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Lexington Men's Chorus

"You're Home For The Holidays"

On Saturday, Dec 7th, at 7 pm at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, LMC will present its annual holiday concert with a special salute to Rosemary Clooney. **You're Home for the Holidays** will be held in the church's sanctuary which has a 250+ capacity and great acoustics. There will be a reception following the concert full of good cheer for all LMC supporters.

Tickets are \$15 for this concert or take advantage of one of our season ticket packages: \$25 for 1-Standard Holiday ticket and 1-Standard Pride ticket, or \$30 for 1-Standard Holiday ticket and 1-VIP Pride ticket. For tickets: call 269-9739, FAX 859-266-9396, email friends@lmcky.org, web-www.lmcky.org, or write Lex Men's Chorus, PO Box 1913, Lex, KY 40588-1913.

Make checks or money orders payable to Lexington Men's Chorus. Tickets also available from LMC members. Please call in credit card orders, limit 4 ticket orders per card. Call John Hawks at 859-269-9739 to become a "Friend of The Chorus" or to make a tax-deductible donation.

St Michaels Church is at 2025 Bellefonte Dr. From Tates Creek, take Albany Rd. to the four way stop and turn left onto Bellefonte. From Nicholasville Rd, take Zandale Dr. to Bellefonte and turn left.

Chorus CD / Tape Sale, just in time for Christmas. Give the gift that will bring song to everyone on your gift list all the year long. "LMC LIVE!" 16 songs celebrating LMC's first ten years and FACETS, LMC's first recording. \$5.00 for CDs, \$3 Tape. These will be available at LMC's Holiday Concert

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Hate Free Lexington

Fred Phelps came to town for half a day Sunday morning, Nov. 24, protesting five churches because he believes they do not hate enough. He got some press coverage but when he left, the Lexington GLBT community had become more united, supported and celebrated by a good portion of the Lexington community. The hard work of many organizations within our community made this a huge success; they deserve our thanks, as do the straight supporters who turned out to stand with us.

Jamie McDanial, coordinator of Soul Force, offered training in non-violence and organized the counter protest at Christ The King Church in support of their decision to welcome Michael Meehan and Thomas Dysarz into their congregation and to baptize their quadruplets. About 45 people showed up in the chilly morning air to stand near the church doors to show our appreciation and to stand firmly against hate. There is always differences of opinion as to the proper response to hate mongers: *...continued on page 2*

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or you can order via the mail. Send check or money-order payable to Lex Men's Chorus. plus \$2 per item for Postage/Handling. Mail name and return address to: Lex. Men's Chorus, P.O. Box 1913, Lex. KY 40588-1913.

Rally ignore them? confront them with angry words or fists? Or find a middle path, not silence, not combative, but radically non-violent in the tradition of Ghandi and King. Jamie led us in the third option, thanks for stepping into a leadership role Jamie.

In the afternoon, hundreds of people showed up at the Hate Free Lexington Rally at the new Center for the Arts. Terry Mullins, GLSO President, Jim Dickinson, Co-Chair of Bluegrass Fairness Alliance, David Cupps, Member of Integrity's Board of Directors at St. Michaels Episcopal Church, and Allan Barger were four of the major organizers. Tara, Alix and crew did a wonderful job on the decorations. Forty One organizations signed on as co-sponsors of this event.

There were so many high point in this afternoon that I have asked a variety of people for their personal vote for what gets mentioned in this limited space. SisterSound gave the Rally a rousing beginning with three wonderful songs. Debra Hensely was a great MC, who knew she could preach? Mayor elect Teresa Isaccs had one of the most quotable lines, "Fred, you're not in Kansas anymore." We appreciate her warmth and her undaunting support of our community.

Marta Miranda wove our struggle into the struggles of other oppressed peoples, and we would do well to become allies to others as we work for justice for ALL. Jamie McDaniel made strong statements about the need for us to confront those ministers and churches that are much less hateful than Phelps but who nevertheless preach spiritually violent messages. He also commented on the ongoing need for LGBT people to root out our internalized homophobia and transphobia.

Allen Hawes, a successful businessman was a crowd pleaser with his epitaph for Phelps: "Bugger Eating Moron". Its not as unusual to find someone from the business world willing to stand with us so dramatically.

Rev. Cynthia Cain, the minister of the Unitarian universalist church and chair of the Interfaith Alliance, read a proclamation from that group which includes a wide variety of religious leaders including many Christian denominations, Buddhist, Muslim, Pagan, and Jewish. Bishop Stacy Sauls of the Episcopal Dioceses and Rabbi Jon Adland of Temple Adath Isreal also

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spoke. It was affirming to find so many religious leaders standing with us.

