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Third Time's a Charm...

In the musical Cabaret, in the smoke filled Kit Kat Club, a motley crew of "ladies" are introduced to the audience by the MC--Joel Grey for my generation and Allan Cummings for this generation. They weren't beautiful in the classic sense, but that didn't stop them from being great entertainers.

The same might be said of some brave members of the Lexington Men's Chorus who will don makeup, wigs, and tortuously high heels to take the stage at the Bar Complex Wed., February 16th at 9pm. For the third year, LMC will present "Men in Tights" a benefit drag show.

This show differs from others in that men who do not usually do drag are convinced by "friends" that they will look great for this one evening. More significantly, these men love music so the evening selections are wonderfully varied and entertaining.

Both the Men's Chorus and the Pride Center will receive proceeds from this show. Headlined as always by the ever radiant sisters Tuesday and Sundae De La Rouge; the audience is sure to be thoroughly entertained. The cost is \$5 at the door..... Be there and bring a friend.

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GLSO Board News

There are quite a number of issues before the GLSO Board at this time and we want the community to know what we are considering even though some decisions are yet to be made. First of all, an apology. The **Pink Pages** are way over due and as we have recently been able to look over what we have, we feel that it is not ready to print. The board is very sorry that this has happened and we are considering our options.

We are in the process of matching ads with payments and have found a few checks that were never turned into our treasurer. We will be writing letter to all advertisers as we asses the situation more completely. There is a potential here to put together a 2000 edition but we will need more ads in order to make it financially worthwhile. We are considering how best to use the boards energy and we will be looking for individuals willing to help. All advertisers will have the opportunity to update their ads.

In a unrelated matter, Terry Mullins has taken a leave of absence from the Board. Mary Crone will be acting President for the next few months. Terry will still be scheduling events at the Pride Center but any other GLSO Board business should be addressed ...continued on page 2

Social Concepts Dance

Social Concepts is a GLSO sponsored group that holds several events each month, primarily for women. We have planned a Valentines Dance for Saturday, February 12 at the Kirklevington Clubhouse, starting at 8 PM. This is the same location as our New Year's Eve Party which was a great success.

Some food is planned and you are welcome to bring a snack, especially if you are a good cook. It is BYOB, (please don't drink and drive.) They do not allow smoking in the clubhouse but there is a nice balcony which smokers can use. This is a free event but keep in mind that we need help in cleaning up so we will not forfeit any of our deposit.

We plan for this to be an intimate and special evening. We welcome all members and any new friends that want to join the party. Come comfortable or dress to the nines; good music, good friends, good fun!

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to Mary or to Vice President Peter Taylor. We are both open to feedback about the Pink Pages; our phone numbers and email addresses are on the directory page.

There is also good news; the board has recently added two new members, Jordon Summers and Rose Helfrich. They are currently designing a web page for GLSO. Due to other resignations, we have two other positions open on the board so if you have any interest, give Mary a call. You are encouraged to attend our next Board Meeting on Mon., Feb. 14, 7 pm at the Pride Center. Board meetings are always open, anyone can attend. If you have an item for the agenda, call Mary.

More good news, Ginger has also been successful at starting a mentoring program. She presented an Orientation to Mentoring Workshop in January which she is planning to repeat in March if there is enough interest. The goal of this program is to provide one on one support to people who are cracking open the closet door. The support can be through email or phone conversations, attending social events together, and so forth. This is not a way for mentors to get their social or relationship needs met, however. The training will provide mentors will information and tools to form a relationship that is helpful but with clear boundaries. Consider attending the next workshop to hear about how this program follows a national trend as a way to assist newcomers. Call Ginger at 389-7698.

**Movable Feast is in need of
volunteers. Call 252-2867**

It is time to start the work of **Pride Month Planning**. Traditionally GLSO has called together representatives from all the LBGT Groups in Lexington to form a committee that coordinates activities, plans advertising, makes some of the decisions about events such as the picnic and eventually votes of the Wasson and Rainbow Awards. The committee is most often chaired by a GLSO Board Member but we are interested in having some new energy at the helm this year. If a member of another group or an individual without group affiliation would like to chair or co-chair this effort, please call anyone on the GLSO Board or come to our next meeting on Feb. 14 at the Pride Center.

