

Mid-South Pride Prepares for Gay Pride 2005 Celebration

"Liberty and Justice for All", five words, that when combined make one phrase that describes the way life is meant for everyone in America. These five words are the theme for Mid-South Pride and Gay Pride 2005 for Memphis and the entire Mid-South.

Mid-South Pride kicked off the Pride 2005 celebration with the announcement of this year's theme "Liberty and Justice for All."

The celebration continued Sun., May 1, when the Divas of Divinity hosted a fundraiser for Mid-South Pride.

In diva fashion, this event was a Gay Pride celebration of its own. Thanks to the wonderful talents of the Divas of Divinity, all the performers, and to Backstreet Memphis, this benefit performance raised \$636 to help cover the cost of Pride 2005.

MSP looks forward to making this one of its annual Pride events.

The evening was filled with many performances and announcements about MSP and Pride 2005. Gary Wilkerson, president of MSP, said, "The most anticipated announcement of the evening was, 'Who would be the Grand Marshals for Pride Parade 2005?'"

"MSP introduced community nominations for the Grand Marshals for Pride Parade 2005. This allowed the board of MSP to hear about the people you, the community, felt deserved the honor of Grand Marshal," Wilkerson continued.

MSP received nominations for various members of the community, and each person would be deserving of the honor.

MSP announced that the Grand Marshals for Gay Pride 2005 are: Allen Cook, John Stilwell and Rev. Jean Rowe.

Allen Cook and John Stilwell have given to the Memphis community for many years, most notably as the owners and

publishers of the *Triangle Journal News*.

Rev. Jean Rowe has been not only reaching out to the GLBT community, but welcoming them in as the pastor of Neshoba Unitarian Church in Cordova."

Additional announcements made by

Wilkerson included the schedule for Pride 2005.

Also announced was that MSP will be returning the Gay Pride Festival in 2006.

Mid-South Pride

Gay Pride Events for Memphis and the Mid-South this year are:

Saturday, June 11

• **Gay Pride Parade:** Line-up at 3 p.m. at the corner of S. Cooper and Higby. Parade starts at 4 p.m. and proceeds south down Cooper to First Congregational Church. Parade registration will be available during the line up.

Volunteers are needed to help carry the 100-ft. Gay Pride Flag

• **Gay Pride Awards Reception:** Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 892 S. Cooper. Reception begins at 3 p.m., awards presentation by MSP after parade. MGLCC will be presenting Skinny White Chick, fun, food, music, and a great time for everyone.

Sunday, June 12

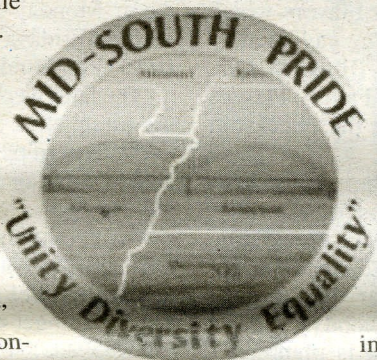
• **Gay Pride Picnic** at Neshoba UCC, 7350 Raleigh Lagrange Rd, Cordova.

Picnic begins at 3 p.m. and will offer more fun, food, games, and entertainment.

Mid-South Pride also announced that at this year's Gay Pride Picnic will present a concert featuring singer, songwriter and dancer Shawn Thomas.

For more information about Shawn Thomas, visit his Web site at www.shawn-thomas.com

For more information on Mid-South Pride, visit the group's Web site at www.midsouthpride.org



Friends For Life Building Renovations Slated for Completion This Summer

Friends For Life Corporation (FFL) has announced it will be moving into its new building in the near future.

According to projections from the architectural firm secured by FFL, Askew Nixon and Ferguson Architects, the renovations of the future agency headquarters at 43 North Cleveland will be completed late this summer.

The three-story, 16,000-square foot building will consolidate all of FFL's comprehensive services, with the exception of housing and The Haven, under one roof.

This consolidation will eventually save the agency up to \$36,000 a year, which is the amount presently being paid for leasing the office building at 1384 Madison Ave.

The new building is located at 43 N. Cleveland, at the corner of Cleveland and Court in Midtown. It is on the same city block as the agency-owned apartment building and the former Aloysius Home at 28 North Claybrook, which houses most of FFL's supportive services.

The office at 1384 Madison presently contains the main administrative offices, the case management program, HIV testing, the transportation program and the food pantry.

"The need for the services provided by Friends For Life continues to grow at a dramatic rate, and we are literally bursting at the seams at both of the buildings we



are now using," said Friends For Life Executive Director Kim Moss. "No longer will clients who use the Food Pantry have to stand outside in line regardless of the weather because there is no room for them in the building.

"No longer will there be a parking problem. There are only five parking spaces in front of the current office on Madison and 10 spaces in the back of the building. A large parking lot just across the street from the new building also was part of the gift, and this lot will hold 40 to 45 vehicles."

Prior to being donated to FFL, the facility was used by a company that made prosthetic devices, Moss added.

"The building has a large parking lot as the basement floor and this 6,000-square-foot space is being renovated to be used for the

Food Pantry," the executive director explained.

"The ground floor will house the client services areas, including the Food Pantry processing area, case management, HIV testing, Positive Living Center and the Wellness University.

"The 'second floor' will be used for administrative offices. This floor has a huge room that will be used for agency meetings, board of director meetings and also will be made available to other community organizations," Moss said.

Friends For Life is the Mid-South's largest and oldest AIDS service organization.

To read about the course of events that led to the building being donated to FFL, go to the agency's Web site at www.friendsforlifecorp.org/building.htm.

Psychiatric Association Calls for Gay Marriage Recognition

By Doug Gross
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — Representatives of the nation's top psychiatric group weighed in on gay marriage May 22, approving a statement urging legal recognition of same-sex unions.

The statement, if approved by the association's directors in July, would make the American Psychiatric Association the first major medical group to take such a stance.

The statement, approved on a voice vote, supports same-sex marriage and benefits "in the interest of maintaining and promoting mental health."

The psychiatrists approved the statement May 22, the first day of the APA's weeklong annual meeting in Atlanta.

The vote goes beyond the association's 2000 statement supporting same-sex civil unions and continues a history of recognizing "that gay men and lesbians are full human beings who should be afforded the same human and civil rights," said Margery Sved,

a Raleigh, N.C., psychiatrist and member of the assembly's committee on gay and lesbian issues.

The position paper cites the "positive influence of a stable, adult partnership on the health of all family members." It says the lack of access to health insurance, pension payments, death benefits and other rights for same-sex couples hurts the stability of their relationships and their mental health.

The document clarifies that the association is addressing same-sex civil marriage, not religious marriages. It takes no position on any religion's views on marriage.

A clear majority of the assembly's roughly 250 members present approved the measure.

Joseph Berger, a psychiatrist from Toronto, Canada, voted against it for what he called political reasons. He cited gay marriage votes in several states last year where voters overwhelmingly sided against the institution.

"It's very unusual for an organization like ours to take on an issue so contrary to where public sentiment is," he said. "It's a little

bit like poking your finger in the eye of the public when so much of the public seems to be against it."

Forty states bar same-sex marriages, including some that prohibit same-sex couples from enjoying many of the legal protections that heterosexual couples enjoy.

Last year, Georgians voted 3-to-1 for a constitutional amendment defining marriage as between a man and a woman. Some psychiatrists pushed a boycott of this week's conference because of the vote, but most APA members opted to attend, officials said.

Other mental health groups have adopted similar positions on gay marriage in the past year. In July, the American Psychological Association adopted a position statement that said research showed that discrimination based on sexual orientation "detrimentally affects the psychological, physical, social and economic well-being of lesbian, gay and bisexual individuals."

Ars Spiritus III to Display Art for Pride Month

The Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center (MGLCC) announces the opening of its third annual Ars Spiritus art show and sale.

From the Latin for "art of pride," Ars Spiritus celebrates art created by, for or about GLBT individuals or GLBT themes. Beginning June 5, and running until the end of June, various pieces donated by Jason Walker, Erin Deim, Tuffy Keenan, Steve Napier, Monty Shane, Noel Troxell, Vincent Astor and others will be on display at the community center.

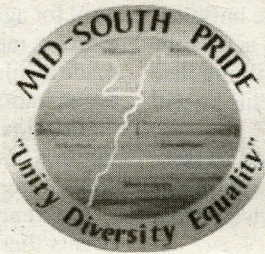
Many of the pieces will be available for purchase. An opening reception will be held on June 5 from 6-9 p.m. with hors

d'oeuvres provided by Dish, a locally-owned restaurant at Cooper Street and Young Avenue. MGLCC is located at 892 Cooper Street.

For more information or for inquiries about submitting pieces for display and/or sale, contact the community center at 278-GAYS (4297) or on the Web at www.mglcc.org.

The Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center is a non-profit 501(c)(3) working to create a better future for the GLBT community in the Mid-South. It offers an array of diverse GLBT services by utilizing the talents, energy, and resources of its members and surrounding community.

For the latest updates on Mid-South Pride Events and Schedules, visit Mid-South Pride on the Web.



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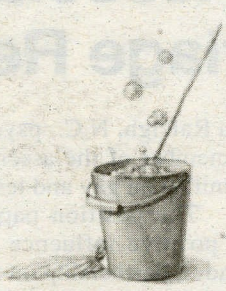
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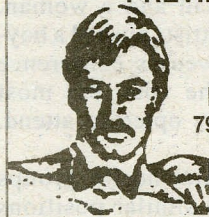
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Inz and Outz Changes Ownership

by Allen Cook

For the past six years, Ray Casteel has spent days behind the counter at Inz and Outz greeting customers and stocking the store with a wide variety of gay and lesbian pride merchandise.

As of the middle of May, he's had more time to devote to himself having sold the store to its new owner Darian Porter.

Porter says that Casteel had a number of nibbles from out-of-state companies to buy the store when he retired, but selected Porter because he felt that Porter would keep the essence of the store the same.

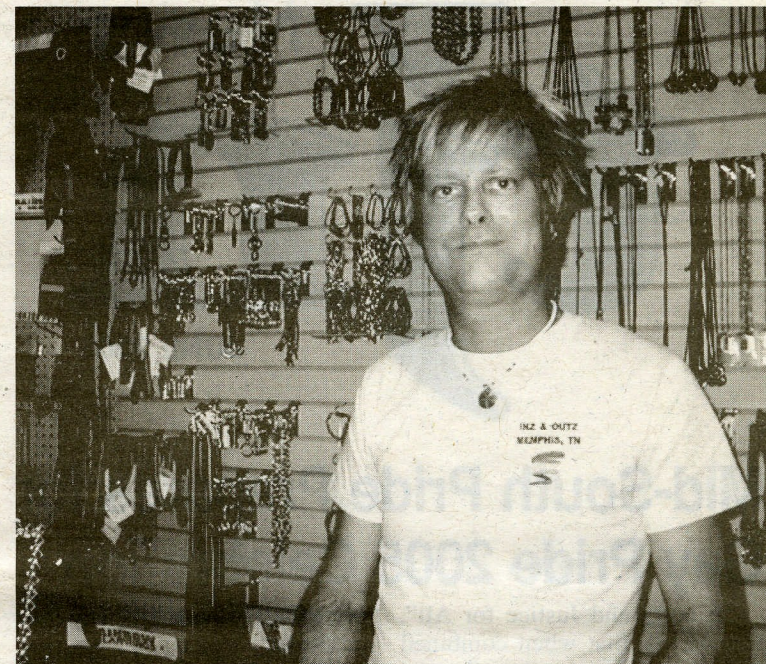
Porter, along with his lover, Ron Bright, will be staffing the store for longer hours. They are receiving new stock almost daily. Porter and Bright have been together for 13 years.

"When I found out that Ray was seriously considering selling the store, I thought I'd throw my hat into the ring," Porter said.

The new owner had previously worked in the real estate industry as an office manager and worked part-time for Casteel.

Both Porter and Bright have been active with the Brothers and Sisters Bowling League and have worked with the St. Patrick's Invitational Tournament for several years.

While Inz and Outz is selling some movies as well as boxed sets of TV series like *Queer As Folk*



New Inz and Outz owner Darian Porter.

and *The L Word*, it will not be renting movies. Porter went out of his way to say they are not in competition with Family Flavors which specializes in renting gay-friendly or GLBT-themed films. In fact, business cards for Family Flavors were displayed at the check-out counter.

In speaking of the reaction from the Cooper-Young community, Bright said, "We have little old ladies come in here to buy cards because we're closer than anyone else. The neighborhood newspaper (*The Lamplighter*) is planning a

story on gay-friendly businesses for its next issue," he said.