Senator Ernesto Scorsone and Rep. Kathy Stein both spoke; we appreciate all their work in our state government. Sandy Cannon, Director of NCCJ, not only spoke but was involved in the planning. She closed her remarks by saying to call on her when we are ready for the next step.

This day was a success because of all the people who did all small and large tasks. Thanks to all the speakers and volunteers. I hope even more of you will join us for the many steps yet to come.

Moveable Feast Christmas Show

It's time for us to come together again for the sights and sounds of Christmas. Tiffany & Company invites everyone to our 3rd Annual Christmas Extravaganza Show on Wed, Dec. 18, 10 pm at Crossings. All proceeds will go to Moveable Feast Lexington. This year's show promises to be bigger and better than ever!

We will be giving away wonderful prizes from area businesses to celebrate the spirit of giving! We will also have a 50/50 raffle. As is our tradition, we will perform some of your favorite Christmas Songs to really get you into the holiday mood! Scheduled to appear are: Tiffany Andrews, Miss Sheena, Val E. Sheridan, Rayna Starr, Mescha, Rhonda K. Steele, Caviar Towers, and Natalie Gaye. We are asking for a \$5 donation at the door. Come join us as we don our Gay Apparel and present to you a night of fun and Christmas Cheer!

ACTOUT

ActOut will be producing *Twilight of the Golds* directed by Robert Parks Johnson. Tryouts will be at the Pride Center. Mon., Dec. 16th and Tues., Dec. 17th, at 7 pm. There are parts for three actors to play

people in their early 30s (2M, 1F) and two actors to play characters in their late 50s or early 60s (1F, 1M). Call Terry for info 252-3469 days

Holiday Sale

GLSO is hosting a sale at the Pride Center on Saturday Dec. 7 from 11 am to 2 pm. We have assorted gay paraphernalia and t-shirts to sell. K & D Stained Glass Plus will be here and we are working on a few other vendors. Give Mary a call if you would like to sell items at 266-5904

Another Note

The talented men's ensemble, Another Note, is presenting its Holiday Concert on Sat. Dec. 14 at 7:30 pm at Woodland Christian Church which is located across from Woodland Park. This is a benefit for Movable Feast. They are asking a donation of \$8 at the door.

AVOL Annual Holiday Soiree

AVOL is hosting a dinner and variety show on Wed. Dec. 18 at Club 141 Beginning at 8:30 p.m. This FREE event will offer free HIV testing, an informative speaker, and a lively show. The festivities continue until 1 a.m. Bring a toy for children living in families affected with Aids/HIV.

Lyons Leather / Levi Club

Come join The Lexington Lyons Leather / Levi Club at the Pride Center at 8pm on Mon. January 13th, for an open meeting. This will be a relaxed get-together to catch up after the holiday season. We will start planning events for the next calendar year. You don't have to be a member to

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attend; everyone is welcome. So if you're interested in joining or just want to see what a leather club is about, we'd like to encourage you to come and join us! Dress is completely casual.

New Work by Poet Nikky Finney

The University of Kentucky Women's Studies Program invites you to a Reading and Signing of Nikky Finney's new book *The World is Round* on Monday, Dec. 2, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Young Library Auditorium. Co-sponsors include the African American Studies and Research Program, the English Department and the Kentucky Women Writers Conference.

In this breakthrough collection, Finney continues to show us how deeply she believes that human beings can be better. Poets, poetry lovers and lovers of words alike will soon understand the importance of this book. <http://www.nikkyfinney.com/>

Wa'Sup Young Adults

Andrew Hyde is back in Lexington after a wild ride on CBS' Reality TV show 'The Amazing Race 3.' Beginning in January, Andrew will be hosting 'Andrews Club', a social and support group for GLBT folks in their twenties. Andrew is 21 years old and sees a need for a fun alternative to the bar scene. Sponsored by GLSO; Andrews Club' will begin January 11th and meet the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month at the Pride Center. The group will plan activities in and around Lexington, and may go on road trips to Gatlinberg or even New York City! For a more extensive article about Andrew ... *continued page 16.*

Men Of All Colors Together

Kentucky Men of all Colors Together (MACT) is meeting once again in Lexington. This is a gay multiracial organization which foster a supportive environment where

friendships and partnerships can be celebrated free of racial and cultural barriers. For more information mactky.com, email mactky@aol.com, telephone 859 351-4453 Jon, or write to MACT KY, PO Box 910596, Lexington, Ky. 40591-0596.

