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# NEWS & VIEWS

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## MRPP Honors Judy Ringel With Bob James Award

Memphis Regional Planned Parenthood presented Judy Ringel with the second annual Bob James Award during a Sept. 28 reception at Elfo's. The Bob James Award honors an individual's unwavering support of the ideals of MRPP.

The event raised \$19,000 to benefit MRPP's community efforts. Prominent Memphians U.S. Congressman-elect Steve Cohen and state Rep. Beverly Marrero joined the festivities.

Ringel, formerly the senior editor of *Memphis* magazine, served on MRPP's board of directors for six years, including two as chair.

"I feel very strongly that top-quality family planning and reproductive health care services should be available to every woman in Memphis," Ringel said, "not just to those who can afford to pay full price for them.

"I'm also a strong advocate of the kind of sexuality education that Planned Parenthood provides. Today, young lives may literally depend on being properly informed—not only to prevent unintended pregnancies, but also to protect against AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases."

Ringel's first book, *Children of Israel*, was published in 2004. She has received numerous awards, including the Journalism Award of Excellence from the American College of Emergency Physicians and, together with the editorial staff of *Memphis* magazine, the Sigma Delta Chi Distinguished Service Award from the Society of Professional Journalists. She will be listed in the 2007 edition of *Who's Who in America*.

Throughout his life, Memphis City Councilman and business leader Bob James championed Planned Parenthood's mission. Upon his death in 2004, James bequeathed \$1,000,000 to create an endowment fund at the Community Foundation to support MRPP. His generosity allows MRPP to continue serving the MidSouth regardless of clients' ability to pay. The Bob James Award salutes its namesake and those who follow in his footsteps.



Andy and Betsy Saslawsky, Nick and Judy Ringel, Janice and Jimmy Ringel



Above, left to right: Jared Johnson, Jenni Falkof, Josh Whitehead, Kenya Jones; right: Ginny Davis



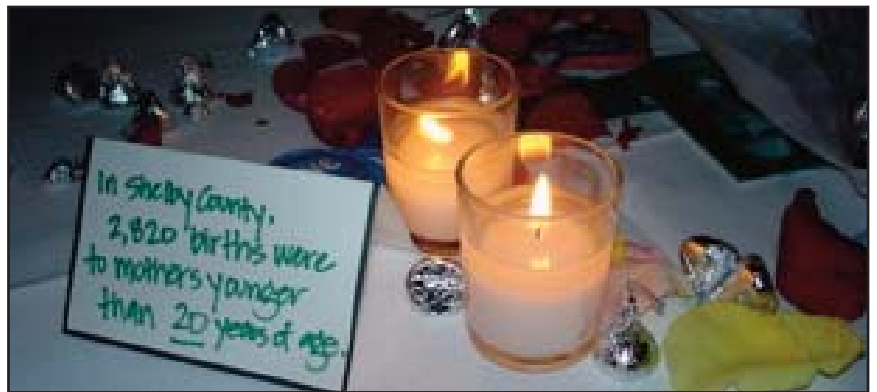
## Memphis Brings Sexy Back!

Men and women *got their sexy on* at a Planned Parenthood awareness party Oct. 14, hosted by board member Nora Boone.

"The purpose of the party was to bring awareness to the community of all the services MRPP offers, as well as to provide people with information about the shocking statistics regarding teen pregnancy," Boone said.

"Condom fairies" distributed different varieties (and flavors!) of condoms, along with brochures, to the nearly 100 guests.

In keeping with the "Sexy Back" theme, partygoers wore clothing that made them feel self-confident. Guests inspired by the likes of Elizabeth Taylor, Sophia Loren and Marvin Gaye donned celebrity attire and danced the night away.



Left to right: Willis Porter, Nancy Barden, Chad Johnson, Brian James, Nora Boone

