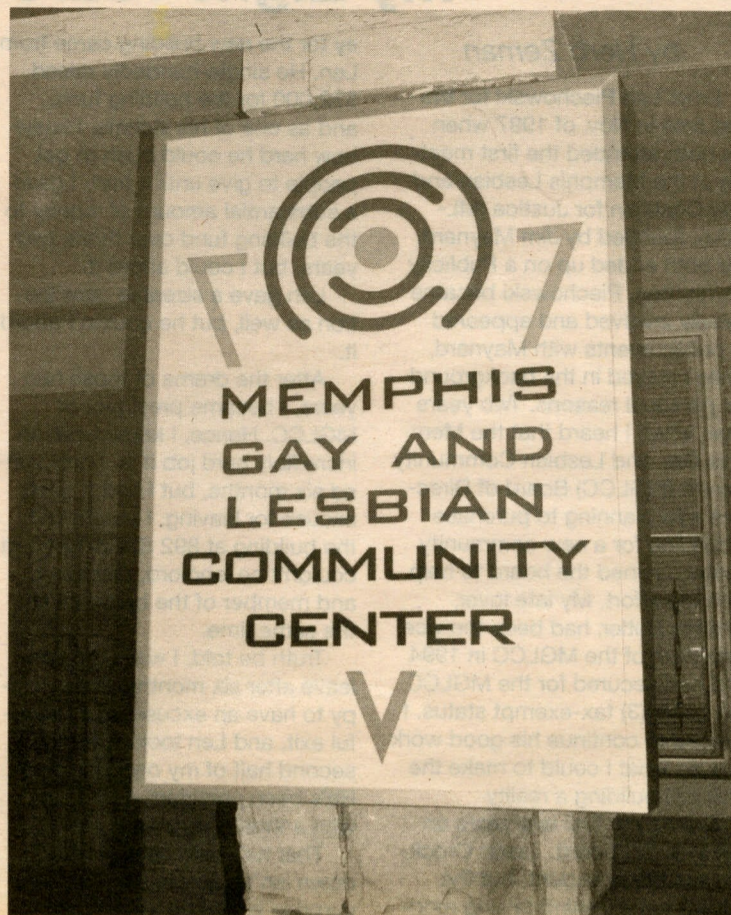
You'll notice a few changes at 892 S. Cooper in 2007! The Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center (MGLCC) is showing pride in the rainbow community with the addition of a new lighted sign and a 25 ft flag pole. While such things may seem merely cosmetic, these additions will hopefully remind everyone that the MGLCC stands as a beacon for pride, hope, and acceptance for all. No longer will the community's existence be hidden under a bushel, but will shine and fly high for everyone to enjoy.

The newly installed sign, hung on the outside of the front porch, sports the MGLCC logo and is back-lit so that the entire front yard radiates to reflect the warmth that is always found within its doors. The sign, along with installation, is compliments of Frank Balton Sign Co.

The 25 ft flag pole will fly a five ft by eight ft pride flag high above the Cooper-Young district. The flag pole was generously donated by Tommy Simmons and the flag itself is compliments of Inz & Outz with special thanks to manager, Darian Porter. The installation of the flag pole, again compliments of Frank Balton Co., is scheduled to be completed by New Year's Eve.

MGLCC extends sincere and heart-felt gratitude to Tommy

## Pride Flies High in Midtown



Visitors to the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center will now be welcomed with the recent addition of a lighted sign. Those attending MGLCC's New Year's Eve party will witness the first flag raising ceremony.

Simmons, Frank Balton Signs and Inz & Outz.

Mark the calendars and make plans to join MGLCC for the New Year's Eve Bash Dec. 31 at 8 p.m.

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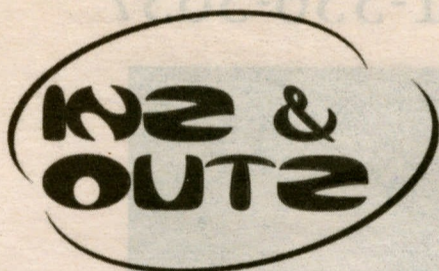
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### Story of a Gay Marine: Part II

by T.M. Smith

As I first stepped onto Japanese soil, I felt rejuvenated. The rush exceeded anything from my previous deployments. Whether or not the exhilaration was due to subconscious foreshadowing of what was to come, I did not have time to ponder. I was scheduled to depart for Bangladesh in four days.