New store hours will be 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10-9 on Friday, 10-8 on Saturday, and 1-6 on Sundays.

The later weekday hours are being established to allow customer in the eastern part of the city to be able to come in after work and not have to rush.

"We're hoping a lot of people will come in (on Friday or Saturday nights) before they go out to the bar and get what they need for the weekend," Porter said.

Tsarus Man of Year Banquet Set for June 7

In case any of you were wondering, and Tsarus hopes a lot of you were, you did not miss Tsarus Man of the Year this year and they have not forgotten you either.

In an effort to better serve the Gay community and help contribute to Pride Week, Tsarus has moved its annual Man of the Year banquet to Tues., June 7, at 7:30

p.m. at First Congregational Church.

It is hoped that the eventual winner of Tsarus Man of the Year can then ride in the Pride Parade on June 11 along with the members of Tsarus.

If you have anyone you would like to nominate for Man of the Year, contact David Seay at 315-

1619 or 278-0791 or e-mail him at seaydavids@aol.com.

Tickets are \$8 and are available from any Tsarus member or at The Pumping Station.

Editor's Note: In last month's TJN, an incorrect date for the dinner was published. We sincerely regret the error.

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Poll: Americans Split by Age, Region on Gay Marriage

BOSTON (AP) — Half of Americans polled say they don't want their states to recognize Massachusetts gay marriages and disapprove of same-sex couples getting married, according to a nationwide survey conducted by *The Boston Globe*.

According to the poll, 50 percent of Americans say Massachusetts gay marriages should not be recognized in their state, with 46 percent saying they should be recognized.

Massachusetts began granting same-sex marriage licenses a year ago, six months after a landmark decision by the state Supreme Judicial Court declaring the state

could not bar same-sex couples from being married.

Among those polled, 50 percent said they disapproved of gay and lesbian couples getting married, while 37 percent said they approved and 11 percent said they were neutral on the issue.

But 46 percent said they backed civil unions that would provide gay couples with "some, but not all of the legal rights of married couples," while 41 percent said they were opposed.

The poll of 760 randomly selected adults conducted May 4-9 by the University of New Hampshire Survey Center has a margin of error of 3.6 percent.

Americans older than 65, Republicans, Protestants, regular churchgoers and Southerners were more likely to oppose gay marriage, while those under 35, Democrats and people who do not attend worship services or attend sporadically were more likely to support gay marriage. Respondents in states won by President Bush in the 2004 election were more likely to be opposed to gay marriage, while those in states won by Sen. John Kerry were more likely to support it.

While 76 percent of those surveyed predicted that all or some states will eventually join Massachusetts in legalizing gay marriage, only 29 percent said the courts should decide, as they did in Massachusetts. The poll found 52 percent believe state legislatures should make that decision.

According to the poll, 79 percent said gays should be allowed to serve openly in the military.

Massachusetts Reaches One-year Mark of Legal Same-sex Marriage

By Theo Emery
Associated Press Writer

BOSTON (AP) — A year after they wed in a chapel in Manchester-by-the-Sea, Alexander Westerhoff and Thomas Lang marked the milestone on the steps of the Statehouse, holding a sign reading "Thank you Massachusetts for one year of equality."

Westerhoff and Lang were among hundreds of gay and lesbian couples who celebrated their first anniversary on May 17, one year after Massachusetts became the first U.S. state to recognize same-sex marriages.

The past year has brought greater acceptance, Westerhoff said, and fears have subsided that lawmakers will nullify their marriage.

"I'm very hopeful," he said. "The more time passes, the more people understand that we just want to be equal."

Last May 17, couples lined up in city halls across the state to apply for marriage licenses. Since then, some 6,200 have been handed out to same-sex couples.

Couples marked the anniversary with celebrations across the state, including a group photo with hundreds of couples across the street from the Statehouse, a nearby reception with Mayor Tom Menino, and an evening party at a downtown Boston hotel.

Before the group photo, two evangelists in sandwich boards mingled with the couples, passing out religious pamphlets. A third man began shouting a religious text from the fringes of the crowd, but he was drowned out as the group struck up "All You Need is Love," by The Beatles.

The crowd erupted as the seven plaintiff couples filed to the front to sit on the ground, and cheered after the photo as two people fired rainbow streamers into the air that unfurled slowly onto the crowd.

Judy Scarsky, 45, of Boston's Jamaica Plain neighborhood, one of the people who gathered for the photo, said that the last year has ushered in new rights and protections.

"It's a huge anniversary. We're going to celebrate this day forever. I'm going to keep coming down to these steps every May 17. It's an emancipation day for gays and lesbians," she said.

Opponents of gay marriage also seized the opportunity to stage a new round of protests.

"There's nothing to celebrate," said Article 8 Alliance member Nancy Caverly, of Andover. "It's a sad day for the country."

The group, which seeks the ouster of the judges who legalized

gay marriage in November 2003, protested at City Hall Plaza with a banner reading "Stop Same Sex Marriage" and wearing black armbands.

A woman dressed as Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Margaret Marshall ripped a copy of the state constitution in half, then stood on it. Brian Camenker, leader of the Article 8 Alliance, said the court used "unintelligible reasoning" to rewrite state law.

"Since that fraudulent ruling, the people of Massachusetts are living under a reign of madness," he said. "The effect of this perceived law has been the forced normalization of homosexuality on the people of Massachusetts, and harsh intimidation against those who don't go along."

Lawmakers compromised on a constitutional amendment last year that would outlaw gay marriage but permit civil unions. The measure needs around round of approval by the Legislature this year to make it onto a statewide ballot in 2006. But it faces an uncertain future, as new pro-gay marriage lawmakers have been elected and some past supporters of the amendment are now thinking about changing their votes.

At Northampton City Hall, where well over half the 625 marriage licenses given out over the past year went to same-sex couples, the scene was far more subdued than one year ago, when hundreds of same-sex couples showed up to apply for marriage licenses.

J.M. Sorrell, a lesbian justice of the peace who has married about 100 gay couples, sat at a table offering sparkling cider, cookies and bottled water to people as they walked into city hall, wishing "Happy Anniversary" to gay couples she recognized.

"I was hoping people would be coming through the doors with flowers for the clerks to thank them for all their help in the past year," Sorrell said. "But it hasn't happened yet."

Johanna Hammer, 31, and her wife, Rebecca Rogouin, 39, both therapists from Northampton, have been together since 2001. They stopped by City Hall to see Sorrell, who married them last May 17.

Before they were married, the couple celebrated anniversaries for the day they met, a commitment ceremony several years ago, and their civil union in Vermont. But they said their wedding anniversary is perhaps the most important because it marks the point at which their relationship was legally recognized by their home state.

"We weren't expecting the day to be as powerful as it was," Hammer said. "But it wound up being a really, really moving day."

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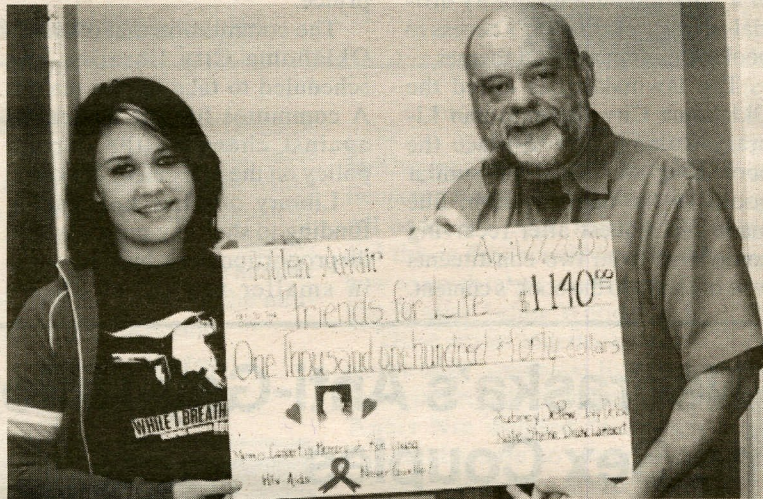
Friends For Life was the recent recipient of a \$1,140 check from the band Fallen Affair. The check was presented to FFL by band member, 15-year old Aubrey DePew.

A student at Bolton High School, DePew told the *Bartlett Express* she wanted to do something for family friend Ron Young who had been diagnosed with HIV/AIDS.

"Ron was my best friend, and he was like a brother, uncle and friend all rolled into one for Aubrey," said DePew's mother, Debbie.

DePew began planning the concert a year ago. While the show was being planned, Young's health began to deteriorate and he ultimately lost his battle with AIDS in March.

Deciding to go on with the show, DePew wanted it to honor the memory of her friend. With help from her friends and fellow bandmates, DePew and her band, Fallen Affair, put on an Apr. 1 benefit concert to raise money for Friends For Life and awareness of the deadly disease.



Aubrey DePew, left, presents a check for \$1,140 to Friends For Life Executive Director Kim Moss. The money was raised during a benefit concert in honor of the late Ron Young.

Using the slogan, "AIDS — it's not just a gay thing," pamphlets and literature about HIV/AIDS were available to concertgoers.

"HIV doesn't discriminate," DePew said. "When we passed out the (300) condoms, we were not promoting sex. We just got the message out there that if you have

sex, then you got to be safe."

DePew's mother added, "Aubrey and the other kids just wanted people in the community to know about Friends For Life and to let people know how many people in the community are affected by the disease."

Priest Denies Communion to Parishioners Wearing Rainbow Colors to Support Gay Catholics

By Joshua Freed
Associated Press Writer

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — A Roman Catholic priest denied communion to more than 100 people May 15, saying they could not receive the sacrament because they wore rainbow-colored sashes to church to show support for gay Catholics.

Before offering communion, the Rev. Michael Skluczczek told the congregation at the Cathedral of St. Paul that anyone wearing a sash could come forward for a blessing but would not receive wine and bread.

A group called the Rainbow Sash Alliance has encouraged supporters to wear the multicolored fabric bands since 2001 on each Pentecost Sunday, the day Catholics believe the Holy Spirit came to give power to Christians soon after Jesus ascended to heaven. But this service was the first time they had been denied communion at the altar.

Archbishop Harry Flynn told the group earlier that they would not receive communion because the sashes had become a protest against church teaching.

Sister Gabriel Herbers said she

wore a sash to show sympathy for the gay and lesbian community. Their sexual orientation "is a gift from God just as much as my gift of being a female is," she said.

Ann McComas-Bussa did not wear a sash, but she and her husband and three children all wore rainbow-colored ribbons and were denied communion. "As a Catholic, I just need to stand in solidarity with those that are being oppressed," she said.

While other parishioners sat or kneeled after going to the altar, sash-wearers remained standing with their hands cupped as a symbol they still wanted the sacrament. Their silent protest lasted about five minutes, until the congregation rose to hear the announcements and the benediction before being dismissed.

The Rainbow Sash Alliance says that by wearing the sash, members "publicly claim our place at Christ's table, sacramentally expressing the truth in our lives, and calling the church to embrace a new day of integrity and freedom."

Organizer Brian McNeill wrote to Flynn in April, explaining that the sashes are a symbol "to celebrate the gift of our lesbian, gay,

bisexual and transgender sexuality."

Flynn wrote back to say the sashes are "more and more perceived as a protest against church teaching," declaring that it has never been acceptable "to use the reception of communion as an act of protest."

Parishioner Larry Pavlicek was not sympathetic. As a divorced man, he said he has to live with the church's teaching that he cannot remarry and cannot have sex outside of marriage.

"If you're going to be a Catholic, either live with it or call yourself something different," he said. "They're trying to change something that has been taught by the church for 2,000 years."

Archdiocese spokesman Dennis McGrath said Flynn made the decision to deny communion after a cardinal asked U.S. bishops to adopt a consistent policy on the sashes. Catholics in Chicago and other cities such as Melbourne, Australia, have also worn sashes. Some have been denied communion, others have not.

Last year, some conservative groups in St. Paul kneeled in church aisles to block sash-wearers from receiving communion.

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Lawmakers Tie Funding to Library Policy on Gay Books

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Key Republican members of the Oklahoma House are threatening to withhold extra funding for libraries if they do not remove homosexual-themed books from children's shelves.

"If the libraries do not comply with what the Legislature feels is the prevailing community standard of our towns and cities and entire state, then yes, there is a possibility that they will not receive extra funding," Rep. Sally Kern said.

Kern, R-Oklahoma City, is vice chairman of the subcommittee handling funding for the state Department of Libraries, which sends money to local libraries.

