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# THE GLSO NEWS

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### **Lexington Pride Idol 2006**

Last year the GLSO Pride Center and the 2006 Pride Committee launched it's first search to find the individual who would become Lexington's first Pride Idol. As we again congratulate last years' winner, Miss Virginia Thomas, we ask who will be the next Lexington Pride Idol? Will it be you?

The Pride Idol Contest is back and the search is on. During the months of March and April, preliminary contests will be held at various participating locations. See the complete list and additional information in the middle of this newsletter.

Unlike last year, the inclosed applications may be mailed in prior to the night of any competition along with a \$10 non-refundable application/ registration fee. You may also turn in the application and fee the night of a competition. Applications will be available at all participating locations and at the Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave.

Up to twenty individuals will compete at each preliminary. Audience participation will select up to 5 individuals, allowing up to 20 people to compete in the second round. The semi-finals will take place at the State Theater in May. Our panel of judges will select 10 of these individuals to compete in the Finals at this years' Pride Picnic.

### ***Miss Gay Valentine***

On Tuesday, February 14th, The Imperial Court of Kentucky will host the annual Miss Gay Valentine Pageant at The Bar Complex. Doors at 8:30, show at 9:30. Cover is \$5, with proceeds benefiting the charities of the Court.

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### **Kentucky Fairness Alliance**

There are both negative and positive bills introduced in the KY Legislature. Representative Joseph Fisher (R-68) has introduced two discriminatory proposals to be considered. HB 215 would roll back the local Fairness laws in Lexington/Fayette County, Covington and Metro Louisville. HB 226 proposes a Constitutional amendment that would prohibit the state from ever extending legal protections to LGBT people.

Fairness has set several lobbying days and you are invited to join us. We will have someone from the Fairness staff available to teach you how to lobby. February 2 will be the day to voice opposition to the anti-Fairness bills. Other lobbying dates have been set to support positive legislation. On February 15 we will be gathering to support the Statewide Fairness bill. On February 22 we will support the School Harassment Coalition.

To add your name to the state Fairness e-mail list or to get involved, please contact the KFA office at 502-897-1973. See pages 12 - 13 for an article and more information about how to contact your state legislator.

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*Imperial Court News continued*

On March 7th, Emperor JC Lewis and the Court will present "The Rocky Horror Drag Show" at Club Z1. Put on your best red lipstick and assist the Court in raising much-needed funds for local organizations.

On March 25th, the Court heads west, hosting the Miss Big Bone Lick Pageant at Louisville's Rudyard Kipling Theatre. The show will begin at 10 P.M. with a \$5 cover. Miss Big Bone Lick is always one of the most entertaining shows of the year, with categories like Creative Cave Wear and Bone Licking and contestants from Cincinnati, Louisville, and Lexington. This one's definitely worth a road trip.

Other upcoming shows in March include the Falsie Awards, held annually at the State Theatre, the Entertainer of the Year Finale show on March 29th at The Bar, as well as the EOY candidate shows. Look for more info about upcoming shows on the Court's website <http://www.impcourt.org/kentucky>

**GLSO Volunteer Meeting**

A number of people have answered our request for volunteers. We will be meeting on **Saturday, Feb. 11 at noon** to discuss the various ways that volunteers can assist us. This is an open meeting, we would love to welcome new people.

We will also brainstorm ways to support each other in the work that we do. If you can not attend this meeting but are interested in volunteering, call the office and leave your contact information. 859 253-3233.

Here are some opportunities to get involved:

1. **Teen group advisor**, call Mary Crone at 266-5904  
There is an application process.
2. Join the **Pride Month Committee** - first meeting is on Monday, March 6. Volunteers can help plan the Pride Picnic, help with the Pride Idol Contest, help organize the Pride Reading, or develop a new event.
3. Keep the Pride Center open from 3 to 7, or from 5 to 7/8, one day a week.
4. **Work on this newsletter** - write a column - solicit advertising. Deliver the newsletter to Joseph Beth, Become a news or feature editor.  
More info - Call mary 266-5904

# Community News

## 40+ Club

### SisterSound

#### New Members Welcomed

SisterSound presented a wonderful concert to a sold out audience in January. A great way to celebrate their tenth anniversary year. Congratulations to all.

They are now back in rehearsal for their May 20th spring concert. There is no audition required to join SisterSound, anyone is welcome to show up at a rehearsal and give it a try. Rehearsals are at 6 pm every Sunday at Landsdowne Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 333 Redding Rd.

