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Tennessee Stonewall Democrats Organizing Gays Across State

Gay and lesbian activists are bringing the fight for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender equality to Tennessee with the formation of a statewide National Stonewall Democrats (NSD) chapter.

NSD, America's only grassroots Democratic lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender organization, seeks to promote equal rights for all people, regardless of sexual orientation, race or gender identity, through the Democratic Party.

Members of the newly formed Tennessee Stonewall Democrats are planning on active political and community participation. The group hopes to encourage GLBT community members across the state to participate in the political process by connecting members with their local county Democratic Party or local campaigns.

Stonewall Democrats across the state participated in the Democratic National Committee-sponsored "Pride at the Polls" registering voters during gay pride events in Nashville, Memphis and Knoxville.

This year has seen unprecedented discussion and legislation surrounding GLBT issues in the Tennessee General Assembly. Two resolutions proposing a constitutional amendment to define marriage as a union between a man and a woman were introduced in the House and Senate.

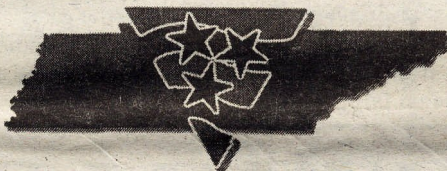
The Senate resolution passed with only one vote against it, cast by Sen. Steve Cohen (D-Memphis).

"It is sad that the Democrat-dominated Tennessee legislature passed this needless and discriminatory legislation. It means we have a lot of work to do in Tennessee to get the state and local Democratic Party in tune with the DNC on gay and lesbian civil rights," said Memphis gay activist Jim Maynard.

The Tennessee Stonewall Demo-

crats plan to keep GLBT Tennesseans informed of legislative actions that may affect them, as well as working with state and local legislators to affect positive change for GLBT residents.

"We definitely want to be active and a visible force to our elected officials and state party," stated Alan Hair, a Nashville activist and leader of the state-wide group.



TENNESSEE STONEWALL DEMOCRATS

The statewide group will begin planning to fight against the Tennessee constitutional amendment next year.

The National Stonewall Democrats have endorsed John Kerry for president and the state chapter will be connecting GLBT activists with the Kerry campaigns across the state.

The Human Rights Campaign, the largest gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender civil rights organization in the U.S. has also endorsed John Kerry. The group will also support civil rights efforts that affect other minority groups in the state, including women's rights.

All Tennesseans, regardless of sexual orientation, are welcome to join the group. Currently there are more than 150 e-mail list members (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/TNStonewallDemocrats>).

Tennessee Stonewall Democrats has begun accepting membership applications for official membership in the Tennessee Stonewall Democrats.

Dues are \$35 a year and membership benefits include voting rights, notifications of special events, a monthly newsletter, and promotional items throughout the year.

Membership dues will be used for advertising and promotional items to help build an even stronger membership base. For more information contact: Jim Maynard (327-2677), or e-mail TNStonewallDemocrats@comcast.net.

Mid-South Pride Pulls It Off with Flare

by Allen Cook

With only six weeks to prepare a gay pride celebration for Memphis, the newly organized Mid-South Pride managed to stage a very credible gay pride weekend—one that shows promises of growth in the future.

The short planning period was necessitated when Memphis Pride, Inc. formally disbanded in April with its assets to be transferred to the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center. Patty Pair assumed the position of chair on the resignation of Kay Mills last October.

No meetings had been held during the year and no solicitation for volunteers or new board members had been made.

About 250 people participated in a gay pride parade down South Cooper St. on June 26 which ran from Peabody Park to First Congregational Church. The day culminated in a "reception" at the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center which was also hosting "Ars Spiritus," the second installment of its gay and lesbian artists' series.

The weekend concluded with a barbeque picnic at Neshoba Unitarian Church in Cordova. A all-gay barbeque team spent the preceding night preparing for the festivities.

Missing from the parade for the second year was the 100-foot rainbow flag. According to Vincent Astor, the flag is now the property of MGLCC and was unsuitable to use this year because of its disrepair. Apparently some of the hand-holds had worn so badly that its use without repair could have resulted in its destruction. Astor expects it



Members of Memphis Area Gay Youth receive the "Best in Show" trophy for their participation in the 2004 Gay Pride Parade.

to be repaired in time for the next parade.

Four trophies were awarded for parade participation. The permanent trophies will travel from winner to winner each year.

Best Use of Theme

First Place — Nike GLBT and Friends Network

Runner-up — Cotton Pickin' Squares

Honorable Mention — PFLAG

Best Riding Group

First Place — One More

Runner-up — J-Wag's

Honorable Mentions — Aphrodite, Stonewall Democrats, Gay Marriage Truck

Best Walking Group

First Place — Holy Trinity Community Church

Runner-up — Beta Phi Omega Sorority.

Best of Show

Memphis Area Gay Youth (MAGY)

The judges for this year's parade included a single gay man, as well as two couples with their foster or adopted children.

Matthew Presley, James McKinney and their foster son Micah; Mary Riccio, Terri Hardeman and their son, Jay; and Dana Rosengard made the selections.



Holy Trinity Community Church won the first prize for Best Walking Group.

Medical Research Is Everybody's Concern

Commentary by Jon Devin

I admit it. I actually shed a tear as I watched Nancy Reagan clasp her husband's flag-draped casket and say good-bye. (And then for some reason I had a bizarre vision of young Ron Reagan dating Mary Cheney.

Bemused, I laughed aloud.) President Reagan was the first president I ever paid any attention to, being in elementary school when he launched his re-election campaign.

I remember believing that he alone could keep those nasty Russians at bay, and that Democrats just wanted to give all our money away to foreign countries.

I remember the "shining city on the hill" speech, although I thought at the time that he must be talking about San Francisco. Of course, I was in my 20s when I learned that beneath the pedestals of that city, gay men had started dying en masse — their plight ignored by an administration whose policy of laissez-faire with a vengeance on

social issues is now the hallmark of the modern Republican party.

How odd and unsettlingly satisfying that President Reagan, after back-

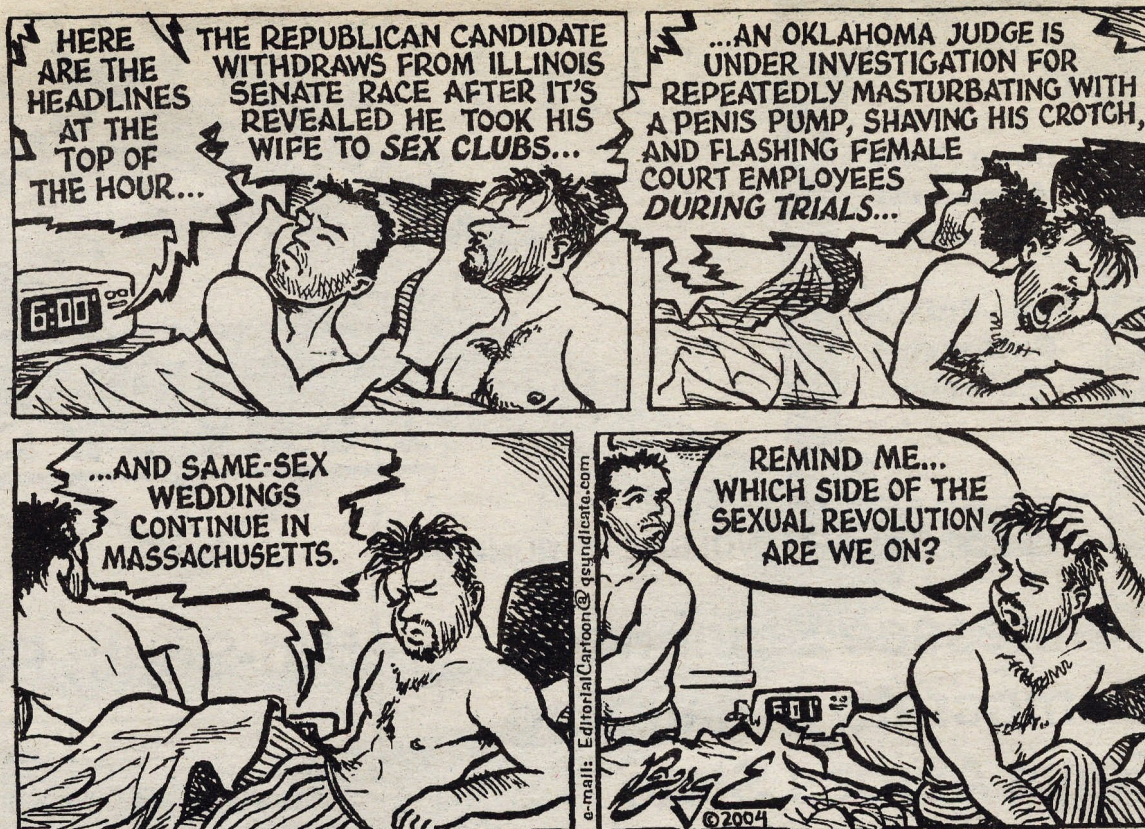
burning AIDS research to the tune of thousands upon thousands of deaths, should

find his own demise from a slow, degenerative, debilitating disease — Alzheimer's — which is likely treatable, if not curable, pending yet more taboo research.

Cruel irony is charging the air these days as controversial stem cell research proposals — most recently championed by Nancy Reagan — continue to meet closed doors at the White House, just as AIDS research did at the height of the epidemic in the 1980s.

First Housewife Laura Bush was quoted, the day after President Reagan's casket reached Washington to lie in state, saying, "We need to balance the interest in science with moral issues." Open mouth, insert satin pump.

Opinions expressed in editorials, commentaries and letters are those of the authors.



Apparently allowing people to die needlessly doesn't cast shade on Bush family morals. Nancy Reagan on the other hand I see differently. She now knows firsthand (like so many gay men) what it is like to watch the love of her life dissipate before her eyes in a slow downward spiral with no hope of recovery.

My guess is that she would have authorized destroying as many embryos as needed to save her hus-

band from this copious killer. And she now knows what it is like to have her pleas for help rejected by a sanitized policy statement promoted by a White House socialite with a Stepford-like, practiced smile.

Am I glad that Ronald Reagan died such an ironic death? No. I have watched more than one person die of Alzheimer's and I wouldn't wish it on my worst enemy — not even a lying president

or his do-nothing wife.