SisterSound

SisterSound, Lexington's women's chorus, is preparing for a late January concert which will highlight songs about love, from swing to Motown, from disco to show tunes, from mushy to the jaded, surely something for everyone. Watch for details next month. For further info, email Beth at eznzo@hotmail.com.

PIGS ARE FLYING

A smash hit in New York, Howard Crabtree's *When Pigs Fly* continues it's run at UK's Guignol Theatre Dec 5 through 8. Described as a side-splitting musical extravaganza, *When Pigs Fly* is a revue filled with songs, dances, sketches and gags all wrapped in a uniquely gay sensibility. Tickets, \$12 and \$8 for students, are available at the Singletary Center for the Arts Ticket Office or call 859-257-4929.

The over the top humor of the show proves to be a lasting legacy for Crabtree, who died at age 41 from HIV mere days before the show opened in 1996. In addition to campy humor, the dazzling costumes for the play are from Crabtree's original designs. This production is directed by UK theatre professor Russell Henderson.

SISTAHS IN THE LIFE

Sistahs In The Life is a support group for Black Lesbians and Bi-sexual women. Join us for provocative discussions about our lives and experiences. We meet at 7 pm every first Tuesday at the Pride Center. For information, call Joan at 859 539-2657 or email Jweslie@aol.com.



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Discussion Group

Home at the Pride Center for the Holidays.

Christmas and New Years fall on Wednesday this year but the Wednesday night discussion/support group will still be meeting both nights for anyone who needs a little "queer company" on the holidays.

We know that this time of year can be particularly stressful. Some of us find it hard to spend so much time with straight family and friends. Others may be separated from their families and the holiday traditions they've grown up with. If you want a little time and a place where you can be yourself for a couple of hours, please join us on Christmas night and New Years night from 7 to 9 at the Pride Center.

The GLSO Discussion/Support Group meets every Wednesday night at the Pride Center, 389 Waller Avenue. For info contact the Pride Center at 859-253-3233, or Jane at email ladyjaneky@yahoo.com. Come join us and from all the members of the Group, "Happy Holidays."

LESBIAN VIDEO NIGHT

Before Peter Jackson directed *The Lord of the Rings*, he directed a film about two real-life lesbian teenagers from New Zealand. The film from the mid-nineties is also the debut of Kate Winslet (*Titanic*), who plays Juliet Hume, the new girl at school in Christchurch, who befriends the brooding Pauline Parker played by Melanie Lynskey (*Ever After*, *Coyote Ugly*). The two girls soon form what one doctor as an "unhealthy attachment" to one another describes. When Juliet's parents plan to move from New Zealand, the two girls cannot stand the thought of separation. Their plan to stay together results in a crime that shocked a nation. Come join us

at the Pride Center Friday, December 13 for what has been described as a "stunning," "compelling" and "spellbinding" film. This film has been rated R for violence and sexual content.

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT THE PRIDE CENTER

Don't spend New Year's Eve at home all alone on your couch watching the ball drop into Time's Square. The Pride Center will be open New Year's Eve beginning at 7:00 p.m. for anyone, who is looking for a safe and fun place to be yourself. We can play games, watch movies, hang out, and ring in the New Year together. Bring your family and friends or meet new family and friends. Just remember, you are not alone. Some snacks will be available, but feel free to bring some to share.

The Pride Art Gallery

The Pride Gallery is actively seeking artists interested in showing their work at the Pride Center. To discuss the possibilities, please call Thomas Collins (859 225-0094) or the Pride Center (859 253-3233). All artisans welcome. If you don't have enough work for a complete show, but would still like to use the venue to display and sell, we can pair you up with another artist. Twenty percent of the proceeds from sold artwork will go to the Pride Center.

Pride Center Library Highlights: Want to be a Reviewer?

Season's Greetings from the Pride Center Library. I tried to come up with some titles just right for December but alas I could not find many GLBT stories that reflected this "oh so" traditional of holiday seasons. But you can celebrate the holidays in a somewhat less traditional way

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with the song stylings of a little group known as, Venus Envy and their classic CD, I'll Be a Homo For Christmas (AUDIO CD Venu 129). Imagine sitting by the fire with family and friends singing along to such classics as "Oh Little Town in Michigan," "Rhonda the Lesbo Reindeer" and "The 12 Gays of Xmas." Imagine the holiday memories you will cherish for a lifetime. How's that for holiday cheer?