February 5 is Super Bowl Sunday which means our rehearsal time may not be from 6 to 8. Call Patti at 806-0243 or email sistersound@hotmail.com for information.

### Rainbow Families

Rainbow Families is an organization for gay and lesbian parents and our children in the Lexington area. Our mission is to show our children that there are other families like theirs. We have some events planned for the next few months.

On Feb.11 from 5 - 7, we will have a Valentine's Day potluck at the Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave. We ask that people contact us at 523-3083 for details.

After dinner on the 11th, we will host a game night from 6 - 9. Everyone is invited to this event, not just Rainbow Family members. We will bring Parcheesi, Phase 10, Scrabble, Yahtzee and Sorry. Kids games, Candy Land & Memory, will also be available.

### Gay Pride Union of Kentucky

The Gay Pride Union is a newly formed peer support group for the GLBT Community in Somerset, KY. For more information email: Alexstalcup@yahoo.com

The 40+ Club is a group for women over 40 (and their younger friends) who are interested in attending a wide variety of activities together. We meet the second Sunday of each month which in February is the 12th. Our plans for February have been changing so come to the meeting and we will see what we can get together.

If you have questions or would like to be added to the 40+ mailing list, call or email Ginger and Jane at 859-253-0061 or ggclr@yahoo.com for information.

### The Bar Complex

224 East Main

On Friday, Feb. 10 we will have another **Flashback Friday: Totally 80's Part 2**. We will feature classics from the 80's so be ready to dance to Madonna, Culture Club, Price, and Depeche Mode.

Get into the mood by dressing in 80's style: look in the back of your closet for a skinny tie, acid wash jeans, leg warmers, jellys, or just flip up your collar and come as you are.

On Saturday, Feb 24 we will host a Blackout Party. On March 10 we will be hosting the Miss Bar Complex contest. For applications and information, contact Natalie Gaye at the Bar 859 255-1551.

Everyone is invited to join us for happy hour in the Living Room Lounge, Monday - Saturday, 4 to 7.



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We feature a variety of live music in the café every Tue. Night from 5:30 p-8 p. The ever changing musical talent includes jazz, folk, pop, classical cello, dulcimer, the blues and more. We also featured great local groups including Beleza and The Bats! We serve our full menu on Tue. evenings and our neighboring bookstore, the Odyssey, remains open.

Our menu offers a variety of salads, soups, sandwiches and wraps. We serve 23 different gourmet press pot coffees & teas along with fresh baked scones. For upcoming music events and other information, check out [www.kygallery.com/quirk](http://www.kygallery.com/quirk)



**Sunday, Feb 19**  
**Central Library Theater**  
**2 pm Free Movies**

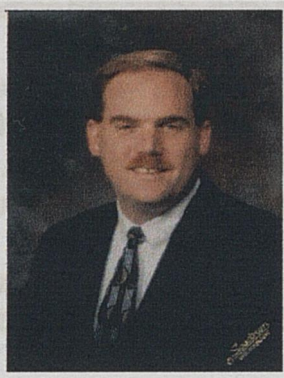
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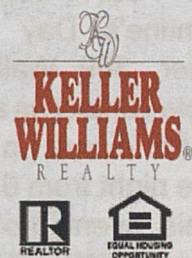
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## PRIDE CENTER OPEN

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EVERY SATURDAY 10 - 2

WED EVENINGS 5 - 7

THURSDAYS 3 - 7

2ND SATURDAY FEB 11 6 - 9

## Pride Center Activities

### Lesbian Movie Nights

1st & 3rd Thurs 7 pm -see pg 8

### Second Saturday Nights

Feb 11 from 6 to 9 - Game Night

We will have games for all ages

### DISCUSSION GROUP

Every Wed. 7 pm Open to all

Jane: ladyjaneky@yahoo.com

### 40 + Women

Sunday, Feb. 12 2 pm

## Lexington Insight

### A group for Gay Men

has increased number of meetings to twice a month. We will be meeting on the first and third Fridays:

February 3 and 10

Pride Center 7:30

Please join us for an evening lively conversation. Everyone is welcome.

### Volunteer Meeting

Sat. Feb 11 noon

open to all - see page 2

### GLSO Board Meeting

Monday, February 20

7:30 open to all

## Pride Center Library Highlights:

### African Americans

By Jane Minder

As we celebrate Black History Month why not highlight the works in the Pride Center Library that address the GLBT experience of African Americans. In addition to classics by James Baldwin and Audre Lorde you will find new works from writers such as E. Lynn Harris and Jewelle Gomez. Here are just a few of the books by and about GLBT African Americans.

