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KENTUCKY FAIRNESS

It will be a busy month for Kentucky Fairness and our allies. The Kentucky General Assembly Session, is scheduled to begin February 2 in Frankfort. Fortunately this is a so-called short session which will end March 15. Keep your fingers crossed that the Democrats and Republicans will be too busy fighting each other over the budget and other issues to mess with what remains of our civil rights.

There are, however, a number of issues that concern us. For example, Fairness Ordinances around the state are at risk of being challenged. There are more details about all the issues we are preparing to face on page 2.

KFA needs your help in our work with the legislature. YOU are our most effective voice. We have scheduled a series of lobbying days. Join us in Frankfort so that the men and women who are voting on issues that effect us will have the opportunity to talk directly with a gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender person.

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| February 3 | Family and Children Day |
| February 10 | Transgender Day |
| February 23 | People of Faith Day |
| March 2nd | Safe Schools (tentative) |

For more information on lobbying and other ways to make contact with legislators, see the insert in the middle of this newsletter. There are articles about our challenge to the new state constitutional amendment and the activities of the Bluegrass Chapter of Fairness on pages 14 - 15.

Love is in the Air At The Bar

Love will definately be in the air at the Bar Complex for Valentine's Day Weekend. Paint the town Red on Saturday Feb 12; wear you best RED outfit. Prizes will be awarded for the top three outfits.

Enter the Bars Valentine's Day Card Contest. Create a card for your loved one, or love one to be. Enter your card by February 10 along with a \$5 fee and it will be displayed in The Lounge. A grand prize for the best card will be awarded at Saturday's Heartfest.

Miss Gay Valentine

Join the Imperial Court of Kentucky at 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 9th at Club 141 for the annual Miss Gay Valentine Pageant. Doors open at 8:30 p.m., and cover is \$5. Proceeds will benefit the charities of the Court, including GLSO, Moveable Feast, and AVOL.

Don't forget that the 2005 "Women on the Edge" calendars ...cont. on page 3

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KFA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Legislative Advisory Committee of the Kentucky Fairness Alliance has been meeting on a regular basis since mid-December in anticipation of another rough General Assembly Session, scheduled to begin February 2. Bluegrass members serving on the committee are Jennifer Crossen, Jim Dickinson, Lisa Haeefele and Ardel Thomas.

There are a number of issues we expect to face. **Fairness Ordinances around the state are likely to be challenged** by legislators during the current session. Some want to prohibit local civil rights laws all together (House Bill 81) by limiting the scope of local civil rights ordinances. A new twist for this year's session is a proposal coming out of Louisville that would put basic fairness ordinances up to a popular vote, county by county. (HB 104)

KFA is also concerned about renewed attacks on our families. **Attempts to ban GLBT from becoming adoptive or foster parents** are in the works. This kind of policy is based on prejudice and forces the state to discriminate against children by denying them loving, stable homes.

Your family story is the most powerful tool we have in this fight. Join us in our efforts to reach legislators over the coming weeks through letters and personal visits to Frankfort (**see insert - page 11**)

There are also positive steps being taken. Advocates from across the state have come together to push for a **Safe Schools Bill** that would protect all children from harassment and bullying in public schools. In conjunction with our allies, KFA will be planning a rally and press conference with respect to the Safe Schools initiative.

In addition to safe school legislation, supportive representatives will soon be filing legislation which would ban discrimination in employment, housing and accommodations on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identification. KFA will continue to push for passage of this measure by growing out list of co-sponsors and lobbying. We need phone captains. If you would like to be a phone captain and help us call our members about urgent legislative issues, please call Jennifer Crossen at 299-7410.

See more Fairness News on pages 11, & 14 - 15.

Community News

...continued from front page are available online at www.impcourt.org/kentucky. They may also still be purchased at The Pride Center, Moveable Feast (472 Rose Street in the basement of St. Augustine's chapel) or by calling 258-2997.

Club Liquid Military Night

On Friday, February 11, Club Liquid is sponsoring a fundraiser for AVOL and Moveable Feast. The evening is hosted by Mr. Kentucky Bear, Harv Mallory and the Ladies of Liquid. There will be a contest and prize for the Best Military Outfit, a T-Shirt Auction, "Strip the Soldier" and a variety of door prizes including gift certificates, bar tabs, and DVDs.