With nothing else to choose from I've decided to give you the "opportunity of a lifetime." How would you like to be the GLSO News star book reviewer? These books, which have nothing to do with the holidays, are sent to us free, or as we, like to say "are donated by," publishers and authors in hopes that we will review them in the GLSO News. Well, this librarian isn't much of a reader (There goes another stereotype!) so if you are interested in reading some new books and letting everyone know what you think of them, why not try one of these:

Back to Salem. Alex Marcoux, (F Marco B126)
Big Book of Misunderstanding. Jim Gladstone. (F Glad B592)

Harvey Milk Institute Guide to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Internet Research. Alan Ellis, ed. (HQ 76.25.H375 E47)

Limits of Pleasure. Daniel M. Jaffe. (F Jaff L734)

Metes and Bounds. Jay Quinn (F Quin M589)

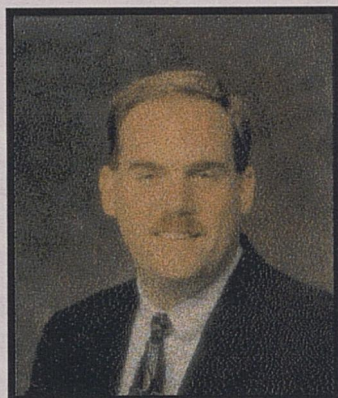
Rebel Yell 2: More Stories of Contemporary Southern Gay Men. Jay Quinn, ed. (PS 647.G39 R434)

Sex Terror: Erotic Misadventures in Pop Culture. Mark Simpson. (HQ 21.S518 S713)

Soul Searching. Mary K. Roper (F Rope S722)

This Thing Called Courage: South Boston Stories. J.G. Hayes (PS 3608.A93 T48)

If you are interested in reviewing these or any other GLBT books, videos or music for the GLSO News, email lexingtonglso@yahoo.com or call mary 266-5904. Visit our Library at 389 Waller Avenue, open Mon - Sat from 10 - 2. Over 1,000 items to choose from!



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Religious and Spiritual Resources

INTEGRITY

Integrity, a support group for Episcopalians and friends, meets at St. Michael's Episcopal Church at 2025 Bellefonte. Our next monthly meeting is Sunday, Nov. 11th from 4:00PM to 5:30PM. The topic for discussion is "Coming Out to God" and "Internal Homophobia." If you have questions, do not hesitate to contact the Rectors, David Boyd or Sandy Stone at 859-277-7511 or email Jbintegrity@aol.com.

Wiccan / Pagan

A Wiccan/Pagan Study Group has is meeting at the Pride Center. If you are interested in discussing your spiritual beliefs with other pagans, please call Iggie at 859-492-9904. A meeting date and time will be set soon. Let us share the love of the Goddess and God. Blessed Be!

Jubilee Fellowship

The Jubilee Fellowship meets most Thursdays at the Pride Center at 7pm. We do not meet the second Thursday but plan some activity in Lexington for that evening. We generally sing songs of praise and worship between 7 and 7:30 and then read bible passages to study together. We are currently studying the Book of Acts which is about the Foundation of the early Church. We hope to start Sunday Morning Worship Services in January.

Unitarian Universalist Church

The Unitarian Universalist Church welcomes visitors any time. There are now two services every Sunday, at 9:30 and 11:15. On Nov. 3, For more information about UU Church check the web at www.uucl.org.

Women's Spirituality Group

The Woman's Spirituality Group of the Unitarian Universalist Church is a social support group in which we learn about and celebrate the sacred female energy within the universe and within ourselves. We meet about every two weeks on Friday nights at the home of Mary Crone. call 859 266-5904 for directions or information. . Our December meetings will be Fridays Dec 6 when we will be talking about medeval Christian women mystics and Dec 20 for a Winter Solstice celebration. We meet at 6:30 for pot luck and at 7:30 for the program. All women welcome.

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Gentle Adventure Retreats

Gentle Adventure Retreats for Women offers a combination of eco-adventure activities, unique experiences with local cultures, bodymind teachings, and opportunities for personal discovery. Meriah Kruse has developed retreats in Maui, Hawaii over the last four years and last year added a retreat in Pawley's Island South Carolina co-lead with Mary Crone.

