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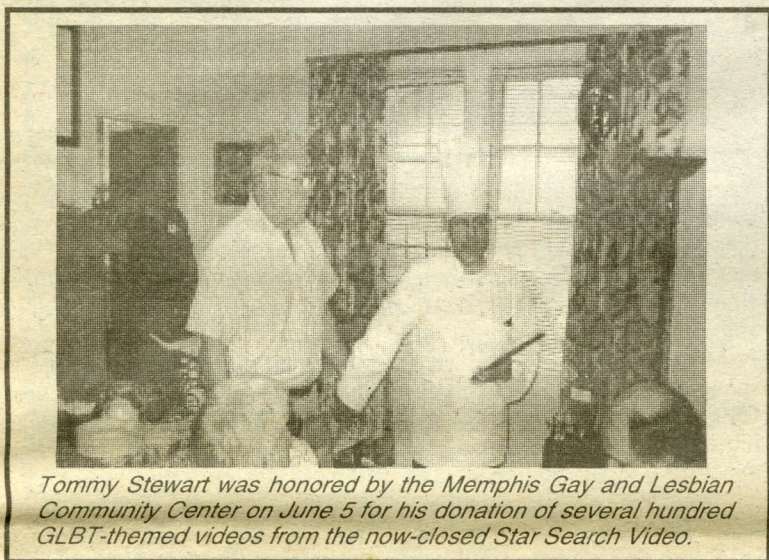
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Tommy Stewart was honored by the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center on June 5 for his donation of several hundred GLBT-themed videos from the now-closed Star Search Video.

Minister Who Claims Amnesia Leaving Church for Respite in California

DALLAS (AP) — A minister who claims amnesia made him forget his former life in Abilene is leaving his congregation in East Dallas for respite in California, a church elder said.

Michael Mullen said the Rev. James Simmons will leave Faith Community Church to refresh and refocus.

"He needs the time of refreshing, the time to refocus himself and decide what his (future) is going to be," Mullen told *The Dallas Morning News* in June 2 editions. "We will miss him greatly."

Simmons, whose last day was June 15, declined to comment to the newspaper before his final church services.

Mullen said the pastor announced the decision to the 55-member congregation two or three weeks ago and that it is unrelated to his past.

Simmons has claimed amnesia since being recognized as Wesley Barrett "Barre" Cox while auditioning to be pastor of a predominantly gay church in White Rock, a Dallas suburb, in 2000. He left the church in 2001 after failing to get a two-thirds majority vote of

confidence he requested.

He moved to Faith Community, then located in Garland, three months later.

Cox disappeared from Abilene in 1984. When he was discovered in Dallas, he said he had no memory of his wife and daughter before being found beaten and nearly comatose inside a car trunk near Memphis, in 1984.

Memphis police and hospital officials have said they have no record of any cases fitting Simmons' account.

He has denied faking his abduction, creating a new life and claiming amnesia because he could not reconcile being gay with his religious background.

His wife, Beth, moved to Franklin, Tenn., where she raised their daughter.

Recently, Simmons found the slain body of one of his church members, Donald Stokum, in the victim's home. A homeless man has been arrested in the killing.

Mullen said Simmons visited the home after he had not heard from Stokum, with whom he spoke on a daily basis.

Supreme Court Strikes Down Gay Sex Ban

Bowers v. Hardwick Case Overturned

By Anne Gearan
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court struck down a ban on gay sex June 26, ruling that the law was an unconstitutional violation of privacy.

The 6-3 ruling reverses course from a ruling 17 years ago that states could punish homosexuals for what such laws historically called deviant sex.

Laws forbidding homosexual sex, once universal, now are rare. Those on the books are rarely enforced but underpin other kinds of discrimination, lawyers for two Texas men had argued to the court.

The men "are entitled to respect for their private lives," Kennedy wrote.

"The state cannot demean their existence or control their destiny by making their private sexual conduct a crime," he said.

Justices Stevens, Souter, Bader and Breyer agreed with Kennedy in full. Justice y O'Connor agreed with the outcome of the case but not all of Kennedy's rationale.

Chief Justice Rehnquist and Justices Scalia and Thomas dissented.

"The court has largely signed on to the so-called homosexual agenda," Scalia wrote for the three. He took the unusual step of reading his dissent from the bench.

"The court has taken sides in the culture war," Scalia said, adding that he has "nothing against homosexuals."

The two men at the heart of the case, John Lawrence and Tyron Garner, have retreated from public view. They were each fined \$200 and spent a night in jail for the misdemeanor sex charge in 1998.

The case began when a neighbor with a grudge faked a distress call to police, telling them that a man was "going crazy" in Lawrence's apartment. Police went

to the apartment, pushed open the door and found the two men having anal sex.

As recently as 1960, every state had an anti-sodomy law. In 37 states, including Tennessee, the statutes have been repealed by lawmakers or blocked by state courts.

Of the 13 states with sodomy laws, four — Texas, Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri — prohibit oral and anal sex between same-sex couples. The other nine ban consensual sodomy for everyone: Alabama, Florida, Idaho, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Utah and Virginia.

The ruling apparently invalidates those laws as well.

The Supreme Court was widely criticized 17 years ago when it upheld an antisodomy law similar to Texas'. The ruling became a rallying point for gay activists.

Of the nine justices who ruled on the 1986 case, only three remain on the court. Rehnquist was in the majority in that case — Bowers v. Hardwick — as was O'Connor. Stevens dissented.

A long list of legal and medical groups joined gay rights and human rights supporters in backing the Texas men. Many friend-of-the-court briefs argued that times have changed since 1986, and that the court should catch up.

At the time of the court's earlier ruling, 24 states criminalized such behavior. States that have since repealed the laws include Georgia, where the 1986 case arose.

Texas defended its sodomy law as in keeping with the state's interest in protecting marriage and child-rearing. Homosexual sodomy, the state argued in legal papers, "has nothing to do with marriage or conception or parenthood and it is not on a par with these sacred choices."

The state had urged the court to draw a constitutional line "at the threshold of the marital bedroom."

Although Texas itself did not make the argument, some of the state's supporters told the justices in friend-of-the-court filings that invalidating sodomy laws could take the court down the path of allowing same-sex marriage.



Toronto City Councilor Kyle Rae, right, and his spouse Mark Reid react following their wedding ceremony in Toronto, Ontario, Canada on Fri., June 20. The federal government there announced that Canada's marriage laws will be rewritten to include unions of gays and lesbians. Canada will be the third nation, after Belgium and the Netherlands, to legalize gay marriage.

(AP Photo/Canadian Press, Aaron Harris)

A Skeptic Embraces Marriage

By Mubarak Dahir

I have never been someone with a burning desire to walk down the aisle. But marriage is coming, and it will be a good thing for gay and lesbian relationships.

Yes, it will be good for our overall civil rights struggle. It will be good because it will offer us important legal rights and protections. It will be good because it will help us achieve a greater level of social acceptance and recognition. But most of all, it will be good for us emotionally, as gay and lesbian couples simply striving to make it.

I didn't always believe that.

Of course, it's always been easy to understand the political arguments for the fight for marriage. Regardless of what you think of marriage as an institution or a trap, the fact that straight people can do it and gay and lesbian people cannot, simply because we are gay and lesbian, is one of those so blatantly obvious prejudices that it shouldn't need explaining. The "duh!" factor

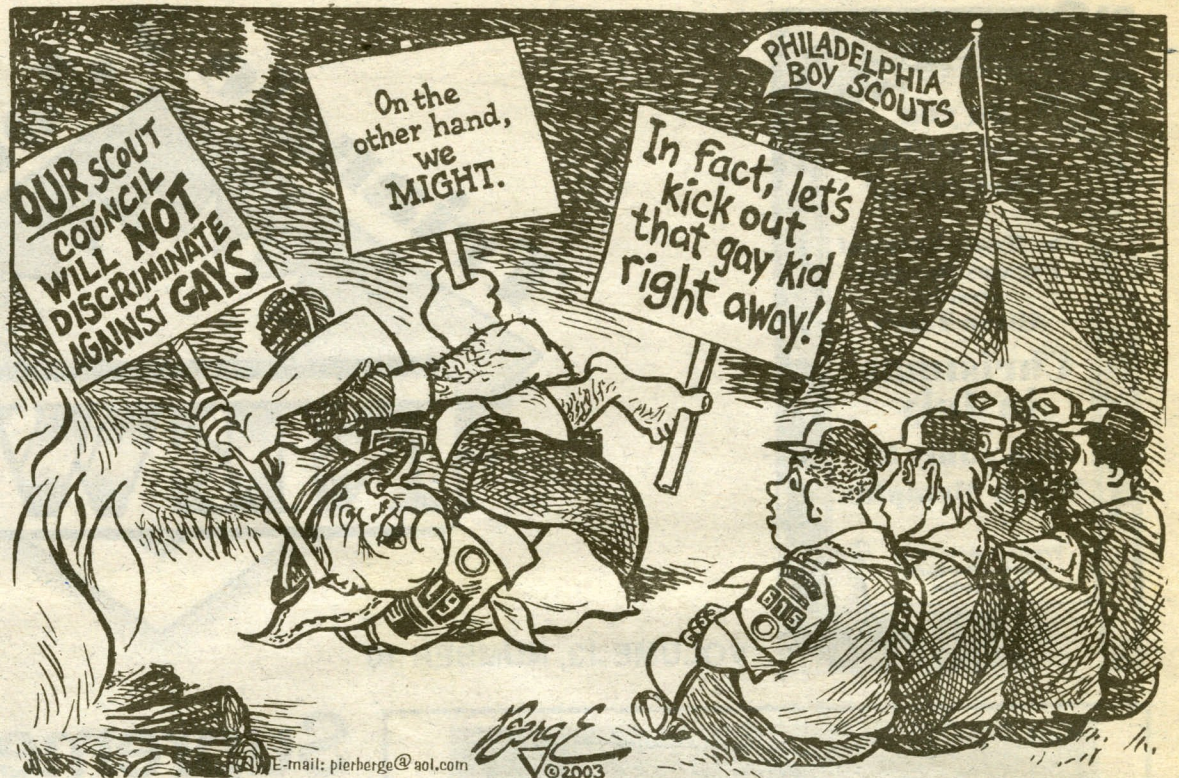
seems so high as to be self-explanatory.

Similarly, the legal protections that recognized marriage would offer gay and lesbian couples have always made sense and been easy to embrace. Everything, from a tax break with the IRS to making dramatic medical decisions for a partner when he or she can't, is instantly covered when you have that official little slip of paper from City Hall.

I was even able to recognize the social importance of winning the right to marry.

In our culture, as in most, marriage carries with it strong social recognition. It gives its recipients more social standing. Winning the right to marry would bring with it a huge social victory in terms of recognition of our relationships from straight society. It would be winning the acknowledgement that our relationships are as socially valued and valuable as theirs are. Personally, I cared little what straight society thought of my romantic relationships, and I chafed at the no-

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tion that we as gay people needed straight people to validate our love in any way. Still, I could see and understand and accept how marriage would advance our collective cause, and why it was worth defending.

But for all my understanding of the political, legal and social advances that marriage would bring, I was at best ambiguous about it personally. At times I was a skeptic, even a cynic, about the prospect of marriage. While I was glad when the *New York Times* announced it would begin publishing announcements of commitment ceremonies of gay and lesbian couples, at the same time I couldn't help but roll my eyes and smirk a little at the notion that what we as a group and a movement were aiming for was to be pretentious enough to make the society pages.

