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4th of July Parade

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By Laurie Davison

The theme of this year's 4th of July Parade is "United We Still Stand" - and so our community has for years! The Bluegrass Chapter of the Kentucky Fairness Alliance invites you to show your support for Fairness for all Kentuckians by joining us in the year's 4th of July Parade!

Your group already has a contingent in the parade? Not a problem! All we need is your logo, business name, and a single member of your group to march with us carrying a sign stating that your group Stands United For Fairness! In so doing you can show the thousands who attend this annual event that you support equal treatment for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered members of our community.

You also demonstrate to our city that Fairness does not stand alone - that we are made up of and backed by many other good and open-minded people and organizations. Especially this year, we need to let our City Council, Mayor Isaac, and Governor Paul Patton know that their support of Fairness is not only backed a few rogue queers, but by many productive -and voting - Kentuckians! To have your organization represented call Laurie Davison at 294-7521, or email me at ldavison@qx.net. You can also just show up to march with us on the 4th. Bring a sign and look for rainbow balloons and flags on Midland Ave. next to the Herald Leader where marchers will be gathering



SORDID LIVES

ActOut presents Sordid Lives by Del Shores Saturday July 5th at 8 pm and Sunday July 6th at 2 pm at the Lexington Public Library Theater 140 E. Main St. There is parking available in the lot behind the Library

Sordid Lives has been described as "a black comedy about white trash." It is about a dysfunctional family in a small Texas town gathering for the funeral of their mother who has died after tripping over the wooden legs of her lover in a motel room and hitting her head on the sink. The family comes complete with one uptight sister, one loose sister, a grandson to the dead woman who is a gay actor in New York and his drag queen uncle who wants to be Tammie Waynette. ...continued on page 2

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SORDID LIVES cont. Also thrown in the mix are a couple of gay bashing brothers, an oversexed, alcoholic psychiatrist, the best friend of the loose sister who is also (stay with me here) the wife of the man with the wooden legs that killed her best friends mother and the lover, husband and owner of the two wooden legs known as G. W. Lets not forget the sister to the dead woman, who picked the wrong day to quit smoking and the vocal styling of a female ex-con. As you can imagine this cast of characters leads to a hilarious couple of days in a small Texas town. If you're from a small town, anywhere, you grew up with these people, you know these people, they were your family and maybe even you.

The cast includes Heather Adkins, Shayne Brakefeld, Chris Garrett, Bill Glover, Andrew Hyde, Tiffany Kavanaugh, Darryl Maines, Robin Roth, Marsha Sherman, Michael Simmons and Michelle Steele. It is directed by Homer Tracy. Admission is \$10. It's a don't miss.

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FACES OF FAITH IN AMERICA: AFFIRMING LEXINGTON'S TRUE COLORS

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Community News

New Pride Patrons

The Lexington Lyons Leather /Levi Club

The Lexington Lyons Leather/Levi Club, Inc. is pleased to present \$500 to the GLSO Pride Center.

This makes the club the first Pride Patrons with GLSO.

Thomas Smith, president of the Lyons, states, "This contribution reflects our club's renewed commitment to our community."

The Lyons Club is a social club for those interested in the leather / levi lifestyle, and will be celebrating its five year anniversary in August of this year.



The proceeds came from the clubs fundraising activities, including a successful bar night at The Serpent in Cincinnati, Ohio on May 31st. This allowed the Lyons to become Pride Center patrons. The club also has donated a subscription to the Leather Journal to the GLSO Pride Center. Pictured are, from left to right: (Back row) Jack Downs; Paul Johnson, secretary; (Front row) Elvin Harkins, historian; John LaMar Cole, treasurer; Brad Henderson, vice-president; Arin Miskel; and Thomas Smith, president. Full members not pictured include Randy Paylor, JC Lewis and Trent Tompkins.

Miss Big and Beautiful

Mark Your Calendars..."Miss Kentucky Big & Beautiful" Pageant & Show will be held on Wednesday, July 23rd in The Gilded Cage Cabaret at The Bar Complex, 224 E.Main Street, 859-255-1551. This event will begin sharply at 9pm and there will be a door admission. Sorry, no table reservations, it's first come, first serve.