I scrambled to settle my belongings; I then turned my attention to work. I had a pack-up and rosters to inspect, as well as intelligence briefs and other upper level meetings to attend. Miraculously, we made every deadline. I saw this as a good omen. We would be among the first American units to train with Bengali forces. If I could deliver successfully as the only logistics Marine, my future looked bright.

We stopped in Thailand with maintenance due on our F-18s. During our stay, I officially "came out" to a dear friend who shared my pain despite her being straight. Through this, we became each other's confidants during times when neither of us would have been capable of surviving alone.

The next six months were tumultuous and exciting. Two

months into our deployment, I reached the height of my grievous inner-struggle by attempting to kill the pain by crawling inside a bottle. While my personal affairs never affected my work (I was promoted to Corporal while in Bangladesh), those closest to me knew all was not well. Eventually, I accepted the stark reality.

By remaining married, I would be a walking lie and never the husband Jennifer deserved. I returned home and shortly thereafter, Jennifer returned to Mississippi.

The dissolution of our marriage led to rumors, divided loyalties, and broken friendships. We agreed on confidentiality, but slowly the truth emerged. I ceased attendance at the church that had embraced me for two years and ventured fully into the unnerving world of being a gay Marine.

I quickly immersed myself in the culture and history of my newly embraced community. I formed bonds both outside and inside the Corps with sympathetic others. Within six months, I formed a relationship that remained intact almost to the end of my career, and while circumstance drew us apart, we remain close friends.

As a Marine, I garnered the respect and admiration of almost

everyone with which I worked. I toyed with the idea of returning to a civilian life. But the allure of the Corps and an upcoming promotion to Sergeant won out. I signed a thirteen month extension. Reenlistment never came.

While a growing number of squadron mates knew of my sexual orientation, I never personally encountered a negative attitude. My sexuality became the camouflaged elephant in the corner. My greatest enemy came in civilian form.

The former head of the Chaplain Corps retired from the Navy and became pastor of my old church. The pastor heard my story from his congregation and armed with an innocent, yet damning, copy of an old online profile, made his mission my denouncement of homosexuality. From the beginning, I firmly waved off his behest for privatized, reparative therapy. Though in the end, he passed the pejorative information to my command.

Twenty-three days before my scheduled departure to Iraq, I was charged with violating the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy. Unbeknownst to me, my commander knew of my sexual orientation but had chosen to look the other way, though the pastor's acerbic

evidence became the proverbial straw that broke the camel's back. One month and three days later on Aug. 16, I put on my uniform for the last time and picked up my discharge papers.

As a gay man and former Marine, I still find a duty to my sworn oath. However, my focus has changed.

Walt Whitman once wrote of a soldier questioning his mission but pressing onward in the face of all aversions.

"I know my words are weapons... For I confront peace, security, and all settled laws, to

unsettle them, I am more resolute because all have denied me than I could ever have been had all accepted me..."

For me, these words are a hard line drawn in overcoming prejudice and misguided ideology despite all odds.

And they stand as a mantra for those of us choosing to challenge our military for the right to defend our country. Rarely a day goes by when I do not wish for a return to my status as a Marine. But for now, I cannot.

And I will not until I am allowed to do so as the person I truly am.

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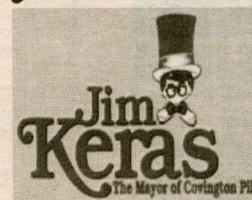
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# Politics

## Amendment 1 Voting Results

### Precincts Reveal Geographic Trends on Attitudes toward Marriage Equality

by Jonathon Cole

On Nov. 7, 2006, Tennesseans went to the polls and voted in favor of Amendment 1 by an 80% margin. While the statewide results of Amendment 1 were released on election night, the GLBT community had to wait a few weeks to see the Shelby County precinct results. The Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center's (MGLCC) Initiative:Fairness (I:F) obtained and analyzed the data. Here are some of the highlights:

- Only 10 out of 279 precincts in Shelby County voted against Amendment 1 (3.6%). All of the "No" voting precincts were in Midtown Memphis. Volunteers for I:F and the Vote No on 1 Campaign canvassed voters in 6 of these 10 precincts.
- Nine Memphis precincts voted "No" in the 40 to 50% range. These marginal precincts exist in Midtown (3), East Memphis (3), Downtown (2), and South Memphis (1).
- Eighteen precincts voted "No" in the 30 to 40% range: East Memphis (13), Midtown (4) and Downtown (1).
- Fifty-six precincts voted "No" in the 21 to 29% range: East Memphis (25), South Memphis (9), Midtown (4), Germantown (4), Orange Mound (3), Cordova (2), North Memphis (2), Parkway Village (2), Bartlett (1), Berclair (1), Binghampton (1), Downtown (1) and Millington (1).
- The remaining 186 precincts voted "Yes" on Amendment One by an 80 to 89% margin. The top ten "Yes" voting precincts occurred in Bartlett (3), Collierville (2), Millington (2), Lakeland (1), Rosemark (1) and Memphis (1).