The department is asking for an additional \$841,000 for the fiscal year that begins July 1.

Rep. Tad Jones, R-Claremore, chairman of the subcommittee, said no decision had been made on the library appropriation, but tying the funding to the failure of libraries to comply with lawmakers' wishes

is "something we will definitely be considering."

Kern won adoption in the House of a resolution urging library officials to restrict children's access to books with homosexual themes.

The lawmaker has asked the Oklahoma City Metropolitan Library Commission to place the book *King and King* and similar books in the adult section. She made the request after receiving complaints from two constituents who objected to the book's content.

King and King is a children's tale about a prince who shuns princesses in favor of another prince.

The commission that oversees Oklahoma City libraries was scheduled to take up the matter. A committee has recommended against changing the current policy on the placement of books.

Library officials said linking funding to shelving policy would disproportionately hurt libraries in smaller towns, which are

scheduled to get most of the new funding. Those small libraries do not even have the book in controversy, they said.

Sen. Johnnie Crutchfield, D-Ardmore, chairman of the Senate budget subcommittee, said he opposed tying policy to an appropriations bill.

"I don't like putting policy attached to appropriations," Crutchfield said. "That's what we have substantive bills for."

Federal Court Strikes Down Nebraska's Anti-Gay-Union Law Banning Protections for Same-Sex Couples

LINCOLN, Neb. — In a ruling issued May 12, a federal court struck down Nebraska's anti-gay-union constitutional amendment that bans any and all forms of legal recognition for same-sex relationships, including domestic partnerships and other basic protections. The state is expected to appeal the case to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit.

The Court noted in its ruling that the plaintiffs in the case had not requested any recognition of their relationships through marriage or any other legal status, but merely sought an equal opportunity to persuade legislators of the need for protections.

Judge Joseph F. Bataillon went on to say, "The court finds Section 29 is a denial of access to one of

our most fundamental sources of protection, the government. Such broad exclusion from 'an almost limitless number of transactions and endeavors that constitute ordinary civil life in a free society' is 'itself a denial of equal protections in the literal sense.'"

"This anti-gay-union law, in effect, hung a sign on the door of the Unicameral saying 'Same-Sex Couples Not Allowed,'" said David Buckel, a senior attorney at Lambda Legal, one of the groups representing the plaintiffs. "It makes no sense that Americans who believe in commitment and want to be more responsible to each other and their children have to fight so hard just for the right to try to persuade legislators that protections for family are important —

successful or not, all citizens should have an equal shot in the democratic process."

The anti-gay-union law, Section 29 of the Nebraska constitution, was passed in November 2000 in a heavily debated election. Promoted to voters simply as protection of marriage, the law went far beyond restricting the right to marry to heterosexual couples. The law explicitly barred any legal recognition of a same-sex couple in a "civil union, domestic partnership, or other similar same-sex relationship."

"The judge was clear that states can't enact amendments that bar gay people from the democratic process," said Amy Miller of ACLU Nebraska. "Committed same-sex couples need the same protections for their families that married couples enjoy, and we're hopeful that the legislature will take up this issue soon. This decision doesn't mean that gay people can marry, get a civil union or a domestic partnership, but it guarantees gay people the right to lobby their state lawmakers for those protections."

The ACLU and Lambda Legal filed the lawsuit in federal court in Lincoln in April 2003, saying that

the state law violated the U.S. Constitution. The plaintiffs are Citizens for Equal Protection (CFEP), Nebraska Advocates for Justice and Equality (NAJE) and ACLU Nebraska, three advocacy organizations in Nebraska blocked from seeking family protections for same-sex couples and their children because of the anti-gay-union law.

"It feels great to be a Nebraskan today, because it's looking like we'll be able to get to work for families again. Families headed by same-sex couples in Nebraska badly need basic protections and we'll set to work in the legislature to try and provide them," said Shelley Kiel of NAJE.

Members of the plaintiff organizations include Doreen Moritz, who cared for her 10-year life partner until her death but had to request that an attorney rush to the funeral home to ensure respect of the legal documents giving Moritz authority to carry out her deceased loved one's wishes.

Judy Gibson and Barbara DiBernard of Lincoln, who have been in a committed relationship for more than 14 years, are also participating in the lawsuit. Gibson has

a severe degenerative disease that requires her to use a wheelchair, but because of Nebraska's law, DiBernard, who works for the state university, cannot advocate for a policy authorizing her to take time off from work to take Gibson to her regular medical appointments.

Another couple who are members of the plaintiff organizations are Donna Colley and Margaux Towne-Colley of Omaha, who have been in a committed, loving relationship for more than six years and are the proud parents of an 18-month-old son. With a child's needs to consider, Colley and Towne-Colley are especially concerned about Section 29 because it blocks them from giving their family stability and structure through basic legal protections.

"It has been four long years waiting to be allowed to lobby our own senators — it's great to see that democracy may be back in action in our great state," said M.J. McBride, president of CFEP. "Although equality in marriage may be out of reach now, there's a lot we can do to help families cope better with financial responsibilities, medical emergencies and the loss of loved ones."

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Friends For Life Receives National Recognition, Local Honor

Friends For Life was recently contacted by the federal department, Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA), to request permission to write an article about the agency's HIV testing program. In addition, the agency has been honored by the City of Memphis for one of its city-funded programs.

According to the federal contact, "The HIV/AIDS Bureau of HRSA has indicated that Friends For Life Corporation has a particularly good track record for counseling and testing (for HIV), particularly with people returning for test results."

The Ryan White CARE Act is funded through HRSA with FFL

receiving Ryan White Title II and IV funding for various services it provides to the community. The CARE Action Newsletter is published monthly, and the article about FFL will appear soon.

Free, confidential HIV testing is presently available at the main office, located at 1384 Madison Ave., each Tuesday from 1 to 4 p.m. and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

The agency plans to expand the HIV testing to daily when the new FFL headquarters is opened later this year.

"The importance of knowing one's HIV status is life-saving information," said FFL Executive Director Kim Moss. "Knowing

one's status as early as possible in the disease process can significantly extend life expectancy."

Friends For Life also was honored by the City of Memphis this past month at the annual Community Development Block Grant awards luncheon.

The agency received the distinguished Award of Excellence for its Wellness University. The agency was nominated by the Housing and Community Development division of the city government. The Wellness University is a comprehensive wellness program made possible by a collaboration of 20 community organizations and coordinated by Friends For Life.

20 LGBT Students Win Scholarships

The Point Foundation, the only nationwide organization devoted to providing scholarships to LGBT students for higher education, has announced its new group of award recipients.

The list of scholars includes Maya Marcel-Keyes, the daughter of conservative politician and pundit Alan Keyes.

The Point Foundation awarded 20 students grants covering the cost of tuition, books, supplies, room and board, transportation and living expenses, at an average of nearly \$35,000 for each student.

"We are struggling to fill a tremendous unmet need," said Vance Lancaster, executive director of the foundation.

"This year, we had the resources to support fewer than one in 100 of the students who applied. We are constantly striving to build our endowment and develop partnerships so that we can make a difference in the lives of even more of these students."

The Point Foundation has invested nearly \$3 million in scholarships and mentoring programs since 2001. It has also formed part-

nerships with MTV, Abercrombie & Fitch, Limited Brands and the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA).

"By providing financial and professional support, the GLMA Point Scholarship is helping to develop a new generation of compassionate, capable physicians and effective advocates for the health and health care needs of LGBT people," said Joel Ginsberg, GLMA interim executive director.

The Point Foundation is also awarding a scholarship in honor of Michael Cunningham, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Hours*, *A Home at the End of the World* and the forthcoming *Specimen Days*.

"Nothing matters more than education and I, for one, feel better about the future thanks to the heroic work of The Point Foundation and its young scholars," said Cunningham.

When Maya Marcel-Keyes came out as a lesbian during a speech in front of the Maryland state capitol in February, her father, Alan Keyes, reacted badly.

Keyes, who previously called Mary Cheney a "selfish hedonist," told his daughter to leave his house, and he cut off money for her college tuition.

With the help of the foundation, Marcel-Keyes will attend Brown University this fall.

Other Point Scholars have similar stories.

- When Lindsay Higgins came out in her junior year of high school her parents tried reparative therapy and then put her under house arrest for two years.

- Tanene Allison lived on the streets in San Francisco after leaving an abusive household.

- John Harrison's parents withdrew financial support when he came out as a student at Duke University, and he was forced to leave. "The last nine years of my life I've been struggling," Harrison said.

"The Point Foundation has given me a chance to pursue my future and the work I would like to do," Harrison said he was speechless when he learned of his award. "I'm still in disbelief that I will be able to go back to school this fall."

Students Suspended for Rest of School Year Over 'Love' Graffiti

HOWELL, Mich. (AP) — Four students initially suspended for 10 days have been suspended for the rest of the school year for spray painting "Love" on the grounds of Howell High School — including over an anti-gay message.

Three of the students suspended May 18 are seniors who won't be allowed to take part in their graduation ceremony or any other senior activities.

The school initially suspended the three and a sophomore for vandalism for 10 days on May 9, one day after they used spray paint to cover the words "God hates fags" scrawled on a rock near the high school entrance. Although the rock is frequently painted by students, the four also spray-painted "Love" more than 25 times around the flagpole and more than 25 times on sidewalks on the north side of the building.

But the students said they believed the anti-gay message was an attack on their openly gay friend, and they wanted to make a statement.

"We did it because it upset us that somebody could be that rude to our friend, that they could say something that close-minded. We were very insulted," 18-year-old Shayna Kamilar, one of the suspended students, told the *Detroit Free Press*.

Vinnie Mascola, 17, said, "Our goal was that every single student who walked into Howell High School would have one word on their minds, and that word would be love. We made a mistake. But at the time, we weren't aware that it was a mistake."

Shayna Kamilar's father, Gregg Kamilar, said the district will arrange for the seniors to complete their studies so they can receive diplomas. He said he and the other parents are planning a separate commencement ceremony for their children.

The suspension decision came after tribunals May 18 evaluating the cases. Gregg Kamilar said the cost of removing the graffiti came to \$1,392, which he expects the students will have to pay themselves.

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U.S. Attorney to Investigate Embattled Spokane Mayor

By John K. Wiley
Associated Press Writer

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — John McKay, the U.S. attorney for Western Washington, will direct a preliminary FBI investigation into possible federal criminal violations by Spokane Mayor Jim West, McKay's office said May 20.

West returned to work May 19 after taking a 10-day leave to prepare his defense against allegations of sexual impropriety and misuse of his office by offering jobs to young men he met in a gay chat room.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Mark Bartlett has been given the special prosecutor assignment, Emily Langlie, spokeswoman for McKay's office, confirmed.

McKay's office is handling the federal investigation because Jim McDevitt, the U.S. attorney for Eastern Washington, asked to be recused because he is a friend of West and contributed to his campaign.

Meanwhile, the city opened its own investigation by appointing a four-member independent panel.


On May 5, a local newspaper be-

gan publishing a series of stories that included accusations that West molested two boys in the 1970s when he was a deputy sheriff and a Boy Scout leader. West has denied those accounts, which were given by two convicted felons with acknowledged drug problems.

He has acknowledged seeking dates on Gay.com, and the newspaper has reported that he offered gifts, favors and jobs at City Hall to lure young men.

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Friends For Life Plans 18th Annual Auction Against AIDS June 26

The forecast is hot for Friends For Life's 18th Summer Auction Against AIDS. The auction—admission \$25—will be held at the Memphis Botanic Garden on Sun., June 26. Bidding begins at 3 p.m. and the live auction begins at 4:30 with FM 100's Tom Prestigiacomone once again at the microphone.

Honorary Chair Kym Clark of WMC-TV, says, "This is one of the largest and longest running auctions in Memphis. I am proud of what the Friends For Life auction accomplishes—raising money to help meet the needs of the men, women and children who are living with or affected by HIV/AIDS."

Clark will be on hand along with Prestigiacomone to crank up the heat and spur guests to greater heights of bidding and fun. Entertainment will be provided by local jazz group, RunAbout Quartet.

Kim Moss, Friends For Life's executive director, says, "Each year the auction has grown in terms of the number of donations, attendees and the money raised. The auction has helped broaden the support of

the agency and increase AIDS awareness. The support from the community for the auction has been incredible. And, the funds raised at the auction are used for program expenses not covered by grants."

According to the Friends For Life Website, only 75 percent of the agency's programs are covered by grants. The other 25 percent comes from fundraisers and events such as the Annual Auction Against AIDS.