MACT KY

MACT, Men of All Colors Together Kentucky is a chapter of the National Association of Black and White Men Together. On Saturday, February 19 MACT will be hosting an "Old Skool Party" at Charles' in Lexington. Feel free to appear in 70's & 80's attire. Festivities start at 7 pm with dinner; potluck contributions would be appreciated. Please coordinate potluck with Chas, email BlkChas1@aol.com. Also let us know if you plan to come and get direction by emailing MACTKY@aol.com.

SisterSound Invitation

After their wonderful concert, *Rhythm of Life*, near the end of January, SisterSound is now back in rehearsal for their next concert to be held in May. This is a great time for interested women to join the chorus.

SisterSound does not require auditions. Come to a rehearsal, meet some people, try singing with us and see what you think. Rehearsals are at 6 pm every Sunday at Lansdowne Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 333 Redding Rd. For information email Patti at paowens@excite.com or call 806-0243. www.geocities.com/sistersound

Miss Bar Complex

On Friday, Feb. 25, the Bar's annual Miss Bar Complex Pageant and Show will be held in the Gilded Cage Cabaret. Doors open at 8 pm, show at 9pm., there is a \$5 cover.

Come enjoy the talent of Rayna Starr, Karen Kollett, Natalie Gaye, Sasha Grant, Miss Bar 2004, and Morgan Malone who was Miss Bar in 1995.

The Bar also invites you to "Stand Back! It's Gonna Get Ugly", a one woman show you will not want to miss! The show will be at 11:30 on Saturday, February 12.

Lyons Levi/Leather Club

The Lexington Lyons meet every third month at the Pride Center. The next meeting will be on Monday, February 7 at 8 pm. You are welcome to join us.

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Pride Month Planning
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Diversity in Gender Alliance
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The Lexington Diversity in Gender Alliance will not meet in January. In February we will meet on the regular first Saturday evening of the month (Feb. 5th) at a private location. Doors open at 7, the meeting starts at 7:30. Call Julia at 255-7306 for information.

We welcome all people who transcend gender norms or who are questioning their gender identity, including transsexuals, intersexuals, effeminate men, masculine women, drag Kings, drag Queens, gender queers and more. Family and supportive allies who would like to learn more are also welcomed. This is not a therapy group.

SoulForce Lexington

SoulForce Lexington continues to meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. We are of various religious backgrounds and follow the principles of non-violence practiced and taught by Ghandi and Martin Luther King Jr. to confront "spiritual violence" against GLBT people.

We believe that to create meaningful change, GLBT people and their allies needed to directly confront the religious organizations and individuals that are using the Bible to preach against us. For information call Jamie at 859 230-5625. and see www.SoulforceLexington.org,



Complaints of a Dutiful Daughter

Sunday, February 27 2 pm

By Lesbian Filmmaker Deborah Hoffman

Central Library Theater see pg 16

Rainbow Families of Lexington

Rainbow Families of Lexington (RFOL) is an organization for gay and lesbian parents and their children that reside in the greater Lexington area. After having a wonderful initial meeting in December, the group gathered in January for a fun play date. **On Feb. 12th, RFOL has planned a Sweet Valentines Party from 2:30 - 4:00.**

RFOL brings families together to make friends and share experiences in a friendly and accepting environment. RFOL's mission is to show our children that there are many families like their's. For more info or to join the group, call Jen at 533-6260 or email jen_cheryl@yahoo.com. Also join <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/rfolky/>.

Frontrunners/Frontwalkers

Frontrunners/Frontwalkers meet every Saturday at 9 am at the the UK Arboretum for running/walking and socializing. Join us near the Water Tower. For info call Hal Kutter or Ken Waibel at 859-294-7944 or email Hal at haroldkutter@aol.com.

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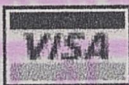
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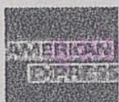
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Pride Month Committee

The first organizational meeting to plan Pride Month 2005 will be on Thursday, Feb. 10 at 7 pm at the Pride Center. We plan to keep this first meeting to between 30 and 45 minutes. This committee is open to everyone, we invite you to show up and get involved. We particularly need help in organizing various aspects of the Pride Picnic.

We would like to have representatives of all the community groups that are planning an event or that would like to have a voice in how the month is organized. This committee makes decisions concerning advertising, theme, the dates and activities for the Pride Picnic and so forth. We could really use some new people with fresh energy and ideas.

Discussion Group

The discussion group meets every Wednesday night at 7 pm at the Pride Center and is open to all. We strive to make this a safe space where you can be yourself. If you enjoy lively discussions, please join us. For more info contact Jane at ladyjaneky@yahoo.com



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40+ WOMEN

The next 40+ Club meeting will be on Feb 13, 2pm at the Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave. Come with ideas for activities you would like and plan to join us after the meeting for a meal at a local restaurant. For information call Ginger at 253-0061.

