



Reflecting the theme of "Liberty and Justice for All," Hunter Johnston and friends' depictions of the Statue of Liberty and Blind Justice won Best in Show in the competition of parade entries. Photo by Bob Dumais

Mid-South Pride Parade Brings Out the Best

by Allen Cook

Under threatening skies, an estimated 1300 people marched in and watched the Mid-South Pride parade on June 18.

Stretching from Peabody Park north of Central to First Congregational Church almost at Southern Ave., the parade was still sending out participants as the first of the parade hit its ending point.

While much of the parade route was sparsely populated by spectators, that didn't diminish the zeal of the marchers. A large contingent of spectators gathered around the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center where entertainment was provided and the participant winners were announced.

Leading the parade was a color guard comprised of individuals representing five activist groups: P-FLAG, Stonewall Democrats, Mid-South Gay and Lesbian Republicans, Initiative: Fairness and the National Organization for Women. Organizers say it was a deliberate statement of

common purpose.

Parade judges were provided by the Mid-South Peace and Justice Center.

Judges selected the following groups and/or organizations for special awards for their parade entries:

Best Walking Group

1. Mystic Krewe of Pegasus
 2. Divas of Divinity
- Honorable Mention: Cotton Pickin' Squares

Best Rolling Group

1. Backstreet
2. Circuit/Playhouse on the Square

Honorable Mention: Queens/Kings of Memphis

Best Theme

1. (Tied) Just For Us and MAGY
2. (Tied) Integrity Memphis and Neshoba Unitarian Universalist Church

Best in Show

Hunter Johnston's mini-float (pictured above)

Dept. of Children's Services Investigated Love In Action's 'Refuge' Program

By MATT GOURAS
Associated Press

The state has investigated an abuse complaint against a therapy group in Memphis that claims to turn gay teens into heterosexuals.

The Department of Children's Services says it received a complaint about Love in Action, which runs a two-week outpatient therapy program. The complaint was screened and enough substance was found to open an investigation, state officials said.

"DCS dispatched its special investigations unit to the facility, and after conducting a full investigation, determined that the child abuse allegations were unfounded," said Rob Johnson, an agency spokesman.

The state said June 27 it has found no evidence to support child abuse allegations against a Christian group that works with homosexual teenagers.

Love in Action, which runs a program for children and teens called Refuge, contended the investigation was without merit and was filed anonymously by someone with little knowledge of the program.

"The Internet accusations on holding kids without their permission... and the other crazy allegations are ridiculous," said John Smid, the group's executive director.

Love In Action is one of several organizations throughout the country that work with homosexuals in the belief their sexual desires can be curbed through prayer.



Two unidentified picketers from the newly formed Queer Action Coalition protested at the Love In Action headquarters on Yale Road for ten days in June. Love In Action purports to "fix" homosexual behaviors.

The American Psychiatric Association and the American Psychological Association both have said such therapy can be emotionally harmful, leading to depression and self-destructive behavior.

The group's work has been the focus of protest by the Queer Action Coalition, which says it is dangerous and irresponsible to engage in so-called ex-gay therapy.

In June, a Web logger going by the name of "Zach" said his parents were sending him to a religious organization that would try to convert him to heterosexuality.

The teen identified himself as a 16-year-old from Bartlett, Tenn., and said his parents "tell me that there is something psychologically wrong with me. ... I'm a big screwup to them, who isn't on the path God wants me to be on. So I'm sitting here in tears... and I can't

help it."

"The doors are not locked down and the kids are not required to be here, and the parents bring them and take them home," Smid said.

The Web site for Refuge states it offers programs ranging from two to six weeks. The group says it "is a ministry designed to be a safe place for young people and their families to find true freedom from addictions through the power of Jesus Christ."

Smid described Refuge as a two-week program, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, in which teenagers meet with counselors and in group sessions to talk about their sexual desires.

The cost runs from \$1,500 to \$4,000, the Web site says.

The Queer Action Coalition Web site is qaconline.org.

Conway Gay Pride Parade Followed Different Route Second Time Around

By Caryn Rousseau
Associated Press Writer

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — This year's Gay Pride Parade at Conway June 26 followed a different route from the event staged in 2004, because city officials say that — after last year's parade was marked by protests and arrests — it posed a "credible threat potential" for the community.

Organizers weren't pleased. "We feel it is blatant discrimination to not allow us the same route that we had last year," Robert Loyd said. "I think they're afraid that people will start to accept us. There will be more community spirit, more diversity and understanding."

But city officials said June 23 the route was changed from downtown for safety reasons after three arrests were made related to last year's parade. Two

former radio station personalities faced felony charges for allegedly distributing a sexually explicit DVD to a minor and a cattle farmer spread three tons of manure along city streets in protest of the parade. The city said in a statement that its goal this year is to separate protesters and marchers.

"These are not disinterested parties, but highly motivated people who passionately hold polarized positions. Reducing involuntary interactions is necessary based on this event having a more credible threat potential than other parades in the city of Conway," the city said in a statement. "Security and logistical concerns must be taken into greater consideration."

Conway Mayor Tab Townsell said in a statement that a boost in commercial businesses downtown and the anticipated in-

creased size of the event also prompted the route change.

"We are taking every effort to ensure that the civil rights and safety of all concerned are protected and upheld," Townsell said. "We invite the use of our public spaces as host to the full expression of everyone's American freedoms."

Loyd's partner, John Schenck, said that organizers support having a designated protest area. Though they were upset about the change, he said, they marched down the new route.

Schenck said the group would take up their issues with the mayor's office later.

The quarter-mile march and gay-pride fair did not avoid all conflict with two white supremacist groups licensed to protest across the street from the event. But unlike a year ago, no arrests were made.

Community Center Establishes Political Committee

The Board of Directors of the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center has recently passed a resolution creating Initiative: Fairness (I:F), a political committee and subset of MGLCC.

"I:F aspires to be a non-partisan voice of solidarity that supports fairness and equality in legislation affecting the Memphis LGBT community," said

Tommy Simmons, co-chair of I:F.

Resulting from community-wide meetings held after the 2004 Presidential election, I:F operates under very strict guidelines from the IRS. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, the MGLCC is allowed to work for the passage or defeat of a particular piece of legisla-

tion; however, it is prohibited from endorsing or protesting the election of a particular candidate. In addition, the MGLCC must adhere to regulations governing the amount of time and money devoted to political activities.

Community members can choose three levels of participation with I:F — voting member-

ship, non-voting membership, and passive involvement via I:F's e-mail distribution list.

For more information about Initiative: Fairness, visit the Web site at www.mglcc.org/if or e-mail co-chairs Katie Messmer and Tommy Simmons at if@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.

Community Members may also see the I:F blog: <http://initiativefairness.blogspot.com/>

Mid-South Pride 2005 a Success Because of Community Support

Submitted by Mid-South Pride

Mid-South Pride's Pride Weekend 2005 was a tremendous success with two days of events that showcased the best of the Mid-South's GLBT community.

The Board of Directors of

Mid-South Pride would like to thank everyone in the community who came out to the parade and picnic, and made Pride 2005 a one-of-a-kind celebration that honored the memory of Stonewall, and the past 25 years of Pride in Memphis.

Mid-South Pride would like

to thank all participants in MSP Pride Parade 2005: Rev. Jean Rowe, Allen Cook, John Stilwell, Ed Hammett, PFLAG of Memphis, MAGY (Memphis Area Gay Youth), Hunter Johnston and friends, Backstreet Memphis, Nike GLBT and Friends Network, Amber, Mystic Krewe of Aphrodite, Playhouse on the Square, Blue Suede Bears, Cotton Pickin' Squares, Mystic Krewe of Pegasus Memphis, Tsarus, Integrity Memphis, Neshoba Unitarian Universalist Church, One More, Divas of Divinity, Bluff

City Sports Association, Miss Gay America, Just For Us Memphis, Spiritual Freedom, the rainbow flag carriers, the color guard, Queens and Kings of Memphis, Shawn Thomas and MGLCC.

Pride 2005 would also not be possible without the help of the volunteers, who gave of their time and talents to make the Pride 2005 Parade and Picnic possible.

MSP also acknowledges the support of its sponsors and "Friends of Pride." Their financial support make it possible for

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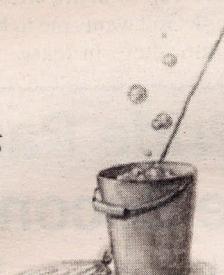
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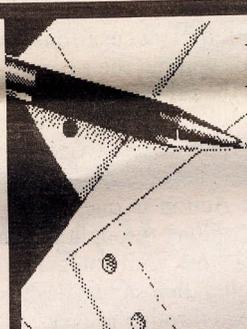
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Lobbyist's Strange Day

Do you think the FBI has a division charged with coming up with salacious names — Operation Tennessee Waltz? Enough said.

As a lobbyist, May 26th was a saddening day. I arrived at the Legislative Plaza at 7:45 a.m. planning to attend a Senate Finance Committee hearing scheduled at 8:30.

There was something strange in the air, but that is not unusual during the last days of a session. I knew some of the things going on behind the scenes and the feelings were tense: a last minute effort to get a pay raise for the state employees was being pushed and the Republicans (and some Democrats) were in a face-off with the governor over TennCare.

After standing aside and observing, I tracked down a senior legislative aide and asked what was going on. Her face was drawn and she shot me a terse response, "Ward's (Crutchfield) been arrested and they're looking for

Ford." It was that simple. What I was unaware of while standing and watching the madness unfold was that the Plaza was swarming with FBI guys. Yes, they do blend in. I looked at my watch and it was 7:55. It was going to be a hell of a day.

Fellow members and friends, the events leading up to May 26th and those to follow are laying the groundwork for our next few legislative years.

Later this summer, there will be a special election in Memphis for Kathryn Bowers' House seat vacated when she was elected State Senator.

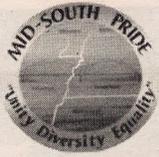
During the same election, John Ford's seat will be up for grabs with a field too large to count. Ford's sister, Ophelia is running for the seat and has the hands-on campaign management of former Congressman Harold Ford, Sr., father of sitting Congressman Harold Ford, Jr. Other viable candidates who've announced or are considering the run are House members Henri Brooks, Barbara Cooper and John Deberry.

Without getting into personali-

ties, I will tell you we lost a consistent vote in the Senate with John Ford's resignation. And in the House, we've lost strong support and a vote since Kathryn Bowers has moved to the Senate. Some individuals vying for Ford's Senate seat have proven records, on one side or the other, regarding GLBT issues. Those campaigning for Bowers' old House seat are new to State level politics and their positions on GLBT issues are currently unknown.

Summer is a time to relax and enjoy. This summer, however, I personally ask you to also be vigilant and stay informed. Go on the Internet and read *The Commercial Appeal* and the *Memphis Flyer*. Follow the politics and action in Memphis. While the city may be across the state from your home, I can promise the candidates being considered by Memphis voters have the ability to change your life and those you love with a simple, "aye or nay."

Jenny Ford
Tennessee Equality Project
Lobbyist and Member



Mid-South Pride Parade 2005



Jean O'Leary is Dead at 57

A towering figure in queer activism, Democratic Party politics, was first a Catholic nun. Lesbian activist Jean O'Leary, a former nun who became a national leader in the Democratic Party, died June 4 at home with her partner of 12 years, Lisa Phelps, in San Clemente, Calif.

