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Carnegie Songwriter Series

Jamie Anderson

"...she sings, she bellydances, she twirls a mean baton and she's written a menstruation song with a tango beat - who needs cable? Ms. Anderson puts on a fine show." ~Lisa Koch (Dos Falloia)

The Carnegie Songwriter Series is very proud to present a mainstay of the women's music scene, Jamie Anderson, in concert on Wednesday, May 1st, at 7:30 pm at the Carnegie Center, 251 W. 2nd St. Five dollars suggested donation.

Touring nationally since 1987, Jamie is known for her solid songwriting and engaging stage presence. With a voice as smooth as Shawn Colvin and a sense of humor as wacky as Suzanne Westenhofer, Jamie has entertained in hundreds of coffeehouses, concert halls and festivals all over the country. She's performed on the mainstage of the National Women's Music Festival, gay pride events, the Kerrville Folk Festival and for Olivia Tours. Her songs have been featured on the Dr. Demento radio **Jamie Anderson Concert**,

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SisterSound Girls Night Out

On Saturday, May 19, at 8 pm, SisterSound will present its spring concert. "Girls Night Out." Tickets are available at the Singletary Center (859-257-4929) or from chorus members. Prices: \$12 regular, \$8 students and seniors, \$5 children.

This will be a fun concert with selections from some of our favorite female musicians including some memorable songs by "girl groups." There will be songs from the last five decades, **Sincerely** by the McGuire Sisters representing the 50's and songs by Sarah McLachlan and the Dixie Chicks from the current era.

There will be a number of selections from Musicals - West Side Story and Grease. Holly Near's **A Perfect Night**, and Chris Williamson's **Sister** will represent lesbian songwriters. Also, look for us singing at a Legends game in August and check out our web site at geocities.com/sistersound/index.htm

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8 pm Woodland Christian

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Show, Car Talk and stations all over the world. Her seventh and most recent CD, Listen, has just been released and will be available at the show.

Appearing with her will be Knoxville singer-songwriter, Karen Reynolds. As usual, open mic will be held immediately following the show. Sign-up begins at 7 pm. For more information contact 859.608.5393 or check out Wishing Chair's web site at www.terrakin.com.

Another Note

Another Note presents their Fifth Anniversary Concert on May 18 at 8 pm at the Woodland Christian Church, 530 E. High Street across from Woodland Park. This is a fund raiser for Moveable Feast and they are asking for \$8 donations at the door. This talented men's ensemble will be singing songs from their past performances. A real treat not to be missed.

Bluegrass Fairness Derby Party

Forget Millionaire's Row...get ready for Thrill and Air (ok...it IS cheesy) at the beautiful Windy Knoll Farm just outside Lexington. What better place to celebrate Derby than on a central Kentucky horse farm? Bluegrass Fairness invites everyone to the first Fairness Derby Party on Saturday, May 4, from 12:30 pm-6 pm. Windy Knoll Farm is located at 3263 N. Cleveland Road, site of the annual GLSO Pride Picnics.

Derby Day has become a major event in our communities, and Fairness is seeking to continue this fine tradition. There is no admission charge but please come and "bet" on your favorite horse at our donation jars. Your donations go to help Bluegrass Fairness and are tax deductible.

Alcohol will be allowed, bring your own and please drink responsibly. We want to be invited back to picnic again! Beverages will be sold at the event, and please bring your own traditional Derby foods to munch on. There will also be a shuttle provided to help with toting folks' chairs/coolers, etc. from the parking area to the picnic field. See You There!

Community News

May Benefit for Moveable Feast

As the weather gets hotter, so do the benefit shows at Crossings! Tiffany & Company invites everyone to come out and support our next performance benefiting Moveable Feast, Wednesday, May 15th. Cover is \$5.00 with the show beginning promptly at 10:00 pm. Our entertainers for the evening are: Tiffany Andrews, Rayna Starr, Miss Sheena, Val Ee. Sharidand and Mescha. Also, after many years of absence, we are so proud to announce the return of our very special guest Miss Stacey Bryant! Please come and join us for a night of wonderful performances for a fantastic charity!