We are going to the Mad Potter at 2 pm on Saturday 19th. This is a place where you use their materials to create a piece of pottery which they then fire for you. Good fun. After we finish we will go out to dinner together. We are also making plans to go Bowling this month, call Ginger for details.

Lesbian Movie Night -OUT

Due to low attendance, this monthly activity will not be held for a while. Instead we hope to offer a variety of films and activities on Saturday afternoons. We haven't lined up a full slate of volunteers yet so if you could host one Saturday, please give us a call. (Pride Center 253-3233)

In honor of **Black History Month** we will start our Saturday films with **Paris Is Burning on Saturday, February 19 at 1 pm.** This is a documentary by Marlon Riggs, one of our great gay filmmakers, about the Drag Houses of Harlem that have a history going back over 80 years to the Fancy Dress Balls of the Harlem Renaissance. Bring a snack and join us!

Saturday Afternoon Movies - IN

Saturday, Feb. 16 1 pm

Paris Is Burning

Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave.

*The Imperial Court of Kentucky
Presents...*

*Miss Gay Valentine
Wednesday
February 9th*

Club 141

Door @ 8:30

Show @ 9:30

\$5 Cover

Research Study of Same-Sex Couples

Dr. Sharon Rostosky and Dr. Ellen Riggle at the University of Kentucky are looking for gay/lesbian/same-gender loving couples (at least 23 years of age and together at least two years) to participate in a study of spiritual and/or religious values. Couples will participate at a time convenient for them and will be compensated \$50 (\$25 each) for their time (approximately 1 1/2 hours).

During this session, the couple will be interviewed (together) about their views and experiences with spirituality and religion within the context of being a couple. The interview will be taped and later transcribed and then all interviews will be compiled for analysis.

Each couple member will also be asked to individually (and confidentially)

complete a questionnaire about him/herself and his/her relationships. All information that is collected will be treated confidentially. Couples interested in hearing more about this study are asked to call (859) 257-7880 or email: rostosk@pop.uky.edu.

UK Support Group

A new GLBTQ support Group is meeting at UK. on Thursdays, 12:30 to 1:45. Not a therapy group or social club, just a safe place to get support. We talk about issues that can sometimes be difficult to discuss including: coming out, flirting, sexuality, spirituality, family, employment, relationships, homophobia.

This group is free and for UK/LCC students only. Facilitators: Colby Cohen-Archer, PH.D and Sherry Rostosky, PH.D. Call 257-8701 or crcohe2@uky.edu



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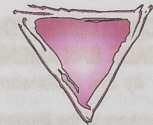
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		7p GSA (call for place 266-5904)	Pride Center open til 6p 7p GLSO Discussion Group-PC 9p Rainbow Bowling League Southland Lanes Groundhog Day	8a Kentucky Fairness Family & Children Lobby Day Frankfort, Kentucky		9a Frontrunners/walkers Arboretum 7:30 p - Diversity in Gender PC
9:15 & 11a UU Church 10:30 a St. Mychal 4p Integrity @ St. Michael's	Pride Center open til 6pm 8p Lex. Lyons PC 8p AA Step Study (call for place)	7p GSA (call for place 266-5904)	Pride Center open til 6pm 7p GLSO Discussion Group-PC 8p AA Step Study (call) 8:30 ICK's Miss Gay Valentine Pageant @ Club 141	8a Kentucky Fairness Transgender Lobby Day Frankfort, Kentucky	Pride Center open til 6pm 7p Lesbian Movie Night 7:30 p Gay/Lesbian AA (call for place) 9p Military Nite Fund-raiser @ Club Liquid	9a Frontrunners/walkers Lincoln's Birthday Heartfest @ The Bar Complex-Best Red Outfit Contest
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Weekly Activities:

- Mondays:**
8pm - AA Step Study (Call for Location)
- Tuesdays:**
7pm - GSA (Gay Straight Alliance)
- Wednesdays:**
7pm - GLSO Discussion Group
8pm - Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for Location)
9pm - Rainbow Bowling League Southland Lanes
- Fridays:**
8pm - Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for Location)
- Saturdays:**
9am - Frontrunners/Walkers @ UK Arboretum
- Sundays:**
9:15 & 11am - UU Church Worship Services.
10:30 - Mass, St. Mychal The Martyr.
4pm - Integrity @ St. Michael's
6pm - SisterSound Rehearsal @ Landsdowne Presby. Church.
7pm - LMC Rehearsal @ St. Michael's Episcopal Church.