one uses the Amendment 1 data as an indicator, one can determine that Midtown, East Memphis and Downtown are the most GLBT-friendly neighborhoods in Shelby County.

To see how your precinct ranked in the Amendment 1 vote, visit [mgllcc.org/lf](http://mgllcc.org/lf) for a detailed report. MGLCC's I:F plans to create a precinct level map with a color-coded overlay of Amendment 1 voting percentages that will be displayed in the community center at 892 S. Cooper St.

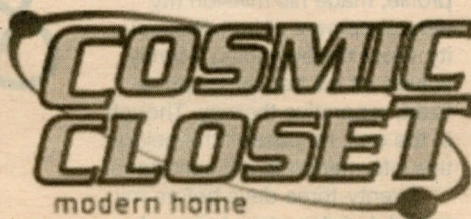
Looking strictly at a list of precincts and vote percentages, some trends begin to appear. If

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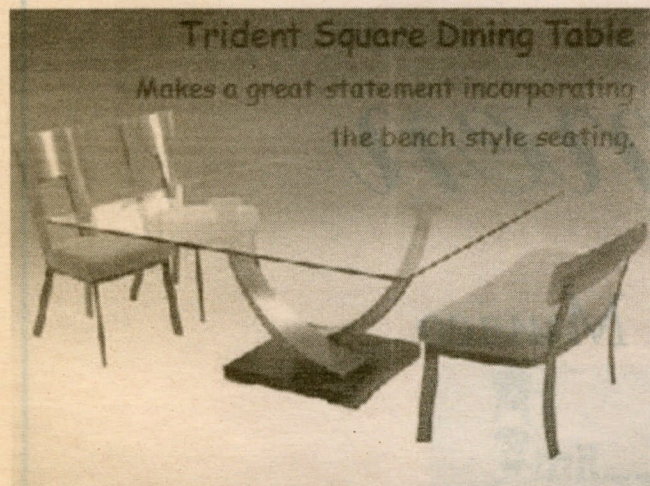
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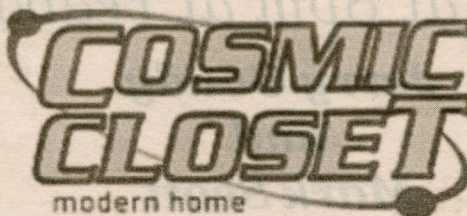


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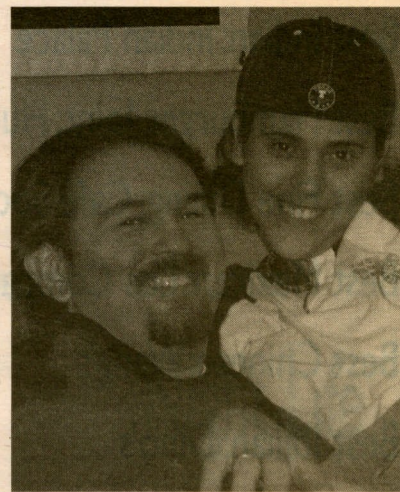
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Best Brunch : Bosco's Squared  
Best Coffee Shop: High Point Coffee  
Best Pizza: Memphis Pizza Cafe  
Best Vegan: Square Foods  
Best Vegetarian: Wild Oats  
Best Thai: Jasmine's  
Best Vietnamese: Saigon Le  
Best Japanese/Sushi: Sekisui  
Best Seafood: Blue Fish  
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Best Lunch: Cordelia's Table/Bogie's/Dino's  
Best Breakfast: Bob's Barksdale  
Best Romantic Restaurant: Paulette's  
Best Wine List: La Chardonnay  
Best Steak: Folk's Folly  
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## Goods and Services