Forty-Three Septembers by Jewelle Gomez (PS 3557.O4577 G633)

Go the Way Your Blood Beats: An Anthology of Lesbian and Gay Fiction by African-American Writers (PS 509.H5715G573)

Greatest Taboo: Homosexuality in Black Communities edited by Delroy

Constantine-Simms (HQ 76.3.U5 G74)

Just Above My Head by James Baldwin (F Bald J96)

Just As I Am by E. Lynn Harris (F HarrE J96)

Long Goodbyes: A Virginia Kelly Mystery by Nikki Baker (F BakeN L848)

Out! To Lead by Gideon Ferebee, Jr. (HQ 76.2.U5 F349)

Respecting the Soul: Daily Reflections for Black Lesbians and Gays by Keith Boykin (HQ 76.3.B687 R434)

Sister Outsider by Audre Lorde (PS 3562.L75 S5)

Spells of a Voodoo Doll: The Poems, Fiction, Essays and Plays of Assotto Saint (PS 3569.A379 S743)

### Special Request from the Library:

**Please return all videos, DVDs and CDs promptly.** We have over 100 titles that are no longer available because they have not been returned. We never charge fines and only want them back so everyone in the community can enjoy them. Thanks!

# Miss Gay Valentine

Tuesday, February 14th

The Bar Complex

9:30 P.M. \* \$5 Cover



## *Lesbian Movie Night*

Lesbian Movie Night is back!, this time on the first and third Thursdays of the month at 7 pm. The center will be open anytime after 5 if you want to come after work. We will have a number of movies to choose from.

***Saving Face*** is a new movie focusing on intergenerational Chinese-American women contemplating their lives and loves. Wilhelmina is a successful young surgeon who falls for a lovely ballerina, Vivian. When her pregnant mother shows up on her doorstep, they have to examine their relationship to each other and to their cultural traditions. This movie is about overcoming fear and following your heart.

***D.E.B.S.*** is a detective/action spoof full of eye candy. Recruited by the U.S. government for their unique ability to lie, cheat and fight, four young women become secret agents known only as D.E.B.S. Charlie's Angels watch out. They set out to capture vexing vixen Lucy

Diamond, the deadliest criminal the world has ever known. When D.E.B.S. star player, Amy, falls for Lucy, chaos erupts. Evil is so totally busted!

***Desert Hearts*** is a lesbian classic that you need to see, or see again. Vivian is a repressed English Professor who goes to Reno for a divorce in 1959. During the time she is required to wait for her divorce, she meets Cay, a young casino worker. Cay has had a number of casual partners but she believes that Vivian is the woman for her. Vivian resists the attraction, but is eventually convinced. The fabulous 50s sound tract is an added bonus.

***Fried Green Tomatoes***, a more recent classic, is a wonderful film with an understated lesbian love story. Mary Stuart Masterson does a great job in portraying Idgie as a self-confident soft butch. Mary Louise Parker is her true love Ruth. Their story is told by Ninny Threadgoode (Jessica Tandy) to Kathy Bates. Towanda!

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# GLSO Newsletter Calendar February 2006