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

"You can expect to see a fantastic travel package from Carlson Wagonlit/Garner Travel, home décor items, dining offerings, pet items and just about anything else you can imagine," says event planner John Folding.

Friends For Life's new Director of Development, Sandra

Palazolo declares, "In the past this event has raised over \$60,000 and with our guests' help, we expect to exceed that again this year. With so many exciting and unique items, you never know what you'll find. Be sure to drive to the auction in the biggest vehicle possible so you have room to carry your sizzling items home!"

Admission to the auction includes a wide array of hors d'ouerves. There will also be a cash bar.

Volunteers are needed for this event. If you are interested, contact Friends For Life at 901-272-0855 and ask for Kevin Dugan or Sandra Palazolo.

Donations for the auction are still being accepted from companies and individuals. Donors will receive tickets or vouchers to the bar. Anyone wishing to donate to the 18th Summer Auction Against Aids should contact Palazolo at Friends For Life, 1384 Madison Avenue, 901-272-0855.

To find out more about Friends For Life and the auction visit www.friendsforlifecorp.org.

Different Brain Responses Found in Homosexual, Heterosexual Men

By Randolph E. Schmid
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The brains of homosexual men respond more like those of women when reacting to a chemical derived from the male sex hormone, new evidence of physical differences related to sexual orientation.

The finding, published in the May 10 issue of *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, shows differences in physiological reaction to sex hormones.

Researchers led by Ivanka Savic at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden, exposed heterosexual men and women and homosexual men to chemicals derived from male and female sex hormones. These chemicals are thought to be pheromones, molecules known to trigger responses such as defense and sex in many animals.

Whether humans respond to pheromones has been the subject of debate, although in 2000 Ameri-

can researchers reported finding a gene that they believe directs the human pheromone receptor in the nose.

In the Swedish study, when sniffing a chemical from testosterone, the male hormone, portions of the brains involved in sexual activity were activated in gay men and straight women, but not in straight men, the researchers found.

When they sniffed smells like cedar or lavender, all of the subjects brains reacted only in the olfactory regions that handles smells.

The result clearly shows a biological involvement in sexual orientation, said Sandra Witelson, an expert on brain anatomy and sexual orientation at the Michael G. DeGroot School of Medicine at McMaster University in Ontario, Canada.

The research was funded by the Swedish Medical Research Council, the Karolinska Institute and the Magnus Bergvall Foundation.

Degeneres Reveals She Was Molested as Teen

NEW YORK (AP) — Ellen DeGeneres reveals in the latest issue of *Allure* magazine that her stepfather molested her as a teenager.

While speaking about her messy breakup with actress Anne Heche, the talk-show host said her stepfather insisted on feeling her breast while DeGeneres' mother was fighting breast cancer. She said the incident later escalated into "other things" and her stepfather, now deceased, tried to

break into her bedroom.

"I had to kick a window out and escape and sleep in a hospital all night long," DeGeneres told *Allure*.

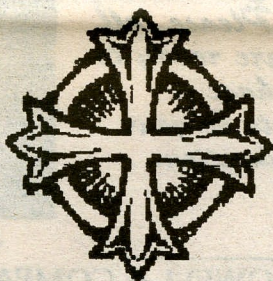
DeGeneres said she's speaking about the incident because "it's important for teenage girls out there to hear that there are different ways to say no. And if it ever happens to them, they should tell someone right away."

She said the occurrences, which happened in her late teens, had no effect on her sexual orientation. DeGeneres' "coming out" was featured on a 1997 *Time* magazine cover and as a plot in her ABC sitcom.

"People I've confided in about this before say, 'Oh, that's why you're a lesbian,'" said DeGeneres. "But I was a lesbian way before that. My earliest memories are of being a lesbian."

The 47-year-old host of *The Ellen DeGeneres Show* also said she hopes she and girlfriend Portia de Rossi are "together the rest of our lives."

"I never would have thought my life would have turned out this way," said DeGeneres. "To have money. Or to have a gorgeous girlfriend. I just feel so lucky with everything in my life right now."



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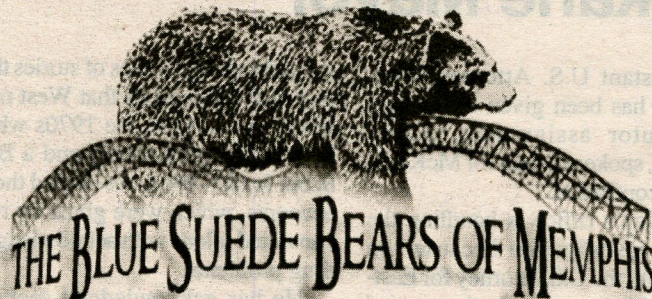
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Studds, a liberal Democrat who spent more than 20 years in Congress, married Dean Hara in Boston on May 24, the *Patriot Ledger* of Quincy reported.

Studds, 68, and Hara, 47, declined to comment for the *Ledger's* story.

First elected to Congress in 1973, Studds built a loyal constituency that returned him to Washington with an average of nearly 70 percent of the vote over 12 elections.

That loyalty was tested in 1983 when it was revealed that Studds had a sexual relationship with a 17-year-old male congressional page. He publicly acknowledged being gay and was censured by the House for sexual misconduct.

Studds admitted an error in judgment but did not apologize, and in 1984 was re-elected with 56 percent of the vote.

May 17 was the one-year anniversary

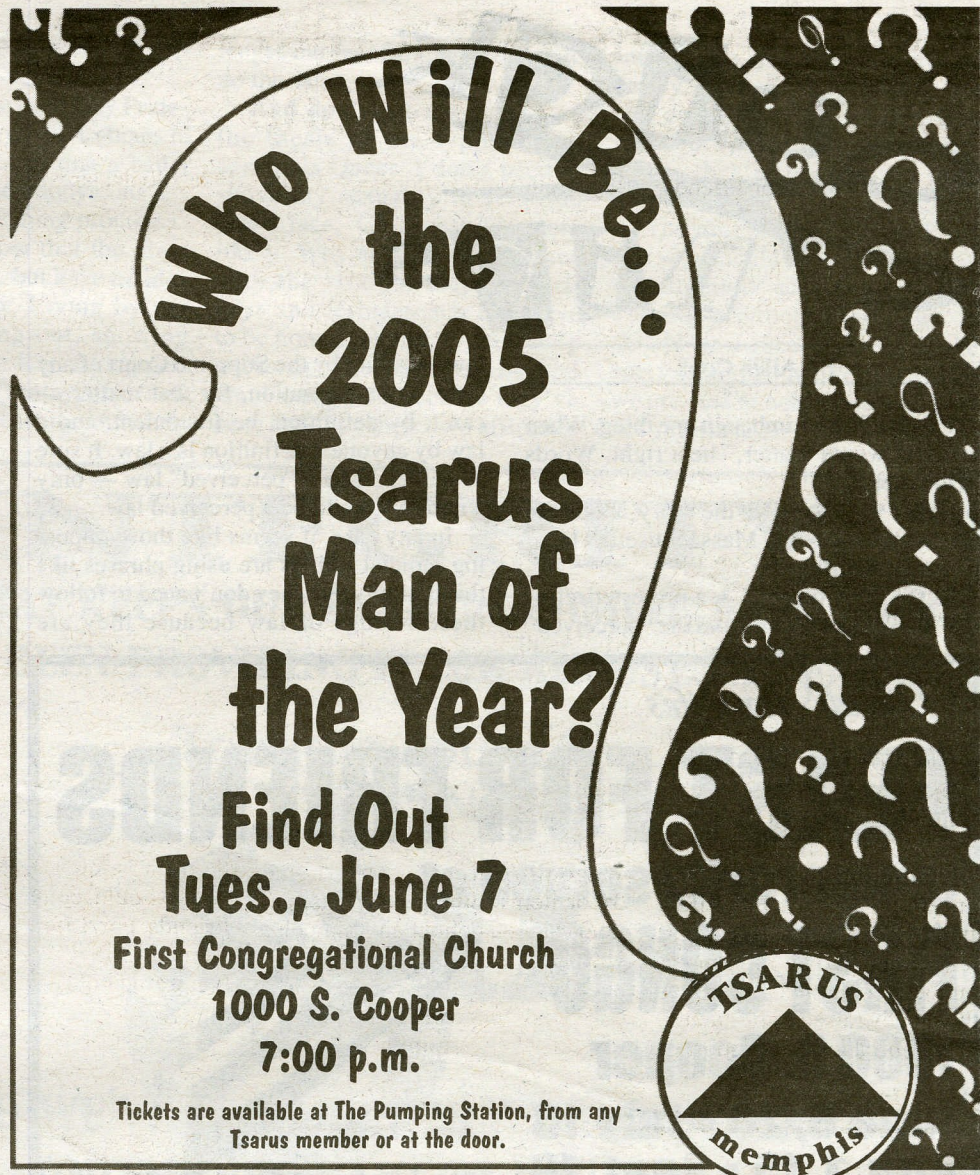


Former Rep. Gerry Studds

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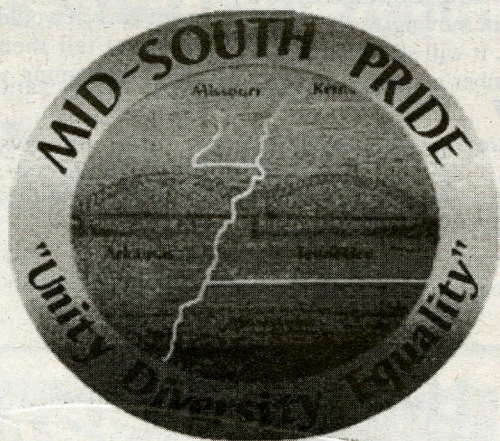
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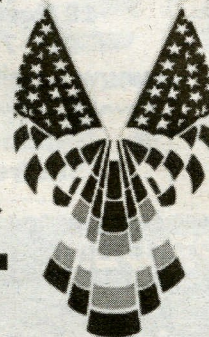
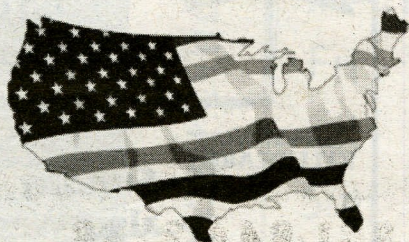
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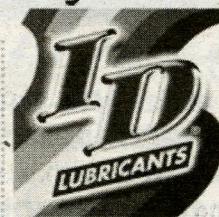
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WICK TIPS

By Allen Cook

I'll give Rush Limbaugh one thing. When he says "words matter," he's right. Words DO matter.

Take, for example, the story about the first anniversary of Massachusetts' legal same-sex marriages.

In the story on page 4, a protester refers to a "fraudulent" ruling and the "perceived"

law. A ruling by the Supreme Court of any state — or the nation, for that matter — can't, by definition, be fraudulent, and a law by anyone's definition is a law. It sure as hell can't be a "perceived" law — only a non-law could be a perceived law.

In any case, it seems like those opposing judicial rulings are using phrases like this to imply that they don't need to follow these rulings or law because they are

fraudulent or only perceived. Can anyone spell "sedition?"

There's a really interesting story on page 13 about a speech that Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Margaret Marshall made at a commencement speech recently.

Basically she said that we should beware of the will of the majority. Brave words in an age where judges are being attacked both literally and figuratively for doing what they are supposed to do — interpret the law.

One doesn't have to go back very far in history to see parallels.

Would African-Americans ever have been granted civil rights if the majority had its way?

Would people with AIDS have ever been granted protection if the issue had been up for a popular vote?

Would women have ever gotten the vote?

In a month filled with Gay Pride, we need to recognize the similarities our movement's struggles have with those of others previously considered in the "underclass."

If you are non-black, we suggest you join in solidarity with our black brothers and sisters this year for Black Pride, June 18-19. There are more issues that unite us, than divide us.

MGLCC's Sunday Afternoon at the Gaiety has moved to Thursday nights beginning at 7 p.m.

The series features GLBT-themed movies and is being sponsored by Family Flavors.

Mid-South Gay and Lesbian Republicans has lowered its annual membership dues to \$48 per person/\$25 for students. They were concerned that the dues were too high since they are no longer a part of the Log Cabin Republicans and don't have to pay them.

Mid-South GLR has also lowered membership requirements for juniors and seniors in high school with parental approval.

Effective in July, Mid-South GLR's monthly social event is moving to the first Saturday of the month. It will still be at a local restaurant or a member's home.

Basketball players are needed for the 2006 Gay Games in Chicago.

The games will take place July 15-22. Each registered team will play a minimum of five games during the competition, with pool seeding into a single elimination tour-

namment bracket.