For me, it was akin to the issue of gays in the military: Of course gay people should be allowed to join the military, I've always agreed, but it never quite fit into the set of personal beliefs that I could feel strongly, passionately about defending or fighting for. Why would I want to advocate for anyone to take up arms with the purpose and intent of training to kill on command, without question? Why would I want to encourage anyone to enter into an institution that was

originally little more than glorified ownership of women by men, one that so many straight people enter into without pause or consideration, simply because it is expected? How could I get excited about that?

Most of all, I questioned what a stamped piece of paper from City Hall could possibly add to my relationship. For all my comprehension about the good it would bring with it, I wondered how it could actually benefit my love.

And then it happened — one of those jolting personal experiences that totally shakes up the way you look at things.

I wish I could say this eye-opener involved me walking down the aisle, and my friends and family coming together to get drunk at a big party, and my lover and I getting blessed by the justice of the peace.

But my story doesn't end with the two grooms kissing.

Instead, the man I shared my life with for nearly seven years moved out of our apartment about six weeks ago. I've barely heard from him since. The person who was supposedly the most important in my life vanished from it with incredible quickness and ease, and is now astonishingly absent.

I know if we had been married, it wouldn't have been so easy. The laws of marriage do not allow you

to simply pack up your things and move into a new apartment and sever the past so plainly. And I have come to believe that is a good thing.

Would a marriage license alone have corrected whatever was wrong in my relationship? Would the legal bond of marriage have made us immune from arguing, or straying, or even falling out of love and going our separate ways?

Of course not. Married people get divorced every day. And in matters of the heart, there are no guarantees, not even with a legal contract like a marriage license.

But might it have made us work harder to stay together? Might it have made us look at ourselves as a couple in some different, more concrete, sort of way? Might it have caused us to think more deeply about vows, both legal and personal, that we never got the chance to make out loud? Might it have given us a longer-term perspective on our lives together? Might it have helped?

I believe it would.

No doubt this column will trigger a lot of reaction, and I know a lot of people will write to tell me I am full of sentimental hogwash, that whatever was wrong with my relationship, being married wouldn't have made any difference.

I used to think so, too. But now, I think just the opposite.

And so when I read that marriage is now legal in our neighbor to the north, and that maybe it will be legal as soon as this summer in Massachusetts, or sometime after that in New Jersey, I'm no longer filled with the irreverence with which I greeted the couples announcements in the *New York Times*. And I am certainly not ambivalent.

Instead, I find myself impatient, and — for someone who's just gone through a break-up — feeling oddly hopeful about the boost I believe will come with our inevitable right to marry.



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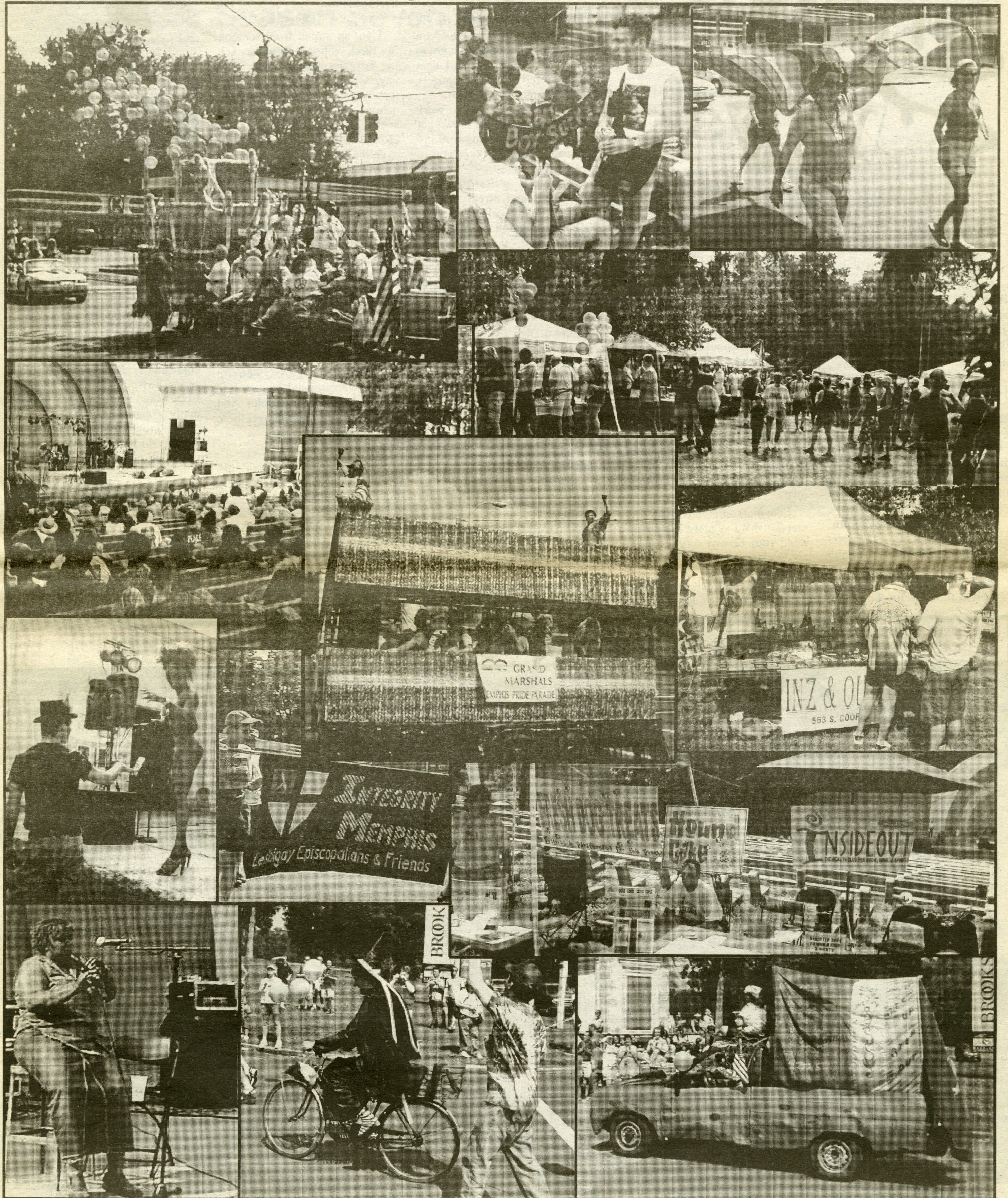
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Images of Pride — Gay Pride Parade and Festival 2003



QUICK TIPS

by Allen Cook

OK. I get it.

The reason we have a Gay Pride (which many black folks view as a *White Gay Pride*) and a Black Pride is because the African American gay community sees itself largely ignored or, at best, underserved by the Gay Pride celebrations.

It should be noted that this is not a localized phenomena (racism still being Memphis' number 1 issue), but a national one.

Rather than using a Black Pride celebration as one more reason to divide the gay community, both groups should embrace each other and at least have some common events.

Neither event seems to discriminate against members of the opposite race, so why not co-mingle (note, I didn't say *merge*) the events?

Now is the time for the leaders

of the two events to start approaching each other... not next May. We're all in the same boat, let's sail it *together*.

One final note on this subject... it was great to see a lot more of my black brothers and sisters at the Gay Pride Festival... wish I could say the same about my white brothers and sisters at the Black Pride events.

I got a chance to meet Bobby Blake at the Gay Pride Festival. Wow! What a man!

Bobby is volunteering for Friends For Life these days and doing a lot of community work as well.

Like most adult movie stars I've met (not that I've met all that many, mind you), he was very approachable and friendly. He didn't call me "bitch" even once.

You can bet I will be in attendance at some of his birthday

events in August... just how much vacation time do I have left, anyway?

I finally got a chance to see *Eli Parker's Getting Married?* on Channel 10 last month. I've got to say that what I expected and what was delivered were two entirely different things. It was great.

Even the straight guys at work who heard it was being shown got into it. Good story, some funny lines and a cast that kept you in there.

Congrats to writer/producer Mark Jones and director Ryan Parker for their excellent work.

The presentation of *Eli Parker* as well as four other gay-themed programs were underwritten by Holy Trinity Community Church, PFLAG and the *Triangle Journal News*.

I have a Dish TV satellite system — you know, 200 channels and nothing to watch! Well, a month or so ago, I was channel surfing and discovered a totally unpublicized channel hidden below the radar. Most of the good stuff runs between channels 100 and 450 (with lots of skips in between). Of course there are tons of shopping channels and pay-per-view, but on channel 9415 (down with BYU-TV and RFD-TV) was a channel called FSTV — Free Speech Television. And what was running but a program called *Gay U.S.A.* (5 and 9 p.m. Saturdays)

It's pretty low budget — talking heads of a gay man and lesbian

giving a little insight on the news of the week — but worth watching. Andy Humm and Anne Northrup host the show.

I got an e-mail from someone last week who said they were selling the giant gay pride flag on e-bay. My initial reaction was that they were selling the mile-and-a-quarter gay pride flag... but, no. It seems they are selling a large (20x30 feet) pride flag that flew over the Castro at the corner of Castro and Market Streets in San Francisco. Minimum bid was \$25 and the auction ended June 23. The flags were flown for two to four months. Alas, there were no bids and the flag was not sold.

I took a lot of pictures at the recent exhibition at the MGLCC by GLBT artists. Unfortunately, most of them suffer when converted to black and white for publication, so... let me invite you to the *TJN* website (www.memphistrianglejournal.com) to take a look at them in color. And next time, haul your butt over there to view them in person.

It looks like the cable/satellite service Bravo is becoming the *de facto* Gay TV channel. It's been obvious for some time that they run a lot of things appealing to gays — reruns of the Cher farewell tour concert, a six-part documentary on Cirque de Soliel and a series of programs called *Gay Weddings*.

Two new series of gay-themed



programs are premiering in July on Bravo.

Queer Eye for the Straight Guy involves the "make-over" of a straight man by five gay image experts.

Boy Meets Boy is a reality dating series where a gay man, with the help of his "best girl friend," choose a boyfriend from among 15 contestants. Half way through the series, he finds out half of the men from whom he is choosing are actually straight.

The programs are premiering in the second half of July, so check your listings.

Time-Warner doesn't carry Bravo, but it's available on both Dish Network and DirectTV. You might want to call Time-Warner if you have cable and let them know you'd like to have Bravo added to their basic line-up... maybe instead of one of those shopping channels.

Friends For Life's Swinging Summer Auction 2003



Emerald Theatre Company Announces Schedule for Season Seven at Theatreworks

By Bob Dumais

The upcoming 2003-04 season promises to be an exciting and challenging one for Emerald Theatre Company. This will be ETC's seventh year of presenting GLBT-oriented performances at Theatreworks.

Opening on Sept. 12, *Find Your Way Home* is a brilliant psychological statement about the problems of two homosexual lovers struggling to throw off the conventional social roles which society has assigned to them. One is 23-year-old Julian, who is in the midst of a degrading period of homosexual promiscuity which began when his lover left him the year before. The other is 47-year-old Alan, who has decided to return to Julian, although he has not informed his wife and two children of his decision to leave his marriage of 23 years. Add to this mix, Alan's wife, Jackie, and a casual homosexual contact of Julian's named Powell, who uses homosexuality in a

loveless and hedonistic fashion without the slightest regard for the human value of people, and you have the ingredients of a powerful show.