Your reigning Miss Big & Beautiful, the Phenomenal Victoria Parker will be present along with Your reigning Miss National At Large, Chelsea Pearl and Miss National At Large 2001 Latoya Bacall. Also appearing will be The Gilded Cage Divas.

The winner of this pageant will then compete at the national pageant of "Miss Big & Beautiful" which will be held here in Lexington at The Bar Complex on August 18th, 19th & 20th, 2003. For Information

about Miss Big and Beautiful Pageant please talk to Marcus and/or Chelsea or Call 859-881-5466. Don't Miss Either!

New Group Forms in Paris

Citizens for Unity and Fairness is a new social and advocacy group in central Kentucky to serve the needs of gay and lesbians in Bourbon, Clark, Harrison, Montgomery, Nicholas, and other surrounding counties. If you would like more information about meetings, please contact Adam Tubbs at (859) 289-3427 after 7 pm or email the group directly at CUFCY@aol.com.

Parenting Group

If you might be interested in a GLBT group to discuss parenting issues, please contact Erin at erin.stevenson@uky.edu.

Lesbian Fifty Plus Group

On Sat. July 5, we will meet at Desha's Restaurant at 101 N. Broadway at 5:30 for dinner. We will then go to the Public Library Theater to see the play "Sordid Lives. Call Carron, a member of our group, before July 3 at (859) 255-7065 for reservation. The cost for the play is \$10.

We have a meeting at the Pride Center July 13 at 2 pm to plan future activities. Please come and invite your friends to join us. We have been invited to a cookout on Sunday, July 20. Call Ginger at the Pride Center for more info, 253-3233.

SoulForce

Soulforce protested at the Southern Baptist National convention in June. See Jamie's article on page 14. Soulforce Lexington has biweekly meetings on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 7:30 at the home of Jamie McDaniel. In July that will be on the 13th and 27th.

Soulforce follows the principles of non-violence practiced and taught by Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr. to confront religious organizations that practice "spiritual violence" against GLBT people. For information or directions, call Jamie at 859-230-5625 and check out our web page at www.SoulforceLexington.org.

Lex. Dress and Gender Alliance

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/lexDGA>

LexDGA is a group formed for and by transgender, drag king, drag queen, cross-dress, butch, femme, effeminate men, masculine women, transman, transwoman, transsexual, androgynous, androgyny, intersexed, gender queer, and gender questioning people. We meet the first Saturday of each month.

LexDGA is a peer discussion group for

anyone who transcends gender norms and who wishes to socialize with other like minded people or discuss issues they face. Family members and supportive community members are also encouraged to participate. We are not a therapy group. For information email or call: kellindel@hotmail.com

Men Of All Colors Together

KY Men of all Colors Together (MACT) is a local chapter of a national gay multiracial organization which fosters a supportive environment where friendships and partnerships can be celebrated free of racial and cultural barriers.

We meet at the GLSO Pride Center, 389 Waller Avenue. We have been meeting on Sunday evenings but are changing our meeting to the third Saturday. July is uncertain because there is a national convention. To confirm meeting date and time for additional information, or transportation to the meeting call 859-351-4453 (Jon) or email us at macetky@aol.com. Web site: www.mactky.com

AVOL Benefit

AVOL will be hosting a benefit at Club 141 on Thursday, July 17. Crystal Diamond will be hosting this benefit show for AVOL client Services. Show time will be 9:30 and the door cover will be \$5. Some of the areas most talented performers will be sharing the stage for this worthy cause. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the party.

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We will be finishing the newsletter early this month so **get your articles in on time!** Thanks Send to:
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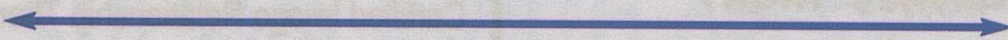
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LESBIAN VIDEO NIGHT

Do you know why lesbians like cowboy boots, Patsy Cline and kissing in the rain? The answers are in what many consider a lesbian film classic, **Desert Hearts**. Join us at the Pride Center Friday, July 11th at **8 p.m.** (notice the later time) for director Donna Deitch's independent film that came out in the mid-1980's. *Desert Hearts* stars Helen Shaver as repressed English professor Vivian Bell, who travels to 1959 Reno, Nevada for a quickie divorce. While there she meets the vivacious young artist and casino worker, Cay Rivers played by Patricia Charbonneau. If you can't figure where this one's going, run do not walk to lesbian video night, because you are in serious need of Lesbian 101. Seriously, *Desert Hearts* is well acted with a well-written script, and it is underscored by a fabulous 1950's soundtrack. But best of all, it is rated R for nudity and sex scenes!