Act Out

ActOut Theater Group has chosen The Laramie Project as its production for Pride Month 2002. Auditions for the play will be held at the Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave., May 6th and 7th at 7 pm. There are 11 roles including male and females ranging in age from 22-60. Performances will be the last two weekends in June.

MCC - Mission Fulfilled

Over the last 9 years, MCC has provided Lexington with strong affirmation of God's grace and unconditional love for each of us. And through the years, Faith MCC has sought to maintain a worship place where God's people could gather in love, grace and understanding. MCC has encouraged us and challenged us.

On April 21, the church held its closing service. Mission fulfilled. In the future, the community's MCC needs will be met by three MCC/s in the area.

In Louisville, Rev. Dee Dale is the Pastor of this church that was chartered in 1985. The church holds worship services on Sunday at 11:00 am and Wednesday at

7:00 pm. The church is located at 1432 Highland Avenue in Louisville. For further information call (502) 587-6225 or go to www.mcclouisville.com. For those closer to Cincinnati, Rev. Bonnie Daniel pastors New Spirit MCC, 5501 Hamilton Avenue, Cincinnati. Phone: (513) 681-9090. MCC Elizabethtown is pastored by Rev. Cathy Porter. For more information, call (270) 737-4404.

P-FLAG in Berea

The 30-35 members of P-FLAG in Berea have been meeting the first Monday of the month at 7 pm in the public Library for about a year. Both the local newspaper and the *Berea College Campus News* have run ads announcing their meeting. The GLSO will be providing speakers in the next month for a question and answer session. Call Ed McCurley at 859-582-0933 for additional information.

Central Kentucky Peace and Justice

The GLSO is pleased to announce that we will be sending a delegate to the Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice meetings every month. The CKCPJ is an association of many groups which address the whole fabric of peace and justice issues. Some groups are associated with religious denomination-others are secular. Some concentrate on peace within the individual, family, and community-others emphasize issues of international peace. All of the members believe that peace and justice can best be advanced by working together.

Trans Resources

Lexington Dress/Gender Association

Lexington Dress/Gender Association meets the second Monday and fourth Sunday or each month in a private residence in Lexington. E-mail LEXDGA@aol.com or call (859) 488-8888 for more information

FTM & Intersex Listserv

A new listserv for FTM transsexuals and male identified intersexuals living or working in KY who have made or started to make an official change in gender statuses. For more information e-mail FTMinKYowner@yahoogroups.com.

Kentucky BiWay

There is a new bisexual support group that meets in Lexington. Questions can be directed to Lovingheart, founder of Kentucky BiWay at KYBiWay@ureach.com. Check out the website at <http://www.geocities.com/kybiway>.

Adult Education

Adult Education classes are now being offered at Shiloh Baptist Church, 237 E. 5th St. Prepare for your GED at your own pace in an accepting environment. Call John at 425-1151 or e-mail at URSALOCO2@aol.com for more information.

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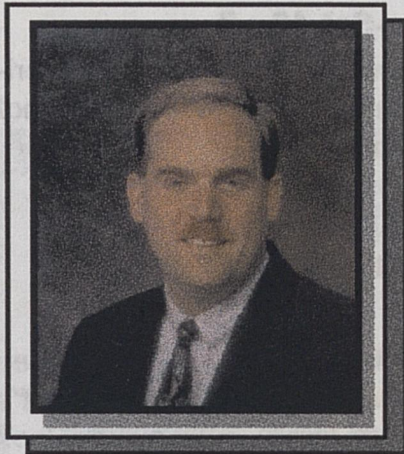
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New Pride Center?

Our three year lease for the Pride Center space is almost half over, so it is time to begin to look ahead and plan for the future. We could use a bigger space with at least two large meeting rooms. Many of us dream of owning our own building. Several groups might want office space if this dream becomes a reality.

What do you envision? The GLSO Pride Center Committee headed by Cary S. is meeting to discuss these ideas as well as to oversee the functioning of the Center. Membership on this committee is open to all and we particularly invite organizations that want to be part of the planning to send a representative.

The committee recently has posted a security policy for the center. All individuals having a key to the center will also receive a copy of the policy. We have not had any negative encounters and we hope to keep it that way. One of our actions has been to develop a working relationship with the police department. You may see a police car in the parking lot from time to time. This is in answer to our request for them to keep an eye on our building.

