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## MGLCC Receives \$5K Grant from Gill Foundation

The Gill Foundation is a \$200 million-endowed organization committed to securing equal opportunity for all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

During the last few weeks, it granted \$590,545 to 44 organizations and programs that support lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) initiatives and HIV/AIDS programming.

The board of directors of the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center (MGLCC) announced that MGLCC was one of those honorees and will therefore receive its first grant in the amount of \$5000 from a major national foundation.

The terms of this funding take the form of a challenge grant to the center that will be able to utilize the funds for building support for several of its programs targeting homophobia.

"More than 40 diverse organizations committed to eliminating discrimination based on sexual orientation across 30 states are the most recent recipients of the Gill Foundation's March grant cycle," said Rick Jung, senior program officer of the Gill Foundation. "We congratulate these organizations on their successes and are pleased to assist them in fostering the LGBT movement across the country."

The Gill Foundation grants awarded in March included \$186,500 in grants to 14 HIV/AIDS prevention and human services in 12 states; \$404,045 in grants made to 30 LGBT initiatives — including Amnesty International USA and the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Tennessee — in 23 communities across the country.

"In a state where LGBT people are not accepted and funding streams are subsequently smaller, the Gill Foundation's grantmaking efforts play an extremely important role," said Len Piechowski, MGLCC Board President.

"The partnership formed with the Gill Foundation will help to generate more national attention for the MGLCC as well as generating greater community awareness of LGBT issues here in the Mid-south," Piechowski said.

The center is challenged by the Gill Foundation to raise another \$5,000 from other sources during the next 12 months. Such fundraising efforts are part of the current MGLCC strategic plan and are already underway. The amount of \$2,500 will be released to the MGLCC from the Gill Foundation upfront and the remaining \$2,500 will be released immediately upon successful completion of the challenge.

## Johnson City Man Accused of Trying to Blackmail Singer

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A grand jury has indicted a Johnson City man on charges that he tried to blackmail a gospel singer by threatening to reveal the performer is gay.

Walbert Keith Farmer, 39, was arrested by FBI agents earlier this month and indicted on federal extortion charges.

Farmer is accused of demanding nearly \$15,000 from Kirk Talley, a Dove Award-winning and Grammy-nominated singer who lives in Kodak, in exchange for not telling Talley's recording company about his sexual conduct.

Farmer met Talley in an Internet chat room, Farmer's attorney Scott Pratt said. Talley told the FBI the Internet was the only place he felt he could meet men, according to court documents.

Talley told FBI agents the al-

leged blackmailer first contacted him on Nov. 28.

Farmer allegedly told the singer he would give Talley e-mails Talley had written to other gay men and recordings of two conversations involving Talley in exchange for money.

Talley reported the alleged threats to the FBI on Dec. 8 and met with Farmer at a Knoxville restaurant the next day. Farmer was arrested after leaving the restaurant without the money Talley had brought for him.

Farmer told investigators he wasn't trying to ruin Talley but make him rethink his lifestyle.

"(Farmer) was enraged by victim's lifestyle to such a degree that during Internet chats with victim he wanted to pick up his monitor and smash it over his own head," according to court docu-



Kirk Talley

ments.

Farmer's arraignment has been set for Jan. 5 in U.S. District Court in Knoxville. He is free on a \$20,000 recognizance bond.

## Gay Rights – For the Gay-rights Movement, A Year of Unprecedented Gains

By David Crary  
AP National Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — From Wal-Mart to *Bride's* magazine, from the U.S. Supreme Court to the Episcopal Church, 2003 produced gay-rights breakthroughs so diverse and profound that even veteran activists were stunned.

"We are witnesses to our own liberation," said Kate Kendell, head of the San Francisco-based National Center for Lesbian Rights. "By any standard of measurement, 2003 stands out as a year of unprecedented forward progress, visibility, dialogue and equality."

The historic chain of events — equally stunning to conservative forces — began in June, when the Supreme Court overturned Texas' anti-sodomy law, in effect decrimi-

nalizing gay sex in the last 13 states where such laws were on the books.

Over the next few months, the Episcopal Church consecrated an openly gay bishop; Wal-Mart, the country's largest private employer, extended its antidiscrimination policy to gays and lesbians; *Bride's* magazine featured its first article on same-sex weddings; California lawmakers granted same-sex couples nearly all the rights of married spouses; and Massachusetts' Supreme Judicial Court ruled gays had a constitutional right to marry.

Even while anticipating bitter struggles ahead, particularly over marriage, gay-rights activists interpreted the events as a sign that most of their goals would be achieved, and sooner rather than later. Foes of gay rights, conversely, hoped the landmark court rulings would pro-

voke a backlash that at minimum would thwart recognition of same-sex marriages.

"There's no question that homosexuals are seeking to fulfill their basic mission, which is to replace the one-man, one-woman relationship and create a new sexual diversity in America," said the Rev. Louis Sheldon, chairman of the Traditional Values Coalition.

"The courts are tilted politically in their favor, but the grass roots is overwhelmingly opposed to that agenda."

Opinion polls suggest that most Americans do oppose gay marriage, though sentiment is more evenly divided on whether same-sex couples deserve the same legal protections as heterosexual spouses. Gay-rights advocates took

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### Vote in the American Family Association's Online Poll on Gay Marriage

Results as of Dec. 28

- I oppose legalization of homosexual marriage and "civil unions."  
31.92% (204,237 votes)
- I favor legalization of homosexual marriage.  
59.85% (382,893 votes)
- I favor a "civil union" with the full benefits of marriage except for the name.  
8.23% (52,671 votes)

The AFA promises to show the results to Congress.



# Which Marriage Tradition Are They Talking About?

by David Williams  
Former editor of *The Letter*  
(Louisville)

Richard Godbeer's recent study of sexual attitudes in colonial America (*Sexual Revolution in Early America*) isn't for everyone. Most

people have no interest in reading about obscure trials against Puritans who sought a little nooky on the side. Plus, the book has 73 pages of footnotes. As a history nut, even I have to admit I feared confronting it, but I finally did. What can I say? I ran out of other stuff to read.

This year, as we Americans begin debating the meaning of marriage, Godbeer's discoveries are revealing. If Bush's neo-Victorians want to engage in a debate on same-sex marriage, his book has an ironic amount of ammo. Bring 'em on.

Ah, the Puritans. Their mythological reputation for zealotry was cemented for all time by the Salem witch trials, which demonstrated to what depths religious fervor can drag

us. Never mind that many preachers of the day were as alarmed about that outbreak as we are; Salem's repressiveness resonates with us as no other pre-Revolutionary event has.

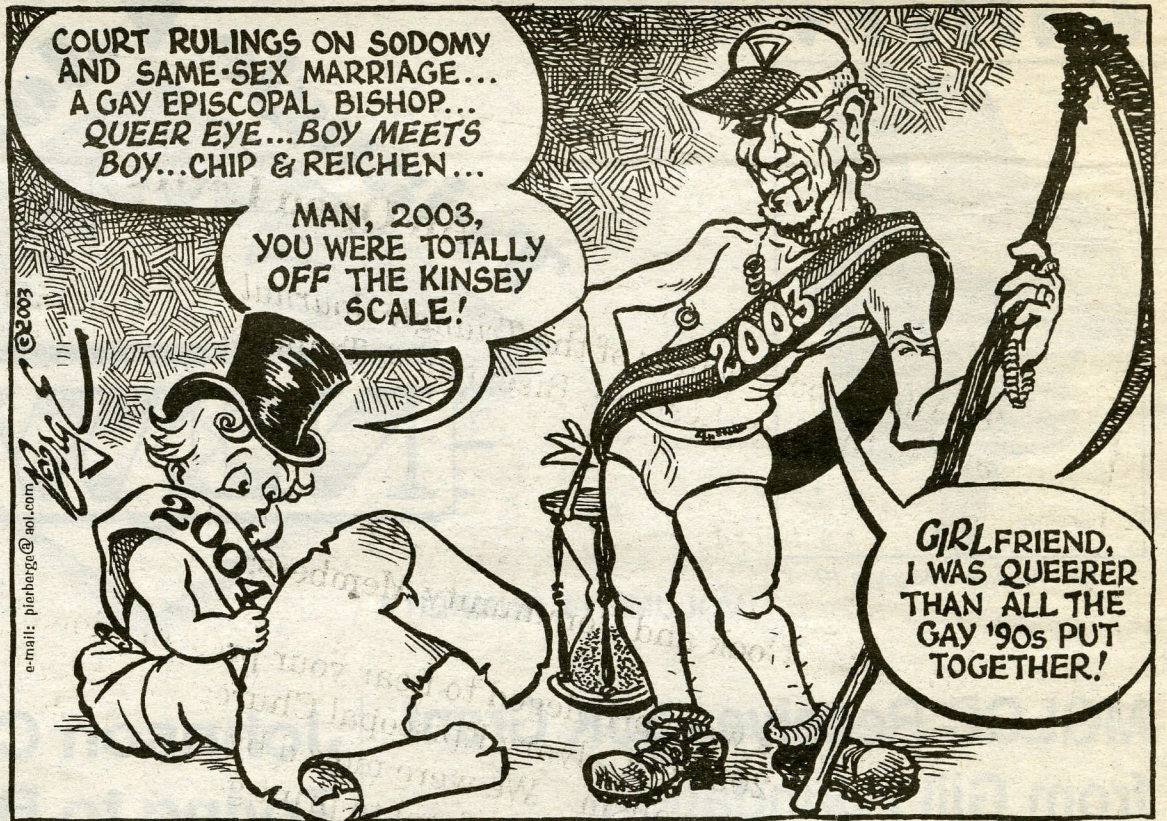
So it will come as a surprise that the concept of marriage in 17th-century America was almost as loose as it was in our own '70s. Puritan ministers certainly fulminated against those who chose to "live in sin" without benefit of a marriage ceremony, but they couldn't do much about it: the law was not on their side.

Until 1753, Britain (and therefore its colonies) did not require a man or woman to declare their commitment in front of a minister or judge. As Godbeer points out, "...a couple could demonstrate to a court that they were wed merely by showing that they lived together in harmony." The testimony of friends, neighbors and relatives was usually enough to close the case.

Some of the most fervent Puritan congregants never saw the need to get "married" as we understand it. Why

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it was in our own '70s. Puritan ministers certainly fulminated against those who chose to "live in sin" without benefit of a marriage ceremony, but



bother? Non-church arrangements had been traditional in Britain for a thousand years or more. "Common law marriages" were pretty common (hence the name: duh!). "Extramarital" relationships were hardly an invention of the '60s.

As it turns out, one of the reasons Puritan preachers were so obsessed with marriage ceremonies was the money that could be made. Then, as now, marriage was a lucrative business.

Bush and his fundamentalist allies may argue that marriage is some sort of sacred institution created by

God to ensure social stability. If so, He sure did take his time mulling it over. For the first 17 centuries of Christianity, marriage was pretty much a free-for-all. Neither the church nor the state had much to say about it.

Engagements, rings, showers, bachelor parties, weddings, rice, cake stuffings and honeymoons were unheard of except among the wealthy. That rigamarole meant little to most people until governments came up with the idea of licenses in the 1800s. It was just another way to raise revenue.

Next time you hear fundamentalist Christians blathering about the sacred nature of marriage, pull out your copy of Godbeer, hand it over, walk away, and hope they don't hit you in the head with it. Through most of recorded history, marriage—pure and unadulterated—has meant whatever the two people involved has said it was. The state's only interest—when it eventually got around to it—was to record it.

That's how it should be, and, in a free country, that is all it need be.

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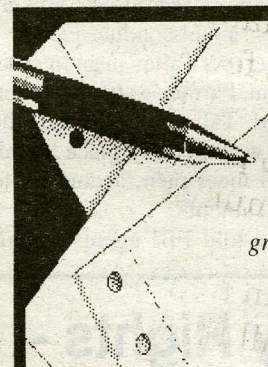
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I feel compelled to respond to Mark Lee Benton's letter in your December issue. His criticism of Len Piechowksi's actions were, sadly, based solely upon the poor information provided in the mid-October issue of *Family & Friends* magazine. Their coverage of the situation has been repeatedly discredited as inflammatory and of questionable journalistic merit.

Far from Mr. Benton's assertion that Len "failed miserably," I, and many others who have closely studied the situation, believe that Len made the best of a no-win situation. I find absolutely nothing wrong with Len's actions seeking "containment" of the situation. His intention was to minimize the damage to all involved.

"Containment" does not mean a "cover-up" as Mr. Benton implied

with his comparison to the scandals of the Catholic Church. Mr. Benton's desired knee-jerk reaction to the situation would result only in more harm to the alleged victim and his family and do nothing to promote true justice.

I firmly believe that Mr. Benton's proposed treatment of the situation would have, as he accused Len, "opened Pandora's Box for all well-meaning members of the community center as well as Gay people everywhere."

To clear up a few other incorrect assumptions by Mr. Benton; the opinion of multiple legal counselors is that Len had no legal obligation to report the allegation as it was not definable as child sexual abuse. And Mr. Benton has mistakenly associated the situation with the hot-button issue of "pedophilia," which it is not because the minor is not "prepubertal."