Xena: The Saga Continues

Come watch Xena the Warrior Princess and her companion Gabrielle, the Bard of Potedia, as they travel the back roads of Ancient Greece. We will be showing episodes of the lesbian cult classic television series on Saturday, July 19, from 1 to 4 pm at the Pride Center.

Bring a friend and some snacks to share. For more information call the Pride Center at 253-3233 or email lady-janey@yahoo.com. Battle on!!!!

GAYMES NIGHT

Do you like to play cards? Maybe you like to talk about the latest movies you have seen? Has your scrabble board or trivial pursuit game been getting dusty on

your shelf? Perhaps you are new in town and are looking for a place to meet new friends? Or maybe you just like playing games. Then come to the Pride Center Friday, July 25 at 7:00 p.m. for Gaymes Night. Families and teens are welcome to attend. Bring a snack to share or your favorite game if you want.

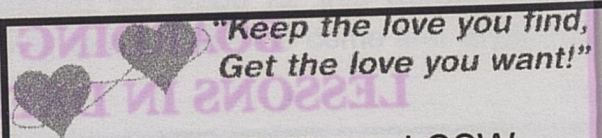
MEN'S SOCIAL CLUB

On Tuesday, July 8 there will be a planning meeting for the Men's Social Club. This meeting will be held at the Pride Center from 7 to 9 pm. The meeting is get ideas for outing and other thing including a name for the group. So bring your ideas. For information call Iggie at 492-9904.

Andrew's Club

Andrew's Club, a social support group for GLBT folks in their twenties, will meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturday each month at the Pride Center at 7 pm. In July we will be marching with Fairness on the 4th, and meeting at the Center on 12th and 26th. To participate in this group we ask you to be at least 18 for legal reasons. If you are older than 29 you might fit in just fine.

There is a library article on page 19



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The Unitarian Universalist Church welcomes visitors any time. There will be services every Sunday during the summer at 10 am. There are many groups that meet that are open to non-church members. A small Buddhist Meditation Group meets every Wed. night at 7:30. The Woman's Spirituality Group will be meeting at the home of Mary Crone on July 11 to watch a documentary about Spirituality. (mary 266-5904.) For more information check the web at www.uucl.org.

Jubilee Fellowship

The Jubilee Fellowship is a Christian group that gets together for Bible Study and Worship every Thursday night. They are no longer meeting at the Pride Center. Contact Beverly or Corina at 264-7006 CWBM121893@aol.com for information or directions to the meeting.

WICCAN PATHWAY PART 6

Lughnasadh

By Iggie

Lughnasadh is the first of three harvest festivals followed by Mabon and Samhain. It is named for the God Lugh of the Silver Arm. Lugh (or Lug) has a very interesting and long story. It is also known as Aug. Eve, Feast of Bread, Harvest Home And Lammas (Aug. 2)

At this time, Corn dollies made by weaving wheat stalks are used to symbolize the goddess of grain. Corn bread in the shape of the god of grain are baked in honor of his sacrifice. Celebrate this time of the first harvest by baking corn bread, canning the what you have harvested, vis-

iting winerys and orchards, and sprouting seeds to symbolize the resurrection the of the corn king, and spend the warmest of the evenings out side.

As summer passes, Wiccan remembers its warmth and bounty in the food we eat. Every meal is an act atonement with nature, and we are reminded that nothing in the universe is constant.

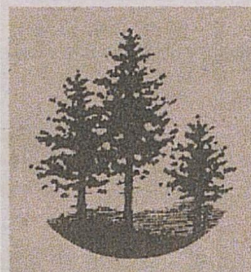
A good way to honor this day to plant seeds. If they sprout, grow the plant with love and as a symbol of your connection with the Gods.