<p><b>SAFE SEX AWARENESS</b></p> <p><b>MUY CALIENTE!</b> bi-lingual colombian chanteuse seeks son of south american dictator for wild, responsible romps abroad</p> <p><b>BRINISTONE OUTGIRL</b> LOOKING FOR HER BRINISTONE OUTGIRL</p> <p><b>SAFETY FIRST!</b> MUST WEAR BRACKLES, ROPEFS, AND RUBBERS.</p> <p><b>REMEMBER, NO GLOVE NO LOVE</b> 25-year old hotel heiress looking for greek shipping heir for romance, rings and paparazzi fun; must love dogs and dummies</p>	<p><b>ISO SEXY</b></p> <p>What do YOU feel most sexy in? In to jeans &amp; a tshirt? Suit &amp; tie? Little black dress &amp; heels? Cargo pants &amp; tank? Men's white shirt and... nothing else?</p> <p><b>GET YOUR SEXY ON &amp; SHOW ME!</b> meet me at Ernestine &amp; Hazel's Saturday, Oct. 14, 8 PM got questions? call nora boone 901.230.8888 nboone@gmail.com</p>	<p><b>LOOKING FOR SOME FUN?</b> CALL BUTTERFIELD</p> <p><b>FUN@HOME?</b> Sophisticated Manhattanite looking for sweet blonde upstairs neighbor to enjoy walks over NYC subway grates.</p> <p>NOTE: HAVE WIFE OF 7-YEARS, BUT OPEN TO CHANGE</p> <p><b>MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES</b> 5-month old baby girl seeking tom cruise and kate holmes lookalikes for new parents</p> <p>aging rock icon ISO great divorce attorney; must know BRITISH LAW</p>	<p>Open mind liber looki for c ing c Mon thru Thur 7-9P</p> <p>if naked cleaning thing for then you have for your ne call 901.440</p> <p>MUST HA THREE RE FINCES</p> <p>TEAM F Astma looking camio tendanc LA high no888.</p>
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## World AIDS Day Event to Include Memphis Rap Group Da Volunteers

Memphis Regional Planned Parenthood will be offering free HIV testing and information Dec. 1 at the Orange Mound Community Center, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., in recognition of World AIDS Day. Local rap group Da Volunteers will greet attendees and sign autographs. WMC-TV, Action News 5, will broadcast live from the event.

The goal of the World AIDS Campaign is "to energize and support an effective and sustained response to the HIV pandemic. By helping partners work together at national and international levels, we will broaden the partnership among those shaping the response to AIDS. Crucial to our success will be increased public awareness of past policy commitments and promises on AIDS, including the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS."

The theme for World AIDS Day 2006 is accountability.

## SD Abortion Ban Defeated

South Dakota voters rejected a law that would have banned abortions even in the case of rape or incest.

The S.D. Legislature approved the ban in February, hoping that opponents would sue and the case would be brought before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Opponents instead gathered enough petition signatures to hold a popular vote.

The abortion ban was defeated Nov. 7, 56% to 44%.

## MRPP Volunteer Recognized by PPFA *Swatzell travels to Minnesota, Wisconsin*



Christy Swatzell represented MRPP at Planned Parenthood's Electoral Boot Camp and Central Region Conference.

MRPP volunteer and student activist Christy Swatzell was rewarded for her nomination as Central Region Young Volunteer of the Year. Planned Parenthood Federation of America provided her with an all-expenses-paid trip to Minnesota for the Central Region 2006 Conference, "Constructing a New Reality."

Swatzell also traveled to Wisconsin in early November as a Young Emerging Leader in PPFA's Electoral Boot Camp. She joined affiliate and national staff as they canvassed door-to-door and encouraged voters to support candidates who are friendly to reproductive rights.

Their efforts paid off. Incumbant Governor Democrat Jim Doyle defeated Republican Mark Green, who opposes emergency contraception and abortion, even in cases of rape or incest.

## In Brief

- MRPP welcomes Health Educators Porcha Davis and Stacey Luttrell.
- Best wishes to Health Educator Mikki Cobbins on her new career in pharmaceutical sales.
- Congratulations to board member Chey Widdop, who was featured as a Junior League of Memphis (JLM) "superwoman." In addition to serving as development chair of MRPP's board, Chey's busy schedule includes being an interior decorator and manager of French Country Imports, community director for the JLM, and president of the Episcopal Church Women at the Church of the Holy Communion. She and her husband, Bill, also manage to raise two young children. Hats off to Chey!
- The University of Memphis *Vox: Voices for Planned Parenthood* chapter took full advantage of its new status as a registered student organization. In addition to recruitment activities and health fairs, the students prepared "safe sex" kits and sold Halloween "condom pops." They are already planning exciting activities for next semester!
- Many thanks to Rhodes College sophomore and MRPP volunteer Taylor Barnes for helping to establish a *Vox* chapter on her campus. The students expect to receive official university recognition soon.
- Healthy Choices Week, a Memphis City Schools initiative, will be held Nov. 27-Dec. 1. MRPP, in collaboration with other agencies, has organized an AIDS poster contest and student assembly to coincide with World AIDS Day, Dec. 1.

## Free EC Day!

Stop by our health center  
**Wednesday, Dec. 6**  
for your free dose of  
emergency contraception!

Be prepared!  
You never know when you might be  
faced with an emergency.

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emergency contraception may prevent  
pregnancy. It cannot, however, terminate  
an existing pregnancy.*



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Board members (and sisters-in-law) Jakatae Jessup and Susan Moskop enjoy a moment at Elfo's during the Bob James Award reception.

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