If anything, I'm having trouble saying good-bye to Ronald Reagan and the era of failed understanding that goes with him. You want to just keep fighting that, don't you? Just to stir a bit more in the oil of your own ire?

Well, good — people are still dying at the gates of the shining city on the hill. Whether from AIDS or not, their cause is our cause.



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Quick Tips

By Allen Cook

OK, so it wasn't the San Francisco or New York Gay Pride Parade. So what?

What it was is remarkable.

Kudos go to Gary Wilkerson *et al* of Mid-South Pride for stepping up to the bat at virtually the last minute to organize an event that our community could be proud of.

And brickbats go to Patty Pair

who let a 10-year institution (Memphis Pride, Inc.) die an ignominious death of neglect.

She who espouses volunteering to help organizations in their efforts to better the gay community... She who promotes bringing the community together... She who seems to want to get her finger into every pie... totally dropped the ball, albeit after a few years of thankless service.

Mid-South Pride and its organizers are proof positive that if someone had asked for help, it would have appeared.

The most remarkable thing about this year's Pride parade and surrounding events, is that I never heard one — not one — negative

comment about anything that was done. Given some members of our community's penchant for bitching about almost anything, that in itself was a significant thing.

An interesting note to show how things have changed... Gary Wilkerson's company sent him to Atlanta to work on a project for the week before Memphis Pride. When they found out why he needed to be back in Memphis for the weekend, they flew him back at their expense.

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Trixie Thunderpussy, former show director and star of J-Wag's late night weekend drag shows, will be returning from the wilds of Tupelo, Miss. for a one-night-only show with some of her friends at J-Wag's on Sat., July 10. It should be a blast.

One of the first times I ever saw Trixie, she did a number called "If It Don't Fit, Don't Force It." The props included a rubber glove and a chicken. Gross, but one of the funniest bits I've ever seen on stage. Don't miss her show.

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Talk about a trooper! Nancy Fletcher, Friends For Life volun-

teer and board member (and former Tsarus "Man" of the Year), fell and broke her hip in her home in May. Most people would have given up their volunteer obligations and concentrated on their own recovery. Not Nancy.

From her hospital bed (once she got out of ICU had surgery to repair the hip), she continued to solicit auction items for the 17th Annual Auction Against AIDS.

What a gimmick! Who is going to refuse a request from a woman like Nancy asking for *anything* from her hospital bed!

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Speaking of the Auction Against AIDS, we hope Tom Prestigiacomo never stops hosting it. I've never seen anyone who can get so much money out of people for such a good cause. His auction persona is very different from his radio persona, but a nicer guy you'd never want to meet. He can be heard weekday afternoons on FM-100.

Moire than \$160,000 worth of items were auctioned to provide money for the services offered by Friends For Life.

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Congratulation to Anita Cocktail for winning the Mid-South Idol contest put on by the Mystic Krewe of Pegasus Memphis at Madison Flame on two nights in June. Anita performed as Wonder Woman. First Alternate was Carmelia who performed Elton John's "Don't Let the Sun Go Down on Me" complete with keyboard prop. Second Alternate was Barbara Jean Jasen performing José Quirvo's "Too Much Tequila Last Night" and Third Alternate was B. Leggs impersonating Tina Turner doing "Rollin on the River."

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TJN is pleased to welcome Jon Devin to our fold as a staff commentator/editorial writer. Jon has recently been writing the MGLCC Community Corner column.

While we were obviously impressed with his writing skills, we were unaware of his artistic skills. Jon was one of the two featured artists in this year's Ars Spiritus — the Art of Pride exhibition at the



FM 100's Tom Prestigiacomo served as the primary auctioneer in the 17th Annual Auction Against AIDS held June 27 at the Memphis Botanic Garden.

Community Center this year. Check out page 7 to see some of his artwork and check out our website (memphistrianglejournal.com) to see the color versions of both his and Noel Collins Troxell's work.



Jon Devin

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For those of you keeping up on the status of John Stilwell, my partner for the last 29 years, I am pleased to report he is doing well following his stroke in March. While still using a wheelchair and confined to a rehab center, we've been able to check him out on occasion and take him to a movie and dinner. He is re-learning to talk and seems remarkably adept at adapting to his current condition.

I hope that he will be able to come home by early fall.

Thanks to everyone who asks about him. It means a lot to me.

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Softball League Play Heats Up at Mid-Season

The Bluff City Softball League games are at mid-season and the competitive spirit of all the teams is coming out in full force.

Rain has become the nemesis this year with several weeks of Sunday games being canceled, but league play will finish by the end of July. Games are held on Sunday afternoons starting at 1 p.m. at Tobey Fields, corner of Hollywood and Central Avenue.

You are invited to cheer on your favorite team or just mingle with

fans and players. It may spark an interest for you to start playing.

As of June 20 the league standings are as follows:

Team	Won	Lost
Neons	7	0
Backstreet	6	1
Outfielders	5	2
Locomotion	3	4
Foreplay	2	5
Royals	2	6
Crushers	1	7

Integrity to Feature PFLAG's Dr. Drake

Integrity-Memphis welcomes Dr. Arnold Drake of PFLAG — Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays — and celebrates Friends and Family Night on Tues., July 20. Organizers suggest that you invite your friends and family to attend the meeting.

The Rev. Blair Both of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion will be the guest wor-

ship leader.

Integrity meets on the third Tuesday of every month at Calvary Episcopal Church beginning with worship at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., and a program at 7:30 p.m.

Free parking can be found in the lot behind the church at 102 North Second Street.

Dinner is \$10, but first time visitors eat free.

MGLCC Sets Annual Meeting, Seeks Nominations

Len Piechowski, president of MGLCC, has announced the Annual Meeting of MGLCC for Sun., July 11, at 6 p.m. at the Community Center.

In making the announcement, the current executive board of the center charged Marty Katz, member-at-large, with chairing the Nominating Committee.

Katz worked with community leaders to select the nominating committee.

According to center by-laws, positions open for nomination this year are president and secretary. Additionally, the second half of the unexpired term of treasurer will also be filled. Hunter Johnston who is currently treasurer is stepping down from the post.

Also up for election are the member-at-large positions. The center's by-laws require at least one member-at-large and no more than seven.

Basketball Players Needed

The Memphis Gay Basketball League is looking for players. The last day of enrollment will be Aug. 1. The draft will begin Aug. 6.

All skill levels are welcome and all teams must purchase their own uniforms.

The games will occur Friday evenings about 7 p.m. and Sunday afternoons around 2 p.m.

According to Herschel Stokes, there were "almost three gay teams" on the courts this past season. For the upcoming season, he is hoping for an entire league — at least six teams with eight players

per team.

The league is also rolling out something completely new which is the draft. The draft is designed to balance out the abilities of each team.

Coaches as well as players are needed.

\$35 pays for the courts for the entire season, so if you're looking to meet new people, get some exercise or simply have fun, join up.

For more information, contact: Herschel Stokes at Herschel@ghruaim.net or call (901) 336-8454.

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Concert to Benefit Scholarship Fund

Local pianist and professor Steve Katz will give a piano recital at Amro Auditorium 2918 Poplar Ave., on Sun., July 18, at 2 p.m. The community is invited to attend and support this gala event.

Your \$5 tax-deductible admission contribution goes to the Steve Katz/Amro Music Piano Scholarship Fund, which offers college scholarships to promising local musicians.

The hour-long recital will feature classical as well as contemporary music performed by the eclectic Katz, assisted by several of his young, energetic scholarship students. A quick, but delicious, encore auction will precede the tasty home-made refreshment finale.

Dr. Steve Katz is professor of music at Southwest Tennessee Community College, where this summer he was named the most outstanding teacher among the college's 600 faculty members.

As a touring concert pianist, he has represented the United States in international piano competitions and has played concerts from Paris, Tenn., to Paris, France.

Katz has two piano CDs on the market, *Piano Imagination* and *Fire and Air*. He donates all proceeds from the sale of these CDs to the scholarship fund. Copies will be available at the recital for a donation of \$10.

Steve and his partner, Bob, live on a farm near Millington and raise



Dr. Steve Katz

ponies, donkeys and various other beasts. Steve is the uncle of MGLCC board member Marty Katz.

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ATTENTION TRIANGLE JOURNAL READERS!

WARNING! Don't Even Think About Speaking To A Dentist ... Until You Know The 10 Questions You MUST Ask A Dentist BEFORE Choosing One!

Memphis, Tn - If you are currently looking for a new dentist, then you must read this article, as it may be the most important thing you've ever read! When it comes to selecting the right dentist, most people find themselves confused, frustrated and feeling like they're taking a stab in the dark! After all, who taught you:

How To Choose The Right Dentist?

It's a tough choice for most of you, because none of us are taught the TRUTH about the advancements in dentistry, let alone how to pick the right one to help you out and to make sure you are getting one that is up to speed with all the training in pain free methods, cosmetics, and latest advancements dental implants and denture! If you're like most people, you're scared and nervous, wondering things like:

- How do I know this person is really any good?
- How can I tell before I walk in, if it's going to be a practically pain free experience?
- Is he/she an expert at cosmetic dentistry?
- What questions should I ask them?
- Should I believe their suggestions?
- Are they just trying to sell me or get me to spend more money with them?
- Will this person rip me off?
- How much say do I have when it comes to making the best decisions for my own dental health?
- Will I have ALL the options to weigh before making decisions?

And the list goes on! Admittedly, how to choose the right dentist for you and your family is harder than knowing you need to choose one in the first place! In fact, one of the biggest questions people face is:

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This may not surprise you, but there are some people out there who are working for their own greedy personal gain, at YOUR expense! This is disgusting and it's wrong, but it happens. It's a reality we all have to accept. The truth is there are as many good dentists as there are bad ones. Just like in any profession. The task for you is to know how to...

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Resolution Against Conway Gay Parade Fails Without Vote

CONWAY, Ark. (AP) — A Conway alderman had about 200 loud supporters for a resolution to denounce a gay-pride parade scheduled for the last weekend in June, but not one of his colleagues on the city council would second his call for a vote June 23.

Alderman Sandy Brewer's proposal was to dissociate the city from the parade planned for the 35th anniversary of the start of the gay-pride movement in New York's Greenwich Village.

The resolution would not have carried any legal weight, but would have called the parade "a potentially divisive and disruptive

activity" that the city would "neither encourage nor condone."