O'Leary, who battled lung cancer for the past two years, was also surrounded by her family and other close friends in her final hours. She was 57.

In her work as a Democratic Party activist, O'Leary was a consistent advocate for the rights of gay men and lesbians, women and people living with HIV/AIDS. In a career in public life that spanned 35 years, she ran several national gay rights groups, co-founded pio-

neering organizations, including Lesbian Feminist Liberation and the group behind National Coming Out Day, and worked to elect Democratic candidates.

Jean Marie O'Leary was born on March 4, 1948, in Kingston, N.Y., but was raised mostly in Ohio. In a speech she delivered at her high school graduation in 1966, O'Leary announced that she was entering the Sisters of the Holy Humility Convent. In a 1984 anthology, *Lesbian Nuns: Breaking Silence*, O'Leary said she joined the convent because "there was no anti-war movement, no women's movement, no gay movement in Ohio in 1966" and that she "wanted to do something special, to have an impact on the world."

O'Leary graduated from Cleve-

land State University with a degree in psychology in 1970, left the convent and became the drummer for a girl band, The Satin Dolls, before moving to New York to pursue doctoral studies in organizational development at Yeshiva University. In New York, she became enmeshed in the emerging gay and lesbian rights movement, joining the Gay Activists Alliance (GAA), attending their meetings and social events at the Firehouse in Soho and driving once a week to Albany to lobby state legislators on gay issues.

In 1972, frustrated with what she viewed as the sexism of the male-dominated GAA, she founded Lesbian Feminist Liberation, taking most of the women from GAA with her and establishing one of the first organized lesbian voices within the women's movement. Two years later, O'Leary and Bruce Voeller, then executive director of the National Gay Task Force (NGTF), negotiated an agreement for co-gender management of the national gay movement and O'Leary joined Voeller as co-executive director of NGTF.

Feminist leader Gloria Steinem, who often worked with O'Leary, issued a statement this week about her friend.

"Jean O'Leary was a link of kindness and humanity and inclusive politics who helped the women's movement to recognize the universal cost of homophobia, and the gay movement to see that marginalizing the voices of lesbians would only diminish its power," Steinem's statement read. "I know she will be with us as long as we

remember what she taught us, but I and thousands of others will always miss her spirit."

In her role at NGTF, and through her close friendship with Midge Costanza, an advisor to Pres. Jimmy Carter, in 1977 O'Leary organized the historic first-ever meeting of gay rights advocates in the White House. She was also the first openly gay person appointed to a presidential commission, when Carter appointed her to the National Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year. In that role, she negotiated the inclusion of gay and lesbian rights on the agenda of the International Women's Year conference held in Houston in 1979.

Costanza, who was with O'Leary at the time of her death, said: "I will always remember Jean's first call to me at the White House requesting a meeting with the president. Because of this historic gathering of gay and lesbian leaders in the White House, a national discussion was held to review and begin to correct the anti-gay policies by federal government agencies. Many changes were made, and many doors were opened as a result of Jean's perseverance."

O'Leary was also active in Democratic Party politics, including her election in 1976 as the first-ever openly lesbian delegate to a national political convention. She served on the Democratic National Committee for 12 years, including eight on that group's Executive Committee, the first openly gay or lesbian person to serve in that capacity.

O'Leary spent most of the 1980s building a local San Francisco group, Gay Rights Advocates, into one of the largest national gay and lesbian activist organizations, National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA). As head of NGRA, O'Leary pursued "impact litigation" and won important victories protecting gay people from discrimination in employment, housing and other areas. In 1985, NGRA became one of the first advocacy organizations to focus on the legal and civil liberties ramifications of the AIDS epidemic.

Sean Strub, founder of *POZ Magazine*, said, "Jean's activism spanned so many movements. Her early AIDS activism through NGRA, particularly in expediting access to new treatments, saved many lives. Her passing is a loss for all people who are ill, disadvantaged or suffering and all people who treasure justice."

Bob Hattoy, an AIDS advocate who spoke on the issue at the 1992 Democratic Convention and later



Jean O'Leary

worked in the Clinton administration, recalled O'Leary's impact on addressing the leadership rift between gay men and lesbians in the movement.

"Jean taught gay men about feminism, she taught lesbians about AIDS, she taught feminists about gay and lesbian issues and she taught Democrats about everything," Hattoy said. "She personified the use of power with grace and purpose."

In 1987, the *Los Angeles Times* referred to NGRA as "aggressive defenders of the rights of AIDS patients" and noted litigation against the several federal agencies, including the Food and Drug Administration, which the group initiated to expedite and broaden the access of people with HIV to promising new treatments.

In founding National Coming Out Day with psychologist Rob Eichberg in 1987, O'Leary noted that "coming out is critically important to our community and to our movement. Our invisibility is the essence of our oppression. And until we eliminate that invisibility, people are going to be able to perpetuate the lies and myths about gay people."

In recent years, O'Leary, with her business partner, Palm Springs City Councilmember Ginny Foat, ran a consulting firm specializing in voter contact and candidate consulting.

In addition to her life partner Lisa Phelps, and their daughter Victoria, O'Leary is survived by their son David De Maria, his life partner James Springer, and their son Aiden DeMaria. She is also survived by her brothers, Jim O'Leary and Ken O'Leary, sister Diane Urig, and nieces and nephews.

Phelps said, "I am proud to have been with Jean during the last 12 years of her life, and I am proud of Jean's political accomplishments. She set an example of community involvement for our 15-year-old daughter Victoria and instilled in her the importance of political activism."

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Mid-South Pride Requests Your Financial Assistance

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

Pride weekend for Memphis and the Mid-South has come to a close, marking the second year for Mid-South Pride. As one of its goals, Mid-South Pride is committed to providing events to educate the community and to celebrate the diversity of the Mid-South community that are free of any admission charge to the public. The board of MSP relies upon the generosity of its sponsors and the members of the community who believe Pride should be celebrated. The support from Memphis and the Mid-South has made Pride possible for 25 years in the Bluff City.

In May 2004, Mid-South Pride was formed with the responsibility for producing Pride 2004, and as required by its by-laws producing this event without incurring any debt. The founding members of the MSP report that all costs associated with Pride 2004 were paid in full at the close of the event, and no debt was incurred.

In June 2005, Mid-South Pride again reports that Pride 2005 expenses have been paid in full with

no debt.

No debt, that is, unless one thing should happen.

Every year the City of Memphis notifies MSP that it could possibly be billed for overtime cost incurred by the Memphis Police Department (MPD) for closing the street for the annual parade. The board of MSP has no knowledge if it will be billed for this cost for up to 60 days after the event.

In 2004 MSP was not billed for police services for the annual parade, and today it is now in a waiting period to find out if it will be billed for police services for 2005.

The estimated cost, if MSP is billed, would be \$4,000. MSP would have to raise that amount in order to pay the city of Memphis for the services provided by the MPD.

"MSP would like to come to the community and ask your support in helping us to establish a fund to be set aside to cover the cost of police services in the event MSP is ever billed for such services," said Gary Wilkerson, MSP president.

"This money would be placed in our reserves and could not be used for any purpose other than to pay for police services. It is estimated that 1,200 persons where in attendance for Pride 2005 over the two-day period. If each person that attended would send \$5 to MSP,

this would provide a reserve fund of \$6,000 to cover the cost of police services should they ever occur, and allow MSP to maintain its goal of not incurring debt for producing Pride events," he said.

The Board of Directors of Mid-South Pride, hopes that the city of Memphis will never bill us for the overtime cost of Mem-

phis police officers, and thank the city and the Memphis Police Department for their assistance in making it possible for Memphis and the Mid-South to celebrate Pride.

MSP is asking for contributions to its Police Services Fund. Mail donations to Mid-South Pride, 111 S. Highland, Suite 261,

Memphis, TN 38111. Indicate on the check that this is for the Police Services Fund.

"The Board of Directors would like to thank every member of the community for your help in establishing this fund so that we may continue to show our Pride," Wilkerson concluded.

Cracker Barrel Takes Steps to Rebuild its Image

By Rose French
Associated Press Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Fifteen years after Cracker Barrel was first accused of mistreating minorities, the stigma still lingers at Cracker Barrel Old Country Store — belying the welcoming facade created by rocking chair-filled porches at the chain's restaurants.

Numerous lawsuits and a federal inquiry later, the company has taken steps to rebuild its folksy image.

"From what I've seen, these people have taken steps to proactively address problems they've had in the past," said Gerry Fernandez, president of the Multicultural Food Service and Hospitality Alliance, a group that promotes diversity in the restaurant industry.

The moves are an effort to recover from long-standing complaints of racist and anti-gay behavior that included claims of refusing to serve black customers, discriminating against minority workers and firing gay employees.

The company, a subsidiary of CBRL Group Inc., last year agreed to pay \$8.7 million to settle federal lawsuits in Georgia that accused it

of discriminating against black customers.

Cracker Barrel grew from one restaurant in Lebanon in 1969 into 526 full-service restaurants and gift shops in 41 states, mostly in the Southeast, Midwest, Mid-Atlantic and Southwest. It went public in 1981.

Before the lawsuits alleging racism, Cracker Barrel was accused in the early 1990s of dismissing some gay workers. Gay rights groups complained about a Cracker Barrel executive's memo saying restaurant managers should fire anyone who didn't "demonstrate normal heterosexual values." The company eventually renounced the memo.

"Cracker Barrel has come a long way, but they still have a long way to go," said Daryl Herrschaft, a deputy director with the Human Rights Campaign.

"We're gratified they reversed course and added sexual orientation to their hiring and nondiscrimination policy," he said. "It did take them almost 10 years to do so. I think there's a lot of gays who still cringe when they drive by that Cracker Barrel sign on the highway."



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Gilchrest Rethinks Policy on Gays in Military

CAMBRIDGE, Md. (AP) — U.S. Rep. Wayne Gilchrest, who once voted for the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" military policy on gays in the military, is now leading a fight to reverse the ban.

In 1993, the Republican, whose brother is gay, was conflicted. Gilchrest didn't believe the lifestyle was unsavory. But he listened to House conservatives who warned that asking men and women to serve in close quarters with homosexuals would create conflict in the ranks.

Gilchrest, along with 301 others, took what he now says was probably the easy route and ratified the policy.

"At the time, it seemed like the reasonable compromise," Gilchrest said. "That's pretty much how it was when I was in the service. Nobody asked about it, nobody thought about it."

Now, Gilchrest has joined congressional Democrats in seeking to lift the ban. The former Marine sergeant, who was wounded in Vietnam, calls the policy a failure that costs taxpayers millions of dollars to enforce and keeps out capable men and women.

His decision has helped revitalize the debate over the prohibition as operations in Iraq and Afghanistan strain U.S. forces and the Army struggles to meet recruitment goals.

Rep. Martin Meehan (D-Mass.) introduced the Military Readiness Enhancement Act in March seeking the repeal. Gilchrest is one of four Republicans and 81 Democrats co-sponsoring the legislation.

Most of Gilchrest's time is spent on issues involving the Chesapeake Bay and other areas in the 1st Congressional District, which includes all of Maryland's Eastern Shore and parts of Anne Arundel, Baltimore and Harford counties.

As a Marine sergeant in 1967, Gilchrest was shot in the chest while trying to free himself and two others cut off by the enemy. He's now certain that some of the Marines he fought alongside were gay.

"You just didn't think about it in those days, but you knew there were people of that persuasion, and they served with great distinction," he said, nearly four decades later.

