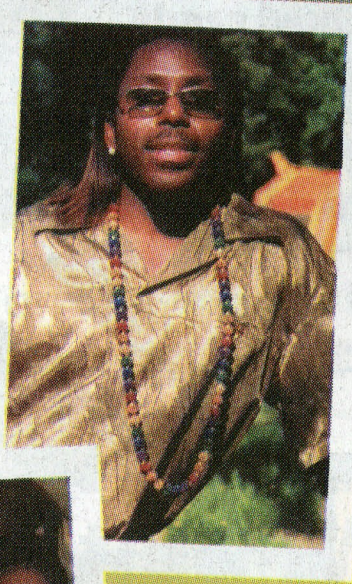
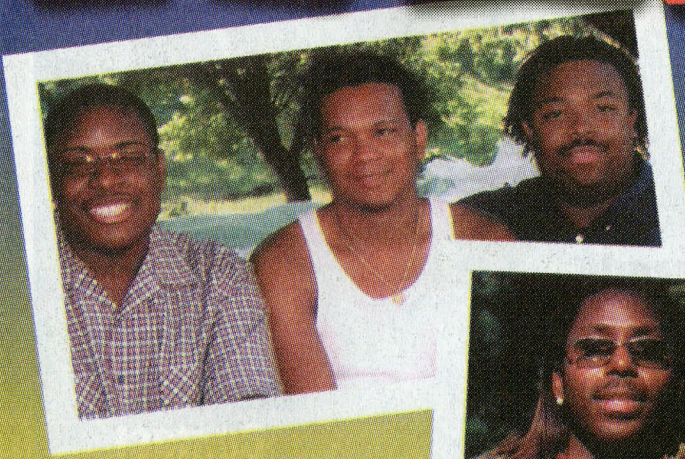


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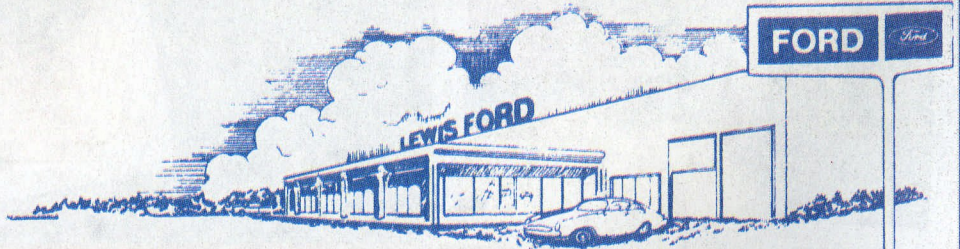
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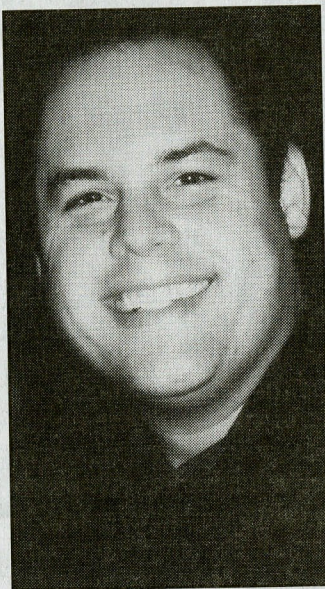


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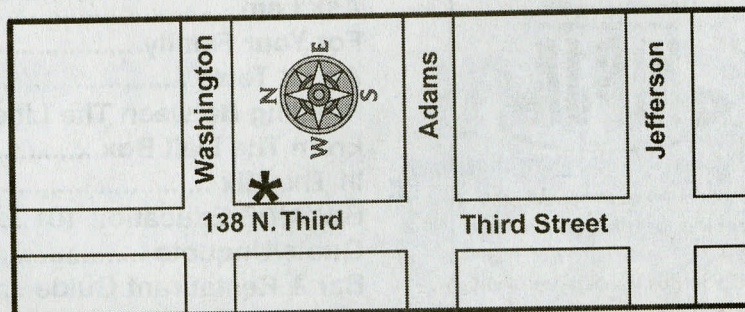
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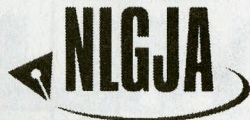
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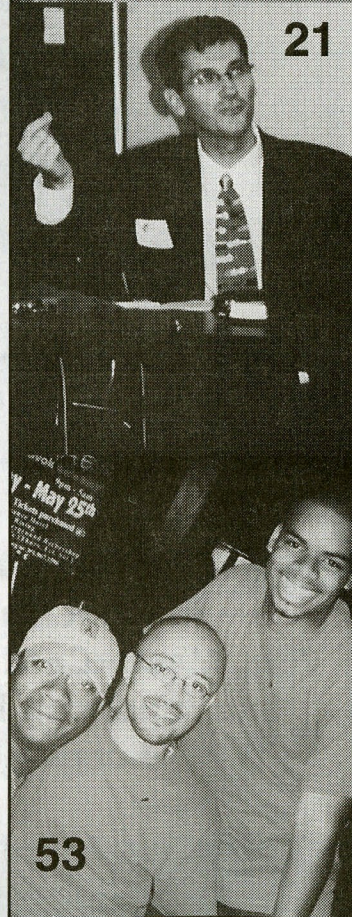
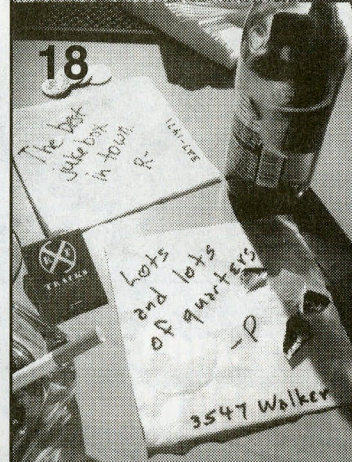
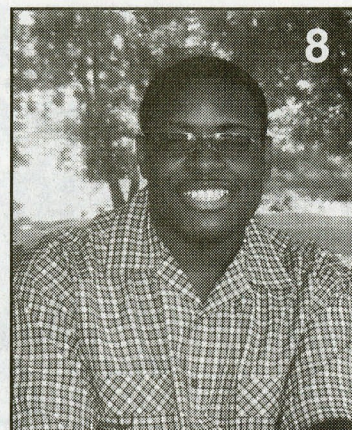
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Empowerment can lead to change, equality

One word: empowerment.

Webster's definition: To give official authority or legal power.

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Empowerment can be the rush of courage at just the right time to leave a physically-abusive partner. Empowerment can be the knowledge that being gay is okay and not something to be ashamed of, freeing a person to not be bogged down in keeping it a secret from family, co-workers and friends. Empowerment comes from learning about STDs, including HIV, and how one has the power to prevent them with a condom, with a test, with safer sex techniques. Empowerment is letting another writer read your work and letting their words of criticism enable you to improve your craft and not offend you instead. Empowerment can be the class one takes that gives the skills to achieve an education and a job they always wanted.

Empowerment is for everyone and can be measured in little steps that add up to big steps. The individual who finds drugs have taken over their life can be empowered when he or she takes the first step and realizes they can do better for him- or herself and asks for help to be freed from the drugs. He or she can be empowered to take one huge breath and take that one step of responsibility and learn the truth and be empowered to make changes to benefit themselves, even one baby step at a time.

We have come a long way since our gay forefathers

and foremothers were being arrested because they were with the one they loved, even if they were the same gender. It is an extremely rare, if not a foregone event, for the police to raid a gay bar and have the drag queens strip down in front of the officers to count their male clothing pieces before hauling them to the jail. Do we live under the same abuses and threats as our predecessors? There is still some, especially in smaller communities, but nothing to the extent our elders experienced. But they were empowered to take up the fight for their civil rights and for the rights of GLBT individuals who came after them.

The political organizations, which center their works on GLBT civil rights, need to be empowered, as well. We were recently asked to supply a list of Congress members who we felt were gay-friendly. We felt that request was wrong. Every member of Congress should have been on the list.

Regardless of sexual orientation, if you work, you pay taxes. If you shop and spend money, you pay taxes. And we, as a GLBT community, collectively pay a lot of taxes, whether it be sales, business, income, property, professional, etc. And those taxes pay the salaries of every single person sitting in a chair in our state capitals and our nation's capital. So, the way we see it, these Congressmen all should be approached with materials to educate them on the GLBT community or with any other issue in the fight for civil rights.

Will the gay person meeting with the representative be rejected? Possibly yes, possibly no. We never know till we take that first step. More often than not, we find GLBT individuals receive a positive reception, instead of a negative reception. Will you get each legislature's undivided attention and support? Probably not. But you did your job. Will they

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Here's a look at events around the Mid-South

By Anita Moyt, managing editor

It's that time of year again, time to come out and be proud of who we all are. With that in mind, *Family & Friends* wanted to make sure our readers were aware of the local Black Prides taking place in our region of the country, but first some background.

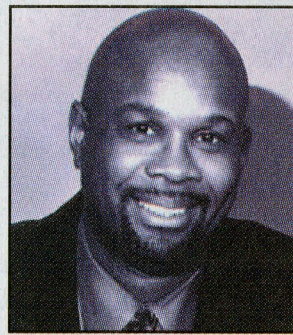
THE FEDERATION OF BLACK PRIDES

The International Federation of Black Prides (IFBP) is an umbrella organization for all Black Pride events nationally and internationally.

"There were six member organizations when I took office as IFBP president three years ago," IFBP President Earle Fowlkes told *Family & Friends* in a telephone interview. "Each produced its own black pride event. Now there are 18 pride associations (that are members of IFBP). About six other cities plan to join."

The IFBP assists these organizations in putting on their pride festivals, especially the newer members.

"We can mentor them with other members," Fowlkes said. "It gives them the benefit of the mistakes we have made."



Earle Fowlkes



Organizers of Memphis's Black Pride celebration are, from left, Anthony Hardaway, Terryl Buckner and Tony.

"We would like to get more grants to help smaller cities, where corporate funding is hard to come by, to help them organize black pride events," Fowlkes said, explaining some of the organization's goals. "We would also like to see more workshops and empowerment resources at the various events, besides putting on some great parties."

According to the information at the Washington D.C. Black Pride website at www.dcblackpride.org, official Black pride events include workshops on health, lifestyle and education; receptions, cultural arts activities, festivals, picnics, marches and a host of other activities that work to build and sustain a healthy and inclusive community.

Many same-gender-loving individuals attend not only their own city's Black Pride event but often travel to more than one event each year. The following locations are some of the favorites of the Memphis and Mid-South Black SGL community.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Fowlkes, who resides in Washington, D.C., has been a part of D.C. Black Pride for the past eight years. At present, he holds the office of president of that organization. D.C. Pride just held its events Memorial Day Weekend, May 22 to 26.

For more information, go online to www.dcblackpride.org or call (800) 942-5473.

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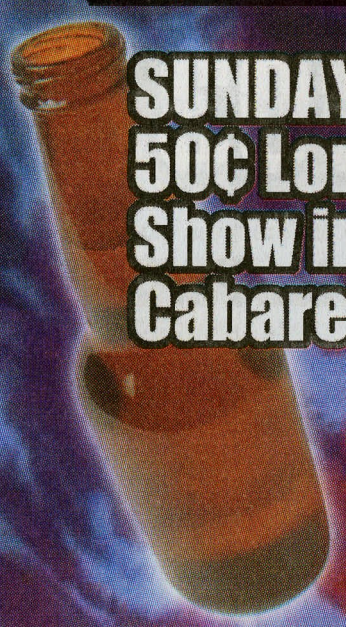
Memphis Black Pride celebrates its 10th anniversary Father's Day weekend, Thursday, June 12, through Sunday, June 15. Memphis Black Pride has brought in as many as 2,000 persons to past events, from Memphis and the Mid-South and from across the U.S., including Chicago, Atlanta, Los Angeles, Houston, Dallas and D.C. This year will be no different.

"The federation has great plans on coming to Memphis," Terryl Buckner, founder and organizer of the Memphis Black Pride events and owner of Club Allusions (formerly Club N-Cognito) told *Family & Friends*. "Since Earle (Fowlkes, president of the International Federation of Prides), came last year and they advertised Memphis Black Pride big at D.C. Black Pride this year, we expect people

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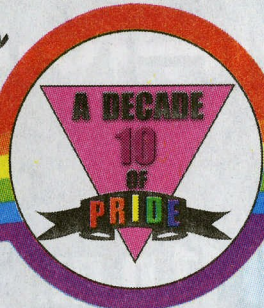
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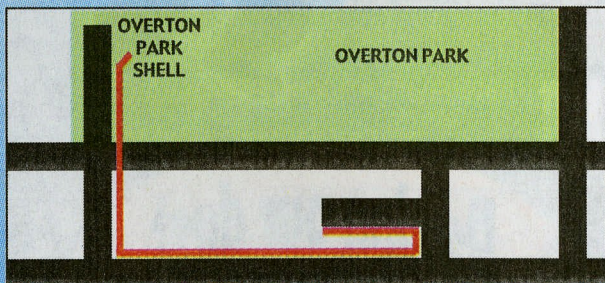


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Sundance: Where film is gay every day in June

As reported in the May 2003, issue of *Family & Friends* magazine, Sundance Channel will celebrate gay pride month with Out Loud 2003. Many, many gay-themed features, documentaries and shorts will air throughout the month of June. Check local listings or go online to sundancechannel.com for a complete listing of the myriad of viewing opportunities.

In particular, two films to be showcased during Out Loud 2003, examine the struggle between spirituality and homosexuality that many face as they come to terms with their sexuality. *Trembling Before G-D* is set to first air June 7 at 9 p.m. CT, and *E Minha Cara (That's My Face)* is set to first air June 9 at 8 p.m. CT.

Built around intimately-told personal stories of Hasidic and Orthodox Jews who are gay and lesbian, the 11-time, award-winning *Trembling Before G-D* portrays a group of people who face a profound dilemma – how to reconcile their passionate love of Judaism and the Divine with the drastic Biblical prohibitions that forbid homosexuality.

Some of the folks you will meet include David, an Orthodox gay man, the son of a chazzan or cantor, who tells of how he tried to change his homosexuality for more than a decade, including a trip to Israel, where he goes to the Kotel, or Jerusalem's Western Wall, to cry to G-d and seek guidance to live completely as who he is.

And there is Michelle, a lesbian who grew up Hasidic in

Boro Park, Brooklyn, also the child of a cantor, who thought she was the only Hasidic lesbian. Devorah tells of her struggle to tell her husband, children and grandchildren of her desire to find a girlfriend. Mark, the son of an ultra-Orthodox rabbi, was kicked out of numerous yeshivas for homosexual activity. On the other hand, Chaim is an orthodox gay man who is happily partnered with another observant man.