Beginning Nov. 14, *P.S. Your Cat Is Dead* will take center stage at Theatreworks. Jimmy Zoole's life has hit an all-time low on New Year's Eve. His girlfriend is seeing someone else, his groundbreaking one-man show has closed after one day, and his soon-to-be-demolished apartment has been robbed twice. Oh yeah; his beloved cat is dead, too. But Jimmy's downward spiral is just beginning. When the burglar comes back for thirds, Jimmy holds him hostage for an emotionally charged, soul-searching and hilarious night. Nothing is sacred and no holds are barred in this Off Broadway smash by the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *A Chorus Line*.

Vampire Lesbians of Sodom by Charles Busch is a comedy mini-epic. It opens on April 4, 2004. The three scenes jump from ancient Sodom to

1920s Hollywood to present-day Las Vegas. It is during the Roaring '20s that La Condesa, a Norma Desmond-like diva, and Madeleine Astarte, an up-and-coming star, discover that they had shared a close encounter many years ago when Astarte was a virgin sacrificed to the monster Succubus. They are still rivals when they meet again 75 years later in Vegas, but eventually decide to band together to satisfy their thirst for chaste ingenues.

The ETC season will end in June 2004 with *Out Tonight 3... Welcome to the Cabaret*. It will feature more favorite Broadway songs brought to life in honor of GLBT Pride Month.

Season tickets for Emerald Theatre Company's upcoming season are available now for \$30, a \$10 saving compared to buying individual tickets to each show. The four tickets can be used in any combination for any of next season's shows.

For season tickets or more information, call 722-9302.

MGLCC Starts Parents' Discussion & Support Group

The Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center invites GLBT parents with children of all ages to join them for an organizational meeting at the MGLCC at 892 South Cooper on Thurs., July 3, from 6-7:30 p.m.

It is hoped that a parents' discussion group will become an ongoing activity.

Book Club Schedule

The Gay and Lesbian Book Club invites you to join its discussion of some of the best offerings in GLBT literature.

• Thurs., July 17, at 7 p.m.

Invisible Monsters by Chuck Palahniuk

• Thurs., Aug. 21, at 7 p.m.

Vampire Thrall by Michael Schieflebein (Dr. Schieflebein will join the group to lead the discussion.)

Haven't read the selection? Don't worry. Join the group anyhow at the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 892 South Cooper.

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It Was a Night for Being Out and Proud at the Tony Awards

By Deepti Hajela
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — It was a night for being out and proud.

A ceremony that saw the Tony Award for best play go to a drama about a gay baseball player also had an on-camera kiss between a long-time male couple and references to same-sex partners.

Scott Wittman and Marc Shaiman won the Tony for best score for *Hairspray*, which features Harvey Fierstein in drag playing a woman.

Shaiman and Wittman have been professional and personal partners for 25 years. Shaiman declared his love for Wittman during his acceptance speech.

"I love this man," he said. "We're not allowed to get married in this world. ... But I'd like to declare in front of all these people I love you and I'd like to live with you the rest of my life."

He followed up with a kiss for

Wittman.

Host Hugh Jackman referred to the kiss during a commercial break, and there was applause from audience members.

Later, speaking to media, Shaiman and Wittman said they were sure they weren't the first gay couple to win a Tony. "But we're the first maybe to not feel we had to keep it secret," Shaiman said. "It feels good."

When Denis O'Hare won the featured actor-play prize for his role in *Take Me Out*, he named his boyfriend during his list of thanks.

He said he had initially wondered whether he should. "I thought, 'No, no, no, this is the whole point.' The whole point is that we all have to risk something personal to make something happen," he said.

Take Me Out won for best play.

O'Hare said he thinks all the openness and support at the show could affect American society.

"The more it's talked about, the

more it becomes commonplace, the less it becomes freakish. I think it's a good thing," he said.

Not that others haven't mentioned partners, companions and lovers over the years at Tony ceremonies. During the 1983 Tony telecast, one of the producers of *Torch Song Trilogy*, which won best play, thanked his lover.

On the telecast, besides references from those winners who are gay, there were words of support from others, including Margo Lion, lead producer for *Hairspray*.

"Thank you, Marc Shaiman, for saying yes and for convincing me that a domestic partnership could write a show and stay together," Lion said.

Michele Pawk, who won the featured actress-play award for her performance in *Hollywood Arms*, said: "I have never been more proud to be a member of this community. Men kissing each other on stage. Drag queens. Children. It's a perfect world. As it should be."

In Reversal, Philadelphia Boy Scout Council Says Open Gays Can't Be Scouts

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — In a reversal from a nondiscrimination policy passed last month, Philadelphia's Boy Scout council has declared that anyone who says he is gay may not participate in the Scouts.

"Applications for leadership and membership do not inquire into sexual orientation. However, an individual who declares himself to be a homosexual would not be permitted to join Scouting," a new position statement from the Cradle of Liberty Council says.

The council, which is the nation's third largest, runs Boy Scout programs in Philadelphia and two suburban counties.

The local council's position was attached to a tersely worded memo sent to Boy Scout executives across the country.

"As a condition of their charter, no local council is permitted to depart from (Boy Scouts of America) membership policies," chief scout executive Roy L. Williams wrote in the memo.

David H. Lipson, the chairman of the executive board for the Cradle of Liberty Boy Scouts, said the local council had discussed its

nondiscrimination policy with the national council. The local council passed the policy in part because the United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania, which funds some Scout programs, does not allow discrimination against gays. Lipson said the national council participated in the discussions but would not publicly back the nondiscrimination policy.

"We thought we had a deal," Lipson told *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. "We thought we won this major victory, and we were all happy."

Philadelphia Scout officials said soon after the policy was adopted, the national council threatened to revoke the local charter and replace its board.

"We're taking some major hits for standing up for change," local scout executive William T. Dwyer III said.

Gregg Shields, a spokesman for the Boy Scouts of America, said the national organization thought the nondiscrimination policy only applied to the Learning for Life program, which does not have the same membership requirements as regular scouting.

But scouting officials and several others who attended the meetings between the local council and the United Way over two years said they all understood that the policy would apply to all the council's programs.

Earlier, Greg Lattera, 18, an openly gay Scout who had won a top employee award at the Boy Scout camp where he worked, went public with a letter he got from the local council rejecting his application to be an adult Scout leader. It gave no reason except to say that the group can reject a person when there is concern that he doesn't meet the Scouts' "high standards of membership." He said he will work within the Boy Scout organization to fight the rejection with the help of a gay-rights lawyer.

Christine James-Brown, the president of the United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania, said the United Way would meet with the Scouts to reconsider funding the Learning for Life program. She said the United Way board would consider any new information.

"We take this issue very seriously," James-Brown said. "United Way is looking to fund programs that do not discriminate."



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A portion of 2,000 flag carriers pull a 1-1/4-mile-long rainbow flag down Duval Street in Key West, Fla., Sun., June 15, headed towards the Atlantic Ocean. The mammoth banner was created by Gilbert Baker and commemorated the 25th anniversary of the gay and lesbian icon that Baker, a San Francisco resident, conceived in 1978. The flag required 17,600 linear yards of fabric, weighs more than 5,000 pounds and was a highlight event of the PrideFest Key West celebration.

(AP Photo/Florida Keys News Bureau, Andy Newman)

Log Cabin Republicans, Stonewall Democrats to Form Chapters in Memphis

The Log Cabin Republicans and the Stonewall Democrats, both gay and lesbian political organizations, are forming new chapters in Memphis during July.

Organizers for the Log Cabin Republicans will be holding the first leadership meeting during July 2003. The date, time and place will be announced on its Communication Group (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MemphisLCR/>).

The Stonewall Democrats will be holding its organizational meeting to begin forming a Shelby County Stonewall Democrats chapter on Sat. July 12, 2 p.m. at the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 892 S. Cooper.

LCR's primary tasks at this meeting are networking, gathering a leadership team, and focusing on what it will need in its leadership team.

The team will be comprised of 5-10 individuals who wish to take leadership positions in developing this new organization.

LCR will be having a number of guests from other chapters, plus national board and staff members from the national headquarters.

Log Cabin Republicans is the nation's largest gay and lesbian Republican organization, with more than 50 chapters across the country, a national office staff in Washington, DC, and a federal political action committee which

raises \$100,000 per election cycle for Republican candidates.

The purpose of forming a local chapter of Stonewall Democrats is to help build support for the GLBT community in the Democratic Party, help elect GLBT-supportive candidates and increase the involvement of GLBT people in the Democratic Party.

Log Cabin was founded to battle the nation's first anti-gay ballot measure — California's Proposition 6 in 1978. The first Log Cabin activists enlisted Ronald Reagan to publically oppose the measure, which was then defeated. Since then, Log Cabin Republicans has grown and expanded to become a leading voice on the national stage on behalf of the mainstream concerns of the gay and lesbian community.

National Stonewall Democrats (NSD) is America's only grassroots Democratic lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender organization. It is made up of more than 70 local chapters from coast to coast. NSD focuses on creating change in three ways: educating the LGBT community about the differences between the political parties; mobilizing the GLBT community to get out to vote on election day for fair-minded Democrats; and standing up when Republicans attack GLBT families and civil rights while it leads the Democratic party to continue improving its record on issues important to GLBT community.

Log Cabin says it is the home for

mainstream gay and lesbian Americans who want to make a difference in their country. "We represent the next generation for the gay and lesbian community. No longer will we be told where we must live, how we must dress, and how we must vote" LCR's promotional literature stated.

"We know that we will move ahead only when gay people are honest about who they really are. And as the far right continues its drive to dominate our party, Log Cabin Republicans joins other mainstream Republicans on the front lines of the battle for the Republican Party's future," a political flyer said.

Stonewall Democrats members represent every age range, geographic area, ethnicity and gender. Some are activists who have been involved for years, others have just gotten started fighting to create change. According to its website, it welcomes everyone ready to work to put in office fair-minded Democrats who will stand up for us.

"We understand that the fight for GLBT civil rights is at a critical crossroads. We know that electing fair-minded Democrats does make a difference on issues we care about," the website said.

For more information on these groups, visit their web sites:

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Death-row Inmate in 'Boys Don't Cry' Case Wants DNA Test

By Kevin O'Hanlon
Associated Press Writer

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — An attorney for a man sentenced to death for the murder that inspired the movie *Boys Don't Cry* is asking for DNA testing to prove his client's innocence in the killing of a cross-dressing woman.

Death-row inmate John Lotter claims that another man convicted in the crime, Marvin Nissen, actually murdered Teena Brandon and two witnesses on New Year's Eve 1993. Lotter's attorney, Jerry Soucie,

asked the Nebraska Supreme Court to order DNA testing on gloves that Nissen wore the night of the killings.

An earlier request for the tests was rejected by Richardson County District Judge Daniel Bryan.

Nissen has testified that he stabbed Brandon, but he said it was Lotter who shot Brandon, 21, and the witnesses, Lisa Lambert, 24, and Philip DeVine, 22. Nissen is serving a life sentence.

Prosecutors said Brandon, a woman who often posed as a man, was killed because she accused the men of raping her

after learning she was a woman. The killings outraged gay activists and led to several documentaries and films, including the 1999 movie.

Assistant Attorney General Marie Colleen Clarke said that Lotter took Nissen's gloves after the killing and wrapped the gun and knife in them. Thus, she said, it would be no surprise if blood from all three victims was found on the gloves.

"What would it prove?" she asked.