The crowd complained vociferously when the other aldermen met Brewer's proposal with silence, never seconding the motion and therefore not opening the floor to debate.

Parade organizers John Schenck and Robert Loyd welcomed the public response, saying it was good to begin discussing the issue. Schenck and Loyd live in a bright pink house in Conway and held a public commitment ceremony on the steps of the state Capitol in Little Rock earlier this year.



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In Atlanta, a City Not Known for Theater, Quirky Comedy Packs 'Em In

By Kristen Wyatt
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — Sorry, Miss Daisy. A comedy about a Hooters waitress has become the most successful play in Atlanta history.

Peachtree Battle, the story of an old-guard Atlanta family stunned when their son brings home the unexpected fiancée, will put on its 500th performance this weekend. It has passed *Driving Miss Daisy* as the longest-running play in local theater history.

The comedy, its name taken from an exclusive street in the wealthy Buckhead neighborhood, follows the many troubles of the Habersham family. Daughter Candler has an eating disorder, and son Holcomb is gay and lost his partner in a car crash.

That leaves youngest son Ansley as the family favorite, until he scandalizes his kin by introducing them to his intended — a busty, black Hooters girl named Tiffani.

Oh, and if that's not enough, grandma has a drinking problem.

"It's really a pretty dark, dysfunctional family," said Anthony Morris, who co-wrote the play with partner John Gibson. "We didn't know if people were going to think any of this was funny."

Morris and Gibson, a team that wrote and produced several regional comedies before *Peachtree Battle*, worried even more when the 9/11 attacks happened just days after opening.

Then a critic for *The Atlanta-Journal Constitution* called it "an unforgivably bad soap opera." It looked like Morris' idea for an open-ended run, common in New York but rare in Atlanta, was a huge miscalculation.

But a month later, in October, 2001, *Peachtree Battle* sold out its tiny 120-seat theater. It's been sold out every performance since, with a weeks-long waiting list for tickets.

It seemed audiences related to the Habershams a little more than anyone expected.

Theatergoers used to seeing touring companies, and plays written in other cities, were struck by *Battle's* many local

references. The writers skewer Georgia politicians and take countless good-natured swipes at being Southern.

Early in the show, as mother Trudy Habersham (Deborah Childs) prepares a last-minute gala for her son's engagement party, she frantically calls her favorite caterer.

"Can I get the Strom Thurmond cake?" she asks. "You know, the chocolate one with the white topping?"

Later, Trudy challenges the parenting skills of her boozy mother, Azalea Wieuca (Anna House).

"Your idea of good parenting is teaching a 6-year-old how to make a perfect martini," Trudy says.

Azalea just shrugs. "Worked for the Bush twins," she says.

With a few exceptions, the actors trade insults with unforced Southern accents — another rarity even in Atlanta productions.

Especially charming is dad Sherwood Habersham (Shields Upchurch), who is estranged from his wife but is called to talk some sense into his son. Ordered to dissuade Ansley from marrying Tiffani, he calls Ansley away from the others and offers his thoughts on marrying a Hooters girl.

"You did it, son!" he nearly shouts, giving Ansley a big hug for his accomplishment.

The laughs are plentiful through the two-act play. To Gibson and Morris, *Peachtree Battle* is helping change Atlanta's reputation as a town unsupportive of theater.

"We've heard for so long that Atlanta won't go for it, Atlanta doesn't support theater," Gibson said. "That's not true — Atlantans are dying for good theater. If it's something that entertains them, something they can relate to, they'll support it."

Peachtree Battle has done so well — grossing \$1.6 million even in a small theater — that Gibson and Morris are in talks to develop a television series, or a New York version for a Broadway run. They're evasive about details, but say they expect a deal to be announced this year.

"The key to success is, bottom line, it has to be funny," Morris said. "Yes, it's Southern, but it could happen anywhere. You could call it regional, or lowbrow, but it's really classic comedy."

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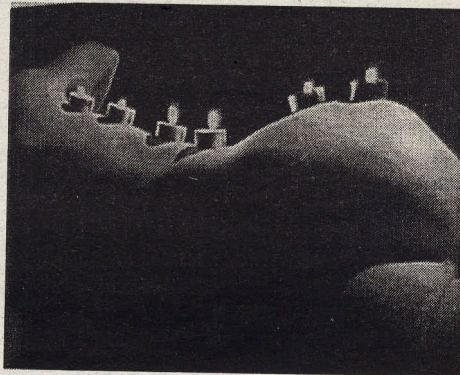
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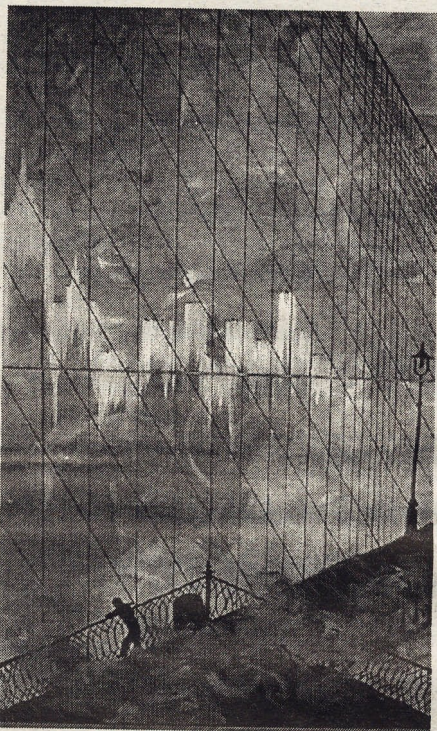


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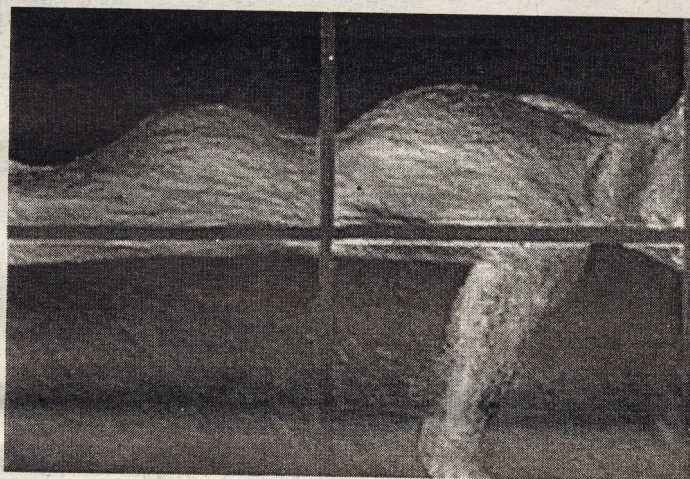
The second annual gay and lesbian art exhibition "Ars Spiritus" featured the works of Jonathan R. A. Devin and Noel Collins Troxell. The exhibit was hung at the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center and was displayed through July 3.



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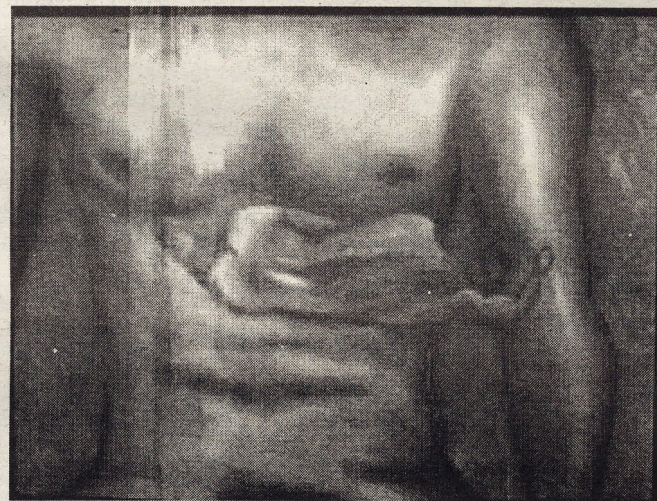
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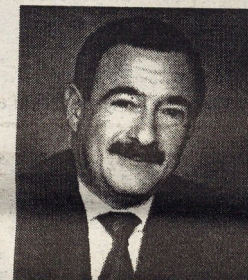
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Comedic Toast of British TV Takes on America

By Janice Rhoshalle Littlejohn
For The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — "I need something LOUD," says Graham Norton as he swishes through the designer collections at Bergdorf Goodman on a recent shopping spree.

He proceeds to pull a lipstick-red Jil Sander jacket from its hanger, then snatches a sunburst yellow shirt and muted blue trousers by Theory and a Dolce & Gabbana denim shirt.

An unabashed queer eye for haute couture, Norton has been named *GQ*'s "worst-dressed man" for two consecutive years.

"Isn't it just wrong?" he says, pointing to an ad with a long-haired Adonis in a dizzily colorful sports coat.

"I really think it's the gay thing," Norton snickers. "All of these supposedly heterosexual fashion editors at *GQ* and *Esquire* say Orlando Bloom or David Beckham is the best-dressed man.

"But what they're really saying is that they fancy them, because all they're wearing is jeans and a T-shirt. I don't think they hate me because I'm gay. I think they hate me because I'm not beautiful."

A comment like that might seem dispiriting, but such is the off-kilter charm of the host of Comedy Central's *The Graham Norton Effect*, which airs Thursdays at 9 p.m. on Comedy Central.

It's the same wry, saucy wit

that has bolstered the comic's popular British chat show, *So Graham Norton*, where mischievous humor, naughty Web sites and erotic sex toys are as much a part of the shtick as his deafeningly loud suits.

"I don't feel personally judged by *GQ*," says Norton, dressed this day in a striped blue oxford shirt, blue jeans and white moccasins. "They've only seen me in my bright shiny suits."

Billed as a "peep show-side show-talk show," the weekly *Graham Norton Effect* will mimic his irreverent, six-year-old U.K. show, a witty hodgepodge of *The Larry Sanders Show*, *Late Night With David Letterman*, *Whose Line Is It Anyway?* and *Dame Edna's Hollywood*.

Although it will be taped at Manhattan's Chelsea Studios, with an initial run of 13 weeks, Norton says his new show "really will be the same show."

That means no monologue and no desk, and more *Let's Make a Deal*-style games with the audience and unusual comedic antics with the guests.

"I'm not doing just a talk show," he says. "I'm doing my silly little show."

This silly little show began as "quite a cult hit" in Britain, says co-executive producer Graham Stuart. "It was expected that we would have a young audience, and a lot of gay people."