The group is looking for basketball players of all skill levels who enjoy playing the game.

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Even if you can't get to Chicago, the group plays regularly here in Memphis.

Phoenix AA, perhaps the oldest gay AA group in Memphis, wants you to know they are still around. The group is an "open" one (in AA parlance, that means anyone can attend), but has a special outreach to the gay and lesbian community.

Phoenix AA meets at Grace-St. Luke's Church, 1720 Peabody, on Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m.

For more information on Phoenix AA or the schedule of any Alcoholics Anonymous groups, call (901) 454-1414.

As I write this, MTV Networks' new cable service geared toward the GLBT community, LOGO, is scheduled to launch June 30. Time-Warner is among the cable systems slated to carry it, but I have been unable to confirm whether or not the local system will.

I used to work in programming at what was then Cablevision, and I can tell you that MTV Networks has a lot of pull with cable operators and is likely pressuring them into carrying it. They own all the versions of MTV and Nickelodeon and typically offer package deals to the operators — use them all and they get a discount.

On the other side, Time-Warner and Comcast recently bailed out a third cable operator and the local system is one of those that is being swapped to Comcast in the deal. It could be that Comcast is not going to buy into the deal.

I guess we'll just have to wait it out. My gut feeling is that if it doesn't appear on your cable system June 30 without any fanfare, it might be held for a future channel upgrade — keep it under the radar by not launching it by itself... you get the drift.

In any case, it wouldn't hurt to call Time-Warner and tell them you'd like to see LOGO — assuming you can get through, that is.

I really hope all of you will turn out for the events being staged by Mid-South Pride this year.

Last year, of course, was a rush job in that they only had about a month to organize after Memphis Pride dissolved.

I am really glad to see that the 100-foot Rainbow flag is being brought back. Apparently the flag had suffered some damage in storage and needed repairs before it could be used again. It's a beautiful and powerful symbol, not unlike the community it represents.

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Commentary by Jon Devin

Not long ago, I got a call from a friend from another town who was in Memphis for business and wondered if I'd like to go out for dinner that evening. Sure, I said. Sounds great. An hour later, he called back to cancel our dinner plans because he was going out with someone else. I couldn't tell for sure, but it sounded like an interlude was in the works. Fine, whatever.

Two hours after that as I was busy cooking dinner for myself, the phone rang again and my friend's panic-stricken voice rang out from the men's room of the restaurant where he was desperately trying to get away from whomever he had met. The details never became clear to me. After several minutes worth of unsuccessful explanation—something about another guy showing up unexpectedly and that not being part of the deal—he finally summarized by saying, "Oh well, I'm sure you know what I'm going through."

I didn't answer, because if I had, it would certainly have been something like, "Actually I have no idea what you are talking about. Grow up and act like an adult."

But the truth is that this man, hailing from a very rural area, has never known an adult, gay man. Many others right here in Memphis and across the country have the

same problem: low maturity and lack of personal development.

In the month of June, celebrated nationwide as Gay Pride Month, I find myself thinking less and less of the disconcerting tango of political steps forward and steps back, and more about what the gay community really needs. Face it folks, we collectively need to grow up and get a life.

Everyone knows that gays and lesbians have been bastardized by the entire symphonic range of American voices from congressmen to construction workers who decry us as sick, sinful or sinister. Countless televangelists have based their careers (and their personal fortunes) on waging war against "the homosexual agenda." But in failing to unite and be recognized both as individuals and as a community, look what has happened to the people we casually refer to as our "brothers and sisters."

Many have charges of indecent exposure following all but routine raids of parks and malls. Drug use, alcoholism and the gamut of STDs rage unchecked among this "family." Political in-fighting has largely destroyed the morale of our community's strongest organizations. And if anyone had ever done a long-term, longitudinal study of the success rate of gay and lesbian relationships, my guess is that the



result would find less than 25 percent last longer than a year.

That's why we need Gay Pride.

Half of the gays and lesbians in this city don't know that a better life exists beyond anonymous sex and publicly switching pronouns. Many others know that the grass could be greener, but have no idea how to get there. Living by example — coming out, showing your face without fear, taking part in constructive organizations, finding real love — enables and chal-

lenges our less fortunate friends to do the same.

And don't get me started on the thesis of the typical East Memphis Queer: I don't need to shove my sexuality in someone else's face. Chickenshit is more like it. Why anyone would agree with the straight majority that gays and lesbians don't deserve to be honest and open, that doing so just upsets everyone is beyond me. Perhaps it's because they've been lulled by their own affluence

into a false sense of comfort and safety. Perhaps they're just "on the down-low." Perhaps, like collaborationists in Nazi Germany, they're out to save their own skins.

The unspoken theme for Pride this year should be something akin to getting our act together or becoming productive citizens. It should be a time when we make special effort both to celebrate who we are, and to help those who cannot yet celebrate.

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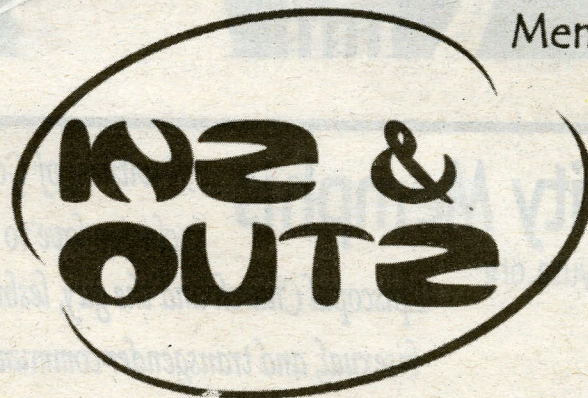
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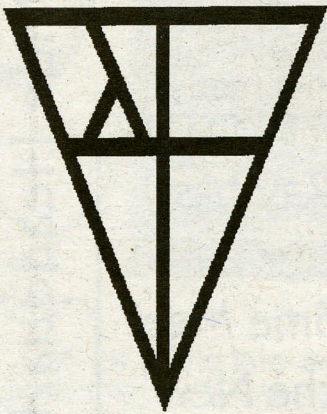


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Massachusetts Chief Justice Warns of 'Will of the Majority'

WALTHAM, Mass. (AP) — The chief justice of the Massachusetts court that legalized same-sex marriage told Brandeis University graduates on May 22 that judicial independence must be protected from "the will of the majority."

Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Margaret Marshall, the commencement speaker at the Waltham school, expressed concern over recent attacks against the

judiciary.

"Our courts function as a pressure valve to defuse political and social tension," Marshall said. "As a nation, we have tacitly agreed that it is better to settle our large differences in the courtroom than in the street."

The SJC's 4-3 ruling in November 2003 that gays and lesbians have the constitutional right to marry in Massachusetts sparked a

firestorm of opposition around the nation. Conservative politicians including President Bush blamed "activist judges," including Marshall, for advancing a social agenda.

"I worry when people of influence use vague, loaded terms like 'judicial activist' to skew public debate or to intimidate judges," Marshall said. "I worry when judicial independence is seen as a prob-

lem to be solved and not a value to be cherished."

Marshall, who received an honorary degree, told the nearly 1,000 graduates that they must pick a side.

"Respect for the rule of law is deeply imbedded in our American experience but it is not embedded in our DNA," she said. "Each of you must decide whether to embrace, to protect the rule of law, or

to repudiate it. Make no mistake, inaction and indifference are acts of repudiation."

Marshall referred to past U.S. court rulings school desegregation and civil rights as proof that an independent judiciary is vital.

"Individual rights and human dignity are vulnerable when they depend for protection on the will of the majority or the good faith of those in power," she said.

Liza Minnelli, Bill Condon, *Kinsey*, *Six Feet Under* Honored At 16th Annual GLAAD Media Awards In Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES— *Desperate Housewives'* Felicity Huffman and Marcia Cross, comedian Margaret Cho, Brittany Murphy, John Stamos and Stockard Channing were among the dozens of celebrities who joined the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) as it honored Liza Minnelli, Bill Condon, and the best in journalism, film, television and theater at the 16th Annual GLAAD Media Awards

At the ceremony held at the Kodak Theatre, Brittany Murphy and Mandy Moore presented Liza Minnelli with GLAAD's Vanguard Award, honoring a member of the entertainment community who has made a significant difference in promoting equal rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people.

"I must say, I've been given some awards in my time, but this is very, very important to me. I'm moved and I'm honored to receive this award from a wonderful organization that I deeply believe in, and that's GLAAD," Minnelli said in accepting the award.

"Love is the most cherished feeling we have; it's unique to human beings, and if anyone thinks they can dismiss love through politics, they're nuts."

Accompanied by Tony Award-winning lyricist and composer Marc Shaiman, Minnelli performed "What Makes a Man a Man" — a song written by Charles Aznavour in 1972.

"This is a song by Charles Aznavour. He wrote it a long time ago. In fact, I've been singing it for the past 15 years all over the world," Minnelli said. "It's a beautiful song and it also reminds us just how far we've come, thanks in great part to GLAAD."

Also at the ceremony, Brendan Fraser presented Academy Award-winning filmmaker Bill Condon with GLAAD's Stephen F. Kolzak Award, which honors an openly gay or lesbian member of the entertainment or media community for outstanding contributions in combating homophobia.

"I'm amazed at how far we've come in the seven years since I was

last here with *Gods and Monsters*," Condon said during his acceptance.

"As a boy from Queens who moved here not knowing anyone in the movie business, I was happy just to be in the game, writing scripts and directing movies. But it was only when I started to focus on material that meant something to me as a gay man that I found any real satisfaction, and, to my great surprise, some success."

In her speech, GLAAD Executive Director Joan M. Garry said "The needle of public opinion is moving. It's moving because we are out and because we are visible. It's moving because media images are investing millions of people in our lives and our families, making us less abstract, showing that we are human. Public opinion is moving in our direction, and it will continue to move, as long as we continue to be visible, as long as we continue to fight."

The evening kicked off with a special opening monologue by Margaret Cho. Other guests and presenters included: Jason Alexander; Chad Allen; Harris Allen, Michelle Clunie, Robert Gant, Scott Lowell, Peter Paige, Hal Sparks (*Queer as Folk*); Ted Allen, Kyan Douglas, Thom Felicia, Carson Kressley, Jai Rodriguez (*Queer Eye for the Straight Guy*); Patrick Breen, Christina Hendricks (*Kevin Hill*); Karamo Brown, Willie Hernandez (*The Real World: Philadelphia*); Frances Conroy; Jennifer Coolidge; Erin Daniels, Laurel Holloman (*The L Word*); Elisa Donovan; Hector Elizondo; Brian Gaden; Leslie Jordan; Dave Koz; Honey Labrador, Robbie Laughlin, Danny Teeson (*Queer Eye for the Straight Girl*); Judith Light; Garry Marshall; Doris Roberts; Robert Wisdom (*The Wire*); and executive producers Neil Meron and Craig Zadan (*Chicago, It's All Relative*).

This year marks the first time the GLAAD Media Awards will be televised. MTVN's LOGO, the ad-supported network targeting lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender viewers, will air the ceremony this summer, supporting the telecast with a week-long original program-

ming event dedicated to the history and highlights of the GLAAD Media Awards over the past 15 years. Craig Zadan, Neil Meron and Michael Dempsey Productions will produce the televised version of the GLAAD Media Awards, while GLAAD's event production team, XA, Inc., is producing the live events.

Following is a list of GLAAD Media Awards presented on stage and the individuals who accepted the awards at the 16th Annual GLAAD Media Awards in Los Angeles on Sat., April 30. Additional awards were presented in New York on March 28 at the Marriott Marquis. Remaining awards will be presented in San Francisco on June 11 at the Westin St. Francis.