Cost for the Maui trip starts at \$1850 for the 8 day option and for the Pawleys trip \$1,100 for 5 days and 6 nights. There is also a discount of \$300 for the first 5 individuals who pay in full for the Maui Retreat before December 15th. That bring the lowest price option down to \$1550. If you mention GLSO, Meriah will donate \$25 to us for every person that goes on one of these retreats within the next year. Call Meriah at 276-4962.

The Maui retreat, *Emerge Courageous*, includes snorkeling, kayaking, ocean swimming, as well as hula dancing and lei-making with Gordean Bailey, one of Hawaii's most respected and beloved cultural artists. Travel the famous road to Hana and experience the sunrise over Mt. Haleakala. Accommodations are at the beautiful secluded Hale Akua Shangri-La Retreat Center. The grounds sit on a cliff 300 feet above the ocean. Enjoy lush vegetation, unbelievable flowers, towering bamboo, a ozonated swimming pool, and a hot tub overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

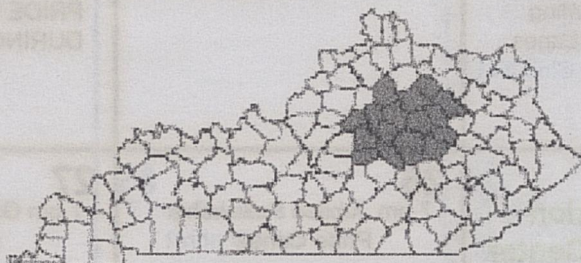
Meriah Kruse is the founder of Gentle Adventure Retreats is a dance educator, massage therapist, human potential worker, and a Guild Certified Feldenkrais Practitioner. For the past 20 years Meriah has immersed herself in a great adventure: creating satisfying, innovative ways to live, dance, teach, learn, serve, have fun and evolve through the movement, healing, and

transformative arts.

The Second South Carolina Retreat will be held in September 2003. Titled *Moving Into Joy*, this retreat offers kayaking on a salt water estuary that is our "back yard", bicycling, ocean swimming, bird watching, movement classes, meditation, guided imagery and journal writing. Our accommodation for five days and six nights are in a spacious eight bedroom home right on the ocean. A five day pass to Brookgreen Gardens, an inspirational paradise specializing in sculpture, is included in the retreat. Call Mary Crone or Meriah Kruse about this lovely retreat.

Last month we publish an article about QVacations which offers GLBT tours. Info at www.qvacations.com. David Galinsky offers \$50 to the GLSO for everyone that travels with him and comes through info in this newsletter. Pegasus Travel ia a local travel agency tht donates 1% of your trip cost to GLSO at your request.

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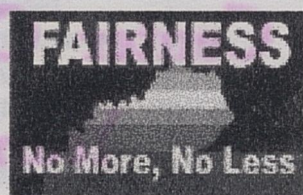


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Boyd County GSA

What You Can DO

by Jeff Jones

A group of Boyd County (the county containing Ashland, KY) High School students sought to organize a GSA (gay-straight alliance) to offer support and educational opportunities for GLBT students at the school. Twice the Boyd County School Board turned down their application until advised by the ACLU that denying one group while allowing extra-curricular groups was against the law. The school system's insurance company also told the board that they would not cover legal liabilities associated with denying the group an equal opportunity to meet like other student groups because the group's right to meet was clearly legal. The School Board then voted 3-2 to approve the GSA.

Both during the process and afterwards, several area churches practicing a conser-

vative brand of Christianity have organized some adults and students to hold anti-gay protests opposing the GSA. This last weekend over 2,000 people gathered in an area parking lot to protest the GSA's existence. Several students have threatened to skip classes or move to another school rather than attend a school that allows a GSA to meet. Opponents of the GSA have even gone so far as to bring in radical right wing activists like Scott Lively who preaches that the Nazis were a gay sex cult, and the holocaust was an attempt to eliminate straight people.

I think we all can remember our own high school experiences as GLBT people or as stray friends of GLBT teens. To have the bravery to fight for the GSA and to withstand almost daily, organized protests almost unseen in this country since racial integration in the 1960s takes a lot of guts. Many folks have written in asking how they can help. The GSA welcomes support but also wants to downplay any false idea that

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the GSA results from some "gay agenda" pushed from outside the school. Having a lot of protesters come to Boyd County to support the GSA isn't probably the wisest option at this point. Here are ways you can help.