One last item: **The Pride Center** and MCC will be talking to the owner of the building we are renting. The building is up for sale and MCC is assessing their financial situation. We may shrink in size to conserve money as we consider our next steps. The Pride Center has some financial security but we still pay out in rent and utilities more than we take in from the community. Thanks to Ebony Male for their recent donation to the Center. We still need all organizations that use the space to help us pay the rent through donations. If our financial commitment to rent decreases, we will announce it here.

The future of the Pride Center is being discussed within the community and we may call a community meeting as our options become clearer.

*Ginger Loves Jane
Happy Valentines Day*

Community News

Images of Blackness The Variety Show

In honor of Black History Month, Ebony Male will once again bring an exciting cast of entertainers to the Bar Complex. The Show will be on Wed. Feb., 2 and will begin promptly at 9 PM. A donation of \$3 is suggested to benefit the Aids Medication fund.

This year's show will include live performers and female illusionists. Returning by popular demand, DJ's Larry and Harvey will be spinning R&B favorites throughout the night in the Johnny Angel Disco. Please join Ebony Male and the Bar Complex for this sixth Annual Images of Blackness Show!

A Celebration of Color

Trené Star Bacall, Miss Bluegrass Pride 2000, presents "A Celebration of Color." This benefit show will be on Wednesday, Feb 9 at Crossings Nightclub. We will begin a 9 pm and there is a \$3 admission charge. Guest D. J.'s are Harvey and Larry. Portions of the proceeds will go to the AIDS medication fund.

The show will feature some fabulous performers including Latoya Bacall, Lee Angelique, Rayna Starr, Janelle Claiborne, Davina Littrell, Tony D., Natasha Colbey, and Lady Mamaliad.

Interweave

Please join Interweave for our next monthly luncheon, Sunday Feb. 13 at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Lexington (Clays Mill Road). This month we'll potluck after the church

service (around 12:15 p.m.), so please bring a dish to share.

We'll also be planning activities for the next few months. People have suggested video viewings, book discussions and attending lesbigaytrans events. If you'd like a say in what we'll be doing, please come out for lunch. Remember you don't have to be a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church to get involved in this group. For more information, please contact Davina at 271-6174 or artemis427@yahoo.com.

Ms. Gay Valentine Pageant

The Royal Sovereign Imperial Court of all Kentucky is planning the Ms. Valentine 2000 pageant to be held at Club 141 on Wed., Feb 9 starting at 9 sharp. "Love Changes Everything" is the theme of the annual pageant this year.

Co-hosting the pageant are Niagara Falls and Sundae de la Rouge. The style and grace of Miss Valentine '99, KC Luv, Jordan Taylor, Tiffany Andrews, Rayna Starr, Karen Kolett, and special guests from the Cincinnati Court will be featured. Everyone get ready for a night of fun, Valentine love, drag and maybe a few cute guys! We will have a photographer available, so bring your spouse, lover, partner, or date for some fun pictures. This pageant is expected to be one of the best of the year 2000 so do not miss it.

MISS LEXINGTON SUPREME

Leigh Angelique presents Miss Lexington Supreme 2000 at Crossings on Wednesday, Feb. 23rd. The show will begin at 9pm, admission is \$5.00.

Entry fee for contestants is \$20 and must be submitted with completed application by rehearsal at 8 pm on Tuesday, Feb. 22nd at Crossings. Interested contestants should see LaToya BaCall or contact Leigh Angelique at (606) 255-0718.

The new Miss Lexington Supreme will receive \$100 cash, crown and flowers. Featured entertainers include; 1999 Miss Lexington Supreme LaToya BaCall, 1999 Miss National Ashley Kruij, The tall and tantalizing Roxanne Cole and Miss Ebony Male 97-98 Rayna Starr.

Gay Men's Heart Circle

Are you a gay man in the Lexington-Louisville area interested in deepening self understanding, making more meaningful connection with others and integrating more fully your sexuality and spirituality? Would you like to explore these issues in the company of other nurturing and supportive gay men?

A gay Men's Heat Circle is forming that will strive to integrate ritual, heart sharing, mindfulness practices, body work, reading/poetry with the goal of connecting heart, mind, and body. Men familiar with Joseph Kramer, Mark Thompson, Christian de la Huerta, Spirit Journe's and/or The Body Electric School are especially encouraged to participate. Knowledge of these resources is not, however, a prerequisite.