E Minha Cara (That's My Face) is a thoughtful, personal documentary tracing gay filmmaker Thomas Allen Harris's lifelong attempts to reconcile his African-American and African heritages, along the way exploring the very personal intersection of politics and spirituality.

In 1996, Harris journeyed to the city of Salvador Da Bahia – the African heart and soul of Brazil – seeking the identity of the spirits who haunt his dreams.

"I dreamed of a place where an African-American spirit tradition, with its fluid sexuality and overt sensuality, was openly celebrated," Harris said. "This dream led me to Salvador Da Bahia."

Twenty years before, his mother made a parallel journey when she migrated with the family to Tanzania, East Africa, in search of a mythic motherland.

Shot entirely on silent, Super 8mm film by three generations of his family, *E Minha Cara (That's My Face)* creates a mythopoetic feast of self-discovery.

BFLAG to hold convention, assists blind GLBT citizens

By Anita Moyt, managing editor

Blind Friends of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender People (BFLAG) will hold its 2003 annual convention in Pittsburgh, Pa., July 5-12. The BFLAG convention is being held as part of the much larger American Council of the Blind's annual convention.

BFLAG will host a diversity panel discussion, a special interest speaker and support groups. A "night out" is scheduled for Wednesday, July 9.

"We have come to the understanding that most of the visually impaired GLBT individuals simply don't know that others exist or how to make contact with them," said Butch Arnold, BFLAG board member. "Many closet doors are shut, not by choice but by the lack of knowledge. Although BFLAG will never 'out' anyone, we do want to make it easier for all to live an open life with access to educational information, as well as other individuals in the general GLBT community."

Its website is useful for those who are visually impaired, as well as for those who know someone who is visually impaired.

"We (also) are a resource for people who are counselors," Arnold told *Family & Friends* magazine in a tele-

phone interview. "The combination of being gay, blind and depressed is dangerous, literally, for youth."

For more information on the conference, go online to www.bflag.com and click on the American Council of the Blind link.

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Due to the advance technology that has come about during the past years, those who are visually-impaired or totally blind have many tools to help them navigate the sighted world, including the world of the Internet.

According to Arnold, information from a website or a document file can be read aloud via "voice read" software or even printed out as braille or large print on a special printer. Webcams are now used to scan hard-copy documents into a computer where the "voice read" software or the special printer now makes that document accessible.

The BFLAG website itself provides several options for accessibility, including a reverse-contrast selection.

"The main focus in disability accessibility for blind persons has been by way of stand-alone 'voice read' software," Jody Renaldo, owner of The Meridian Group, told *Family & Friends*. "These stand-alone accessibility 'voice read' programs run basically in the background and, as

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16th Annual Auction Against AIDS set June 22

Friends For Life's 16th Annual Auction Against AIDS is set for Sunday, June 22, beginning at 3 p.m. at the Memphis Botanic Garden's Hardin Hall, located at 750 Cherry Road in Audubon Park.

More than 350 great items, valued anywhere from \$14 to \$6,400, are available for bid in the silent auction and the live auction.

"In this time of economic concern, it is amazing the generosity people have had for Friends For Life in making donations to the auction and the sponsors we have this year," said Butch Valentine, auction co-chair and director of special events at Friends For Life. "It amazes me the room they have in their hearts for us.

"Now, hopefully we'll get generous bidders to the auction because the money raised will help support many important (Friends For Life) programs in the community," he added.

"Whether you wear denim or mink, drink champagne or beer, there's something for every taste and something for every budget," Valentine said.

This year's auction is being held in memory of Greg Gadomski, who lost his battle with cancer this past March.

"Greg's heart was 10 times bigger than his stature," Valentine said. "He made donations to the auction last

year, has hosted numerous A Place At The Table parties through the years, attended events and buried many friends as a result of AIDS-related complications."

Admission to the auction is \$20 per person, which includes complimentary wine and vodka cocktails, as well as light snacks. Those making a donation of an item valued at \$40 or more to the auction, will receive two complimentary tickets to the auction.

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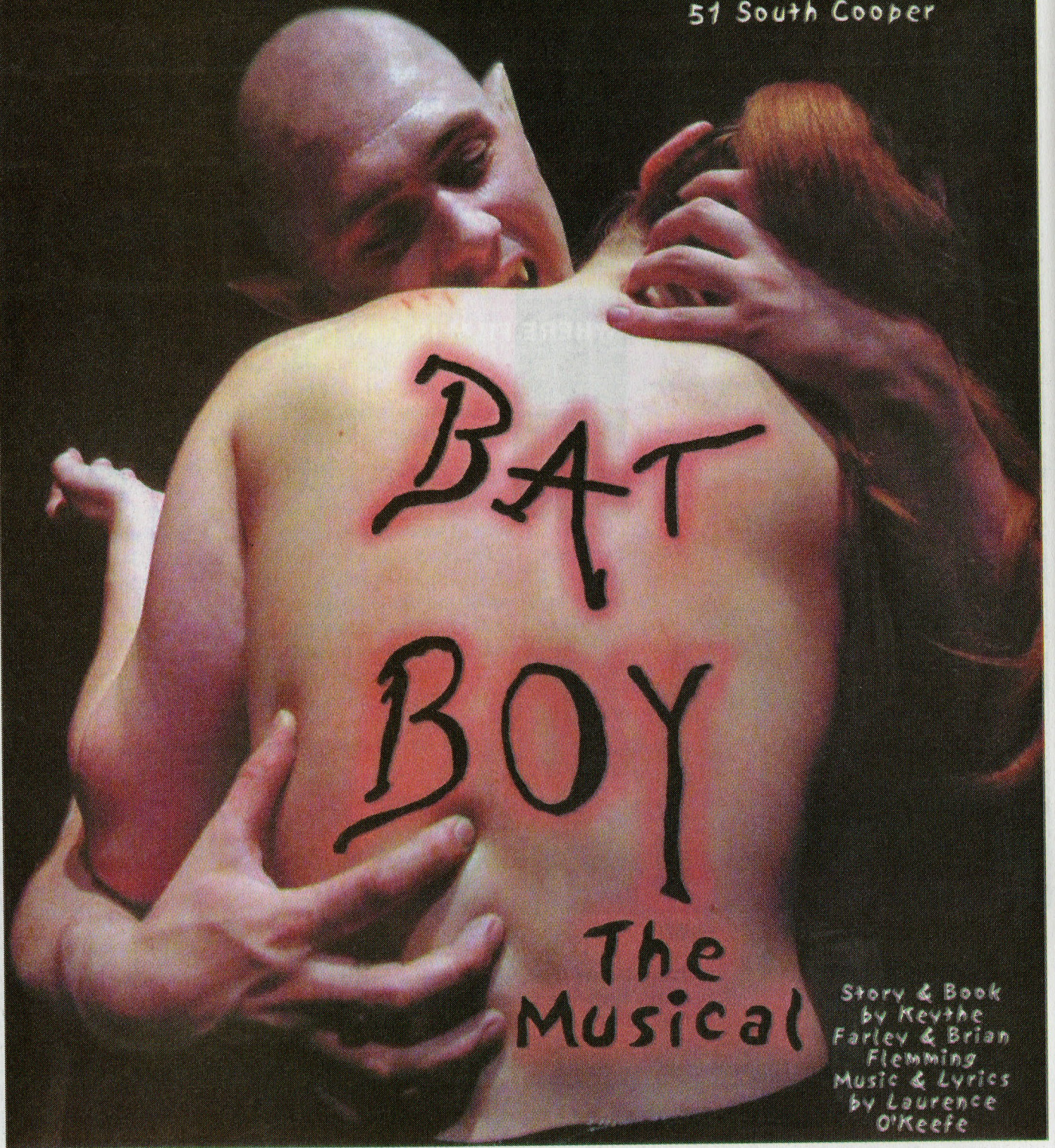
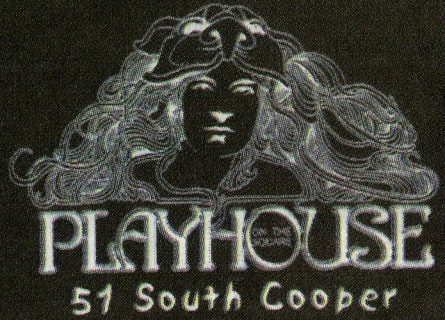
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At the age of 27, Charles broke into the Top 40 charts at No.

34, with "Swanee River Rock." And for the next several decades, that's where he stayed. His No. 1 hits included the infamous "Georgia On My Mind," "Hit The Road Jack" and "I Can't Stop Loving You."

In 1960, Charles was awarded two grammys for "Georgia On My Mind," one grammy for his album, *Genius of Ray Charles*, and another grammy for "Let The Good Times Roll." In 1961, "Hit The Road Jack" garnered him

his fifth grammy. Grammys six and seven were awarded in 1962, for "I Can't Stop Loving You" and in 1963, for "Busted," respectively. "Crying Time" was the reason for two more grammy awards in 1966, and it was 1975, before he received another grammy, this time for "Living For The City." In 1990, he was awarded his 11th grammy for "I'll Be Good To You," and in 1993, was awarded his latest grammy for "A Song For You."

Tickets for Ray Charles are priced at \$29 and \$39 and are on sale at the River Palace Entertainment Box Office; at all TicketMaster locations; by calling (901) 525-1515 or (800) 456-0711, or going online to www.ticketmaster.com. Tickets purchased through TicketMaster include additional service charges.

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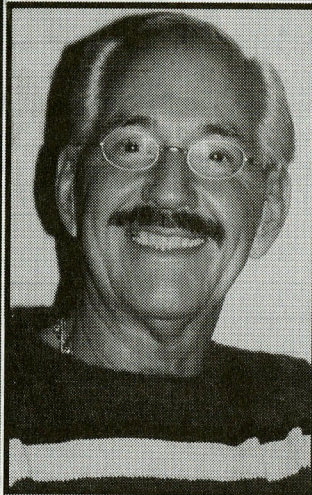
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Agency wins awards for RP Tracks ads

By Anita Moyt, managing editor

RP Tracks's Rick Johns is proud these days. RP Tracks has another award to its credit.

An ad campaign by Archer Malmo employees Justin Dobson and Brian Dixon for the University of Memphis-area restaurant won several advertising awards for 2003.

"I was very honored," Johns told *Family & Friends*, "and I was really more honored for Justin, who was an employee of ours; we are really proud of his work."

"I worked at RP Tracks for eight or nine years and when I went into advertising he (Johns) called me," Dobson said.

"Brian and I pretty much came up with ideas on our own," Dobson said, explaining how the ad came about. Dobson said the cool, natural-looking photography was the work of freelance photographer David Leonard.

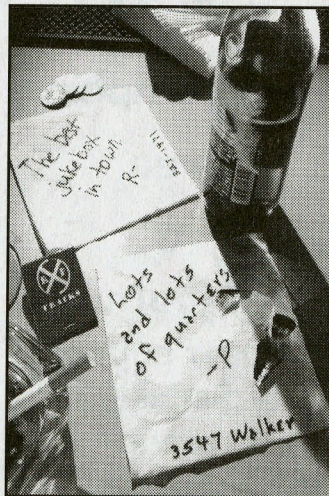
"Justin came up with the idea for a photography ad," Johns said. "We all discussed it and came up with ad ideas. He took the ball and ran with it and it should be his glory."

The ads, which are a photograph of the subject of the ad, with details included as part of the photograph, promote the restaurant's shooters (see page 5), juke box and quesadillas. These three ads have been published during the past several months in *Family & Friends* magazine. A fourth ad is entitled "Remote Control."

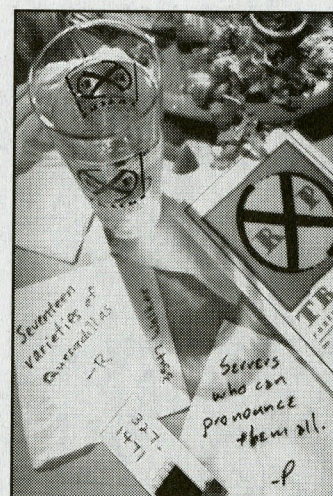
The ads won six Memphis Ad Federation awards and one regional District 7 award.

"The shooter ad won the local gold addy," Dobson said. "Five silvers were won at the local level, as well; one for the campaign and one each for the ads. The shooters ad went regional and won a silver addy."

"It was fun to do something no one else had done — using advertising photography ... it was a great 'non-ad.'" Johns concluded.

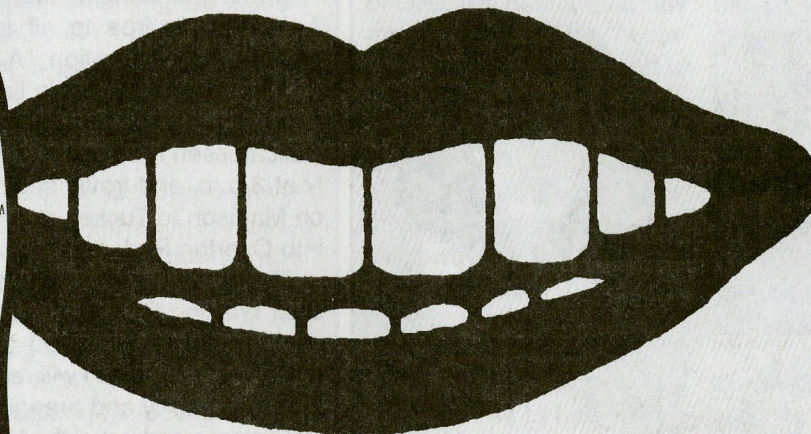


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Memphis Pride Inc. readies for June 7 parade, festival

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The parade will begin lining up at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 7, on LaSalle, which is located in front of Bogie's Delicatessen in Midtown. The parade will step-off promptly at 3 p.m. and travel south on Cooper to Madison, west on Madison to Tucker, north on Tucker across Poplar and into Overton Park and end at the Overton Park Shell.

There will be three categories for judging this year: Best Walking Group and Most Proudful, both of which first places will receive \$100 cash, and Best Float, the first place entry for which will receive its name inscribed on the traveling trophy and bragging rights for a year.

Former members of the Memphis Pride Inc. board of directors will serve as the 2003 Pride Parade grand marshals.

The festival, also free to the public and again held at The Overton Park Shell, opens at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 7. However, entertainment is not scheduled to begin until 5 p.m. to allow the focus of Pride to be on the parade from 2 to 4:30 p.m.