Next month I will be writing about Mabon. The Wicca/Pagan group is no longer having regular meetings but if you are interested in learning more please call me at 492-9904. Blessed Be.

INTEGRITY

Integrity, a group for GLBT Episcopalians and friends, continues to meet on the second sunday of each month at St. Michael's episcopal Church at 2025 Bellefonte St. in Lexington. For information contact Rectors David Boyd or Sandy Stone at 277-7511 or email Stmintegrity@yahoo.com.

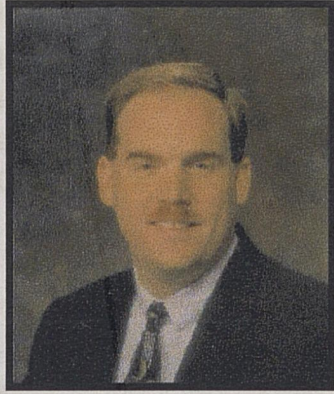
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Coronation XXII

The Imperial Court of Ky Caps It's Most Successful Reign

Courtiers representing 15 organizations from across North America descended on Lexington June 6-9 as the Imperial Court of Kentucky hosted its 22nd Coronation Ball. Lexington Mayor Teresa Isaac kicked off the ceremony at the Radisson Plaza Hotel Ballroom with a proclamation declaring Sunday, June 8th Imperial Court of Kentucky Day.

During the ball retiring Empress 21 Nicole Diamond and Regent Emperor 21 Larry Stanley announced that Reign 21 had raised more than \$43,000 making it the most successful reign ever. Net proceeds for the reign will be donated to Moveable Feast Lexington, The Gay & Lesbian Services Organization, AIDS Volunteers of Lexington and other organizations.

Members elected new monarchs for Reign 22. Empress JD Vaughn and Emperor Larry Stanley will preside over the court for the coming year. Vaughn named Lady Marmalade Imperial Crown Princess and Stanley named Jeff Henken to serve as Imperial Crown Prince.

The Board of Directors bestowed its highest honor, The James F. Herndon (Sweet Evening Breeze) Lifetime Achievement Award, on Emperor 19 and two-term Board President Donnie (E.V.) Royse. Members recognized Terry Mullins, Executive Director of Moveable Feast Lexington, with the Henry Faulkner Community Service Award.

Popular entertainers Chelsea Pearl, Ashley Kruz, Cammie Dietrich, Plum Vicious, Corvette and many others appeared in command performances at the ball emceed by The Lovely Suzanne of Portland Oregon.

An In-Town Show at Club 141 on June 6 featured many of Kentucky's best entertainers. Guests were treated to performances by representatives of Courts and Baronies from across the US and Canada and the Nine Inch Males Revue at the Out-of-Town Show on June 7.

At a State Dinner, also on June 7, Empress 16 of Kentucky and Minister of Protocol Chanda Lier issued a call for reform in the International Court's system of perpetual council membership outlining proposals for a more democratic structure. Keynote Speaker Dowager Empress Miranda Wrights of Connecticut challenged attendees to focus on the Court System's role as benefactor to communities in need.

At June 9th's Victory Brunch newly crowned monarchs pledged to, "retain and increase membership within our organization, enhance the public image of our organization within our community, seek new outlets for fundraising and corporate sponsorship, work to improve communications among members, strive to preserve our history and traditions, and continue the successful history of fundraising we've had in recent years." The new monarchs made their first public appearance at GLSO's Pride Picnic and will be featured in Lexington's 4th of July Parade.

Members also elected four new members to the Imperial Court's Board of Directors. Jeff Henken, Daryl Lyons, Christopher Rhorer and Wayne Swope, join the new monarchs and returning board members Stephen Foster, Michael Thompson and Rufus Wagner, for Reign 22. A transitional meeting was held at the Pride Center on Waller Avenue in Lexington June 22 at 7 PM. For more information on the Imperial Court of Kentucky visit their website at <http://www.impcourt.org/kentucky/>.