Please send a brief note to the address below describing your interest and what you might contribute to the ongoing maintenance of the group. Michael Taylor, 856 Marcellus Dr. Lex., Ky. 40505 ...News continued page 4

LOBBY FOR FAIRNESS

The Kentucky Fairness Alliance of the Bluegrass will be coordinating lobbying efforts during the legislative session which will last until the end of March. We are lobbying in support of House Bill 7 which would prohibit discrimination in employment and housing based on a person's sexual orientation. We are also lobbying against any bills that would stop local governments from passing Fairness ordinances and/or rescind ordinances already passed in Lexington, Louisville, Jefferson County, and Henderson.

We need people to go to Frankfort every Tues., Wed. and Thurs. You don't have to have experience to lobby. The Fairness Alliance has two wonderful, experienced lobbyists, Maria Price and Carla Wallace, who will meet you and guide you through the process. They will have current information on the bills we support and those we oppose and will help you find legislators to talk with. I went to Frankfort to lobby for the first time in January and found it interesting and exciting! Contact me if you would like more information or if you can lobby. You should call your senator and representative, let them know what day you are coming, and ask for an appointment. They may not call you back, but that is okay. You will need to arrive at 9 am and plan on being there until about 2 pm. The legislators are going to be pressured by people who oppose gay rights, so it is important that they see and hear from those who support civil rights for all people.

We also have affinity lobby days. People from all over the state

will be lobbying with us. Let me know if you would like to come on one of these days. You can still lobby on other days too! The dates are listed below:

Feb 1 Pro-Fairness Elected Officials from Henderson, Lexington, Louisville, and Jefferson County (was on the 2nd)
Feb 2 Transgender folks
Feb 3 People of Faith
Feb 8-10 Campus days- students and faculty
Feb 8 Mental health professionals
Feb 15-17 Youth
Feb 22-24 Gay and lesbian parents
Feb 29-Mar 2 Attorneys
Mar 8 PFLAF-Parents, Friends and Families of Lesbian And Gay people (was Mar 7-9)

Discussion Group

The GLSO Discussion Group is going strong with a variety of people attending. Join us if you are just coming out, are new to the area, or just like interesting conversations. Come out to the Pride Center on Wednesday nights at 7:30 for some good talk, support, and laughs. Call Jane at 389-7698 for details.

PRIDE VOLLEYBALL

Watch for GLBT Volleyball coming soon. Get your teams ready for this annual sporting event as the Rainbow Dynasty defend their championship title.

Mr Kentucky Leather 2000

The Mr. Kentucky Leather 2000 contest will be held March 24-25, 2000 in Lexington, KY at The Phoenix. The event produced by Kentucky Leather Productions is open to leathermen, at least 21 years old, who are residents of Kentucky. The contest is a preliminary to the International Mr. Leather

contest held annually in Chicago, IL over Memorial Day weekend.

The 2000 Mr. Kentucky Leather activities will begin on Friday, March 24 at 10:00 PM at The Phoenix, 123 W. Main St. with a "Meet and Greet" for contestants and judges, a salute to former Mr. Kentucky Leather titleholders, and special demonstrations. The will be a \$3.00 cover.

The contest will be held on Saturday, March 25 beginning at 10 PM at The Phoenix. Tickets are \$5. Kentucky Leather Productions will be producing the Kentucky Mr. Drummer and Drummerboy contests in June.

Individuals seeking information about the contest or contestant applications should contact Larry Stanley, manager of The Phoenix at 606-226-9904 or write Kentucky Leather Productions, 232 E. Bell Court, Lex., KY 40508; phone 606-253-0185; or email at Stanley9@gte.net.

Married Lesbians

There is a new support service on the net for women who are lesbians, or who are questioning their sexual preference and who are married to men. This service has been started by a Lexington woman for women in the central Ky. area. You can reach the list serve at <http://onelist.com/community/LexMarriedLez>. You will have to become a member to onelist.com, which is free.

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Unitarian Views

If you are a regular reader of this newsletter you will have heard of the disagreement between the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) and the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). It centers around the UUA's support of LGBT people as well as their willingness to give UU boy Scouts who do not profess a belief in God a religious emblem for their Boy Scout uniforms. Other religions also give such emblems, each denomination deciding for itself what the boys have to accomplish to earn the right to wear it. The BSA has expressed dissatisfaction with the UUA asks, and doesn't ask, of its young scouts.

On February 6, Rev. Cynthia

Cain will deliver a sermon concerning this disagreement in our Sunday service at 10:45 at the U.U. Church of Lexington, 3564 Clays Mill Rd.