Bi-weekly:

- 6pm - The Imperial Court SoulForce -Call jamie 230-5625

More information about many of the events are in this newsletter. You may want to call or email the group to confirm the date and time, see the directory on back page.
Pride Center may be abbreviated - PC
Call for Place may be abbreviated- Call

Monthly Activities:

- Mondays:** 7pm - GLSO Board Mtg. (3rd Mon.)
- Tuesdays:** 7pm - Fairness (4th Tues)
- Wednesdays:**
- Thursdays:**
- Fridays:** 7pm - Lesbian Movie Night (2nd Fri.)
- Saturdays:** 8pm - Diversity in Gender (1st. Sat.)
- Sundays:** 2pm -Women 40+(2nd. Sun.)
7pm -MACT (3rd. Sun.)

Please join us to Lobby the State Legislature



- Feb. 3 Family and Children Day
- Feb. 10 Transgender Day
- Feb. 23 People of Faith Day
- March 2 Safe Schools (tentative)

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY LOBBYING

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GLSO Pride Center **FREE** Referral Service

As the office manager of the Pride Center, Bill Chandler quite often receives calls requesting referrals for a wide variety of services with an emphasis on the business being GLBT or GLBT supportive.

Calls have come in for Doctors (General Practitioners), Dentists, Attorneys, Plumbers, Electrician's, Auto Mechanics, Realtors, Accountants, Cleaning Services, Therapists and others. People have also called for suggestions of places to dine, live, work and play.

Many of these requests are easy to answer but others are not. Therefore, in addition to the Pink Pages, we are creating a list of gay and gay-friendly businesses and service providers.

There is no charge to be added to this list.

If you would like to be added to our Referral List, please fill out the form below and mail it to GLSO Referral Service, P.O. Box 1172, Lexington, KY 40588 or email your information to us at lexingtonglso@yahoo.com.

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If there is more information you would like to include please feel free to do so. Mail to GLSO P.O. Box 1172, Lex. KY 40588 or email us at lexingtonglso@yahoo.com. Put Referral Service in the subject line.

LEGAL CHALLENGE TO THE GAY MARRIAGE BAN AMENDMENT

by Jim Dickinson

Two members of the Bluegrass Chapter and KFA, Willie Boddie and Charlotte Wood, filed a complaint on November 21, 2004, in the Franklin Circuit Court challenging the validity of the Marriage Amendment to our state constitution. Because it was an election contest, the complaint raised only two issues: (1) the amendment violated the KY. Constitution because it contained more than one subject matter and (2) the language purportedly banning civil unions was so vague that an intelligent voter could not understand the meaning of the amendment.

After the Complaint was filed, the Secretary of State, the Office of the Attorney General and Kent Ostrander and Sen. McGaha have all filed Motions to Dismiss. Hon. Bill Rambicure, the attorney of record representing Wood and Boddie, filed a response on Tuesday, January 18, in which he forcefully reiterated the arguments set out in the complaint. Oral arguments are set for February 28, at 9:30 in the courtroom of the Franklin Circuit Court. The proceedings will be open to the public.

As fate would have it, the very next day, the Louisiana Supreme Court entered its opinion affirming the validity of a constitutional amendment very similar to the one passed in Kentucky.

However, the opinion severely limited the scope of the amendment. In a press release, the Forum for Equality, Inc., a gay-lesbian advocacy group in Louisiana, characterized the decision as being a victory for the LGBT community and noted:

While the Louisiana Supreme Court did not throw out the Constitutional Amendment today, they did give us a win on our main legal objective. As you know, the Forum's lawsuit was always about protecting the existing rights of

unmarried couples--- both gay and straight.

The Supreme Court also stated:

As noted by the State in its brief to this court, this constitutional amendment would not impair any property rights, which are not "*identical or substantially similar*" the package of unique property rights necessary to marriage.

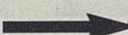
For example, the amendment would not prohibit an unmarried couple (either same-sex or opposite-sex) from contracting to be co-owners of certain specific property they purchase together or from contracting to designate each other his/her agent for making critical life or medical decisions. Nor does this amendment prohibit an unmarried couple from making wills leaving their estates to one another or from contracting power of attorney.

Obviously this opinion will have an effect on the lawsuit filed in Kentucky. However, it is encouraging that the Louisiana Supreme Court made a specific point of limiting the language of the amendment. Stay tuned for further developments.