Even before Mr. Benton's letter

appeared in *Triangle Journal News* scolding the board of MGLCC, they had already adopted standard operating procedures for handling such situations should they occur in the future. This sort of "hindsight" action is a symptom of the rapid growth and success of the center and its programs combined with having to waste vast amounts of energy this year defending itself from attacks by people such as Mr. Benton.

Had Mr. Benton taken just 10 minutes during one of his regular visits to MGLCC to talk to Len or any of the other board members, he could have gotten the actual facts and, surely, concluded that this is not the scandal he presumes it to be. I would urge all your other readers to do the same before jumping to conclusions, or worse "fanning the flames," based upon the tabloid-like reporting of *Family & Friends*.

John Heizer  
Memphis



## An Open Letter

To Allen Cook, Editor of the *Triangle Journal News*,  
and to the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, & Transgender Community of Memphis

December 29, 2003

Dear Mr. Cook and Community Members:

Some of us were privileged to hear your presentation at the Integrity Meeting of December 16, 2003 at Calvary Episcopal Church. The topic was your personal philosophy on gay journalism. We were moved by your emphasis on fair and balanced reporting and by your steadfast refusal to print gossip.

We, the undersigned organizations, recognize that one of the most powerful vehicles of communication in any community is the media. We believe that although we live in a country that guarantees the freedom of the press, the unbridled exercise of that freedom is not always wise. We believe that the exercise of the freedom of the press within a minority community that is already broken, scarred, and struggling to reach its rightful place in the larger community must be tempered with wisdom, compassion, and with the use of a well-thought-out constructive philosophy.

In that spirit, we are inviting all of the members of our community to attend a Town Hall Meeting that we will sponsor together on Sunday, February 22, 2004 from 2:00 — 4:00 at the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center. You will be receiving your personal invitation within the next few weeks, Mr. Cook, to join a panel discussion on the role of journalism in a minority community. Other members of your profession will also be invited to join the panel, to present their philosophies, and to respond to questions by the Memphis GLBT community.

*Triangle Journal News* has been a faithful friend to the Memphis GLBT community. Certainly we do not agree with all that you have printed. That is not the point. The point is that *TJN* is a community newspaper that has demonstrated a desire to serve the community with balance and respect. We encourage all individuals and organizations to support your newspaper and we commend the *TJN* staff for a consistent job well done. As a sign of our appreciation, we have together purchased this ad space in your publication. By doing so, we make it clear that we want to support you as you strive to build up our community.

Cordially and gratefully,

The Vestry and Ministers of Holy Trinity Community Church  
The Memphis Lesbian and Gay Coalition for Justice  
The Board of Directors of the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center  
The Youth Leadership of the Motley Blue GLBT Young Adults Group



# WICK LIPS

By Allen Cook

December was a bad month for me. First my truck was stolen, then moments before leaving for Vincent Astor's 50th birthday celebration at the Community Center, I had a "heart event" — doctors say it wasn't a heart attack, just a major skirmish. Bottom line, I was in the hospital for four days and had another angioplasty and stent put in. The good news is that I am not clogging up any *new* arteries, just re-clogging the same one.

Even though I wasn't there, I understand that Vincent had plenty of well-wishers to mark his first half century. Ever the Memphis

gay historian, he was presented with a quilt made from the logos of many of the t-shirts he acquired attending gay events throughout the years. The quilt was pieced together by Debi Robertson who said the effort was a "labor of love"

Not content with just one birthday party, he held two — one at Mallory-Neeley House in Victorian Village and another the following day at the Community Center.

Who'd have ever thought that 50 could be considered "chicken." Sigh.

But if you want to really throw a birthday bash, own your own club!

Terryl Buckner, owner of Club

Allusions, did that last month and well-wishers came out in droves.

Buckner is an interesting fellow with a personal history he keeps mostly to himself, but we want to thank him for agreeing to be profiled in a recent issue of *Family and Friends*... Happy Birthday, Terryl.

We're (that's the editorial "we") a little taken aback by the reaction to our meeting with the Integrity group last month.

Just for the record, I'm no saint and I don't always do the right thing. My sins of omission will be more than plenty to send me to hell.

As for my "steadfast refusal to print gossip," what do you think this column is? Maybe we should modify that to my "steadfast refusal to print *hurtful* gossip." But alas, my editorial prerogatives do not extend to paid advertising. Thanks to all for your support.

Many of you may know that doctors found a malignant tumor on the spine Myrna Drake. Dr. Arnold Drake and his wife Myrna have been the driving forces behind the Memphis P-FLAG chapter.

Dr. Drake says that his wife's tumor is the type which is the most responsive to simple medicines. "With luck," he said, "we should be able to keep this tumor controlled for many years—5, 10, 15, or even 20 years is not unrealistic."

We all wish her well.

One more health note, John Heizer, an at-large member of the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center has been diagnosed with lymphoma in his neck. Al-

though he may require some surgery to remove it, the prognosis is good.

John is one of the truly good guys of the world and has a wonderful sense of humor. We not only need more people like him, we need him to hang around a good while longer.

I'd never seen *Hedwig and the Angry Inch* — somehow my brain kept thinking it was a children's story (*James and the Giant Peach*?). It actually took a non-gay co-worker movie buff to set me straight (so to speak) on that score.

The stage version of *Hedwig* is playing at Theatreworks during January as part of the Playhouse on the Square at Theatreworks series.

Loving Arms had a successful holiday open house Dec. 13 with donations and toys aplenty. Loving Arms Executive Director Shelia Tankersley was on hand, of course, looking lovely as usual.

This year the Southern Gentleman's holiday party also benefitted Loving Arms which was able to distribute some Christmas cheer to its clients and their children.

If you're reading this before New Year's, check out the non-alcoholic New Year's Eve party at the Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center — it will be all the party and none of the morning after headaches.

Finally, check out the *Triangle Journal's* newest feature, Gallery, on page 10.

When Boula (our featured artist this month) submitted some art work via e-mail, my first thought was, "This is good, but how can I use it?"

We know that there are a lot of artists in our community — both professional and talented amateurs — whose work deserves to see more than the inside of a leather portfolio case. The annual gay artists exhibition at the community center spotlights artists for one month during the year. In our Gallery space, we want to do more.

Any art which can be reproduced on paper is fair game —



Debi Robertson produced this memory quilt for Vincent Astor's 50th birthday.



Loving Arms' Shelia Tankersley

drawings, paintings, photography, sculpture, mixed media, you-name-it.

We don't promise Gallery to be a monthly feature and we don't promise to make it a full page every time because we don't know what kind of response we'll get, but we're going to give this a shot.

Submit your art via e-mail (photos or scans) to MemphisTJN@aol.com. Be sure to send in jpeg format if at all possible and be sure to give the title of the works, its medium (e.g. pen and ink, charcoal, oil or whatever) as well as the artist's name. We'll get back with you on it and when it will run.

Our only restriction on content is that we won't run full frontal nudity. That doesn't mean your work can't be erotic, it's just that since this publication is distributed in venues that might object to explicit material (OK, not that many), we don't want to push that envelope too hard.

And special thanks to Boula who not only is gracious enough to share his talents with us, but who inspired a feature which can bring exposure to other GLBT artists.

## Memphis Area Gay Youth

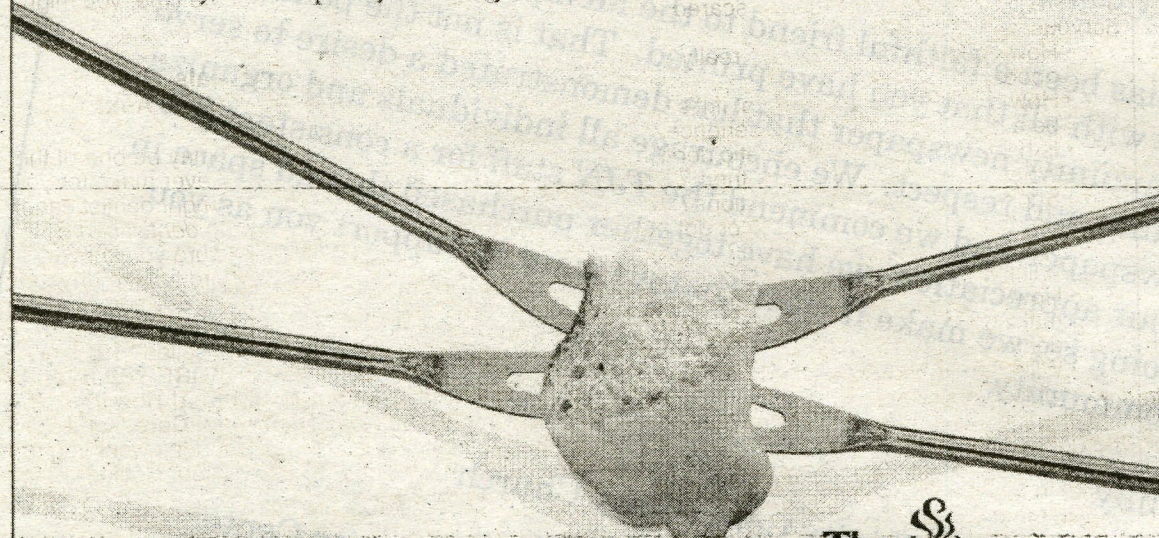
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## Almost \$1 Million Awarded to Friends For Life

Friends For Life was recently notified by the Ryan White Title II Grant Review Committee that the Memphis HIV/AIDS organization's funding request was approved for \$868,000.

According to a letter from Ann Langston, committee chair, the funds have been awarded to Friends For Life for 2004/2005 in the following service categories: medical care, adherence, transportation and the Food Pantry.

"This funding will help us continue the necessary services we are providing to the community, such as our Food Pantry, Wellness University, Buddy Program, HIV testing and case management," said Friends For Life Executive Director Kim A. Moss.

"Transportation will be continued, as well and in this contract we will be subcontracting with Loving Arms and Hope House in a transportation collaborative that was developed several years ago between the three agencies.

"The amount of this award is overwhelming," Moss added. "This is just another example of the confidence the United Way has in Friends For Life and its mission to help people with HIV/AIDS live well."

For more on how Friends For Life assists people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS, visit the agency's website at [www.FriendsForLifeCorp.org](http://www.FriendsForLifeCorp.org), or call the main office at 1384 Madison Ave. at (901) 272-0855.

## Hedwig and the Angry Inch On Stage at Theatreworks

Playhouse on the Square and The Hedwig Company is presenting *Hedwig and the Angry Inch* Jan 9 - Feb. 1 at Theatreworks. The two-person musical play features John Maness as Hedwig and Carla McDonald as Yitzhak.

Born a boy whose life's dream is to find his other half, Hedwig reluctantly submits to a sex change in order to marry a G.I. and get over

the Berlin Wall to freedom. The operation is botched, leaving here with the aforementioned 'angry inch.' Finding herself high, dry and divorced in a Kansas trailer park, she pushed on to form a rock band and encounters a lover/protégé in young Tommy Gnosis, who eventually leaves her, steals her songs and becomes a huge rock star.

Call (901) 726-4656 for tickets;

## Friends For Life Awarded Grant to Expand Hunger-relief Services

With a new \$5,000 grant from Altria Group Inc., Friends For Life will be able to purchase additional food for its Food Pantry.

"Access to nutritious food is an essential part of maintaining the health and well-being of those living with HIV/AIDS," said Kim A. Moss, Friends For Life executive director.

"For our clients, eating right helps prevent malnutrition, eases management of the disease and reduces the often debilitating side-effects of medication. This grant will help us provide these essential nutritional services to our clients, which will give them the stamina necessary to manage complex medical procedures, financial hardships and care for their dependents."

The Friends For Life grant has been provided through Altria's Positive Helpings initiative — a partnership with the Association of Nutrition Service Agencies (ANSA) to address the special nutritional needs of people living with HIV/AIDS.

This year, more than \$1.4 million in grants have been awarded to 67 organizations, both in the United States and internationally, that provide meals to people living with or who are affected by HIV/AIDS through food pantries, congregate feeding programs and

home-delivered meals.

"More than 42 million people worldwide are living with HIV/AIDS and Altria is committed to working with community-based organizations to find solutions to this crisis," said Diane Eidman, director, Contributions, Altria Corporate Services Inc.

"Through Altria's Positive Helpings initiative, we provide critical support to organizations like Friends For Life that are providing vital nutritional services to the victims of this disease."

### 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:

**Detect the Good From the Bad!**

Until now, no one has been upfront, bold, and honest about what is REALLY going on when you walk into a dental office. So, here's the truth most dentists would prefer you never knew. See, in many (but certainly not all) dental practices, regardless of size or how many ads they run in the local newspaper, the primary *internal* focus is on selling as much of their services as fast as they can whether you actually need them or not. Period. The real way they operate is a well kept secret that they don't want you to get clued in on. And please understand, there's nothing wrong with many of these services, or with you being sold on choosing them. The real problem is HOW you're sold, HOW they deliver advice, and what their real motivations are. If someone explained how it REALLY works a lot of the time, you might be shocked.