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6 10 am UU Church Services 2 pm Sordid Lives & \$500 Digital Camera Raffle Drawing buy tickets now at the Pride Center 7 pm Dignity Call for place	7 7 pm GSA (Call for place) 8 pm AA Step Study (Call for place)	8 7 pm Men's Social Club PC	9 7 pm Discussion Group 8 pm Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for place)	10	11 7 pm Lesbian Movie Night, Pride Center 7:30 pm Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for place)	12 Pride Center Open 10-3 7pm Andrew's Club- Pride Center 1-4pm XENA - PC
13 10 am UU Church 2 pm 50+ Pride Center 6 pm Imperial Court PC 7 pm Dignity (Call for Place) 7:30 Soulforce	14 7:30 pm Lexington Lyons Pride Center 8 pm AA Step Study (Call for place)	15 7 pm GSA (Call for place)	16 7 pm Discussion Group Pride Center 8 pm Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for place)	17 9:30 AVOL Benefit Club 141	18 (Call for Place) 7:30 pm Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for place)	19 Pride Center Open 10-3
20 10 am UU Church Service	21 7 pm GLSO Board Meeting, Pride Center 8 pm AA Step Study (Call for place)	22 7 pm GSA (Call for place)	23 7 pm Discussion Group Pride Center 8 pm Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for place)	24	25 7pm Gaymes Night- Pride Center 7:30 pm Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for place)	26 Pride Center Open 10-3 7pm Andrew's Club- Pride Center
27 10 am UU Church Service 6 pm Imperial Court PC 7:30 Soulforce	28 7 pm GSA (Call for place) 8 pm AA Step Study (Call for place)	29	30 7 pm Discussion Group Pride Center	31	<p>ActOut presents Sordid Lives Saturday July 5 at 8 Sunday July 6 at 2 pm Tickets \$10</p>	

SoulForce Protests Southern Baptists Convention *by Jamie McDaniel*

Southern Baptists meeting at their annual convention in Phoenix made public their plans to "liberate" homosexuals by converting them into heterosexuals. The Task Force on Ministry to Homosexuality's new program is called "The Way Out."

During the conference, Richard Land, president of the SBC's Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission said, "Homosexuals can find freedom from this sinful, destructive lifestyle. They can be redeemed. They can be liberated."

The seven thousand messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention also overwhelmingly approved a resolution that strongly condemns same-sex marriage.

Russell Moore, an assistant professor of Christian theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville said, "We believe same-sex marriage hurts homosexuals."

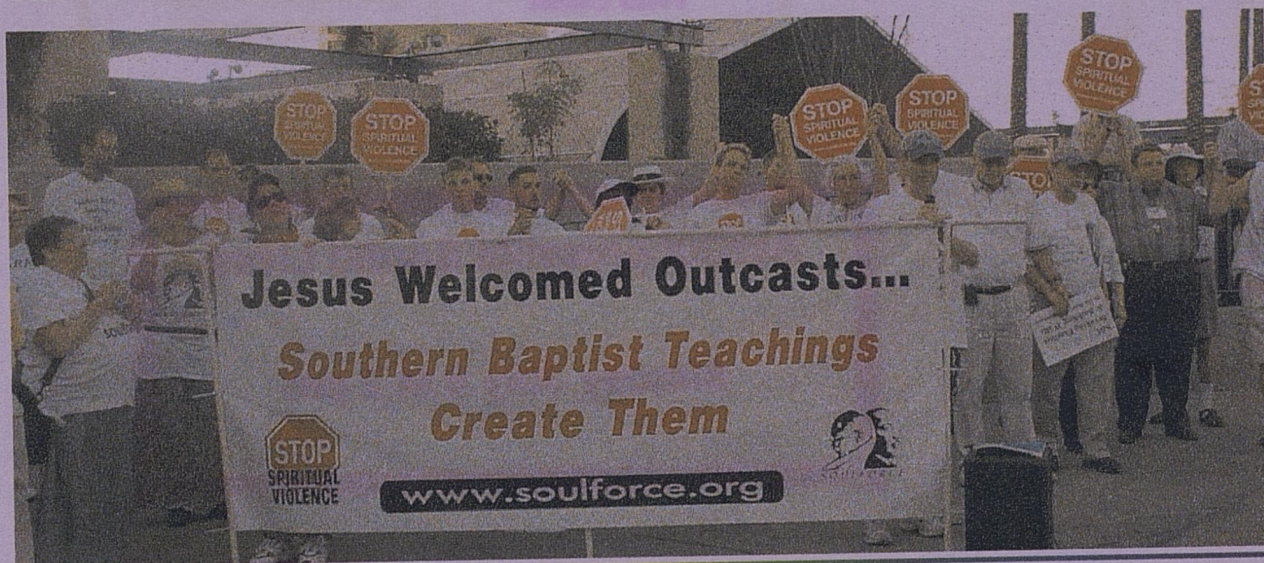
President Bush also addressed the meeting by videotape. He called the Southern Baptist messengers "faithful servants" and asked God to bless them. "You and I share many common values. We believe in fostering a culture of life and that marriage and family are sacred institutions," said President Bush, who is a Methodist.