"But, surprisingly, very quickly everybody came to the show," in-

cluding a wide variety of celebrity guests including Naomi Campbell and Sophia Loren.

Norton has surfed porn sites with Joan Collins and Carrie Fisher, and engaged in priceless comedic scenarios with Dustin Hoffman, Cher and John Malkovich.

"Madonna's my big get," says Norton, "but in the end, the Madonna I want is the Madonna from six years ago. Now she's a working mother of two, everything's about cabala. I'm not sensing fun with a capital F."

Norton's shows are definitely not for the prudish.

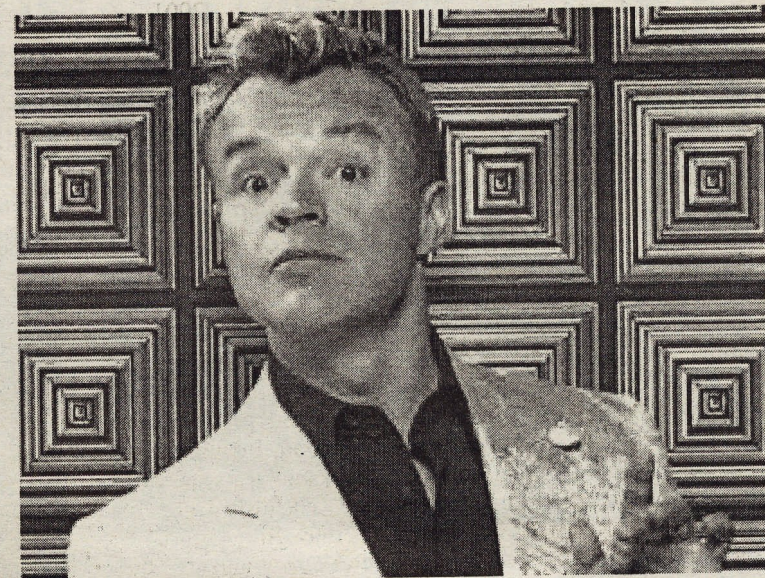
"He's really naughty," purrs Lauren Corrao, a programming executive at Comedy Central. "He gets celebrities to do things you'd never think they'd do (and) he plays with the audience in a way that nobody else does."

Says Jon Magnuson, Norton's longtime producer: "Essentially what's funny about it on a basic level is it's silly. But we have to work quite hard to make things seem easy."

In this era of post-Janet Jackson puritanism, it may be even harder to get away with some of Norton's racier stunts.

"We're still feeling the ripple of the nipple," says Norton of the FCC's current crusade for media decency. "Our timing isn't great, but funny's funny. In the end we're going to make our show and they'll beep it and blur it and you still get the joke. But for some weird reason, you just can't be seeing it."

Formally trained as an actor at London's Central School of Speech and Drama, the 39-year-old Irish comic got his big break in 1997 when he was nominated for the Perrier comedy award at the Edinburgh Festival, which led to a raft of TV offers in Britain.



Graham Norton will star in *The Graham Norton Effect* on Comedy Central, Wednesdays at 9 p.m.

But to have a show in America has long been his goal.

"Now I sound so ambitious," he says, laughing. "It really was just kind of a pipe dream. I've done very little proactively to make this happen."

In the end, he says fame is his ultimate ambition.

"The best bit of the play is at the end with everyone clapping and going, 'Woo-hoo, we like

you! Well done!'" he says. "That's what you work towards."

To eventually be deemed "best-dressed" would be nice, too.

Back at Bergdorf's, Norton spots a pair of white Keanan Duffy cotton jeans with silver piping, pearls and rhinestones on the pockets.

"Oooh, I like that," he coos. "It's my attraction to shiny things. It catches my shiny eye."

Shepard Killer Loses Bid for Sentence Reduction

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — One of two men convicted of murdering gay college student Matthew Shepard lost a bid June 25 to have his life sentence reduced.

District Judge Jeffrey A. Donnell rejected Russell Henderson's contention that he was denied effective legal assis-

tance during trial. He argued that his court-appointed lawyers were ineffective because they did not discuss potential appeals.

Henderson and Aaron McKinney kidnapped Shepard in October 1998 and tied him to a fence outside Laramie, where he was pistol-whipped, robbed and abandoned. The 21-year-old University of Wyoming freshman died five days later.

McKinney received two consecutive life sentences after being found guilty of murder.

Henderson pleaded guilty to murder and kidnapping to avoid a possible death sentence. His current lawyer, Tim Newcomb, declined comment on the decision.

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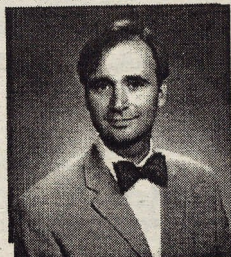
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Key Military Specialists Discharged Under 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell'

By Beth Fouhy A
ssociated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Brian Muller, an Army bomb squad team leader who served on a security detail for President Bush, said he was dismissed from duty after deciding to tell his commander he's gay.

"I didn't do it to get out of a war — I already served in a war," Muller, 25, said in an interview. "After putting my life on the line in the war, the idea that I was fighting for the freedoms of so many other people that I couldn't myself enjoy was almost unbearable."

The exodus of soldiers like Muller continues even as concerns grow about military troop strength, according to a new study. Some 770 people were discharged for homosexuality last year under the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

The figure, however, is significantly lower than the record 1,227

discharges in 2001 — just before the invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq. Since "don't ask, don't tell" was adopted in 1994, nearly 10,000 military personnel have been discharged — including linguists, nuclear warfare experts and other key specialists.

The statistics, obtained from the Defense Manpower Data Center and analyzed by the Center for the Study of Sexual Minorities in the Military at the University of California at Santa Barbara, offers a detailed profile of those discharged, including job specialty, rank and years spent in the service.

"The justification for the policy is that allowing gays and lesbians to serve would undermine military

readiness," said Aaron Belkin, author of the study. "For the first time, we can see how it has impacted every corner of the military and goes to the heart of the military readiness argument."

"Don't ask, don't tell" allows gays to serve in the military as long as they keep their sexual orientation private and do not engage in homosexual acts.

The study, which analyzed discharges between 1998 and 2003, found the majority of those let go under "don't ask, don't tell" were active duty enlisted personnel in the early stages of their careers. Of the nearly 6,300 people discharged during that six-year period, only 75 were officers.

Seventy-one percent of those discharged were men.

The study found that the Army, the largest of the services, was responsible for about 41 percent of all discharges. About 27 percent of the discharges came from the Navy, 22 percent from the Air Force, and 9 percent from the Marines.

Hundreds of those discharged held high-level job specialties that required years of training and expertise, including 90 nuclear power engineers, 150 rocket and missile specialists and 49 nuclear, chemical, and biological warfare specialists.

Eighty-eight linguists were discharged, including at least seven Arab language specialists.

Elaine Donnelly of the Center for Military Readiness, a conservative advocacy group that opposes gays serving in the military, said the loss of gays and lesbians serving in specialized areas is irrelevant because they never should have been in those jobs in the first place.

"We need to defend the law, and the law says that homosexuality is incompatible with military service," Donnelly said. "There is no shortage of people in the military, and we do not need people who identify themselves as homosexual."

There are currently about 1.5 million people serving in active duty in the military, and another 1 million in the Reserves.

Friends For Life, SWTCC to Work Together

Friends For Life recently entered into an on-going collaborative effort with Southwest Tennessee Community College's Education Opportunity Center to assist "students" registered in Friends For Life's Wellness University.

According to Anita Bradford, Wellness University director, she and SWTCC administrative personnel met recently. Through that meeting, an immediate need for Wellness University students was identified — GED classes.

"What we found was that there was an immediate need for (Wellness University) clients to get their GEDs as many of them never finished high school," Bradford said.

Because of this need, Friends For Life's Wellness University begins offering GED classes to its clients in July.

The classes will be led by a certified GED instructor and will take 20 weeks to complete, Bradford said. The classes will be held every Thursday from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Wellness University, located on the second floor of the Friends For Life building at 28 North Claybrook.

In order to take advantage of the GED classes, a person must be HIV-positive. Pre-registration is required and can be obtained by calling Bradford at (901) 726-6522.

Class size is limited and, in most cases, transportation is free.

In keeping with the on-going collaborative effort, career counselors from SWTCC will be on

hand at the Wellness University once a month to offer career counseling and development services to Wellness University clients.



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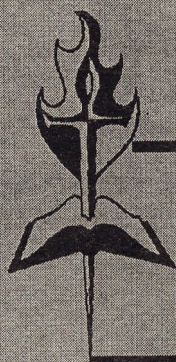
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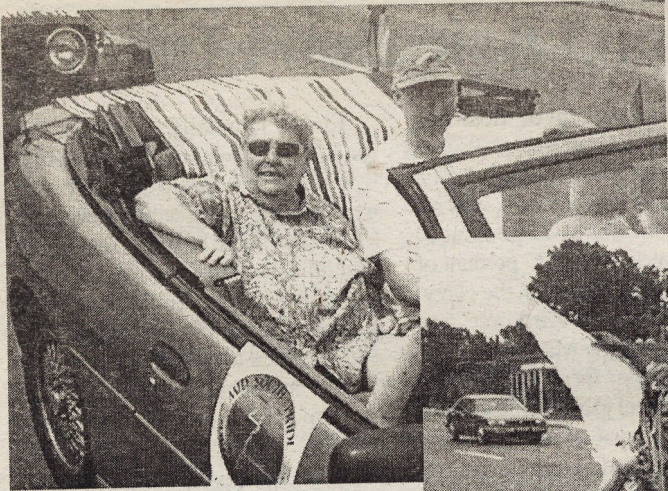
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What's Become of Memphis Pride

Thank God for Mid-South Pride. Memphis does not realize how close it came to not having a Pride celebration at all in the general community. A dedicated group of individuals were committed that there should be major Pride events in this important election year. The parade, produced after six weeks of hard work and a lot of support from the GLBT/SGL community, stretched down Cooper St. from Young to Central.

It is a shame when we should also be celebrating the 10th anniversary of Memphis Pride, Inc., that it has been swept under the rug with a few terse excuses and no respect at all for what it represented. What happened?