Venus Mission

Entertainment will get underway promptly at 5 p.m. with such GLBT community favorites as Julie Orr, the Holy Trinity Community Church Divas, the Mystic Krewe of Aphrodite and your favorite local entertainers, including lots of

drag queens and kings. Then, at 7:30 p.m., Venus Mission, the official 2003 Pride Festival headliner, will take the Overton Park Shell stage until 9 p.m.

"We really want to encourage folks to plan to stick around for the music of Venus Mission," said Kay Mills, MPI Chair. "Last year, so many people left early and missed one heck of a concert by Anita Ward. And, Venus Mission promises to put on one of its biggest shows yet."

Again, this year, there will be beverages, including beer; food; games, and merchandise available for purchase, as well as lots of information to browse and pick-up. Memphis Pride Inc. also will have emergency medical personnel and security officers onsite to ensure everyone has a safe and pride-filled day.

Pride Week 2003

MGLCC has events planned all week

The Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center (MGLCC), 892 South Cooper, is hosting the following activities for Pride Week, June 1 to 8:

Monday, June 2-8, 6 to 9 p.m. – GLBT Art on exhibit at MGLCC

Thursday, June 5, 6 to 9 p.m. – Spaghetti Dinner, \$5 per plate

Friday, June 6, 7 p.m. – Outflix-sponsored movie night: *Stonewall*

Saturday, June 7, 2 to 9 p.m. – Memphis Pride Parade and Festival at Overton Park Shell

Sunday, June 8, 2 to 6 p.m. – MGLCC Grand Opening festivities, with past officers of MGLCC as special guests. Michael Schiefelbein, a past MGLCC president, will be signing his newest book, *Vampire Thrall*, from 2 to 4 p.m.

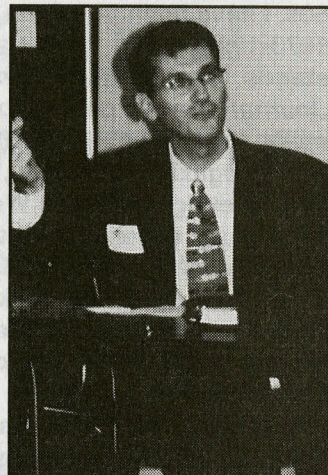
The Vincent Astor Community Archives was dedicated at the MGLCC on June 1.

Equality TN executive director Clere resigns

As reported in the March 2003, issue of *Family & Friends*, on Feb. 15, the Equality Tennessee board of directors held a quarterly meeting in Memphis. At that meeting, the board voted to make permanent its position of executive director and to continue Paul Clere as the organization's executive director.

However, due to health reasons, Clere has since resigned his position with Equality Tennessee.

"Paul has had to formally resign due to health considerations under advice of his doctors," Equality Tennessee Chair Pamela DeGroff told *Family & Friends*.



Paul Clere

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STRAIGHT UP, BUT NOT STRAIGHT

BY J. SHANE WILSON, MS, NCC, LPCC

Dear Straight Up,

Shane, I'm a mature gay man in his mid 50s. I have been out since 1972; been to the bars from 1973-1995, (and) have had my share of one-night-stands. (I've) tried the *Memphis Flyer* and the *Triangle Journal* to meet people, but since I don't go out any more, (I) didn't have much luck with these. So, I tried *Bear* magazine; got lucky, or so I thought, three years ago meeting someone. Well, that didn't last long. So, now Brush Creek Media is out of business and *100% Beef* doesn't run personals. I'm resorting to *American Bear* (to) see how my luck turns out.

Believe me, I have made a lot of mistakes in my life, including past dates that could have turned into LTRs (long-term-relationships) that I messed up. Believe me, I have learned the hard way, so hopefully, down the road when I make new friends and possibly (be) dating, I will be less selfish and negotiate plans with them and meet them half way and not mess up. I could have a fun-loving companion and know that I have a good thing going and know I won't be alone the rest of my life.

I know I'm not asking a question, just telling you how I'm turning my life around in a positive way.

(Name withheld)

Dear Reader,

Acknowledging poor choices, recognizing mistakes and appropriating change are the first steps toward

healthy living. Kudos to you for taking those first steps. We've all traveled the "dating" journey, and have all dealt with, at one time or another, the frustration of "seemingly incompatible soulmates."

I am ecstatic that you've not given up and are headstrong in conquering your hurdles. Although society has made great strides during the past years in allocating tolerance, being a gay individual and dating still presents with some concerns. I am delighted that you have recognized that you have contributed to the demise of some of your relationships.

A dear friend of mine once told me, "There's no lesson like a bought lesson." Some of us go bankrupt before we finally receive a passing grade, while others receive that "A" almost with little or no effort. Regardless of how you achieve the lesson, the important thing to remember is you have learned and, hopefully, will continue to do so. It may just be that your "best companion" will be found as you continue to search yourself, loving yourself more and more each day. Best wishes, and thanks for sharing your story.

J. Shane Wilson has a master's degree in the counseling field from The University of Memphis. He presently is a Licensed Professional Counselor residing in Louisville, Ky. The opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the magazine. For serious problems, seek professional help. Send questions to Family & Friends, P.O. Box 771948, Memphis, TN 38177-1948, or email them to FamilyMag@aol.com.

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2nd Conference on Bisexuality is set

With a back drop of palm trees and the Pacific blue ocean, the Second North American Conference on Bisexuality (NACB), will take place at the Radisson Hotel San Diego (Calif.), Thursday, Aug. 21, through Sunday, Aug. 25.

The conference will bring together an estimated 700 people from all over the U.S., Canada, Mexico and beyond who wish to learn more about bisexuality, network and socialize with others who share common experiences around their sexuality.

"This conference is for all people and will also bring together bisexual authors, researchers, health care professionals and (more)," said Bisexual Resource Center member and conference presenter, Robyn Ochs.

The 2003 Conference will feature several plenary speakers, including Ochs; Joan Garry, executive director of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD); Colin Upright, BiFace founder and BiNet BC organizer, and Gloria Careaga, academic secretary for the gender studies program of the National University of Mexico.

Four days of workshops, meetings, panel discussions and entertainment are planned. Workshop topics include health; sexuality; gender; bi-theory; research; relationships and family; spirituality; and bisexuality in media, film and culture.

"We have great workshops and presenters, leading edge entertainers and a beautiful host city," explained Alexei Guren, conference program coordinator and BiNet USA president. "More than anything, this is going to be a fun event and a great opportunity for bisexual, bi-curious people and their lesbian, gay and straight friends and allies to gather and build community."

For more information, go online to www.bisexual.org/nacb.

Equality TN

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"There is no consideration to hire another executive director," DeGross said. "There is no one to fill the position and the funds are not available now." However, DeGross said there is still an option to fill the position in the future.

Because the bulk of the leg work for the organization fell to the executive director position, Clere's resignation has been felt by the board of directors.

"We are in a reorganization moment. It is really hard to fill his shoes ... everyone else has other jobs," DeGross said. "There are a few things we have had to put on hold and we have to take a look at what we need to do in the future. The leadership conference has been postponed until the fall.

"By the fall the dust will settle," Degross concluded.

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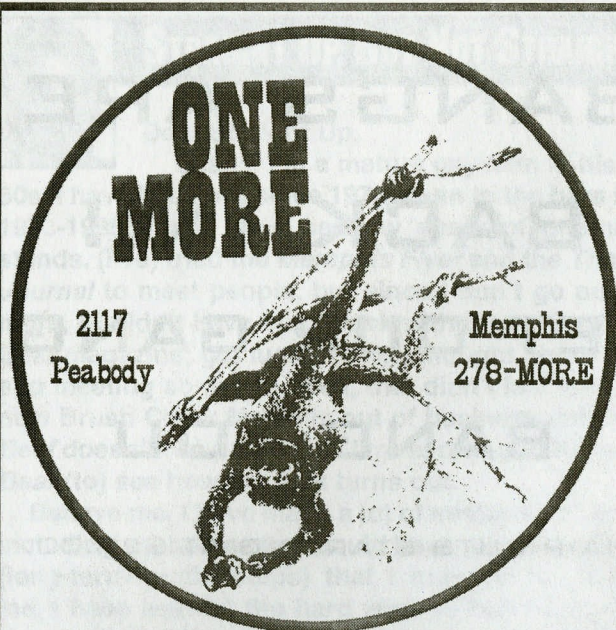
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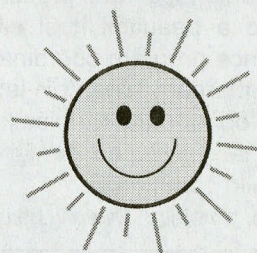
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HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED ...

EDITORIAL BY JIM EASTER

Have you ever wondered ...

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– How your butt would feel sitting on a \$568 executive chair, if only twice a month?

– Why so many GLBT organizations hold fun(d)raisers at the Madison Flame, when other venues are available? Must be because of the congeniality, honesty, generosity and downright friendliness of the owner and staff. Thanks, Sharon!

– How the money raised at such events is spent? The GLBT organizations that solicit and receive such community beneficence have a moral and social responsibility to publish a consolidated statement of revenues and expense and a balance sheet for all to read. Community-wide dissemination could easily be achieved via *Family & Friends* magazine and *The Triangle Journal News*.

– If we need a GLBT United Way? Now we have another organization, symbolized by a winged house, trying to get into our wallets. Why does unity and diversity often mutate into dissonance and divisiveness? Is the cause organizational growing pains, or pains elsewhere?

– And, finally, have you ever wondered if Viagra really works? As a sexagenarian (one who is between the ages of 60 and 70), let me tell you, it does. Without it, I would be an agenarian. No sex!

Empowerment

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double talk you making your head swim after you leave their office, leaving you not sure what they agreed to or not? Maybe, but that is how some politicians are. Will you be assaulted with words of condemnation by any of these elected officials? Maybe. But, it is important for those that are not tolerant towards the GLBT community to say so. It is important for those that won't take a stand either way to be identified by their own words. And it is important, as well, to know those who fully support our GLBT community and the changes needed to at least have the laws changed for our protection.

Our point is this: We need to be empowered by the progressive steps our forefathers and foremothers of the GLBT community have made for us. Let us not be defeated before we even start by the words of the hateful few or the fears circulated within our own community.

Meet Your Neighbor

Katie Hiestand



Name: Katie Hiestand (pronounced he-stand)

Place where you were born: Chattanooga, Tenn.

How long have you lived in Memphis: about 12 years.

Partnership status: partnered

Sexual orientation: butch lesbian

Occupation: graduate student/veterinary technician

Hobbies: collect gorilla stuff, taking care of all my pets, reading, live theater and performing.

Favorite Food: Italian

Favorite Color: dark blue

Favorite Animal: gorilla

Favorite Singer: Melissa Etheridge

Favorite Song: “The Glory of Love” by Peter Cetera

Favorite Movie: *Star Wars*

Favorite Restaurant: Cafe Ole'

Favorite Drink: Mountain Dew

Favorite Thing About Memphis: The theaters (plays)

Least Favorite Thing About Memphis: the racial tension.

Finish this phrase: My friends think I am “loyal.”

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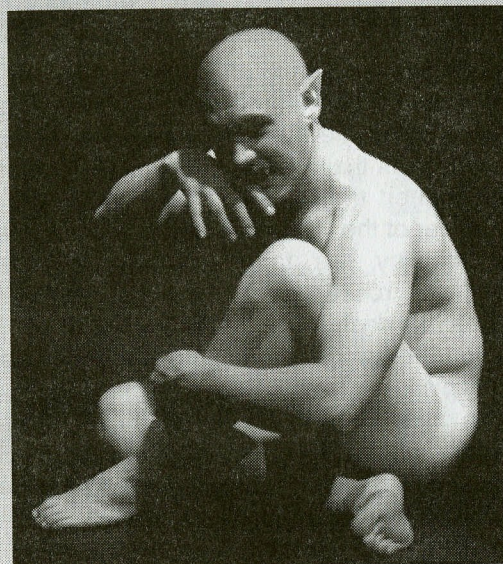
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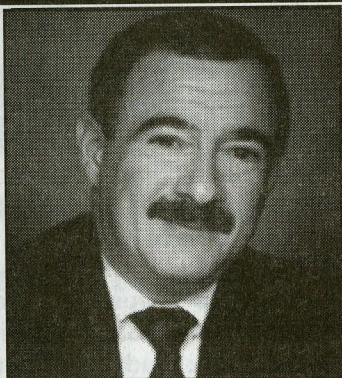
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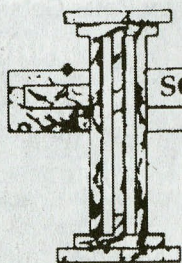
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ASK LAM BY LAM MEDALLION

Dear Lam,

What is the appropriate number of dates to muddle through before agreeing to sex? I have been on two dates with a fellow, find him physically irresistible and intellectually a bore. He has as much charisma as a dry sponge, but he has an amazing body. I wouldn't mind having sex with him, although if we don't have sex soon, I do not see myself on another date with this guy. Does that make sense?

— Hoping For a Game of Laying the Loaf

Dearest Tramp,

What kind of advice do you honestly think I can offer on such a question? Now, really! You have no interest in dating this fellow but you hope to mess up the sheets in a tawdry round of sweaty, succulent, sassy game-playing. That's like shopping at a bakery where the products look divine but taste like, well you know. Totally unsatisfying. Nay, horrifying. I'm appalled. Really, I am.

I've had sorted affairs in my life and I have made choices that have made my friends wince, my therapist heave and my own self blush. But in today's vernacular, you want a "booty call." Well, this does not even count as a booty call. At least in a booty call, or rather, one should hope for in a booty call, an evening of unrelenting passion, an exploration of unabashed, raw expression and absolute fantasy. In the situation you are describing, the most, and I really mean the most you can hope for is embarrassment.

You have dated a fellow that you find charmless and yet you still want to sleep with him. HHMM? Makes me think that thoust are lying to thoust self. I think what is really functioning here is your own low self-esteem stepping up to bat for you. I think you are crazy about this guy, but, alas, your affections are unrequited, and you are pulling out that old trump card

from the bottom of the deck to lure him back for another round of pinochle. Sounds like the queen is looking for a jack, no? Familiar? Am I right?

If this fellow has lost interest after just two evenings with you, I'm afraid you will have to pull out the big guns, but they must remain under your garments. Do you hear what I'm telling you, darling?

You must learn to be charming and coy. I hardly think that the romp would be worthwhile and fulfilling if you find each other dull dinner companions. You must learn to be tiresomely titillating. He must become exhausted from abstention before you should consider stripping down and bearing all. And, remember, Rome was not built in a couple of dates. It takes patience and perseverance and planning, not volatility and vacillation and venture.