While teacher Kaye King has kindly offered to receive emails and letters to the GSA and pass them along, there is some concern she may get flooded. Kentucky Fairness Alliance has instead offered to gather letters/cards/emails of support and pass them along as a bundle. KFA will also count the number of letters of support that they receive to help educate legislators about why anti-bullying and anti-discrimination legislation is so important. If you have personal stories you are willing to share, please also send them to KFA: KFA at PO Box 3912 Louisville, KY 40201.

If you would like to write a letter supporting the School Board's approval of the GSA and relating how a GSA was/could have been a huge asset for you in your high school experience (or the experiences of friends), you can write to the Boyd County School Board at: Boyd County Public Schools 1104 Bob McCollough Drive Ashland, KY 41102

Urge them to additionally support an anti-bullying and anti-discrimination policy covering students and staff that covers sexual orientation and gender identity. Be polite, clear, and to-the-point. Board members: Shari Bryan, Chester Tackett, Teresa Jackson, Randall Stapleton, Teresa Cornette.

Write a letter to the editor of the Ashland Daily Independent supporting the GSA by emailing your letter to: mreliford@dailyindependent.com Letters must be under 300 words and include your name, address, and a phone number where you can be contacted. The Daily Independent does accept letters from outside Boyd County.

Contact your own school board and urge them to pass anti-bullying and anti-discrimination policies that include sexual orientation and gender identity. Here in Fayette County, the Fairness Ordinance does not likely apply to Fayette County Schools since they are a state agency. The school system needs to pass an internal policy to protect students and staff.

You can help support efforts to pass sexual orientation/gender identity inclusive anti-bullying laws for the entire state as well as other legislative efforts such as a statewide Fairness Law. Bluegrass Fairness can be reached at 296-7812. Contact Kentucky Fairness Alliance for state wide efforts, call 502 897-1973

Much of the anti gay rhetoric stems from religious intolerance. Soulforce works to confront spiritual violence through non-violent protest and education. Contact Jamie McDaniel at jamiemcd@earthlink.net. Jamie was the leader of the on sight Fred Phelps protest.

If you or a friend have experienced harassment or discrimination in public school now or in the past, please share you story with Jeff at jeff@qz.net. Fairness is collecting stories to show why Ky needs policies and laws to protect GLBT and GLBT perceived students and staff.

The National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) is also an excellent organization that works to end all forms of oppression. They run Camp Anytown for teens each summer where some gay youth have felt encouraged and comfortable coming out. Send a contribution to them so a high school student can go to Anytown. Change tomorrow today!

You can also provide support for your local Fayette County GSAs through GLSO's GSA. For more info, contact Mary at marycrone@aol.com. We always need money for educational materials and pamphlets. Send to GLSO thanks.

Andrew's Amazing Race Reality TV Star Back to Reality

After Racing around the world competing for a fancy 1 Million dollars, Andrew Hyde is back in Lexington after a wild ride on CBS' Reality TV show 'The Amazing Race 3.' With being publicly out on National TV Andrew has big plans for his near future which starts here at the GLSO. Beginning in January, Andrew will be hosting and organizing 'Andrews Club', a social and support group for young gay and lesbian adults in their twenties. Andrew, 21 years old himself, says, "It tough for people in my age bracket to meet others they can relate to without diving head first into the bar scene. I just want to offer a fun alternative to that."

'Andrews Club' will begin January 11th and meet the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month at the Pride Center. The group will be having meetings and discussions as well as extra curricular events such as movies, hiking, skating, dances, and an occasional weekend trip to places such as Gatlinburg and New York City in June where Andrew has been asked to speak at the National Pride events. "I think Central Kentucky has a growing need for open and accepting social groups. Consider this a new Fraternity with arms open to anyone." Andrew jokes.

In case you missed the 'Amazing Race', "What?! There's someone out there that has not seen my show?" he laughs, Andrews' Television adventure took him through several countries. Mexico, England, Scotland, and Portugal were a few of the destinations and each leg of the race required Andrew to compete in tasks against the other teams which vary from Driving a Tank, Swimming

with Dolphins and even riding a donkey cart through 100 degree weather to avoid elimination. Andrews' teammate was his own father Dennis, a Conservative Southern Baptist. Dennis and Andrew were picked out of 25,000 applicants to be on the prime time TV spot. The show airs Wednesdays on CBS, 9-10pm. After three nail-biting episodes, Andrew and Dennis were eliminated at a Castle in Aberdeen Scotland.

