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Sister Sound Appalachian Spring

To those of you who read this newsletter, let me have your attention. I know there are a number of you who admire women. This is an absolute chance to admire women who are all dressed up for the occasion. There will be about 40-50 of us, all shapes and sizes, ages, persuasions, and talents.

In case you haven't guessed, this is the announcement for the spring concert of Sister Sound, "Appalachian Spring." Performing with us will be Reel World String Band, the best known group of Appalachian musicians in this area.

The performance will be at the Singletary Center for the Arts on Saturday March 25 at 8pm. Tickets are Adults \$15, Seniors/Students \$10, Children \$5 for ticket information contact Connie McNeely at 276-2554 or call the ticket office at the Singletary Center (257-4929.)

An extra feature is a workshop by Reel World at 4 pm Saturday in the Presidents Room entitled "Songs and Struggle of Appalachian Women." An opportunity to learn of the stories behind the music.

I promise the evening will be a delightful one. Come one, come all. You can even bring your mother. We will look forward to seeing you there.

Pride Month Committee

Are you looking forward to Pride Month? Many LBGT events: a concert, movies, a family picnic, banquet, bowling, Well, all of this does not just happen. Be a part of the decision making group for our June Pride Celebration. EVERYONE with some energy to share is invited to attend our initial meeting on March 2, 7 pm at the Pride Center. We also would like a representative from every community group to get involved.

The Pride committee coordinates activities, plans advertising, makes some of the decisions about events such as the picnic and eventually votes of the Wasson and Rainbow Awards. Meetings will be kept short and to the point.

Pink Pages

The GLSO Board has assessed the Pink Pages project, our major Pride Center Fundraiser and a great community resource. Again we apologize for the delay. In order to pull this project back on track we need your help and continued support.

Our proposal is to print a Fall 2000 edition of the Pink Pages. In order to make printing financially fea-

*March on St Patrick's Day
with Fairness...see page 2*

Mentoring Workshop

Are you interested in becoming a mentor to individuals questioning their orientation, newly coming out or new to the Lexington community? On Saturday, March 25, we will repeat the Mentoring Workshop which will help you discover what mentoring is all about as well as give you tools to asses you mentoring abilities. The workshop will be from 9:00-10:30 and will be led by Ginger Moore

On the same day, Saturday, March 25, from 1:30 to 3:30, Ginger is offering Mentoring Workshop Part II for those who have completed part I, Topics: Mentoring Skills, The Coming Out Process, Youth. We hope to build this program into a support service for youth as well as adults. For those who are doing both workshops or would just like to join us for lunch before the afternoon session, we will have lunch at Denny's Harrodsburguujm

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sible we need time (and assistance) to solicit at least 25 additional advertisers to join the approximately 45 of you from who we currently have commitments.

A letter will be sent this week to all advertisers in our records. If you have sent us an ad but do not received a letter by March 3, please give Ginger a call. (389-7698)

The letter asks that all advertisers replay to let us know if they wish to remain in the 2000 edition, with the same ad or with a new ad, and gives a time line. All advertisers that remain will be given a complimentary 1 year advertising space in the directory that will be posted on the new GLSO web site.

If you wish to withdraw your ad, we will give you a refund now. Assuming we have your continued support, we will begin to solicit new advertisers and supporters. We have a committee of folks willing to donate their time and energy to this end (but additional volunteers are always welcomed and appreciated).

Our deadline for new advertisers and reworked ads will be August 15, 2000. If we are successful in soliciting sufficient ads to make printing The Pink Pages financially feasible, the 2000 edition will go to print in September and be available for distribution for "Coming Out Month" in October. On the off chance we are not successful in soliciting sufficient advertising support, all monies paid by advertisers will be refunded in full just after the August 15th deadline

We appreciate the support and patience of our current advertisers. The Pink Pages is an invaluable community resource. If you know of anyone who would benefit from

advertising with us, please let us know. Just contact Scott Ackerman Ph# 338-8483 email : sacker4224@aol.com. or Ginger at 389-7698, email gg40504@hotmail.com.

Fairness Marching for St. Pat.