If you are interested in being part of the planning, please contact Cary at caryky@yahoo.com.

Discussion Group

The GLSO Discussion Group continues to be a popular opportunity to meet and talk with a variety of GLBT folks. Every Wednesday at 7 pm, you are invited to share good conversation and laughter. For information, contact Ginger during the day at the Pride Center (859-253-3233).

Writing Practice

On the second and fourth Saturdays of each month, Davina has organized a writing practice group. In April that will be the 13th and the 27th. We experiment with writing

exercises and share our work. No experience necessary, regular attendance not required. Bring a pen and some paper and join us.

Family Movies

Lesbian Movie Night On Friday, May 10th at 7 pm we will be showing *What's Cooking*, a multi-family, multi-cultural look at Thanksgiving. We are introduced to a Jewish family with a lesbian daughter and her partner, a Hispanic family with a philandering husband, a cross generational Vietnamese family struggling with Americanized children, and an African American Family where tensions arise between a successful father and his son who thinks he has sold out. Kyra Dedwick and Juliana Margulies do a great job as the lesbian couple. The film also stars Mercedes Ruehl, Alfre Woodard and Joan Chen.

Men's Night Out will be on Thursday, May 9th at the Pride Center. The movie will be *Wonder Boy*. An unfinished novel, a stolen car, a murdered pet, an unstable student, a failing marriage and a pregnant lover are among the crises piling up like a log-jam is this often hilarious story of bright promise gone awry. Grady Tripp (Michael Douglas) is a college professor and award winning novelist whose latest book is seven years

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We would like to have you join us for worship and study. Our church currently meets every Wednesday night at 7 pm. For more information or directions please call Beverly or Corina at 264-7006 or e-mail us at cwbm121893@aol.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

Integrity

Integrity, an Episcopal support group for LGBT people, meets at St. Michael's Episcopal Church on Bellefonte Dr. We welcome everyone to join us on the second Sunday of each month at 4 pm. We have increased our membership and would love to include other interested folks. Call Rev. David Boyd or Rev. Sandy Stone for info at 277-7511 or JBIntegrity@aol.com

Dignity

Dignity Lexington continues to meet at the Pride Center on the first and third Sundays of the month at 7 p.m. On the first Sunday we will have a pot luck and fellowship. On the third Sunday, we conduct a worship service followed by dinner at a local restaurant. There is a shared discussion of the scripture readings followed by a Fellowship hour. Our doors are open to everyone. Come and join a great group.

Dignity is not officially accepted by the hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church, but its membership does reflect the views

of much of the Catholic community that there should be ministry to and for the gay and lesbian communities.

Dignity is active in our community in a variety of ways. We participate in the AIDS ministry and Moveable Feast. Additional information is available at 859-268-1351.

Unitarian Universalist

People often ask "What do Unitarian Universalists believe?" and many of us who are members of this Church still stumble over our answer. That is partly because we honor the right of each person to engage in a free and responsible search for truth and meaning. That is one of our seven basic principals. (It can be argued that these principles are beliefs, more about them in another article.)

There is no dogma or creed that you have to swear to believe in order to join our church. This means that members who attend church together hold a variety of religious beliefs. So it is possible for us to say what we personally believe, but somewhat difficult to say what beliefs we hold in common. We do covenant together, promise to support each other and the church, challenge each other to spiritual growth, and advance peace, justice, and liberal religious expression. (there is more on that list-for another time.)

Our current minister is Reverend Cynthia Cain. She is a Buddhist as well as a Unitarian Universalist. This does not mean that her sermons are "about" Buddhism, although some of them may be. On May 5th, Rev. Cain's sermon is entitled "Be Free Where You Are" and will focus in part on the poet Robert Burns. On May 12,

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she will be speaking on the concept of time. Services are at 10:45 every Sunday and everyone is welcome to attend.

If you are looking for something other than a service, we also have committees and discussion groups. The Social Action Roundtable coordinates many projects that members are involved in: mentoring at risk children, environmental work, food drives, political protests, and more. Last year we sponsored a refugee family from Bosnia and helped them get settled in Lexington.