Neither an annual meeting nor any other publicized meeting was held before another group began forming (because no events for 2004 had been announced). Only then was a hasty meeting held to disband a tried and tested organization. Numerous people who expressed a desire to know what was going on or offer to help were completely ignored. There were issues, there were reasons, there are excuses, but nothing explains nor justifies this long delay. Chair Kay Mills resigned last fall for personal reasons; the responsibility rests with her successor, Patricia Pair.

In the June issues of two publications, the dissolution was announced and the assets of Memphis Pride were promised to the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center. When no action was forth-

coming from Pair, and Pride was a week away, board members Katie Hiestand, Barbara Jean Jasen and Tim Johnson stepped in and assisted in the transfer of Memphis Pride's physical property in time for it to be used in this year's celebrations. They came through because they remain committed to the concept of Pride in the general community.

So, due to the diligent efforts of Mid-South Pride, the MGLCC, Neshoba Unitarian Church and numerous individuals, Pride was celebrated in Memphis in a big way. It was a miraculous success and its future is once again certain.

Vincent Astor,
Founding Chair
Memphis Pride, Inc.

Mad About Maynard

First, let me say that I am a certified registered Democratic voter. However, over my lifetime I have — locally, statewide and nationally — voted for candidates from the Green Party, Libertarian Party and to yes...the Republican Party. I do not believe that one party enjoys absolute righteousness over another on issues or doctrine. Bipartisanship in this country is ruining this country on all levels...be it religious rights, women's rights, civil rights, state's rights, taxes, gay rights or human rights.

As a fellow Democrat, I am ashamed of Jim Maynard's "poodle-on-acid mentality" towards those from other parties seeking common ground.

I am amused with laughter at Mr. Maynard's fantasy ranting of being stalked by "Log Cabin Republicans" after coming from a bar and then being surrounded and ridiculed for his beliefs. Would this really happen...and in "this town." I can just see it: six-foot-tall bearded gay men dressed as Lincoln in Ninja outfits surrounding little ole Jim and berating him for his zealous beliefs.

And another thing, Mr. Maynard. As a veteran, I can tell you personally that Clinton was not forced into succumbing to "don't ask, don't tell" by Republicans, but rather by his own constituents. Gays discharged from military service are usually discharged for "outing themselves." While I feel the whole policy is wrong, both Republicans and Democrats are to blame. Most commanders are under the belief that they don't care

what people do in their bedroom as long as they are good soldiers. However, there are exceptions to every incident.

When I go into a voting booth, I vote for what is best for my country — a safe homeland, my nephews and nieces, my elderly parents on Social Security, affordable health care for all and, most of all, whether I have money in my wallet at the end of the day. On the other hand, I vote for less government (which used to be a Republican value).

While not endorsing any particular religion, I believe religion has been excluded too much in the fabric of society.

My rights as a gay man are not on the front burner of my being a Democrat. Yet I stand proudly as a gay man and will defend anyone that is. The legal equalities sought by gay people will be defined by the courts as have most all civil right issues of the 20th and 21st century. There is too much wishy-washiness by both parties to claim they are pro-gay rights.

For Mr. Maynard to rant with anger at others of dissimilar beliefs makes me leary of him. He seeks tolerance, yet denies it to others.

I am also amused with Allen Cook, the owner/editor of Triangle Journal News. It amazes me, Mr. Cook, that on a previous occasion when I wrote a letter to the editor after print date, you immediately sent me an e-mail saying you would print my letter. Then, apparently, you e-mailed my public response to John Heiser immediately for a response in "your paper." You did not give me this same fair

and balanced chance of responding immediately. You have shown again "yellow journalism tactics" with Mr. Maynard's quick editorial response in your paper. So, Allen, you either:

A) Like a good bitch fight.

B) Only allow those with similar views to yours to have a quicker editorial reply.

C) Are unfair and unbalanced.

I hope we all as gay people everywhere learn to pick and choose our battles more carefully. As we celebrate Gay Pride 2004, we commemorate a day that in all actuality was only a day that a bunch of drunken gays and transvestites were in a speak-easy illegally drinking, drugging and crying over, of all people, the death of a pill-popping-has-been-whore/singer named Judy Garland and were later "legally arrested" by police.

The world will not end, and the more things change, the more they stay the same. But if we cannot, as human beings, speak kindly to our brothers (be they black, white, man, woman, gay, straight, Democrat or Republican), we will never get off first base.

Mark Lee Benton

The Triangle Journal News policy generally is to allow a response in the same issue to a letter to the editor which attacks a person or organization individually when time allows. I gather you feel that is being unfair and unbalanced. Personally, I don't think it is. Even when we don't offer space in the same issue, we print responses in a subsequent issue as we receive them.

By the way, I do love a good bitch fight... can't you tell? — Ed.

San Francisco's Gay Wedding March Inspires Documentarians

By Lisa Leff
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Not just any couple gets an Academy Award-winning director to shoot their wedding video: Then again, the Feb. 12 ceremony uniting the first ladies of the gay rights movement, Phyllis Lyon and Del Martin, wasn't just any wedding.

Lyon, 79, and Martin, 83, partners in love and lesbian politics for more than half a century, agreed to be the first pair to tie the knot with San Francisco's blessing after Mayor Gavin Newsom decided to grant marriage licenses to same-sex

couples. Fear that a court might intervene before the "I Do's" were said demanded a rushed, hush-hush affair.

But amid the last-minute preparations, the mayor's policy director, Joyce Newstat, had the presence of mind to invite her friend, documentary filmmaker Debra Chasnoff, to be among the handful of City Hall insiders to witness the historic, closed-door nuptials. The result is *One Wedding and a Revolution*, Chasnoff's behind-the-scenes look at the events leading up to the city's short-lived experiment in marriage equality.

"There was no pre-production on this project. No lighting crew, no sound crew," said Chasnoff, who won an Oscar in 1991 for a documentary on General Electric's ties to nuclear power. "To me, it was this snapshot of what a tremendous revolution we have been going through. I think it will always be a marker in history."

As it turned out, other filmmakers, some amateurs and some professionals, had the same thought. Chasnoff's spare, 20-minute record of the Martin-Lyon wedding is one of nine films inspired by the monthlong march to matrimony at City Hall making their debut this

weekend at the 28th San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival. Another five films in the festival deal more broadly with gay marriage themes.

The entries range from *The Right to Marry, Our Right to Love*, a poignant portrait of the hundreds of couples who camped in the rain outside City Hall awaiting the chance to marry, to *The Wedding*, a comedic look at a young lesbian couple's effort to get married on the day Rosie O'Donnell swept into town to exchange vows with her girlfriend, Kelli Carpenter.

Other include *Muni to the Marriage*, which draws parallels between efforts to gain legal recognition for interracial relationships and the ongoing struggle to get same-marriages sanctioned, and *Freedom to Marry*, which intersperses the stories of seven couples with the views of veteran activists and comedian Margaret Cho during a marriage rally at the state Capitol.

Organizers of the festival, whose \$10,000 first prize for best documentary is the most generous on the gay and lesbian film circuit, extended their February deadline for entries specifically to accommodate the onslaught of topical subject matter.

"That is one of the great things about the number of films — they all take a different perspective," said Michael Lumpkin, co-director of the festival. "Everyone is taking their own take, and it's not just seeing two hours of the same home movie over and over."

For his first film, *The Wait*, Zak Szymanski, 32, an assistant editor at a gay newspaper in San Francisco, focused on the camaraderie that developed among the people who lined up outside City Hall, and the roller-coaster of emotions they rode waiting to see who would make it in the door before a court intervened.

"Every clip I have has about 10 other filmmakers in it, so I know a bunch of people were filming," said Szymanski.

Although he started the project more out of a sense of professional responsibility than sentimentality, Szymanski said the unadulterated joy he saw through his lens convinced him that marriage, a bastion of tradition, had its merits.

"I couldn't deny the magic of that and what the presence of all those people in the street did to the whole city, the whole country, really," he said. "The magic of the entire first week was pretty impossible to screw up."

Gay-Themed Cable TV Network Scheduled to Debut Next Year

The media company behind MTV is coming out next year with a new cable television network targeted at homosexual viewers, specifically "lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT)."

LOGO will be launched by MTV Networks, a division of Viacom, Inc. in markets nationwide, including Los Angeles, New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Atlanta and San Francisco, on Feb. 17, 2005.

"Creating a network specifically for the LGBT community is something we've wanted to do for a long, long time, and it's an idea we feel is overdue," said Tom Freston, chairman and CEO of MTV Networks, in a statement.

"Despite our nation's progress on civil rights and the growing visibility of gay people in business, society and even in television programming — what has been missing is a full-time home for this important and influential

audience on television. We have big plans and hopes for LOGO and I'm thrilled to finally announce its arrival," Freston said.

Initially, LOGO will offer a mix of original and acquired programming and is already reaching out to producers and writers to develop original series and specials. Original content will also be developed in collaboration with other Viacom networks, including Showtime, CBS News, VH1, MTV, Comedy Central and TV Land.

"LOGO is all about identity: the individual and collective identities present in the gay and lesbian community that are amazingly diverse, but are joined by similar points of view and sensibilities," said Judy McGrath, president of the MTV Networks Music and Comedy Group.

"MTV Networks has a great history of connecting deeply with its audiences and it's our great hope that gay and les-

bian audiences will connect with LOGO like viewers connect with our other strong brand," McGrath added.

Deals are already in place to acquire over 100 movie titles from movie studios like Sony, MGM, Paramount, Warner Bros., New Line, Showtime, Lions Gate, Sundance, Strand Releasing and Sneak Preview Entertainment. LOGO will also offer a subscriber video on-demand service.

LOGO will offer advertising and sponsorship opportunities beyond the traditional 30 second commercial spot.

Key advertisers will be allowed to integrate their marketing messages into LOGO's programming in unique ways, including product placement, editorial segments within programs involving their brand, online integration, development of contest and sweepstakes as well as off-channel marketing opportunities.

Loews Movie Theater Reverses Course After Pulling Gay-Rights Advertising

PARAMUS, N.J. (AP) — A movie theater reversed course July 22 just hours after it said it would no longer run advertisements for a group of parents supporting gay rights because of complaints.

The Loews Cineplex told the group Tuesday afternoon it had changed its mind on the ads, which feature a rainbow background, overlaid with "Someone you know and love is lesbian or gay."

While the company remained quiet on its rationale, the decision drew praise from the Bergen County chapter of Parents and

Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

"This morning, when they pulled the ad, I felt like I'd been hit in the stomach with a fist," Ellen Schwartz, the gay rights group's former president, told *The Record of Bergen County*. "But they just called and told me they were reversing themselves, and now I feel wonderful!"