#### 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:

#### How To Know If They're Working In YOUR Best Interest Or For Their Own Best Interest!

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...

#### FREE Report Reveals The 10 Questions You MUST Ask!

After all, choosing a dentist may be one of the most important decisions you'll ever make for you and for your family! Picking the right dentist can help you, and *picking the wrong dentist can be a big and painful mistake!* Make sure you know which is which! You cannot afford to take any chances. You need to be sure to use someone who will be *right for you!*

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## Creators of *Will & Grace* Sue NBC

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The executive producers of *Will & Grace* have sued NBC and its production studio, alleging the network conspired to keep the sitcom's price down to reduce the producers' share of the profits.

In the complaint filed Dec. 11 in Los Angeles Superior Court, David Kohan and Jason Mutchnick ask for damages, saying the network and NBC Studios breached contracts and acted in bad faith.

The men, who created the show and wrote many of its episodes, accuse the two companies of failing to shop the show to the highest bidder, colluding instead to keep profits within the NBC family.

General Electric owns both companies.

NBC entertainment spokeswoman Rebecca Marks had no comment pending a review of the lawsuit.

Kohan and Mutchnick said the lawsuit stems from the industrywide trend of media conglomerates buying up independent production studios.

"It used to be that production companies had an economic interest to obtain fair market value for their programs," the lawsuit states. "This is no longer true in the increasingly common case of negotiations between closely related or commonly owned parties."

*Will & Grace*, about a New York City interior designer and her best friend, a gay lawyer, has won 12 Emmys since its creation in 1998.

Despite the show's success, the network pressured NBC Studios last year not to increase the fee for its licensing rights, according to the lawsuit.

The lawsuit also contends that during the show's first four seasons, the studio licensed the rights for "financial terms that were insufficient even to cover a reasonable percentage of the series' production costs and which led to extraordinarily large production deficits."

## In Oversight, Iowa Judge Grants Lesbian Divorce

SIOUX CITY, Iowa (AP) — A county judge approved a divorce for a lesbian couple who obtained a civil union in Vermont, saying he didn't realize he was signing a settlement for a same-sex couple, but ultimately decided to let his decision stand.

Iowa is one of 37 states whose law bans same-sex marriage.

State Sen. Neal Schuerer accused Judge Jeffrey Neary of "judicial activism at its worst."

"The judge was wrong. He should have backed away and sent them back to Vermont," said Schuerer, a Republican. "If judges want to flaunt the law like this, I can guarantee you we will move to recall them."

Neary, a district judge for Woodbury County, said he routinely signs divorces and doesn't check the participants' gender. When he discovered what had happened he said he confronted Dennis Ringgenberg, attorney for one of the women.

"I said this is probably going to be a controversial matter at some point in time," Neary said, "and he smiled and said, 'You're right.'"

Neary, who was appointed in January 2003 by Gov. Tom Vilsack, said he had the opportunity to change his mind but decided against it — the divorce was permissible, he said, under a constitutional clause that requires states to recognize laws of other states.

"If I'm presented with a dispute that has to be resolved in my courtroom, or is before me that affects the rights of Iowans, I feel an obligation to solve that problem," Neary said. "I don't believe I'm recognizing same-sex marriage."

The women, Kimberly Brown, 31, and Jennifer S. Perez, 26, who have Sioux City addresses, were joined in a civil union March 25, 2002, in Bolton, Vt.

Judges in Texas and Connecticut have rejected requests for civil union divorces, said University of Iowa law professor Ann Estin.

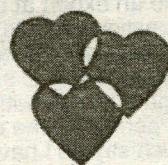
"You can go to Vermont and have a civil union, but you can't, until now, go to another state and have a civil union divorce," she said.

Daniel Bray, an Iowa City lawyer and chairman of the Family Law Section of the Iowa State Bar Association, said the law is clear that marriage can only exist between a man and woman in Iowa.

"A divorce can be entered only when there is a valid marriage," he said.

At the same time, Bray said, Neary acted appropriately — in this case, he signed a settled agreement, and it wasn't incumbent upon him to determine the participants' gender.

"There are no floodgates being opened here. The issue here is that our law must constantly adapt to change in the family. Iowa has been a forerunner in making legal adaptations to legal challenges involving the family."



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# Gay Community Reflects on 25th Anniversary of San Francisco Official's Murder

By Lisa Leff  
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Harvey Milk was assassinated a quarter century ago, yet his legacy of public service as an openly gay man remains very much alive for a community still hungry for heroes.

The anniversary of Nov. 27, 1978 — the day Milk, one of the nation's first openly gay elected officials, and Mayor George Moscone were gunned down — has inspired panel discussions, a museum exhibit and a memorial march. A song based on Milk's speeches had its debut on the steps outside City Hall, where the men lost their lives.

The occasion has provided a timely barometer for people who see Milk as the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. of the gay civil rights movement. Indeed, while a Massachusetts court's decision to allow same-sex couples to wed competes with a proposed Constitutional amendment to ban gay marriages, the unabashedly pro-gay face that Milk presented to the world is a vivid touchstone.

"Harvey remains a symbol of what's possible," said director Robert Epstein, who is preparing a 25th anniversary DVD edition of *The Times of Harvey Milk*, the 1984 documentary that won an Academy Award. "His most basic message was for gay people to come out and that change can only happen when we make change within ourselves."

Milk would be 73 now, an aging pioneer instead of a modern gay martyr whose charisma, sense of humor and determination not to mask his sexual orientation made

him a natural leader. Despite receiving death threats during his four political campaigns, Milk attended his swearing-in as city supervisor with a male lover on his arm.

Milk had been in office less than a year when fellow supervisor Dan White, a former police officer, smuggled a gun into City Hall. Days earlier, White had resigned from the board and he blamed Milk and Moscone when the mayor refused to reappoint him. White shot both men multiple times.

White argued that junk food fueled his rampage. His now infamous "Twinkie defense," supported by psychiatrists, worked. Instead of murder, White was convicted of manslaughter.

Thousands took to the streets in protest. White served a little more than three years in prison, then committed suicide. Harry Britt, a gay activist, replaced Milk; Moscone was replaced by Dianne Feinstein, who now is one of California's senators.

But the story didn't end there for the many gay men and lesbians who regarded Milk as an icon. Eventually, he would be eulogized in a Broadway play, a one-man characterization, a made-for-TV movie, a tragic-comic opera and a children's book. The Harvey Milk School in New York City is the nation's first public high school for gays, bisexuals and transgender students.

Today, his name is invoked as a symbol of both the gains made by gay men and lesbians and their continuing struggle for equality.

"Coming out is still a hard process. There are still people in my

family I'm not out to," said Justina Cross, among the hundreds who marched through Milk's beloved Castro district in his memory. Milk died two years before she was born, she said, and yet, "There is so much to fight for still."

Compared to those of other historic figures, Milk's legend has remained mostly intact. Milk's short time in office and his refusal to sanitize his personal life have meant few revelations since the publication of *The Mayor of Castro Street*, Randy Shilts' definitive 1982 biography.

"It's just really now that some people are beginning to go back and re-examine the Harvey Milk myth," said Susan Stryker, director of the International Museum of GLBT History.

The museum's inaugural exhibit is "Saint Harvey: The Life and Afterlife of a Modern Gay Martyr," which includes the bloodstained suit Milk was wearing when he was killed. From the feedback she's gotten, Stryker concluded that many gays make a connection between Milk's fate and the discrimination they face.

"They identify with the violence he experienced and want to transform it into something significant rather than something meaningless," she said.

Earlier, the Metropolitan Community Church held its annual fund-raising dinner. The gay and lesbian congregation gave a posthumous award to Milk, and during the celebration the transvestite mistress of ceremonies read mock headlines, fast-forwarded to where some of the night's VIPs would be in another 25 years.

One headline told of Assemblyman Mark Leno, who last year ful-

filled Milk's dream of becoming one of the first gay men to serve in the California Legislature, being elected president.

Harvey, his friends agreed, would have loved it.



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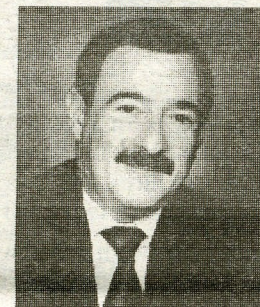
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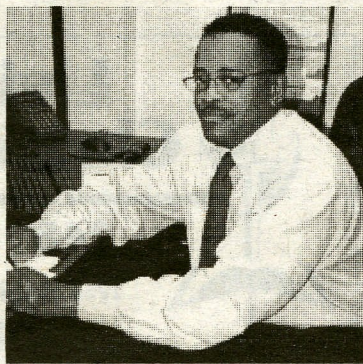
# Five People Join Friends For Life Team

Five professionals recently joined the Friends For Life staff, William McCrary as director of program management, and Lester Regina Dodson, Edward Thomas, Martin Countess and Ana Miranda, all outreach case managers.

McCrary, a resident of Jackson, Tenn., is a native of Detroit and comes to Friends For Life with a wealth of previous experience. His previous experience includes working at Lane College as an educational talent search program counselor. McCrary also has held positions at Camelot Care Center as a case manager, at the University of Tennessee's Independent Living Program as an area coordi-

nator and for YouthBuild Jackson as a program manager.

In addition to his previous experience, McCrary holds a bachelor of arts degree from Lane



William McCrary

College, as well as a master's degree from The University of Memphis. He and his wife, Alisa McCrary, who is a fifth grade teacher at East Elementary School in Jackson, Tenn., have two sons, 14-year old Sadaricus and eight-year old Iman.

Friends For Life's on-going growth is part of McCrary's goal for his new position. "I want to continue to assist Friends For Life in managing the corporation's fast-paced growth," McCrary said, "along with staying focused on our mission and vision in the West Tennessee community."

Lester Regina Dodson, a native Memphian, holds a bachelor of science degree in chemical dependency counseling from LaCross University. Her previous experience includes "working with mentally-disabled clients that were HIV positive." She lives in Memphis with her husband, Michael Richard, and has two children, 19-year old Bryan Fisher, a college student in Illinois, and 15-year old Brittany Fisher, who lives at home.

When asked about her goal as a Friends For Life employee, Dodson replied, "I want to assist the Memphis area community with breaking the stigmas for treatment and to educate the community about HIV/AIDS."

Edward Thomas, a native of Gary, Ind., has lived in Memphis for one year. He holds a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from The University of Memphis, and a master's of public administration from Long Island University in New York. His previous experience includes working in the mental health and HIV fields in both Chicago and New York for the past 11 years.

"My goal here at Friends For Life is to get HIV-positive individuals into treatment, help people



Clockwise from top left, Lester Regina Dodson, Edward Thomas, Ana Miranda and Martin Countess

at risk for HIV to get tested, and of course, to stop AIDS."

Brazilian native Ana Miranda has resided in Memphis for the past two and a half years and serves as Friends For Life's bilingual outreach case manager. She holds a bachelor of arts degree in political science and a minor in sociology, both from Loyola University at New Orleans.

Miranda has served as the STD/HIV/AIDS Latino outreach coordinator for the Memphis & Shelby County Health Department.

Her goal as a member of the Friends For Life team is "to help Friends For Life develop a strong presence in the Latino community."

Also a native Memphian, Martin Countess is not only an outreach case manager, but also represents

Friends For Life while working in conjunction with the Arkansas Delta AIDS Consortium. He holds a bachelor of science degree in home economics and family studies from Freed-Hardeman University at Henderson, Tenn., and a master of science degree in counseling.



Countess's previous experience includes three years as an outpatient adult therapist with the Midtown Mental Health Center in Memphis. "I want to help identify barriers to treatment involving HIV-positive persons with mental illness," Countess said regarding his goals as a Friends For Life employee, "and to assist in eliminating those barriers thereby improving the quality of life for those infected and affected by HIV."

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## Bishop Calls Gay Marriage 'A Civil Right'

LAWRENCE, Mass. (AP) — Episcopal Bishop V. Gene Robinson of New Hampshire said he and his male partner of 14 years would be married if the state legalized marriage or civil unions between same-sex partners.

"I am very supportive of the right to marry," Robinson said in a telephone interview with *The Eagle Tribune* published in mid-December.

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ber. "If gay and lesbian people are full citizens of the country and state in which they live, they should be accorded the same rights as other couples.

"I don't think it matters whether you call it marriage or civil union as long as the responsibilities and the benefits are the same."

Robinson said churches should not be required to bless such unions, however.

"I think all of the different churches will have to make a decision whether or not to bless these unions," he said.

He said the Episcopal Church in New Hampshire has been blessing same-sex unions for seven years.

Vermont allows civil unions between same-sex partners. In Massachusetts, the Supreme Judicial Court declared that a ban on gay marriage is unconstitutional.

New Hampshire adopted a law around 20 years ago that specifically banned same-sex marriages.

Robinson, 56, a divorced father of two and the church's first openly gay bishop, was consecrated last month. The event has divided the church in the United States and abroad.