Part of his decision is based on financial reasons. Over the last 10 years, it has cost \$190 million to

investigate, discharge and replace the more than 9,400 service members who said they were gay, according to the Government Accountability Office.

Gilchrest's decision was also influenced by his youngest brother, David, who married his partner of 16 years last year on a beach in Massachusetts.

When a fellow Republican warned last year that gay marriage would bring the wrath of God down on the nation, Gilchrest stood up and said, "My brother's gay, he's married to a nice man and he's normal."

Last year, he took David to the White House for a Christmas dinner and introduced him to the president.

David Gilchrest, 48, said he's proud of his brother. "He's always been very open-minded," he said. "He listens to both sides of the story, and he doesn't get angry when he talks about the issues."

It remains to be seen how Gilchrest's stand will fare in the increasingly conservative 1st District, where he plans to run for a ninth term next year.



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MGLCC to Purchase Its Cooper-Young Building

The Board of Directors of the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center has announced plans to purchase the building at 892 South Cooper Street.

The organization has occupied the building for more than two years through a lease-purchase agreement with local philanthropist Herb Zeman.

While several factors contributed to the decision to purchase

the building outright from Dr. Zeman, financial considerations and the desire to establish a credit history with a recognizable financial institution drove the acquisition.

The community center expects to save between \$2,000 and \$4,000 dollars per year as a result of the transaction.

The savings will come from two major sources — tax savings

and reduced insurance premiums. As a 501(c)(3) organization the community center is eligible to apply for exemption from local property taxes. In addition, the MGLCC will benefit from reduced liability insurance needs.

"In what has become a steady stream of great news for the MGLCC, the board of directors has just been successful in doing what we were not able to do two

years ago — get a mortgage," stated Len Piechowski, president of the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center.

"We were a different organization then: no credit history, no equity, no collateral. In the last two years, the Memphis GLBT Community has proven that it is capable of sustaining supportive services for ourselves! As we did that together, we established a track record that even impressed SunTrust Bank. We should be proud of ourselves."

In honor of the special event, Herb Zeman has vowed to donate the final rent payment from the MGLCC to OutFlix, the gay and lesbian film festival sponsored by the MGLCC. This year's festival is scheduled for August 11-14. More information can be found by visiting www.outflixfestival.org.

Piechowski praised Dr. Zeman's overwhelming support by saying, "We'll always remain grateful to Herb Zeman who put his own credit on the line for

us by [temporarily] becoming our landlord."

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.

Tennessee Legislative Update —What Happened This Session

Below you will find the list of bills the Tennessee Equality Project filed and tracked this session. The bills are listed under areas categorized for easy reference.

Adoption and Foster Parenting

SB 0829/HB 0543: Prohibits adoption by gays and lesbians (Black/Bunch) — Senate: Taken off notice in Judiciary. House: Assigned to Family and Justice Subcommittee.

SB 1615/HB 0775: Prohibits adoption by gays and lesbians (Bryson/Clem) — This will not only outlaw gay adoption, it will also prohibit a person from consenting to the adoption of a child if the person has knowledge the potential parent is gay or lesbian. Senate: Taken off notice in Judiciary. House: Failed in Children and Family Affairs Committee

SB 1924/HB 2230: Prohibits gays and lesbians from serving as Foster Parents (Jackson/Buck) — This bill goes further saying a gay or lesbian may not live in the home of a foster parent. Senate: Assigned to General Subcommittee of General Welfare Committee. House: Assigned to Family and Justice Subcommittee.

SB 1930/HB 2234: Prohibits gays and lesbians from serving as foster parents (Jackson/Buck) — Senate: Referred to Judiciary Committee. House: Assigned to Domestic Relations Subcommittee.

Civil Unions and Domestic Partnerships

SB 0215/HB 0334: Prohibits the legal recognition of same sex marriages and domestic partnerships (Miller/Newton) — Tennessee will not recognize anything similar to a same sex union as a legal relationship. Senate: Taken off notice in Judiciary Committee. House: Referred to Domestic Relations Subcommittee

SB 0914/HB 0751: Prohibits the legal recognition of same sex marriages and domestic partnerships (Miller/Clem) — Tennessee will not recognize anything similar to a same sex union as a legal

relationship — Senate: Taken off notice in Judiciary Committee. House: Referred to Domestic Relations Subcommittee.

Employment

SB 0840/HB 0134: Genetic Information Discrimination (Harper/M.Turner) — Prohibits discrimination by insurance providers and employers on the basis of genetic information. Senate: Assigned to General Subcommittee of Commerce. House: Deferred action until 2006 in Industrial Impact Subcommittee.

Health Care

HJR 0091: Health Care Disparities (Cooper/Ford) — This resolution urges the state's Department of Health and TennCare Bureau to conduct a study on health disparities in Tennessee. This positive resolution passed both houses and was signed by the Governor on May 17.

Higher Education Policy

SB 1911/HB 1839: Higher Ed Admission Criteria (Jackson/Tidwell) — Controls admissions criteria into higher education institutions. Amended: The bill would ensure companies and organizations having taken negative positions on employing gays and lesbians were not "discriminated against" when visiting schools. Senate: Failed in Education Committee. House: Referred to Higher Education Subcommittee.

Marriage, Constitutional Amendments

SJR 0031/HJR 0024: Anti-Marriage Resolution (J. Miller/Dunn) — This resolution calls for a constitutional amendment outlawing gay and lesbian marriage. The resolution passed both houses and is scheduled to appear on the 2006 General Election ballot pending legal action by ACLU and TEP.

HJR 0010: Anti-Marriage Resolution (Newton) — This resolution calls for a constitutional amendment outlawing gay and lesbian marriage. House: Taken off

notice in House Children and Family Affairs Committee

HJR 0072: Anti-Marriage Resolution (Yokley) — This resolution calls for a constitutional amendment outlawing gay and lesbian marriage. House: Assigned to Children and Family Affairs Committee

HJR 0081: Anti-Marriage Resolution (Yokley) — This resolution calls a constitutional amendment "solemnizing" the marriage contract between a man and a woman. House: Referred to Domestic Relations Subcommittee

Transgender Issues

SB 0037/HB 1682: Birth Certificate Identification (Cohen/Marrero) — Permits transgendered persons to correct sex designation on birth certificates. Senate: Re-referred to Calendar Committee. House: Failed in Public Health and Family Assistance Subcommittee.

SB 0076/HB 1383: Pharmacists Freedom of Conscience Act (Finney/Casada) — Specifies if a pharmacist posts notice, he/she is not liable for not filling a prescription based on personal beliefs. Additionally, the bill specifies no pharmacy may be denied public funds because it refuses to fill certain prescriptions. Senate: Assigned to General Subcommittee of General Welfare. House: Deferred action until 2006 in House Public Health Subcommittee.

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Austria to Dedicate Memorial to Homosexual Victims of the Nazis

By Danica Kirka
Associated Press Writertor

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — The Austrian capital unveiled plans to honor homosexual victims of the Nazis, organizing a competition to design a memorial for a group of victims often overlooked in accounts of World War II atrocities.

The city's top official in charge of culture, Andreas Mailath-Pokorny, said that like other groups who were targeted, this group of victims should be remembered in a year marking the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II in

Europe.

"It is critical in this ... year to remember this group of victims, who were not only forgotten ... but even prosecuted," Mailath-Pokorny said, referring to laws in postwar Austria that forbade homosexual behavior.

Such laws made it even more difficult for homosexuals to stand up and make others take notice of what occurred to them during the war.

The work will be placed at the site of the city's former Gestapo headquarters, which activists had long considered a focal point of outrage against Nazi persecution.

City cultural officials plan a competition among eight artists for the task of designing the memorial, which will have to incorporate an existing memorial to all victims of the Gestapo already at the site, known as Morzinplatz.

Artists who have been invited to take part include AA Bronson of Canada, Matt Mullican of the United States, Ann-Sofi Siden of Sweden as well as Ines Doujak and Hans Kupelwieser of Austria.

The Nazis killed Jews, Gypsies, homosexuals and others who did not fit with Adolf Hitler's ideals.

San Francisco Officials Call For Penalties Against Gay Nightclub

By Justin M. Norton
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The city's Board of Supervisors on June 14 unanimously passed a resolution urging city and state agencies to penalize a gay nightclub that a city commission said discriminated against blacks.

The decision comes a little more than a month after San Francisco's Human Rights Commission found that Les Natali, the owner of a popular gay nightclub called Badlands, violated local civil rights codes.

"The city has taken a strong stand against discrimination," said John Newsome with And Castro For All, the organization that pursued the case.

In the resolution, the board urged the city attorney, the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing and the San Francisco Entertainment Commission "to impose penalties to the fullest extent of the law to ensure accountability for discrimination."

The Board of Supervisors can take no punitive action against the club.

The state Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control earlier confirmed an investigation into Badlands. If the club is found to have violated state discrimination laws, officials said penalties could range from a warning to the loss of its liquor license.

Natali's lawyer, Paul Melbostad, called the decision "outrageous" and said And Castro for All is "acting like a vigilante group."

"This is a shameless act by the board and it's legally meaningless," Melbostad said. "All it shows is that the members of the board were afraid that if they didn't vote for the resolution And Castro For All would accuse them of being racist."

The Human Rights Commission found after a 10-month investigation that Badlands required multiple forms of identification from some black customers, used discriminatory hiring practices, applied a dress code only to black patrons and denied entry using other policies rarely applied to whites.

Picnic Caps Weekend of Pride

Bolstered by a highly successful Pride parade the day before and beautiful weather, Mid-South gays and lesbians enjoyed the hospitality of Neshoba Unitarian Universalist Church in Cordova to bring a weekend of Pride celebration to a quiet close. (See picture montage on page 6.)

Shawn Thomas, a gay Christian singer who has performed in Memphis before, was featured as entertainment.

According to Pride Chair Gary Wilkerson, food was bought for the occasion only to find that the members of Neshoba had plenty already on hand.

Hamburgers, hot dogs and all the trimmings, along with a myriad of dessert offerings filled the tables as the community gathered.

A number of people tested their karaoke talents to the delight of the

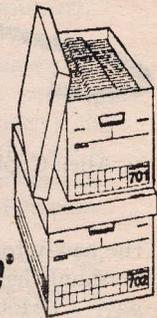
crowd.

During the various announcements, Pride Chair Gary Wilkerson, noted that the MSP board of directors had named Vincent Astor as a consultant emeritus to the board for his extensive experience in and knowledge of previous gay and lesbian pride parades, festivals and other celebrations. Astor had previously demurred from accepting a position on the board citing his inability to attend all of the meetings.

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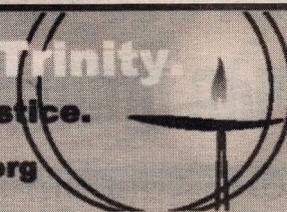


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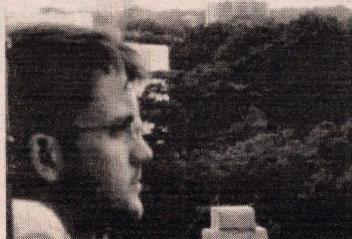
Tuffy Keenan, Speaker

- What were you "before" and "after" that life-changing experience?
- What did that transition teach you?