Over seventy Soulforce volunteers stood protest outside the convention in 110 degree heat to counter these untruths. We passed out literature that compared Southern Baptist anti-gay teachings and statements with those of Kansas pastor Fred Phelps. We shared our deep concerns with many SBC messengers. We proclaimed the truth that GLBT people are part of the "creative-given" and that God loves us exactly as we are.

To keep Soulforce protestors at bay this year, Southern Baptist leaders rented out an entire public space in front of the Phoenix Civic Plaza, which plaza workers said was unheard of.

The most powerful event came the night of June 17th. In the middle of GLBT pride month, all the Soulforce volunteers formed a line and used glow-sticks to create a red-orange-yellow-green-blue-purple banner of light. This vigil was combined with music and when the convention let out, thousands of Southern Baptists were funneled directly to where we were standing. The sight of GLBT people and our allies standing there in that moment moved our police liaison, a black woman named Pat, to tears.

Ed. note: Lexington's Jamie McDaniel organized this national protest. Good Job! We are proud of you Jamie!



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Steering Committee Jim Dickinson at 252-5801 or Cindy Downey at 539-2703.

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*In Memory of
Leigh Angelique
by Jeff Jones*

Leigh Angelique, long-time colorful citizen of Lexington, passed away on June 12. Leigh's legal, boy-name was Garland Hanley, but he was better known by his drag persona, Leigh Angelique. Leigh prided herself in being Kentucky's oldest, active, living drag queen.

Born in Detroit, Michigan, Garland Hanley had an interesting life separate from his fame and friends among Lexington's drag community. He held a Masters degree in education and taught biology for 34 years before retiring from the school system. Mr. Hanley taught at Henry Clay, Douglas, Louisville Male, and Russell. He also worked at times as a hairdresser, and has worked as a host at Denny's for several years.

Young Garland moved to Lexington with his family when he was 14 years old after his father took a job in Lexington. Garland and his family were African-American, and Lexington in 1955 was still a segregated city. Leigh claimed that his father was a doctor. By age 18, "Leigh Angelique" was "born" when Garland began doing female impersonation. Leigh was close friends with Lexington's legendary Sweet Evening Breeze, whom Leigh met through his grandmother. Leigh's grandmother and Sweets were close friends.

Leigh led a colorful life. Stories by and about Leigh often took on a sometimes exaggerated blurring between fact and legend. Leigh's age was always a mystery and Leigh's most famous saying was "I'm (some number less than his actual age) years old and I still look GOOD!" Leigh actively courted a perception that she was someone not to cross with stories of putting

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ground glass in drag competitors' makeup to reporting to pack a switchblade. Leigh and three other young drag queens were arrested around 1969 for being in drag other than Halloween; a violation of a Lexington ordinance at the time. The group fought the law with the help of attorney Harry Miller, and the ordinance was voided. For years Leigh and his friends would celebrate their liberation as "Bastille Day" with a party.

Leigh had been a young, black gay man in the 1960s when Rock Hudson would sometimes visit the city. He recalled stories of Hudson's visits. He also reported first hand...even "Biblical" knowledge...of the then widely but quietly known sexual antics between UK athletes and a group of African-American gay men associated with Sweet Evening Breeze.