The public relations firm for Loews said corporate officials had no comment on the matter. And Screenvision Direct, the company that handles advertising for Loews, confirmed the change of heart but did not explain it.

The advertisements feature the

support group's logo and its hot line phone number. The 20-second ad began running June 11, and is to continue for 56 weeks at a cost of \$7,932.

Under the contract, it is to cycle through three times before each screening in each of the theater's 10 auditoriums. The ad's copy is identical to one the group displayed on billboards four years ago.

Loews Cineplex Entertainment is one of the world's largest theater exhibition companies, with 2,835 screens in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. The company is privately owned.

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Community Center Corner

Submitted by MGLCC

The MGLCC location on South Cooper usually looks pretty quiet. However, on special occasions, the little bungalow between the drum shop and the beauty parlor becomes an explosion of primary colors and community spirit.

Meetings, gatherings and even just good conversation take place nightly. Lavender University's first session has been well attended, the yard sales were successful

and the library is open. Pride and Coming Out Day events have increased our visibility in the neighborhood. The summer session of Lavender University will be announced soon (see <http://mgccc.org/lu>).

The most important event of the coming summer months is the annual meeting of the Memphis Gay

and Lesbian Community Center on Sun., July 11, at 6 p.m.

Len Piechowski will present a "State of the Center" address and Marty Katz, assistant treasurer, will present a financial report.

Vacant board positions will then be filled by member vote. Open offices for the coming year are president, secretary and an individual to fill the remaining one-year term of the treasurer. Current treasurer Hunter Johnston is vacating the position a year early.

Also up for elections are all of the member-at-large positions which carry a one-year term. Nominating committee chair Marty Katz is developing a diverse group by race and gender to present as a slate of nominees for the open positions on the board of directors. This slate of nominees will soon be available online and at the community center for review by members prior to the elections. Nominations



will also be accepted from the floor.

Congrats

Congratulations to former treasurer and president Hunter Johnston for being selected as a grand marshal for this year's Pride Parade along with Bette Hefner. His long history of service to MGLCC and to the GLBT community makes him particularly deserving of this honor.

Calendar

Six evenings each week the Center is open with varied programming. Regular events include:

- Thursday evening, TV Night with your favorite episodes of GLBT-themed programming
- Friday evening, Café Q with live entertainment
- Sunday at 3 p.m., Sunday Afternoon at The Gaiety — Films of interest to GLBT community
- 1st Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m., Let's All Meet and Chill — African-American and white members of the Memphis GLBT community will gather at the community center for a program. (Begun four months ago, the program works to bridge the divide between the two communities. Discussions include breaking down stereotypes and expanding areas of common interest.)

Visit mgccc.org for the complete calendar of events.

MGLCC Announces Push for 500 Club Membership

MGLCC President Len Piechowski announced at a June meeting of the MGLCC Board of Directors that the 500 Club, a cornerstone of MGLCC's building fund, has been improved.

"With the recent purchase of new accounting software, our charges for the 500 club are now streamlined and more efficient. Now is the time to capitalize on our new software and begin to build our 500 Club," Piechowski said.

The MGLCC board of directors has accepted Piechowski's challenge to raise monthly contributions to the 500 Club from its current level of \$350 a month to \$1,000 a month in the next 90 days. While \$1,000 a month will not cover MGLCC's total expenses for a month, it will decrease the need

to draw on reserves.

MGLCC's 500 Club is a built on a premise used by a long-term enemy of GLBT community, Pat Robertson and his 700 Club.

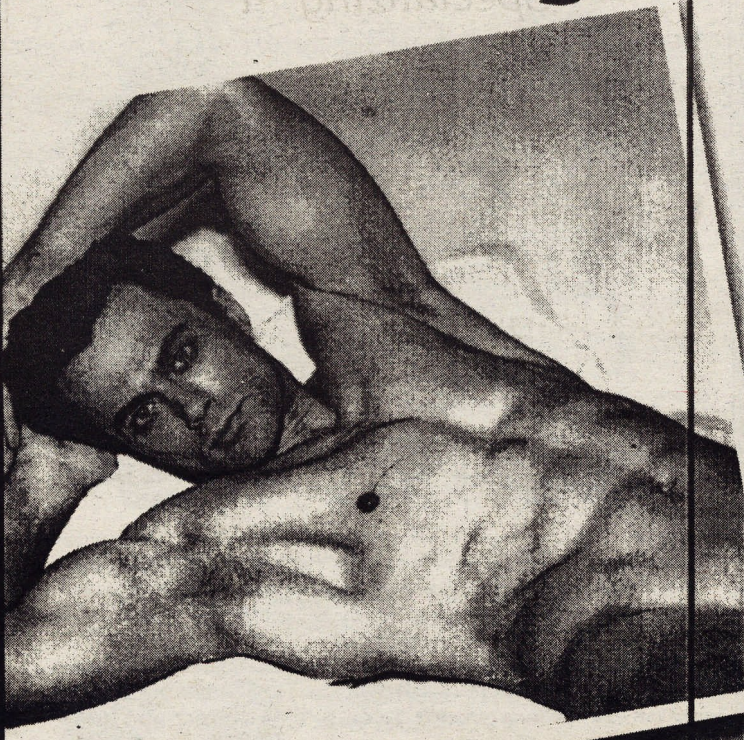
In 1963, Robertson held a telethon to recruit 700 new members to pledge \$10 a month. Continued Piechowski, "If Pat Robertson could get 700 people to pledge \$10 a month in 1963, we can get 500 people in Memphis to pledge \$10 a month to MGLCC's building fund today! Of course, we will accept donations larger and smaller," said Marty Katz, MGLCC assistant treasurer.

For information on how you can join the 500 Club, e-mail 500@mgccc.org or call the community center at 278-6422.

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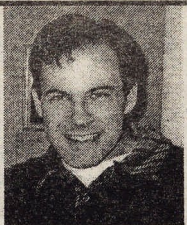
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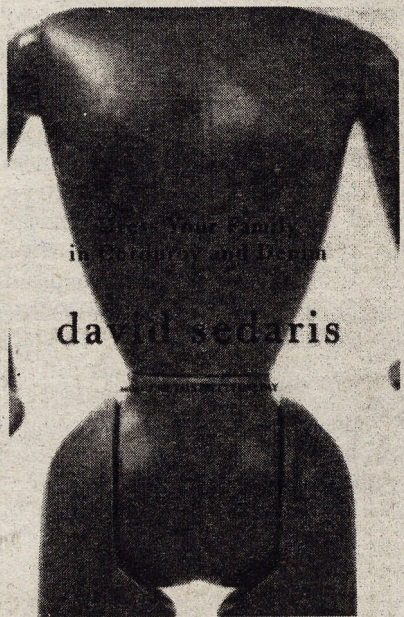
Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim

I am writing this in the middle of June. St. Louis Pride is next weekend. I'm almost three months into a new job and attempting (and failing) to write another novel... Okay, I admit it. I'm trying to find other things to write about here, when you are expecting another one of my "blah, blah, blah" book reviews. Save the chit-chat for the gossip page, right? The truth is that I have nothing really good to say about the book I wanted to review for July. I'm sorry. And let's not forget what happened the last time I published a bad review. I'm still getting emails about that one. But this one is really going to hurt. It hurts me just to write it, but I feel like I've been let down.

First, let me admit something. Psst...I've never read a David Sedaris book until now. Shoot me! Slap my wrist and call me a bad boy! I know, I know...I am expecting punishment from my fellow homos and probably deserve it. But I'm not even half way through his latest book, *Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim*, and actually could probably shelve it and never finish the second half.

I was totally psyched about joining the millions of his fans and expected to spend all summer catching up by reading every single

word he had written before this. I even tuned in to NPR just hoping to hear his voice. Damn it, I wanted to be his next biggest fan and jump on a bus



that follows him around America to college campuses and concert halls just to hear him do his thing.

I feel like I've been cheated!

I'll probably be hunted down and burned at the stake for saying this, but I just don't see what all the hype is about Sedaris. He's one of the most

popular literary queers in American society right now. But honestly, I think the gay community embraces him so much because of his "cross over." Let me explain...

His face has been plastered all over every magazine you can imagine since this book came out a few weeks ago. And every review just has to acknowledge his homosexuality in some way, even though he only alludes to it now and then in his writing. But it's so cool to be gay these days anyway, or at least know someone who is. That's it! David Sedaris is the gay friend that all of America wants to have. But they don't make fun of him because he's gay... it's because he makes fun of himself. So? Why am I not laughing?

His dry wit did make me laugh out loud briefly. But I quickly got tired of waiting for the punch line, the "Aha!" that would convince me that I wanted David to be my best friend too. Like I said before, I felt let down. It's kind of like sex with a hot guy that you just can't wait to have, but when you are finally having it you can't wait for it to be over.

Maybe I should meet with some more tenured Sedaris fans who have read his other stuff. Maybe they will tell me that he isn't usually like this, he's having a bad hair day, his last book was better, that I should give him another chance. Instead, I've become angry that no gay magazines provided a blurb on the back of the book. Instead, there are quotes from *The New Yorker*, *Boston Book Review*, and even the *Denver Rocky Mountain News*. Hey David, what have you done for us lately?

And it's not even that I expect something from him for the gay community of America. He doesn't even live in this country! I'm just puzzled as to why we embrace a man who, yes, is gay but relates more to the straight Americans and they relate to him. And that's what he writes about. I'm 100 pages into his book and he's mentioned liking boys only in one story. I'm not asking for him to write a whole damn gay book, but I feel like

marching up to the front door of hetero Americans, knocking on the door, and demanding that they give us David back. We deserve him more than they do! He's ours!

So, I promise that I will try (and try my very best) to finish this book even though I don't really want to. And maybe eventually I will invest some time in his other work too. Will that make you happy? So for now, anyone out there reading this please e-mail me and give me your thoughts (both good and bad, if any) on Sedaris and his latest work.

I have a feeling this is going to be a long summer.

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Friends For Life Plans Wellness Retreat

Friends For Life has announced its 3rd Annual Wellness University/Positive Living Center Retreat, scheduled for Friday and Saturday, July 16 and 17.

Themed "Celebrating Wellness, Wholeness and Happiness in 2004," the retreat will be held at the First Congregational Church Retreat Center, located at 1000 South Cooper in Midtown Memphis.