Since returning from 'The Race', Andrew has been busy with a wave of media appearing on TV and radio shows around the world. He has also been featured in publications like 'The Advocate, USA Today, TV Guide, Entertainment Weekly, Gay.com and Planetout.com.' "Obviously with the differences between my father and I, we've received more media attention than any other team on the show." Andrew states. Currently Andrew has received offers for possible auditions from Showtime and has been contacted by several companies in California. Andrew will be speaking across the state for the Kentucky Fairness Alliance and at many schools and universities. "I have gotten some offers for TV in the future, but I'm focusing my goals on what I can do here and now." To learn more about Andrew and his journey check out www.CBS.com or www.KentuckyAndrew.com.

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Imperial Court of KY

The Imperial Court of Kentucky has had several things of note since our very successful Closet Ball. In October, several of our members attended the Cincinnati investitures and afterwards put on a show at the Old Street Saloon, in Monroe, OH. The evening raised \$575 for our Court, and we would like to thank Emperor 8 Dale and Empress 9 Booshee, of the ISQCCBE, and the owners of Old Street, for letting us host the Kentucky Invasion show there for the second year.

Also in October members of the Emperor's Male line presented the Turnabout Night at which the male members donned the makeup and dresses. Congratulations to everyone who participated in raising \$ 1100 for the evening, and thanks to our friends from Cincinnati and Louisville who participated as well.

On October 13, members of the ICK attended the Wasson Awards. Our Volunteer of the Year, Emperor 19 Donnie EV

Royse was announced at the Awards. Also, our Empress 15 and 20 Natalie was named the recipient of the Wasson Award. Natalie has done much for our community as a leader in the court, and in working with other organizations. Congratulations to EV, Natalie, and all our hard working volunteers as the ICK was the recipient of the group award, the Rainbow Award.

On October 30, our annual Diva of Darkness was held , Empress 21 Nicole

gave up her crown as last year's Diva of Darkness, and we would like to congratulate Rachel RaChel, the reigning Diva of Darkness.

Court members from Kentucky have also attended Coronations out of town recently. Empress 21 Nicole, Emperor 19 EV, JD Vaughn, and Lady M traveled to Des Moines, IA on September 29 for their Coronation Ball. Congratulations to our friends in IA. Empress 21 Nicole, Emperor 19 EV, Duke Wayne and Marquise Jenna Jive attended Coronation festivities in Toronto. Best wishes, and continued success in Toronto. On the weekend of November 15th, a large group attended the Adornment Ball for the Barony of Louisville.

Congratulations to Shayne Popp, and Gypsy Rose, and good luck to the newly elected Baron and Baroness of the Barony, Baron V Kevin, and Baroness V, Electra.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

The Board of Directors of the Imperial Court of Kentucky is pleased to announce, effective immediately, the appointment of Mr. Larry Stanley to the position of Regent Emperor 21 of Kentucky and he shall hereafter be known as The Sapphire Lion, Lord of Leather, Master of the House of Punishment and Desire.

A Kentucky native, Larry is currently in his third year of service as a member of the Court's Board of Directors, and served last year as Imperial Crown Prince 20 of Kentucky. During Reign 19, Larry served as Secretary of the Board; he served as Vice-President of the Board during Reign 20; and he currently serves as Membership Chair. Before becoming an important member of the Board of Directors of the Court, Larry actively

*Hope Along the Wind:
The Life of Harry Hay*
a film by Eric Slade
by Mary Crone

Harry Hay passed away on October 24, 2002 at the age of 90. You may not have heard of him, but he had an impact on your life. During his ninety years, Harry was a labor organizer, a Communist Party member, founder of one of the first gay rights organizations in the country, the Mattachine Society, and a Radical Fairy.

Hope Along The Wind is an award winner documentary by Eric Slade that takes us through the fascinating and extraordinary life of Harry Hay. His story provides a chronicle of the gay rights movement, as well as a history of California in the 20th Century.

Harry Hay joined the Communist Party in the early 1930s and participated in the San Francisco General Strike of 1934. In the mid-1950s he was called before the House UnAmerican Activities Committee.

It was also in the 50's that Harry started the Mattachine Society. This momentous film features poignant interviews with Harry and many of the surviving original members of this historic and brave group of gay men. In the last 40 years, Harry has immersed himself in various counterculture activities including the Radical Fairies, youth movements, and Native American culture.

Hope Along The Wind has won a number of awards including the Jury Prize for Best Documentary at both the Philadelphia and Seattle Gay and Lesbian Film Festivals, the Golden Gate Award at the San Francisco International Film Festival, and the Best of Fest Documentary Film Award at the Pittsburgh International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival.