Best Grocery Store: Wild Oats  
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Best Women's Clothing: Chico  
Best Men's Clothing: Lux  
Best Vintage Store: Flashback  
Best Shoe Store: Cookie Love  
Best Home Furnishings: Royal Furniture  
Best Hair Salon: Hi Gorgeous  
Best Barbershop: Hi Gorgeous/Mid-City  
Best Day Spa: Gould's  
Best Fitness Club: French Riviera Spa  
Best Jewelry Store: Gregory's Jewelers  
Best Tattoo Parlor: Trilogy  
Best Antique Store: Antique Warehouse  
Best Florist: Rocky  
Best Sporting Goods: Tommy Bronson's  
Best Video: Midtown Video  
Best Car Dealership: Dobbs Ford  
Best Record Store: Goner Records  
Best Glass Shop: Bohemian Bazaar  
Best Pride Paraphernalia: Inz & Outz

## Entertainment & Recreation

- Best Museum: Brooks Museum of Art
- Best Art Gallery: David Mah Studio
- Best Live Theater: Playhouse on the Square
- Best Movie Theater: Studio on the Square
- Best Sports Team: Memphis Grizzlies
- Best Art Museum: Brooks Museum of Art
- Best Local Artist: David Mah Studio
- Best Local Gay Artist: David Mah Studio
- Best Park: Overton Park
- Best Place for a Picnic: Overton Park
- Best Family Entertainment: Studio on the Square
- Best Festival: Cooper-Young Festival
- Best Bowling: Cordova Lanes

## Education

- Best College/University: University of Memphis
- Best Library Branch: Central Library

## Politics & Organizations

- Best GLBT organization: Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center
- Best GLBT friendly organization: PFLAG
- Best Politician: Steve Cohen
- Best Political Group: Memphis Stonewall Democrats

## Media

- Best Radio Station: WKNO
- Best Television Station: Logo/WKNO
- Best Newspaper/Magazine: Memphis Flyer

## Night Life

- Best Live Music Venue: Sessions
- Best Local Band: Bouffants
- Best Local Singer/Songwriter: DiAnne Price
- Best Bar: Dish
- Best Dance Club: Backstreet Memphis
- Best After Hours Club: Aftershock
- Best Beer Selection: The Flying Saucer
- Best Jukebox: Sessions
- Best Place to Play Pool: R.P.Tracks
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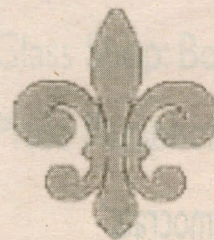
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# Events

## Living the Legacy of Nonviolence: Mid-South Peace and Justice Center Celebrates 25 Years

The Mid-South Peace and Justice Center (MSPJC) cordially invites community members to an evening of reunion, reflection, forethought, food, drinks, and music on Thursday, Jan. 11 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Bridges, Inc.

Features of the night include a simple Indian dinner, the words of Dr. Luther Ivory, the music of Andy Cohen, a silent auction featuring the works of Memphis' up and coming artists, a book signing with Amy Goodman and a chance to reconnect with old friends. Individual tickets are \$30 and a table of 8 is \$240. Tickets can be purchased online at [brownpapertickets.com/event/9002](http://brownpapertickets.com/event/9002) or can be downloaded and mailed with a payment to MSPJC, 1000 S. Cooper, Memphis, TN 38104.

Amy Goodman is the host and executive producer of Democracy Now!, a national, daily, independent, award-winning news program airing on 500 radio and television stations in North America. Goodman and her brother, journalist David Goodman, co-authored *Static: Government Liars, Media Cheerleaders, and the*

*People Who Fight Back*, and the New York Times best-seller *The Exception to the Rule: Exposing Oily Politicians, War Profiteers, and the Media That Love Them*.

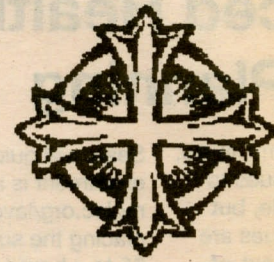
Goodman's reporting on East Timor and Nigeria has won numerous awards, including the George Polk Award, Robert F. Kennedy Prize for International Reporting, and the Alfred I. DuPont-Columbia Award. She has also received awards from the Associated Press, United Press International, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and Project Censored. Amy will be holding a book signing during the event.

Rev. Dr. Luther Ivory, a Memphis native, is an associate professor of religious studies at Rhodes College. In 1971, after being named the salutatorian and "Most Likely to Succeed" at Douglass High School, Ivory became the first African-American to receive the Colonel John T. Morehead "ROTC Cadet-of-the-Year" award. After high school, Dr. Ivory received his B.S. degree in liberal arts from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and his

master's degree in social work from UT-Martin. He later earned his Doctor of Ministry degree from Union Theological Seminary and his Ph.D. from Emory University.