7/17 We Have "Moral Values" Too

James Williams, Speaker

- What do you believe are the real "moral values"?
- What do you teach your kids?





by Allen Cook

The newly-formed Queer Action Coalition certainly has made a splash. (See story on page 1.) Mounting a successful protest of Love In Action, the notorious "ex-gay" program, the group has garnered both local and national press.

At the heart of it all is "Zach," apparently an unwilling Love In Action participant whose story appeared on a blog in early June.

Members of QAC appeared at the Pride events and have held forums at the MGLCC.

Peter Toscano, a former Love In Action client, presented his one-man show, *Doin' Time in the Homo No Mo Halfway House* at the MeDiA Co-op.

Even comedian Margaret Cho has gotten in on the act. She appeared on Janeane Garofalo's program on Air America (AM 680) talking about the protests.

QAC's Web site is qaconline.org.

On a lighter note, we've got to give credit where credit is due... the Memphis Police Department. Every year there has been a gay pride parade, they are there blocking streets, directing traffic and providing security. Nary a negative word has ever been heard from them. In fact, while the MPD reserves the

right to charge for overtime for its officers who handle the parade, it has yet to do so. The imposition of such charges would deal a serious blow to future events, though.

With that in mind, Mid-South Pride wants to set up a contingency fund to be there in case the situation ever occurs where the MPD is forced to charge for its services. It is asking that each person who attended donate \$5 to a special fund. In my book, that's cheap. Let's see, there were about 1,300 people at the parade... you do the math.

Two gay guys, Dan Smith and Steve McDonagh, won a series on The Food Network when they won the reality show, *The Next Food Network Star*.

For those who have not been following, their favorite ingredient is salt ("a great kosher salt separates flavors while a Black Hawaiian sea salt provides a bite and finishes a dish beautifully.") and their favorite kitchen utensil is tongs because of their versatility.

Dan wrote a diary during the filming of the show last February. On Feb. 16, he wrote: "Today in the dressing room, we were talking to Susannah about our plans to adopt. Deborah asked if Dan's wife couldn't have babies. Well, that shut up the crowd... She assumed we were just a couple of friends

doing some cooking."

It doesn't look like local Time-Warner cable subscribers are going to see the launch of LOGO, MTV Network's new programming service aimed at the gay and lesbian market. Fact is that NO Time-Warner systems nationwide will be carrying it at the moment. My guess is that contract negotiations are still in the works. Since the local Time-Warner system will soon become a Comcast system, LOGO could be added whenever they do the next programming upgrade. If added, it would be on a digital tier. Unlike other gay and lesbian networks now out there, LOGO would not be available on a pay-per-view basis, but would be included in a group of services... maybe they will group Trio, Bravo, The Food Network and HGTV with it. Think so?

Also in broadcasting, I have to extol the virtues of Air America Radio (AM 680). I had pretty much given up on talk radio what with Mike Fleming, Rush Limbaugh and their ilk. It is sooooo nice to have a progressive voice or two on the dial. Incidentally, Rachel Maddow, one of Air America's finest, is a lesbian.

John and I really enjoyed being grand marshalls of the Pride parade (along with Rev. Jean Rowe of Neshoba UU Church). It was especially rewarding when I found out that the selection was from the community. Thanks for that! In the 25 years John and I have been publishing a GLBT newspaper in Memphis, it's rare we get feedback on how we're doing. I guess we're doing *something* right. Maybe that something includes *not* nominating ourselves for every award that comes up.

Co-Grand Marshall Rev. Jean Rowe deserves some good words as well. Jean retired from Neshoba Unitarian Universalist Church. Her last sermon was the day of the Pride picnic there.

Jean is a graduate of Tufts University, the

Andover Newton Theological School and Harvard Divinity School. She has pastored churches in Concord, N.H.; Little Rock and here in Memphis.

She is married to Lackey Rowe, a retired civil rights lawyer and human resources manager.

Jean is a founding member of the Regional AIDS Inrerfaith Network in Little Rock and Memphis and has served as the Network's president, vice-president and secretary. She is also a past president of the Memphis Ministers Association.

Memphis will miss her.

Poor Terry McMillan. She made a fortune with the book and screenplay of *How Stella Got Her Groove Back*, which touted the virtues of an older woman finding a younger man. The book is at least partially based on her own life since she found a younger man in Jamaica and ended up marrying him. Turns out he is gay and she is filing for divorce.

"It was devastating to discover that a relationship I had publicized to the world as life-affirming and built on mutual love was actually based on deceit," she said in court papers. "I was humiliated."

In response, Jonathan Plummer, 30, maintained McMillan treated him with "homophobic" scorn bordering on harassment since he came out to her as gay just before Christmas.

For our part, we can have the comfort that Taye Diggs played a gay role — even if he didn't know it at the time.

On an inside note, we apologize for being a week late with this issue. Our new printer (Intermountain Graphics) got swamped with pre-Fourth of July orders and we just didn't get our order in fast enough. Since you can't stretch time, we lost out.

One other inside note: This column is called Quick Clips, not Quick Lips. I guess the "C" those scissors make is just too subtle for some folk.

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Idealism...

Hallmark of Our Struggle

Commentary by Jon Devin

On June 20, 1995, prison officials decided to end 24-hour surveillance of Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh's jail cell, the Atlanta Braves crushed the Cincinnati Reds, civil war blossomed in Chechnya, and I told someone I am gay for the first time.

Historically, it was a light day, but a turning point for me.

The problem was the first person I told thought I was joking, so I had to repeat myself. Traci, a coworker whom I chose to tell primarily because I knew she would not have an adverse reaction, eventually laughed and hugged me telling me how proud she was of me. The rest is history.

I didn't know at the time that I was setting up my anniversary to nicely coincide with Gay Pride festivities in Memphis, but now, on my 10th anniversary (in 10 more years I'll have been out for more than half my life), I find myself dwelling on a few points that make the milestone that much sweeter.

For one, Mid-South Pride resurrected the beautiful 50-foot rainbow flag created years ago by members of Memphis Pride, Inc. Having served on the board of MPI at that time, I remember the idealism that served well enough in place of good organization and planning to get a handful of guys together one night to sew the thing together even though no one had any idea how it would turn out.

I remember everyone thinking, though, that it just needed to be done. Perhaps, we thought at the time, even the construction of so much fabric and thread would demonstrate how great things are eventually accomplished.

This year, as soon as I heard that the flag was coming out of storage newly-repaired, I knew I had to help carry it. And so I did.

Secondly, I'm basking in the glow of a group of young faces raging from the front page of *The Commercial Appeal* with a message of support for a frightened and depressed young man kept inside the Love in Action compound on Yale Road.

Did any of us ever imagine that we would see gay youth, proud and fearless,



Darryl Clark Named Tsarus Man of the Year

Darryl Clark, director of Friends for Life's Food Pantry was named the Tsarus Man of the year at a dinner ceremony held at First Congregational Church on June 7.

Clark won over a field of candidates that included his boss, Executive Director of FFL Kim Moss who accepted the award on Clark's behalf.

Clark was unable to attend the event because he was recuperating from hip replacement surgery, but says he is back to work and off the pain medications now.

Beginning as a volunteer in 1999, Clark moved first to assistant director of the Food Pantry and then to its lead position.

"Our biggest challenge coming up is going to be to move the food pantry to our new building (scheduled later this summer)," Clark said.

"Darryl is so completely committed to his work and has greatly improved and expanded the services (of the food pantry). He takes such ownership to make it the best it can be," said Moss. "he is a tremendous asset to that program and the HIV/AIDS community."

The monetary award which goes with the distinction of being named Tsarus Man of the Year was donated to Friends for Life and earmarked for its food pantry.

standing up for their own in Memphis? If that isn't a sign that things are changing, I don't know what is. (And if that isn't leadership for older GLBT Memphians who are still in the closet, I don't know what is.)

Again, the idealism — thinking that we shouldn't accept what is most likely, but should work for what really should be — wins the day.

Most of all, I will remember that I got to share this year's parade with a friend who had never experienced that short but meaningful walk before. "Zach" is a local teacher — enough said. He cannot afford to have even a suspicious rumor that he is gay circulate among his colleagues. Not if he wants to remain in his current career.

Still, knowing that cameras would be everywhere, he walked the entire route with a smile big as Texas, at one point saying that it seemed like the right thing to do.

Aside from the huge compliment to our friendship that Zach gave me by asking me to be with him, I found some reaffirmation for why I came out myself.

Idealism is often dismissed as the platitude of the young and foolish, but it's also the hallmark of any and every civil rights struggle to date and there is truth at the end of every struggle.

It starts with the individual, of course. Telling yourself "I should be loved and respected by everyone," is followed closely by "I should be treated as well as anyone else," and eventually "If God doesn't love me as I am, then He should."

Without that kind of thinking, our efforts as a community are worth no more than, say, 50 feet of colored cloth that have yet to be sewn with either thread or hope.

I suppose this could perhaps be construed by the religious right as an open call to recruit homosexuals, but I hope that anyone who is not out will someday know the joy I feel for having lived my life openly and without shame. If you cannot come out now, I hope someday you will.

"Best ever" was the phrase thrown out all along the parade route from Peabody Park to First Congregational Church in reference to this year's Mid-South Pride Parade. I for one couldn't agree more.

Especially refreshing was the amount of organization that was readily apparent all along the parade route. Mid-South Pride volunteers clearly had a plan and followed it without a hitch. The beautiful parade you gave us is a credit to your hard work. Thank you, Mid-South Pride.



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California Gay Marriage Bill to be Revived in Legislature

By Lisa Leff
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Less than three weeks after a bill to legalize same-sex marriage died in the California Assembly, a Democratic lawmaker said June 20 that he plans to revive the measure this session by attaching it to legislation already pending in the state Senate.

Assemblyman Mark Leno, one of six openly gay members of the Legislature, said he has decided to employ a legislative maneuver known as "gut and amend" to resurrect the bill that on June 2 fell four votes shy of gaining the simple majority it needed to pass the 80-member house.

"My hope is that we will have a bill amended by the end of this week or the beginning of next," said Leno, declining to offer specifics on which legislation he plans to rewrite. "We intend to do this."

Leno's bill would have changed the California family code to define marriage between "two persons" instead of between a man and a woman. To bring it back to life, he can substitute his measure's language into a bill that successfully passed

from the Assembly to the Senate.

If it passes Senate committees and makes it off the Senate floor, it would be the first time a legislative chamber in the nation had voted to give same-sex couples the same rights as heterosexual spouses. The measure would have to return to the Assembly for another round of voting before it could be sent to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Before AB19 failed in the Assembly, it was expected to have an easier time in the state Senate, where Democrats hold a 25-15 edge over Republicans. Geoffrey Kors, executive director of the gay rights lobbying group Equality California, said supporters already are working to shore up support in the Senate.

"From a national perspective, it is extremely important for us to have a legislative victory," Kors said. "If one house, be it the Assembly or Senate of the California Legislature votes in favor of marriage equality, it totally undercuts President Bush and the extreme right-wing argument that this is simply a few judges who are ruling on the issue."

A San Francisco judge

ruled in March that state laws prohibiting gays from marrying are unconstitutional. The state attorney general has appealed, and the case is likely to wind up before the state's Supreme Court within the next year.

While it took a court order for Massachusetts last year to become the first state to grant marriage rights to same-sex couples, gay rights advocates had looked to California to be the first Legislature to do so voluntarily.

Opponents of gay marriage also have begun the process to put a constitutional amendment before voters that would ban gay nuptials and strip gay couples of domestic partnership benefits. They hope to get the initiative on the June 2006 ballot.