You may be aware that despite lawsuits and with a disappointing decision by the US Supreme Court, the organizing group for the St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York City are allowed to legally exclude a group of Irish-Americans wishing to participate as GLBT Irish-Americans.

Well, Lexington has something on our coastal sister cities: Bluegrass Fairness has been invited to participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade....and we are going to take up this neighborly invitation! AND, more importantly, YOU are invited to come join in the fun whether you are part Irish or just feel like being Irish for the day:

Saturday, March 11, line-up noon to 12:30 pm (parade begins at 1pm) Midland Avenue, in front of the Lexington Herald-Leader Building (same place as 4th of July Parade.)

Since we had trouble finding each other at the MLK Day march, we are bringing out the banners and hopefully balloons/flags, to make it easy to find us! Come join in the fun!

The Fairness Steering Cmt. met in February and elected Fairness officers: Co-chairs: Jeff Jones and Fe Myers - Secretary: Jim Dickinson - Treasurer: David Cupps.

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Community News

Social Concepts

Join us on Friday, March 10, 6 pm Cocktails and appetizer or dinner at High on Rose Bar and Grill, corner High and Rose (Cocktails \$2.50, Appetizer \$3.50-8.00, Entrees \$6.00-14.00.) We will then go to Actors Guild for "Taffeta", a 50's musical with songs and dance from the "Happy Days" era! Tickets are \$12.00 at the door.

On Sat. March 4 at 7:15, Public Library Theater- Suggest Donations to defray costs, Diversity Films presents "Golden Threads" at the Library. It's a highly recommended documentary about the woman who founded an international network for midlife and elder lesbians. Dinner at Tonios, corner of Lime and Vine at 5:30, then a short walk to the library.

Interweave

Interweave has a couple of events scheduled for March. We will host First Sunday Lunch at the Unitarian Universalist Church Sunday, March 5. For this regular event following our worship service at approximately 12:15 p.m., Interweave will serve vegetarian and meat lasagna, bread and soft drinks. Church members are asked to bring salads, vegetables and desserts. Donations will be accepted to offset the cost of the main dish.

Interweave's monthly luncheon will be Sunday, March 12. We'll meet at Bagle Bay on Nicholasville Road following church (approximately 12:30 p.m.) Remember, you don't have to be a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church to participate in Interweave activities. For more infor-

mation, call Davina at 271-6174 or e-mail her at artemis427@yahoo.com.

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 Heart 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 Journeys 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

Discussion Group Extended by Popular Demand

The GLSO Discussion/Support Group is now meeting from 7-9pm every Wednesday at the Pride Center on Waller Avenue. The Group has become very popular and participants requested the increase to a two-hour format to allow more time for everyone to take part.

The Group is open to anyone 18 or older. We talk about "coming out,"

our relationships, how to connect with other LGBT persons, and just about anything else on our minds. We discuss family, job, and community concerns. We share our experiences, listen to each other, and provide support and encouragement. The Group is also planning a special "Reunion" event during Pride festivities in June. Keep watching the GLSO Newsletter for details.

If you could use a place to "be yourself" for a couple of hours a week, come join us any Wednesday from 7-9pm at the Pride Center. If you have any questions contact Jane at 606-389-7698.

LOBBY FOR FAIRNESS

COME SHARE YOUR STORY!

Our Ky legislators have big decisions ahead of them. Will they:

- Support a statewide law to ban discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in housing, employment, and public accommodations?
- Overturn the four local Fairness ordinances that passed in 1999?
- Prohibit any additional cities from passing local Fairness ordinances?
- Provide funding for critical HIV prevention and care?
- Turn back civil rights laws?
- Strengthen the Hate Crimes Law?

Come to Frankfort on Wed. March 8 and have your say! Bring your children or pictures of your children. Bring your parents and siblings. Lobby with your biological family or your chosen family and make an impact on our state's lawmakers. Let us show off OUR family values!

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Fairness Lobbying cont.

Meet at 8:45 am in the Capitol Annex Cafeteria for a briefing, 1:15 for a Press Conference, 2:00 pm Greet Legislators as they proceed to Chambers.