The Humanist Forum meets every month, the Womens Spirituality Group meets twice a month, the UU Pagans meet every Sunday after church. There is a Sunday afternoon group exploring A Course in Miracles, Yoga practice several times a week, and Interweave potlucks on the second Sunday of the month. Check out our web Site at www.uucl.org. There is a lot going on. Please call the office at 223-1448, Mary Crone at 266-5904, or check for more information.

The Imperial Court of Kentucky

The Imperial Court of Kentucky has been very busy in the past few months. In March, eight members of our court including the Reigning Emperor Chris and Empress Natalie and former Emperor 19 EV attended the Night of a Thousand Gowns Coronation for the Imperial Court of New York. The female line of Empress Natalie

has been working hard as well on their Entertainer of the Year shows, which each person has agreed to sponsor. So far to date, Janelle Claiborne, Nicole Diamond, Cavier Towers and Lady Marmalade have all put on the very unique and exciting shows, raising a total of over \$2700. Imperial Prince Royale Orvis Kean also sponsored a Variety Show nite which raised \$770.

In addition to these events, the Court sponsored the 1st Hair Care, which was held at Posh Salon, on Sunday, April 6, 2002. Local Hairdressers from several salons donated their time, and Toke, the owner of Posh graciously allowed the Court the use of the salon from 1-4 pm. Almost \$2100 was raised for Moveable Feast, and the Court would like to give a note of thanks to the stylists, Posh, Panera, and LM Communications for their help in this event.

On April 23rd the 6th Annual Falsie Awards was presented at the State Theater on Main St. these awards, sponsored by the Royal Academy of Drag Arts and Sciences in conjunction with the Imperial Court of KY. This year's Falsies was tribute to Chelsea Pearl, with many of her out-of-town friends performing at the event.

Don't forget the Court has many upcoming shows and our Candidate shows for Emperor and Empress was held in April. Also, anyone who may be interested in running for a seat on our Board may pick up applications after May 1.

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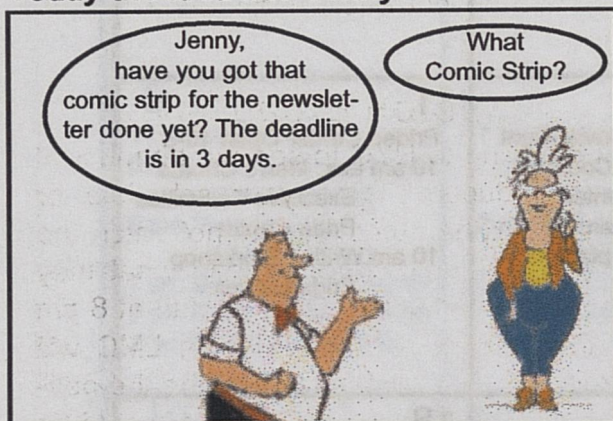
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Rediscovering Our History

Marty Robinson

by Thomas Collins

Marty Robinson, (1942-1993) was a U.S. gay activist. The son of a doctor, Robinson studied biology at Brooklyn College for three years, came out, and moved to Greenwich Village, where he supported himself by working as a carpenter.

Robinson was drawn into gay activism on the second night of the Stonewall Uprising. He joined the Mattachine Society of New York and within a matter of weeks was heading the action committee Mattachine had formed in response to the uprising. He first came to prominence when he and Jim Owles walked out of a Gay Liberation Front meeting and founded Gay Activists Alliance (GAA) on December 21, 1969.

The most visible leader of GAA, he directed a number of important protest actions and appeared on national television as a spokesperson for the movement. Discouraged by the initial defeat of a proposed gay rights ordinance in New York City, he withdrew from active participation in the movement in the mid-1970's, but returned a decade later to become one of the few Gay Liberation era leaders who was also prominent in AIDS activism.

You can read more about Marty Robinson in the book "The Gay Crusaders" by Kay Tobin and Randy Wicker.

Lexington Dress and Gender Alliance

LDGA is a new social support group for anyone who transcends gender norms and wishes to socialize with other like-minded people or discuss issues they face. The group is open and supportive for anyone who dresses, acts, or thinks differently from the gender in which they were raised.