According to Anita Bradford, director of Friends For Life's Wellness University, the annual retreat isn't just about HIV/AIDS.

"For a variety of reasons, there are some people who don't, or can't come to regularly scheduled services," Bradford explained. "Because of that, the annual retreat gives people a chance, once a year, to get away from their daily lives, spend the night and get much-needed information for themselves.

"The retreat is a chance for people to come together and not just focus on HIV, but on their whole mind, body and soul," she continued. "It really rejuvenates the whole body. And, it's not just for

people who are HIV/AIDS positive, but for their friends, family and caregivers who are 18 years old or older, too."

The retreat will get underway at 3 p.m. Fri., July 16, and last until 6 p.m. Sat., July 17.

Admission and transportation are



both free.

Headlining the main workshop on Saturday will be out-of-town guest speaker Michelle Lopez, coordinator for the Access to Healthcare Program at the New York Community Healthcare Network. Lopez is a same-gender-loving African-American woman living with HIV. Her workshop is scheduled from 2 to 4 p.m. July 17.

Other activities planned for the retreat include:

- A Trance Dance, which accord-

ing to Bradford is an African ritual used for meditation or "a dance with a purpose."

- African drumming, led by John Sullivan
- Alternative therapies.
- Massage therapy.
- Workshops.
- Martial arts.
- Food and lots of fun.

Although not required, pre-registration is recommended. To register for the retreat, as well as schedule transportation, call Paul Burch at (901) 726-6022 or Bradford at (901) 726-0680.

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

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FFL Gets National Recognition

Friends For Life recently received national recognition when a story on the HIV/AIDS service organization appeared in the pages of *The Nonprofit Quarterly*.

Entitled "How Infrastructure Created Strength in One Organization," the article served as a "case study" of the agency.

While the majority of the story was written by FFL Executive Director Kim Moss, it was prefaced with an editor's note, which in part reads, "... Kim Moss has been the executive director of the agency for three and one-half years. This is notable because although FFL is 20 years old, it has had a different executive director almost every three years. ..."

In the article, Moss talks about the biggest problems that faced not only the agency when he took over, but also the clients the agency serves, namely housing and poverty rate among clients, respectively. He goes on to explain the journey he set out upon to turn the agency around and into what it is today, successful and financially stable.

"Friends For Life has had a rocky past as an organization," Moss wrote in the article. "When I was hired, the agency was \$600,000 in the red and going bankrupt."

"... Unfortunately, the agency had made incredibly bad financial decisions," Moss wrote. "The City of Memphis bailed out the agency twice with grants of over \$200,000,

but the agency continued to make bad decisions. We literally had to come up with a six-month plan to submit to the United Way, the City of Memphis and the different foundations in town that had funded the agency. They met to decide our fate - to live or to die. We live. ..."

Moss continued to write about some of the interventions that were required to pull the agency out of the hole it had fallen into, things like developing budgets (which weren't in place when he took over), decreasing staff and payroll by about \$150,000 and rebuilding the agency's board of directors and its various avenues of support.

"... At the time there was not even a budget. I started immediately with developing budgets and I made huge staff cuts and decreased the payroll by about \$150,000 in the first couple of months. I basically let everybody go that was not paid for by a grant. ...," Moss wrote.

"... When the Program for Non-profit Excellence (PNE) began a little over a year ago, I jumped at the opportunity to participate," Moss continued. "With its help, the board of directors was able to be a much more effective arm of our agency. ..."

In closing, Moss wrote about the Friends For Life of today.

"... The people in the agency, the management team and the board are becoming comfortable making decisions. We are now debt free. We've won two major awards from

organizations that supply volunteers to us. We've become a United Way Partner agency — only four groups were selected out of 120 locally. We had an 18,000-square-foot building donated to us to move our services into and consolidate these services. We are in the middle of a \$1.3 million capital campaign. We are meeting the community's needs now. We are viewed as leaders because we act like leaders. And we live on.

Also included in the four-page layout of the article is a story about The Grant Center and the role it plays in Memphis's nonprofit agencies.

To read the entire, two-article layout, visit Friends For Life's website at www.FriendsForLifeCorp.org. Click on the "Latest News" option in the left-hand column. Scroll down the page to where the it reads, "Read About Us in The Nonprofit Quarterly," and click.

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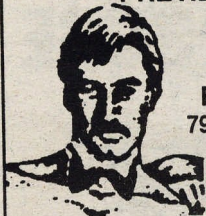
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Remembering the Real Ronald Reagan

Commentary by Jim Maynard

With the death of Ronald Reagan, the revision of history is well underway to paint Reagan as a saint. He was not.

There are things to respect about a former president like Reagan, but there are facts about him that cannot be ignored.

Foremost, Reagan is largely responsible for the right-wing takeover of the Republican Party. Reagan joined with the anti-communist McCarthy right in the 50s, and it colored his whole political career.

While Reagan is being unfairly credited with single-handedly bringing down the Soviet Union and Eastern Communism, most of

that credit should go to Mikhail Gorbachev and internal problems in the Eastern bloc, including militant muslim movements which we are now taking on.

Of course Reagan did increase military spending so much that he economically crippled both superpowers and left the legacy of a 3 trillion dollar debt.

Reagan joined together two political forces to re-make the GOP: the corporate rich elite and working class religious conservatives. Reagan was a close ally of the Moral Majority and Rev. Jerry Falwell, and his views about homosexuality and gays mirrored those of the Christian Right.

Reagan should be remembered as the bigot who ignored AIDS as

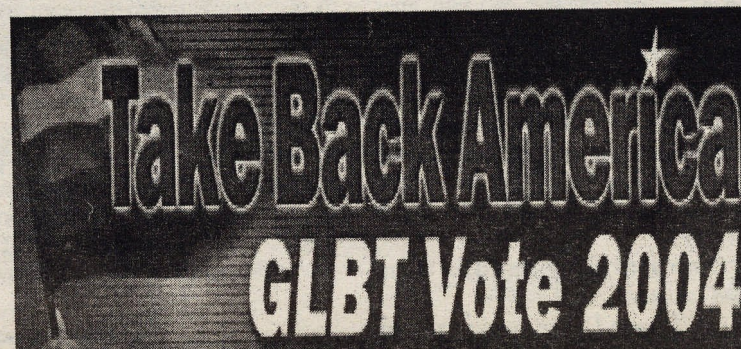
God's plague upon sinful behavior. He should be remembered as the man who undermined the Constitution of the U.S. and international law by selling weapons to Iranian terrorists and illegally funneling the profits to terrorists in Central America to overthrow a democratically elected leftist government in Nicaragua.

If there are any doubts about Reagan's anti-gay bigotry, just read the collection of his letters recently published in which he attacks the Democratic Party's 1984 platform supporting gay rights as "political pandering" and compared the gay rights movement to "hedonistic humanism."

He writes that while homosexuals should not be persecuted, they have no right to demand acceptance of their lifestyle.

Watch the documentary *After Stonewall* and you will see a clip from his campaign to become president in which he calls homosexuality a "neurosis."

Reagan was no friend of gay people, "welfare queens," labor, the environment or poor people. That should also be part of his legacy.





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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.
First Presbyterian Church: Sun. School, 9:30 am; Coffee & fellowship, 10:30 am; Worship, 11 am • 166 Poplar ☎ 525-5619.
Friends For Life—HIV Resources: HIV/AIDS Service Organization • 1384 Madison, Memphis 38104 ☎ 272-0855 or ☎ 278-AIDS, www.FriendsForLifeCorp.com.
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.
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Memphis Area Gay Youth (MAGY): PO Box 241852, Memphis, TN 38124 ☎ 335-MAGY
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
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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

Mid-South Community Resources

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

Noble Krewe of Hatha: a social, tax-exempt charitable organization. PO Box 820901, Memphis, TN 38182-0901, web site: www.kreweofhatha.com

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.

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

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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@holytrinitymemphis.org - 9:45am and 11am**
- First Congregational Church - Sunday School, Café Congo, and Worship Service - (901) 278-6786 - 9:30am, 10am, and 10:30am
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- **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@holytrinitymemphis.org - 6pm & 7pm
- **Living Word Christian Church - Worship Service - (901) 452-6272 - 7pm**
- Open Heart Community of Faith - "A Course in Miracles" - Study Group - North End of First Congregational (1000 South Cooper) - (901) 323-3514 - 7:30pm

SUNDAYS

- Softball - Toby Fields (Central and Hollywood) 1pm
- **Sunday Afternoon at the Gaiety (GLBT-themed films), MGLCC, 3pm**
- Tea Dance - Metro - 4pm
- **Brothers & Sisters Bowling League - Winchester Bowl - (901) 722-5236 or MemphisGayBowling@aol.com - 6pm**
- Pool Tournament - Pumping Station - 6pm
- AA Meeting - Community Center - 278-4297 - 8pm
- 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

- The Caring Group - Relaxation and de-stressing by subtle energy practices - Holy Trinity Community Church - (901) 320-9376 - 7pm
- Lesbians with Breast Cancer - Support Group - YWCA (766 South Highland) - 7pm
- Singles Dart Tournament - Crossroads - 7:45pm
- Pool Tournament - One More - 8:30pm
- Karaoke Night - Metro - 10pm