KFA BLUEGRASS CHAPTER GEARS UP FOR 2005

by Jim Dickinson

Although the year is young, the Bluegrass Chapter of the Kentucky Fairness Alliance has been hard at work getting ready for the upcoming year. On Jan. 13, Bluegrass conducted a Member Involvement Night at the Lexington's Children's Museum (recently renamed Explorium). About 15 people attended and dined on scrumptious desserts as the steering committee members discussed ways that we can all be more involved as members and advocates for Fairness.

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The highlight of the evening was a talk by Barb Scherer in which she related how she became involved as a member nearly ten years ago and how her membership in the Bluegrass Chapter improved her understanding of the issues facing gays and lesbians in Kentucky. She commented that she never dreamed she and Sue Strong (her partner) would become out and open advocates in the media during the hard fought No on the Amendment Campaign.

On January 17, in celebration of the Martin Luther King, Jr. day, several members of the Bluegrass Chapter participated in the breakfast at the Lexington Convention Center. For the first time and as part of its outreach effort, Bluegrass sponsored a table for 10 and listened to several talks relating education, spirituality, civil rights and humanitarianism, as moderated by Debra Hensley.

The program was certainly diverse, ranging from a six year old girl who was outstanding in her rendition of America the Beautiful, to Dr. Thomas Clark, a hundred years young, who gave a 15 minute historical overview of the advances in civil rights in Ky, without notes. Afterwards many of us joined in the march on Vine and Main Streets. To say the least, the frosty weather was invigorating!!!

As we gear up for another legislative session, the Bluegrass Chapter can use your help in carrying out the mission of KFA of promoting equality for all people regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity. For more information as to how you can become involved as a member of KFA please contact us at 859-806-4114 or e-mail Charlotte at charlotte-woodky@yahoo.com. For more information about upcoming activities you can also check out our website at Bluegrassfairness.org.

Central KY Council for Peace & Justice

CKCPJ is a progressive group that supports GLBT rights. They have scheduled their annual Peace Fair and Dinner for Saturday, February 26 at Maxwell St. Presbyterian Church, 180 Maxwell St. Vegetarian food prepared by the Good Foods Coop will be served. Dinner is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. Reservation for dinner required by Feb. 19. Call Bill Poole at 806-8592. You can also reserve child care for the after dinner speaker.

This year's speaker is Nikky Finney. Nikky is an Associate Professor of Creative Writing at the UK Department of English. She's well-known throughout the nation for her poetry and essays. Nikky has been a speaker at one of CKCPJ's numerous anti-war rallies. She is a passionate, electrifying speaker.

Nikky says: "It is not my job to make people feel comfortable, but to keep the human race aware of what it is doing to itself." She considers herself to be on a "one-woman campaign to revive the pluck" in as many people as she can.

GLSO is planning to set up a table at the Fair and Bluegrass Fairness often has a table also. We would love to see attendance by GLBT people increase. This is an important way to build coalitions.

Pride Center Library Catalogs

The Pride Center Library collection has grown to over 2000 titles. We now have three catalogs to assist you in finding the books or other materials you want.

Say you want to do some reading for **Black History Month**. The Subject Catalog has 10 categories listed under African American. You can find novels, histories, biographies, meditations, non-fiction, and more. There are also some great videos such as Living With Pride: Ruth Ellis at 100. Drop by for a visit and explore our collection.



ONE WORLD FILM FESTIVAL

The Story of the Weeping Camel

Sunday, February 13 2 pm
Central Library Theater

Director Byambasuren Davaa grew up in Mongolia and wanted to capture on film the lives of traditional nomadic herders such as her grandparents before their way of life disappeared. She and fellow film student, Luigi Falorni, traveled to the Gobi desert during camel birthing season in hopes of building a story using actual events.

They find a family of four generations willing to be filmed and are lucky to be present for the birth of a white calf. When the calf is rejected by its mother, there are a number of techniques to get the mother to nurse her baby. Eventually the family sends their sons, Dude and Uгна, for help. Musicians arrive and perform an ancient musical ritual that they hope will heal the rift between mother and child.

The filmmakers use a combination of documentary footage and re-enacted scenes to create this quiet and moving film. It is 1 1/2 hr. long with English subtitles.

Monstr Ibrahim

Tuesday, February 15 7:30
Central Library Theater

This French feature film takes place in the early 1960's in a working class neighborhood of Paris. A young Jewish boy, Momo, lives a lonely life without much family. He is drawn to the local prostitutes who treat him with genuine affection. Momo buys his groceries at a neighborhood store, a crowded dark space owned and run by Ibrahim, an elderly Muslim. After Momo is

abandoned by his father, Ibrahim (Omar Sharif) becomes the one grownup in Momo's life. Together they begin a journey that will change their lives forever.