The group founders hope that male and female crossdressers, transvestites, drag kings and queens, transgendered individuals, transsexuals, gender outlaws, and

gender questioning individuals will attend. Family members of gender euphoric persons are encouraged to participate as well. We also welcome supportive friends and community members who have an interest in issues arising due to gender presentation, identity and variance.

The groups meets on the second Monday and fourth Sunday of each month at 7 pm. Call (859) 433-8388 or e-mail LexDGA@aol.com for the location. Meetings are free and you may dress however you feel comfortable. The meetings are not a substitute for therapy; the groups founders do not offer therapy or counseling.

LMC on Broadway

If traveling to NYC to see the hit musical "the Producers" is in your schedule or budget for the summer, why not catch the Lexington Men's chorus during what they do best: entertaining. On June 8th at 8 pm at the Lexington Opera House, LMC will "produce" their own version of the the popular musical. The premise: two would-be producers (Milton and Randy playing the Nathan Lane and Matthew Broderick characters) are working on a scheme to stage the "world's gayest musical" to take on the road to Provincetown and Fire Island for the summer season. As they begin tryouts in Lexington, you will hear many Broadway favorites as solos, duets, ensembles and full chorus.

The show includes selections from Mame, Sunset Boulevard, Evita, Oklahoma, Les Miz, The Music Man, Rent, Into the Woods, The Lion King and of course The Producers. Once you have seen LMC's version of Chicago's "Cell Block Tango," you may never go back to the original.

The Lexington Men's Chorus Pride show has been a traditional favorite for 10 years and this celebration of local "talent" is sure to be a crowd pleaser. Tickets are \$20/\$15 and are available from chorus members or by calling 269-9739 or order online at www.lmcky.org.

KY Queer History

Eastern Ky University

by Jeff Jones

EKU has contributed to local queer history in a number of ways. Queer alumni and faculty have been heavily involved in queer community organizing in central Kentucky for over thirty years. Doug Burnham was an early president of Lexington's Gay Services Organization (later Gay and Lesbian Services Organization), the oldest queer organization in continual operation in Kentucky.

Dr. Sue Strong was instrumental in forming several lesbian/gay parenting groups in the 1980s and later. Along with alumna Laurie Davison, Burnham, Strong, and other faculty and students have been very active in civil rights organizing through groups such as Fairness. Marta Miranda, an ECU professor, has served as Kentucky Fairness Alliance's co-chair. ECU staff and students have also founded or served with many notable central Kentucky queer groups ranging from the Amazon Adventurers (a hiking and social club) to the Lexington Men's Chorus.

Eastern has also served as a pivotal space for many young Kentuckians in their first strides of coming out. As a meeting space, support space, and sometimes counseling center, ECU remains a place where thousands of young queer Kentuckians have first come out and found support, friends, and even lifelong partners. Initially through supportive faculty and counseling services and then subsequently using ECU's queer student groups, ECU provides an atmosphere of relative tolerance and openness.

On a more notorious note, ECU also has a link to a darker period of queer history. From 1974 until overturned by the Kentucky Supreme Court in 1992, a revised sodomy statute criminalized most expressions of sexual intimacy for same-sex couples. Prior to 1974 Kentucky's

sodomy statutes prohibited anal sex for all couples regardless of gender. In 1974 this statute was revised to only penalize such activities by same-sex couple and was expanded to also cover other sexual acts between same-sex couples including oral sex.

During this period, ECU criminal justice students were regularly used to entrap gay men at several Lexington queer bars. Often carrying a concealed recorder, the undercover students would seek to engage gay men leaving a bar in suggestive conversation. The men targeted by these young and attractive male students often were older and average in appearance. If they responded to the undercover student's flirting and suggested that the two of them go home together, the student would then press the other man for what type of sexual acts they might perform. If a sexual act

was then offered, the student and other police involved in the sting would then arrest and charge the gay man with solicitation of consensual sodomy.

This ploy involving an ECU criminal justice student was used in the 1986 entrapment of Jeff Wasson, a Lexington nurse originally from Powell County. Rather than paying the usual fine and avoiding further public humiliation, Wasson fought back through the court system. Losing two jobs in the process over the notoriety of the case, Wasson's case eventually worked its way to the Kentucky Supreme Court which overturned the consensual sodomy law in 1992 on privacy and equal protection grounds.