The day will include a legislative briefing and team development, then you'll lobby your own representative and senator and key members of the important Committees.

For more information and to let us know if you can lobby, contact Barb Scherrer at 277-3119 or e-mail <ssstrong@lex.infi.net> We are lobbying in support of House Bill 7 which would prohibit discrimination in employment and housing based on a person's sexual orientation and against House Bill 1485 which would eliminate all Fairness Ordinances throughout Kentucky.

DOJ Pride

If you are a member of the public safety field (federal, state or local), we want to help you get the support you need to make it in this stressful line of work. We are working together to make a network of "family" in the business of helping others. All information regarding membership in DOJ Pride is strictly confidential. If you are working in law enforcement, corrections, fire, emergency medical services or any other part of the public safety field call Skeet (277-0450), Scotty(273-6111) or Robin (231-8526).

GAMES NIGHT

The first Friday of the month is Games Night at Metropolitan Community Church. Come to the Pride Center at 7 pm and join us in a good time. We have many games, Trivial Pursuit, Monopoly, cards, and so forth. This month we will be playing around on March 3rd. Bring your favorite game or just bring yourself.

Imperial Court Presents Mardi Gras

Although still in the planning stages, The Royal Imperial Sovereign Court invites you to their Mardi Gras celebration. On Friday, March 3 there will be an opening event at The Phoenix, 123 W. Main. It is sure to be a good time.

On Tuesday, March 7, The Mardi Gras Day Extravaganza will begin with a dinner at Mia's, 120 S. Upper St. After dinner, the Court and its entourage will go the short distance to Club 141 for music, dancing, and fun. Watch for more details on Lambda Net or in the bars. Then join us for this traditional holiday celebration.

Mark your calendars now for April 9, the "Faux *****", otherwise known as "The Falsies." It will be a outrageous awards show, much more fun than that other one that won't allow us to use their name!



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Is That a Pager in Your Pocket or Are You Just Glad to See Me?

By Lori Shepherd

There's a new product on the market called Gaydar. No it is not that uncanny sixth sense that so many of us seem to think we have. This little modern matchmaking marvel uses a more scientific approach to detect that elusive ten-percent of the population than sizing up their wardrobe and hair style.

It's being marketed by its distributor GayGety as, "the first and only portable interactive electronic ice-breaker/matchmaker for the queer community." More accurately and with less hype, it's a key chain that beeps whenever it comes within 20 feet of someone else carrying one.

At first I thought what a great idea, no more wondering if that blonde at work is "family" or if that cute clerk at

the market is batting for your side, now all one must do is walk close enough and beep, beep, beep, you have your answer. Of course that is providing that they shelled out \$44.95 to hear and be heard. But then reality struck and I envisioned a gay community where everyone came equipped with a homing beacon key chain and quite frankly it frightened me.

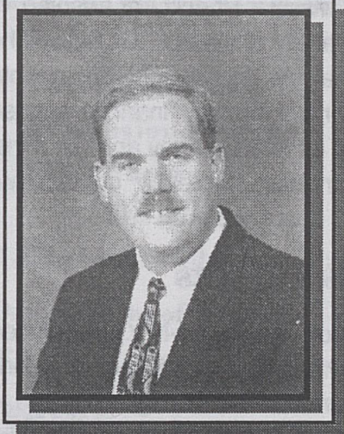
The beep of one or two pansy pagers at the grocery store might be okay, but just imagine the Bar or Club 141 on a Saturday night. If everyone through the door was packing (a gaydar key chain that is) the decibel level from all those key chains going off would kill every dog within 100 square miles. It might even be loud enough to drown out your "Bitch by Nature", Ms. Cammie Detriech.

Another problem that this product presents, at least for me, is that I like

not knowing. Finding out is half the fun! My partner and I actually have a name for this trivial amusement of ours; we call it "Playing the Game." Though neither of us are free agents anymore we still love to play that flirtatious, eye contact-knowing glance and smile game. There is something very sexy and alluring about trying to decide if someone you're attracted to is interested or considering filing stalking charges.