In another pending appeal before the high court, Lotter argues that his trial judge erred by refusing to allow testimony about an alleged confession Nissen made to a cellmate.

Lotter also claims a jury should have decided whether to give him a death sentence. In Nebraska, judges had made that determination until a U.S. Supreme Court ruling last year determined that juries must determine sentencing.

Baptist Convention Ejects Church With Lesbian Pastor

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A Baptist church with a lesbian pastor was voted out of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Laurann Whetham, president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, said Glendale Baptist Church went too far by placing a homosexual in a leadership position. Associate Pastor April Baker is the only full-time ministerial staffer at Glendale, which has about 200 members.

"We're not elevating homosexuality above other sins by this action," Whetham said.

The vote was held May 30.

Glendale officials said in a statement that they accepted the decision.

"We ... appreciate the prayer and dialogue with representatives of the executive board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and accept the decision of the executive board to dissolve our relationship," the statement read.

The Southern Baptist Convention has severed ties with more than 10 other congregations since 1988 over the issue of homosexuality.

Glendale spokesman Stewart Clifton said the church will still consider itself Baptist, and continue to support Baker.

"She's doing a great job," he said. "She has total confidence in the church."

Yarbrough to Host Book Signings

Shannon Yarbrough, author and book reviewer for the *Triangle Journal News* will host two book signings for this new book *The Other Side of What* during July.

The first is Fri., July 11, from 4-6 p.m., in Memphis at Inz and Outz, 553 S. Cooper.

The second is on Sat., July 12, from 4-6 p.m., in Dyersburg at Hastings Bookstore in The Green Village Shopping Center.

Yarbrough lived in Memphis for six years and now lives in St. Louis, Mo. *The Other Side of What* is now available at bookstores or at Xlibris.com.

MGLCC Expands Operating Hours

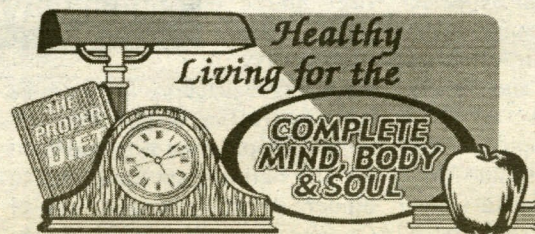
The Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center, 692 S. Cooper St. has announced new operating hours beginning in July.

By popular demand and due to a generous response from building volunteers, MGLCC will be open 12 more hours per week beginning July 1st

The new schedule will be: 6-10 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays; and 2-10 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The center is closed on Wednesdays.

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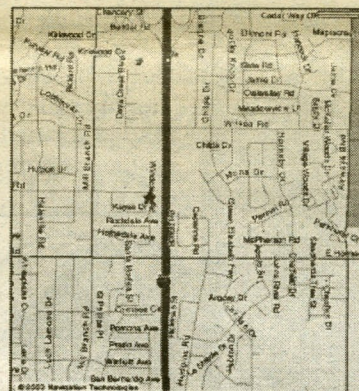
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Corrections

In the May 2003 issue of *The Triangle Journal News* we mistakenly reported that Tim "Odie" Street works for Backstreet, He, in fact, works for Metro Memphis and has worked there for four years.

Odie was voted Best Bartender in the recent Memphis Pride Awards.

Also in the last issue, we reported that Mark Jones was the director of *Eli Parker's Getting Married?* In fact, Jones was the writer and producer. Ryan Parker directed the film.

TJN regrets the errors.

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The Community Corner

By Jon Devin

There's a principle in nature by which a goldfish in a two gallon aquarium will not grow to be more than an inch or so in length, but the same goldfish in a pond could grow to be a foot long or more. The environment makes all the difference in a living thing's ability to grow and develop. After five months of residing at 892 S. Cooper St., in the Cooper-Young neighborhood, MGLCC finds itself in a surprisingly similar situation.

The doors opened for the first time under MGLCC's banner in late February. Almost immediately there was a flurry of activity surrounding building maintenance, training volunteers, signage, and ultimately a scramble to get ready for a full week's worth of events in the building for Memphis Pride Week 2003 (all of which were attended by greater than expected crowds). But already changes in the goals, dreams and direction of MGLCC are apparent and largely due to this new home.

The last space occupied by the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center was a retail storefront on an underdeveloped stretch of Madison Avenue. The signage was minimal, the windows were

covered with thick curtains, and the building itself was rather nondescript. The space at that point was used for scheduled meetings, office space and storage until the decision was made that the rent was not justified to continue occupancy.

So it makes sense that MGLCC's board's first movement toward use of 892 S. Cooper, came from what was known from the past — finding community organizations who needed the space for their meetings. But then a dramatic change started taking place with the pleasantly surprising realization of two words: walk-in traffic. Within the first month, people were stopping by to see the building on their way to dinner, an art opening or any of Cooper-Young's popular night spots. Many ended up staying to watch movies, to join in a game of

Scrabble, to read books, or just to talk and meet new friends. MGLCC's social events like the spaghetti dinner have required more and more pasta ever since. MGLCC Pride Week sponsor, Brown Construction, is now planning renovations to the front porch, specifically to add a wheelchair ramp, to make the building even more welcoming.

With that in mind, a new board will be elected at the annual meeting on Sun., July 13, at 2 p.m.. Its goal will be to grow and develop MGLCC in terms of providing a place where friendship, learning, connectedness and wholeness flourish both in the GLBT community and in this new, warm and thriving environment. So it is a very important transition in the life of the organization, and community involvement is vital. If you would like to find out more about your eligibility to vote in the board elections, call 278-4297 (GAYS) or president, Len Piechowski at 857-8523. The slate of candidates recommended by MGLCC's nominating committee is below. Note that the position of secretary is being elected for the remaining year of the current two-year term. Treasurer and vice-president are elected for two year terms. The position of president and secretary

will be elected next year. All at-large positions are elected for one year. Candidates for board positions will be present at the Annual Meeting and available for questions from the community.

Also at the Annual Meeting, MGLCC Treasurer Allen Gore will present the annual financial report and Len Piechowski will present the State of the Center. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Candidates for the board (as recommended by the nominating committee):

Vice President—Heidi Williams
Secretary—Jim Maynard
Treasurer—Hunter W. Johnston
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Scheduled Events

As a part of a growing community, MGLCC is proud to offer a number of scheduled events in July, but remember, just stop by anytime Thursday-Saturday, 6-10 p.m., Sunday, 1-5 p.m..

- July 4: Fourth of July Picnic on the back lawn, 2-6 p.m., food provided free (donations gratefully accepted)
- July 13: MGLCC Annual Meeting and Elections, 2-4 p.m.
- July 17 (third Thursday): GLBT Book Club, 7 p.m.
- July 19: July Potluck Dinner and Birthday Bash, 6 p.m. (bring a dish)
- July 27: MGLCC Board of Directors Meeting
- Coffeehouse Nights (Fridays, 7

p.m.):

July 11: Music by Gypsy Cove
July 18: "Wyoming, Why Not?" A photo essay through Yellowstone and Grand Tetons National Parks by Herb Zeman

Outflix Movie Nights (Saturdays, 7 p.m.)

- July 12: *A Beautiful Thing*
- July 19: *Desert Hearts*
- July 26: *L.I.E.*

Scheduled Group Meetings

- AA Group, Sundays, 8 p.m. (starting in July)
- Live and Let Live on Cooper Street, Saturdays, 6 p.m.
- Plus Support Group, Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
- 2xLambda First Wednesday
- Second Sunday Social
- 4th Friday Fun (call RJ at 223-3331 for info)
- July 11, 25 (every other Friday): Motley Blue, 8:30 p.m.
- July 12: Stonewall Democrats, Organizational Meeting, 2 p.m.
- July 19: Lesbian and Gay Coalition for Justice (LG CJ), 2 p.m.
- July 20: (3rd Sunday monthly): Gay and Lesbian Atheists and Humanists, 2 p.m.
- July 20 Log Cabin Republicans (time TBA)

All events are held at the Community Center, 892 S. Cooper St., unless otherwise noted.

For information on activities, join the listserv at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mglcc/> or call the Gay Switchboard at 278-4297 (GAYS). Building volunteers are trained each month. To become a volunteer, call Len at 857-8523.



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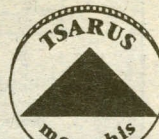
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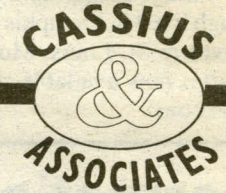
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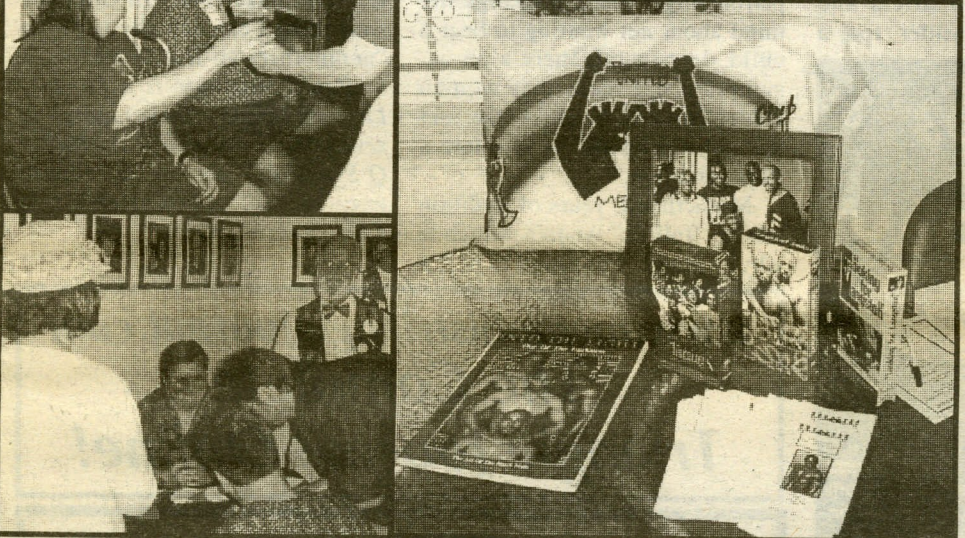
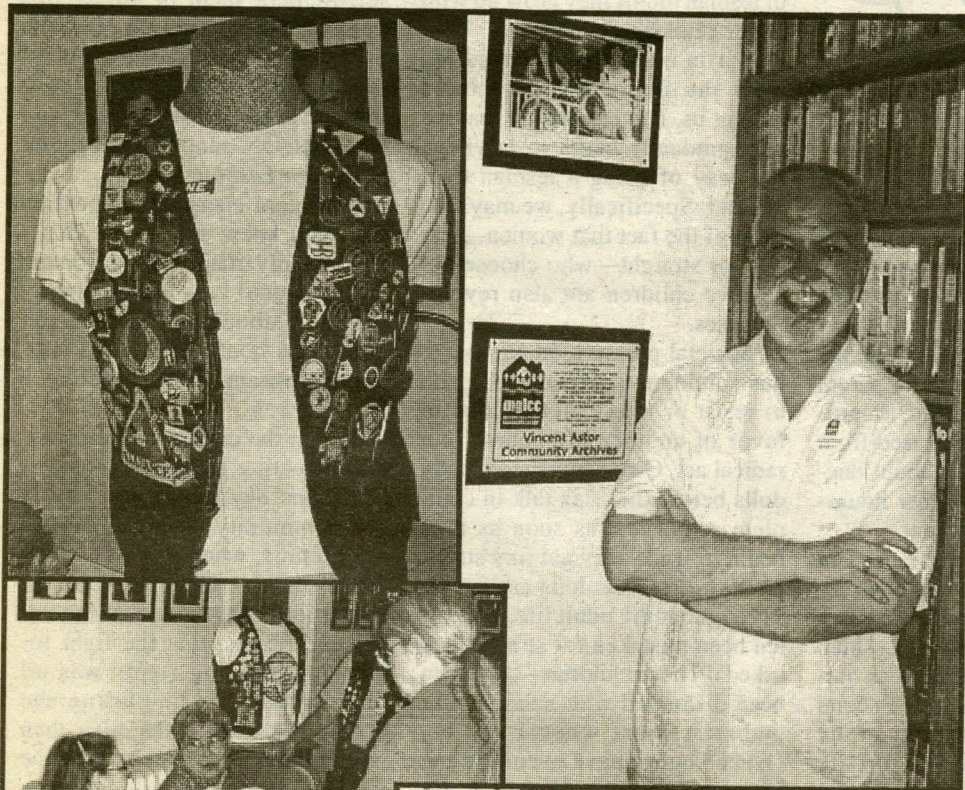
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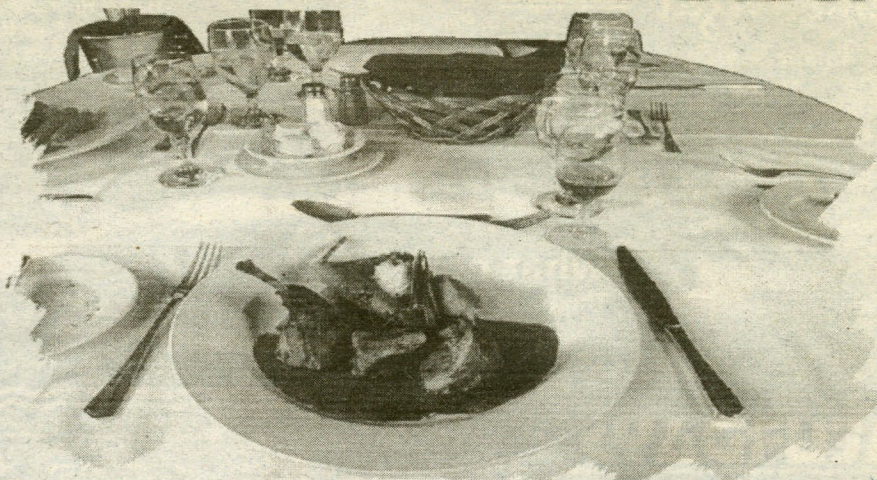
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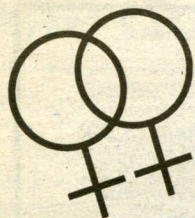