Randy Thomasson, president of the Campaign for Children and Families, predicted that Leno's gambit would give momentum to that effort.

"Mark Leno, be careful what you wish for," Thomasson said. "The Democrat politicians' obsession with destroying the essence of marriage will keep this issue front and center for California voters."

Sex Infection E-mail Alerts Gain Popularity as Way to Inform Partners

Larry Buhl
PlanetOut Network

A free and easy way to inform sex partners about sexually transmitted infections has shown to be popular in its test city, and could soon be another weapon in public health arsenals in several other cities.

Since InSPOT, which stands for Internet Notification Service for Partners or Tricks, was launched in San Francisco last October, more than 20,000 of its anonymous greeting cards have been sent, mostly by gay and bisexual men, to warn sex partners that they may have been exposed to a sexually transmitted infection.

Implemented through a grant from the San Francisco Department of Public Health, InSPOT is run by a group called Internet Sexuality Information Services (ISIS) with the goal of getting more sexually active men informed and tested without the social awkwardness of the "Hi, remember me?" phone call.

With the input from focus groups of gay and bisexual men in San Francisco, ISIS came up with clever sayings for subject lines, such as "I got screwed while screwing; you might have too," and "It's not what you brought to the party, it's what you left with."

Though ISIS is seeking funding to conduct a com-

prehensive evaluation of how likely an e-card is to lead to STI testing; initial results have been encouraging, according to Deb Levine, executive director of ISIS.

More than 30,000 visitors viewed inspot.org during the initial 2.5-month evaluation period. The most common e-cards were sent for gonorrhea, crabs, Chlamydia and syphilis. An HIV option, initially not included because of the focus group's apprehension, will be added soon.

Most were sent anonymously, and up to 41 percent of e-card recipients clicked through for more information.

During a one-week evaluation at a municipal STI clinic, at least five patients reported an e-card notification as a reason for their visit. The program will be available throughout California by September. Several other states and municipalities are looking into adding InSPOT to their disease prevention efforts, Levine said.

Though heterosexuals can use InSPOT, the messages are currently geared to gay men. The e-cards, which include STI education and information links, are a response to the "alarming" rise in STIs among men who have sex with men, according to Dr. Jeffrey Klausner, director of STI prevention and control services for the city of San Francisco.

"In 1998 there were only 10 syphilis cases in the city," Klausner told the PlanetOut Network. "There were over 600 last year." Klausner said officials have seen a steep STI rise in other major cities over the last 10 years. However, that rise has begun to level off thanks to aggressive marketing and information campaigns directed specifically to reduce risk of non-HIV-related STIs.

The anonymity of the e-cards makes it more likely for men to notify partners, especially if they are casual contacts, or if they met on the Internet and didn't share phone numbers. The main motivation for not sharing information about STI status is the fear of being rejected, Joel Ginsberg, a spokesman for the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association, said.

"I'm encouraged by any education campaigns that reduce the stigma around STIs, and to get sex partners to share their status," Ginsberg said. "We need to detach the notion of having an infection from the notion of someone being a good and worthy person."

But George Ayala, director of the Institute for Gay Men's Health in New York, warns against assuming that notification e-cards can take the place of face-to-face communication. "There are people who would find programs like InSPOT convenient in alleviating interpersonal or social awkwardness," Ayala said. "But my concern is that sites like this may let men off the hook from having deeper conversations about sexual exchange. [InSPOT] should be complemented by efforts that encourage men to talk about negotiated risk before and after sex."

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United Church of Christ Set to Consider Gay Marriage

By Errin Haines
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — The United Church of Christ is poised to become the largest Christian denomination to endorse same-sex marriage, but as with other Protestant churches, taking a stand on homosexuality could come with a price.

"I don't think it's possible to overestimate the prophetic role that the passage of the resolution would have," said the Rev. Rebecca Voelkel of Cleveland, national interim director of the UCC Coalition for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Concerns.

Yet eight congregations in the liberal denomination of 1.3 million members believe that approving the same-sex marriage resolution at the church's upcoming annual meeting would be a bad idea — even if they concede the measure is likely to win approval. The meeting starts Friday and concludes Tuesday.

The Rev. Brett Becker, pastor of St. Paul United Church of Christ in Cibolo, Texas, and a spokesman for the conservative congregations, predicted the eventual collapse of the UCC if the measure passes.

"If we're going to call ourselves Christian and be followers of Christ, we need to follow his teachings on marriage," said Becker, whose group has proposed an alternative resolution defining marriage as between

one man and one woman. Becker said he and other conservative pastors should continue to welcome homosexuals into the church, but encourage them to change their behavior.

A third proposal calls for study, prayer and discernment on the same-sex marriage issue — though its proponents said the "one man, one woman" resolution was discriminatory and recently voted to support "the spirit" of the same-sex resolution. The proposals will all be discussed at the meeting Sunday immediately after worship services.

Becker's group also will put forward a measure that defines the UCC as a Christian denomination — a resolution that notes some pastors have strayed so far from the mainstream that the UCC has earned the derisive nickname "Unitarians considering Christ."

Traditionally strong in New England, the church was criticized last year for its television advertising campaign featuring a gay couple, among others, being excluded from a church. CBS and NBC rejected the 30-second ads.

But the church's support for gays and lesbians is not new. In the early 1970s, the UCC became the first major Christian body to ordain an openly gay minister and it also established a gay caucus.

Twenty years ago, the church declared itself to be "open and affirm-

ing" of gays and lesbians, and since then, nearly 600 congregations have independently done the same.

"It's important for religious groups that are supportive of (gay) rights to get out in the public arena and articulate that there is not a monolithic understanding of these issues and it's not fair to say that in order to be a good Christian, one has to be anti-homosexual," Voelkel said.

UCC churches are autonomous, meaning the General Synod does not create policy for its more than 5,700 congregations. Still, if the resolution supporting same-sex marriage passes, it would be "a very disturbing thing," Becker said.

The Rev. John H. Thomas, UCC president, said he supports the same-sex resolution. However, he expressed his disappointment that some congregations could decide to leave the church if the resolution is approved.

"No church can avoid this difficult discussion in our current cultural context if it seeks to be relevant to our society and if it seeks to be faithful particularly to the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons among its members," he said.

No hard data exist on how many gays and lesbians are in the UCC, but Voelkel said about 2,000 people are on the mailing list for the coalition, and about 1,000 clergy or seminarians are gay.



A volunteer displays an item for sale at Friends For Life's 18th annual Auction Against AIDS held June 26 at the Memphis Botanic Garden. Master Auctioneer Tom Prestigiaco (in background on stage) encourages the audience to bid higher. The proceeds of the auction benefit the many programs of Friends For Life. Photo by Bob Dumais

ABC Finds a Neighborhood That Isn't Too Friendly

By David Bauder
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — ABC's extraordinary cancellation of *Welcome to the Neighborhood* less than two weeks before its premiere proves that reality television can only handle so much reality.

With a threatened lawsuit and accusations the network was tone deaf to bigotry, ABC may have traded a major headache for the temporary embarrassment of throwing out a series that was already finished.

The six-episode summer series, which was to debut July 10, was heavily promoted and given the plum *Desperate Housewives* time slot. ABC saw it as the potential hit follow-up to *Dancing With the Stars*.

Welcome to the Neighborhood followed three families in a comfortable cul-de-sac near Austin, Texas, given the chance to choose who moves in when a neighbor moves out of a 3,300-square-foot home on their block. Each family is white, conservative and initially interested in neighbors like them.

Instead, they have a rainbow coa-

lition of choices: a black family; a Hispanic family; an Asian family; two gay white men who've adopted a black boy; a couple covered in tattoos and piercings; a couple who met at the woman's initiation as a witch; and a white family where mom is a stripper.

The idea is to see preconceptions, even prejudices, break down as the white homeowners get to know the competitors as people instead of stereotypes.

But you can't show a transformation without illustrating what people are transforming from.

"Why should people of color and others... be humiliated and degraded to teach white people not to be bigots?" said Shanna Smith, president of the National Fair Housing Alliance. "That's not good for race relations in America."

Within the first two episodes, one man made a crack about the number of children piling out of the Hispanic family's car. The citizenry of the business-owning Asian family was questioned and displays of affection between the gay men were met with disgust.

Anger about the series even united the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (which found it "really disturbing" to watch privileged couples vote out families they don't like) with the Family Research Council (which worried that conservative Christians would appear like overly judgmental buffoons).

Smith said it was illegal for homeowners to pick and choose neighbors. Her group was readying a lawsuit, saying the series frustrated all their efforts to see that people are not discriminated against in seeking housing.

ABC said that "given the sensitivity of the subject matter in early episodes we have decided not to air the series at this time."

There's also good news for one of the eight competing families: the winner will still get the house, even if their moment of joy has been censored. To keep the secret, the family had not been allowed to move in until after the series was supposed to conclude in late August.

An ABC spokeswoman declined to say who won.

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Queer Notes

By Jim Maynard

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Last month I used the term "cognitive dissonance" to describe the psychological condition of conservative gay Republicans who ridicule the "liberal gay agenda," and politically align themselves with the anti-gay Republican right. I took the time to dust off my sociology textbooks, and found the correct term, "cognitive dissonance," which refers to the conflict between what people believe and reality. When faced with factual evidence contradicting their beliefs, people will rationalize facts to fit their beliefs.

We have a lot of "cognitive dissonance" in the gay community:

gay Republicans, gay Catholics and Southern Baptists, gays who idolize Ronald Reagan and Rush Limbaugh, gay men who cruise adult bookstores on Saturday night and sing in the church choir on Sunday morning, and cars with "W the President" bumper stickers parked at certain gay bars.

Opinions expressed in bylined columns are those of the authors.

With the resignation of Sandra O'Connor from the Supreme Court, we will now see the tragic consequences of the election of George W. Bush. Bush and the GOP are indebted to the christo-fascist fundametalists and Catholics, and have promised them that he will appoint right-

wing conservatives like Thomas and Scalia to the Supreme Court.

O'Connor was a conservative appointed by Reagan, but she cast the deciding votes in a few cases to support women's reproductive rights and the right to privacy (Lawrence v. Texas). If a more conservative justice is added to the court, it will mean that Roe V. Wade (and possibly Lawrence v. Texas) could be overturned. You can thank all your friends and family who voted for Bush!

Democratic National Committee Chair Howard Dean has come under fire for using some strong (but true) words to describe Republicans. He said that the Republican Party is a mostly white Christian party (fact) and that a lot of Republicans have not worked to make an honest living (fact). As expected, Republicans and the media were quick to attack Dean, but even a few spineless Democrats, like our own Rep. Harold Ford Jr., also joined in.

Sen. Dick Durbin (D-III) was also attacked for comments he made about the U.S. prison at Guantanamo. He was accused of calling our soldiers and military Nazis, but what he actually said was that if you looked at the FBI reports about the treatment of prisoners there, you would think you were reading about the Soviet Gulag's or the Nazi concentration camps. He was viciously attacked for making a factual statement and was forced to apologize for no reason.

Meanwhile, Karl Rove (Bush's Brain) gave a speech to the Conservative Party in New York in which he said that conservatives responded to 9-11 by preparing for war, while liberals responded by preparing for indictments and offer therapy for terrorists. Even though he was lying (Iraq had nothing to do with 9-11 and Democrats supported Bush) and basically said liberals support terrorism, Rove was not forced to apologize. In fact, Bush publicly supported him.