Do you want to see this film about a man who was at the center of gay pride for more than half a century? Mary Crone would like to bring this and other films to Lexington for Gay Pride next June. She is looking for some \$\$ to dpay for performance rights and people to help do the work and spread the word. Interested? Call mary at 266-5904. Some of teh films under consdideration are Paris is Burning, My Life In Pink, Paragraph, and (Several people have expressed intereest in the past and unfortunately mary has lost their contact informaion. I am so sorry Please call!)



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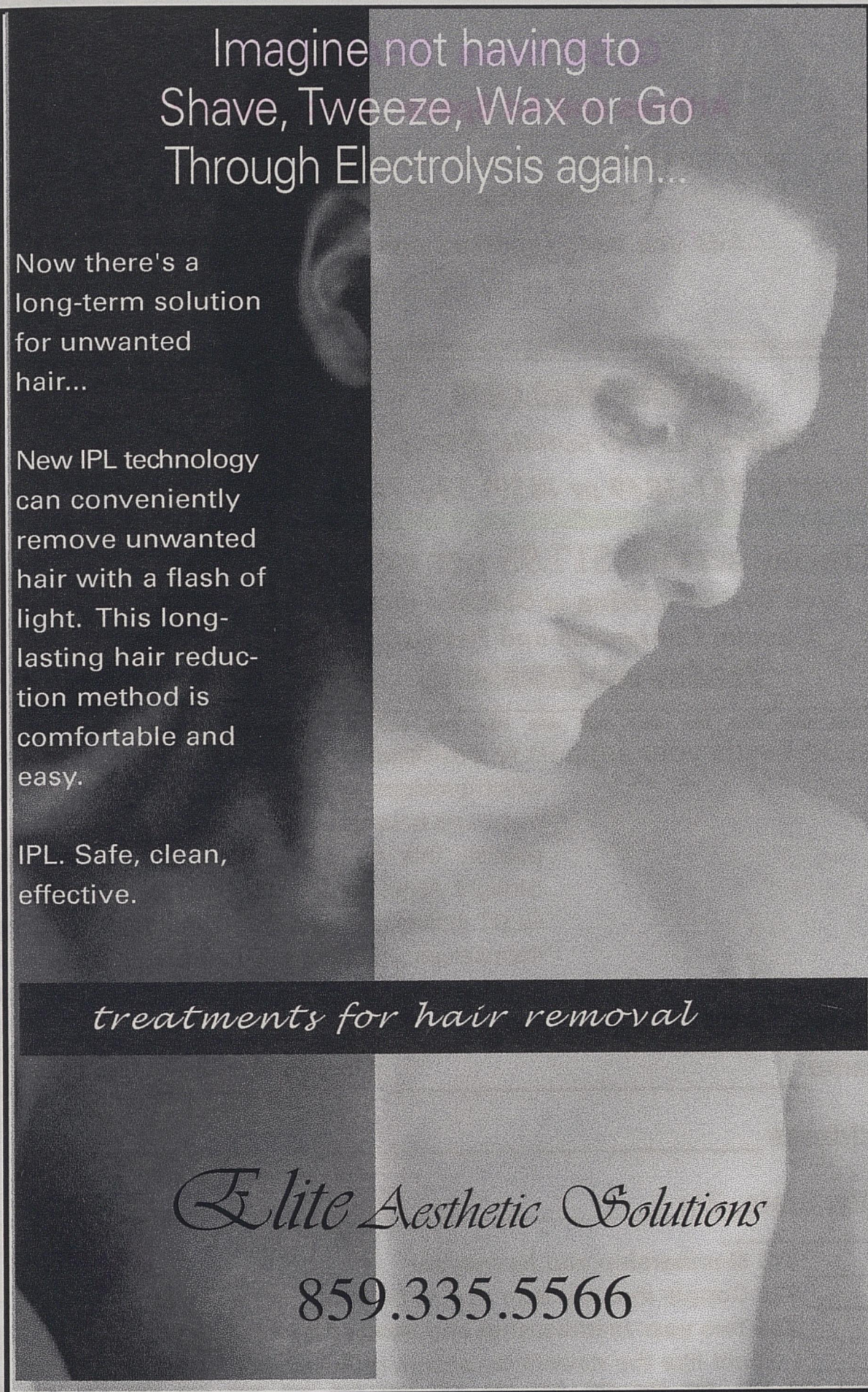
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