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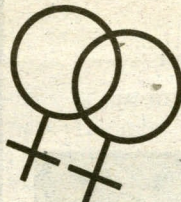
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Lesbian Notions

by Paula Martinac



Not Choosing Children

Recently, I received a direct-mail brochure from a lesbian cruise company informing me that I had been randomly selected to win a "kids-under-10-go-free" vacation to Florida. This was the first parent-directed pitch I'd ever received from a lesbian-run business, and it seemed like an important sign of the times.

Granted, it was just a sales piece from a company that seems to have correctly pinpointed lesbian moms as a hot new market. They may have even gotten requests from dykes with tykes for such a vacation package. But it made me wonder, too, if there's been so much hype in recent years about our right to parent that it's now assumed most lesbians either have children or aspire to—even though many of us don't.

A colleague of mine has quipped that, when she was coming out in the '70s, the best things about being a lesbian were that (1) you didn't have to get married and (2) you didn't have to have kids. Ironically, 30 years later, marriage and parenting rights—which often go hand in hand—have become two of the top priorities of the LGBT movement.

Of course, lesbians were moms long before the current baby boom, but our kids tended to be from past heterosexual relationships. What's notable these days is that so many single and coupled lesbians are choosing to have children biologically or to adopt. Now there's an array of films, self-help books and memoirs about lesbian motherhood; the most visible lesbians on TV — Melanie and Lindsey on

Queer as Folk — have a baby; and Rosie O'Donnell framed her coming out last year in the context of being a mom. Adoption and foster parenting are open to us in most places, and eight states permit second-parent adoption, too. And the easier it becomes for us to parent openly, the more we do so; according to data recently released from the 2000 U.S. Census, about one-third of all female-partner households are raising children.

Truly, there's a revolution in parenting going on, one that deserves the unqualified support our community has given it. Lesbian parents may, in fact, hold an important key to progressive social reform. The mere visibility of out lesbian mothers helps create change in school districts and neighborhoods. Consider, too, a

future generation of people raised by lesbian mothers who taught them the value of difference. Some studies even suggest that children of lesbian moms may grow up with fewer gender-role hang-ups.

But in our efforts to stand behind the many lesbian moms among us, I'm concerned that we may gradually begin to privilege one way of being a lesbian over another. Specifically, we may lose sight of the fact that women—lesbian or straight—who choose not to have children are also revolutionaries.

Societal pressure on women to have children is phenomenal, and to resist or reject motherhood in favor of another life course is a radical act. Girls still receive baby dolls before they can talk in complete sentences; as soon as they begin to walk, they get tiny strollers to push those dolls around in. Throughout my adult life, I've often been mistaken for straight and asked if I have children — and then been dismissed with confusion or embarrassment when I say no. Gynecologists have even told me patronizingly that I'd change my mind about not wanting to bear a child. In general, there's an assumption out there that women don't choose to be child-free, and that not having kids is therefore a sad "condition."

Motherhood, years of tradition tell us, "fulfills" women, which is why so many of us aspire to it. It's

the ultimate grown-up act, the one that transforms self-centered people into responsible adults. In an eerie kind of way, some lesbian self-helpers seem to mimic this thinking. Becoming a mother "is overwhelming, exhausting, terrifying, thrilling and joyous," gush therapists Suzanne Johnson and Elizabeth O'Connor in their recent book, *For Lesbian Parents*. "It demands more energy and attention than you knew you had." That's undoubtedly true for many women; but you could very accurately say the same about writing a novel, building a house, creating a software program, or completing a Ph.D.

Given the current surge in lesbian parenting, the moms among us could one day be the majority in our community—maybe even in my lifetime, when I'm a childless crone. If that happens, I hope our institutions and businesses remember and respect that the fight for lesbian parenting rights was all about choice — including the choice to pursue paths other than motherhood. And maybe then the lesbian cruise line will offer me something I can actually use — a "nonmothers-go-free" vacation.

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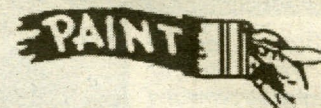
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HOLLYWOOD

by Romeo San Vicente

The Animated Michael Jeter

Fans of Tony Award-winning Michael Jeter, who died in March, take heart: The diminutive gay actor had completed enough of his work in his last movie, *The Polar Express*, so that director Robert Zemeckis won't have to replace him. Jeter's twin characters in the animated *Express* — 6'6" Smokey and 4'4" Steamer — are CGI inventions created with motion-capture technology, which translates the actor's voice, movement and facial expressions into the figures on-

screen. Undergoing the same technological metamorphosis for the holiday-themed family film are Tom Hanks and Peter Scolari. But be patient for that *Bosom Buddies* reunion — this complicated animation stuff takes time, and *Express* isn't due for release until November 2004.

Will the Director Please Stand Up?

Favorite TV gay-player Eric McCormack will soon be making his big-screen directing debut. McCormack has made a deal with

Disney to direct, write and star in *What You Wish For*, a romantic comedy based on an idea from his wife, AIDS activist Jane Hotden. The film is about a Midwestern husband and wife who think they're happily married — until a chance for an affair with a favorite celebrity crops up. McCormack isn't talking specifics about the script, so no word yet on which spouse is getting the sex-fantasy romp. Currently on break from *Will & Grace*, he'll write the script over the summer and shoot the comedy during next year's hiatus. The busy McCormack has also signed on to reprise his role as a filmmaker in a sequel to the 1998 comedy *Free Enterprise*, which stars another Romeo fave, William Shatner.

Big-Screen Queer

Ready to see Brian Kinney kissin' girls? *Queer as Folk*'s Gale Harold, who's given Kim Cattrall her only competition in the bedding-men-on-TV department, falls for females in two upcoming films, *Particles of Truth* and *Rhinoceros Eyes*. *Particles*, which recently premiered at New York's Tribeca Film Festival, is the feature debut of director-slash-star Jennifer Elster, and Harold plays her love interest — that is, if you can call a character who's a recluse and sits in his car a lot a "love interest." *Rhinoceros*, still in post-production, stars Harold as a singing and dancing detective and co-stars *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*'s Michael Pitt.

Sounds more than a little queer to me.

See More Seacrest

The prettiest thing on TV, Ryan Seacrest, is getting his own syndicated show. Thanks to his hosting of some obscure show called *American Idol*, the radio DJ-turned-overnight reality-TV sensation has made a deal with Twentieth Television to host a one-hour program that would run five days a week. Although the details are still sketchy, the show is being described as a news magazine and variety hybrid. Seacrest will also produce the as-yet unnamed show, which is expected to explore elements of American pop culture. But don't worry — Seacrest, who made this year's edition of *People* magazine's "50 Most Beautiful People," is expected to return for the all-but-certain *American Idol 3*. Expect to see Seacrest and his new show turn up on your TV screens in January.

The Right Stuff for Hollywood

He called Anita Hill "a little bit nutty and a little bit slutty," and now controversial journalist David Brock may just get his own nutty story told on screen. Brock's 2002 memoir, *Blinded by the Right*, documented his transformation from closeted and conservative attacker of people like Hill and Bill Clinton to openly gay and liberal

attacker of the right wing. The book's film rights were snapped up by scribe David Hayter (*X-Men*, *X2*), who'll act as producer, with screenwriting duties assigned to Dan Rosen, creator of the 1995 indie comedy *The Last Supper*. Right now the project has no official home, but here's hoping some Velvet Mafia development exec knows a good gossip political story when he or she hears one — and doesn't leave out the slutty parts, like the story of Internet columnist Matt Drudge allegedly hitting on Brock.

John Waters' Dirty Movie

What does John Waters do after seeing his most family-friendly film turned into a Tony-sweeping Broadway musical? Make a comedy about head injuries and sex addiction, of course. The trash-loving Waters will write and direct *A Dirty Shame* for Killer Films, lesbian producer Christine Vachon's company. The film concerns a female convenience-store owner who, after suffering a concussion, becomes an uncontrollable sex addict. The lead has not been cast yet, although Waters has publicly wished for Meryl Streep to take the part. Confirmed supporting cast members include Paul Giamatti, Selma Blair, Waters regular Patricia Hearst, and *Jackass*'s Johnny Knoxville, a man who knows a thing or two about concussions and uncontrolled behavior.