- Vanguard Award: Liza Minnelli (presented by Brittany Murphy and Mandy Moore)

- Stephen F. Kolzak Award: Bill Condon (presented by Brendan Fraser)

- Outstanding Film - Wide Release: *Kinsey* (Fox Searchlight Pictures) [Accepted by: Liam Neeson via pre-taped video and by executive producer Gail Mutrux]

- Outstanding Drama Series: *Six Feet Under* (HBO) [Accepted by: Frances Conroy and by executive producer Robert Greenblatt]

- Outstanding Individual Episode (in a series without a regular gay character): "Lost Boys" *Jack & Bobby* (The WB) [Accepted by: executive producers Greg Berlanti and Mickey Liddell, and writer Barbie Kligman]

- Outstanding Television Movie: *Jack* (Showtime) [Accepted by: director Lee Rose and Stockard Channing]

- Outstanding Reality Program: TIE: *Queer Eye for the Straight Guy* (Bravo) [Accepted by: Ted Allen, Kyan Douglas, Thom Felicia, Carson Kressley and Jai Rodriguez] and *The Real World: Philadelphia* (MTV) [Accepted by: creator and producer Jon Murray from Bunim/Murray Productions, and cast members Karamo Brown and Willie Hernandez]

- Outstanding Los Angeles Theater: Stage Directions [Accepted

by: playwright L. Trey Wilson and director Dan Bonnell]

- Outstanding Spanish-Language TV Journalism — Newsmagazine: *Los Muxes Aqui y Ahora* (Univision) [Accepted by: Univision producer Karina Dalmas]

Nominees were published, released or broadcast between Dec. 1, 2003 and Dec. 31, 2004. Nearly 1,500 projects were considered in

24 English-language and 13 Spanish-language categories.

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By Jim
Maynard

I just saw *Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith* and noticed many similarities between the politics of the Republic and the Bush administration: starting a war under false pretenses for political gain, increasing government power and control in the name of security and peace, reducing complex political issues to simple "good" vs. "evil," and labeling those who do not support the emperor, I mean president, as traitors.

Vice-President Dick Cheney reminds me a lot of Darth Vader. Even though he has a supposedly lesbian daughter (I'm beginning to wonder), Dick participated in a fundraiser for Colorado Rep. Marilyn Musgrave, the sponsor of the anti-gay Federal Marriage Amendment! Cheney and many so-

called "moderate" Republicans continue to support "the dark side" of the Republican Party.

This month's Uncle Tom Republican is Spokane Mayor Jim West, who was outed by undercover reporters posing as young men on the internet. Seems

like the mayor likes young men and offered one undercover reporter a job in the mayor's office. West has been a conservative opponent of gay rights and liberalism. He now claims to be a victim of liberals who do not accept conservative gays. What I find most appalling is not that he is a conservative homosexual but, like other "homocons," he opposes the "liberal agenda," while being politically aligned with right-wing

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GWM, 39, 5'10", 169 lbs, brown goatee, shaved head, no piercings or tattoos, looking to share my one bedroom home on Kentucky Lake, just outside Paris. I am on Social Security and have a vehicle we can share. Would like someone who is also disabled. No severe disabilities with me. Will help relocate. 731-642-3580.

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GWM, 48 interested in meeting gay and bi-males for fun, good times and possible friendship. I have brown hair and eyes, weigh 180, drink and smoke sometimes although, I like to keep fit. I also love gay movies and computers. Contact me at moptopmouse@yahoo.com.

GWM would like to meet another GWM from age 37 to 47. I have brown hair and hazel eyes and have a hairy chest. My weight is 250 and I like cooking, movies, enjoy being with someone. I like to go to the clubs. I drink some, dine out. I smoke some-times. Call Jimmy at (901)-604-6236. I will be waiting.

Seeking husky, muscular GWMs, 3-60, furry or otherwise, for friendship and fun times. No mind games or flakes. Only serious need call. Contact Bud at 732-2755 and be discreet.

opponents of gay rights. Sociologists call this disorder "cognitive dissidence."

The Busheviks and the Rapture Right continue their campaign to take over the judiciary and consolidate their control over all branches of government. Senate majority leader Bill Frist and the Republican leadership are trying to end the Democratic filibuster of Bush's eight most extreme judicial nominees. Frist and the GOP continue to lie about their own past use and support of the filibuster. The fact is that the Democrats have, unfortunately, approved far more Bush nominees than the Republicans did of Clinton's.

Last month I confused one of Bush's judicial nominees, former Alabama Attorney General Bill Pryor, with Alabama Judge Roy Moore. It was Moore, not Pryor, who disobeyed court orders to remove then Ten Commandments from a federal courthouse. However, Bill Pryor is a close political ally of Judge Moore and the Rapture Right who oppose the separation of church and state. He was the only attorney general outside of Texas to author an amicus brief in the Supreme Court defending Texas's sodomy statute. Because of his long history of opposing gay and lesbian civil rights, the Lambda Legal Defense called him "the most demonstrably anti-gay judicial nominee in recent memory."

In the 2003-2004 session of Congress, Pryor's nomination to the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals was blocked by Senate Democrats because of his extreme views. While Congress was in recess, Bush made him a temporary appointment. While in this tempo-

rary position on the court, Pryor cast the deciding vote to uphold Florida's outright ban on gay adoption.

The battle over Bush's judicial nominees underscores the importance of voting and of the differences between Democratic and Republican presidents. A liberal or moderate Democrat would not nominate people as radically anti-environment, anti-labor and anti-gay as Republican nominees. There is a real difference between the parties, especially on gay issues, and it really makes a difference who is appointed to the judiciary since the courts play a central role in defending civil rights.

Massachusetts celebrated the first year anniversary of the legalization of gay marriages in that state. The Massachusetts Democratic Party is expected to approve a plank in its platform supporting same-sex marriage. However, Sen. John Kerry said last month that he believes it's a mistake for them to include it because, in his view, such a statement does not conform with the broad views of party members. Kerry, who opposes same-sex marriage but supports civil unions, seems to be out of step with Massachusetts Democrats. A *Boston Globe* poll in March found that 71 percent of Democrats in the state support making same-sex marriages legal (compared to 35 percent of Republicans).

Kerry and other Democratic Party leaders are rightly concerned that support for gay marriage will hurt the Democratic Party nationally. National polls show growing support for the Republican anti-gay Federal Marriage Amendment, and

confusion over Kerry's own position on the issue clearly hurt his Presidential campaign in the South and conservative-leaning states. While Kerry and the Democratic Party overall support gay and lesbian civil rights (much more than the anti-gay Republican Party), the issue of gay marriage presents a political challenge to a party that wants to support gay rights but also needs to win nationally.

It is June and that means "Gay Pride Month." I have had mixed feelings about "gay pride" celebrations in the past. It seems "gay pride" has lost its political significance as the anniversary of Stonewall and the gay-rights movement, and has become little more than an annual party and beer bust. Gay people love to party and drink, but we also need to keep focused on more important things. Our community and our civil rights are under attack. We need to focus our resources, especially money, on fighting and defending those rights. I like Mid-South Pride's theme this year, "Liberty and Justice for All," and I'm glad they are celebrating our political leaders.

Congratulations to Allen Cook and John Stillwell, publishers of *Triangle Journal News*, for being chosen as two of the grand marshals for this year's Midsouth Pride Parade. John and Allen have been publishing a REAL gay newspaper, and supporting local gay organizations, for 25 years. This honor is long overdue.

Happy gay pride. Remember Stonewall and the pioneers of the gay-rights movement, and support those who are fighting for our civil rights!

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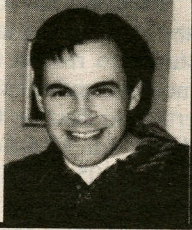
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WHAT ABOUT IT?

by Shannon Yarbrough



It's hard to believe that June is here again marking the beginning of summer vacations and pride celebrations.

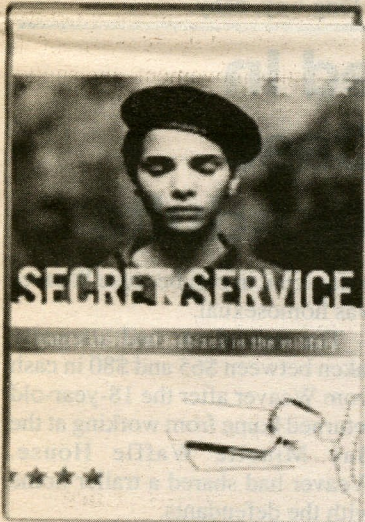
I glanced at the left side of my book shelf, the place I have deemed "books not yet read," and realize the stacks keep growing. So, for pride month I'm focusing on those "other" books I've read this year so far, but haven't yet reviewed.

Besides, my only recent DVD purchase was the movie, *Phantom of the Opera*, Joel Shumacher and Andrew Lloyd Weber's big screen production from last December. Although it was entertaining, it definitely lacked that sense of magic you get from seeing it on stage.

And in music, I've still been listening to the last few CDs I reviewed (Rob Thomas and Lisa Marie).

So, if you are headed to the beach or need a book to curl up with after a long day of pride festivities, here are a few definitely worth adding to your own stack of books waiting to be read.

Secret Service by Zsa Zsa Gershick



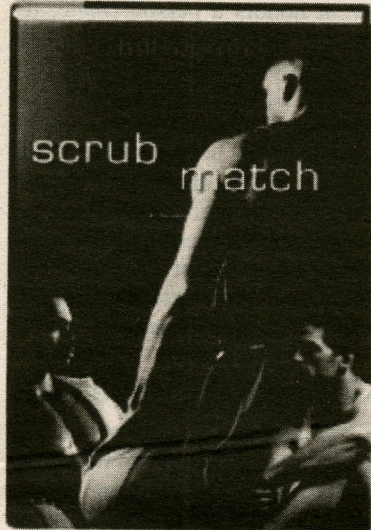
It's hard enough being a woman in the military. Being a gay woman in the military means struggling to hide your pride in your sexual orientation while serving your country with pride—and living in an atmosphere of sexism, homophobia and, as a growing number of embarrassing new stories are showing, violence.

Zsa Zsa Gershick, who served as a reservist in the U.S. Army for four years, has focused her time on writing articles about high-achieving service members discharged because they were gay.

Here, she profiles a series of lesbians who tell their stories of serving in the U.S. military. These experiences included witch hunts, sexual harassment, discharges and constant fear.

This is the hypocritical truth of how these women served their country with honor, and in return were treated as less than human by their country. And how, despite, "don't ask, don't tell," the number of gays discharged from the military is steadily increasing.

Scrub Match by Bill Eisele



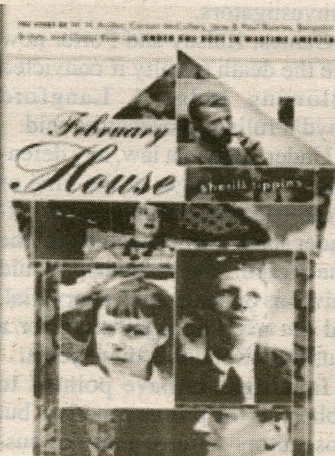
Like James Earl Hardy and E. Lynn Harris, Bill Eisele takes us into the emotional terrain of gay African-American men's lives with his debut novel—and also takes us onto the basketball court.

Paul Carter leaves a destructive relationship and finds a new world in San Francisco. The Gay Men's Basketball League seems the perfect place for a gay, bi-racial man to fit in.

Friendship and flirtation abound with his teammates, from giant but gentle Jesse to bald, muscular and mean Curtis. Then there's Twitch. Tall, thin, an amazing basketball player...and white.

Paul and Twitch are both passionate about the game, about poetry and reading, and about each other. That doesn't fly too well with other members of the team. As racial tensions build, it appears an on-court blowout is inevitable.

The February House by Sherill Tippins



W.H. Auden. Carson McCullers. Jane & Paul Bowles. Benjamin Britten. Gypsy Rose Lee. All under one roof. It happened, and this is the incredible story of how so much talent was born in one live-in salon before World War II.

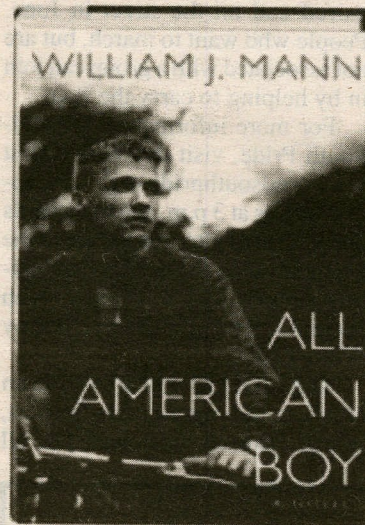
These artists undertook this experiment in communal living in a house in Brooklyn Heights, which Anaïs Nin dubbed "February House" because so many of the residents were born in that month.

Sparks flew at 7 Middagh Street (both good and bad) between 1940 and 1941. It was also a creative atmosphere that affected all who lived there.

McCullers struggled through writing *The Member of the Wedding* and *The Ballad of the Sad Café*. Jane Bowles wrote a novel of her own while doing Auden's typing for him. Auden wrote some of his best-known poems while strictly enforcing curfew.

Party girl Gypsy Rose Lee wrote *The G-String Murders* when time allowed. And Broadway set designer Britten washed dishes and tended the furnace. But it wasn't just creative juices that were flowing. Things really heated up amongst this virile young group of artists. This eye-opening book reveals it all.