He served as a lieutenant in the Navy for five years before he began his career in teaching. Dr. Ivory has written and lectured extensively on the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the ethics of the civil rights movement. He credits Dr. King as his childhood inspiration and, at age 15, witnessed Dr. King's "Mountaintop Speech." In 1997, Abingdon Press released Dr. Ivory's examination of Dr. King's philosophical teachings in *Towards a Theology of Radical Involvement: The Theological Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

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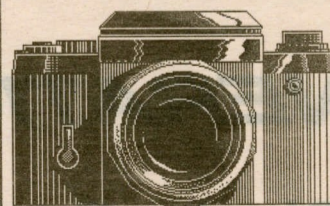
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## Events

### Advanced Healthcare Planning

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Although some members of the community are aware of the necessity to properly prepare documentation other members of the community, might simply assume that the privilege is guaranteed due to the intimate nature of the relationship.

To ensure understanding in the community, "Your Wishes, Your Choices" is a planning session to help start the conversation with basic definitions, worksheets, and forms for partner and domestic legal documentation. To ensure that "your wishes, your choices" are legally honored, save a seat at the next Lavender University course at the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center on Jan. 20, 2007 from 12 to 2 p.m.

Seats sell quickly! Advanced enrollment is available online at [mglcc.org/lavender.htm](http://mglcc.org/lavender.htm) or by placing the suggested donation of \$5 to a board member on duty at the community center. Save your seat today!

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### President

"Although Len will no longer be president of MGLCC, he leaves in place a profound legacy of competence, passion and vision that will empower the community center and the larger GLBT community for many years to come," said Will Batts, MGLCC treasurer.

Perhaps his most important contribution during his four years as president is what's allowing him the peace of mind to step down—the recruitment of the most diverse board in the history

of the organization. Piechowski's official last day as the organizations' president is Jan. 31, 2007.

The MGLCC Board has recommended Piechowski remain on the board as a member-at-large, pending community ratification.

"I was not even thinking about the possibility of remaining on the board as a member-at-large and I was delighted and touched when I was asked to do so," admits Piechowski. "The board understands that my involvement will

be limited to only attending board meetings and working on the finance committee for six months at least."

Also pending community approval is the appointment of current vice president Charlie Weatherall, as president pro-tem and current member-at-large, Autumn Falconer as vice president pro tem. Both received unanimous endorsements from the MGLCC's Board of Directors to move into the perspective positions. If given the chance, Piechowski believes both Weatherall and Falconer will do a great job leading the organization into the future.

"He'll be excellent," Piechowski says of Weatherall. "His heart is committed to the vision and mission of the center. [Falconer] has an indefatigable spirit, enthusiasm, and energy. It's hard to be around her and not get excited about what she's excited about."

The feelings are mutual, according to Weatherall. "I'm sad I'll be losing such a great mentor," says Weatherall of Piechowski. "I'm glad he will be staying involved."

The MGLCC has scheduled a Town Hall Meeting, regarding the board's recommendation, January 14 at 2:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

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# Reviews

## GMC's Capitol Wagon

by Casey Williams

Did you watch all of the television coverage around the mid-term elections? I'm a political junkie and CNN addict, so I watched tons of it. Despite all of the non-partisan love-festing, I began to notice one thing almost every senator, congressperson, and high-powered falutin could agree on—riding in a General Motors full-size SUV like the 2007 GMC Yukon XL is high style on Capitol Hill.

At some point, the Secret Service realized SUVs were great vehicles to cart around hordes of agents and to serve as mobile gun platforms in Presidential motorcades. Then, it seems they turned up in every diplomatic mission around the world; in movies like *Clear and Present Danger*, American agents are attacked while riding in armored Suburbans. Of course, the SUV rage of the 1990s and 2000s made them popular with lawmakers as they connected with their constituents and appeared less stuffy. It's been a long time since I have seen a government official other than the President of Veep get out of a formal limousine.

There's good reason. Engineered as a sturdy and powerful truck, it is much easier to armor a Yukon than today's unibody Cadillacs. Bulletproof glass, thick steel and run-flat tires ride easily on a truck with a full frame underneath. It is also much more comfortable to ride high in a captain's chair in the Yukon's second row of seats. All of the communications gear that America's elite relies upon fits inside with ease and can be powered with a heavy-duty generator. And, if Washington's notorious deep snow winters come blizzarding in, then a 4x4 makes the perfect delivery system.