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Kid Opera Star Will Star in Opera

Director Joel Schumacher has finally filled the female lead in the film version of *Phantom of the Opera*: 16-year-old Emmy Rossum will play Christine. Reportedly, everyone else was just too "old," including *Dawson's Creek* antique Katie Holmes. In case you think this is another example of Hollywood ageism (it is, but whatever), consider Rossum's qualifications. She's no stranger to the camera — she co-stars in Clint Eastwood's *Mystic River* and has a slew of TV movies under her belt (in *The Audrey Hepburn Story*, she played the actress as an adolescent). Rossum has also performed in more than 20 operas with New York's Metropolitan Opera, so I guess she can sing anything Andrew Lloyd Webber can dish out (and he is writing new songs for the film). And for the Phantom? Not Antonio Banderas or Hugh Jackman, but up-and-coming Scottish actor Gerard Butler (*Reign of Fire*) will don the mask when shooting begins in London and Prague in September.

Romeo San Vicente doesn't understand what's so like about opera. He can be reached care of this publication or at Write2Romeo@yahoo.com.

The Fire-Eating Lesbian Avengers

"We want revenge and we want it now! Lesbians! Dykes! Gay women! ... We're wasting our lives being careful. Imagine what your life could be. Aren't you ready to make it happen?" So read 8,000 fluorescent green cards distributed at New York City's Pride march in late June 1992. On July 7, some 50

women gathered at the city's Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center to launch the Lesbian Avengers, one of the largest and most visible dyke activist movements ever formed.

Although the Lesbian Avengers had a young, punkish image, the six women who conceived the group—Anne-Christine D'Adesky, Marie Honan, Ann Maguire, Sarah Schulman, Ana Maria Simo and Maxine Wolfe—were veteran lesbian activists who had long been active in pro-choice, social justice and AIDS organizing. The founders were concerned that young queer women were not receiving sufficient organizing experience in groups comprised mostly of gay men. "The original motive for the

Lesbian Avengers was to find some kind of training ground to teach younger lesbians organizing skills, because male-dominated groups were not allowing

ing some six countries.

Eschewing process-heavy meetings and boring rallies, the Lesbian Avengers became known for their in-your-face direct-ac-

PAST OUT

BY LIZ HIGHLEYMAN



them to develop," said Schulman, a well-known lesbian author.

The Lesbian Avengers' debut action took place on the first day of classes at a public grade school in Queens, a protest against the increasing influence of religious conservatives on the curriculum. Directly confronting societal fears about queers recruiting children, the Avengers handed out 300 lavender balloons with the message "Ask About Lesbian Lives."

In the ensuing years, Avengers chapters sprang up in cities, small towns and campuses across the United States and around the world. Although no official count was ever taken, it is estimated that at the movement's peak there were 50 to 60 chapters, represent-

tion tactics, campy humor, and creative use of art and media, similar to other activist groups of the day such as ACT UP, Women's Health Action and Mobilization (WHAM), Queer Nation and the Women's Action Coalition (WAC). Fire-eating became the Avengers' signature, and stickers featuring the group's logo of a lit bomb adorned lamp-posts and public mailboxes throughout New York, San Francisco, Boston, Chicago and other cities.

The Lesbian Avengers' battles were fought on many fronts. The New York chapter erected a papier-mache likeness of Alice B. Toklas next to an existing statue of her lover, writer Gertrude Stein, in Bryant Park on Valentine's Day in 1993. To protest a 1994 anti-immigrant ballot initiative, the San Francisco Avengers set up a "citizen check-

point" at the city's opera house. And in 1995, the Boston chapter held an "eat-out" outside a local Jenny Craig center to protest the diet industry.

But the Avengers' most consistent target was the religious right. In February 1995, the San Francisco chapter unleashed a plague of locusts (actually 1,000 crickets) at the headquarters of Exodus International, an organization that claims to "cure" homosexuals. In October 1997, Avengers from around the country protested at a national rally of the Promise Keepers, a patriarchal Christian men's group. The following year, the Washington, D.C. Avengers presented their Spirit of Bigotry awards to legislators Trent Lott (for "outstanding leadership in the area of homophobia"), Bob Barr (for his "willingness to uphold and promote pre-Civil War family values") and Henry Hyde (for "displays of misogyny above and beyond the call of duty"). The group also established the Lesbian Avengers Civil Rights Organizing Project, which sent full-time lesbian activists to Maine and Idaho to organize against antigay ballot initiatives.

The most enduring legacy of the Lesbian Avengers may be the annual dyke marches, usually held on the eve of LGBT Pride

parades. The first dyke march, organized by members of the Avengers and ACT UP along with local lesbian activists, took place in April 1993 in conjunction with the national Lesbian, Gay and Bi March on Washington. Some 20,000 dykes marched without a permit to the White House in what Schulman called "the largest lesbian event in the history of the world." Two months later, some 3,000 women turned out for a dyke march in New York City and 10,000 marched in San Francisco.

While most organized Lesbian Avengers chapters are no longer active, radical queer women still adopt the Avengers' name to carry out bold, outrageous actions. A small group of Santa Cruz Lesbian Avengers, for example, braved the cold rain topless to protest against the World Trade Organization in Seattle in 1999. And in cities across the United States and around the world, dyke marches are going strong and growing larger.

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ABOUT BOOKS

by Shannon Yarbrough



Victor's Back!

And where has he been since we first introduced to Victor Decimus in 2001 in Michael Schiefelbein's first book, *Vampire* Vow? For those of you who have missed out, Victor is a Roman soldier turned vampire turned monk who was in love with Jesus Christ.

However, Jesus (Joshu, as he is called in the story) turned him down 2000 years ago. Wow! Being shunned by the Almighty must really suck, and it actually does for Victor. Monk by day and vampire by night, he goes on a quest for blood.

In the second installment of Victor's story, *Vampire Thrall* (released in June by Alyson Publications), we find him at a monastery in Rome. Victor is still up to the same routine, but things are about to change. Enter Paul Lewis, a hip young artist who has been employed by the monks to illustrate a manuscript of the gospels on which they have been working.

However, Paul has already been having visions of a seductive vampire even before he arrives in Rome, and he likes these visions (a lot). Paul suffers from epilepsy, and has been self-inducing his seizures to get a glimpse of the mysterious immortal.

The book opens with Paul on a plane to Rome. He is dreaming of having a seizure while the monks are performing an exorcism on him. The vampire enters and kills the monks, and then Paul wakes up just when the vampire is about to... (you don't think I'd spoil it for you here, do you?).

I have to admit that I like Victor a lot more in this one. Kudos to Schiefelbein for exploring Victor's emotional side, rather than giving us all fangs and throats. Although we do get a taste of Victor's nightly feedings, we also get a glimpse of him visiting his father's grave and being haunted by both Joshu and Michael, a former lover.

Victor also slowly becomes obsessed with Paul, rather than rushing into an erotic rendezvous. He senses that Paul is ill, and keeps his distance at first, afraid that it could be a blood disease of some kind or HIV. He slowly begins to spend more time with Paul, and Paul is easy to accept Victor's "skin condition" excuse for why they can only meet at night.

Schiefelbein uses Paul's illness to bring both mystery and interest to the story line. Like other epileptics, Paul blacks out when he stares into light or his attacks are preceded by distinct smells (usually garlic... could this be foreshadowing to the reader or a warning to Paul?). As a child, he even saw visions of events exactly as they happened, even though he was not there when they were taking place. He discovers exactly how his father died months earlier and has visions of his sister being hurt at the exact moment it happens.

Schiefelbein also skips back and forth between Victor and Paul narrating the story, but only the reader knows that they both want each other. Victor even becomes choosier with his victims as he develops a strong emotional bond toward Paul. But he is still a predator. "Stopping myself in the heat of a feeding is harder than pulling out at the moment of climax," he says.

Also, as Victor roams the streets of Italy at night, he is haunted by a strange force that he mistakes at first as being Joshu. But the eerie feeling is gone as soon as he turns to face it. One night, it even drives him back to the monastery and to Paul's room, where he wakes Paul, strips off his clothes, and begins to

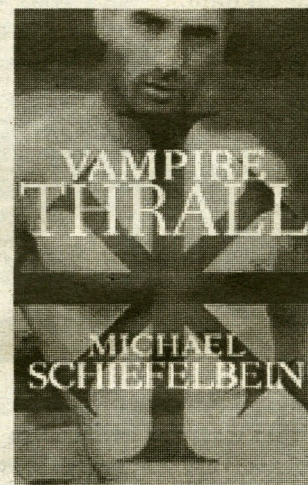
make love to him. However, he can't bring himself to penetrate Paul because he thinks of Paul's illness again. Paul is embarrassed and worries that Victor thinks he has HIV. Once again, Schiefelbein teases us to the point of climax (forgive the pun) only to lead us on further into the story.

Things only get worse when Paul catches Victor in the act. But Victor can't bring himself to destroy this witness that he has fallen for. Instead, he transforms Paul into

his thrall, part vampire and part human. Paul is now completely dependent upon Victor, and must choose whether or not he wants to be a vampire and join the one he loves. Of course, there are consequences to his choice. He could end up losing Victor and having to roam the earth for 200 years alone as a vampire. And I thought I couldn't get a date!

Just when things couldn't get any worse, Paul's epileptic illness and the strange force behind it could screw up his chances with Victor. Will the madness ever end? You'll have to find out for yourself. If you are a vampire fan, forget Anne Rice. Her vampires are collecting dust in their coffins. Schiefelbein is brilliant; and Victor will be haunting your wettest dreams by the time you are done with this one!

Shannon Yarbrough lived in Memphis for six years. He now lives in St. Louis, Mo. He is the author of *The Other Side of What*, now available at bookstores or at Xlibris.com.



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Out & About

The Triangle Journal Calendar of Events JULY 2003

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 - HTCCMemphis@aol.com - 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) 276-0577 - 10am and 6pm

WEDNESDAY CHURCH SERVICES

- Taizé - First Congregational Church - (901) 278-6786 - 6pm
- Prescott Church - Fellowship Dinner & Christian Life Study and Discussion - (901) 327-8479 - 6pm & 6:45pm
- Holy Trinity Community Church - Fellowship Supper and Bible Study - (901) 320-9376 - 6pm & 7pm
- Living Word Christian Church - Worship Service - (901) 276-0577 - 7pm
- Open Heart Community of Faith - "A Course in Miracles" - Study Group - North End of First Congregational (1000 South Cooper) - (901) 323-3514 - 7:30pm

SUNDAYS

- Tea Dance - Metro - 4pm
- Brothers & Sisters Bowling League - Cordova Bowling Center - (901) 722-5236 or MemphisGayBowlin@aol.com - 6pm
- Pool Tournament - Pumping Station - 6pm
- After Park Set Sundays - Paragon - 7pm
- AA Group - Community Center - 278-4297 - 8pm
- Sissy Bingo - Crossroads - 8pm
- Queer As Folk - Metro - 9pm
- Lights Out, Everything Goes - J-Wag's - 10pm
- Drag Show - Backstreet - 11pm

MONDAYS

- Plus Support Group - Community Center - (901) 278-4297 - 7:30pm
- Pool Tournament - The Jungle - 7:30pm
- Dart Tournament - Pumping Station - 7:30pm
- Karaoke Night - Metro - 10pm

TUESDAYS

- Di Anne Price - Wang's Mandarin House (Park Place Mall) - 6pm
- Lesbians with Breast Cancer - Support Group - YWCA (766 South Highland) - 7pm
- Dart Tournament - Crossroads - 7:45pm
- Karaoke Night - Metro - 10pm
- Karaoke Night - J-Wag's - 11pm

WEDNESDAYS

- Dart Tournament - The Jungle - 7:30pm
- Midtown Round-Up - Country Dance Night - Crossroads - 8pm
- Ink & Metal Nite - Show your tats and piercings for specials - Pumping Station - All Day