All American Boy by William J. Mann



William J. Mann takes his writing to even deeper levels with an intense new novel that looks at a mother/son relationship...and the secrets that all-American families keep.

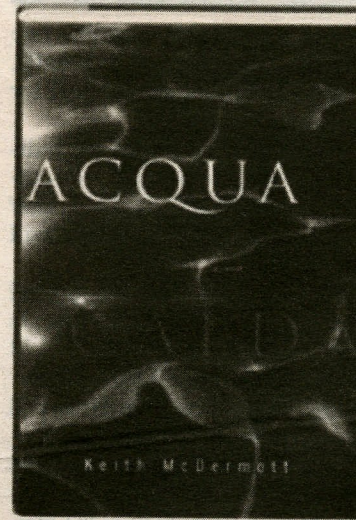
Wally Day lives the good life in New York. He is a successful actor and can have his pick of any of the men who end up in his bedroom. But his past comes back to haunt him when his mother calls from Brown's Mill, the town in which he grew up.

She wants him to help her exorcise her demons—but this means

he has to relive his own nightmarish childhood. At age 14, his parents found out he was gay when they caught him having sex with his lover, an older man. A man they put in jail.

Wally fled from his parents, particularly his abusive father, and found a home with a transgendered woman named Miss Aletha. And, in this shocking, heartfelt, page-turning narrative, the truth unravels about the darkness that clouded this not-so-perfect "ideal" American family.

Acqua Calda by Keith McDermott



This tender and moving debut novel about an American actor who gets a second lease on life in Italy is like *A Chorus Line* meets *Tuesdays With Morrie*.

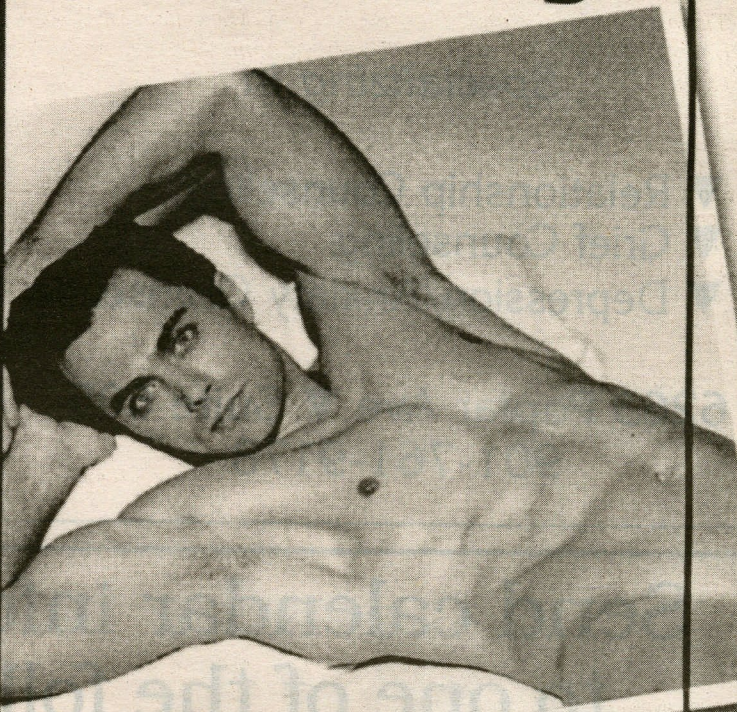
Gerald thinks his days are numbered, and takes all the necessary steps to make his death as painless as possible for everyone in his life—from writing a will to throwing out all his porns.

But miracles do happen, and Gerald suddenly discovers he's going to hang in for a while. When an old boss, avant-garde director William Weiss, invites Gerald to Sicily to perform in a play, he accepts.

Gerald immerses himself in the life of theater again—the drama created by the actors, the dancers, the director, and all the pitfalls that threaten a production. But what's most unexpected is the man who gives him something to live for...a hot Italian actor who steals his heart.

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by Vincent Astor
(The artist formerly known as
Lady A)

She retired, you say. What's she doing back?

I have been writing on behalf of the MGLCC for these past months, but felt that other GLBT and GLBT-friendly organizations could be included in a specific events column. This is a spot where events of interest can be explained in a bit of detail, which I so love to do. I must stress that I am not a mind reader, though I do have psychic sources.

Ergo, if you want me to include it, you must first tell me about it. Directly. Yourself. I am only interested in rumours I can substantiate and this column is entirely at my personal whim. It is a freelance

column published in more than one place (I am not on anybody's staff), so do not fault the publication for something omitted.

Unpleasant attitudes by individuals and groups, noble or otherwise, will result in exclusion and/or bad press. Honest mistakes will be corrected.

Having said that, the e-mail address for this column is tjevents@bellsouth.net I will gladly publish benefit shows, interesting public group functions and other non-business-related happenings. However, this column should not replace an ad or a calendar listing. My aim is to answer the eternal question, "Is there anything to do in Memphis?" Of course there is, dear.

The big news is the return of the Pride Parade to Cooper/Young.

Memphis has so few parades of any description anymore it only stands to reason that one of the most colorful should be ours. "Liberty and Justice for All", is the theme for Mid-South Pride and Pride 2005 for Memphis and the entire Mid-South.

The Grand Marshals for Pride 2005 are Allen Cook, John Stilwell and Rev. Jean Rowe. Allen Cook and John Stilwell have been active in the Memphis GLBT community for many years, most notably as the owners and publishers of *disyere* newspaper.

Rev Jean Rowe has been not only reaching out to the GLBT community but welcoming them in her role as pastor of Neshoba Unitarian Universalist Church in Cordova.

The parade date is Sat., June 11: Line-up is at 3 p.m. at the corner of S. Cooper and Higbee; the parade steps off at 4 p.m. and proceeds south down Cooper to First Congregational Church.

Parade registration will be available during the lineup. Awards will be given for floats, vehicles and walking groups.

This year's judges will be provided by the Mid-South Peace and Justice Center, and the parade will be led off by community activists carrying the colors.

To connect with the Wonders exhibition *Art of the Motorcycle* it only makes sense that GLBT bikers in Memphis should show up to ride in the Pride Parade. You gotta be proud of your machine, anyhow.

This year celebrates 25 consecutive years of Pride celebrations in Memphis and the return of the 100-foot Rainbow Flag. The flag was first sewn in 1998. It has missed the last two parades, but will be repaired and on the street in June. People who want to march, but are not associated with a group can join in by helping to carry the flag.

For more information on Mid-South Pride, visit the Web site at www.midsouthpride.org. A reception begins at 3 p.m. and the awards are presented after the parade at the Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 892 S. Cooper, with special entertainment by Skinny White Chick.

The MGLCC will also have an art show in progress, *Ars Spiritas*, *Art of Pride*. It will consist of all

original art pieces; most will be for sale. An opening reception is scheduled for Sun., June 5, from 6 to 9 p.m.

MGLCC will also continue Lavender University on Wednesday nights in June with Gourmet Cooking Classes which begin at 7 p.m. All Classes will be facilitated in the MGLCC kitchen by Chef Dave Fischer. Questions? Ask Dave at davwfischer@aol.com.

Congratulations are in order as the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center was awarded \$1000 by Sam's Town and Boyd Gaming in May.

The Tsarus club annual Man of the Year banquet will be held at First Congregational Church on Tues., June 7, at 7:30 p.m. This event honors a person (male, female or even group) who has made a significant contribution to the GLBT community in Memphis. The food is always good, and the money raised is contributed to the charity of the honoree's choice.

Some very unique individuals have been honored in the 20 or so years this banquet has been held including this writer and the editors of this newspaper.

Footnote from the Past

25 years ago, a group of new activists met at a picnic hosted by Jim Ramsey. It was June, it was Pride and the group was taking on a very large responsibility. Memphis, with its new chapter of the Tennessee Gay Coalition for Human Rights, was hosting the South-

eastern Conference of Lesbians and Gay Men.

It was to be in late summer at the Holiday Inn Rivermont, overlooking the river. It was to be the largest GLBT gathering Memphis had ever seen and spark a protest, a counter-protest, a Holiday Inn boycott and enough community bonding to last several years.

Pride events included the picnic, a benefit show, a seminar, and the very first Gay River Ride. A photo of the ringleaders was taken in front of one of the many bedsheet banners to come from the hand of Hunter Johnston.

Gaze newspaper was six months old, the brainchild of Bill Johnson and Ric Sullivan.

The ranks of the Coalition were swelling with men and women and some of the bar owners, George Wilson in particular, hated the new group with the passion of an endangered businessman not wanting his boat rocked.

There were not many bars but there was an MCC. J-Wag's had just turned gay under new owner Tommy Stewart. The drag queens ruled and the ball clubs were strong.

The Switchboard was being operated independently, but included the new group in its listings.

We worried a lot about VD and hepatitis.

We were on the verge of something big — in a lot of ways. It was 1980. Several of those who came to that picnic will ride with Hunter in this year's parade. We've come a long way, baby.

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Three Charged In Gay Murder Case To Be Tried As Adults

BAY MINETTE, Ala. (AP) — Three young people charged in the slaying of a gay teenager will be tried as adults in capital murder trials.

Christopher Ryan Gaines, 20, Nichole Kelsay, 19, and Robert Holly Lofton Porter, 19, entered not guilty pleas after a Baldwin County Circuit Court judge denied their requests for youthful offender status in separate arraignments.

Scotty Joe Weaver was beaten, stabbed, strangled and his body burned in woods near his mobile home on July 18, 2004, according to investigators.

Gaines, Kelsay and Porter now face the death penalty if convicted following Judge J. Langford Floyd's ruling, prosecutors said.

Under Alabama law, any defendant 21 or younger at the time of an offense can request youthful offender status, which would seal the case record. The defendant would waive his or her right to a jury trial, and the maximum jail time for a youthful offender is three years.

Investigators have pointed to robbery as the primary motive, but prosecutors believe that the sus-

pects acted in part because Weaver was homosexual.

The defendants had allegedly taken between \$65 and \$80 in cash from Weaver after the 18-year-old returned home from working at the Bay Minette Waffle House. Weaver had shared a trailer home with the defendants.

Prosecutors have not decided whether they want the three defendants to be tried together or separately, said Assistant Baldwin County District Attorney Jim Vollmer.

The judge did not set a future court date in any of the cases, but gave defense attorneys 20 days to file special pleas or motions, Vollmer said.

The case has drawn interest from gay-rights groups, and hundreds of mourners attended a vigil for Weaver in Mobile. Anti-gay groups picketed outside the Crossroads Church of God, where Weaver's funeral was held.

All three defendants are being held without bond.

Calendar Listings in Bold type take place at GLBT venues or are specifically GLBT-related.