You want romance and settle for disgrace. You crave intimacy and sink to muck. You desire passionate love-making and will accept quick humping. God, I feel badly for you. Poor thing. As if putting out would make him like you. Trust me on this one, he won't. I hate to bore you with my youthful tales of ploys for love, but I will say this: If there's buttercream on the cake, it's best kept covered in the fridge, lest you keep it in the sun, the cake is sure to spoil. My second husband kept it in the sun too long, if you get my drift.

I think the problem with the younger generation nowadays is its desperation when courting. I hear from so many people who want to make a size six shoe fit a size nine foot. Today, there are two options for a first date: screwing around or moving in. Is there no middle ground any longer? Isn't it acceptable to share a meal with a gentleman and then say goodnight, mutually agreeing that a second date is not in order.

I hear from people who agree that there shall be no date number two, but screw around anyway before

parting ways for the evening, usually because one of the two thinks that a second date will follow if they just put out. I know of people who, before taking time to get to know each other, carry on as if they were married and then find out they are celebrating their 10th-day anniversary. Absurd!

I sometimes waited 10 days to go on a second date. I remember when a first date was a time to see if any chemistry existed between the two, carrying on about such mindless things as the weather, a film, a play, a social issue or a restaurant. Now we hope to find out everything about the person, hoping there is something in common, at least one small detail about their life that links them to yours. This is because dates are offered so infrequently, one better find something in this one to make you want to marry him because God only knows when the next date will come. This type of date seems more like a nerve-wracked job interview rather than a pleasant conversation over Manhattans with a gentleman caller.

Anyway, you better keep your buttercream in the fridge lest your whole cake is spoiled. Do you hear what I'm telling you, darling?

Got a question for Lam? Write to Lam Medallion c/o Family & Friends, P.O. Box 771948, Memphis, TN 38177-1948, or, if you wish, email your question to FamilyMag@aol.com and use "Ask Lam" in the subject line. Lam's column is meant for entertainment purposes only.

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Michigan Womyn's Festival set for August

Each August, the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival attracts more than 5,000 womyn from across the country and around the world to the woods of northern Michigan. The 28th Michigan Womyn's Music Festival is slated for Aug. 12 to 17.

The festival features 40 performances, hundreds of workshops, a week-long film festival and a crafts fair with 125 artisans. Children's programs, delicious meals and disability access are organized by a temporary community that has recreated itself for 27 years.

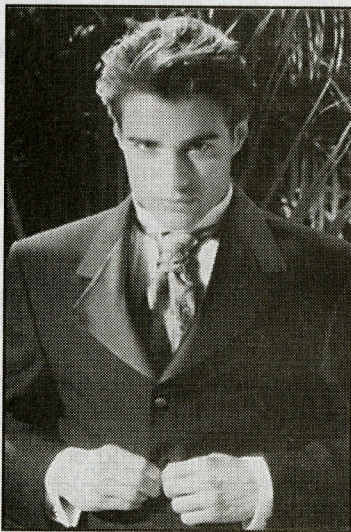
The price for a full week of camping, meals and all programming and services is \$310-\$360 (sliding scale) if purchased before July 19.

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Meet Mr. Chuck at picnic

The Children's Museum of Memphis, 2525 Central Avenue, in partnerships with 'KNO Kids, is hosting Mr. Chuck's Music Picnic on the grounds of the museum on Saturday, June 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mr. Chuck hosts the popular Channel 10 show "Hello, Mr. Chuck." The picnic will be broadcast live on WKNO Channel 10.

Children will be entertained from the main stage by a variety of local performers and entertainers. Activities include sidewalk chalk art, arts & crafts, giant Brik construction, meeting Mr. Chuck in person, child-oriented booths and more. Bring a blanket and a picnic basket and enjoy the day; concessions also will be available for purchase. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. Advance tickets are available by calling (901) 458-2678.



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Pilates set at C'ville library

Young people, ages 12 to 17, are invited to "Pilates for Young Adults," at the Lucius E. & Elsie C. Burch Jr. branch of the Memphis/Shelby County Public Libraries, located at 501 Poplar View Parkway in Collierville, Tenn., on Saturday, June 14, at 11:30 a.m. There they will be introduced to the popular fitness program, Pilates, presented by a certified Pilates instructor.

Exotic animals to be topic

The Exotic Animal Rescue League will present a discussion at the East Shelby branch library, 7200 East Shelby Drive, on Wednesday, June 18, at 11 a.m. This program is for children ages three to eight.

FAN slated for kids, their families

The Central branch library's monthly Family Activity Night is set for Friday, June 20, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Architects will talk about how they built the Central library, located at 3030 Poplar Avenue. Those attending can build models and make rubbings from the artwork in front of the library. A light dinner will be served at 6 p.m.; cost is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Registration for this free program is required by calling (901) 415-2849 or sending an email to events@memphis.lib.tn.us.

Music careers to be discussed

On Monday, June 30, at 1 p.m., young people, ages 12 to 17, are invited to the Cornelia Crenshaw branch library, 531 Vance Avenue, to talk about careers in the music industry.

Planetarium to host program

"Follow the Drinking Gourd," presented by the Sharpe Planetarium, located in the Memphis Pink Palace Museum, 3050 Central Avenue, is based on the children's tale by Jeanette Winter. Weaving an astronomy lesson with historical storytelling, "Follow the Drinking Gourd," takes children on a journey across the star-field and a "ride" on the Underground Railroad. Showtimes are 10:30 a.m. Monday to Friday; 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Saturday, and 4:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$4.25 for adults and \$3.75 for seniors and children (ages three-12). For more information or reservations, call (901) 320-6362.

Learn to make candy at library

Children can enjoy making candy with Gary Dinstuhl on Saturday, June 7, at 10 a.m., at The Children's Museum of Memphis, 2525 Central Avenue. Admission to the museum is \$6 for children (ages one-12) and seniors (ages 62+), and \$7 for adults. For more information, call (901) 458-2678.

Beat summer boredom with theater camps

By Kevin Shaw, staff writer

What is it about summers that parents dread? If you were like my mom, you couldn't stand a kid who whined about not having enough to do during summer break. Thankfully, she ran across a local theater camp that was designed to teach me all the fundamentals of performing, which I still remember to this day. I absolutely loved it!

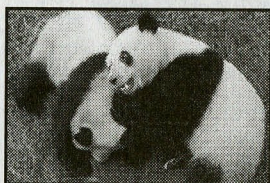
If you have a kid that wants a unique, memorable experience, sign them up for one of several theater camps being offered in the Memphis area. You and your kids will be glad you did!

Both Playhouse on the Square, 51 South Cooper, and Theater Memphis, 630 Perkins Extended, offer summer camps for the kids.

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Zoo to celebrate pandas

The Memphis Zoo, the Brooks Museum and Peabody Place have teamed up to host two days of Chinese art, culture and animals.



On Friday, June 27, beginning at 6:30 p.m., enjoy cocktails, art and hors d'oeuvres at the Memphis Zoo and then travel to the Brooks Museum, located in Overton Park, for a tour of its "Glory of the Silk Road: Art from

Ancient China" exhibit. Then, enjoy an elegant, seated Asian and wine dinner at the Brushmark Restaurant, specially prepared by Executive Chef Jennifer Dickerson.

Cost for cocktails with the Pandas and a tour of the "Glory of the Silk Road" exhibition at the Brooks is \$50 per person. Cost of dinner at the Brushmark Restaurant is an additional \$75 per person. For reservations, call (901) 544-6225.

"Glory of the Silk Road" features approximately 150 works of art and artifacts in a variety of media and forms ranging from sculpture, ceramics, gold and silver to textile, painting and manuscripts with a special emphasis on the Tang dynasty. These objects, dating from the fifth through the ninth centuries, were excavated or found along the ancient Silk Road in northwestern China.

On Saturday, June 28, dress like a panda, bring a stuffed panda, don a panda mask ... it's all up to you! Join in a Panda Parade at the Brooks at 10 a.m., with master of ceremonies Bamboo. Special activities will be held at both the Brooks Museum and the Memphis College of Art. The Memphis Zoo will be open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and will feature special panda-themed activities.

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Classes are broken down by age group: Tots @ P.O.T.S. is for children ages five to six; Junior Conservatory is for youngster, ages seven to 11, and Senior Conservatory is offered for teens, ages 12 to 17. Several sessions are offered for both Tots @ P.O.T.S. and the Junior Conservatory. However, there is one three-week long session, July 7 to 25, for the Senior Conservatory.

For costs and schedule of classes, contact Kimber Cox at (901) 728-5631.

Theater Memphis also offers age-specific classes. Its Itsy-Bitsy Drama Camp is for children, ages four to seven, with four one-week sessions offered.

Children, ages eight to 15, have several choices, including S.P.F. (Summer Performance Fun) offered as a two-week camp. There are two sessions available, beginning June 9 and July 14. Or they can participate in KidsWagon Robin Hood, set for June 23-27 or KidsWagon Pinocchio set for July 28 to Aug. 1, where rehearsal, costume and set creation will be the major activities, as those attending prepare for a production at the end of the camp. For costs and more information, contact J. Noble at 682-5261.

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Wynonna to perform at MBG



Wynonna Judd

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www.liveatthegarden.com or call (901) 685-1566, ext. 107.

Wild World of Wines set

On Friday, June 13, from 7 to 10 p.m., the Memphis Zoo's Conservation Action Network invites the public to a fundraiser supporting conservation projects at the Memphis Zoo and around the world. For \$60 per person, guests will sample wines from around the world and hors d'oeuvres; enjoy a silent action, featuring animal themed art, and take a behind-the-scenes tour of the zoo. Also, some zoo residents will make guest appearances. For tickets or more information, call (901) 333-6755.

Learn yoga even if money's tight

Midtown Yoga, located at 524 South Cooper, now offers a pay-what-you-can class on Wednesdays from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Laura Allen teaches this mixed-level class for beginners and intermediate students.

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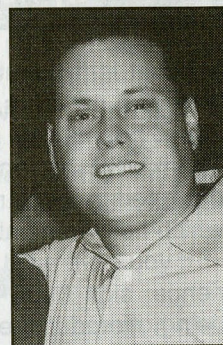
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On Tuesday, June 10, at 6:30 p.m., at the Central branch of the Memphis/Shelby County Public Libraries, 3030 Poplar Avenue, independent filmmakers Mark Jones (*Eli Parker Is Getting Married*), Craig Brewer (*The Poor & Hungry*) and John Michael McCarthy (*Superstarlet A.D.*) will be joined by Memphis & Shelby County Film Commissioner Linn Sittler in a discussion on the growing popularity of independent films. Tickets are \$10 per person and are available by calling (901) 415-2834.



Mark Jones

Grease is the word at The Orpheum

It's time to turn back the hands of time to 1959, as *Grease*, Broadway's record-breaking sensation, takes the stage at The Orpheum Theatre, 203 South Main Street, June 13-15. Showtimes are Friday, June 13, at 8 p.m.; Saturday, June 14, at 2 & 8 p.m., and Sunday, June 15, at 1:30 and 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15-\$45, are available by calling (901) 525-3000 or TicketMaster at (901) 525-1515 or at any Schuck's Market or at Davis-Kidd Booksellers in Luralwood Shopping Center at Poplar and Perkins.

Copenhagen to take Circuit stage

Science, politics and morality shape Michael Frayn's 2000 Tony Award-winning drama, *Copenhagen*, on stage June 6 to July 13 at The Circuit Playhouse, 1705 Poplar Avenue. Two men, who collaborated and won the Nobel Prize in the field of physics, find themselves on opposite sides during World War II. Showtimes are Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults; \$18 for seniors; \$16 for students and military personnel, and \$12 for children. The Pay-What-You-Can performance is set for Thursday, June 12, at 8 p.m. For tickets or more information, call the box office at (901) 726-4656.

TM to present *Morning's at Seven*

Morning's at Seven, on stage at Theatre Memphis's Lohrey Stage June 13 to 29, is set in the backyards of two homes in a small Midwestern town in the 1920s. The play, directed by Joanne Malin, encompasses the lives of four sisters who all live within a few blocks of each other and who all know far too much about each other's lives. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$18 and \$15 for adults and \$12 for students with valid college ID. For more information or reservations, call the theatre, located at 630 Perkins Extended, at (901) 682-8323.

Newman's latest work is a 2-for-1 surprise

An avid shopper, I just love it when I get two-for-one deals, which is exactly what I got in lesbian writer Leslea (there's suppose to be an accent over the second "e," but this computer just won't do it, sorry) Newman's latest effort, *The Best Short Stories of Leslea Newman*. The "two-for-one" I'm referring to is entertainment, which is typically why I read in the first place, and the "two" part, education. Because of Newman's prolific writing style, I even got an added bonus, pleasure while learning something new.

I have a friend who is not only straight, but also Jewish and very involved in her synagogue. If folks ever over-

heard our lunchtime chats I'm sure they would wonder about us. She's always asking me questions about being gay and I'm always inquiring about Judaism. This said, I will be buying her a copy of Newman's book, which is due for release this month. With Newman being both a lesbian and a Jew, the book just might answer her questions and I know it answered a few of mine.

The stories collected in this book span the years 1988 to 2002, during which time Newman wrote six volumes of short stories, and I love short stories, either because of my attention span or my increasing age. These stories are from the six collections.

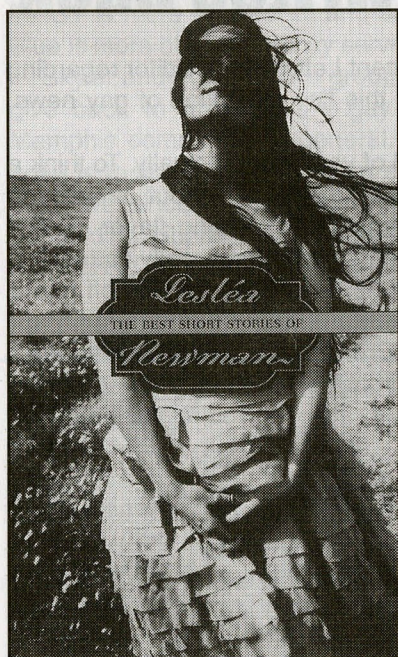
In Newman's prize-winning story, "A Letter To Harvey Milk," Harry Weinberg, a 77-year old Holocaust survivor, takes a writing class in which he unearths memories that force both him and his writing teacher, a Jewish lesbian, to see their lives differently. "Right Off The Bat" is a monologue by a 12-year old girl whose lesbian mothers have been gay-bashed. "Eggs McMenopause" tells the story of how a sleep-deprived butch finds a unique solution to the trials and tribulations of menopause. In "The Babka Sisters," a women's studies student interviews a nursing home resident and hears a tale the woman has never told anyone: the story of the girl she fell in love with in high school. And, in "Mothers Of Invention," a couple test their relationship when one woman decides she wants to have a baby and the other woman does not.