If you have not had the opportunity to hear Cynthia, she is a great speaker, humorous and insightful, with a commitment to challenging oppression in all its forms. If you pay us a visit on this Sunday, you are also invited to stay for First Sunday Lunch. Bring a dish to share if you would like.

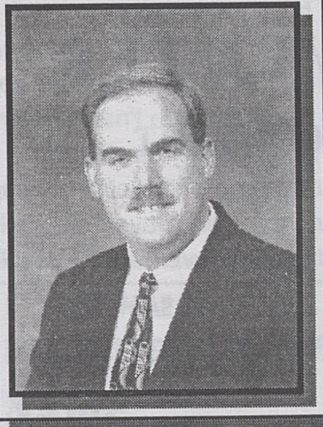
On Feb. 13, Rev. Cain will again be in the pulpit with a sermon in honor of Valentines Day. On this Sunday, Interweave will be having a potluck lunch at 12:15. Please join us. On Feb. 20 we will have a guest delivering the sermon on some aspect of Black History.

In Addition to Sunday Services,

we invite you to other church related events. On the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of Feb. and March, we will be watching video's of "The World's Religions" with Houston Smith interviewed by Bill Moyers. We show an hour long video and then engaged in discussion for another hour.

On February 4, the Women's Spirituality Group will be celebrating Candlemas, a cross quarter day (those days halfway between a Solstice and an Equinox.) We will have a brief ritual and hold a group dream work discussion. Remember a dream, and bring it along. We meet at 6:30 for pot luck and at 7:15 for a program, at the Fellowship House which is the brick building beside the church. (Dress warmly, not enough heat at the moment.)

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Henderson: Public Validation for Fairness from Religious Leaders

This article was taken off Lambda Net. Efforts to get permission from the author were made but we never connected with him. Thanks to Ben for writing a piece that can give us a lift.

Sometimes really neat things happen -- and we want to share them with our friends. Tonight, the Henderson community gathered for a Service of Christian Unity on Martin Luther King Day at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church. It's a cathedral-size church and there was a really good crowd. The congregation present was a rainbow of diversity. About eight ministers were present and two church choirs sang.

The Rev. David Petrie, an

African-American Baptist pastor, preached an excellent message about unity. In his message, he emphasized the point that each person is a miracle.

After his message, before a symbolic lighting of candles, Father Ed Bradley, the pastor of Holy Name Church, paused to honor two of the "miracles" who were among us. He then recognized Henderson's Mayor Joan Hoffman and Commissioner Michele Deep, both of whom were instrumental in Henderson's adoption of the Fairness Ordinance.

He said they had been miracles for our city, because they were willing to take great risks for the sake of everyone and the protection of everyone's civil rights. The congregation gave them a robust ovation. I was so touched by his boldness and so proud for Joan and Michele.

Father Bradley, the staff and the congregation of Holy Name Church

have been among the strongest supporters of Fairness. Tonight was the most validating experience I have known since the fairness ordinance vote was taken, especially since we are in the beginning stages of city commission elections and we are anxious.

At that moment, I felt really proud and welcomed in Henderson. It's been a long time since I have known that feeling. It has been such a rough road for pro-fairness people here that we hang on to every sign of friendship and solidarity. Tonight's unity service did not ignore the obvious "pink elephant" in our city, but instead validated our pro-fairness elected officials at this ecumenical multi-cultural inter-religious service!

Thought you would like to know about it. Wow -- it's been a good MLK weekend.



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Closets

The first closet you build yourself. Something snaps inside you like a twig in a forest, and before anyone can see or hear the whole tree fall, you tie it up, just to keep it quiet.

You get used to the silence. Over the years, you learn to lie. You lie like a teenager caught late after curfew, you keep your head down and stay out of trouble, because maybe if you're perfect, absolutely perfect, no one will call you out and yell that name that makes your hair stand on end. That word full of hatred that you see scrawled across bathroom walls inside every rest stop in America. But you're not perfect. Sometimes you fail.

You remember the first time. It's junior high school and you hadn't paid enough attention to some sporting event or some other worthy goal of modern American male masculinity and they say, ever so casually, "What are you, some kind of fag?" And you shake your head. Maybe you automatically wince, just in case the point isn't obvious.

All we ask from you is to keep quiet and lock the door behind you. Here, we'll even build a cover for your closet. Do we have to quote the Bible

on you? Shut up.