Here is why the Democratic Party is in the sad shape it is in, Republicans support their leaders and defend their principles,

while faint-hearted Democrats do not. There seems to be a double standard in American politics: Conservatives can be strong and mean; liberals have to be kind and polite. Which side is winning?

Unless you listen to Air America Radio, you probably have not heard about the "Downing Street Memo" (www.downingstreetmemo.com). The memo was leaked in the UK during the British election, and includes statements by British intelligence that the Bush Administration was committed to war with Iraq and tried to justify the illegal invasion by "fixing" intelligence data to fit that objective (e.g., the false claims of weapons of mass destruction and a link between Iraq and terrorists).

Other memos have also been leaked which show that the Bush administration not only fixed the intelligence data to justify the illegal war and mislead Congress, but did not even bother planning for the aftermath. Bush gave another speech defending the war and he lied again by linking the illegal invasion of Iraq to the terrorist attack on 9-11. It is time to start impeachment hearings to get the war criminals out of the White House (www.impeachbush.org).

After Harold Ford Jr. announced his candidacy for the Senate seat of Bill Frist, the Tennessee Republican Party attacked him for supporting abortion and gay marriage. The Republican Reich is so set in their anti-liberal mantra they don't even look at facts anymore. Ford has one of the most conservative voting records among Democrats in the House of Representatives including support for Bush's illegal invasion of Iraq, faith-based government programs, restrictions on abortion, and one of the few Democrats to vote for the Federal Marriage Amendment.

While Ford did have a fair voting record on gay issues, including sponsoring the Employment Non-discrimination Act which Frist and the GOP keep killing, he voted for their anti-gay Federal Marriage Amendment in

anticipation of their attacks when he runs for the Senate. I think that was a wimpy, but politically smart, thing to do. But it is an example of the choice we face in a conservative Republican state: do we support a Democratic ally who stops short of supporting gay marriage, or allow an anti-gay Republican allied with the Christian Right to win? I'll take the wimpy ally.

The recent "Tennessee Waltz" FBI sting took out several of the few allies the gay community had in the Tennessee legislature, Sen. John Ford and Kathryn Bowers. Bowers recently spoke at a Memphis Stonewall Democrat event at MGLCC and helped defeat anti-gay legislation in Nashville. John Ford was one of only a few state senators to vote against the Tennessee anti-gay marriage amendment. We must pay careful attention to who replaces them, the next election will determine our political fate.

I was glad to see that the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force is giving a leadership award to former Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, who led the Democratic Party's attempt to stop the Federal Marriage Amendment. Daschle was viciously attacked by Republicans for supporting "gay marriage," (which he didn't) and lost re-election by a few thousand votes. He was one of many Democrats who risked their political career to stop Republican anti-gay legislation.

Because of the past failures of political organizing in the Memphis gay community (e.g., Lesbian & Gay Coalition for Justice and Equality Tennessee), I have been politically frustrated and depressed the past year. But after this year's Midsouth Pride, I'm feeling more upbeat and hopeful. Several new groups and leaders have come forward to keep fighting the fight.

Locally, the MGLCC has started a political committee, Initiative: Fairness, to focus on local issues like a city non-discrimination ordinance. On the state level, the Tennessee Equality Project has replaced Equality Tennessee and is organizing to stop the Tennessee anti-gay marriage amendment and other harmful legislation.

If you have kept up with news lately, you also have seen or heard about a new gay activist group, the Queer Action Coalition. Bravo to QAC for organizing protests against the "ex-gay" cult Love in Action. They made national news by protesting the forced brainwashing of gay youth by this religious cult.

I hope the Memphis gay community is waking from its political hibernation.

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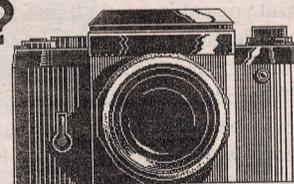
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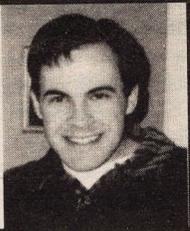
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WHAT ABOUT IT?

by Shannon Yarbrough



Well, we are deep into summer again! And with Pride month behind us, what else is there to do but lounge by the pool and dream of hot guys. How about Jude Law for instance? He's the star of the movie that I'm highlighting this month, which happens to have an awesome soundtrack as well. And for those who are ignoring the cabana boys, who keep your margarita glass full, because your nose is deep into that murder mystery you were saving to dive into by the pool, I've got a new mystery for you to make laps around before the summer sun goes down!

soft around the edges; the whole thing would have more resonance if it wasn't quite so intent on watching the unrepentant repent. Regardless, it's a surprisingly thoughtful diversion, and there's fine work from Marisa Tomei, Nia Long and Susan Sarandon as the women who understandably make Alfie reconsider his ways.

The Soundtrack

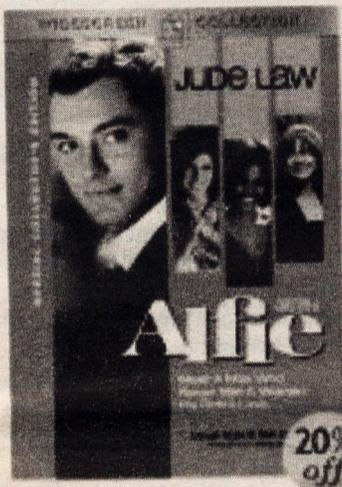
So, what's a good Jude Law movie without a good soundtrack to follow? Take *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*, one of my favorite books and movies, where Law played a gay hustler. The soundtrack, laced with Johnny Mercer tunes sung by the movie's celebs, is almost better than the movie itself.

Writer/director Charles Shyer's reinvention of the beloved 60's morality tale of Alfie's quest for meaning in life is musically rooted in a voice that's lived the experience: Mick Jagger. And if the Stones' frontman seems a decidedly left-field choice as film scorer, his chemistry with collaborator/former Eurythmics musical spark Dave Stewart yields a surprisingly warm, often introspective slate of songs and atmospheric underscore.

Jagger's solo work has often been muddled by chasing the pop production zeitgeist of the moment, but his efforts with Stewart here largely turn on a stripped-down, organic folk-blues sensibility that can't escape mostly positive parallels with the Stones' own acoustic oeuvre. Soul singer Joss Stone turns in a masterfully bluesy cover of the original film's hit theme song

that belies her teenage years (also interpolating it into Stewart/Jagger's "Wicked Time," which also features noted Jamaican rapper "Nadz" Seid), while Sheryl Crow duets with Jagger on the single version of the song-score's thematic anchor, "Old Habits Die Hard."

Throughout the movie, although I was already in love with Jude, I kept falling in love with Jagger's sound almost not even recognizing it was him until the credits. I just knew that I had to snatch this CD up and you will, too after renting the DVD. The movie and the soundtrack go hand in hand, a rarity as soundtrack junkies will know!

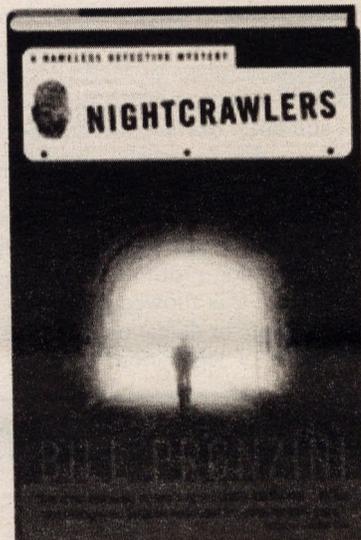


Alfie

If you don't have anything better to do this summer, why not rent all of those Jude Law movies that came out at the end of last year? That is, if you are a big Jude Law fan like I am. I believe that *Alfie* stands above the rest. In this remake, Jude's sex appeal stands out on top as he portrays a womanizer originally played by Michael Caine in 1966. Each woman in his life wants something more than he can commit to, and when Alfie reaches his revelation, he finds the women have moved on just fine without him.

Jude Law's Alfie, much like Michael Caine's Alfie in the original, is what you'd call an unrepentant womanizer. He beds 'em but never weds 'em, and New York provides ample opportunity to continue the process — until reality slaps him in the face. Because Jude Law is, well, Jude Law, you can see why he gets away with it as long as he does, and the actor also pulls off the usually awkward trick of narrating directly to the camera.

Neither his Alfie, however, nor director Charles Shyer's remake emerges completely without scratches. Law has a Chesire Cat carnality, but he emanates too much intellect to buy him as the relatively dim bulb he's supposed to be. The film, meanwhile, is a bit



Nightcrawlers

Master mystery writer Bill Pronzini's "Nameless Detective" series gets a gay twist in his latest

shocker. San Francisco's pleasant streets in the Castro district are suddenly dark and dangerous. Gay lovers are being stalked, and aren't even safe in their own homes. Investigators Bill, Jake and Tamara, who all share an office, don't think much of the case until Jake's son, Joshua, calls with the horrifying news that his lover was one of those attacked. Tamara is staked out for a case of a deadbeat dad—and witnesses a man dragging a kicking bundle into a house. And Bill receives a cryptic message from a dying man in the hospital—a man

who was infatuated with his mother-in-law for years. Three equally spellbinding mysteries unfold as the investigators work together and separately (and not always by choice) to get to the bottom of the hell that has broken loose in San Francisco.

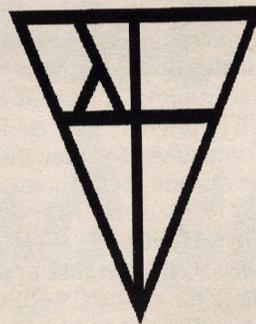
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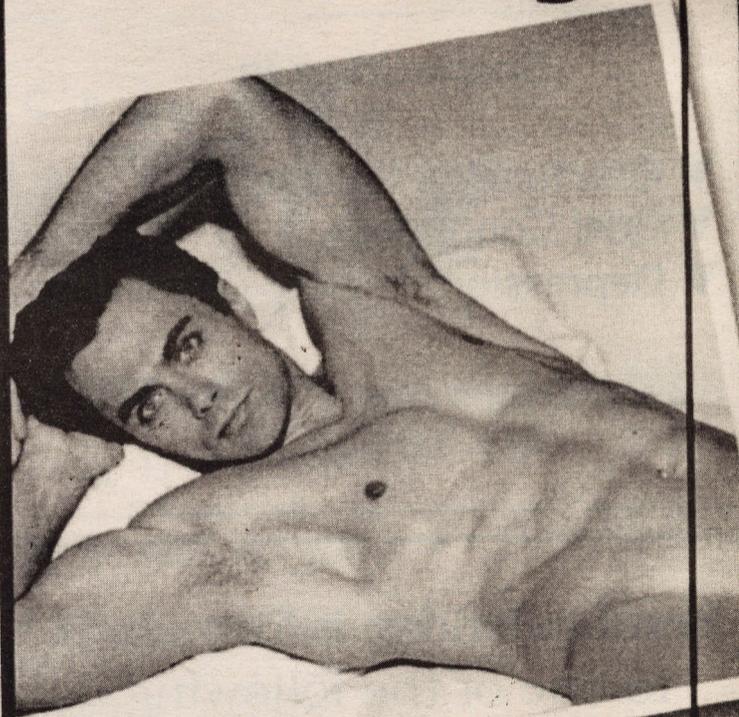
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By Vincent Astor

After that lovely Pride in Midtown and the lovely Pride at Te-To-Tam ranch (and other places), you'd think a summer of fun was just beginning. Well, it was fun while it lasted. At least at the MGLCC it gets serious this month. Before taking y'all to the news section, I continue to encourage those wishing for free press to contact tjnevents@bellsouth.net or drop an old fashioned line to the address of this newspaper because I just love hearing about what's going on.