Even if you aren't Nancy Pelosi, Dennis Hastert, or Bill Frist, you will appreciate all the completely redesigned Yukon XL does so well. GMC's largest SUV comes in short and long wheelbases with a choice of V8 engines ranging from 4.8-6.0-litres and in rear- or all-wheel drive. For personal use, I prefer the short-wheelbase model (easier in parking garages) with rear-wheel drive (feels more athletic) and the 5.3-litre V8 (deactivates four cylinders during cruising to save fuel). As such, a Yukon produces 320 horsepower and 340 lb.-ft. of torque, which is plenty to accelerate down the Interstate or to pull a large trailer. Anybody would appreciate a Yukon XL with the available 366-HP 6.0-litre V8. Fuel economy for the 5.3-litre XL is rated 15/21-MPG city/highway.

Our tax dollars must buy a pile



of SUVs because all of the ones on CNN are the all-new 2007 models. Restyled with a refined exterior that features painted plastic bumpers, integrated running boards, wrap-around facias, stacked headlamps, steeply-raked windshield, flush glass, and bold styling, the Yukon is much more aerodynamic to improve interior noise and fuel economy. Jeweled headlamps, smoked lens taillamps, and styled roof rack give the Yukon an upscale appearance.

Those riding inside get the biggest treat. Gone is the square-edged plastic dash panel and in its place is a woodgrain, aluminum, and grained design that looks like it came out of a Jaguar. On loaded models, like one assumes government officials ride in, buyers can choose automatic climate control, a power glass sunroof, heated leather seats, power-adjustable pedals, a leather-wrapped steering wheel, power fold/tumble second-row seats, rear-seat DVD entertainment system, and Bose CD/XM/AM/FM audio system with access jack for iPods. Most controls are rubberized, gauges are chrome-ringed, and all materials feel much more expensive than I've experienced in a mainstream SUV. Those leaving Congress will be able to see

their former workplace through the Yukon's back-up camera and sense it with sonar. And, if they can't find the road out, the in-dash navigation system should lead the way.

Since these big trucks often carry precious cargo—children or lawmakers, engineers made sure they would be safe. Side curtain airbags align all three rows of seats and offer rollover protection. To avoid an accident in the first place, Yukons are equipped with four-wheel anti-lock disc brakes, StabiliTrak anti-skid control, and a system that works to avoid "tip-up" and prevent rollovers by automatically braking individual wheels. In case the worst happens, Yukon's strong body was designed to deform like a Volvo.

Politicians with aspirations of climbing Capitol Hill should first step up inside a GMC Yukon. They may not win, but they'll sure enjoy the ride. And, if their campaign bus breaks down, everybody will nearly fit inside. If your trip is just to the store and finished in your driveway, then the Yukon is certainly up to the task as well. Order yours with all of the options and you'll pay \$50,150. Competition includes the Ford Expedition, Nissan Armada, and similar Chevrolet Suburban.

## The MANDates: Debatable Substance, Irrefutable Humor

by Len Piechowski

*The MANDates: 25 Real Rules for Successful Gay Dating* by Dave Singleton lacks the depth the cover notes claim it to have, but it certainly doesn't disappoint in providing some great laughs. Now that I think of it, it's not all that different from some of the guys I've dated!

The book describes 25 mandates gay guys on the dating scene should obey. It also describes additional do's and don'ts for success, provides suggestions on where to meet a guy, and offers a final exam that tests the reader's mastery of the mandates (I didn't score very well—somewhere between "dysfunctional" and "delightfully devilish." I won't say exactly where.)

Honestly though, I'm not really sure I wanted to do especially well on the exam. As I read this book, I couldn't shake a nagging question in the back of my mind: "by what authority dost he speak?"

Singleton's credentials are in journalism and he has done a lot of gay dating. But I can't really say he convinced me that he's particularly an expert on the subject matter.

He states that the MANDates were born after talking with a lot of gay guys who were doing the dating scene, some successfully, others unsuccessfully. I was never quite convinced that the recommendations were based on anything solid. And that was kind of important to me. I've not always been terribly successful in the dating arena, but I'm not ready to throw in the towel just yet. And I can't say that this gave me a lot



to go on.