THURSDAYS

- Cotton Pickin' Squares - Holy Trinity Community Church - (901) 438-2427 - 7:30pm
- Dart Tournament - J-Wag's - 8pm
- Neo-Soul Night - Karaoke - Paragon - 10pm
- Talent Search Night - Allusions Entertainment Center - 10pm
- Star Karaoke - Crossroads - 10pm
- Amateur Show - Metro - 11:30pm

FRIDAYS

- First Congo Films - First Congregational Church - (901) 278-6786 - 7pm & 9pm
- Di Anne Price - Cielo - 8pm
- Karaoke - One More - 8pm
- Pool Tournament - Crossroads - 8pm
- Ladies Night - Allusions Entertainment Center - 10pm
- Late Nite Beer Bust - Pumping Station - 10pm
- Drag Show - Backstreet - Midnight

SATURDAYS

- Camp Fire USA - First Congregational Church - (901) 327-0438 or CampFireMemphis@yahoo.com - 10am
- Live and Let Live on Cooper Street - Community Center - (901) 278-4297 - 6pm
- Di Anne Price - Cielo - 8pm
- Pool Tournament - J-Wag's - 8pm
- Supershows - Allusions Entertainment Center - 10:30pm & 12:15am
- Saturday Night Bounce Night & Cabaret Show - Paragon - Midnight
- Drag Show - Backstreet - Midnight & 3am

SPECIAL EVENTS

Wednesday, July 2nd

- 2xLambda - First Wednesday Outing - Moved to Friday, July 4th

Thursday, July 3rd

- PFLAG - Prescott Church - (901) 761-1444 - 7pm

Friday, July 4th

Independence Day

- MGLCC Picnic on the back lawn - Food provided; donations accepted - Community Center - (901) 278-4297 - 2-6pm
- 2xLambda - Star Spangled Celebration - Shelby Farms - (901) 223-3331 - Time TBA
- Catholic Mass with Special Invitation to GLBTs - St. Patrick's Cathedral - 7pm

Saturday, July 5th

- First Saturday Club - First Congregational Church - (901) 278-6786 - 2pm
- Di Anne Price - Blue Monkey - 10pm

Sunday, July 6th

- Di Anne Price - Huey's Downtown - 4pm

Monday, July 7th

- Feast for Friends - Hosted by Friends For Life - St. John's United Methodist Church - (901) 272-0855 - 6pm
- Jackson Lambda Support Group - Jackson, TN - Davis-Kidd Conference Room - 6pm

Tuesday, July 8th

- Lambda Circle - First Congregational Church - (901) 278-6786 - 6:30pm

Thursday, July 10th

- Parents Together - Support Group for GLBT Parents - Holy Trinity Community Church - (901) 320-9376 - 7pm

Friday, July 11th

- MGLCC Coffeehouse Nights - Music by Gypsy Cove - Community Center - (901) 278-4297 - 7pm
- Motley Blue - Community Center - (901) 278-4297 - 8:30pm

Saturday, July 12th

- Stonewall Democrats - Organizational Meeting - Community Center - (901) 278-4297 - 2pm
- APATT Pre-Party - Location TBA - (901) 272-0855 - Time TBA
- Outflix Movie Night - A Beautiful Thing - Community Center - (901) 278-4297 - 7pm

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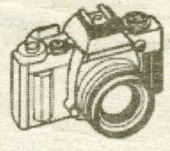
•Memphis Bears Club Night - Pumping Station - 10pm

Sunday, July 13th

- MGLCC Annual Meeting and Elections - Community Center - (901) 278-4297 - 2pm
- Di Anne Price - Huey's Midtown - 4pm
- WAC (Women's Action Coalition) - First Congregational Church - 1000 South Cooper - amullns@memphis.edu - 6:30pm

Tuesday, July 15th

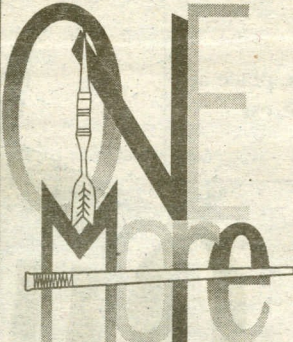
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8915 or (901) 374-9484 - 6:30pm, 7pm, & 7:45pm

•Integrity Worship, Dinner, and Program - \$8 - Calvary Episcopal Church - (901) 278-

Wednesday, July 16th
•HIV/AIDS Support Group - Jonesboro - 7pm

Thursday, July 17th

•Gay & Lesbian Book Club - Community Center - (901) 680-9218 or (901) 278-4297 - 7pm

Friday, July 18th

•MGLCC Coffeehouse Nights - "Wyoming, Why Not?" (A photo essay through Yellowstone and Grand Tetons National Parks by Herb Zeman - Community Center - (901) 278-4297 - 7pm

Saturday, July 19th

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- LGCJ (Lesbian and Gay Coalition for Justice) - Community Center - (901) 278-4297 - 2pm
- MGLCC July Birthday Potluck Dinner - Bring a dish to share - Community Center - (901) 278-4297 - 6pm
- Outflix Movie Night - Desert Hearts - Community Center - (901) 278-4297 - 7pm
- Mirror Image - TG/TS Social & Support Group - Holy Trinity Community Church - MirrorImage_TG@yahoo.com - 8pm
- Tsarus Club Night - Pumping Station - 10pm

Sunday, July 20th

- Log Cabin Republicans - Community Center - (901) 278-4297 - Time TBA
- GALAH (Gay & Lesbian Atheists and Humanists) - Community Center - (901) 327-2677 or MemphisGALAH@yahoo.com - 2pm
- MGLCC Board Meeting - Community Center - (901) 278-4297 - 2pm
- Di Anne Price - Huey's Downtown - 4pm
- WAC (Women's Action Coalition) - First Congregational Church - 1000 South Cooper - amullns@memphis.edu - 6:30pm

Monday, July 21st

- Feast for Friends - Anniversary Dinner - Hosted by Friends For Life - St. John's United Methodist Church - (901) 272-0855 - 6pm
- Find Your Way Home auditions - Emerald Theatre Company - TheatreWorks - (901) 722-9302 - 7pm

Tuesday, July 22nd

•2xLambda - Shelby Farms Music Series - ABBA The Music - (901) 223-3331 - 7pm

Friday, July 25th

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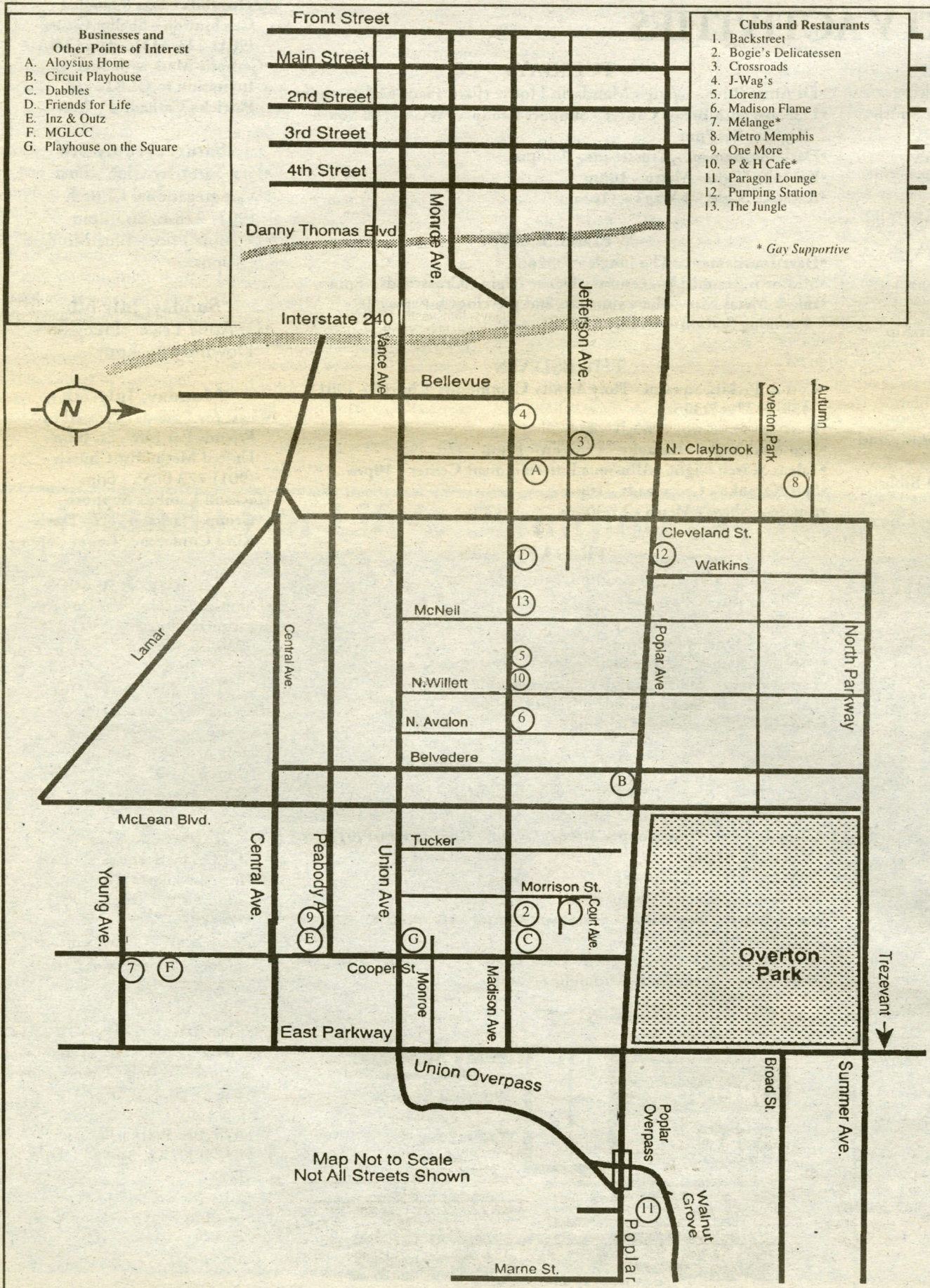
- 2xLambda - Fourth Friday Fun - Libertyland - (901) 223-3331 - 7pm
- Motley Blue - Community Center - (901) 278-4297 - 8:30pm

Saturday, July 26th

•Outflix Movie Night - L.I.E. - Community Center - (901) 278-4297 - 7pm

Sunday, July 27th

•"Alison Tate's Christmas in July" - Sponsored by the Mystic Krewe of Pegasus - Benefiting the Matthew Shepard Foundation - Metro - 5pm



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Cherokee Adult Book Store: 2947 Lamar ☎ 744-7494.
Fantasy Warehouse I*: 791-793 North White Station • 683-9649
Executive South* - 1847 E. Brooks Rd. ☎ 345-0825
Fantasy Warehouse #4* - 2532 N. Watkins ☎ 358-8642
Getwell Book Mart: 1275. Getwell ☎ 454-7765.
Paris Adult Entertainment Center: 2432 Summer ☎ 323-2665.
Tammy's # 2: 2220 East Brooks Rd ☎ 396-9050.
Tammy's # 3: 1617 Getwell Rd ☎ 744-4513.
Tammy's # 4: 5937 Summer Ave. ☎ 373-5760.