The MGLCC Annual Meeting will take place Sun., July 10, at 6 p.m. at the Community Center. President Len Piechowski will offer a "State of the Center" address with additional financial reporting by the Center's treasurer, Marty

Katz. It is also time for an election. Offices up for election this year include all of the 'at-large' positions on the center's board of directors and the offices of vice-president and treasurer. At-large positions are for one year terms and the officer positions are for two-year terms. A slate of officers will be offered by the Nominating Committee. However, there will be an opportunity for nominations from the floor.

For the Nominating Committee's recommended slate of officers, check the MGLCC website.

MGLCC is proud to announce that the Outflix Film Festival will return to the Memphis Community Aug. 11-14, featuring GLBT Films from around the world. All screenings will be in the Media Co-op Theatre at First Congregational

Church, 1000 S. Cooper St. For more information visit www.outflixfestival.org or e-mail wb12eos@yahoo.com

In accordance with the current by-laws, MGLCC's Board of Directors has called for a Constitutional Convention to update these by-laws. The meeting will be held on Sat., July 2, at MGLCC beginning at 9 a.m. At the end of the day (!), there will be the first reading of the by-laws as required for approval. The proposed by-laws will be available by Mon., July 4, on the MGLCC's Web site and will be presented for a second reading and acceptance at the annual meeting on Sun., July 10. The community is invited to both the convention and the annual meeting.

Now, not only does MGLCC own its building, it has a mortgage! All we need now is Snidely Whiplash. It is a real turning point for the Center as it now will have a credit history and all that legitimizing that a mortgage carries with it. It will save a lot of money all around, but I wonder who gets to be Pearl Pureheart?

Initiative: Fairness (I:F) has been founded as a political committee and subset of MGLCC. I:F aspires to be a non-partisan voice of solidarity that supports fairness and equality in legislation affecting the Memphis LGBT community. I:F operates under very strict guidelines from the IRS. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, the MGLCC is allowed to work for the passage or defeat of a particular piece of legislation; however,

it is prohibited from endorsing or protesting the election of a particular candidate. In addition, the MGLCC must adhere to regulations governing the amount of time and money devoted to political activities. For more information about Initiative: Fairness visit the Web site at www.mglcc.org/if or e-mail co-chairs Katie Messmer and Tommy Simmons at if@mglcc.org.

Community members may also see the I:F blog: <http://initiativefairness.blogspot.com/>

Footnote From The Past

Many, many moons ago — when I first started going out — it was 1975. To some people that must seem like the year before the Declaration of Independence, but it wasn't. It was an interesting time, GLBT people were beginning to find an identity for themselves. Much time (in Memphis at any rate) was spent at the disco or the drag show. There was not a leather bar yet. The Psych-Out on North Cleveland near Jefferson was the main lesbian hangout, but Memphis never was a very separatist community. George's on Madison near Idlewild was the primary drag bar and a little bar called The Tango Palace and then The Front Page (also known as the Frog Pond) was a small but crowded dance bar at Linden and Cleveland. That's where I spent lots of time. It was not uncommon to make the rounds of a couple of the smaller saloons, such as the Entré Nuit or Kelsey's,

hit the main drag show at George's and then dance until 3 a.m. at the Front Page or Psych-Out. It was all new, it was a bit dangerous, and it was very, very heady.

Every bar was a cruise bar. For some reason, it became stylish to be bisexual for awhile, so anybody at the bar was probably on the prowl. The few locations made it possible to run into all types in the same room whether their type was on the stage or the dance floor or not. There were beautiful drags, esoteric drags, the occasional very butch man, questioning people of every age and description, gorgeous lesbians and "passing men," and outfits rich with color, extra fabric and an innocence about wearing tons of polyester. There was pungent smoke on the back patio and strange little bottles held next to the nose. I liked the positivity and optimism I heard in the music which had a beat that was heavy but not ponderous. We had a gay old time. It was pretty "in-your-face," but it was also having a fun evening in a more or less relaxed atmosphere and finding real fellowship in a very hostile world which, just maybe, was beginning to soften.

Somewhere, I have a little piece of the dance floor which was taken up on that last night before the building that housed The Front Page was torn down. If it had lasted, it would be different as everything is different. As it is, it is a fond memory and a reminder of a time that was, for me, worth remembering.

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MGLCC Community Corner

Submitted by MGLCC

The local community proved its support for local artists and the MGLCC with the overwhelming success of this year's Ars Spiritas. More than 120 people filled the community center on June 5th for the opening reception. Many of the pieces were sold that night, although some remained on display for the rest of the month of June.

Transfuse, a social and support organization for transgender community members, has taken up residency at the MGLCC. With two meetings a month, Transfuse is the first group specifically geared toward transgender individuals to officially affiliate with the MGLCC. If you're interested in getting involved with Transfuse, contact the Center for more information.

Kudos to the MGLCC Board of Directors for its hard work in purchasing the building at 892 S. Cooper for the Center. The purchase is anticipated to save the Center between \$2,000 and \$4,000 a year in property taxes and insurance premiums. Thanks to Herb Zeman for his overwhelming support!



Memphis Pride was a huge success. Attendance at this year's festivities was estimated to be between 1,000 and 1,200. Ten new members joined the MGLCC's 500 Club while attending the Pride activities. The 500 Club consists of members who donate at least \$5 per month to the community center. In addition, several existing members increased their level of support or renewed their annual membership. We wholeheartedly thank every member of the MGLCC. If you'd like to join the Center or raise your contribution, contact the MGLCC or visit

www.mglcc.org.

Thanks to Marty Katz for publishing the *MGLCC Newsletter* in mid-June. If you didn't receive a copy, you can check it out on the MGLCC Web site.

Speaking of the MGLCC Web site, we're currently receiving more than 1500 hits a day on the homepage. And, it's the number one listing on Google, when you search for "Memphis gay."

Mark your calendars for the MGLCC's OutFlix Festival scheduled for August 11-14.

Visit www.outflixfestival.org for more information.

The MGLCC annual meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Sun., July 10 at the community center. In addition to voting on changes to the by-laws, the Center will hold its annual election of officers. Offices up for election this year include all of the "at large" board positions and the offices of vice-president and treasurer. The offices of president and secretary will not be up for election until 2006. "At-Large" positions are for one-year terms and the officer positions are for two-year terms.

Out & About

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One More*: 2117 Peabody ☎ 278-MORE (6673).
Overstuffed Deli & Caterers: 3003 Airways Blvd. #701 ☎ 396-1969, 3727 South Mendenhall ☎ 362-2989, 7716 Poplar Ave., Germantown ☎ 757-1212.
Paragon Lounge*: 2865 Walnut Grove ☎ 320-0026
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The Jungle*: 1474 Madison ☎ 278-0521

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COMMUNITY GROUPS

Alliance: Leather/Levi club • Box 42174, Memphis 38174.
Aloysius Home, Inc.: (See Friends for Life).
American Gay Atheists (AGA) Memphis: Box 41371, Memphis 38174-1371.
Aphrodite: 3430 Summer Ave, Memphis 38122.
BGALA (Students for Bisexual, Gay & Lesbian Awareness): University of Memphis, c/o BGALA, 2522 Campus Postal Station, Memphis, TN 38152-2521, e-mail: bgala@memphis.cc.edu, website: www.people.memphis.edu/~bgala.
Bluff City Sports Association: Box 41074, Memphis 38174, web site: www.bluffcitysports.net.
Brothers & Sisters Bowling League: ☎ 465-4371 - Richard Andrews.
Cotton Pickin' Squares: Gay/Lesbian Square Dance Club • Meets Thurs., 7 pm Holy Trinity • 685 S. Highland, Memphis 38104 ☎ 272-2116.
Equality Tennessee: P.O. Box 330965, Nashville, TN 37203, www.equalitytennessee.org.
4F: Leather/Levi group • 698 Pope Dr., Bartlett 38112.
First Congregational Church: Worship Service: Sun. 9:30 & 10:00 am, Wed. 6 pm • 1000 South Cooper ☎ 278-6786.
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Friends For Life—HIV Resources: HIV/AIDS Service Organization • 1384 Madison, Memphis 38104 ☎ 272-0855 or ☎ 278-AIDS, www.FriendsForLifeCorp.com.
Holy Trinity Community Church*: Worship Service: Sun. 9 & 11 am; Bible study: Wed. 7 pm; 685 S. Highland, Memphis 38111 ☎ 320-9376, e-mail:office@holyltrinitymemphis.org.
Integrity Memphis: Meets the 3rd Tues., Healing Service/Eucharist, 6pm; Dinner, 6:30pm; Meeting 7:30pm • c/o Calvary Episcopal Church, 102 N. 2nd ☎ 525-6602.
Jackson Lambda Support Group: Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 901-427-1500 for information.
Living Word Christian Church: Worship Service Sun. 10 am & 6pm, Wed. 7 pm • 2489 Broad Ave ☎ 452-6272
Memphis Area Gay Youth (MAGY): PO Box 241852, Memphis, TN 38124 ☎ 335-MAGY. Website: www.magyonline.org
Memphis Black Same Gender Loving Alliance: ☎274-0163.
Memphis Center for Reproductive Health: 1462 Poplar Ave ☎ 274-3550.
Memphis Gay & Lesbian Atheists & Humanists (GALAH): www.geocities.com/memphisgalah ☎ 327-2677.
Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center (MGLCC): 892 S Cooper, Memphis 38104 ☎ 278-4297.
Memphis Lesbian & Gay Coalition for Justice (MLGCJ): 111 S. Highland, Suite 305, Memphis, TN 38111 ☎ 262-2702, e-mail: mlgcj@yahoo.com, www.mlgcj.org
Memphis Stonewall Democrats: www.memphistonewalldemocrats.org, ☎ 327-2677
Mid-South Gay and Lesbian Republicans(MGLR): groups.yahoo.com/group/MidsouthGLR/

Mid-South Community Resources

Mid-South Pride: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, & Transgendered Pride Events • 111 S. Highland, Suite 261 ☎ 328-6349, website: www.midsouthpride.org.

Mirror Image: TV/TS support group • c/o Barbara Jean Jasen, Box 11052, Memphis, TN 38111-0052.

Mystic Krewe of Memphis United: 41 S. Century, Memphis, 38111. www.geocities.com/mardigrasmemphis

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

Open Heart Community of Faith: North end of First Congregational Church, 1000 South Cooper, Rev. John Gilmore ☎ 323-3514.

Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (P-FLAG): ☎ 761-1444 Website: www.pflagmemphis.org

Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (P-FLAG): Jackson, TN 38305 ☎ 1-901-664-6614 for information, e-mail: burtren@aeneas.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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10pm, Sat.-Sun., 4-9pm).

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

Gay & Lesbian Youth Hotline: ☎ 1-800-347-TEEN (Thu.-Sun., 7pm-11:45pm.).

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

LINC: ☎ 415-2700.

Memphis Sexual Assault Resource Center: ☎ 272-2020

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Peer Listening: Youth-staffed GLBT youth hotline (Mon.-Fri., 3-9pm) ☎ 1-800-399-PEER.