Newman's stories cover a dazzling array of themes pertaining to contemporary lesbian life, including long-term relationships, one-night stands, family-of-origin angst, motherhood, friendships with gay men, AIDS, breast cancer, aging, loss and bisexuality. Many of these stories explore Jewish identity, as well. Each story in this collection is told with Newman's trademark wit, honesty, talent and compassion.

There's even a Yiddish and Hebrew glossary in the back of the book, which makes looking up some of the words Newman uses easy. And, for all you "Queer As Folk" fans of "Melanie," portrayed by Michelle Clunie (I still can't believe she's straight), you'll quickly note that many of the Jewish words used on the show also can be found here, such as "bashert," which is Hebrew for "destiny;" "chuppah," which is a marriage canopy, and some you probably already know, like "faygeleh."

My favorite short, without a doubt, is "Stranger Than Fiction." Although I had guessed where Newman was going before she got there (the craft of a writer, I suppose), it's a great tale of what might be the ultimate in surprise and age-defying love.

I'll let you in on a secret, visit Alyson's website (ALYSON.com), this book's on sale for \$11.96.



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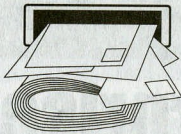
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"There also is the braille display technology which interprets text from web pages and text-editing software by use of the Rotating Wheel Based Refreshable Braille Display," Renaldo continued. "I have personally never seen one of these in action but it's a common tool for blind computer users. I've also seen websites designed for blind people that just forego any use of graphics and text and just present their website in an audio format such as Real Audio, Windows Media or Quicktime.



To everyone

To the Memphis GLBT community,

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*Warm regards,
DiAnn Price*

Don't use word 'gay'

Rex (Wockner),

In your column ("Wockner's Wire") in the May 2003 issue of *Family & Friends*, you asked that, for the sake of news reporters, we all lump ourselves together under the name gay or some other pronounceable word that is accurate. Well, please make it some word other than gay.

You began your column by stating that, "First we were gay," Well, that is not accurate because not everyone was or is gay. Gay meant homosexual and frankly many of us that are homosexual were glad to see those that are bisexual, transgendered, etc., start taking pride in themselves and using other names to identify themselves. If everyone who is oppressed or discriminated against because of gender orientation or identity calls themselves gay, then those of us that really are gay will be left with only the clinical term "homosexual." For decades we have tried to express that there is much more to being gay than just sex. Reverting to the term, "homosexual," would be a setback.

Another argument against your idea is that we should

celebrate diversity, not try to blur the lines that describe our uniqueness. But, if only for the sake of journalistic brevity, you need a concise term that would be inclusive, how about Gender Minorities?

Those of us, the big all inclusive us, that face disapproval and discrimination in society are certainly a minority. The reason for our being a minority is based on gender, whether orientation or identity.

Please leave "gay" for us 100% homosexuals, who have been at the forefront of the struggle for equal civil rights for all of the Gender Minorities.

Hunter W. Johnston

Renaldo writes back

Dearest Robert W.

Thank you for your recent Letter to the Editor regarding an op-ed piece I did for this fine institution of gay news, *Family & Friends*.

I must say I am proud of your letter, actually. To think a gay person actually got pissed off about something besides a broken fingernail or the wrong flavor of Wet being used in a recent sexual escapade really flatters me considering that I wrote the piece that set you off into a manic moment.

Two words sunshine: Pro and Zac.

Whether you agree with what I say in my op-ed pieces or not, at least you're thinking. And that's all I ever ask people, gay or straight, to do.

P.S. My head only hurts when people don't fall into my "think you idiot!" traps. Thanks to you, I am minus one headache and very much in the midst of a halcyon bliss!

Jody Renaldo

Blue who?

To whom it may concern:

My name is Casey Lanham, and I am one of the three managers of the Motley Blue. I was writing basically to explain what the Motley Blue is and how it got started. The Motley Blue was founded on December 8, 2002, by myself and Skyler Goldman. Skyler was the man who attended the banquet at the Madison Flame and accepted the (Memphis Pride) award (for volunteerism). He, however, is no

longer with the group and has since turned the Motley

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Blue over to me and our two other managers. The first meeting of the group at MGLCC was held on Feb. 21, 2003.

The Motley Blue is simply a group of GLBT-identified youth and their affirming straight friends who meet, hold discussions on topics ranging anywhere from everyone's week to presidential candidates, and do community service work. For the moment, we are nothing more than a group of youth who go by a common name. We do, though, have managers who function as group leaders. These managers organize both meeting dates and service projects, as well as keep general order of the youth. The Motley Blue has a short set of rules to abide by and a motto to live by ("Be Seen.")

In its organization, the Motley Blue closely resembles MAGY, and all of our current members are also standing MAGY members, but it must be kept in mind that whereas MAGY is more of a social and support group, the Motley Blue is more of a community service and discussion group.

Skyler and I created the group to motivate the youth to give back to not only the gay community, but to the Memphis community in general. The Motley Blue's purpose is to spark in our youth a sense of social responsibility; we sincerely hope for the youth to become fine, upstanding citizens. The Motley Blue, which will be six months old on June 8, now has about 12 members. Right

now we meet at the (Memphis Gay & Lesbian) community center every other Friday from about 9:30 to 10:30 p.m. Our most recent community service project was helping clean, paint and move furniture to the MGLCC.

Concerning whether or not the Motley Blue is political, we are not. The hopes of eventually becoming official and becoming a political organization have been put on the back burner until after the group has been around for a longer period of time and has become much more established. How do we wish to be labeled? The Motley Blue is a community service and discussion youth group.

Yours faithfully, Mr. Casey Lanham



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The Isley Brothers
Body Kiss (☆☆☆)

The Isley Brothers, Ernie and Ronald (aka Mr. Biggs) have been laying down the funky groove thing (that's my lame attempt to sound cool, but anyway), these guys have been doing it for decades and on *Body Kiss* they continue to dish out their unique brand of soul groove funk, with a little help from R. Kelly, who produced and wrote much of the album.

You can't help but feel funky listening to the Isley Brothers doing their thing. Ronald has to have one of the coolest voices, so distinct, and while guys that old have never been my thing, there is something damn sexy about his voice; I mean seriously, sing it brother! And I can't forget Ernie, the man knows how to seriously cut loose on the guitar. I just wish he'd bust loose more often.

Most of the album funks along with a fun, playful groove, but "Busted" stands out as off key. The bump, bump noise after every line and the redundant rhythm gets old.

Still the album is worth the price just for "I Like," which features the Pied Piper and Snoop Dogg and I have to admit, I'm not the coolest cat and I don't jam on much rap music, but I love Snoop Dogg and this song just jams. There is something about Snoop's rap with the smooth falsetto of Ronald Isley.

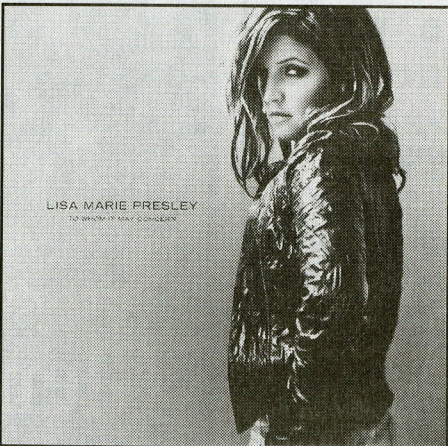
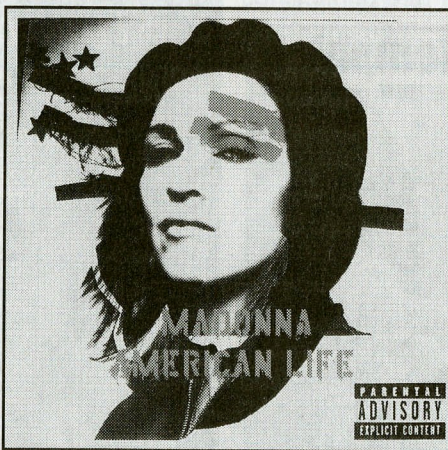
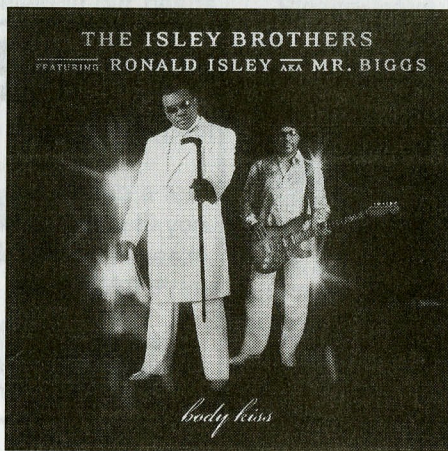
I dare anyone to listen to this album and not move. I mean I'm an uncoordinated white dude and this album made me feel like I had rhythm and soul. And on the note of music that'll put you in the mood, well, let me just say if you can't get your groove on to this, then you just don't have a pulse.

Check out the best of the Isley Brothers and if you like what you hear snag *Body Kiss*, because these guys might be getting older, but they still know how to groove.

—> Highlights include "Superstar," "I Like" and "Body Kiss."

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Madonna
American Life (☆☆☆☆)

Madonna has made a career of doing something different. You can't point to one look or one sound and say that's Madonna. She is defined by being undefinable, from the beautiful, nearly spiritual ambiance of



Ray of Light, to the cowgirl, dance floor groove of *Music*. On *American Life*, Madonna emerges in a dance-ready French/communist chic. I, for one, find this new look much more interesting than the cowgirl honky-tonk of *Music*.

But the music is an entirely different story. Mirwais Ahmadzai, who produced *Music*, is back for *American Life* and, much like *Music*, when *American Life* is good, it's great, but when it's bad, it's downright unbearable. The controversial first single, "American Life," is musically-solid and should find its way to the dance floors this summer, but there is something troubling and insincere about the material girl taking a stab at the materialistic nature of American society.

"Nothing Fails" is my personal pick of so-bad-its-good love song of the year. "I'm in love with you/you silly thing," are definitely not beautiful poetic lyrics, but there is something vulnerable and naive in Madonna's delivery of the sappy lyrics that just makes it work for me and when the full choir bursts in, it sends chills down my spine. It is definitely one of my favorite Madonna listening moments since the first time I heard "Like A Prayer" (who doesn't love that song). The inclusion of "Die Another Day," from the James Bond movie of the same name seems kind of cheap. Maybe it's because I really didn't like the song the first time I heard it, but if you're only going to put 11 tracks on a new studio album they should be new tracks, but maybe that's just me.

Still, Madonna is Madonna and while Mirwais isn't exactly William Orbit (is it just me or is everyone else secretly pinning for *Ray of Light Part 2?*), but he does manage to put together some interesting beats and it does make you want to dance or "get your groove on."

I don't know what it is, but something about Madonna seems to make

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gay men horny (sorry ladies). I've only had this record for a week and it's already serenaded several amorous encounters.

So, *American Life* definitely isn't as good as *Ray Of Light*, no offense to Mirwais, but Madonna, please call William Orbit and make another record with him. Although this album is every bit as good as *Music*, and while it won't be a classic record, tracks like "Nothing Fails," "X-Static Process" and "Intervention" will definitely find spots on the next Madonna best of.

And, hey, this is Madonna and not owning her records is like a big gay sin, punishable by banishment to North Dakota and shopping at K-Mart (Martha Stewart, as if, honey, any drag queen from Maine could design better sh*t, but anyway). So, go buy the record and enjoy it in the company of a few good men, before I have to call the gay police.

—> Highlights include "Nothing Fails," "Intervention," "X-Static Process," "American Life" and "Easy Ride."

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Lisa Marie Presley

To Whom It May Concern (☆☆)

This has to be one of the most hyped debut albums ever. Before anyone even heard Lisa hum a note, VH1 had booked her for an in-depth, behind the scenes special. She's done the "Today Show," "Jay Leno" and everything in between. She even managed to get a spot on VH1's recent "Diva's Live" concert. And, in all honesty, I guess that's to be expected, she is, after all, the daughter of Elvis Presley, a man this country has been obsessed with for decades.

Elvis, of course, made a career singing catchy tunes written by other people and shaking his hips (which might explain why he never achieved any critical acclaim), but even I have to admit the man had a great set of pipes (and his hips weren't bad either).

On the other hand, Lisa Marie's debut has been hailed as a musical triumph. Why, just the other day I heard someone say maybe she'll get the Grammy her daddy never did. I couldn't help but laugh. Elvis might not have been much of a songwriter, an actor or a guitar player, but he knew what he could do and he did it well. Lisa Marie has tried to be a songwriter and a singer and she fails miserably at both. Her voice reminds me of a drunk drag queen I once heard doing Sheryl Crow. Her duet with Pat Benatar at the "Diva's Live" concert proved two things: one, Lisa Marie can't sing for crap and, two, Benatar must be either really nice or really broke.

In interviews, Lisa Marie has explained this album is a purging of all the stuff she's had bottled up inside. All I can say is spare my ears and go to therapy. Lisa Marie now joins Kelly Osbourne on my list of musically-challenged daughters who should stay out of the family business. Oh

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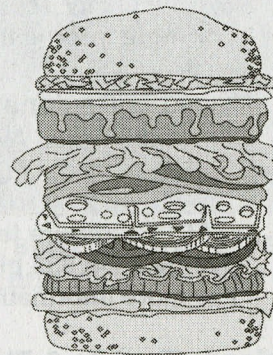


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Cells (aka CTLs).

Individuals who are HIV-positive undergo regular blood work to check out various counts, levels, etc. A T4 Cell count is one of those regular tests, the one which your friends often mention. Knowing how many T4 Cells your body is producing lets you and your doctor know how healthy your immune system is and how well your body is fighting the HIV virus. The T4 Cell is the primary target of the HIV virus. Too few T4 cells means the immune system is weakened and cannot fight infections as it once did.

The normal T4 cell count is between 500-1500 cells (per cubic millimeter of blood). If the T4 count goes to the 200-350 cells range, most doctors consider beginning drugs to prevent infections because there are less T4 Cells to fight any possible invading infections.

Of course, this information is not to be considered medical advice and the scope of this column is to simply answer your question. The whole subject of T-cells can be lengthy and complex, however, we encourage you to do your own research at a library or online on the subject.

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AIDS News in Brief

- Dr. Karim Nada, an Iraqi AIDS hospital director, told Agence France-Presse that, under Saddam Hussein's regime, Iraqi AIDS patients and their relatives were detained in secret hospitals and most of the AIDS patients were locked in "guarded secret locations because the government decided that there was no AIDS in the country."