In an interview with me in 2001, Leigh stated that he had a partner of 18 years. Introduced by his partner's mother decades ago, Leigh said his partner was a very private African-American man who had only been to the Bar twice and largely avoided the predominately white gay communities.

Leigh held the title of Miss Gay Louisville twice and a number of other titles that he was very proud of. Garland "Leigh Angelique" Hanley is a piece of Lexington's history and will be missed.



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Spiritual Direction:

Private and Group Process

By Fr. Ken Waibel

The process of Spiritual Direction involves two people journeying together toward a better understanding of God's presence in their lives. It usually is accomplished by one person's "guidance" (the Director) and the other's willingness to express his or her personal experiences of the divine (the Directee). This can only be done if the Directee is interested in further defining and developing his or her relationship with God.

Spiritual Direction is often accomplished between two friends who are willing to share intimately about their own religious concepts, fears, and mystical experiences. Often a person may feel the need to go to a professional Spiritual Director who can more clearly hear the stories and experiences and can offer a more educated and clinical counsel. Any Spiritual Director should be selected because he or she is well trained and versed in the art of Spiritual Counseling and has great respect for the individual's unique spirituality.

Spiritual Direction can also be accomplished in a group process system where six to ten individuals meet regularly to share their stories and grow from one another's spiritual experiences. A professional Spiritual Director who is also familiar with the group dynamic process often leads such a group.

For the GLBT person Spiritual Direction - private or group - can be a very powerful and productive way to deal with many of the issues that organized religion and society have levied. Many religious groups have turned their backs on the GLBT person and thus caused the GLBT person to think that God has turned his/her back on them. Isolation from God often leads to isolation from self and from significant relationships. Dialoging with a Spiritual Director can heal many deep wounds and erase some scars.

If you are interested in sharing privately with a Spiritual Director or if you would like to be part of an ongoing Spiritual Discussion group feel free to give me a call. A SD discussion group would be confidential and open to all religious backgrounds and understandings. Give me a call - (859) 338-1195.

Pride Library Music

The Pride Library has as collection of GLBT music, both tapes and CDs that might give you some pleasant hours. We have *Lavender Jane Loves Women*, with Alex Dobkin and Kay Gardner, one of the first recordings made for what became a Lesbian Musical Adventure. Olivia Records has been producing lesbian music for over three decades.

We have one or two from Chris Williamson, the classic *Changer and the Changed*, and the more recent *Ashes*. We also have Tret Frue, Ferron, Pranc, Two Nice Girls, and local favorites Yer Girlfriend. Anyone have *Wishing Chair* or *Reel World* music to donate?

We have less than you would think of music by lesbians who have made it in the mainstream, KD Lange, Melissa Etheridge, and the Indigo Girls. Perhaps because people want to hang onto them.

When it comes to male voices, we have even less. We have one Elton John, *Greatest Hits*, and *Facets* by the Men's

Chorus. Gay men never developed a separate music industry perhaps because they had greater access to the mainstream industry, particularly in regards to Musical Theater (see box below). Nevertheless, I know there are a number of artists and men's choruses that we would love to have in our collection.

Music lovers of the world unite, donate some of your collection! Music is fun and healing and this is one way to preserve our history. Thanks!

The Tony Awards were particularly gay this year. When Marc Shaiman and Scott Wittman, partners in both songwriting and romance, stepped up to receive the Tony for best original score for "Hairspray," Shaiman said, "We're not allowed to get married but I want to declare I love you and I'd like to live with you the rest of my life," and then kissed Wittman. In addition, The Best Play award went to "Take Me Out," a drama about a star baseball player revealing that he is gay.

National Leather Alliance Kentucky Chapter

by Donald Palmore, Mr. Louisville Drummer

NLA-KY, or the National Leather Alliance, Kentucky chapter was formed with several goals that were detailed in last months GLSO News. Most leather organizations focus on fundraising and socializing, but this organization has additional goal including improving communication with groups throughout Ky, preserving leather history, and education and activism to help change the perceptions of the community at large.

The structure of this pansexual group includes representatives from some the major leather/fetish groups throughout the state. Widespread participation allows

wider access to events and provides a larger source of experience and talent to produce events. Future plans include a formal leather dinner with national speakers, a leather competition, educational events and fundraisers.