Robinson said many more people are finding their way to the Episcopal Church than are leaving it as a result of his becoming bishop.

"We are getting all kinds of people coming to the Episcopal Church, not just gay and lesbian people, because of this," he said. "Many straight couples and their children are coming because they want their children to be raised in a community that accepts all people."



# No Action Option for Lawmakers Weighing Gay Marriage in Mass.

By Steve LeBlanc  
Associated Press Writer

BEDFORD, Mass. (AP) — House Speaker Tom Finneran said Dec. 4 that one action lawmakers could take in response to the Supreme Judicial Court's landmark gay marriage ruling is to do nothing at all.

The state's highest court ruled in November that it is unconstitutional to deny gay couples the rights and benefits of marriage and gave the Legislature 180 days to "take such action as it may deem appropriate."

But Finneran told a gathering of newspaper publishers that lawmakers could let the 180-day period pass without taking any legislative action.

"No action is always an option," Finneran said in his first public comments since the SJC's Nov. 18 ruling. But he did not say whether he believes the ruling would automatically take effect if the 180 days expires without a change in law.

The powerful Democratic speaker also said he had no plans to withdraw his support for a proposed amendment to the state constitution that would define marriage as a union between one man and one woman.

Finneran said the high court's ruling left important questions unanswered, such as whether other states would be required to recognize the Massachusetts marriages of gay couples.

"If a gay couple or lesbian couple gets married in Massachusetts and moves to Kansas, I don't know what the federal constitu-

tion is going to impose in terms of recognition about the validity of that relationship under Kansas law," said Finneran, D-Boston.

"It is a decision that has very serious implications — legal, cultural, social implications — for 270 million Americans," he said.

Finneran's comments came as Beacon Hill lawmakers weighed what kind of response they should pursue in the wake of the landmark ruling.

Several state officials — including Gov. Mitt Romney — have said they will pursue a Vermont-style civil union legislation that would convey all the benefits of marriage, but not the title. Romney also supports a constitutional ban on gay marriage.

Speaking later at the same event, U.S. Rep. Barney Frank said he doubts the Legislature will take any action because "there is no wiggle room" in the opinion, which he said clearly legalizes gay marriage in Massachusetts.

"The SJC said to the Legislature: 'Here is this thing that is somewhat controversial in Massachusetts, we think you should enact it, but if you don't enact it, it won't make any difference.'" Frank said. "The likelihood that a Legislature will voluntarily do something controversial when they've already been told it won't make any difference is quite small."

Frank, who is gay and a supporter of same-sex marriage, said that if supporters of a proposed constitutional amendment defining marriage as a union between one man and one woman gather enough signatures, it

would be wrong to block the question from getting on the ballot.

He also predicted the question would fail. "Gay marriage will mean a great deal for

a few thousand people who take advantage of it and almost nothing to everybody else," he said.

## Three Retired Military Officers Denounce 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell'

NEW YORK (AP) — Two brigadier generals and a rear admiral — all retired — disclosed that they are gay and denounced the U.S. military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy in interviews with *The New York Times*.

In a story published by the newspaper Dec. 10, Army Brig. Gens. Keith Kerr and Virgil Richard and Coast Guard Rear Adm. Alan Steinman said the policy effectively excludes gays from military service and forced them to deceive friends and family.

The men were the highest-ranking military officials to disclose their sexual orientation, the *Times* said.

The Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, a gay rights group that monitors military justice, made the officers available to the newspaper as part of the group's plans to mark a decade since the policy was put in place by President Clinton on Nov. 30, 1993.

"Because gays and lesbians are required

to serve in silence and in celibacy, the policy is almost impossible to follow," Steinman told the *Times*. "It has been effectively a ban." He said he did not tell his family he was gay until after he retired in 1997.

Richard, who retired in 1991, said no one knew he was gay during his 32 years of military service. "I suppressed my desires, and didn't allow myself to be who I am because there was too much at stake," Richard said in his interview with the newspaper.

The Servicemembers Legal Defense Network said nearly 10,000 men and women have been discharged from the military for being gay under "don't ask, don't tell."

The Bush administration and the Pentagon have said there are no plans to abandon the policy.



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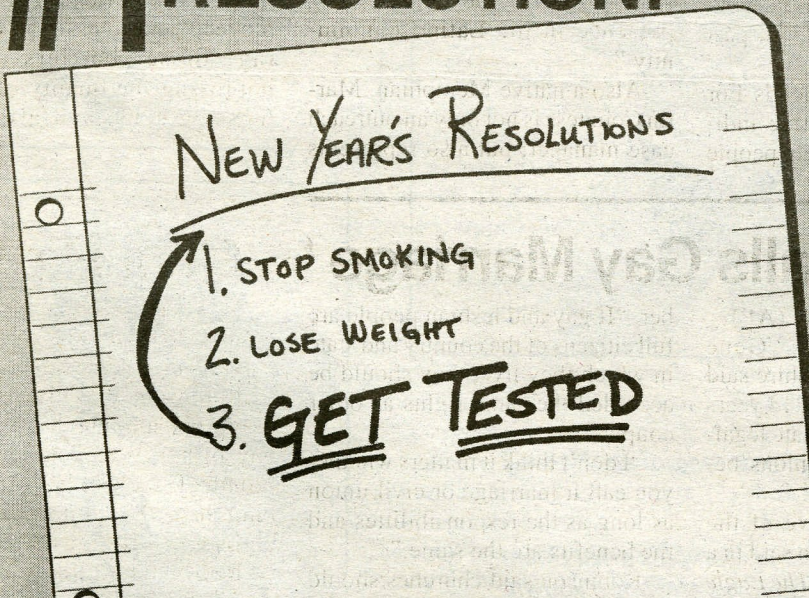
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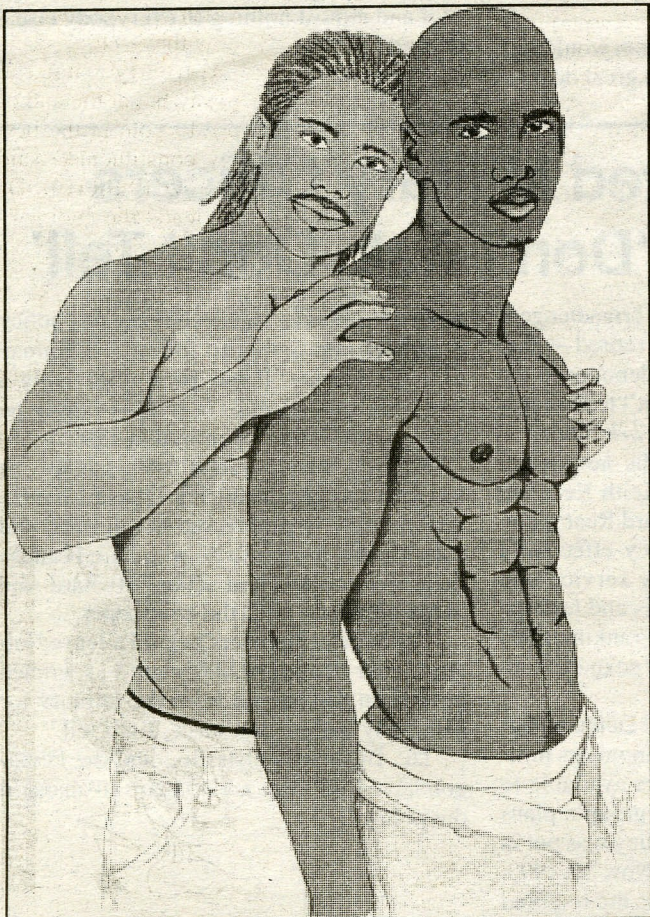
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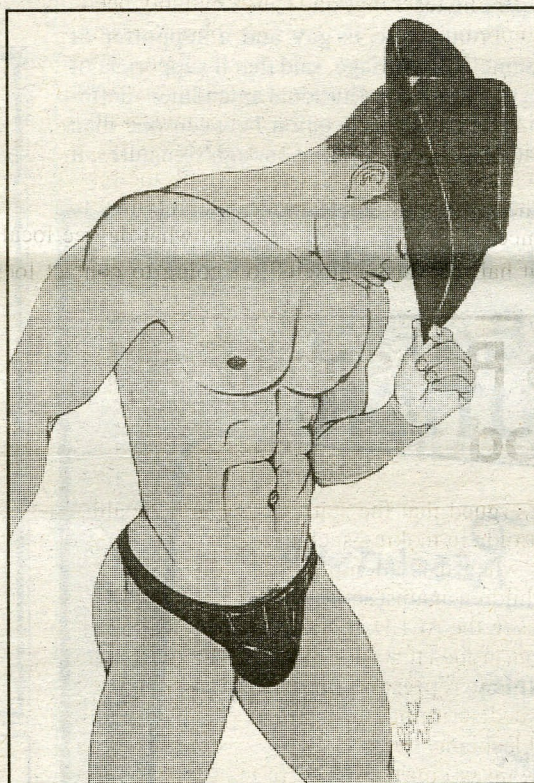
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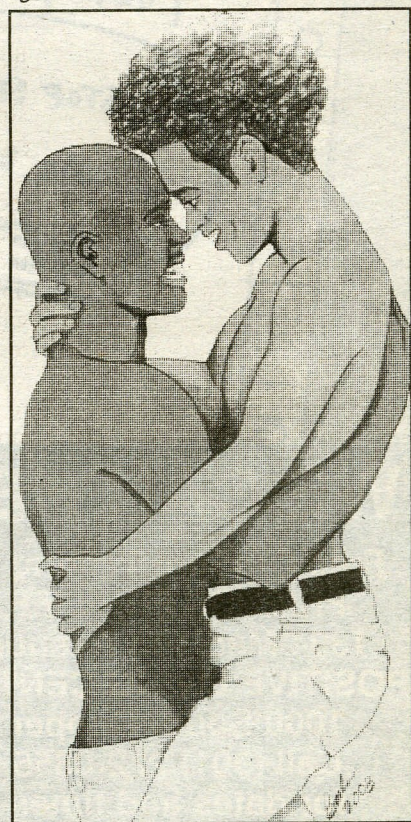
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# Gay Marriage Debate Could Put Weakened Church to the Test

By Jennifer Peter  
Associated Press Writer

BOSTON (AP) — The Roman Catholic Church's once-potent lobbying presence on Beacon Hill will be put to the test in coming months as bishops face the first major hot-button issue since the priest sex abuse scandal: the possible legalization of gay marriage.

The legislative debate about gay marriage will place the Catholic Church in Massachusetts on the front lines of a national cultural battle for the first time since the sex abuse crisis rocked its foundation and toppled its leadership.

Soon after the mid-November high court ruling, which could pave the way for the nation's first gay marriages by mid-May, the state's four bishops issued a strong statement, which was read at parishes across this deeply Catholic state, denouncing the decision as a "national tragedy."

In recent days, the church's representatives have been meeting with conservative groups from across the country to come up with ways to promote a state constitutional amendment defining marriage as a union between one man and one woman.

Political observers question, though, how effective the Roman Catholic church will be in lobbying the issue after the clergy sex abuse scandal — erupting with allegations against defrocked priest

John Geoghan but mushrooming into hundreds of allegations — tarnished its reputation and diverted its attention away from the political arena.

"This certainly will test the Catholic Church's viability on the hill in the post-Geoghan era," said Paul Pezzella, a Beacon Hill lobbyist. "I think they've lost some of their moral footing, but perhaps people can look beyond the scandal."

Others question whether the church's first major foray back into state politics should be on an issue that deals with issues of sexuality.

"I think it's a huge mistake," said Michael Goldman, a Democratic political consultant. "If I were giving them PR advice I would tell them to focus on the many positive things that they do in so many areas, including health care, housing and caring for those who are needy. On other issues, they have limited credibility with people."

The church's lead lobbyist in Massachusetts, however, argued that same-sex marriage is a social policy question that goes to the very core of Catholic teachings and cannot be ignored.

"Whether the crisis happened or didn't happen, it's necessary for us to be involved. We're there, we're present and we're working hard on it," said Gerald D'Avolio, who represents the Massachusetts Catholic Conference.

About half of Massachusetts' 6

million citizens are Catholic — including the House Speaker, Senate President, and more than half the members of the state House of Representatives.

The church has long been a potent lobbying force on Beacon Hill, helping to defeat death penalty legislation in 1999, weighing in on court nominees, and delaying bills that would require health insurers to provide contraceptive coverage or create buffer zones around abortion clinics.

In early 2002, however, the institution was shaken by revelations that church leaders, including Cardinal Bernard Law, had responded to accusations of child sexual abuses by simply transferring accused priests to new parishes.

Over the past year, the church's attention has been diverted by the resignation of Law, who for 18 years had been a powerful voice in Massachusetts' religious and political circles, and the settlement of lawsuits filed by hundreds of alleged sexual abuse victims.

The scandal, which has had worldwide repercussions, has inevitably been felt on Beacon Hill, observers say.

"Their moral authority has been weakened, but it hasn't disappeared," said Jeffrey Berry, a Tufts University political scientist. "I think the real question is to what degree they're going to mobilize, to what degree local parishes are going to contact local legislators

and say this is important."