- The Maryland AIDS Administration released a survey on May 6, which showed that more than one-in-three inmates entering the Maryland prison system has HIV, syphilis, hepatitis B or hepatitis C, with some prisoners having more than one infection. The results were based on blood tests given to 3,914 inmates upon admission to the prison system during February and March 2002.

- According to a Reuters/*Washington Post* story on May

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AIDS News

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6, former South African President Nelson Mandela will discuss the HIV/AIDS pandemic with a group of young people in an MTV documentary about his life, scheduled to air in July.

• The *Contra Costa Times* reported April 30 that basketball legend Earvin "Magic" Johnson, who is HIV-positive, has joined the board of directors of the Alameda, Calif.-based Calypte Biomedical Corp. to raise awareness of the company's HIV urine test.

"The fear of a blood test is one of the biggest reasons why more people don't get tested," Johnson said. "Now, with Calypte's urine test, there are no more excuses."

• A May 8 Associated Press story explains how Navajo Nation health officials have instituted new education and prevention measures to combat HIV/AIDS and recent outbreaks of syphilis on a reservation in New Mexico. The

officials are said to be "gingerly tread(ing) the line between traditional tribal values and the realities of disease prevention."

• The Kaiser Family Foundation released a study in May that details teenagers' sexual activity and attitudes. One finding in the National Survey of Adolescents and Young Adults: Sexual Health Knowledge, Attitudes and Experiences, which was based on 1,800 men and women, ages 13 to 24, was that "although abstinence is a nice idea, nobody really does it." One in five of those responding to the survey said they thought birth control pills provided protection against HIV/AIDS and other STDs. Although 50 percent of the respondents said they had been tested for HIV or other STDs, 30 percent incorrectly assumed these tests are a standard protocol of routine medical examines. The complete report is available online at www.kaisernetwork.org.

• The AP/*Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* reported on May 26 that Arkansas Health Department statistics showed the number of new AIDS cases among African-Americans increased 60 percent from 2000 to 2002, and the number of new cases among whites dropped about 27 percent for the same time period. Although blacks represent only 15.7 percent of Arkansas' population, they accounted for 58.5 percent of the new AIDS cases reported in 2002.

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St. Louis-based BABA AIDS hires new director

According to an April 30 *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* story, St. Louis-based Blacks Assisting Blacks Against AIDS hired George Cotton Sr. as its new executive director.

Cotton has served on the school board and city council in University City, Mo., and is leaving a job with the St. Louis Public Schools for the new position. Cotton said he would work to repair the organization's reputation and raise private donations, referring to the firing in November 2002, of its former executive director, Erise Williams and former senior director, James Green.

And on May 14, the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* ran another story on BABAA stating Associate St. Louis Circuit Judge Jack Garvey ordered BABAA to pay Williams \$12,000 in back pay, and Green \$7,560 in back pay.

The former directors paid \$500 to a gay porn actor to appear at a sex education event. A former employee of BABAA complained to the CDC about the event and alleged that the performer was totally nude. An investigation found the complaints unsubstantiated; the \$500 fee was repaid to the granting agency, and all issues regarding its CDC grants were resolved.

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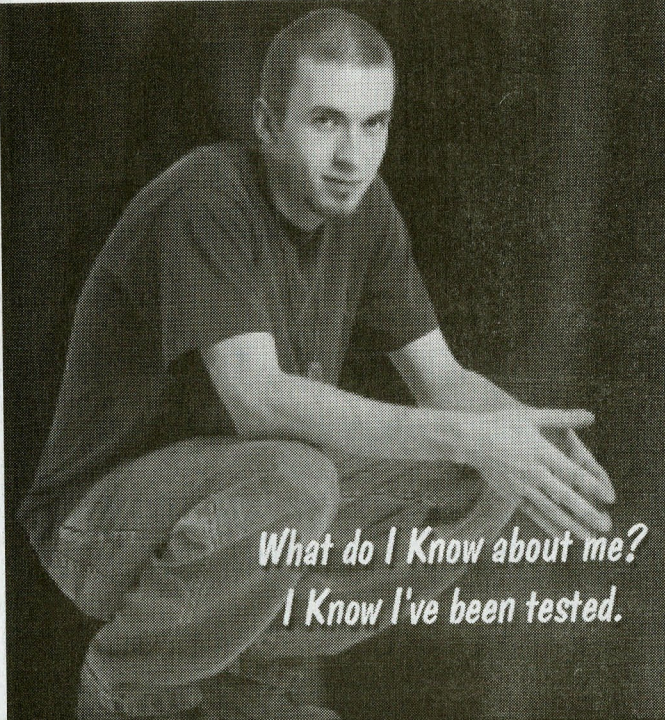
The Vanderbilt-Meharry Developmental Center for AIDS Research has been established in Nashville, Tenn. It is operated jointly by Vanderbilt University Medical Center and Meharry Medical College.

It is supported by a three-year, \$750,000-a-year grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and is one of 20 Centers for AIDS Research (CFAR) that have been established nationwide since 1988. The center is also the first CFAR to include a traditionally African American institution, Meharry.

"We've been recognized for the tremendous potential we have to contribute to the global fight against AIDS," said Dr. Richard T. D'Aquila, director of the Division of Infectious Diseases at Vanderbilt who will direct the center.

"The goal of the grant is to encourage collaboration between Vanderbilt and Meharry," D'Aquila continued, "and train new investigators to advance AIDS treatment and prevention. At the end of the three-year grant period, the developmental center can apply for full center status and a larger continuation grant."

Vanderbilt and Meharry have been collaborating for several years on research involving the HIV virus. Current AIDS-related funding by the NIH at both institutions exceeds \$7 million.



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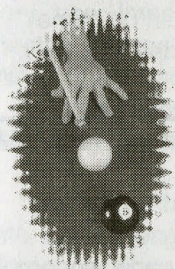
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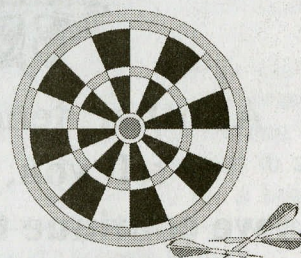
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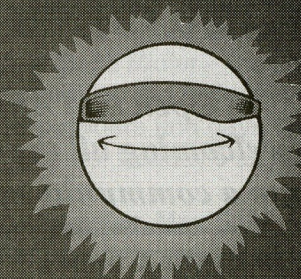


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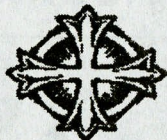
Many Americans will choose to "Take the Test, Take Control," as National HIV Testing Day is held Friday, June 27, 2003.

In Memphis, the central testing site will be at First Congregational Church, 1000 South Cooper, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Other testing sites include:

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- Southwest TN Community College (Mendenhall campus) – 9 a.m. to noon.
- Desoto Health & Wellness Center – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Friends For Life – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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- Hickory Hill Community Center – 5 to 9 p.m.
- Ed Rice Community Center – 5 to 9 p.m.
- Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center – 6 to 10 p.m.
- Alfred's on Beale – 9 p.m. to midnight
- Pumping Station – 11 p.m. to 2 a.m.

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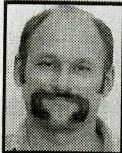
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"Like Uniforms? Wear One. Join LAPD."

— From an ad in the April 25 edition of the Los Angeles gay magazine *Frontiers*, inviting gays to take the Los Angeles Police Department entrance test at the (L.A.) Gay & Lesbian Center.

"What we tried to do in this meeting was reach him on a human level, and we found no humanity there. (He was) condescending, belligerent, argumentative and arrogant."

— Melina Waldo of Haddonfield, N.J., after she and three other PFLAG parents met with U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum (R-Penn.) to *The New York Times*, May 2. Santorum has been under fire for comparing homosexuality to bigamy, polygamy, adultery and incest.

"Six (Democratic) presidential candidates — Representatives Richard Gephardt and Dennis Kucinich, the Rev. Al Sharpton, former Vermont governor Howard Dean, Senator John Kerry and former senator Carol Moseley Braun — have given their blessings to civil unions affording gays and lesbians legal recognition of their partnerships. ... Sharpton and Kucinich have gone a step further than those six candidates, indicating they support legal recognition of gay marriages. Three contenders — Senators John Edwards of North Carolina, Bob Graham of Florida and Joseph I. Lieberman of Connecticut — stopped short of endorsing civil unions, but did not oppose them. Edwards and Lieberman said the issue should be left to individual states, while Graham said it deserves further study.

— *The Boston Globe*, April 26.

"We are still at a point in time in our history that it is very, very important for gay and lesbian candidates to identify themselves, because we transform hearts and minds one person at a time."

— Providence, R.I., Mayor David Cicilline to the Michigan gay newspaper *Between The Lines*, April 10.

"War sucks big time. Don't let yourself ever be talked into having one waged in the name of your freedom. Somehow when the bombs start dropping or you hear the sound of machine guns at the end of your street you don't think about your 'imminent liberation' anymore."

— Openly gay Iraqi blogger Salam Pax in his post-war commentaries at dearraed.blogspot.com.

"I know that a lot of people will watch this show who are not familiar with the gay community and start to reconsider their notions of identity, their own and other people's. I'm really excited about that."

— Jennifer "Flashdance" Beals who stars in Showtime's upcoming lesbian series, "The L Word," to *Windy City Times*, May 21.

"(She will) bring witchcraft and goddess worship into the

YWCA. (It will become) a federal cash cow for radical lesbians."

— Andrea Lafferty, executive director of the Traditional Values Coalition, in response to the selection of former NOW president Patricia Ireland as chief executive of the YWCA, to Canada's *National Post*, May 23. Ireland has openly had a husband and a girlfriend simultaneously. She is still married.

"I get offered the big parts and people tell me I'm a movie star. That didn't happen before I came out. I was leading a secret life, hiding and lying about something that was central to my nature. Now I have nothing to hide. Acting is no longer about lying. It's now about revealing the truth. People are at ease with me now. Honesty is the best policy."

— Sir Ian McKellen to Britain's *The Times*, May 20.

"It's really weird. A below average baseball player tells one reporter he's gay, and he becomes a bigger celebrity than when he was playing. Only in America."

— Former pro-baseball player Billy Bean to the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, May 14.

"I believe that, as we did in Vermont, the nation will overcome its fear of gay and lesbian people, and that one day, soon, gay and lesbian people will be treated equally. When you run for president, lots of wonderful things happen. One of the most extraordinary things that happened to me in this campaign was when I gave a speech in Washington, and a guy came up afterwards — he was about 80 — and said, 'Governor, I want to thank you for signing the civil-unions bill.' I was taken aback. ... I said, 'Oh, do you have someone in your family who's gay?' And he said, 'I'm a veteran, I was on a beach in Normandy, a lot of my friends were killed on D-day, and I'm gay.' And I thought to myself, if there was ever a reason to sign a civil-unions bill, if a guy is willing to go on a beach in Normandy in defense of his country, this guy deserves legal rights under the law when he gets home."

— Democratic presidential candidate Howard Dean to the Seattle weekly newspaper *The Stranger*, May 15.

"Every woman that gay culture loves is very outspoken. Barbra Streisand. Think about what taboos Barbra broke. Ugly. Cross-eyed. Great voice. Bette Midler — outrageous. All about strength, courage, breaking the mold, not giving a damn. I used to say we're outsiders and gays are outsiders. That's all changed now, too. Nobody's an outsider anymore."

— Joan Rivers to *In Los Angeles*, May 5.

Quotes compiled by Rex Wockner, who has reported news for the gay press since 1985. His work has appeared in more than 200 gay publications. He has a B.A. in journalism from Drake University, started his career as a radio reporter and has written extensively for the mainstream media, as well.

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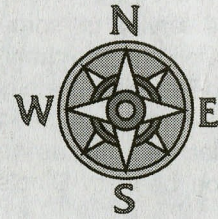
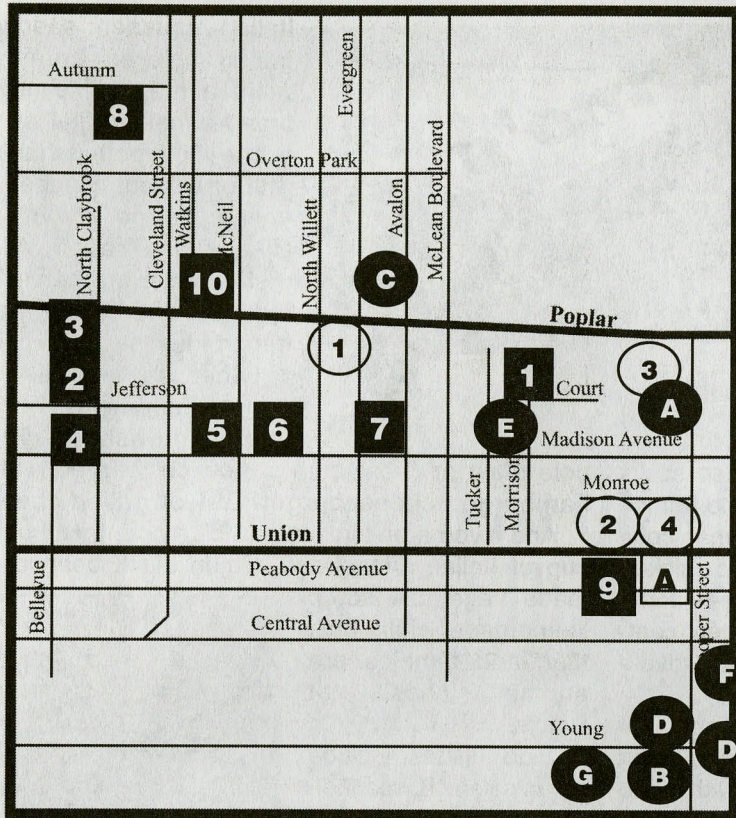
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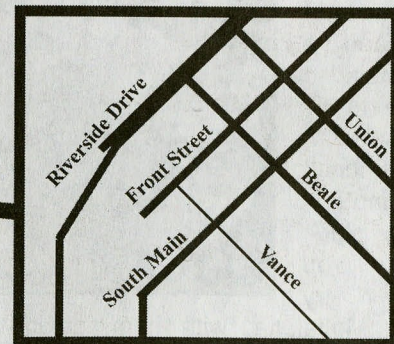
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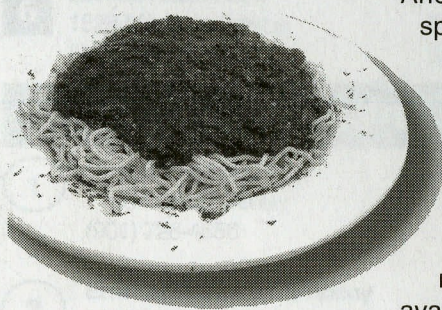


DINING OUT A RESTAURANT REVIEW BY ANITA MOYT

Have you been to Dino's Grill, yet? Located in Midtown at 645 North McLean, Rudy Grisanti is still serving up some of the best ravioli and spaghetti, not to mention Tiramisu, the city has ever seen. And he has been doing so for decades. So, as we said, have you been to Dino's Grill, yet?