Real Women Have Curves

Tuesday, February 22 7:00 pm
Central Library Theater

Ana, a first generation Mexican-American teenager in East Los Angeles, is finishing High School with a good academic record and wants to go on to college. Her mother, however, wants Ana to follow tradition by working in her sister's garment shop which supports the family financially. She also wants to keep a close watch on Ana who she believes is already too independent. Ana struggles to find a balance as she considers her ambitions, the importance of her cultural heritage, and her family's need.

Complaints of a Dutiful Daughter

Sunday, February 27 2 pm
Central Library Theater

Lesbian Filmmaker Deborah Hoffman chronicles the stages of her mother's Alzheimer's Disease including her personal responses to the illness. The desire to cure the incurable, to set right her mother's confusion and forgetfulness, to temper her mother's obsessiveness, gives way over time to an acceptance which is liberating for both daughter and mother. Called a realistic but optimistic film, *Complaints of a Dutiful daughter* is an ultimately life-affirming exploration of family relations, aging and love. This film received an Emmy Award for Outstanding News Documentary Program, and was nominated for an Academy Award. Shown in cooperation with The Lex. Alzheimer's Association. **GLSO Reception following**

There are more interesting films scheduled for March - see next months newsletter.

African American GLBT History

Barbara Smith on Black GLBT Historical Research

Barbara Smith is co-founder and publisher of Kitchen Table: Women of color Press. She has been a writer in residence and has taught at numerous colleges over the past 30 years. In the early seventies, Smith was one of the first writers to claim Black feminism for Black women. She also has written extensively on the connections between race, class, sexuality, and gender. I have selected some passages from her essay "African American Lesbian and Gay History" published in The Truth That Never Hurts, Writings on Race, Gender, and Freedom, 1994.

The history of African American lesbian and gays currently exists in fragments, in scattered documents, in fiction, poetry, and blues lyric, hearsay, and in innuendo. The field of Black history, which has its roots in the Negro history movement of the early twentieth century, offers extensive and complex documentation of African American life. The overwhelming problem, however, is that there is virtually no acknowledgment within the confines of African American history that Black lesbians and gays ever existed.

Until now Black lesbian and gay history has largely been written in juxtaposition to the history of white lesbians and gays and has been presented in works in which the history of white gays and lesbians constitutes the dominant narrative. ...The amount of published historical research which focuses specifically upon African American lesbians and gays is minimal.

My project is to understand Black lesbian and gay life in the context of both Black and gay history. How did Black lesbians and gays view their own existence within Black communities during various

historical eras? How did other members of Black communities view them?

My own experience as a Black lesbian during the past two decades indicates that Black lesbian and gay men are linked by our shared racial identity and political status in ways that white lesbians and gays are not. The links between us are sociological, cultural, historical, and emotional and I think it is crucial to explore this new terrain together.

An avenue of inquiry that I have wanted to pursue is a revisionist history of the Harlem Renaissance. What does it mean that the major outpouring of black literature, art, and cultural consciousness in this century prior to the Black Arts Movement of the sixties and seventies was significantly shaped by Blacks who were not heterosexual? How would those who celebrate this period for its major intellectual and artistic achievements view it if they fully realized how much it was a queer production? The crucial impact of lesbian, bisexual, and gay artists and intellectuals upon the formation of the Harlem Renaissance has meaning and needs to be systematically explored.

A large proportion of New York's Black population lived in Harlem during the 1920's as a result of citywide housing discrimination. The gay community that arose there was obviously shaped by quite different forces than more intentional gay white enclaves in other parts of Manhattan.

This geographic apartheid raises questions about whether the Harlem Black community's seemingly greater tolerance for visible homosexuals was evidence of more accepting attitudes or was merely an accommodation to the reality of segregation which forced all types of Black people to live together.

Also Shirley Chisholm on KET pg 19



Unitarian Universalist Church

Sunday Services at 9 & 11

The Unitarian Universalist Church welcomes gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people to all our worship services, educational programs, and other events. Please note that we have changed the time of our early service on Sunday to 9 am. We are located at 3564 Clays Mill Rd.

LexCUUPS (pagans) sponsors a drum circle on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month from 7 to 9 pm. Learn rhythms, play with the drummers, or dance. Drums are provided. Call Margaret Spickler for information at 333-0911.