NLA-KY is part of a much larger organization, the National Leather Asso., International. Each member of a local chapter must also become a member of the International Org. You can be a part of this group! Dues are \$20 a year for this chapter and \$20 a year for international membership. Member receive free admission to beginners workshops, and discounted admission to advanced trainings.

For more information email info@NLA-Kentucky.org or check out www.nla-kentucky.org. Come be a part of the growth in the leather scene in Kentucky.

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Gentle Adventure Retreats for Women is offering two September retreats in Pawley's Island South Carolina co-lead by Meriah Kruse and Mary Crone. We will stay in an ocean front home with beautiful views. Activities offered include kayacking, movement workshops, meditation, guided imagery, journal writing, bicycling, swimming, and great food. **If you mention GLSO, Meriah will donate \$25 to GLSO if you go on this retreat.** Call Meriah at 276-4962 or Mary at 266-5904. email meriah@gentleadventure.net or check out all the retreats at www.gentleadventure.net

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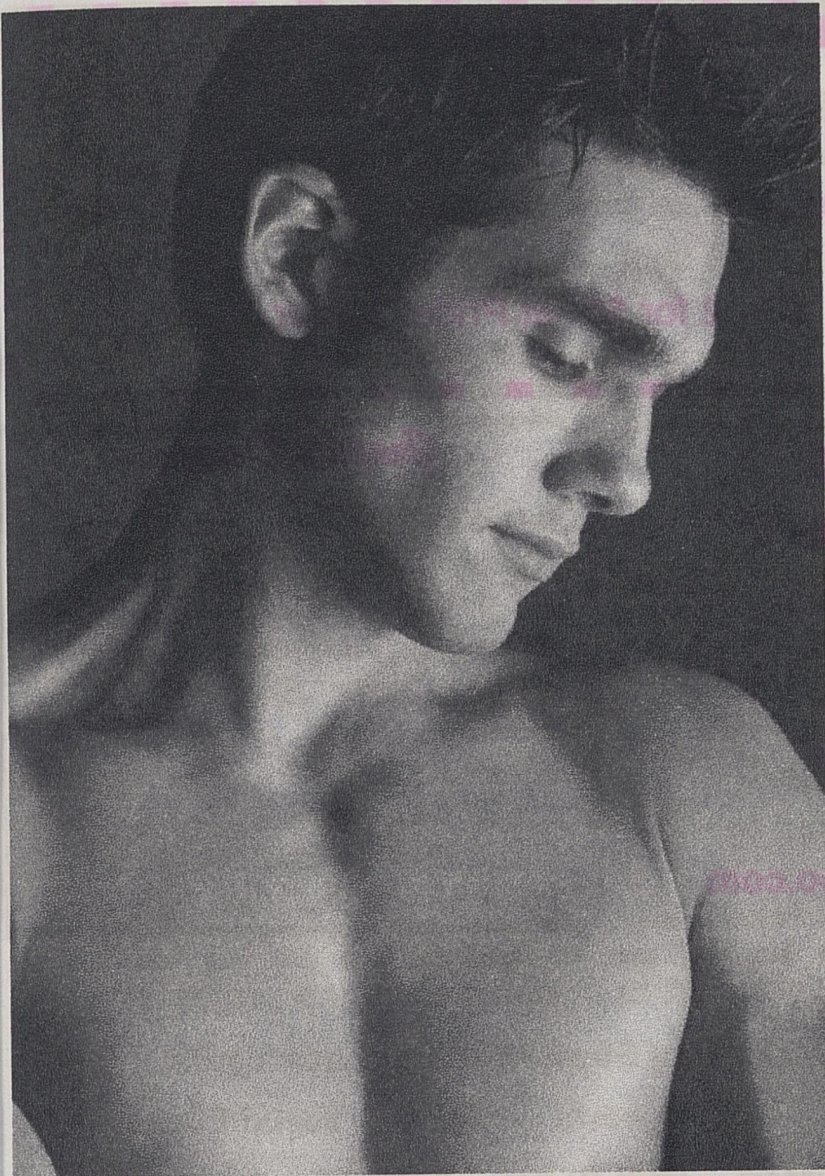
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