But still, you seek others out. There has to be another, someone you can tell. And slowly you find one, then another and before you know it, you've got yourself a crew. We were all in high school together, but most of us still remain friends, even if we're the shaggiest, nerdiest crew who ever walked the halls of a high school. It's a group that can quote chapter and verse in the book of Madonna but couldn't tell you who's the best quarterback in New York (Charlie Ward, if you have to ask).

Once, or maybe twice or three times, you fall for someone. The boy who lives down the street, the one you've known since you were 4, and he returns the favor. It is a revelation, a sense of possibility, even if it all ended badly when he decides he must fight you on the schoolyard playground to prove his manhood and you have to take the unfortunate action of punching his nose bloody. It still makes you cry, all night.

When you've put up your guard full-strength, you fall again, this time to a boy so sweet he's like a pack of peppermint gum. And you're a teenager again, the kid you never really were, making out in movie the-

aters, acting silly and calling each other baby names. But some things fall apart and you have to go somewhere else and he just can't follow and your heart breaks again. Won't you please come with me, Richie? I love you. This is the hardest thing.

Time wears away the closet walls like the sea washing against the sand and you forget to be ashamed of yourself. But it lingers, like the scent of falling leaves in autumn.

And you have to forget you were once that scared little boy who jumped at the sight of his shadow at odd angles. You have to remind yourself that you're a good boy, you've tried so hard to be a good boy, that's all you ever wanted to be. But you're never good enough, someone can always criticize your dyslexic, nerdy life. It's then you realize that you're the only one you must seek forgiveness from and give permission to love yourself and others.

So at last, through the roller-coaster, bumper-car life you have lived the best way you could possibly imagine, you move on and you take a hammer to bash those last few walls down.

I'm gay. There, I said it. Did anyone feel the earth move?

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By *Reinette F. Jones*

Since Kat and I have been together, we have met some interesting other couples. As a rule, I don't write about the people that we know, but I can not keep this to myself any longer.

Back in September we met this couple in Jacobson Park. Kat and I were there to feed the ducks. After we had tossed all of our corn, we took a stroll around the pond. That's when we spotted a woman prancing near a stand of trees, she had her head thrown back and she was searching for something hidden among the leaves and branches. Every so often she would cup her hands around her mouth and make a cackling noise. We thought her pet might be in the tree, so we went over to offer our assistance.

The woman said her name was Hanker and her partner was Tail Fire. We hadn't noticed the other woman who was standing at a distance with both hands on her hips and a frown on her face. Granted that their names were different, but the situation wasn't inviting enough for us to dare ask what their momma and daddy had called them at birth. Instead, we asked if they needed help.

Hanker declined our offer; she said that she was only calling out to the dragon that was perched at the very top of the trees. I thought she meant that the dragon was some type of an exotic bird. Kat thought she was having a spiritual moment and we should keep moving. Tail Fire explained, "She's yelling at that duck on the top branch." Hanker continued to cackle.

Kat leaned toward me and whispered, "When's the last time you saw

a duck in a tree? Why don't we keep moving? I think Hollering Hank and Hot Tail have everything under control. These two are a little weird."

Yes, they were saying some unusual things, but I was curious about what was in the trees. So, I asked Kat to wait another minute or two. Hanker had suddenly gotten quiet. She slowly turned to look at Tail Fire and calmly asked, "When's the last time you saw a duck in a tree?"

Tail Fire replied, "OK, Hank! So, it's not a duck. But when's the last time you saw a dinosaur in a tree?"

"Let me ask you two something, you come to this park all the time, right? Have you ever seen a feathered dinosaur up in these trees? I didn't think so. You'll have to excuse us; we've been driving for a while and my partner is suffering from sleep deprivation."

"Hanker, I love you. But I am going to get in the truck and drive off when the park ranger comes to give you a ticket for harassing the wildlife. What say we go get a hotel and get some sleep, Hon? We are both tired and road-weary. Maybe we can have a look around town later on. Hanker? Hanker!"

"Can you believe this? We stopped here for a short visit because we read about the Fairness Ordinance. And what are we doing this fine morning? We are in a public park talking out of our heads about a freaking flying dinosaur in a tree. Mother-Father!"

That woman had a sharp tongue. Kat cleared her throat and gave me the silent signal to please don't say anything and lets go! And I would have moved on, but Hanker was still looking up into the trees. She said to no one in particular, "It's

not a dinosaur. It's a dragon. Dinosaurs don't fly."