BARS / RESTAURANTS

- Allusions Entertainment Center*:** 3204 N Thomas St. ☎ 523-0599.
Backstreet*: 2018 Court Street ☎ 276-5522.
Bogie's Delicatessen: 2098 La Salle Place ☎ 272-0022.
Bourbon Street Cafe: (In the French Quarter Suites)*, 2144 Madison ☎ 728-4000.
Buns on the Run*: 2150 Elzey Ave. 38104 ☎ 278-2867 (278-BUNS).
Crossover: 851 Island Road, Columbus, MS ☎ 601-327-0942.
Crossroads*: 1278 Jefferson ☎ 276-8078.
Crossroads II*: 111 N. Claybrook ☎ 274-8655.
J-Wags*: 1268 Madison ☎ 725-1909.
Lorenz/AfterShock*: 1528 Madison ☎ 274-8272.
Madison Flame*: 1588 Madison ☎ 278-9839.
Mélange: 948 South Cooper ☎ 276-0002.
Metro Memphis*: 1349 Autumn ☎ 274-8010.
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
P & H Cafe*: 1532 Madison Avè. ☎ 274-9794.
Pumping Station*: 1382 Poplar Ave. ☎ 272-7600.
Rumors*: 637 Hwy 145 South, Shannon, MS ☎ 601-767-9500.
The Jungle*: 1474 Madison ☎ 278-4313.
The Other Side*: 3883 Highway 45 North, Jackson, TN ☎ 1-901-668-3749.

CARDS & GIFTS

- Inz & Outz*:** 553 South Cooper ☎ 728-6535.
GGG Gourmet: ☎ 278-6218 or on the web at GGGGourmet.com

CARPET CARE / CLEANING SERVICES

- BJ's Cleaning Service:** ☎ 726-4211.
King's Kleaning Service: Home or Office ☎ 745-3300.
Lee's Carpet Care: Commercial or Residential, 24-hr. service, free estimates ☎ 327-6165.

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 41803, Memphis 38174-1803 ☎ 726-4342, email: memphisgaysoftball@yahoo.com.

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.

Crossroads: African American Gay men's motivation/support/social group. Meets 1st & 2nd Fridays. Conrad R. Pegues, 1902 Freemont Ave., Memphis 38114, crpegues@aol.com.

Equality Tennessee: P.O. Box 330965, Nashville, TN 37203, www.equalitytennessee.org.

4F: Leather/Levi group • 698 Pope Dr., Bartlett 38112.

First Congregational Church: Worship Service: Sun. 9:30 & 10:00 am, Wed. 6 pm • 1000 South Cooper ☎ 278-6786.

First Presbyterian Church: Sun. School, 9:30 am; Coffee & fellowship, 10:30 am; Worship, 11 am • 166 Poplar ☎ 525-5619.

Friends For Life—HIV Resources: HIV/AIDS Service Organization • 1384 Madison, Memphis 38104 ☎ 272-0855 or ☎ 278-AIDS.

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, 6:45pm, \$4; 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

Loving Arms (Services for HIV+ Women & Their Children): Shelia Tankersley, P.O. Box 3368, Memphis, TN 38173 ☎ 725-6730.

Memphis Area Gay Youth (MAGY): PO Box 241852, Memphis, TN 38124 ☎ 335-MAGY for info; website: www.geocities.com.westhollywood/1772/.

Memphis Bears Club: 1066 Wrenwood, Memphis 38122 ☎ 323-4773, e-mail: info@memphisbears.com, website: www.memphisbears.com.

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): Box 241363, Memphis 38124 ☎ 327-2677, e-mail: mlgcj@yahoo.com, www.geocities.com/mlgcj.

Memphis Pride, Inc.: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, & Transgendered Pride Events • Box 111265, Memphis 38111 ☎ 32-PRIDE, e-mail: MphsPride@aol.com.
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

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): Box 172031, Memphis 38187-2031 ☎ 761-1444.

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

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

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

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

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

Transexuals Memphis: Support group for transexuals (male to female) ☎ 272-3278 or e-mail: joannacamilla@netzero.com

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.

COUNSELING SERVICES

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

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

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

Kent D. Fisher, LPC, MAC: Experiential Healing Center, 1713 Lockett Place ☎ 372-0710. EMDR, group, individual, couples & family therapy.

Gary Gardia, M.Ed., LCSW: Midtown location; grief, loss; Lesbian, Gay & transgender; individuals, couples ☎ 527-1098.

Anne S. Gillis, MS: Individual, couple & family counseling, rebirthing ☎ 761-3435.

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

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

Sheridan Lambe, LCSW: Individual & Couple Counseling, ☎ 761-9178.

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

Joseph Robert Pfeiffer, LCSW: ☎ 578-9107.

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

J. Kent Usry, M.Div., MAC, LCSW: Counseling Individuals, Couples, Children, & Families. Specialties: Trauma, Addictions, Grief & Sexuality. Sliding Fee Scale. ☎ 491-8632.

Kathryn T. Vullo, PhD: Licensed Clinical Psychologist, LLC • 8590 Farmington Blvd., Ste. 3, G'twn, 670 Colonial Rd., Ste. 1, Mphs. ☎ 848-6666, www.interpersonalnet.com.

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Donald Morgan Bookkeeping and Tax Service: 5100 Sanderlin Rd. ☎ 761-2110.

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

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

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Botanica: 3092 Poplar, ☎ 458-1929.
Park East Florist: 6005 Park ☎ 761-2980.

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HELP & INFORMATION LINES

Affirmation: ☎ (708) 733-9590.
AIDS Switchboard: ☎ 278-AIDS.

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

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

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

LINC: ☎ 725-8895.
Memphis Sexual Assault Resource Center: ☎ 272-2020

Narcotics Anonymous: ☎ 276-LIVE.

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

Suicide & Crisis Intervention: ☎ 274-7477.

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

LEGAL SERVICES

Wayne C. Gullede, Attorney at Law: 6041 Hwy 4 W, Senatobia, MS 38668 ☎ (662) 301-2014 or (662) 292-0823.

David Hooper, Attorney at Law: 1870 Union Ave ☎ 274-6824.

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

Susan Mackenzie, Attorney at Law: 266 So. Front St., Ste. 206 ☎ 527-7701.

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

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

Jason O. Young, Jr., Attorney at Law: 147 Jefferson, Ste 806, ☎ 728-4000.

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

Hampton Inn & Suites: 962 S. Shady Grove, Group Sales-Events Coordinator: E. Ryan Dougherty ☎ 762-0056.

The King's Cottage: Newly renovated, 87-89 Clark Place, Midtown Memphis ☎ 722-8686, www.thekingscottage.com.

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MEDIA

Family & Friends: Free monthly magazine • Box 771948, Memphis 38177-1948, ☎ 682-2669, Fax: 685-2234, email: FamilyMag@aol.com, http://members.aol.com/familymag/homepage.html.

Triangle Journal News: Free monthly newspaper published by Printers Ink • Box 11485, Memphis, 38111-0485 ☎ 454-1411, Fax: 454-1411 *51, email: memphisTJN@aol.com, website: www.memphistrianglejournal.com.

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Dabbles Hair Co.: 19 N. Cooper ☎ 725-0521.

Girls Work: Incudes: *House Doctors, Intimate Occasions, Lunch to Go, BasketGrams & Everyday Services* ☎ 276-1935, email: grlswrk@hotmail.com, http://www.webspawner.com/users/girlswork/index.html.

Bob Hughes, EdD: Yoga, relaxation & meditation classes ☎ 682-0855.

Bonnie's Doggie Day Care: 885 S. Cooper, ☎ 726-1300.

Love Song Greeting Cards: Specializing in greeting cards for lovers only • P.O. Box 676, Horn Lake, MS 38637-2165.

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Midtown Galleries & Auction, Inc.: Antiques, Art, Painted & Unusual Furnishings • 2228 Central ☎ 725-0049.

Midtown House Cleaning Service: 15yr. exp., ref., onsite est., • ☎ 274-0281 evenings or weekends.

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Enrica Ramey: Insurance Memphis ☎ Business: 377-1075, e-mail: EnricaRamey@aol.com.

TNT Painting: Tom Rowe & Trent Gatewood ☎ 568-9222.

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

Vantek: Internet Services • Box 11187, Memphis 38111-0187 ☎ 324-4999, e-mail: vtadmin@vantek.net.

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

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

Darian Porter, Affiliate Broker, The Carter Group: 1908 Exeter, Ste. 2, Germantown ☎ 753-7222, 278-4079.

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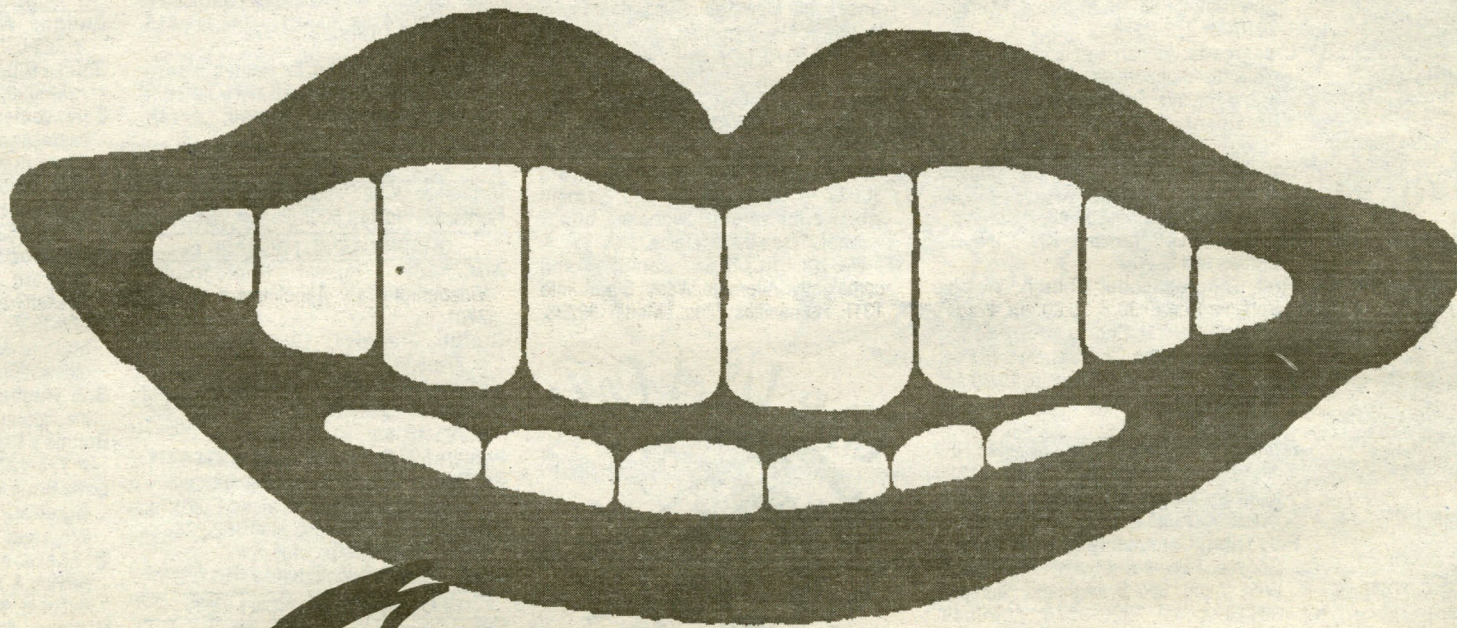
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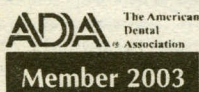


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