Quite separate from the scandal, others say, the church's political influence was already on the wane in the state and nationwide due to the disintegration of the once-monolithic Catholic voting bloc, which could be predicted to espouse certain positions or support certain candidates.

Recent polls also have indicated that about half of Massachusetts citizens support the Supreme Judicial Court gay marriage decision and that, in many ways, Catholic voters are not always in lockstep with the church on many issues.

"There's no such thing as a Catholic vote anymore," said Stephen Pope, chairman of the theology department at Boston College. "We're still one of the most Catholic states in the country and what the bishops say here will always get a lot of attention. But the crisis in the church undermined the authority of the bishops because it weakened their credibility."

Catholic lawmakers said that the church's

teachings and lobbying efforts can play a role in their decision, but will not govern how they vote.

"I respect greatly what the church has to say but at the end of the day I have to vote in the best interest of my constituents," said Rep. Eugene O'Flaherty, D-Chelsea, who leads the Judiciary Committee. "Whether we realize it or not, we make decisions based on the way we were brought up."

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## Judge Questions Reasons For Harsher Punishment In Sodomy Case

By John Hanna  
Associated Press Writer

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — An appellate judge questioned Dec. 2 whether the state has any rational reason to punish some illegal sex more harshly because it involves homosexual acts, saying some reasons advanced by the state were "utterly ridiculous."

A three-judge panel of the Kansas Court of Appeals heard arguments in the case of Matthew R. Limon, now serving a sentence of 17 years and two months in prison for criminal sodomy, a conviction stemming from sex acts in 2000 with a 14-year-old boy. Both were residents of a Paola group home for the developmentally disabled; Limon was 18 at the time.

Had Limon engaged in sex with an underage girl, he could have been sentenced to one year and three months in prison for the same conduct.

"I'm just trying to come up with a reason, other than you don't like homosexuals," presiding Appeals Judge Joseph Pierron Jr. told Deputy Attorney General Jared Maag, who was representing the state.

Maag argued that the state has broad latitude in making such distinctions when it is attempting to protect children against sex crimes.

However, the ACLU, representing Limon, argued that such different treatment represents unconstitutional discrimination against gays and lesbians.

The Kansas court initially rejected Limon's challenge in February 2002, but in June of this year, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a Texas law criminalizing gay sex and returned Limon's case to the Kansas state courts.

The appellate court is expected to rule by February, and its decision can be appealed to the Kansas Supreme Court.

Pierron peppered attorneys for both sides with questions, challenging their arguments, suggesting at one point that the ACLU could be reading the Texas decision too broadly.

But Pierron repeatedly challenged Maag to come up with valid reasons for the different treatment of similar sex acts. The reasons the state had advanced were promoting marriage and encouraging procreation, as well as protecting

public health.

"The first two seem utterly ridiculous," Pierron said.

The judge added that the public health argument also seemed dubious, given that it would allow lesser punishment for a female defendant who transmitted venereal diseases to an underage male.

Maag countered that if the court tells the Legislature it cannot make such distinctions, "The state would lose one of its most eminent police powers, that is teaching moral values to children."

Kansas law makes any sexual activity involving a person under 16 illegal, regardless of the context. The attorney general's office has made much of Limon having two previous, similar offenses on his record, suggesting it helps to justify his lengthy sentence.

Limon could have received a much lighter sentence had he or the 14-year-old boy, identified only as M.A.R., been female. A 1999 statute, known as the "Romeo and Juliet" law, provides lesser penalties for consensual sex when one partner is 19 or under and the other partner's age is within four years.

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## Astor Turns 50



Amid the Christmas decorations of Victorian Village's Mallory-Neely House, Vincent Astor celebrated his 50th birthday on Dec. 6 as only Astor could — elegantly. A descendant of the fur-trading baron John Jacob Astor (who had a trading stop in Memphis and who died on the Titanic), Astor has been a fixture of the Memphis gay and lesbian community for many years acting as its unofficial historian.

## Gains

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heart in a Gallup Poll showing broader support for gay marriage among young Americans — a finding that conservatives blamed on gay-friendly television programming.

Indeed, *Queer Eye for the Straight Guy* — with its high-spirited gay makeover team — did so well on the cable channel Bravo that parent NBC showed reruns on network TV and arranged for the Fab Five to spruce up Jay Leno on his *Tonight Show*.

“One of the things that impresses me most about *Queer Eye* is that it shows straight men being comfortable and open with gay men in a way we haven’t often seen on television,” said George Chauncey, a history professor who heads the University of Chicago’s Lesbian and Gay Studies Project.

Other new, gay-themed TV shows — joining established hit *Will & Grace* — included the ABC sitcom *It’s All Relative* and Bravo’s *Boy Meets Boy*.

Laura Grindstaff, a University of California-Davis sociologist who studies popular culture, said the new shows differ markedly from earlier TV depictions of gays.

“The gayness, the queer identity, is not presented as an issue or problem to be solved — it’s there as part of everyday life,” she said.

“These shows present gays as fun, endearing and smart.”

Some Americans, gay and

straight, wondered if gay issues were getting too much attention.

“Gay, gay, gay, gay, gay. Plenty of Americans are tired of hearing about it,” wrote Jay Croft, a gay columnist and features editor with the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*. “I’m really worried that this is all happening too fast, that the backlash could become permanent.”

Some of the deepest divisions occurred in mainline Protestant churches, notably among Episcopalians as openly gay V. Gene Robinson was consecrated the bishop of New Hampshire. Robinson’s elevation triggered a left-right rift that is still developing and could ultimately split the church.

“What happened in the Episcopal Church shows irreversibly that there is a debate among people of faith over homosexuality,” said Chauncey. “It will never be possible again for the Christian right to claim there is only one Christian position.”

In Allison Park, Pa., a Pittsburgh suburb, the Rev. Doug Pratt of Memorial Park Presbyterian Church said he and his congregation would insist that any member of the church’s clergy — even in a future era of gay marriage — be celibate except in the context of a heterosexual marriage.

“There must be no thought police to force us to change our views,” he said. “I can’t put any court decision above the Bible.”

In October, Judy Shepard issued a statement marking the fifth anniversary of the murder of her gay son, Matthew, in Wyoming.

She welcomed gains achieved by gays, but said lawmakers should do more to curtail anti-gay hate crimes and prevent job discrimination.

“It is as if we are living in two Americas — one that tunes in to *Queer Eye for the Straight Guy* but turns a blind eye to the injustices gay and lesbian people still face,” she said.

Shepard cited reports of dozens of hate crimes during 2003, including the killing of a 15-year-old lesbian in Newark, N.J. She didn’t mention the efforts of anti-gay pastor Fred Phelps to erect monuments in Wyoming, Idaho and Tennessee asserting that her son went to hell because of his homosexuality.

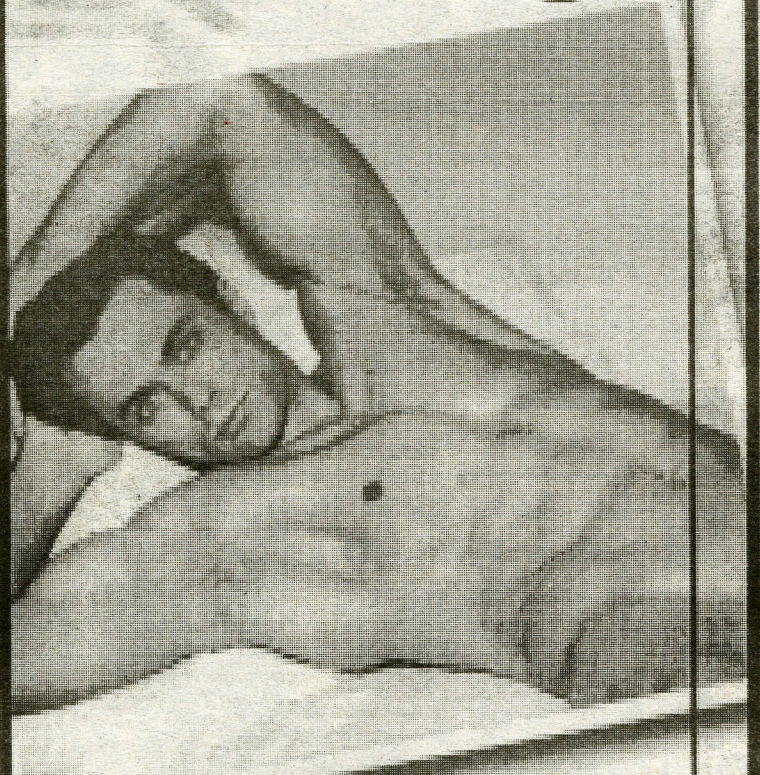
Nonetheless, many gays and lesbians believed acceptance was on the rise.

Mark Lewis and his partner, Dennis Winslow, are among seven New Jersey couples suing for the right to wed in their home state. Lewis said their legal efforts — and relationship — are supported by neighbors.

“We live in an apartment with senior citizens, immigrants, single parents — all kinds of Ozzie and Harriet living situations,” Lewis said. “These people have their antennas tuned to inequality, and they don’t like to support it.”

Said Kate Kendell, involved in gays-rights advocacy since 1988: “We’re at the tipping point where most people are simply not willing to engage in the fight against us if it’s about name-calling and hostility toward their fellow Americans.”

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Where do the presidential candidates stand on *our* issues? The Memphis Stonewall Democrats will present a Presidential Candidate Forum on Sat., Jan. 24, 2

p.m. at Memphis Gay and Lesbian Community Center at 892 S. Cooper.

The candidates’ positions on GLBT and other issues will be

compared and discussed, and representatives of the Democratic presidential candidates will make the case for their candidates.

The Tennessee presidential primary election is Feb. 10 and you can register to Vote at MGLCC.

For more information visit Memphis Stonewall Democrats at [www.geocities.com/mphstonewalldem](http://www.geocities.com/mphstonewalldem)



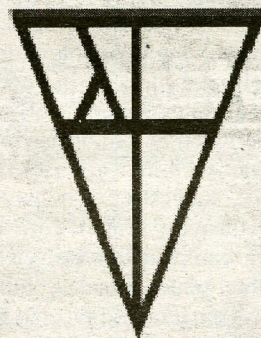
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## BCSA Elects New Officers

On Dec. 1, the Bluff City Sports Association Council held its biennial election of executive board officers. The officers up for election this year were assistant commissioner, treasurer and a new position, player development/field officer.

The newly elected officers are Asst. Commissioner Will Batts, Treasurer John Foard, and PF/FS Tonya Shropshire.

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# Black GLBT Leaders Speak Out Against Discriminatory Amendment

WASHINGTON — An ad hoc group of African-American gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender leaders has come together to form the National Black Justice Coalition, which is launching a national campaign opposing the Federal Marriage Amendment, a proposal that would permanently deny same-sex couples the rights, benefits, responsibilities and protections of civil marriage.

Donna Payne, HRC's senior

constituency field organizer who participated in the formation of the coalition, spoke at a press conference launching the campaign.

"We wholeheartedly support the important work of the National Black Coalition," said HRC Executive Director Elizabeth Birch. "The coalition gives a voice to African American same-sex couples, and those who stand with them, in opposition to the deeply discriminatory Federal Marriage Amendment,

and all that it stands for."

"Some members of the radical right are trying to use the issue of same-sex marriage to drive a wedge between African American families. They are trying to play politics with the black community, and we are not going to let that happen," said Payne. "Permanently denying the rights, protections and responsibilities of marriage to same-sex couples in this country does nothing to strengthen our

families."

The National Black Justice Coalition also includes African-American leaders Keith Boykin, bestselling author; Mandy Carter of Freedom to Marry and Southerners on New Ground; Ken Reeves, a city councilor in Cambridge, Mass.; and others.

The coalition plans to spend at least \$100,000 placing ads in black media outlets to help build support and awareness for the issue, and

will also launch a website on the issue.

The Human Rights Campaign is the largest national gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender political organization with members throughout the country. It lobbies Congress, provides campaign support and educates the public to ensure that GLBT Americans can be open, honest and safe at home, at work and in the community.

## New United Way Category Better Fits Friends For Life's Mission, Programs

Realizing Friends For Life does much more than simply provide services to adults infected and affected by HIV/AIDS, the United Way of the Mid-South recently decided to place the HIV/AIDS service organization into a category that more appropriately describes all the services provided by the agency.

The United Way of the Mid-South has several categories under which agencies fall. Until last month, Friends For Life was listed in the category of "Assisting Adults with Disabilities." Now, the agency is listed under the United Way category of "Strengthening Families and Promoting Self-Sufficiency for Individuals."

This new category places Friends For Life along side such agencies as Children and Family

Services, Latino Memphis, the Memphis Jewish Community Center, the YMCA of Memphis and the Mid-South and the YWCA of Greater Memphis.

Friends For Life Executive Director Kim A. Moss believes the United Way of the Mid-South thinks this new category is a better fit for the HIV/AIDS agency.