But my last concern is perhaps the most important. How do you want to be outed? I doubt it's sitting at dinner with your grandparents when your pants pocket starts to beep in tune with the waiter's front pocket. That's no way to get Granny and Pawpa to pick up the tab for Sunday dinner.

No, I've given it a lot of thought and I come from the old school of gaydar. Like speaks to like and if that doesn't work...I'll just ask.



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One World Film Festival

The One World Film Festival will be showing eight films in March on five nights. The first one, **Golden Threads**, will be shown on Saturday March 4 7 pm at the Central Library Theater, downtown. The film explores the work of Christine Burton who founded Golden Threads, an international network for midlife and elder lesbians.

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**, is a brave and powerful film. When you listen to these out men and women living in rural Kentucky, you will be encouraged to take your next step out. Two of the young film makers will be joining us for discussion and I would like to give them a big Thank you.

On Tuesday, March 7 at 7 pm we will show *Earth*, directed by Deepa Mehta. This film has received international critical acclaim and is the second of Mehta's trilogy *Fire, Earth, and Water* (yet to be made). *Earth* takes place in 1947 when India and Pakistan were partitioned resulting in violence between the Hindus, Muslims and Sikhs. Ms. Mehta says of her work "We hoped to understand why war is waged and why friends turn enemies, and why battles are invariably fought on women's bodies." English subtitles. Followed by a reception.

On Thursday, March 16 at 7:15 pm, *The City, (La Ciudad)* film debut of writer/director David Riker. This independent film has won a number of awards including the Open Palm Award, from the Independent Gotham Awards. Riker worked for years within the Hispanic communities of New York City, developing relationships, seeking out non-professional actors, and learning about the cultures. "The Puppeteer," one of the four stories that make up this film, tells the story of an immigrant who draws from his childhood memories of puppeteering in order to survive. The puppets were made for the film by Hispanic immigrants, who were learning this traditional art form in order to preserve an important aspect of their culture. This film portrays the loneliness, economic hardship, educational needs, and hope within immigrant life; issues relevant to all American immigrants throughout our history. Spanish and English.

On Saturday, March 18 at 2 pm we will show the classic 1972 film **Sounder**, Martin Ritt, director. **Sounder** stars Cicely Tyson and Paul Winfield, both of whom were nominated for academy awards for their performances. This film

portrays the struggles of a black sharecropping family in Louisiana during the depression. The racism of the era is the background to this warm and uplifting story. **Sounder** received Academy Award nominations for Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Screenplay and Best Picture. There will be a reception following the film.

On Tuesday, March 21, three short Jewish films will be shown. At 7:15 Mike DeWitt's **Delta Jews** profiles Jewish communities in the Mississippi Delta. This documentary follows generations of Jews who settled and raised families within the Southern culture of Mississippi. Issues of assimilation, intermarriage, anti-Semitism, and racism are explored. At 8:15, **The Golem (of L.A.)**, a live action short subject that won the CINE Gold Eagle award. Ed Asner stars as Rabbi Lowenstein who struggles to save L.A.'s oldest remaining synagogue. In desperation, he calls upon the aid of the supernatural, the "Golem," a figure from tradition Jewish tales. At 8:45, **Miriam's Daughters Celebrate** documents the celebration of two rituals, a Passover Seder and a baby-girl naming ceremony, by a group of Jewish feminists including Bella Abzug, Gloria Steinem, and Letty Cottin Pogrebin. These women have modified and created rituals over time to honor women's lives within the Jewish tradition. There will be a reception after the film.

In April, Diversity Films will be showing a number of documentaries by Lucy Massie Phenix, a Lesbian film maker who's has won a variety of awards. GLSO will help sponsor **Word Is Out**, the first coming out documentary made. We are looking for volunteers, financial sponsors and contributors to enable us to bring Lucy and her films to Lexington. If you are interested please contact Mary Crone.(266-5904)

News Tid-Bits

- U.S. Congressman Jerrold Nadler (D-N.Y.) introduced a bill that would allow a gay and lesbian citizens to sponsor their foreign national partners for immigration into the United States.
- President Clinton called Republican National Committee chairman Jim Nicholson a gay basher when speaking to a group of trial lawyers at a Dallas fundraiser.
- About 5,000 people took part in a march from downtown Tucson to the University of Arizona campus to protest the stabbing of a gay man.
- The Football Association (Soccer) of the United Kingdom joined forces with gay rights advocates there to help fight homophobia in soccer and to help soccer players come out.