As the first case to successfully challenge a state sodomy law since the advent of AIDS and the US Supreme Court's upholding of state sodomy laws in the 1996 *Bowers v. Hardwick* case, the Wasson case became a model for challenging such laws in state courts. Subsequent cases in Tennessee, Texas, and other states have relied heavily on Wasson.

GUESS was Eastern Ky University's first official queer student organization.



Started in March 1992 by Laurie Davison, Curt Troutwine, and three other students, its purpose was to provide a place for queer and queer-supportive students to gather for support, discussion, and socializing. At least one of the founders was a supportive heterosexual man.

The group had been partially motivated by a letter in *The Progress*, EKU's student newspaper. A student from UK Lambda, the University of Kentucky's queer student group, wrote to the newspaper urging that EKU establish a queer student group. At that time EKU and KSU were the only public universities without such a student support organization. The *Progressive* printed this letter and also conducted a small poll of students. To the surprise of many queer EKU students, the heterosexual students polled were supportive of EKU having such a group. Davison, Troutwine, and the others found support from this poll to organize GUESS.

GUESS had a double meaning: to the public it officially stood for Gays United in Education, Service, and Support but among members it humorously stood for Gays United in Educating Strayt Students. As leaders graduated, GUESS became defunct. In turn it was replaced by the EKU Pride Alliance about 1997.

Come Together Kentucky, an annual statewide conference of queer student groups arose from continuing links between Kentucky's queer student groups. Started in 1994, the first Come Together Kentucky conference at the University of Kentucky featured keynote speaker Urvashi Vaid. The fifth conference was held from April 9 to 11 at EKU.

Largely through the efforts of queer faculty at EKU, the university adopted a non-discrimination policy banning bias because of a person's sexual orientation. This policy was in effect by 2001 and further policy discussions regarding domestic partnership benefits are on-going.

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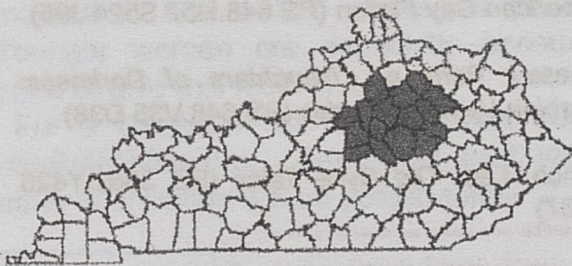
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Pride Center Library Highlights: Short Stories

Jane Minder

If you are like me, its hard to squeeze some light reading into your busy schedule. Sometimes you just don't have time to plow through the latest GLBT novel everyone is raving about. Why not try some short stories. More than just the classic *Men on Men* and *Women on Women* series, short story collections in thee Pride Center Library run the gamut from everyday (queer) life to science fiction, from romance to erotica, from the "Deep South" to the "Big Apple."

Here is some of what you will find:

Allison, Dorothy. *Trash* (PS 3551.L453)

Andros, Phil. *Different Strokes* (PS 3537.T479 D5 A576)

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These and all the books, videos and sound recording are waiting for you at the Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave, Suite 100. The Pride Center is open Monday-Saturday, 10-3.

Quotation of the Month

"I long with all my heart to be part of a community that fully enjoys difference, that bonds not on the basis of sameness but rather out of true affection for what is sparkingly unique about every person. I wish for this not only because to continue otherwise is to perpetuate injustice and hurtfulness but for a more personal reason as well. As an individual, I long to be welcomed in all my specific dimensions and not because, or because of the extent to which I conform to an externally imposed stereotype. That superimposed stereotype cuts the arms and legs off of each of us, not just lesbians, gay men, and bisexuals. Each of us "passes" in the "normal" world by cutting off parts of ourselves. The more restrictive the keyhole through which each of us must fit, the more we each bleed." Margaret Holub, "Loving What is Real: Toward an Inclusive Jewish Family" in Homophobia. How We All Pay the Price. Warren Blumenfield, Ed.. This book is available in the Pride Center Library.