"The United Way of the Mid-South believes we fit better in this new category because of what we do, which means they have actually recognized we serve more than just adults with disabilities," Moss said.

"It's been an education process for them, but we have educated them to see that HIV is more than a disability." Moss also pointed out that the change is also is from focusing on the disability aspect of

HIV/AIDS to focusing on helping the individual and family gain self-sufficiency.

"This change is significant because this category includes families," he continued.

"We've been educating them (United Way of the Mid-South) for some time in regard to our agency providing many services to families, as well as individuals.

"It (the change in category) also

emphasizes our mission of helping people with HIV/AIDS live well," Moss said.

"They live well by learning skills needed for them to be self-sufficient. The United Way has seen, first-hand, through our measurable outcomes that we are addressing many more issues than just HIV/AIDS. Because people are living longer they have the need to learn skills such as employment

readiness, budgeting, maintaining an apartment, communication skills, nutrition and other issues that lead to self sufficiency."

According to the United Way of the Mid-South, "Thanks to a strong network of United Way agencies, programs and initiatives, the quality of life for many Mid-South families is improving. ...Strengthening families across the Mid South — that's what matters."

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# News of Grant Award Marks 'First' for Gay and Lesbian Community

Just two months before the first anniversary of opening its doors at 892 S. Cooper, MGLCC secured its first big victory in monetary support and public viability. MGLCC is now the first GLBT organization in Memphis to receive a grant from a private grant foundation.

News of the \$5000 award came in early December while board members were busy getting ready for holiday events. The immediate reaction was a moment of pause as members of a com-

munity well-used to rejection drank up the satisfaction of acceptance.

"We needed this," said Len Piechowski, MGLCC president. "There are still plenty of nay-sayers in the gay community who don't want to believe that things like this can happen," he said.

Piechowski drew upon his experience in the non-profit world to write the grant application. He suspects internalized homophobia sometimes keeps the GLBT community from realizing its full

potential.

"When everything you see on TV or read in the news tells you quite graphically how much people hate you, you get used to being hated and you start to think that way yourself. You think that you don't deserve to achieve what others achieve because you are gay."

When an achievement is made against the odds, though, members of the GLBT community have good reason to feel acknowledged and accepted.

"This \$5000 gift will go a lot farther in restoring people's confidence than it will in terms of the number value alone," Piechowski said.

The award is a challenge grant from the Gill Foundation of Colorado and is one of 44 grants totaling \$590,540. All of the grants went to support GLBT initiatives and HIV/AIDS programming.

Because it is a challenge grant, MGLCC will be responsible for raising another \$5000 on its own before the total grant award will be disbursed.

According to Rick Jung, senior program officer of the Gill Foundation, the grants were awarded to organizations in 30 states. Am-

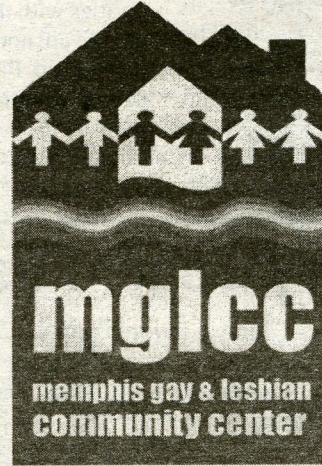
nesty International USA was among the recipients.

Perhaps the most exciting part of receiving grant support is the prospect of greater support to come. One of the reasons that the

Gill Foundation took an interest in MGLCC in the first place was the fact that the Community Center was able to raise \$72,000 to buy its own building.

Now with one award under its belt, MGLCC has already begun seek out new grant awards, which may be

more likely and plausible in light of the Gill grant. Piechowski did not wait around to get started. He delivered MGLCC's second grant application two weeks after the Gill Foundation's award was announced.



## MGLCC Events

### • Coffeehouse Nights with live music (Fridays, 7 p.m.)

- Jan. 2 - Motley Blue Cross Night
- Jan. 9 - Skinny White Chick
- Jan. 16 - Charlie, George and Company
- Jan. 23 - Open Mic Night

## Movie Nights (Saturdays 6 p.m.)

*Queer as Folk*, 7 p.m. Movie listed below, followed by *Six Feet Under*

- Jan. 3 - *Deep End*
- Jan. 10 - *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*
- Jan. 17 - *Broken Hearts Club*
- Jan. 24 - *Bar Girls*
- Jan. 31 - *Come Undone*

## Other Center Meetings

- Sun., Jan. 4 - MGLCC Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
- Tues., Jan. 6 - Parents' Group, 6 p.m.
- Thurs., Jan. 15 - Book Club, 7 p.m.
- Sat., Jan. 17 - January Birthday Potluck, 6 p.m.

## Community Group Meetings

- Motley Blue, Fri., Jan. 2 and 16, 9:30 p.m.
- Saint Bacchus & Serge Bible Study, Sat., Jan. 3, 2:30 p.m.
- Bluff City Sports Assoc. - Mon., Jan. 5, 6:30 p.m.
- West Tennessee Bear Fraternity, Thurs., Jan. 8, 7:30 p.m.
- Lesbian and Gay Coalition for Justice, Sat., Jan. 17, 2 p.m.
- Pink Pistols, Thurs., Jan. 29, 7 p.m.
- AA Group, Sundays, 8 p.m.
- Plus Group, Mondays, 7:30 p.m.

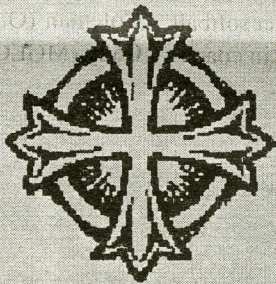
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# ABOUT BOOKS

by Shannon Yarbrough



## the funny thing is... Ellen's Book Captures Her Essence

Wow! It's 2004 already and what are we waiting for? The *Survivor All Stars* premiere, another Superbowl, the Grammys, the Oscars, the list goes on and on. It seems that we always start off our new year by remembering the best things about the year that just ended. We ring in our new year with champagne and resolutions, and then stay glued to our televisions to see who will win best actor or artist of the year. Even magazines get in on the hype with list after list of the most popular sitcoms and shows, actors, actresses and musicians.

Our community has a lot to celebrate, too! Between landmark victories in Canada, Vermont, Texas, and Massachusetts, celebrated works of art on the stage and screen (*Take Me Out* and *Angels in America*), and the unstoppable *Queer Eye* show on Bravo, it's been a rainbow-banner of progress for all of us in the GLBT community. But who should get the biggest comeback award of the year? Ellen Degeneres, of course!

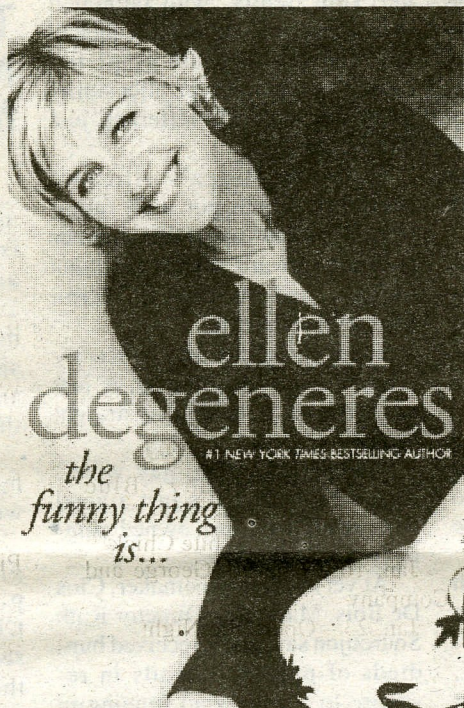
Many remember her from the coming out episode of her sitcom show a few years ago, or maybe it was one of her two HBO comedy specials, one of which aired last year. She also cohosted the Emmys in September. Her own talk show launched the same month, and let's not forget the little blue fish, Dory, from Disney's *Finding Nemo* that Ellen gave voice to. *Nemo* was the box office smash of the summer and quickly became the highest grossing animated feature ever, and Dory stole the show! Ellen even has a new girlfriend.

So, how many of you are waiting on Ellen's memoirs? Well, you'll just have to keep waiting because she isn't done yet. But for those of you who are anxious to read something, check out her new book that she did release in the middle of all this excitement. It's called *the funny thing is...* Released by Simon and Schuster, it is Ellen's second book. Her first quickly became a *New York Times* bestseller.

Although the book is not a look into all of Ellen's recent success, it is a wonderful glimpse into what she does best... comedy! If you enjoyed her HBO specials and always stop channel-surfing when one of them is being rerun, even though you have seen it a hundred times,

then this book is for you. Ellen's quick wit and catty humor make this a fast read that you can probably finish in one sitting.

The blurb on the inside of the book jacket is just as humorous. "Overseeing all aspects of production, Degeneres labored over details both significant and



insignificant, including typefaces, page number placement, and which of the thousands of world languages to use. Ultimately she selected English, as it is her mother tongue, but translations into Hindi and Pig Latin are already in the works. Degeneres takes an innovative approach to the organization of her book by utilizing a section in the beginning that includes the name of each chapter, along with a corresponding page number. She calls it the 'Table of Contents,' and she is confident that it will become the standard to which all books in the future will aspire."

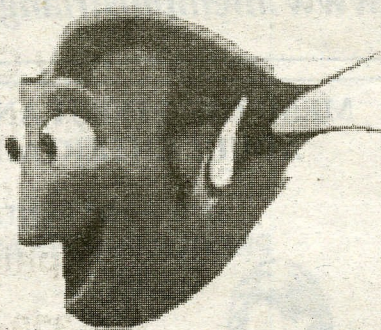
The book itself begins with Ellen pondering over place card settings for her Sunday brunch. The routine guests include Paula Abdul, Diane Sawyer, Gloria Steinam, Donatella Versace, Ed Begley Jr., and Eminem. The result is pure chaos that only Ellen can conjure up, but it seems that Eminem makes quite a tasty gazpacho. Ellen follows this with a chapter about why prison probably isn't all that bad, and then leads into several comic stylings with punchlines right from her on-

stage routines.

One of my favorites is when Ellen meets God for fondue and chablis. While waiting in God's living room, she notices pictures of Jesus everywhere. "A picture of Jesus on a pony with a cowboy hat. A picture of Jesus on the beach wearing a shirt that says, 'My parents created the universe and all I got was this lousy T-shirt.'" And then God walks in the room. She was about forty-seven, forty-eight years old, a beautiful, black woman."

My second favorite is when Ellen tries to meditate to get to that "happy place" because silence is golden. She ends up insulting a waiter, battling a meter maid, harassing associates in a health food store, and then buying a blow up doll at a place called the "Pleasure Chest." She ends up getting arrested and read her rights. When the policeman tells her she has the right to remain silent, her reply is, "Finally, that's what I've been looking for all along!"

So, if you are one of the few people left who isn't a fan of Ellen, this book will definitely make you a believer. And I believe that Ellen says it best in her message from the author in the front of the book: "Wherever you're reading this book, please remember to turn off your cell phone and that the taking of flash photographs is strictly forbidden."



Ellen Degeneres provided the voice of Dory in Disney's animated feature *Finding Nemo* ©Disney/Pixar Productions.

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## MGLCC Book Club Announces Schedule

The MGLCC Book Club will meet in early 2004 according the following schedule:

- Thurs., Jan. 15, 2004 at 7 p.m. — *The DaVinci Code* by Dan Brown
- Thurs., Feb. 19, 2004 at 7 p.m.

- *Dream Boy* by Jim Grimsley
- Thurs., Mar. 18, 2004 at 7 p.m.
- *Ambidextrous* by Felice Picano
- Thurs., Apr. 15, 2004 at 7 p.m.
- *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay* by Michael Chabon

## BCSA Holds Awards Banquet

The Annual Bluff City Sports Association banquet was held on Nov. 15th, in the Magnolia room of Side Street Grille. More than 100 people attended this year's event, which was graciously presided over by Charles Billings. Spring, Fall and Tournament Awards were presented to the following teams and people:

Spring 2003 League: 1st Place Tie — Locomotion and Bushwackers, 3rd Place — Young Ave. Deli Barflies

Fall 2003 League: 1st Place — Neons, 2nd Place — Young Ave. Deli Barflies, 3rd Place — Bushwackers

Summer Slam Tournament: 1st Place — Bushwackers, 2nd Place — Locomotion, 3rd Place — Young Ave. Deli Barflies

Commissioner's Award: Tonya Shropshire, for her summer softball clinic and for excellence in coaching, training and teaching.

Special League Awards for All Stars: Chris Brower (Bushwackers), Thomas Brower (Bushwackers), Lesley Jones (Barflies), Lisa Royar (Barflies), Jerry Lewis (Locomotion), Dan Monk (Locomotion), Will Batts (Outfielders), Chris Funke (Outfielders), Tim Armour (Outfielders), Heidi Williams (MGLCC) and Andy Eiskamp (MGLCC)

Voted by their teammates, the following people recieved the MVP award: Michelle Homer (Barflies), Jenny Doza (Bushwackers), Rick Herrera (Locomotion), Shey Pate (Outfielders) and Opal Schwantz (MGLCC)

Voted by the teammates, the following people recieved the MIP award: Jon Jackson (Barflies), Jonathan Ellis (Bushwackers), Tim Maness (Locomotion), Kevin Coleman (Outfielders) and Cindy Cady (MGLCC)



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# Wineries Pursue a Market of Gay Consumers

By Michelle Locke  
Associated Press Writer

ST. HELENA, Calif. (AP) — Merryvale Vineyards had a well-regarded product but a slim advertising budget. So it decided to try something different — reach out to gay consumers.