JULY 2004 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

				1 • MGLCC TV Night, MGLCC, 7pm	2 See regular Friday events • Cafe Q - live entertainment, MGLCC, 7pm	3 • Protest for Marriage and Equality, Union & McLean, Noon-2pm • Tennessee Leather Tribe Club Night, The Pumping Station, 9pm • Your Sister's Bingo Night, Holy Trinity, 7pm
4 • MGLCC Board Meeting, MGLCC, 6-8pm	5 • Plus Support Group, MGLCC, 7:30pm	6 • The Caring Group, HTCC, 7pm	7 • Let's Meet and Chill (Interracial Discussion Group), MGLCC, 7pm • Log Cabin Republicans Dinner Out, 7pm (see website for details)	8 • MGLCC TV Night, MGLCC, 7pm	9 See regular Friday events • Cafe Q - live entertainment, MGLCC, 7pm	10 • Trixie Thunderpussy Special Show, J-Wag's, 10pm
11 • Softball, Tobey Fields, 1pm • MGLCC Annual Meeting, MGLCC, 6pm • Women's Action Coalition, First Congregational Church, 6:30pm	12 • Friends for Life Coffee House, 6-8pm. Call 272-0855 for location • Plus Support Group, MGLCC, 7:30pm	13 • Integrity, Calvary Episcopal Church, 6:30pm • The Caring Group, HTCC, 7pm	14 • Bowling, Winchester Lanes, 6:30pm	15 • TJN Ad Reservation Deadline • MGLCC TV Night, MGLCC, 7pm	16 See regular Friday events • FFL Wellness Retreat, First Congo Retreat Center, 3pm • Cafe Q - live entertainment, MGLCC, 7pm	17 • FFL Wellness Retreat, First Congo Retreat Center • Pegasus Car Wash, Holy Trinity, 10am-2pm • MGLCC, MGLCC, 2pm • Tsarus Club Night, The Pumping Station, 9pm
18 • Softball, Tobey Fields, Corner of Central and Hollywood, 1pm • Steve Katz in Concert, Amro Auditorium, 2pm (see story on p. 5)	19 • Feast for Friends, St. John's United Methodist Church, 6pm • Plus Support Group, MGLCC, 7:30pm	20 • The Caring Group, HTCC, 7pm • Integrity Dinner/Meeting, Calvary Church, 6:30 - Guest speaker Dr. Arnold Drake of PFLAG	21 • Frontrunners Memphis 3-mile run, Overton Park Pavilion on E. Parkway, 6pm • Bowling, Winchester Lanes, 6:30pm	22 • MGLCC TV Night, MGLCC, 7pm	23 See regular Friday events • TJN copy deadline for stories and calendar information • Cafe Q - live entertainment, MGLCC, 7pm	24
25 • Softball, Tobey Fields, 1pm • Stonewall Democrats, MGLCC 6 p.m. • Alison Tate's "Christmas in July" Benefit Show, Backstreet, 6pm • Women's Action Coalition, First Congo, 6:30pm	26 • Friends for Life Coffee House, 6-8pm. Call 272-0855 for location	27 • The Caring Group, HTCC, 7pm	28 • Frontrunners Memphis 3-mile run, Overton Park Pavilion on E. Parkway, 6pm • Bowling, Winchester Lanes, 6:30pm	29 • MGLCC TV Night, MGLCC, 7pm	30 AUGUST TJN DUE OUT See regular Friday events • Cafe Q - live entertainment, MGLCC, 7pm	1 • Frontrunners Memphis 2-mile run, The Pier parking lot (Union and Riverside Dr.), 9am

• Karaoke Night - J-Wag's - 11pm

WEDNESDAYS

- Frontrunners 3-mile run, Overton Park Pavilion, 6pm
- Dart Tournament - The Jungle - 7:30pm
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- 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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Worship Service
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Thursday Evenings
Cotton Pickin' Squares

FRIDAYS

- First Congo Films - First Congregational Church - (901) 278-6786 - 7pm & 9pm
- MGLCC Coffeehouse Nights - Community Center - (901) 278-4297 - 7pm

- Seriously Sober - Holy Trinity Community Church - (901) 320-9376 - 8pm
- Karaoke - One More - 8pm
- Pool Tournament - Crossroads - 8pm
- Ladies Night - Allusions Entertainment Center - 10pm
- Late Nite Beer Bust - Pumping Station - 10pm
- Drag Show - Backstreet - Midnight
- Drag Show - Crossroads - Midnight
- Drag Show - J-Wag's - 3am

SATURDAYS

- Frontrunners 2-mile run, The Pier parking lot (Union and Riverside), 9am
- Protest for Marriage & Equality, 12:00 - 2:00 pm, Corner of Union & McLean (Protest held in conjunction with the MGLCC)
- 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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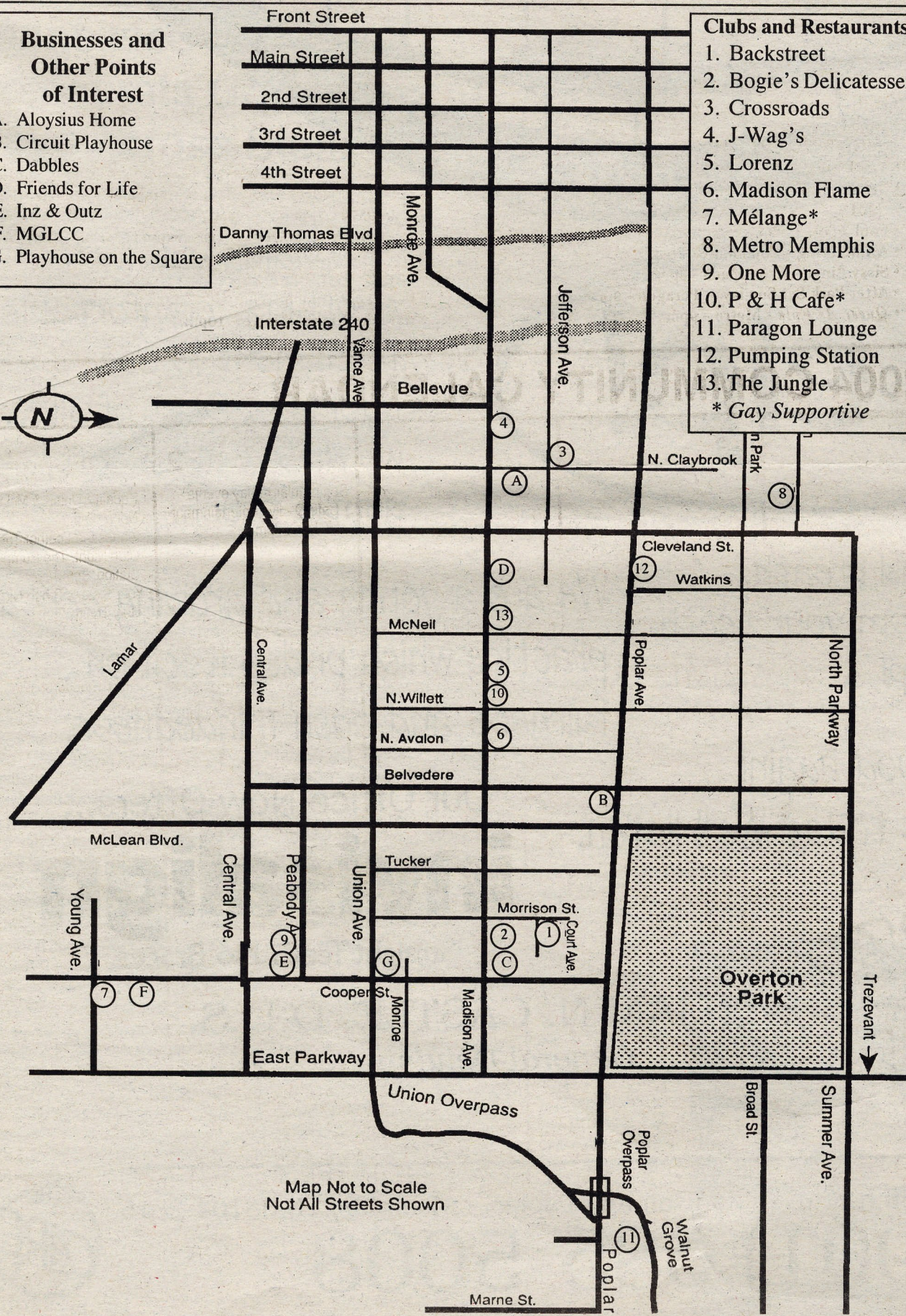
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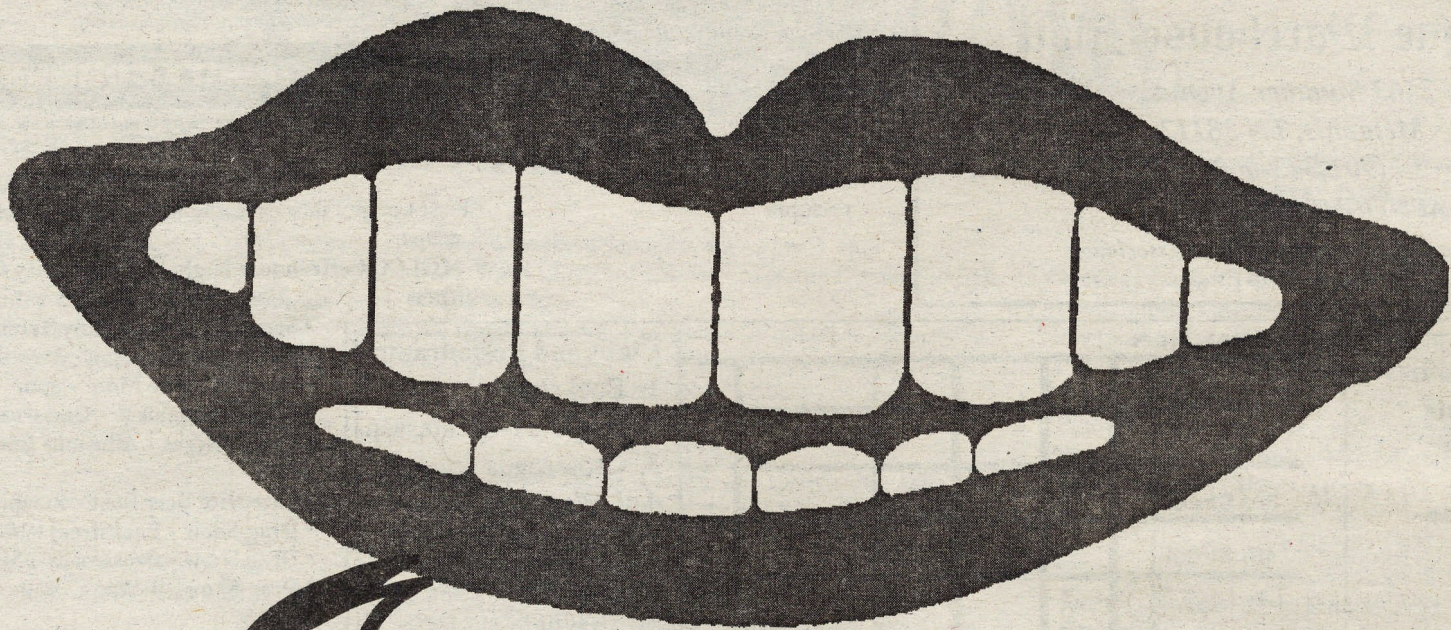
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