The times they are a changing!

Lex. Metropolitan Community Church Welcomes New Permanent Minister

During the weekend of February 18-20, LMCC played host to a prospective new permanent Pastor. After a whirlwind of get togethers arranged throughout the weekend so that the congregation could get to know her, and she us, the congregation voted to hire her and she accepted the position.

She is Melody (Mel) Bailey and she is coming home. Mel was born in Paris, Ky and spent part of her youth in Lexington before moving to Fla. to go to collage.

In Fla she received a BA in Education and a Masters in History. She taught school there and attended King of Peace MCC in St. Petersburg. Mel felt her calling into the ministry and began her studies under the pastors there.

King of Peace is a church of about 400 members. She received her Theology degree from Samaritan Collage in Dallas, Tx.

She comes to us from Savannah, Ga where she has been pastor of Disciples of the Trinity MCC and in her secular job an AIDS Care Coordinator. LMCC considers itself very fortunate to have her and is looking forward to a long, happy relationship.

Mel will be joined here by her partner of six years, Bonnie. They are both looking for employment and housing in the area. Mel will take over LMCC March 12th. Come out and welcome her back home.

LMCC also wishes to thank Rev Rick Cox who has served us admirably during very rough times as our Interim Pastor. We also cannot forget to thank Rick's partner Michael and their six children who have been a great help.

Over the past several years GLSO has become financially stable and has expanded its work in the Central Kentucky area. We are particularly grateful to our sponsors for helping us create a strong financial base for this newsletter. We still have space for another sponsor for the year 2000. If you want to be a sponsor call Peter at 273-9649.

We are in need of more subscribers, 8 more within Lexington for the lowest bulk mail rates. Our goal is to have 200 subscribers in Lexington for the year 2000. The newsletter comes in a non revealing envelope, with only a box number as a return address. so not even your mailman will know for sure! This is an easy but important way to support our community. Lower rates are available for students or anyone in need. All you have to do is send us this form and a check. We will send you more issues of the newsletters then dollars you send.

These are the current projects of the GLSO:

The GLSO News

The Pride Center

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Speakers Bureau

Pride Month

Pink Pages

Social Concepts

Social Events

We are looking for more people and ideas for future involvements, such as:

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New opportunities for social interaction

Development of the Pride Center

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by Tammy Barnett

For the last 4 or 5 months, I've been thinking about writing something for the Journal of Sexual Healing articles written by my partner, Kelly O'Ferrell. Of course, the usual reasons have been going on in my mind and body to keep me from writing sooner - FEAR, INSECURITY, VULNERABILITY, and PRIDE.

But, I decided that I wanted my love and commitment to Kelly to become stronger than my life long feelings of inadequacy. I am so proud of Kelly for writing these articles even though sometimes I can feel myself becoming flushed and wanting to turn red when she is reading it to me. These reactions of mine have nothing to do with her and everything to do with certain ideas taught to me by my family of origin.

You see, I am an incest survivor and, needless to say, I have carried around shame and self-loathing that started in my family a long time before I was born. I lived in a fog of drugs and alcohol and wallowed in self-pity. Rage and depression were the clothes I put on every morning and every night I walked willingly back into a self-imposed jail cell. Fortunately, I believe that I experienced divine³ intervention in my miserable existence and over the past 11 years have been given the opportunity to shed my pain and replace it with love and as much forgiveness as I am capable.

This brings me to my partner Kelly. My beautiful partner. Now, I'm not going to lie to you. In the past 6 years we've been together, we've had our share of conflicts over money, household chores, jobs, family and, you guessed it, SEX.

Sex, that part of a human being's life that is fraught with parental misconceptions and societies unrealistic expectations that are

rooted mostly in ego and myth.

Unfortunately, for me, sex was a power that loomed large in my mind. It had to be in my distorted thinking process because my body was completely shut down. Even now, it is still partially paralyzed. Sex was about power, control and love. (Now there's 3 ideas that, combined together, form a picture of mental health.)