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

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Memphis Paranormal Investigation Team: http://hometown.aol.com/paranormal38111/ghost.html.

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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@holymemphis.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@holymemphis.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 - Toby 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

JULY 2005 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday Night at the Gaiety Film Series, MGLCC, 7pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MGLCC Board Meeting, (By-Law Revision Session), MGLCC, 9am • Alliance Club Night, Pumping Station, 10pm • Healthy Lifestyle Support Group, MGLCC, 1pm
3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5	6	7	8	8	9
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stonewall Democrats, MGLCC, 2pm • Bowling, Winchester Lanes, 6pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plus Support Group, MGLCC, 7:30pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Caring Group, HTCC, 7pm • The Drum Circle, MGLCC, 7pm • Phoenix AA, 1720 Peabody, 8pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Let's Meet and Chill (Intercultural Discussion Group), MGLCC, 7pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GLBT Parenting Group, MGLCC, 6pm • Thursday Night at the Gaiety Film Series, MGLCC, 7pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See regular Friday events • Cafe Q, MGLCC, 7pm featuring Skinny White Chick 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy Lifestyle Support Group, MGLCC, 1pm • Blue Suede Bears Club Night (See bluesuedebeers.com) 	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Softball, Tobey Fields, 1-5pm • Bowling, Winchester Lanes, 6pm • MGLCC Annual Meeting and Election of Officers, MGLCC, 6pm • WAC, First Congregational Church, 6:30pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friends for Life Coffee House • Plus Support Group, MGLCC, 7:30pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Caring Group, HTCC, 7pm • The Drum Circle, MGLCC, 7pm • Phoenix AA, 1720 Peabody, 8pm 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GLBT Parenting Group, MGLCC, 6pm • Women's Potluck, MGLCC, 6:30pm • Thursday Night at the Gaiety Film Series, MGLCC, 7pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TJN March Advertising Deadline • See regular Friday events • Cafe Q, MGLCC, 7pm featuring Zoe Ozbird 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy Lifestyle Support Group, MGLCC, 1pm • MGLCC Birthday Potluck, MGLCC, 7pm • Tsarus Club Night, The Pumping Station, 9pm 	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Softball, Tobey Fields, 1-5pm • Mid-South Gay and Lesbian Republicans, MGLCC, 1pm • Unity Pagans, MGLCC, 3pm • Bowling, Winchester Lanes, 6pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friends for Life Coffee House • Plus Support Group, MGLCC, 7:30pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrity Dinner/Meeting, Calvary Church, 6:30pm • The Caring Group, HTCC, 7pm • The Drum Circle, MGLCC, 7pm • Phoenix AA, 1720 Peabody, 8pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's Potluck Dinner, MGLCC, 6pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GLBT Parenting Group, MGLCC, 6pm • Thursday Night at the Gaiety Film Series, MGLCC, 7pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See regular Friday events • Cafe Q, MGLCC, 7pm, featuring Li'l Ryan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy Lifestyle Support Group, MGLCC, 1pm 	
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Softball, Tobey Fields, 1-5pm • I:F (Initiative Fairness), MGLCC, 5pm • Bowling, Winchester Lanes, 6pm • WAC, First Congo, 6:30pm (24th only) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feast for Friends, First Congo, 6pm • Plus Support Group, MGLCC, 7:30pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Caring Group, HTCC, 7pm • The Drum Circle, MGLCC, 7pm • Phoenix AA, 1720 Peabody, 8pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MGLCC Volunteer Appreciation Potluck, MGLCC, 6pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GLBT Parenting Group, MGLCC, 6pm • Thursday Night at the Gaiety Film Series, MGLCC, 7pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July TJN Due Out • See regular Friday events • Cafe Q, Drumming, MGLCC, 7pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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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FRIDAYS

- First Congo Films - First Congregational Church - (901) 278-6786 - 7pm & 9pm
- MGLCC Coffeehouse Nights - Community Center - (901) 278-4297 - 7pm
- Seriously Sober - Holy Trinity Community Church - (901) 320-9376 - 8pm
- Karaoke - One More - 8pm
- Pool Tournament - Crossroads - 8pm

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- **Worship Service**
11:00AM
- **Wednesday Night Study**
7:00PM
- **Thursday Evenings**
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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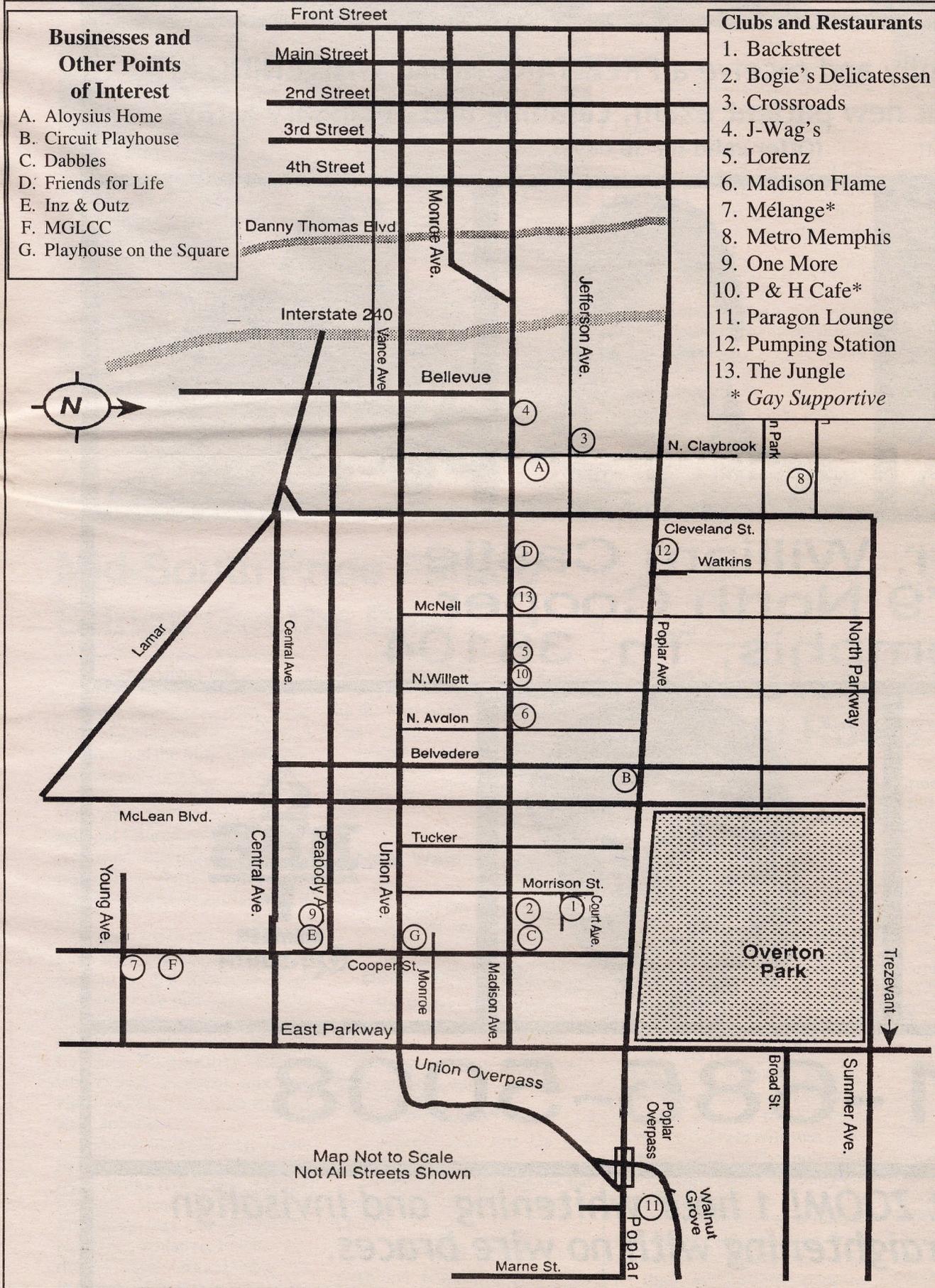
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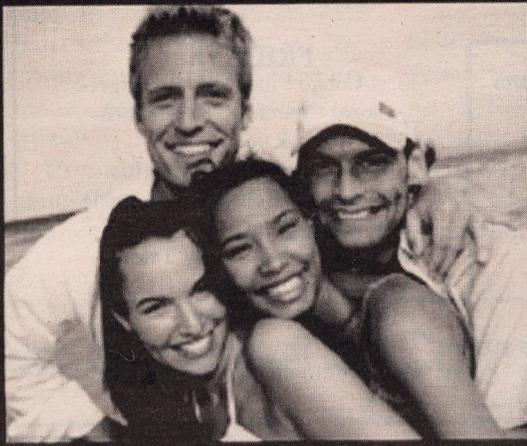
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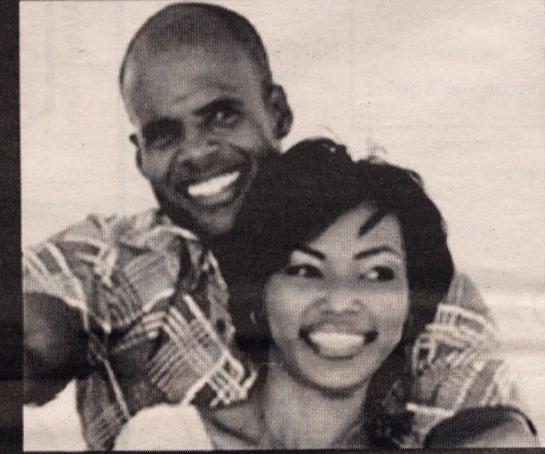
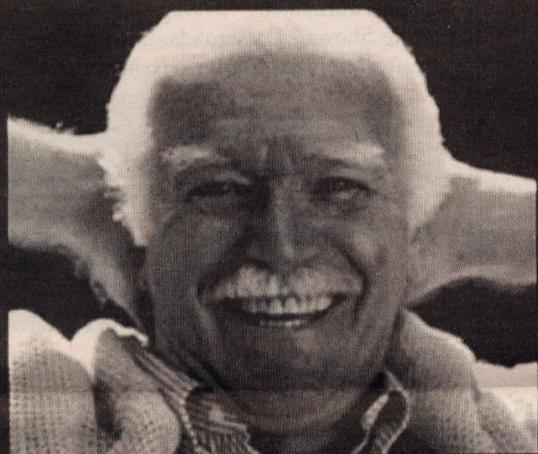
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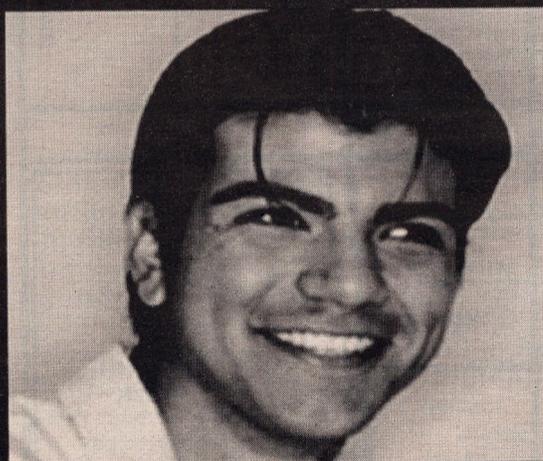
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