That's not to say that it was a waste. Tongue-in-cheek suggestions about giving him your work number ("... never forget Glenn Close in *Fatal Attraction*"), things you should never, ever, for any reason say to anyone at any time during the first six months of dating, like "...the guy I met at the bath house last night reminded me so much of you," and when trying to meet guys at church, "don't sing every hymn like you were Ethel Merman trying to be noticed."

Even though it purports to be serious, readers should not take this book seriously at all. If you choose to read it, read it more for laughs rather than for its how-to's.

The MANDates by Dave Singleton was published in 2004 by Three Rivers Press in New York City. It is 220 pages in length.

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# Reviews

## Possible Side Effects Include Laughter

by Monica Engesser

In order to be a good memoirist, one would think that the most important stipulation would be to have had a noteworthy life. Does anyone really want to read about grocery shopping, bill paying, and working a mind-numbing corporate job? Perhaps more important than the content of a life is the way it is presented. There are authors who can make grocery shopping seem dangerous, bill paying seem sexy, and working a mundane career seem noble. It's all in the presentation.

Augusten Burroughs represents the perfect marriage of an interesting life and incredible writing. His first memoir, *Running with Scissors*, became a best selling inspiration to the 2006 movie starring Annette Bening, Brian Cox, Joseph Fiennes, Gwyneth Paltrow, and Joseph Cross as a young Augusten. Having worked in the advertising industry for a number of years, Burroughs knows how to wrap ordinary events in foil, sprinkle glitter over the package and tie it all together with a sequined ribbon. *Possible Side Effects*, Burroughs' fourth memoir and fifth published work, is a satirical glimpse into the author's past and present that will leave readers panting for more. Alas, this literary *amuse bouche* left my mouth watering for another course. The style is tongue-in-cheek and readers are offered a glimpse at the world according to Augusten.

A non-chronological memoir, *Possible Side Effects* is a collection of short stories and events, which, according to Burroughs' disclaimer, perhaps inspired by the James Frey debacle, are more or less true. From his less than idyllic childhood in a picturesque New England town, to his troubled young adulthood and advertising career in New York City, to his current existence as best selling author, dog lover and recovering alcoholic in Massachusetts, Burroughs turns his personal tragedy into a self-deprecatingly hilarious series of stories.

Perhaps the people I consider friends are just more neurotic than most, but everyone I have talked to about Burroughs' writing has said they could relate to it. Not necessarily the events, although I think many of us can relate to the difficulties of girls dating girls, internet addiction, and extended family, we wish we weren't related to—but more so the feelings that these events evoke.

Being a good writer is accu-

rately and effectively translating thoughts into words. And Burroughs adeptly describes paranoia, obsession, and somewhat surprisingly, when juxtaposed against his sneering observations, tenderness.

There is no clear theme to this collection; its randomness is reminiscent of having a long talk with an extremely entertaining new friend and discussing everything from last nosebleeds to calling your grandmother a cunt over a soy machiato and scone. The difference is that from Burroughs, these revelations are welcome, even relevant. This is not a novel and should not be approached as one.

Really, *Possible Side Effects* should not even be approached as a memoir. Think of it as a vacation—a rare but delightful, chance to read another person's mind in the literal sense. The only possible side effect of indulging is the stares you may draw as you giggle out loud while reading.

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JANUARY 20, 2007 12 TO 2:00- ADVANCED HEALTH CARE PLANNING, TEACHER: AYLA HEARTSONG.

FEBRUARY 17, 14, AND 21 FROM 7:00 TO 9:00- RESIDENTIAL GARDEN DESIGN, TEACHER: JOHN GRIFFIN.

FEBRUARY 22, 2007 FROM 7:00 TO 8:30- PERSONAL EMPOWERMENT, FACILITATOR: BOB LOOS.

MARCH 10, 2007 FINANCIAL PLANNING PART 1: THE CLIENT'S PRESENT FINANCIAL SITUATION AND INSURANCE PLANNING FROM 12 TO 2:00, TEACHER: DANNY WOODEND, AMERIPRISE.

MARCH 17, 2007 FINANCIAL PLANNING PART 2: ACCUMULATION GOALS AND INCOME TAX PLANNING FROM 12 TO 2:00, TEACHER: DANNY WOODEND, AMERIPRISE.

MARCH 22, 2007 FROM 7:00 TO 8:30- PERSONAL EMPOWERMENT

MARCH 24, 2007 FINANCIAL PLANNING PART 3: RETIREMENT AND ESTATE PLANNING FROM 12 TO 2:00, TEACHER: DANNY WOODEND, AMERIPRISE.