The Woman's Spirituality Group meets about once a month for a potluck dinner and program. We celebrate female sacredness in a variety of ways. On February 5th a dream work circle is planned.

A new series of workshops for adults starts on Wednesday, Feb 2. Dr. Lisa Davison, Professor at the Lexington Theological Seminary and a activist for GLBT rights, will be teaching a series on the Bible for U.U.s. Lisa is a specialist in the

First Testament and is a great teacher.

The Welcoming Congregation is offering a series of classes on GLBT awareness. We will be discussing how all oppressions are linked, differing ways of looking at queer identity, and how we can actively work for cultural change. We have a number of straight and lesbian women signed up, but only a few straight men and no gay men. If you enjoy good discussions, call Mary Crone to sign up or for directions.

There are also classes offered on U.U. History and Issues, on Jail and Prison Ministry, and the Humanist Discussion continues on the second Wednesday of each month. A Buddhist discussion group is starting on Sundays in between our two services, from about 10 to 10:45 am. For information contact Don Blevins at 313-5198 or don.blevins@insight.com.

On Friday, Feb. 11, there will be a Cabaret with music, song and fellowship. Sing along with old and new favorites. Admission \$3 or two for \$5.

On Saturday, March 19 we invite you to our annual Service Auction. This is always a wonderful evening of entertainment and great food with the opportunity to bid on some interesting items, services, and dinners.

INTEGRITY

Integrity is a gay and lesbian group dedicated to exploring issues within the Episcopal Church and Christianity. It meets the second Sunday of each month at 4:00 p.m. at St Michael The Archangel Episcopal Church at 2025 Bellefonte Drive in Lexington. The February gathering will be Sunday February 13 at 4:00 p.m. in the Chapter Room of the church. Light refreshments will be served and all are welcome to attend.

Kaleidoscope Disciples of Christ

Kaleidoscope is an open and affirming congregation committed to building a community that crosses all boundaries and is welcoming to all people regardless of including race, gender, ethnicity, and sexual orientation.

We meet every Sunday at 11 am at the Lexington Theological Seminary, 631 Limestone, in the Mary Ann Sanders Chaoel. There is plenty of parking around back. ... more Religious News pages 20 -21

Women's Music Festivals

Lesbian Music Festivals are one of my favorite parts of lesbian culture. You can experience a wonderful variety of woman's music, comedy, theater, and dance. There are crafts-women at the "Lesbian Mall", political discussions, spiritual gatherings and workshops of all kinds. Every woman, straight, lesbian, bi or other, needs to experience a festival at least once in her life.

One of the year's earliest festivals is Camp Sister Spirit near the end of March. They write: The 18th Gulf Coast Womyn's Sister Camp will be on the weekend of March 24-27, at Camp Sister Spirit, in Ovett, Mississippi (near Hattiesburg.)

We have an exciting stage line up, crafts, workshops, good food, hot showers, plumbing, RV hook ups, 30 bed bunkhouse, limited cabins, tents and 120 acres of peaceful country surroundings.

100 to 200 wonderful womyn, and children are expected to share this time with us. The suggested donation: \$50 per person plus a box of food for our emergency pantry (more if you can).

We are also asking for donations for our raffle. Send to: CSS, PO box 12,444 East Side Drive, Ovett, MS 39464 For more info contact: sisterspir@aol.com

Lex. Men's Chorus Sale

Listen to The Lexington Men's Chorus the whole year round! *FACETS*, LMC's First CD with 12 songs or *LMC LIVE!*, LMC's 2nd CD with 16 songs are \$7 each. Special: buy both CD's for \$10 All proceeds go to Men/s Chorus. Purchase from Kenneth, at The Bar Complex.

Older Gentleman seeks help with chores and animals on 40 acre farm in Nancy Ky. For info contact Billy at 606 871-0353

Shirley Chisholm Unbought & Unbossed

Shirley Chisholm was the first person of color and the first woman to seek her party's nomination for President of the United States. "Chisholm '72--Unbought & Unbossed" is a documentary about her efforts that will be shown on KET2 Monday, Feb. 7 at 10 pm and on KET1 Monday, Feb. 21 at 10 p.m.

Announcing her candidacy for president on the evening news, Walter Cronkite quipped, "A new hat--rather a bonnet--was tossed into the presidential race today." This documentary reveals her historic run was no laughing matter; nor was it a polite exercise in symbolic electioneering.