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overdue, so it's hardly surprising that his college's annual literary festival fills the former wonder boy with more than his usual dose of self doubt and anxiety. Suring a single hectic weekend, he must scramble to gather together a life that has suddenly spiraled out of control.

Classic Movie Matinee will be on Sunday May 19th, at 3:00 pm. The movie will be **Cool Hand Luke**. Paul Newman give one of the defining performances of his career, and cemented his place as a beautiful-rebel (Hottiel!) screen icon playing the stubbornly tough and independent title character. And before he became familiar as a sidekick in in 1970s disaster movies (**Earthquake** and the **Airport** movies), George Kennedy won an Oscar for playing Dragline, the brutal chain-gang boss who tries to beat loner Luke's cool out of him.

Research on Aging

A research project looking at the relationship between participants' social network and leisure activity is being conducted by Alice Foose, a graduate student at Indiana University. She is particularly interested in including interviews with GLBT individuals. The study is limited to Caucasian subjects. Interviews will begin May 15 and continue through mid June.

Volunteers between the ages of 60 and 90 are needed for a two hour interview. Questions will focus on social support, life activity, satisfaction with life, and general demographic information. The second part will involve creating a social network diagram by answering question about the people you know and their relationship to you. (spouse, partner, children, friends.)

The final part of the interview will explore your daily activities and who supports or hinders your participation in these activities. If interested please contact: Alice Foose e-mail: afoose@indiana.edu, 502-451-8039 or 502-876-4280 You may also leave you phone number with Ginger at the Pride Center (253-3323).

Study of Lesbian Mothers

A research project at UK is looking for volunteers to participate in a study: "Exploring the nature of support systems for lesbian mothers and co-mothers". To

be eligible, you must be either: A woman identifying as lesbian or bisexual who has primary custody of at least one child living with or without a partner. or The partner of such a woman, who has lived with the family for 6 months or more.

If interested in participating, please call Jill at (859)271-8285. A survey will be mailed to you for you to fill out and return. All information will remain confidential.

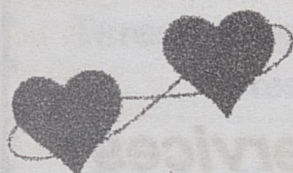
National Women's Music Festival

The National Women's Music Festival, will be held over the weekend of June 7-9, at Ball State University in Muncie Ind. This Festival is the oldest and in some ways the easiest. All the events are indoors with stages, shopping, workshops and films close together. The producers are including a variety of music in hopes of appealing to all age groups.

Wishing Chair will be playing on night stage this year and would love home town support. Jamie Anderson, Margie Adam, Saffire-The Uppity Blues Woman, Suede, Laura Love, and more will grace the stage.

This year there will be a special Saturday concert, **She Rocks!**, a separate mini festival, including some male back up musicians, and a \$20 admission price. Younger women are especially encouraged to give this festival a try.

For a complete list of performers see <http://wiaonline.org>. Admission cost and other information will be posted there.



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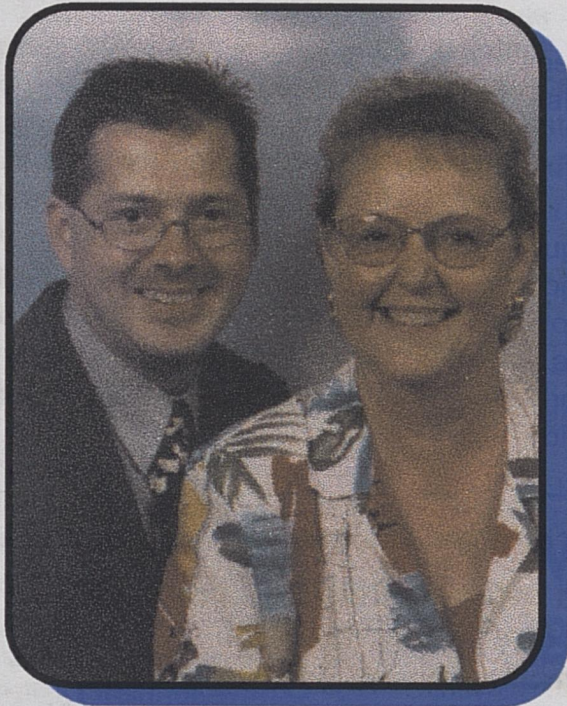


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May Primary

Bluegrass Fairness looks over the voting records and other information about the candidates that we will be voting for in the May primary. The mayoral race is probably the most important. In the first mayoral debate held in April, this question was asked:

"Would you be in favor of extending the city's benefits package to include same sex partners?"