## Lavender University Schedule

APRIL 14, 2007 12 TO 2:00- ADVANCED HEALTH CARE PLANNING, TEACHER: AYLA HEARTSONG.  
APRIL 21, 2007 FROM 1:00 TO 3:00- MEDICAL UPDATE FOR GLBT PEOPLE, TEACHER: ARNOLD DRAKE, MD.  
APRIL 26, 2007 FROM 7:00 TO 8:30- PERSONAL EMPOWERMENT, FACILITATOR: BOB LOOS.  
MAY 12, 2007 FROM 12 TO 2:00- INDOOR DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY, TEACHER: HERB ZEMAN.  
MAY 19, 2007 FROM 12 TO 2:00- OUTDOOR DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY, TEACHER: HERB ZEMAN.  
MAY 24, 2007 FROM 7:00 TO 8:30- PERSONAL EMPOWERMENT, FACILITATOR: BOB LOOS.  
JUNE 9, 2007 FROM 12 TO 2:00- COOKING ON THE GO, TEACHER: ERIC SIRIGNANO.  
JUNE 16, 2007 FROM 12 TO 2:00- COOKING AROUND THE GLOBE, TEACHER: ERIC SIRIGNANO.  
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- First Unitarian Church of Memphis (AKA Church of the River) - 292 Virginia Ave. W. 38101 - Minister, Burton D. Carley - Services 11am - 526-8631
- Open Heart Community of Faith - Bible Study & Worship Celebration - North End of First Congregational (1000 South Cooper) - (901) 323-3514 - 9am
- Holy Trinity Community Church - Sunday School and Holy Worship Service & Children's Church - (901) 320-9376 - office@holytrinitymemphis.org - 9:45am and 11am
- First Congregational Church - Sunday School, Café Congo, and Worship Service - (901) 278-6786 - 9:30am, 10am, and 10:30am
- Prescott Church - Sunday School & Worship Service - (901) 327-8479 - 9:30am & 10:45am
- Living Word Christian Church - Morning and Evening - (901) 452-6272 - 10am and 6pm

### WEDNESDAY CHURCH SERVICES

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

### SUNDAYS

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

### MONDAYS

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

### TUESDAYS

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

### WEDNESDAYS

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

### THURSDAYS

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

### FRIDAYS

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

### SATURDAYS

- Frontrunners 2-mile run, The Pier parking lot (Union and Riverside), 9am
- Women's Rugby Practice, Harbortown Greenbelt Park on Mud Island - 9am
- Live and Let Live on Cooper St. - MGLCC - 278-4297 - 7pm
- Drag Show - Allusions Entertainment Center 10:30pm & 12:15pm
- Dance with DJ RJ - Madison Flame

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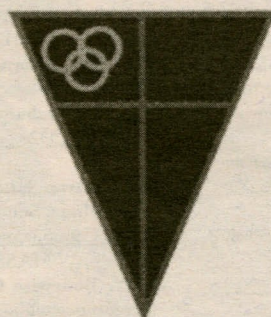
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	*Nike TN GLBTF Network Volunteer Night		*Men's Potluck at 6:30pm		*Q Cafe presents Sibella 7pm	*Beta Epsilon Babies Tutoring Meeting 2 - 5 pm  *Alpha Chi Upsilon 6pm
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	*Perpetual Transition 7:30pm  *Nike TN GLBTF Networking Volunteer Night	*OutFlix Planning Meeting 7pm	*I:F 6pm		*Beta Epsilon Open Mic Night 7pm	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	*Nike TN GLBTF Network Volunteer Night		*Womyn's Potluck 6:30pm	*Adelante Volunteer Night	*Q-Cafe presents Boy & Girl 7pm	*Lavender University Advanced Health Care Planning 12pm  *Monthly Potluck and Birthday Party 6pm  *OutFlix presents <i>The Women</i> at Muvico 8pm
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	*Perpetual Transition 7:30pm  *Nike TN GLBTF Network Volunteer Night  *Women's Action Coalition Panel 7pm	*Member Appreciation Night 6pm		*FedEx LGBT&F Volunteer Night  *Lavender University Personal Empowerment Series 7pm	*Adelante presents International Night 7pm	*I:F Lobbying 101 2pm  *Beta Epsilon Membership Tea 2pm
28	29	30	31	* Indicates event held at Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center		
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