Strategically, that makes sense for a winery, experts say. Going after gay and lesbian consumers could help chase away the doldrums of a world wine glut.

Still, there are some caveats. Rule No. 1: There's no such thing as "gay" wine. Rule No. 2: If

you're after a particular demographic, you'd better not be pushing plonk.

"First and foremost, you've got to make good wine," says Felipe A. Barragan, co-owner of the Chateau de Vie bed and breakfast in Calistoga and a Merryvale customer.

Historically, wine companies — unlike the beer and spirits industries — have aimed most of their advertising dollars at the mainstream. That hasn't changed much, but over the past five years or so there has been a small but persistent trend of marketing wine to

gays.

The pressure is on wineries to stay afloat in a global oversupply, and to compete with attractively priced imports in a slow economy.

"The challenge right now for wine companies is there are so many brands that it's not good enough that they simply be just another label on the shelf," says Paul Wagner, owner of the Napa-based Balzac Communications & Marketing. "They want to find a situation where they can have the almost undivided attention of the consumer."

Wagner says research has shown gays and lesbians are likely to buy from companies that support their community.

But the pitch must be made without pandering. No one likes to be talked down to.

"People here are not into gimmicks. They know what quality wine is," says Ken McDonald co-owner of Friendly Spirits in San Francisco's predominantly gay Castro district.

Successful selling to a niche community means getting to know its members, supporting their causes and researching their tastes. Just slapping "gay friendly" on company literature won't do it.

Barragan says he has noticed many companies who sense that "there's a lot of money out there to be had, but they're not doing the homework that Merryvale has."

Merryvale's decision to reach out to gay consumers, made at the instigation of proprietor Jack V. Schlatter and President Peter K. Huwiler, is part sales strategy, part social statement.

"It's not just a marketing thing, it's also a community outreach," says Marketing Director Jean DeLuca.

Merryvale began about a year

ago by contacting the gay community and supporting various causes with fund-raisers and other events, including some gay-themed celebrations in the winery's historic cask room.

For their advertising campaign, they took their mainstream ads and tweaked the copy a bit — an ad showing a tableful of candlelit diners was framed by the slogan, Celebrate. Come out to Merryvale.

"We want to get across that we get it," says DeLuca.

A small, gay-owned company, Rainbow Ridge Wines, is taking a bolder approach to marketing with a wine made from Alicante Bouschet, a red wine grape.

Dennis Costa says he and partner Tom Beatty, who launched their winery in March 2003, picked the relatively obscure grape because "we wanted to go after something that's a little different, just like we are."

Rainbow Ridge's Alicante Bouschet, which got a 91 rating from Wine Enthusiast this summer is "fruit forward with a fabulous finish — and we mean it," Costa says with a chuckle.

Rainbow Ridge, which recently brought out a chardonnay, is just as interested in selling to straight drinkers.

"People say, 'Oh, gay wine.' And we go, 'No. It's just a good wine made by a gay owned company,'" Costa says.

At yet another winemaker, Clos De Bois, Marketing Director Ruth Souroujon says she's received hundreds of positive e-mails in response to a winery ad running in gay publications that shows a field of vines being irrigated, with the rising mist creating the effect of a rainbow, a symbol of gay pride. A low-key message at the bottom of the picture notes the company's

support for the NAMES Project and AIDS Memorial Quilt.

The feedback also is positive at Merryvale, where same-sex couples have joined the wine club. Occasionally, DeLuca is asked if she worries about a backlash.

"I don't know what there is to worry about," she says. "We're not saying that we're gay, we're not saying that the owner's gay or the president's gay. We're saying that we're gay welcoming and anyone who's uncomfortable with that — OK, fine."

"Throughout history, the spirit of community has thrived on good food and wine and friendship," says DeLuca.

## Tsarus Seeks Nominations for MOY

Tsarus, one of Memphis' most active levi-leather groups is seeking nominations for its annual "Man" of the Year award. Nominees need not be male or even be an individual since in the past both females and groups have been awarded the honor.

The honoree is chosen by the members of Tsarus, but the club welcomes input on its selection.

The awards dinner will take place on Tues., Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. at Crossroads, 92 N. Claybrook. The dinner will be served by the men of Tsarus and the evening will include testimonial speeches by people close to the honoree.

To make a nomination, call Greg Tanner at 276-4132 or Tsarus President David Seay at 358-3051

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**Asian American Female, 25** looking for friends, to club hop, movies, and enlightening conversation. Open to male, female, gay, straight, or bi very open minded. Race is no issue. If this sounds like you and you like to make new friends then e-mail me at goddess\_kami@hotmail.com

**Prof. GF 39**, seeks femme or soft butch between 30-50 years old. I seek a secure woman who loves home and garden, but likes to go out occasionally and live it up. I love the midtown and downtown area for entertainment. I love to sit out on restaurant patios by candlelight, but I can also stay at home and have a beer in my own bar. If you like to travel, go to movies, take walks by the river, antique and thrift shop or just sit on the porch and talk, reply to this ad at kuteone38@yahoo.com. You never know where it could lead.

**Transsexual, 47**, attractive, tall, blonde, non-smoker. Wish to meet professional non-smoker, tall male for dating, dining, movies, etc. Possible LTR, serious only. call Lora, leave message. 901-353-4172.

**WF, 26**, in search of friends to go to movies, theatre, clubs and just have great conversations. If you are interested in meeting a new friend, e-mail me at MidSummerNiRain@cs.com.

Nice looking 32 y/o white male, 5'11", 170. Searching for hung masculine men only. If you love hot long oral sessions, I'm your

mouth. Midtown area. Serious only. Need big meat today. Call 201-1088. As for B.J. Have XXX movies to trade

**Fem BF, 33** seeks employed fem or soft butch female 25-45 for special friendship and intelligent conversation. Race is open. E-mail me at nubrown2000@yahoo.com.

**GWM, 46 yrs.** (looks 36 yrs), 6', 195 lbs, hairy, buzz cut, medium build, hazel eyes, 6". Versatile. I like BBQs, cooking, beer, shooting pool, darts, movies (XXX), working out. Looking for GWM, well endowed with similar interests; any age, smooth or hairy, muscular. No fats, fems. Call John (901) 452-0411. Leave message to contact.

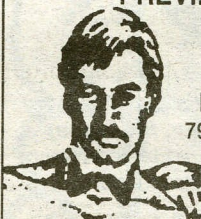
**Professional, dominant, GWM, 39**, into spanking, bondage, shaving, endless sex, toys and more. I enjoy casino gambling, shooting pool and fine dining. ISO obedient 18-22 Y/O GWM smooth body with boyish looks and mannerism about 140 lbs. No fats, femmes or drag queens, no diseases. Skinny a plus. Serious inquiries only, please. Mr. Paul 870-0457.

**I'd like to meet** a gay female between 35-50 years old. I am a soft femme. I'd like to meet a female with a good sense of humor who can make me laugh; has intellect; likes to travel; go dancing; attend plays; likes poetry and art; has days free, likes the outdoors. If this is you, then e-mail me at tedjds@bellsouth.net

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# Out & About

## The Triangle Journal Calendar of Events JANUARY 2004

### 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
- Prescott Church - Sunday School & Worship Service - (901) 327-8479 - 9:30am & 10:45am
- Living Word Christian Church - Morning and Evening Worship Services - (901) 452-6272 - 10am and 6pm

#### WEDNESDAY CHURCH SERVICES

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

#### SUNDAYS

- Tea Dance - Metro - 4pm
- Brothers & Sisters Bowling League - Winchester Bowl - (901) 722-5236 or 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 Tournament - Pumping Station - 7:30pm
- Dart Tournament - One More - 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
- Dart Tournament - Crossroads - 7:45pm
- Pool Tournament - One More - 8:30pm
- 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
- Lights Out - Come Party in the Dark - Metro

#### THURSDAYS

- Cotton Pickin' Squares - Holy Trinity Community Church - (901) 438-2427 - 7:30pm
- Dart Tournament - J-Wag's - 8pm
- Karaoke - Paragon - 9pm
- Karaoke Night - Allusions Entertainment Center - 9:30-11:30pm
- Star Karaoke - Crossroads - 10pm
- Amateur Show - Metro - 11:30pm

#### 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
- 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 - J-Wag's - 3am

#### 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
- Saturday Nites at the Gaiety - Movie Night - Community Center - (901) 278-4297 - 7pm
- Pool Tournament - J-Wag's - 9pm
- Supershows - Allusions Entertainment Center - 10:30pm & 12:15am

## SPECIAL

### EVENTS

Thursday, January 1st  
New Year's Day  
Kwanza Ends

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

Friday, January 2nd

- Catholic Mass with Special Invitation to GLBTs - St. Patrick's Cathedral - 7pm
- Coffee House with Live Band - Motley Blue Cross Drive - Community Center - 7pm
- Motley Blue - Community Center - 9:30pm

Saturday, January 3rd

- Saint Bacchus & Serge Bible Study - Community Center - 2:30pm
- Movie Night (*Queer as Folk*, Movie: *Deep End, Six Feet Under*) - Community Center - 6pm, movie at 7pm

Sunday, January 4th

- MGLCC Board Meeting - Community Center - 6pm
- AA Group - Community Center - 8pm

Monday, January 5th

- 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
- Friends for Life Coffee Shop - Call 901-272-0855 for Location - 6-8pm
- Bluff City Sports Assoc. - Community Center - 6:30pm
- Plus Group - Community Center - 7:30pm

Tuesday, January 6th  
Epiphany

- Gay Parents' Group - Community Center - (901) 278-4297 - 6pm

Wednesday, January 7th

- 2xLambda - First Wednesday Outing - Movie Night - Community Center - (901) 223-3331 - 7pm

Thursday, January 8th

- Parents Together - Support Group for GLBT Parents - Holy Trinity Community Church - (901) 320-9376 - 7pm
- West Tennessee Bear Fraternity - Community Center - 7:30pm

Friday, January 9th

- Coffee House with Live Band - Skinny White Chick - Community Center - 7pm
- Motley Blue - Community Center - (901) 278-4297 - 9:30pm

Saturday, January 10th

- Movie Night (*Queer as Folk*, Movie: *Hedwig and the Angry Inch, Six Feet Under*) - Community Center - 6pm, movie at 7pm

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## HOLY TRINITY COMMUNITY CHURCH

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## Weekly Schedule

Worship Service  
11:00AM

Wednesday Night  
Study  
7:00PM

Thursday Evenings  
Cotton Pickin' Squares



- Sunday, January 11th**  
 •2xLambda - Second Sunday Social - (901) 223-3331  
 •WAC (Women's Action Coalition) - First Congregational Church - 1000 South Cooper - amullns@memphis.edu - 6:30pm  
 •AA Group - Community Center - 8pm

- Monday, January 12th**  
 •Friends for Life Coffee Shop - Call (901) 272-0855 for Location - 6-8pm  
 •Plus Group - Community Center - 7:30pm

- Tuesday, January 13th**  
 •AIDS Consortium Meeting - United Way Building (Elmore Avenue) - 11:30am

- Integrity Worship, Dinner, and Program - \$10 - Calvary Episcopal Church - (901) 278-8915 or (901) 374-9484 - 6:30pm, 7pm, & 7:45pm  
 •Lambda Circle - First Congregational Church - (901) 278-6786 - 6:30pm

- Wednesday, January 14th**  
 •HIV/AIDS Support Group - Jonesboro - 7pm

- Thursday, January 15th**  
**Ad & Copy Deadline for the February 2004 TJN**  
 •Gay & Lesbian Book Club - Community Center - (901) 680-9218 or (901) 278-4297 - 7pm

- Friday, January 16th**  
 •Coffee House with Live Band - Charlie, George & Company - Community Center - 7pm  
 •Motley Blue - Community Center - 9:30pm

- Saturday, January 17th**  
 •LGCJ (Lesbian & Gay Coalition for Justice) - Community Center - (901) 278-4297 - 2pm  
 •Stonewall Democrats - General Meeting - Community Center - (901) 278-4297 - 2pm  
 •Movie Night (*Queer as Folk*, *Movie: Broken Hearts Club, Six Feet Under*) - Community Center - 6pm, movie at 7pm  
 •January Birthday Potluck - Community Center - 6pm

- Mirror Image - TG/TS Social & Support Group - Holy Trinity Community Church - MirrorImage\_TG@yahoo.com - 8pm

- Sunday, January 18th**  
 •Log Cabin Republicans - General Meeting - Community Center - (901) 278-4297 - 2pm  
 •WAC (Women's Action Coalition) - First Congregational Church - 1000 South Cooper - amullns@memphis.edu - 6:30pm  
 •AA Group - Community Center - 8pm