Call me a sap, but I wanted to know exactly what Hanker was talking about, rather it be real or spiritual or a flash back, I was curious. Kat walked on a little, with the intent that I should follow. But instead, I stood and asked Hanker to explain what she had just said. Tail Fire commented to Kat, "We'll be here all day now."

Tail Fire plopped herself down on the ground, pulled out a silver case filled with skinny brown cigars, and lit one. The smoke had a sweet smell; it reminded me of the cigars Kat used to smoke when we first started dating. Kat must have had the same memory, because she too took a seat on the ground and ask Tail Fire for a cigar.

Hanker kept searching the tree-tops and talking, and I kept listening. According to her, dinosaurs never flew. The flying creatures were pterosaurs, which were reptiles that ate meat and some had an elongated fourth finger. She liked to refer to them as dragons. She thought there was a small one in the trees, and she hoped to get a good look at it before the cigar smoke scared it off.

Well, it sounded to me like Hanker just might have been having a spiritual moment after all, and if she wasn't, then I didn't want her to miss the prehistoric site of the century. I could find a picture of the thing on the web. It was time for us to go.

But Kat wasn't moving; she said that she was going to finish her smoke. Tail Fire said that there was no need for us to be in a hurry, because she was sure that that pissing in the wind flying duck dragon dinosaur what'cha-ma-call-it thing knew the ... *continued on page 11*

difference between cigar smoke and a forest fire. Hadn't the thing already survived 10,000 years of natural disasters?

She figured that by the time they got back to New Mexico, Hanker would have that creature driving their old pickup at 75 mph, shifting gears with that extra long fourth finger and leveling dandelions on the side of the road with a single shot of tobacco juice.

I must have missed something, because it seemed like a fight was on the horizon. I told Kat that we really must be going. Hanker spun around from looking in the trees, squinted her eyes, and said, "You know what Tail Fire, the first thing that I am going to teach this creature to do is to lip sync the word 'vacuum', just for these occasions."

Well, that touched my funny bone; I had had to silently practice saying the word 'vacuum' with a mirror in a Human Perception Workshop, and I knew exactly what Hanker was saying. I about laughed myself into an unconscious state. Hanker had a good chuckle also. Kat and Tail Fire looked at each other then shrugged. Both decided that we had been staring into the trees far too long and all the blood had drained from our brains. It was definitely time to leave.

When we got to our cars, the thing in the trees soared over our heads to the other side of the pond. It looked like a combination of a bat, a stark, and a work of art. Maybe it was the power of suggestion, but that thing looked as if it could have been from prehistoric times.

Kat said that it would probably be best if we didn't say anything about the couple or the duck dragon what'cha-ma-call-it, so that they

could all live in peace without people looking for them. But I just had to tell somebody about the experience. How often do you get to see a rare creature, and meet a couple named Hanker and Tail Fire, all in the same day? Intercultural Lesbians!

Diversity Films

In cooperation with The One World Film Festival, Diversity Films will be showing *Smoke Signals* on Monday, Feb. 28 at 7 pm at the Kentucky Theater, free of charge. This Native American written, directed and acted film about modern Native American life has been a favorite of film buffs. The screenplay was written by Sherman Alexie from his book, *Tonto and The Lone Ranger Fistfight in Heaven*.

Films about Native American life were requested by the audiences at last years One World Film Festival. This is an offbeat, quirky and poignant film that engages audiences with its perceptions as well as its humor.

The next film in the series will be *Golden Threads*, shown on Saturday, March 4, at 7 pm at the Central Library Theater, downtown. The director of this documentary, Lucy Winer, will come to Lexington for this viewing. The film explores the work of Christine Burton who founded Golden Threads, an international network for midlife and elder lesbians. Using her own mid-life crisis as part of the narrative, the filmmaker examines and challenges our collective fears of aging through her portrayal of Christine as she confronts and transforms the difficulties in her life.

In addition to this film, we will

show a short documentary made by teenagers participating in the Appalachian Media Institute summer program. Their film, *Through Their Eyes: Stories of Gays and Lesbians in the Mountains*, has not been shown as often as other films made during this yearly summer institute. (Can we guess why?) If we can raise a little more money we could bring the young filmmakers to Lexington to talk to us about their work.

We are also planning to bring Lucy Massie Phenix, another lesbian film maker, to Lexington in April. She is the editor of *Regret To Inform*, an Academy Award nominee for best documentary in 1999. Phenix's work has been shown in Lexington and at Women's Music Festivals over the last decade. We hope to have three of her documentaries shown while she is in town. The preliminary date set for this viewing is April 10 at the Kentucky Theater.