Featuring stirring archival footage, period music, interviews with supporters, opponents and observers, and Chisholm's own commentary, "Chisholm '72" is a remarkable recollection of a campaign that broke new ground in politics. Watch it in celebration of Black History Month or in preparation for Women's History Month.

Chisholm championed the causes of the poor, the young, minorities, gays, women and other marginalized Americans. In doing so, she prefigured Jesse Jackson's Rainbow Coalition campaigns, not only in substance but also in style. Chisholm saw the presidential race itself as an opportunity to draw to politics people who traditionally did not participate. In her words, "I ran for the presidency, despite hopeless odds, to demonstrate sheer will and refusal to accept the status quo."

Among those interviewed are Amiri Baraka (aka LeRoi Jones), lesbian journalist historian Paula Giddings, Susan Brownmiller, Octavia Butler, former Congressmen Reverend Walter Fauntroy and Ronald Dellums, Congresswoman Barbara Lee, and Bobby Seale.

Facing the Demon

By Fr. Ken Waibel

As we enter a new year, it is standard to take a look at the past year and make resolutions for the next. In our GLTB world many exciting things were accomplished in 2004 and many sad results occurred. We "fought the good fight" and raised awareness about GLBT issues to a whole new level.

Even though our state, along with others, voted to amend its constitution redefining marriage and thus alienating gay and lesbian unions, the voting public is now better aware that we are here, that we are going to stay, and that we are not going to be silent about our rights as citizens. For the moment, the religious right has won but now it is time to face the demon.

I don't use the name "demon" very lightly. Whenever evil wins out over good the demon has shown its ugly face. Whether such a demon is real, mythological or the combined "ignorance" of humanity, this demon can turn minds and hearts away from the holy and convince them that unholy acts are justified and good. The demon has shown itself powerfully across our nation and has convinced good people that denying rights to neighbors,

friends and families is "justified for the common good." Without ever defining what that "common good" may be or how such rights might hurt that "good" the demon has won, for the moment, and rights are denied. Sad to say that such evil has also accomplished for us the election of a president who will defend this bigotry and hatred as an "American Value." Evil has accomplished its task in confusing the multitude.

So now we must face the demon. Evil usually wins if the righteous becomes despondent and depressed. Evil wants those who know truth and justice to "give up" and "give in." It is now the task of all GLBT persons not to lose hope and to remain optimistic toward the future. We know we are right. We know that justice eventually will prevail. We must hope that the American people are intelligent and will come to understand the benefit of a society where all its members are treated equally and fairly under the law. The task is now at hand to help our friends, neighbors, co-workers and family members to get to know us better and see us as the good mothers and fathers, friends and neighbors that we are. Let's not let the demon have the upper hand.

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National LGBT Interfaith Conference in Michigan

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Together in Faith 2005, a national multiracial, multigenerational Conference for spiritual lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender & ally activists is planned for August 5-7, at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, Michigan. Rabbi Michael Lerner, Mandy Carter, Meg Riley and Barry Lynn will be speaker at this event.

Workshops are designed to provide new information and tools to help participants create LGBT-affirming cities and faith communities. Admission is \$75. To register online visit www.togetherinfaith.com. To register by phone or to volunteer call Amanda Sharrai, Program Associate at 734-761-8283 ext. #3.

Society of Friends - Quakers

Do you seek a religious home, without creeds or required statements of belief? Are you looking for a meaningful spiritual community? Are you concerned for peace, justice and reconciliation? We invite you to join us for silent worship where we do not have the complications of rituals or programs. We believe that in such periods of quiet waiting we can

open to spiritual resources which will enable us to live more calmly, more compassionately and more creatively in this chaotic age. Sundays, 10:30a-11:30a, 649 Price Avenue, Phone 254-3319.

St Mychal The Martyr

St. Mychal The Martyr Parish holds services every Sunday at 10:30, with Rev Ken Waibel performing mass. We are located at 1350 Eastland Dr. St. Mychal is a member of the Orthodox Catholic Church of America, a national denomination that is gay supportive, performs blessings of gay unions, welcomes divorced people, and ordains women to the orders of Deacon, Priest and Bishop.

The Church is one of about three dozen offshoots of the Roman Catholic Church, and is open to married, divorced, and single individuals, welcoming all persons regardless of the blessings or problems of their lives. We have space available for meetings and receptions.

The church is named for the Rev. Mychal Judge, an openly gay priest and a chaplain for the New York Fire Department who was killed on Sept. 11 at the World Trade Center. The Orthodox Catholic Church made Judge a Saint in 2002.

Call 389-9418 for information or join us any Sunday in celebration of our lives.



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