Well, if you haven't, we would like to give you a glimpse of some fine Italian eating.

You can start your meal with either toasted ravioli with meat sauce or cheese sticks with marinara sauce. Entrees include lasagna and fettucini alfredo. Stuffed jumbo shells, stuffed beef manicotti, stuffed cheese manicotti, eggplant parmesan and chicken parmesan are all served with spaghetti. All entrees come with one of the best Italian salads we've ever eaten, coated in olive oil, with a touch of salami and olives to give it that original flavor.



And, speaking of spaghetti, you can order it with your choice of meat, marinara or butter garlic sauce and, if you so choose, combine it with ravioli or meatballs. Also available is veal parmesan, served with either ravioli or spaghetti; a one-half pound hamburger steak, or fried jumbo shrimp.

Dino's also offers a chef salad and a tossed salad in addition to its Italian salad.

If it's lunch time, Dino's is still the place to go. You might try

Dino's Muffaletta, with ham, salami and mozzarella cheese on a large Italian loaf, heated and topped with Dino's special Italian Olive Salad. From what we've heard, it is fantastic. And, at lunch time, you can also get the special of the day and vegetables.

Whether its lunch or dinner you are enjoying at Dino's there are several sandwich platters offered, including an Italian steak sandwich; a ribeye steak sandwich; an



Italian sausage sandwich; a grilled chicken breast sandwich; a meatball sandwich; a breaded catfish filet sandwich; a one-third pound hamburger, with or without cheese, and an Italian burger with Italian cheese and sauce. All sandwich platters are served with a regular salad or cole slaw and french fries.

Other sandwiches on the menu include a hot roast beef sandwich, served with cole slaw or fries; club sandwich, served with fries; hamburger, cheeseburger, BLT or grilled cheese.

And if you aren't in a sandwich mood, try a hot bowl or cup of Italian minestrone, Cajun black bean or homemade vegetable soup. Homemade chili, chili mac and tamales are another chose at Dino's.

Side dishes include Italian sausage, spaghetti with meat sauce, Italian spinach, baked potato, home-fried potatoes, french-fried potatoes and onion rings.

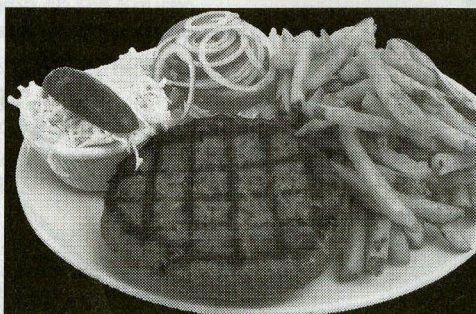
And, for a final touch to the meal, try a slice of Turtle or New York cheese cake, chocolate brownie deluxe, southern pecan pie, key lime pie, homemade carrot cake, Taramusi or the cobbler or pudding of the day.

A children's menu is offered, as well. To quench your thirst, Dino's offers as a large selection of beers, as well as tea and soft drinks, including Stewart's Fountain Classics.

Dino's does offer carry out. And, if you are hosting a big party or get-together, Dino's offers full pans and half-pans of their dishes, which serve from 10 to 45 people. Selections include toasted ravioli; ravioli with meat sauce; beef and cheese lasagna; jumbo pasta shells in marinara sauce; pasta with meat or marinara sauce; Italian salad; Italian spinach; coleslaw; potato salad, and Italian garlic bread. Dino's also can make meat and cheese trays to fit your party needs.

By the way, Dino's is open for breakfast; but that's another review.

Dino's is open 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday; 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday and is closed Mondays. For more information call (901) 278-9127.



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In The Mix

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yah, I have to confess I've been trying to come up with a good joke about how Lisa Marie was married to Michael Jackson, but, hell, isn't the fact that that's true bad enough?

The only descent part of the album is the single, "Lights Out," (it's the album's first single, because it's the only descent thing on here). Anyway, the musical arrangement isn't bad and it's a kinda catchy tune-of-the-week kind of song, but I give it another week or two before everyone is sick of hearing it. As if it isn't bad enough that Lisa charges people to look at the god-awful interior of Graceland (the color combinations in that place could make a gay man go blind).

Anyway, Lisa, stick to doing what you do best, which is marrying famous guys and giving tabloids something to write about, and leave making music to people with talent.

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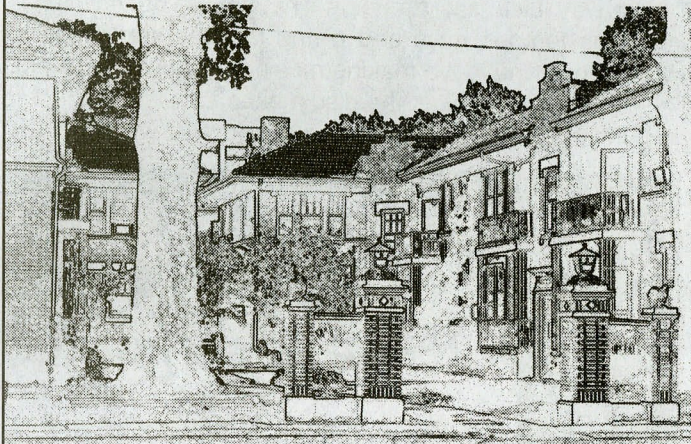
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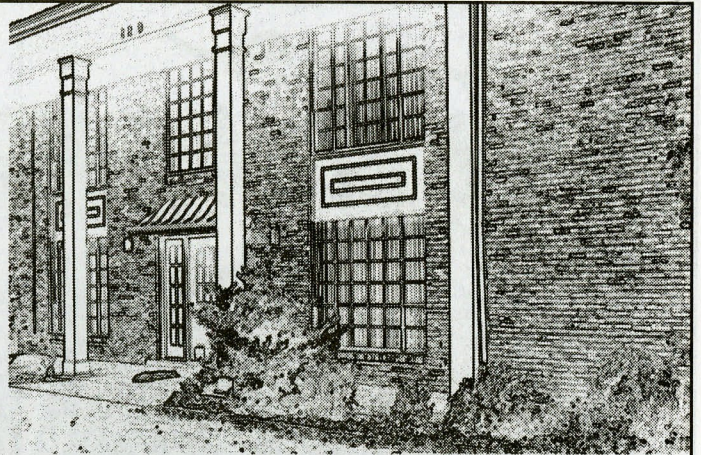
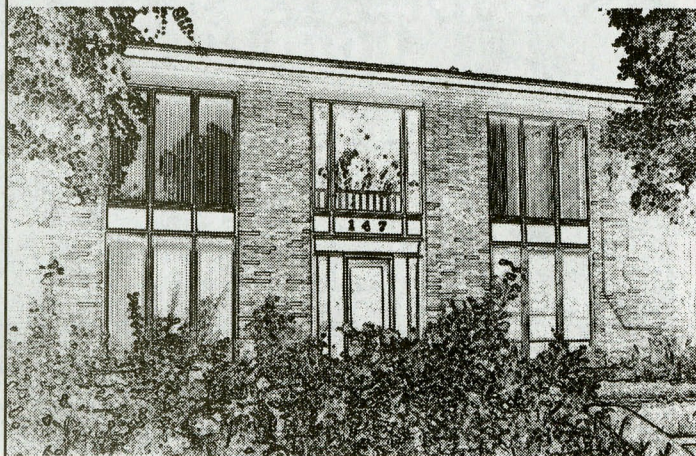
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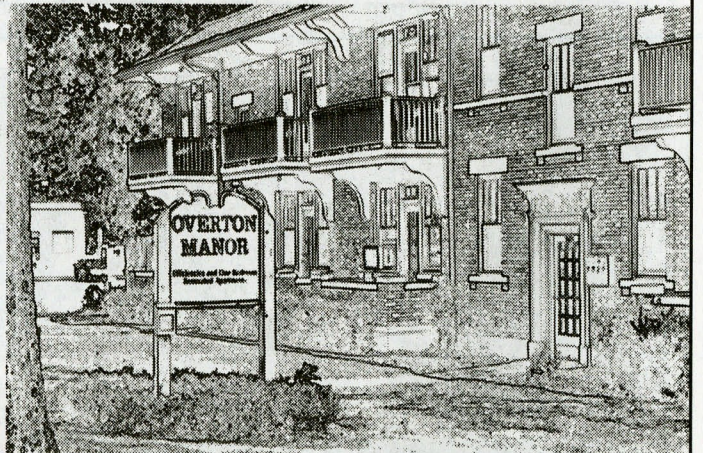
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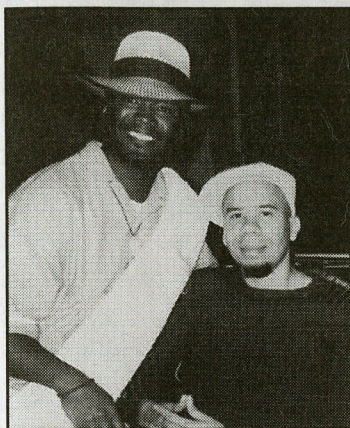
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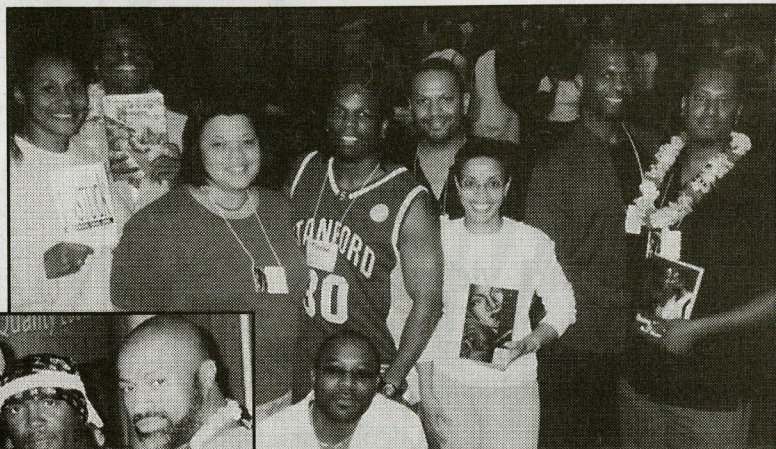


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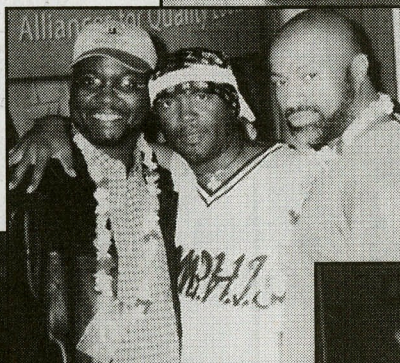
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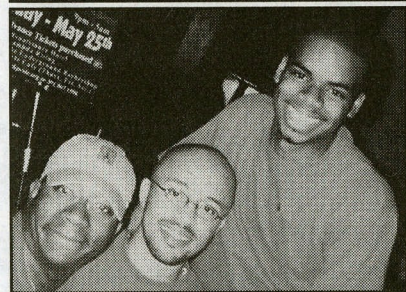
TOP: Washington, D.C., Pride 2003, Writer's Island. LEFT: Legendary Vega, Lady Bug and model Michael Wills.



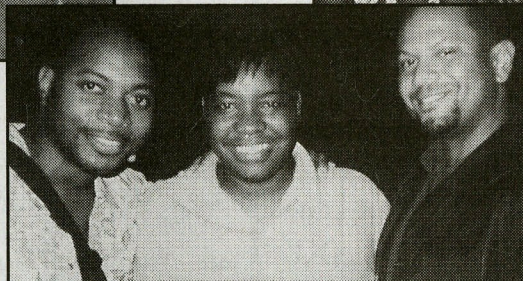
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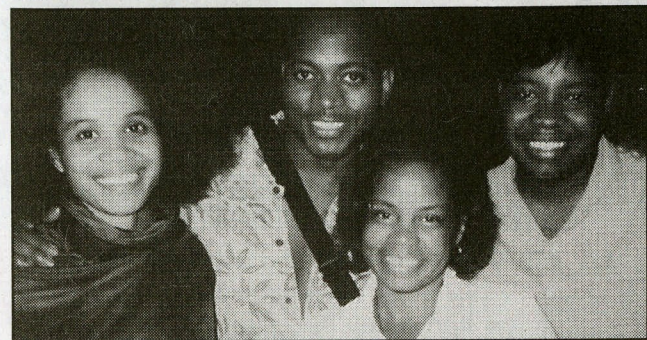
The Los Angeles, Calif., crew



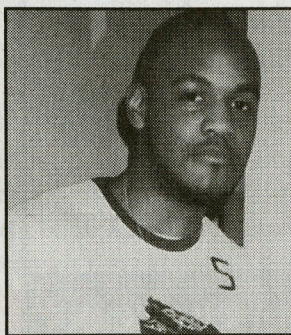
Mother Hardaway's "Carolina Babies."



Gregory McNeal, Rundu and James Tucker, a.k.a. Belasco.



Stacy Ann Chin, Gregory McNeal, Deardria Nesbitt and Rundu.



Film star & model INCOGNITO, featured in *Black Inches*, June 2003.