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

Out & About

REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

- Open Heart Community of Faith - Bible Study & Worship Celebration - North End of First Congregational (1000 South Cooper) - (901) 323-3514 - 9am
- Holy Trinity Community Church - Sunday School and Holy Worship Service & Children's Church - (901) 320-9376 - office@holyltrinitymemphis.org - 9:45am and 11am
- First Congregational Church - Sunday School, Café Congo, and Worship Service - (901) 278-6786 - 9:30am, 10am, and 10:30am
- Prescott Church - Sunday School & Worship Service - (901) 327-8479 - 9:30am & 10:45am
- 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

- Softball - Tobey Fields (Central and Hollywood) - 1pm
- Tea Dance - Metro - 4pm
- Brothers & Sisters Bowling League - Winchester Bowl - (901) 722-5236 or MemphisGayBowlin@aol.com - 6pm
- Pool Tournament - Pumping Station - 6pm
- Sissy Bingo - Crossroads - 8pm
- After Park Set Sundays - Paragon - 9pm
- Queer As Folk - Metro - 9pm
- Lights Out, Everything Goes - J-Wag's - 10pm
- 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
- Plus Support Group - Community Center - (901) 278-4297 - 7:30pm
- 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
- Phoenix AA - Open AA Meeting with outreach to GLBT community - Grace-St. Luke's Church - 1720 Peabody - 7pm
- Lesbians with Breast Cancer - Support Group - YWCA (766 South Highland) - 7pm
- Singles Dart Tournament - Crossroads - 7:45pm
- Pool Tournament - One More - 8:30pm
- Karaoke Night - Metro - 10pm
- Karaoke Night - J-Wag's - 11pm

WEDNESDAYS

- Frontrunners 3-mile run, Overton Park Pavilion, 6pm
- Dart Tournament - The Jungle - 7:30pm
- Partners Dart Tournament - Crossroads - 8pm
- Lights Out - Come Party in the Dark - Metro

JUNE 2005 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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			• Let's Meet and Chill (Intercultural Discussion Group), MGLCC, 7pm	• Thursday Night at the Gaiety Film Series, MGLCC, 7pm	See regular Friday events • Cafe Q, MGLCC, 7pm featuring The Drum Circle	• MGLCC Board Meeting, MGLCC, 11am • Alliance Club Night, Pumping Station, 10pm • Healthy Lifestyle Support Group, MGLCC, 1pm							
• Stonewall Democrats, MGLCC, 2pm • Bowling, Winchester Lanes, 6pm • Ars Spiritus Opening Reception, MGLCC, 6-9pm • WAC, First Congregational Church, 6:30pm	5	• Feast for Friends, First Congo, 6pm • Plus Support Group, MGLCC, 7:30pm	6	• Tsarus Man of the Year Banquet, First Congo, 7:30pm • The Caring Group, HTCC, 7pm • The Drum Circle, MGLCC, 7pm • Phoenix AA, 1720 Peabody, 8pm	7	8	• GLBT Parenting Group, MGLCC, 6pm • Thursday Night at the Gaiety Film Series, MGLCC, 7pm	9	10	See regular Friday events • Cafe Q, MGLCC, 7pm featuring Skinny White Chick	11	• Healthy Lifestyle Support Group, MGLCC, 1pm • Gay Pride Parade, Line-up 3pm, Step-off 4pm (See story on page 1 for details) • Blue Suede Bears Club Night (See bluesuedebeats.com)	
• MGLCC Closed for Pride Picnic • Softball, Tobey Fields, 1-5pm • Gay Pride Picnic, 3pm (See story on page 1 for details) • Bowling, Winchester Lanes, 6pm • WAC, First Congregational Church, 6:30pm	12	• Feast for Friends, First Congo, 6pm • Plus Support Group, MGLCC, 7:30pm	13	• Integrity Dinner/Meeting, Calvary Church, 6:30pm • The Caring Group, HTCC, 7pm • The Drum Circle, MGLCC, 7pm • Phoenix AA, 1720 Peabody, 8pm	14	TJN March Advertising Deadline	15	• GLBT Parenting Group, MGLCC, 6pm • Women's Potluck, MGLCC, 6:30pm • Thursday Night at the Gaiety Film Series, MGLCC, 7pm	16	17	See regular Friday events • Cafe Q, MGLCC, 7pm featuring Zoe Ozbird	18	• Healthy Lifestyle Support Group, MGLCC, 1pm • MGLCC Birthday Potluck, MGLCC, 7pm • Tsarus Club Night, The Pumping Station, 9pm • Black Pride
• Softball, Tobey Fields, 1-5pm • Mid-South Gay and Lesbian Republicans, MGLCC, 1pm • Pagans, MGLCC, 3pm • Bowling, Winchester Lanes, 6pm • WAC, First Congo, 6:30pm • Black Pride	19	• Feast for Friends, First Congo, 6pm • Plus Support Group, MGLCC, 7:30pm	20	• The Caring Group, HTCC, 7pm • The Drum Circle, MGLCC, 7pm • Phoenix AA, 1720 Peabody, 8pm	21	• MGLCC Volunteer Appreciation Potluck, MGLCC, 6pm	22	• GLBT Parenting Group, MGLCC, 6pm • Thursday Night at the Gaiety Film Series, MGLCC, 7pm	23	24	See regular Friday events • Cafe Q, MGLCC, 7pm featuring Li'l Ryan	25	• Healthy Lifestyle Support Group, MGLCC, 1pm
• Softball, Tobey Fields, 1-5pm • I:F (Initiative Fairness), MGLCC, 5pm • Bowling, Winchester Lanes, 6pm • WAC, First Congo, 6:30pm • FFL Auction Against AIDS, see story on page 8	26	• Feast for Friends, First Congo, 6pm • Plus Support Group, MGLCC, 7:30pm	27	• The Caring Group, HTCC, 7pm • The Drum Circle, MGLCC, 7pm • Phoenix AA, 1720 Peabody, 8pm	28		29	• GLBT Parenting Group, MGLCC, 6pm • Thursday Night at the Gaiety Film Series, MGLCC, 7pm	30	July 1	July TJN Due Out See regular Friday events • Cafe Q, Drumming, MGLCC, 7pm	July 2	• Healthy Lifestyle Support Group, MGLCC, 1pm

- THURSDAYS**
- Thursday Night at the Gaiety - GLBT Film Series, MGLCC, 7 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
- Star Karaoke - Crossroads - 10pm
 - Amateur Show - Metro - 11:30pm

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- 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

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Cotton Pickin' Squares

- Ladies Night - Allusions Entertainment Center - 10pm
- Late Nite Beer Bust - Pumping Station - 10pm
- Drag Show - Backstreet - Midnight
- Drag Show - Crossroads - Midnight
- Drag Show - J-Wag's - 3am

SATURDAYS

- Frontrunners 2-mile run, The Pier parking lot (Union and Riverside), 9am
- Women's Rugby Practice, Harbortown Greenbelt Park on Mud Island - 9am
- Live and Let Live on Cooper St. - MGLCC - 278-4297 - 7 pm
- Pool Tournament - J-Wag's - 9pm
- Drag Shows - Crossroads - Midnight, - Allusions Entertainment Center - 10:30pm & 12:15pm

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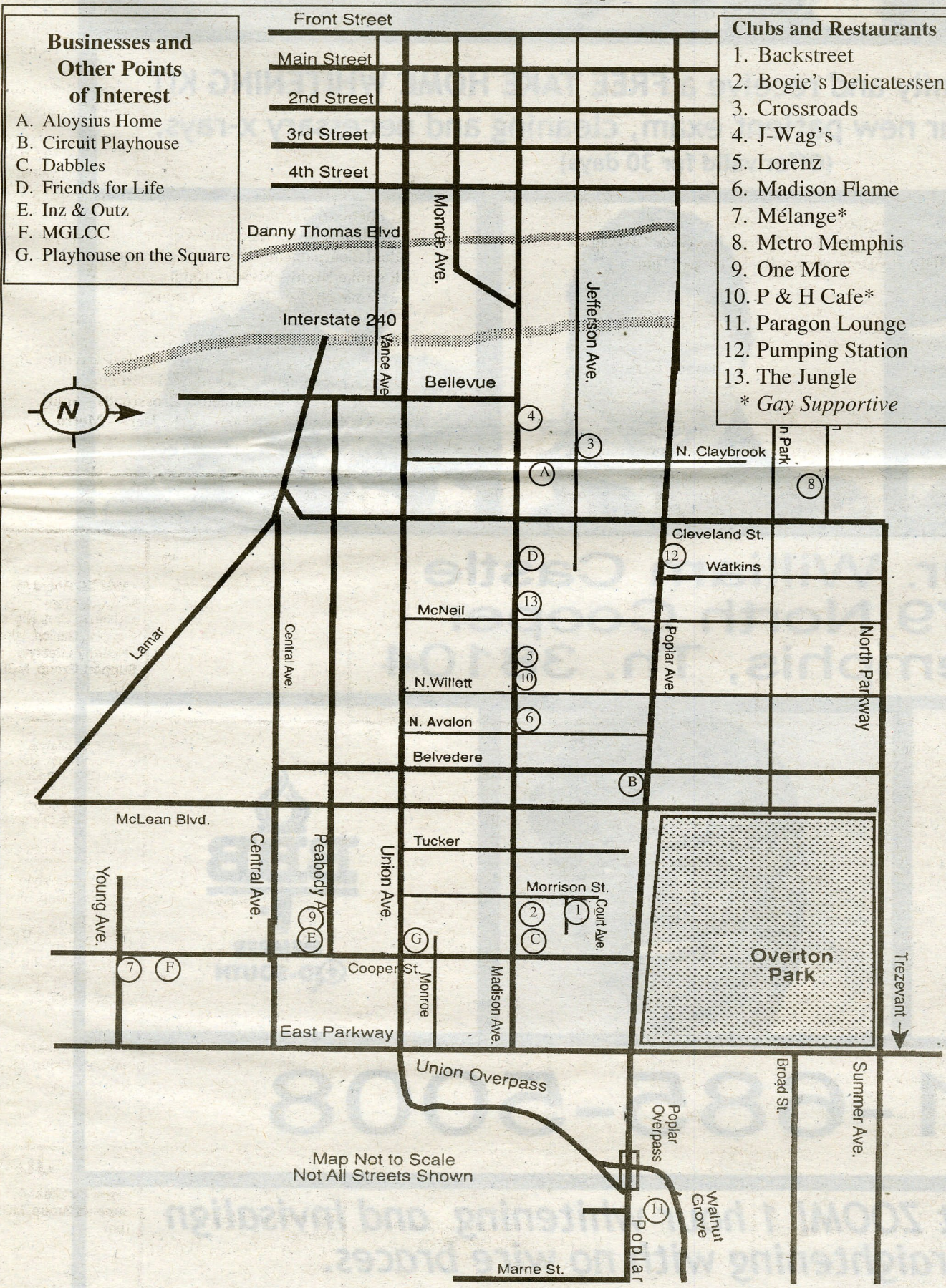
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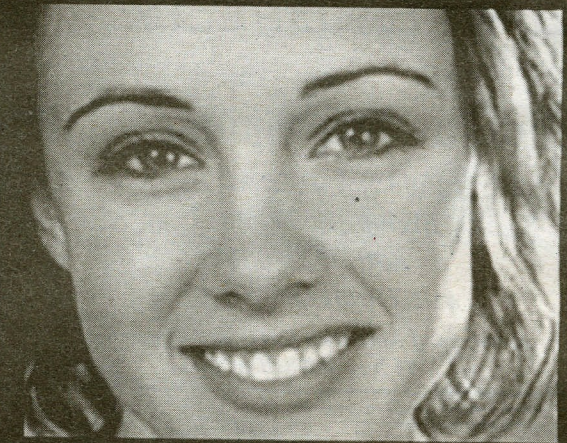
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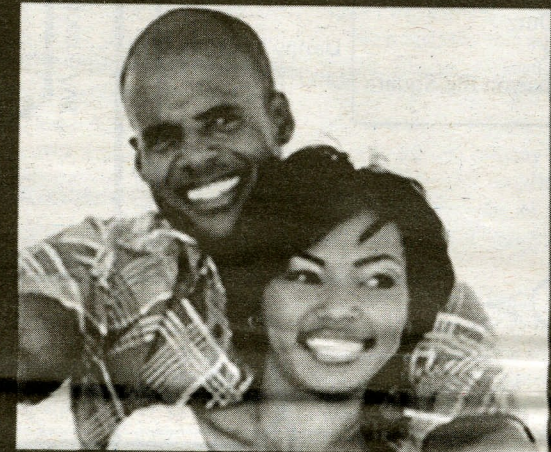
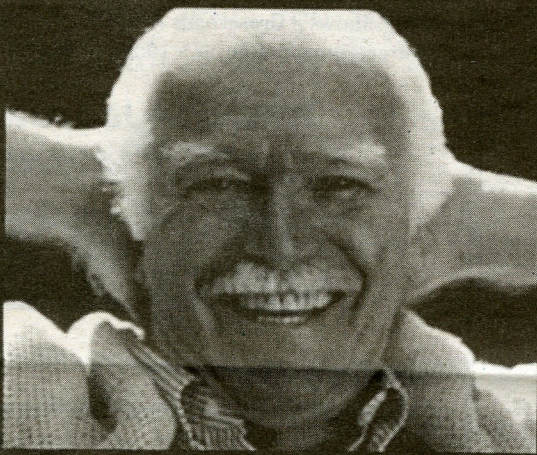
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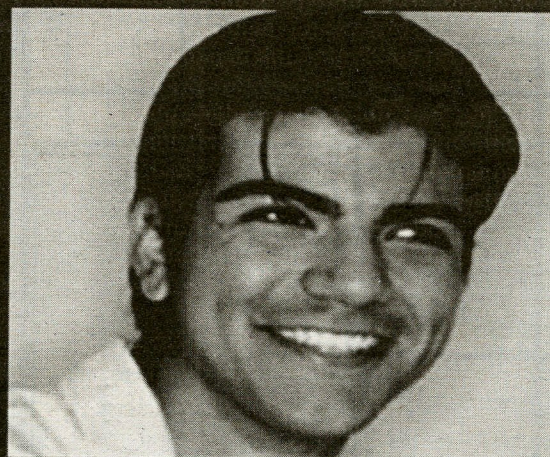
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