Other films that we hope to show during the One World Film Festival in March include *Once Upon A Time When We Were Colored*, *Earth*, and a Jewish comedy *The Fish in the Bathub*. Watch for more information next month.

We are looking for volunteers, financial sponsors and contributors to enable us to bring these films and filmmakers to Lexington. If you are interested please contact Mary Crone. (266-5904)

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On February 19, 1999, in Sylacauga, Alabama, 39-year-old computer programmer Billy Jack Gaither was murdered, the victim of a violent hate crime. One of the convicted killers testified he killed Gaither because he was "queer." Why have gays like Gaither and Matthew Shepard become the targets of such brutality? On February 15, nearly one year after the Gaither murder, FRONTLINE correspondent Forrest Sawyer explores the roots of homophobia in America, as a catalyst for hate crimes and as a phenomenon that permeates our society, and asks how these attitudes, beliefs, and fears contribute to the recent rise in violence against gays.

Following the broadcast, access the film's companion Web site for more on this report, including new studies on the roots of homophobia by biologists, psychologists, and social scientists; extended interviews with the family of Billy Jack Gaither and one of his killers; the latest research on the nature of homosexuality, including a look at the question "Can gays be 'cured' or converted?" video reports and an excerpt from the program; and the "Assault on Gay America" Viewer's Guide, with thought provoking discussion questions to explore individually or as a group.

"Assault on Gay America" advance Web site ideally will be launched two weeks before broadcast and will include a five-minute video excerpt from the film, allowing students, organizers, third parties, and the media a sneak preview into the film. Target date: January 28.

A viewer's guide written by award-winning media educator Faith Rogow will help viewers explore their reactions to the film and their feelings about homophobia. With twenty years of experience as a media educator, Dr. Rogow has trained thousands of teachers, students, child care providers, and parents to understand and harness the power of television. This guide will be available on the FRONTLINE Web site around February 4.

Black History Month 2000

There are a number of events in celebration of Black History Month this year that can educate and entertain us. At the Kentucky History Center in Frankfort there will be a three day event: The Civil Rights Movement in Kentucky: Voices of Protest, 1930-1970. There will be panel discussions, workshops, and performance. Bernice Johnson Reagon, founding member of Sweet Honey in the Rock, and a Distinguished Professor of History at American University, will be one of the presenters.

This symposium will take place from Feb. 10 through 12 and is sponsored by the Ky. Oral History Commission. You can reach them at 502-564-1792 for a complete schedule and registration materials.

On Tuesday, February 8 at 6 pm at the Lexington Public Library, Dr. Betsy Brinson will speak on "Women in the Civil Rights Movement: The Heralds of Freedom." Dr. Brinson is the Director of the new Kentucky Civil Rights Project. This program is sponsored by the Woman's Political Caucus and the Lex. Fair Housing Council in recognition of Women's

History Month. A social hour will follow the formal program.

KET also is showing a wealth of programs this month. Try "Kentucky's Underground Railroad--Passage to Freedom on Monday, Feb. 14 or on KET2 on Friday, Feb 18. KET 2 is also showing "Paul Robeson: Here I Stand, an American Masters Special" on Monday, Feb 7. Much more on KET2: Mahalia Jackson, W.E.B. Du Bois, Ellis Marsallis, And "Wonders of the African World with Henry Louis Gates, Jr." a show I particularly enjoyed. You can look up the schedule at www.ket.org

Pride Month Committee

Be a part of the decision making group for our June pride celebration. We need at least one representative from every community group and any unaffiliated people that want to get involved. Who would like to co-chair? Meetings will be kept short and to the point. After Feb 14 you can call Mary for time and day 266-5904.

C.O.L.T.S election

The Bluegrass C.O.L.T.S have elected new officers for the year 2000. The new officers are Gary Hall, president; Richard Watts, vice president; Steve Bowman, secretary-treasurer; and Larry Stanley, road captain.

The C.O.L.T.S, Kentucky's first leather club founded in 1990, is celebrating its 10 Anniversary with special activities during 2000 culminating with Extreme X-tacy, August 4-6, 2000 at the Radisson Plaza in Lexington, The Louisville Nightwings will be co-hosting the August event.

For information on the clubs activities see their web site: www.geocities.com/westhollywood/village/5881.

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