I used to operate out of many faulty belief systems when it came to sex - like sex equals love, sex equals self-worth, sex is only about bringing the other person to orgasm (God forbid anyone touch me. If they did, I just did what many other women do - faked it), sex equals an intimate relationship, everybody is having sex everyday (at least 5 or 6 orgasms), all lesbians like oral sex, you can't say no to sex, you lie and say you like everything the other person is doing whether you do or not, and unfortunately, the list can go on ad infinitum.

This is part of the person that Kelly chose to be with, and I am so grateful. From the first time I met Kelly, looked into her beautiful, sexy, brown eyes and shook her hand, I felt warmth and an energy that I have felt ever since. I couldn't be blessed with a better partner.

When it comes to sex, I have been angry at her, blamed her, felt self-pity, tried to manipulate her, pouted, retaliated, and contemplated having an affair. All because I wasn't getting my way.

All my reactions to her have really been reactions to all my old ideas about sex and sexuality. I knew this and knew I needed to do more work in this area. Apparently, getting sober and 5 years of on and off therapy were just a beginning in this wonderful process.

For a long time, I wanted Kelly to think it was her fault, her issues. I might not have come right out and said that, but I wanted her to think

that so that I wouldn't have to do the work. I didn't want her to hurt, I just didn't want to hurt either. I was finally able to come to terms with some of the old ideas I shared about.

I do know today, that sex does not equal love. The love I have for Kelly is much deeper than any sexual act. I know sex is not about power or control but about being vulnerable - like lying next to each other naked and touching each other (not the genitals) and being willing to communicate likes and dislikes. I know that my self-worth is about character and how I treat others and myself, and that an orgasm is a small part of a great, wonderful and broad process of experiencing one's sexuality.

I know that I have more than one valuable and intimate relationship in my life and that Kelly can't meet all my needs. I know that it is perfectly acceptable to set boundaries and say no. I can say it and hear it with love.

I know that there are many lesbians that do not care for oral sex and that, sometimes, I am one of them. And most of all, I know that I never want Kelly or myself to do anything that we don't want to do just to satisfy the other's physical desires.

I owe much of my growth to my partner who has been patient, honest and loving. She has been the mirror I so desperately needed to look into.

I am very content and happy in my relationship today. We have mutual trust, respect and admiration for each other's talents and limitations and, the neatest part of it is, that it has nothing to do with how much sex we have or don't have.

I love you, Kelly, for allowing yourself to be who you are and passing that gift on to me. I used to dream of finding a soulmate, but now I have moved on to other dreams.

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Census 2000

By ReINETTE F. JONES

Within the next few months every household 'should' be receiving a census form. I emphasize the word should because I have never received or completed a form, and I am not sure what years I was counted. When I was younger, the head of the house did the paperwork and there wasn't always room on the form for all the children. By the time I was head of the house, my mind was on extended vacation around the Milky Way and the census wasn't a part of the adventure.

I am grounded now and this family will be counted in this census. According to the information sheet, a short form or a long form will be mailed or hand delivered to every address. The forms have questions about who lives in the dwelling, the type of dwelling, your name, phone number, sex, age and date of birth (just in case the math tripped you up), are you Spanish/Hispanic/Latino, and what is your race.

Each question may be answered by marking the appropriate box, and this includes the sex question. You won't be getting more sex, but rather you choose whether you are male or female. If you are both, or neither, or unsure, then call 1-800-YYXX-XYZZ. This toll free number is given at the bottom of the first page. Once you make the call, the voice on the other end will let you know which is your box.

When you get to the question on race, there are more choices. For the first time you will get to decide who you are, because the Census Bureau has been made aware that there are people of more than one

race. If the selection of answers does not define you, then you will be allowed to write in your answer. This is not a joke; you really do get to decide your race.

It will be interesting to see what the Census Bureau does with this particular data; at last report, it was still being debated how best to interpret and analyze the anticipated answers. The coding of the data will have an impact on federal funding and research, so stay tuned for the outcome.