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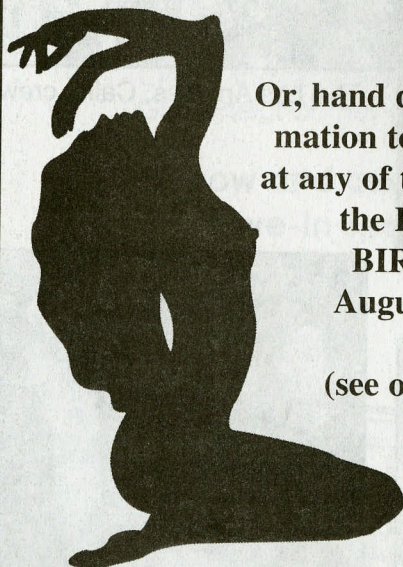
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Would you hug them and say it's okay
What would you do if you caught your son
In the bed with other boys
Fooling around with some of those sex toys
Reading *Playgirl* magazine
What would you do if you caught your daughter
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Kissing and hugging and s***ing on t***
Putting their fingers in each other's ...
you get the picture?
We come in different shapes and styles
Some are quiet; some are buck wild
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Some make movies; some play ball
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Ding-dong?!? "Who's there?"
"Uh .. It's Mike, can I come in to see Spike
I just got off the phone with him and we were
going to ride our bike."
"Uh, he's not here, as a matter of fact, we're
about to go
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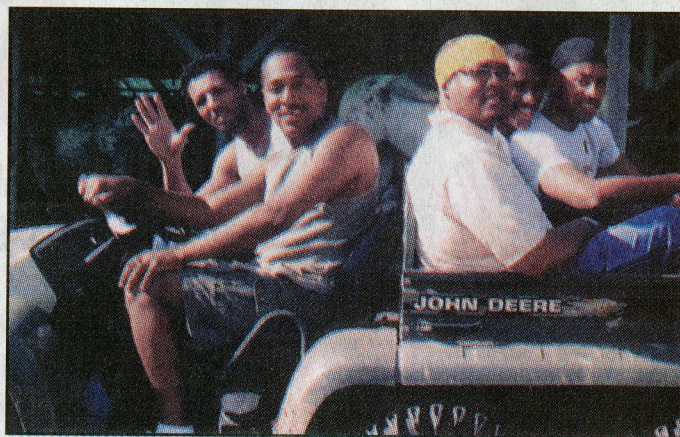
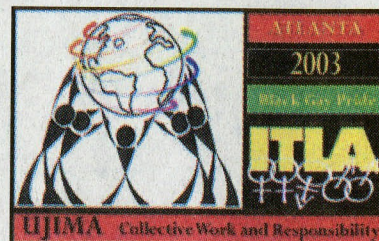


Black Pride

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and Represent Black Pride March & Family Celebration; interfaith worship service, and, of course, lots of parties and celebrations.

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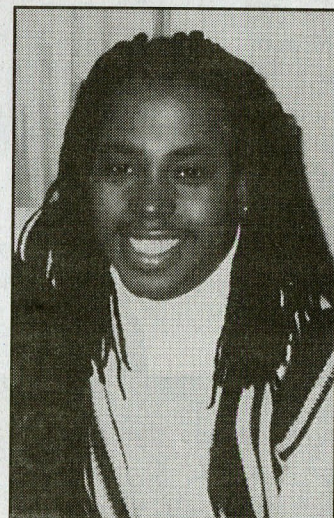


Terryll Buckner and friends take a ride on a 4-wheeler during one of the past Memphis Black Pride picnics.

NASHVILLE, TENN.

Nashville's first Black Pride is set for Oct. 31 to Nov. 2. Dwayne Jenkins, founder and director of the statewide Brothers United Network (BU), which will operate this annual event, took the lead in joining IFBP on March 6, 2003.

Nashville Black Pride will be open to all partners, family members and friends, regardless of race or gender identity. It will, however, be an outreach intervention effort that is specifically targeted towards the underserved GLBT communities of color.



Dwayne Jenkins

"BU stands proud to join in the Black Pride movement," Jenkins added, "and hopes that this event will reach more SGL African-Americans and other people of color, and also be supported by the local gay community."

For more information, call Jenkins at (615) 259-4866, ext. 269 or email him at brosunited@aol.com.

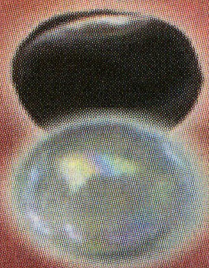
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Thursday - Sunday, June 12-15



RUBY THURSDAY, June 12

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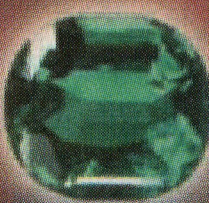
Who Will Be King & Queen of the Night?



DIAMOND SATURDAY, June 14

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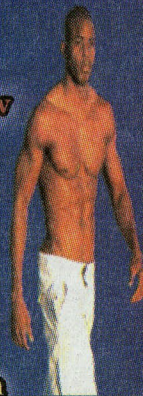
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Saturday, June 14, 2003

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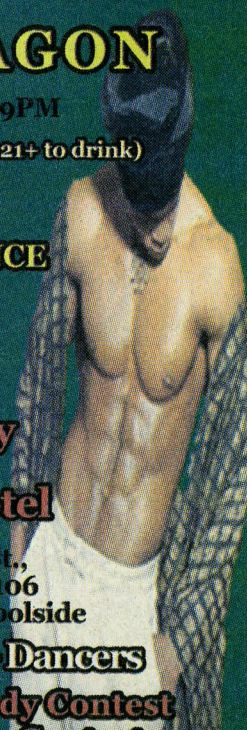
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Drinks will be flowing & The grill will be serving!





WHAT'S THE 'TEE' LADYBUG? BY ANTHONY HARDAWAY

Chil-ren, chil-ren, chil-ren! Spending Memorial Day weekend in our nation's capital for D.C.'s Black Pride 2003 was just what the Doll needed. As always, the pride event refueled my energy and commitment to the Southern region village.

The International Federation of Black Prides (IFBP) meeting was attended by representatives of a majority of all the nationwide black prides. The Human Rights Campaign (HRC) presented ways to the group to help uplift and raise concerns of individual cities. Earl Fowlkes, president of IFBP, said he looks forward to working with other prides to ensure good community ties and relationships.

Black gay and lesbian celebrities spotted during the entire weekend were: (my girl) Lisa C. Moore of Fire and Ink, Deardria Nesbitt, Rundu, Stanceyann Chinn, Laurinda D. Brown, K. Godfrey Easter, Belasco, D.J. Murphy, Brent Carpenter, Nathaniel Brunson, Leonard Jenkins II, Tim'm West and others.

Other celebrities who performed at the Sunday afternoon Expo were Freddie Jackson and Group 702. Noting that the Expo was moved to the newly-erected convention center, where the chil-ren shared the site with a regional House of Prayer church convention, me and some friends joked about how we might as well get use to all of us being together because heaven will have no divided sections. Let the reader say, "Amen."

Everyone gathered at Rock Creek Park on Memorial Day, sponsored by one of D.C.'s local agencies/organizations. My smile became even bigger when I saw old friends and my Carolina babies, who did an excellent job volunteering the entire weekend. I also talked with my homeboys James Tucker of Belasco and Gregory McNeal, who has a new series of posters out that are the bomb. (Contact Gregory at (213) 381-2665 to order any of his many posters. You will not regret purchasing them.)

Also, let me thank Michael Wills and Vega for their special gifts/donations to the Southern chil-ren. Legendary

photographer and artist Vega is someone we, as the villagers nationwide, need to give high respect and praise for his work of the past.

I asked Aubry Ward and Renard Owens (best friends) at the Dullies International Airport while they were waiting to leave to go back home to Atlanta, Ga., how they enjoyed everything and they said they wished the weather could have been better and maybe next year there will be more things to do all day.

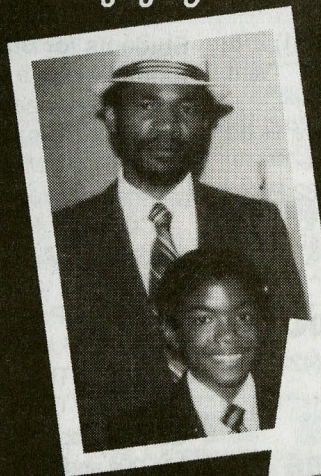
And chil', guess who has an opportunity to be in the new series video of Kevin's Room, which will start filming this month? Go ahead, guess.

Let me thank my same-gender-loving momma's Patty and Anita for helping to sponsor their chil' to go to D.C. this year. Also, thanks to Terry! , "my Butch," and Friends For Life for always assisting me in whatever way we, the village, need to better our walk in this life as same-gender-loving individuals.

So, I'll see you, the reader, at Memphis's prides in June.

And, as always, happy Pride chil-ren, happy Pride!

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GLBF, P.O. Box 233, MS State, MS 39762, (662) 325-8241, email: glbf@org.msstate.edu, www.msstate.edu/org/glbf

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SOCIAL continued

ARKANSAS

SAFE HARBOR NEA, A confidential support and social group for GLBT persons, ages 25 and under, in northeast Arkansas, (870) 932-6545, P.O. Box 226, Jonesboro, AR 72403, www.safeharbor-nea.com

WHOLENESS

FEAST FOR FRIENDS DINNER, (901) 272-0855, Dinner is served the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month at St. John's United Methodist Church, Bellevue @ Peabody, beginning at 6 p.m.

MEMPHIS REGIONAL PLANNED PARENTHOOD, 1407 Union Avenue Extended, 3rd Floor (901) 725-1717, HIV & STD testing, gynecological preventive care

MEMPHIS HIV FAMILY CARE NETWORK, 880 Madison Avenue, Memphis, TN, (901) 545-8265, Free comprehensive, supportive services and voc/rehab services to the HIV-positive

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YWCA ENCORE, MedPlex, 880 Madison Avenue, (901) 754-4356, Support group for lesbians with breast cancer meets every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon

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LAMBDA CIRCLE, (901) 278-6786, Open to all GLBT persons of faith to join in an affirming time of prayer, Bible study and discussion., Meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at First Congregational Church, 1000 S. Cooper Street.

OTHER LOCALES

CAMP SISTER SPIRIT, P.O. Box 12, Overt, MS 39464, Feminist education/cultural/retreat center, www.campsisterspirit.com, email: sisterspir@aol.com

MCC OF THE RAINBOW, 5565 Robinson Rd. Ext., Ste. Q, Jackson, MS 39204, (601) 372-6644, Sunday Service at 11:30 a.m.

POLITICAL

TENNESSEE

EQUALITY TENNESSEE, P.O. Box 241363, Memphis, TN 38124 • 901-327-2677, A civil rights group that promotes equality and combats prejudice and discrimination among GLBT persons, email: westregion@equalitytennesse.org, website: www.equalitytennessee.org.

MEMPHIS LESBIAN & GAY COALITION FOR JUSTICE, P.O. Box 241363, Memphis, TN 38124, (901) 327-2677. Email: mlgcj@yahoo.com, website: www.geocities.com/mlgcj.

MISSISSIPPI

EQUALITY MISSISSIPPI, P.O. Box 6021, Jackson, MS 39288-6021, (601) 936-7673, email: EqualityMS@EqualityMS.org, website: www.EqualityMS.org

SPORTS

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

BLUFF CITY SPORTS ASSOCIATION, P.O. Box 41803, Memphis, TN 38174-1803, (901) 461-0891, email: memphisgaysoftball@yahoo.com, Softball league open to GLBT individuals.

BROTHERS & SISTERS BOWLING LEAGUE, Cordova Bowling Center, 7945 Club Center Cove, (901) 737-7824 or (901) 465-4371. This co-ed bowling league meets every Sunday at 5:45 p.m. at the Cordova Bowling Center.

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HOROSCOPES

Gemini (May 22-June 21) – If you've been dreaming of financial success, this could prove to be the time in which your dreams come true. The sun is moving into your sign.

Cancer (June 22-July 23) – Now is the time to make certain you have your priorities in order. Eligibles may indeed find themselves involved in a new love affair while others may find this a time of creativity.

Leo (July 24-Aug. 23) – Creativity is the focus, as is your social life for the month ahead should bring with it more power and the fulfillment of your hopes and dreams.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 23) – Your career sector gets a visit from the Sun now. This is the time to surround yourself with creative and artistic people as they could prove to be advantageous to your financial success.

Libra (Sept. 24-Oct. 23) – You should make some great contacts at social events this month. Long-distance relationships, when given effort, could prove to be rewarding as your creativity soars.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – This is not the time to be spending foolishly. Balance your budget and tie up loose financial ends, but keep in mind, financial situations could be working to your advantage.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – The Sun is making a trip through your relationship sector this month. Now is the time

to get out and meet new people as romance and social good times are the focus.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) – Beware of unfamiliar territory. Your hopes and dreams should be more easily fulfilled now as the next move towards business dealings and relationships is yours.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) – Now is the time to remember that positive thoughts yield positive results. If you have creative dreams, follow them this month. If there is someone you've wanted to meet, now is the time.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) – Someone you meet through a social function this month could turn out to be the object of your affection. Your financial situation is overdue for an increase.

Aries (March 21-April 20) – The focus this month should be on matters concerning real estate and domestic endeavors. Remember, it's better to be safe than sorry. Attend a home-based social event.

Taurus (April 21-May 21) – Personal matters with others concerning financial matters are highlighted this month. Working together and organized planning should begin to pay off.

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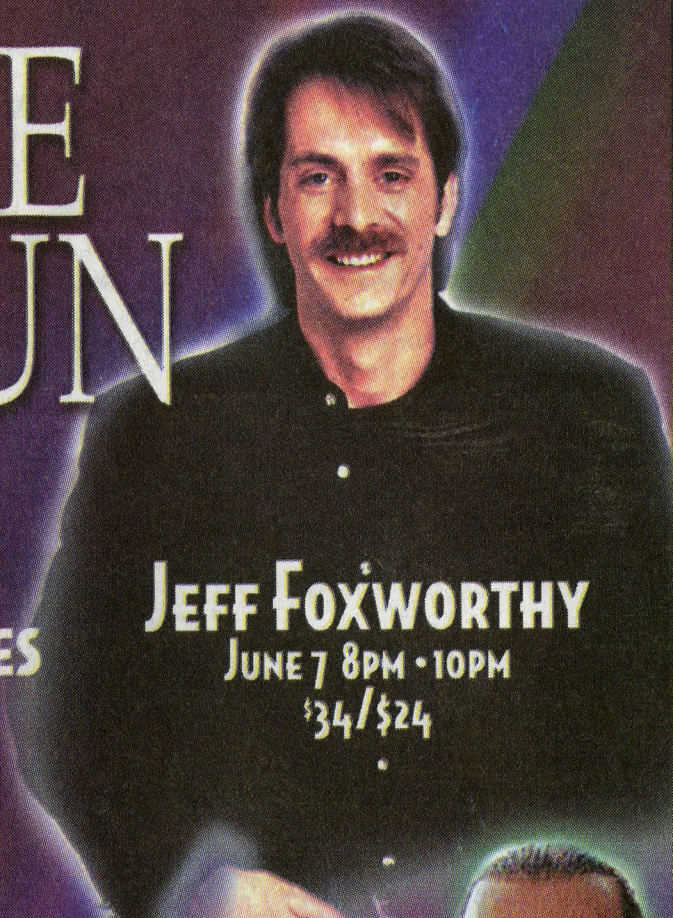
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