Because of confusion over Mr. Gray's response, he is quoted verbatim.

Teresa Isaac: Ms. Isaac came out strongly in support of extending benefits to same-sex partners

Ann Ross: Initially, Ms. Ross appeared unsettled by the question. She then voiced that she had not thought about it before but that in light of the city having the Fairness Ordinance, that she would support extending benefits.

Scott Crosbie: Mr. Crosbie does not support extending benefits to same-sex partners

Jim Gray: "Well, like Ann, I haven't really considered it. But we first need to examine, in our budget crunch, all the costs we have in government today and where benefits can be attached or can be expanded. And we have to consider that. And as time passes, we have to consider what sort of social environment we're living in and whether funds can be appropriated."

In the non-partisan Lexington Urban County Council races, there will be a primary run-off in May if more than 2 people are running for a district seat or more than 6 running for the three at-large seats. Looking at the list, you can see there will be a primary for the Lexington mayoral race, the at-large races, and in the 7th and 11th council districts only.

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MAYOR (non-partisan)

Scott Crosbie:

1999: voted to table the then-proposed Fairness Ordinance

1999: voted for Fairness Ordinance

2000: voted for a resolution protesting an anti-gay bill seeking to remove the Fairness Ordinance

2002: voted against a resolution protesting a similar anti-gay bill in Frankfort seeking to remove the Fairness Ordinance

Jim Gray, Teresa Isaac, and Ann Ross have no voting record on GLBT issues to date.

URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL At-Large Seats (non-partisan)

Carolyn Edwards:

1999: as a Human Rights Commissioner voted for a request that the Urban County Council approve the Fairness Ordinance

Robert R. Jefferson:

1999: voted to NOT table the then-proposed Fairness Ordinance

1999: voted for the Fairness Ordinance

2000: voted for a resolution protesting an anti-gay bill seeking to remove the Fairness Ordinance

Richard Moloney IV:

-1999: voted to NOT table the then-proposed Fairness Ordinance

1999: voted for the Fairness Ordinance

2000: voted for a resolution protesting an anti-gay bill seeking to remove the Fairness Ordinance

2002: voted for a resolution protesting a similar anti-gay bill in Frankfort seeking to remove the Fairness Ordinance

David Stevens:

1999: voted to NOT table the then-proposed Fairness Ordinance

1999: voted for the Fairness Ordinance

2000: voted for a resolution protesting an anti-gay bill seeking to remove the

Fairness Ordinance

2002: voted for a resolution protesting a similar anti-gay bill in Frankfort seeking to remove the Fairness Ordinance

Jack A. Barnett, Steve Kay, Mike Scanlon, Robert Walter Curtsinger, Diana Moore, Chuck Ellinger II, Adam H. Edelen, and Tracy Giles have no voting record to date.

URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL (nonpartisan):

District 7:

Willy Fogle

1999: voted to NOT table the then proposed Fairness Ordinance

1999: voted for the Fairness Ordinance

2000: voted for a resolution protesting an anti-gay bill seeking to remove the Fairness Ordinance

2002: voted for a resolution protesting a similar anti-gay bill in Frankfort seeking to remove the Fairness Ordinance.

Larry D. Ashlock and Bill Cegelka have no voting record on GLBT issues to date.

District 11:

Paul A. Brooks, Aubrey E. Cashman, Rozie D. Smith, Joe E.

Jasper, and Carson Evans have no voting record on GLBT issues to date.

From a Non Fairness Source

In the Mayoral race, Teresa Issacs seems most willing to let her views on fairness for the GLBT community be heard.

In the race for At-Large Seats, Steve Kay does not have a voting record but has worked well with members of the LBGT Community and would be supportive of our concerns. He is liberal and fair-minded. He listens well and believes in having many voices heard.

--Mary Crone

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