Another change in the forms is the options for non-related others who live under your roof. The choices are roomer/boarder, housemate/roommate, unmarried partner, foster child, or other non-relative. There is not a space to write in an answer and that is a shame because there is so much more to non-relative living arrangements.

An example is this true to life family: "My nephew, who was my niece, was a surrogate mother a few years ago and gave birth to a child whose divorced biological parents have granted custody of the child to my partner and me." Is the child a relative?

Some people would say count the child as a relative and skip the rest of the story. Others would say count the child as a non-relative because the begetting and the begotten don't add up. The unsure person should probably dial that 1-800 number and get help from the voice. Also, depending on which partner's name appears first on the form, there could be another twist to the whole matter. The very first name on the form is the central figure that determines the relationship of all others in the house; how are you

related to Person #1?

So, if the family above allows the co-renter (we will call her June) to put her name first, then the couple and the child will be listed on the census form as June's housemates. Of course June may like it that her name is on top, but putting June first equates to the invisibility of the couple's relationship to each other and to the child.

If a partner's name is first, then a more precise picture will be presented: the other person is a nonmarried partner, the child is (or is not) theirs, and June is a housemate. June may not like being further down the list, but she can get her own place and wait another 10 years if she wants to be Person #1. If you want your relationship included in the census, then keep the form out of June's hands.

Should you get the short form, there are about six questions per person. The long form has over 50 questions per person with inquiries about education, ancestry, ability to speak English, disabilities, income, how do you get to work, who rides to work with you, what time do you leave for work, and much more. If you have ever applied for welfare, then this form may seem familiar; some of the questions seek the same type of information that determines whether a family is eligible for assistance.

In fact, welfare is one of the many programs influenced by the census. The government (federal and local) and community organizations use the data to determine funding, implementation, and evaluation of programs, services, construction, business, etc. The data is also used to determine the number of seats each state

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has in the House of Representatives and the seats in the state Legislature.

The census form is not tailored for every aspect of all peoples' lives. Completing and returning the form can make a difference for the community with which you identify. Changes will only take place if the Census Bureau is made aware that changes are needed.

If you have questions about the census or want more accurate information, contact the U.S. Census Bureau main office or one of the branch offices in Kentucky. The Lexington office address is Lexington World Trade Center Tower / 333 West Vine Street 4th Floor / Lexington, KY 40507-1622 / (606) 258-9684 x103

Or you may view Census 2000 information on-line at: <http://www.census.gov/dmd/www/2khome.htm>

Intercultural Lesbians!

Soulforce Press Release James Lawson, Dr. King's "Soul Mate in Nonviolence" Heads Clergy Protest of Anti-Homosexual Rhetoric

The hero of THE CHILDREN, David Halberstam's prize-winning history of the civil rights movement, is convinced that seeking justice for sexual minorities is "the next civil rights frontier." The Rev. Dr. James Lawson, Co-Chair with Mel White of the Committee to Bring Truth to Pat Robertson and the Fox Family Channel, believes that "Gay and lesbian Americans face an even more difficult struggle than we African-Americans faced. We had our families and our churches to support us. They have neither."

Dr. Lawson, one of King's associates, helped train the young people who revolutionized the civil rights movement in the 1960s with their sit-ins, freedom rides, and nonviolent marches. "The principles of Gandhian nonviolence helped us end segregation

in the 60s," states Lawson. "Now it's time to apply those principles on behalf of justice for sexual minorities."

Soulforce, Inc., is a network of people of faith determined to apply the principles of nonviolence to the liberation of sexual minorities. "Jim Lawson's lifetime experience as a civil rights activist, his commitment to Gandhi's 'soul force,' his gifts as speaker and teacher, his connections with other justice and peace movements around the globe, and his deeply held faith that our Creator seeks justice for all could renew and redirect our entire GLBT movement," states White, Co-Chair of Soulforce.