- Monday, January 19th**  
**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**  
 •Feast for Friends - Hosted by Friends For Life - St. John's United Methodist Church - (901) 272-0855 - 6pm  
 •Plus Group - Community Center - 7:30pm

- Thursday, January 22nd**  
**Chinese New Year**

- Friday, January 23rd**  
 •2xLambda - Fourth Friday Fun - (901) 223-3331 - 7pm  
 •Coffee House with Live Band - Open Mic Night - Community Center - 7pm  
 •Motley Blue - Community Center - (901) 278-4297 - 9:30pm

- Saturday, January 24th**  
 •Movie Night (*Queer as Folk*, *Movie: Bar Girls, Six Feet Under*) - Community Center - 6pm, movie at 7pm

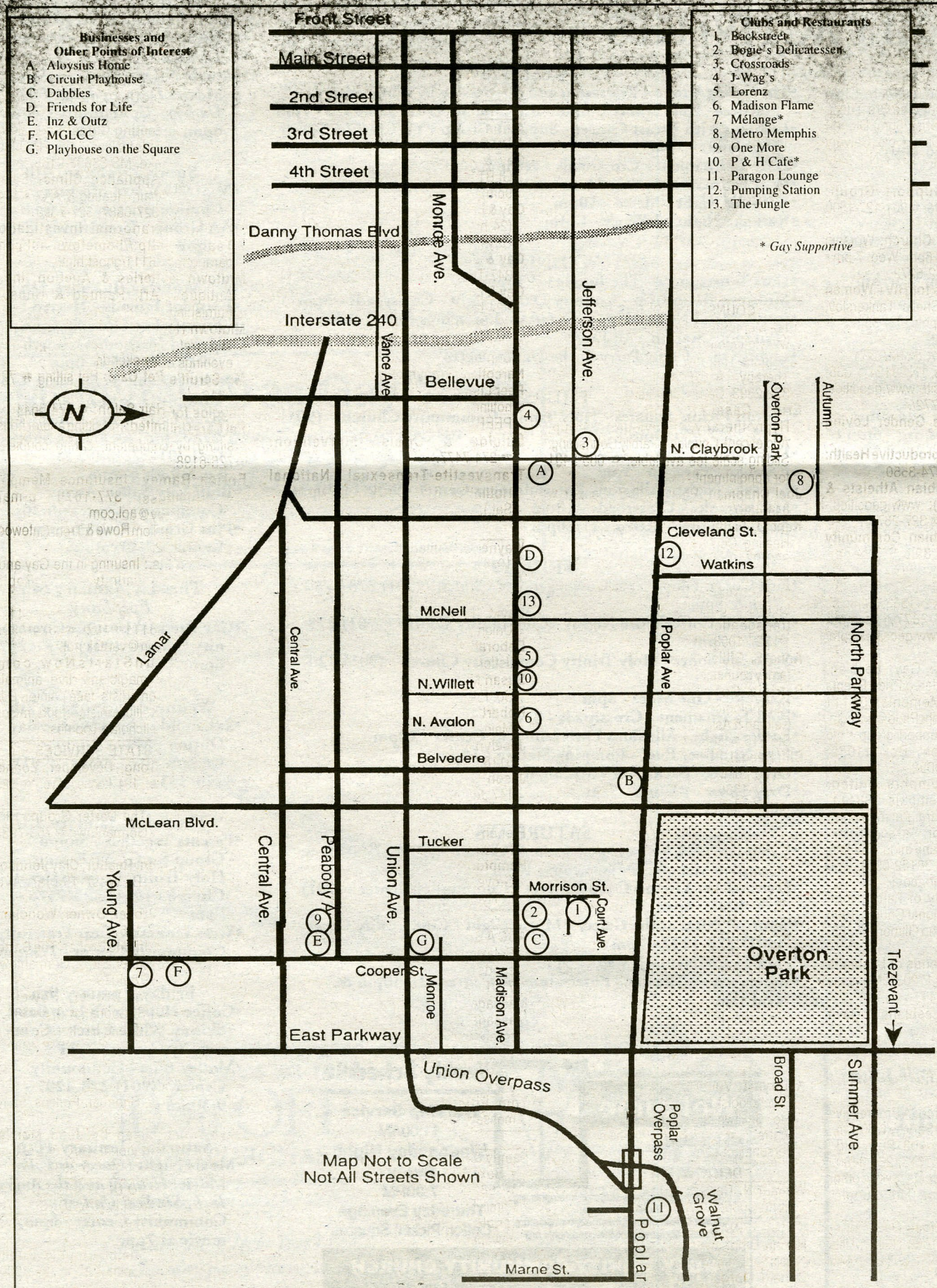
- Sunday, January 25th**  
 •GALAH (Gay & Lesbian Atheists and Humanists) - Community Center - (901) 327-2677 or MemphisGALAH@yahoo.com - 2pm  
 •Shawn Thomas in Concert - Reception after the Concert - Holy Trinity Community Church - Doors Open 5pm, Concert 6pm - For more information: www.HolyTrinityMemphis.org  
 •AA Group - Community Center - 8pm

- Monday, January 26th**  
 •Friends for Life Coffee Shop - Call (901) 272-0855 for Location - 6-8pm  
 •Plus Group - Community Center - 7:30pm

- Thursday, January 29th**  
 •Pink Pistols - Community Center - 7pm

- Friday, January 30th**

- Saturday, January 31st**  
**February 2004 TJN Due Out**  
 •Movie Night (*Queer as Folk*, *Movie: Come Undone, Six Feet Under*) - Community Center - 6pm, movie at 7pm



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## ADULT BOOKSTORES

**Airport Bookmart:** 2214 Brooks Rd E. ☎ 345-0657.  
**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.  
**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 Ave. ☎ 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.

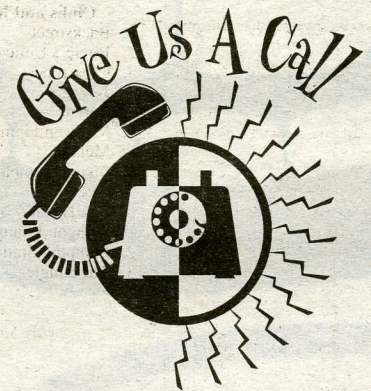
## COMMUNITY GROUPS

**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.  
**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, 6:30pm; Meeting 7:30pm • c/o Calvary Episcopal Church, 102 N. 2nd ☎ 525-6602.  
**Jackson Lambda Support Group:** Memphis Lambda Center ☎ 901-427-1500 for information.  
**Living Word Christian Church:** Worship Service Sun. 10 am & 6pm, Wed. 7 pm • 2489 Broad Ave ☎ 452-6272  
**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 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):** 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  
**Noble Krewe of Hathor:** a social, tax-exempt charitable organization. PO Box 820901, Memphis, TN 38182-0901, web site: www.kreweofhathor.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.  
**Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (P-FLAG):** Jackson, TN 38305 ☎ 1-901-664-6614 for information, e-mail: burtren@aeneas.com  
**Pink Pistols:** email: memphis@pinkpistols.org.  
**Stonewall Mission Church:** A Progressive Christian Church • Sun. Service 6:30 p.m., meets at the Center, 103 Berry Rd., Nashville, TN 37204 ☎ (615) 269-3480.  
**Sunshine Travelers:** Meets every other Tuesday at 7 pm at The Jungle, ☎ 788-4PLA (4752)  
**Tennessee Leather Tribe:** Gay men's/women's leather org. 1568 Rolling Hills Dr., Memphis, TN 38127-5409 ☎ 357-1921.  
**The Mid-Towners Bowling League:**

☎ 323-3111 - Linda Etherton, 342-4630 - James Bailey.  
**Transsexuals 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.



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**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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## FINANCIAL SERVICES

**Ronnie Bingham, CPA:** Taxes, accounting, estate planning ☎ 753-1413.  
**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.

## FLORISTS

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

## GRAPHICS/PHOTOGRAPHY

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**Affirmation:** ☎ (708) 733-9590.  
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**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:** ☎ 415-2700.  
**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-Transsexual National Hotline:** ☎ (617) 899-2212 (8-2am, Mon.-Sat.).

## LEGAL SERVICES

**Wayne C. Gullede, Attorney at Law:** 1014 S. Crockett Rd., Senatobia, MS 38668 ☎ (662) 562-5949, (662) 292-0823 or (662) 292-0046.  
**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.

## LODGING

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

## MASSAGE SERVICES

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**Massage by Jim:** ☎ Pager 541-0579.  
**Massage by Joseph:** Full body stress relief ☎ 358-7438.  
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**Tom Pitman:** Rejuvenating full-body massage by appointment. ☎ 761-7977.

## MEDIA

**Family & Friends:** Free monthly magazine • Box 771948, Memphis 38177-1948, ☎ 682-2669, Fax: 685-2234, email: FamilyMag@aol.com,  
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## MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

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**Bereavement Express:** A unique way to express your sympathy to family, friends, co-workers, clients. ☎ 578-9107; www.LandscapesPublishing.com  
**Christian Funeral Directors:** 2615 Overton Crossing ☎ 358-0062  
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**DJ Services:** breakbeatkid69@hotmail.com.  
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**Pet Care Unlimited:** Pet sitting and/or house sitting by competent, caring couple ☎ 726-6198.  
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**Tom Webb Ins.:** Insuring in the Gay and Lesbian Community, 4646 Poplar ☎ 682-2170.  
**Vantek:** Internet Services • Box 11127, Memphis 38111-0187 ☎ 324-4999, e-mail: vtadmin@vantek.net.  
**www.TheFunStartsNow.com:** Professional magicians, live animals, clowns, balloon artists, face painter, DJs, pony rides & illusionists—fund raisers ☎ 358-7258-Nicholas Toombs.

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**Brian Clanton, The Carter Group:** 1908 Exeter, Ste. 2, Germantown ☎ 753-7222, 458-3852.  
**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.  
**Steve Solomon, Broker, Sowell & Company:** 54 S. Cooper ☎ 278-4380.  
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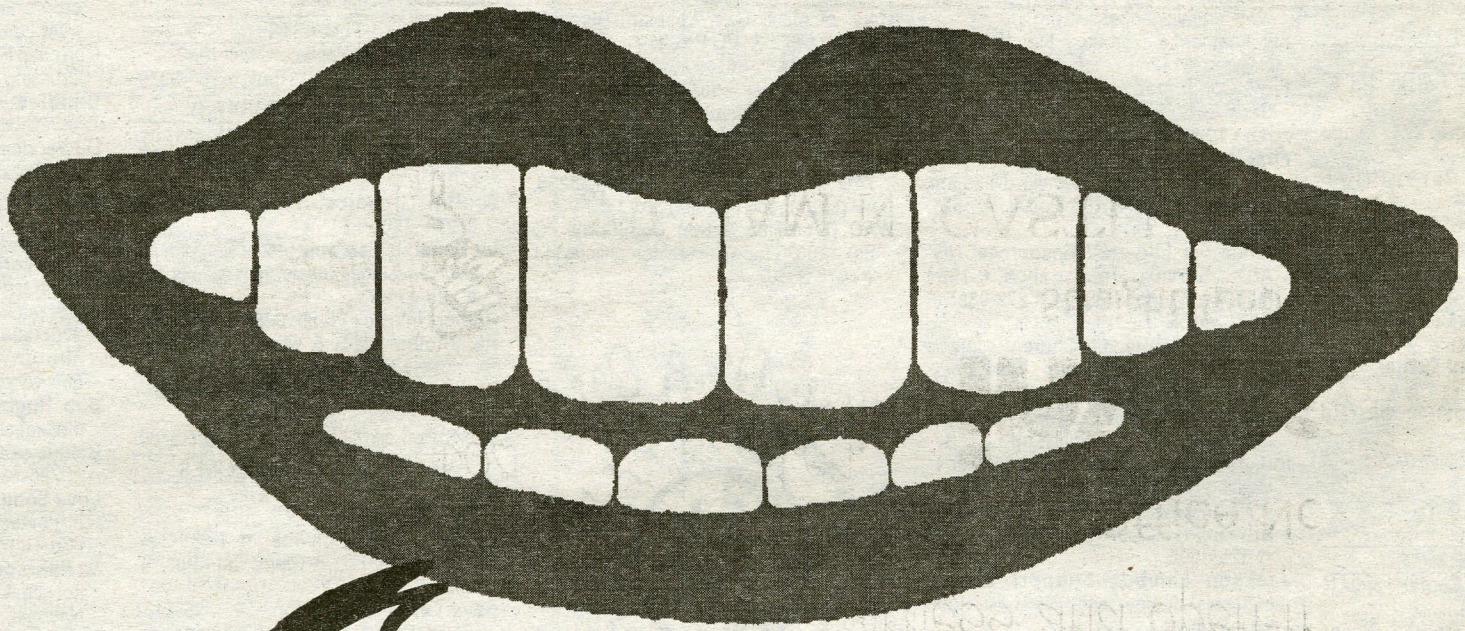
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