Dr. Lawson explained why he's leading dozens of interfaith clergy in protesting the anti-homosexual rhetoric of Pat Robertson's 700 Club, seen three times daily on the Fox Family Channel. "For eighteen months Fox executives have refused to meet with us," Lawson said. "It's too bad. We're only trying to help them understand why their 'family channel' is no longer safe for America's families. (Robertson's 'rhetoric of intolerance' is featured three hours daily) We aren't trying to embarrass or censor Fox Family or Mr. Robertson. We just want them to hear the truth, that homosexuals are God's children, too. Mr. Robertson's anti-homosexual campaign is not only untrue, it leads to discrimination, suffering, and even death."

Dr. Lawson is convinced that "Mr. Robertson uses anti-homosexual rhetoric to raise money and mobilize volunteers. He misquotes the Bible to support his false and divisive views. It's nothing new. Southern preachers like Robertson were misusing the Bible to demean and demonize black Americans in the 1960s just like they're misusing the Bible to demean and demonize gay Americans today."



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Mon. Feb. 28 7:15 *Smoke Signals* Ky Theater
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Sat. March 4 7:15 *Through Their Eyes: Stories of Gays and Lesbians In The Mountains*, 7:30 *Golden Threads*

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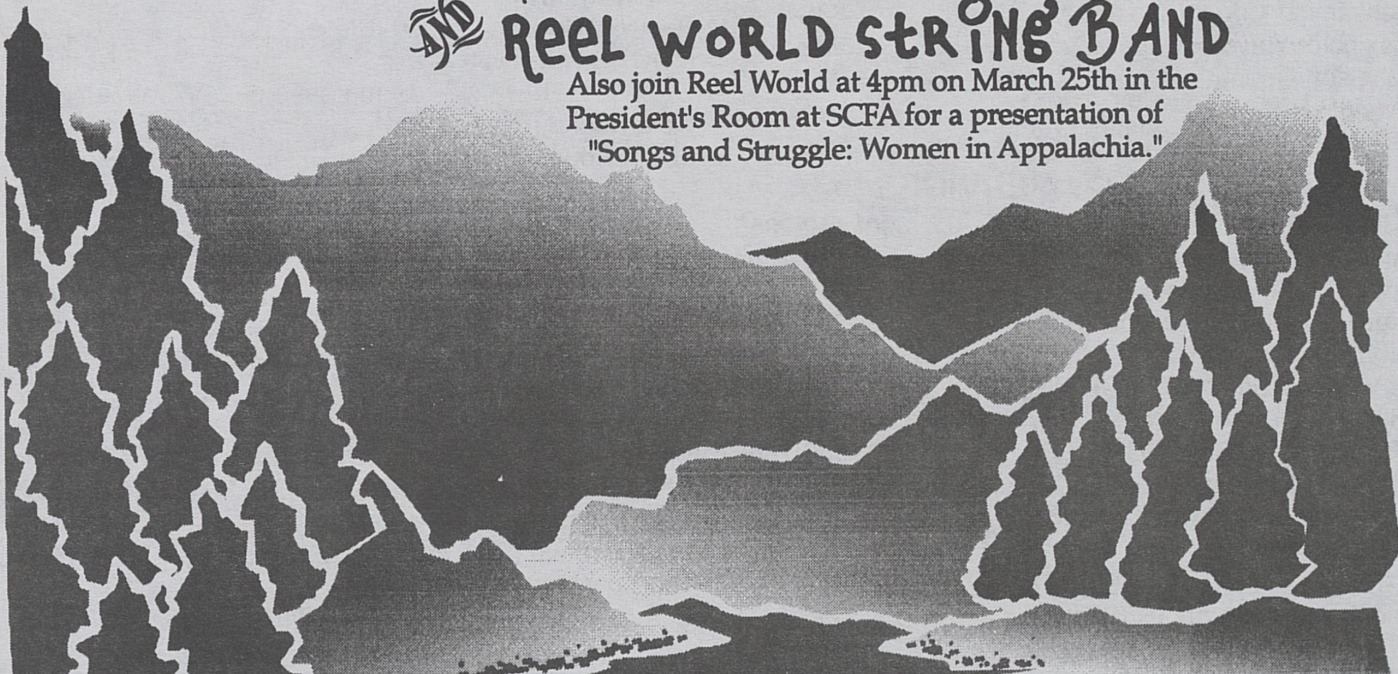
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