To schedule events at the Pride Center, call Bill at 253-3233  
Visit us on the web at: [www.webspawner.com/users/glsqxnet](http://www.webspawner.com/users/glsqxnet)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>The 2006 Lexington Pride Idol Preliminary Contest Dates:</p> <p>*Friday, March 3rd. 9:30 p.m. at Crossings, 117 N. Limestone *Thursday, March 16th. 8:00 p.m. at Mia's, 120 S. Upper St. *Friday, April 14th. 8:00 p.m. at Third Street Stuff, 257 N. Limestone. *Wednesday, April 26th. 8:00 p.m. at The Bar Complex, 224 E. Main St.</p>						
9a and 11a UU Church 10:30 a St. Mychal's	8p AA Open Discussion/Speakers (call for place) 278-7103	7p GSA (call for place 266-5904)	7p GLSO Discussion Group-PC 8p Gay/Lesbian AA Call for place 278-7103	Center Open 10a-7p 7p Lesbian Movie Night-PC	7:30p Lexington Insight @ the Pride Center 7:30 p Gay/Lesbian AA (call for place) 278-7103	Center Open 10a-2p 2p Narcotics Anonymous call for place 278-7103 7:30 LexDGA (Call for place)
10:30 a St. Mychal's SoulForce ( Jamie 230-5625) 2p & 4:30 Free Film see p.14 2p 40+ Women's Group-PC 4p Integrity @ St. Michael's 6p SisterSound Rehearsal 6p Imperial Court Mtg.-PC <b>Lincoln's Birthday</b>	8p AA Open Discussion/Speakers (call for place) 278-7103	7p GSA (call for place 266-5904)  <b>Valentine's Day</b> 9:30 ICK's Miss Gay Valentine @ The Bar	7p GLSO Discussion Group-PC 8p Gay/Lesbian AA Call for place 278-7103  <b>Newsletter Dead-line</b>	Center Open 10a-7p 7p Lesbian Movie Night-PC 7:30 Free Film @ Public Library Travelers & Magicians	7:30p Lexington Insight @ the Pride Center 7:30 p Gay/Lesbian AA (call for place) 278-7103	Center Open 10a-2p 2p Narcotics Anonymous call for place 278-7103 5p-7p RFOLEY Valentine Pottuck-Call 523-3083 7p-9p RFOLEY Games Night
9a & 11a UU Church 10:30 a St. Mychal 2p One World Films -Daddy & PaPa & Out In The Heartland -Lex. Pub. Library 4p Gen Y Integrity Mtg. @ St. Michael's 6p SisterSound Rehearsal	8p AA Open Discussion/Speakers (call for place) 278-7103  <b>President's Day</b>	7p GSA (call for place 266-5904)	7p GLSO Discussion Group-PC 8p Gay/Lesbian AA Call for place 278-7103  <b>Washington's Birthday</b>	Center Open 10a-7p 5:30 & 7:30 Free Film @ Kentucky Theater (State side) RIZE	7:30 p Gay/Lesbian AA (call for place) 278-7103  Blackout Party @ The Bar Complex	Center Open 10a-2p 2p Narcotics Anonymous call for place 278-7103
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<p>More information about many of the events are in this newsletter. You may want to call or email the group to confirm the date and time, see the directory on back page.</p> <p>Pride Center may be abbreviated - PC Call for Place may be abbreviated- Call</p>						

## Weekly Activities:

- Mondays:**  
8pm - Gay/ Lesbian AA  
Discussion/Speaker(Call for Location) 278-7103
- Tuesdays:**  
7pm - GSA (Gay Straight Alliance)
- Wednesdays:**  
7pm - GLSO Discussion Group  
8pm - Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for Location) 278-7103  
9pm - Rainbow Bowling League  
Southland Lanes
- Fridays:**  
8pm - Gay/Lesbian AA  
(Call for Location) 278-7103
- Saturdays:**  
2pm Narcotics Anonymous  
278-7103
- Sundays:**  
9:00am & 11 am - UU Church  
Worship Services.  
10:30 - Mass, St. Mychal The Martyr.  
6pm - SisterSound Rehearsal @  
Landsdowne Presby. Church.

## Bi-weekly:

- 6pm - The Imperial Court  
SoulForce -Call Jamie 230-5625  
7:30pm Lexington Insight

## Monthly Activities:

- Mondays:**  
7pm - GLSO Board Mtg. (3rd Mon.)  
7:30pm - Fairness (2nd Mon.)  
8pm - Lexington Lyons (2nd Mon-Every 3 months)  
Sun
- Tuesdays:**
- Wednesdays:**
- Thursdays:**
- Fridays:**
- Saturdays:**  
7:30pm- LexDGA (1st. Sat.)
- Sundays:**  
2pm -Women 40+(2nd. Sun)  
4pm- Integrity (2nd Sun)  
4pm- Gen Y Integrity (3rd

## KY Fairness Alliance Jumps into 2006 Season

The Kentucky Fairness Alliance has been preparing and continues to gear up for the 2006 legislative season. KFA always maintains a hawk's eye for anti-LGBT legislation and this year has put some tools in place to make it easier for everyone to voice concerns about those proposed bills. As such, KFA intends to come out swinging and to help defeat any and all detrimental legislation.

Already this season GLTB people have felt the sting of discrimination blatantly written into two bills. The following information is taken directly from the state KFA's e-mail sent out to encourage people to voice strong opposition:

"On Wednesday (January 4<sup>th</sup>), Representative Joseph Fisher (R-68) introduced a pair of discriminatory proposals. HB 215, the anti-Fairness bill, has languished in the last six legislative sessions. The bill would roll back your local Fairness law in Lexington/Fayette County, along with those in Covington and Metro Louisville.

These crucial ordinances include LGBT persons in protections from discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations, and credit. The anti-Fairness bill would repeal these protections, and make it illegal for other local communities to pass Fairness ordinances of their own.

"Instead of backing away from this perennially unsuccessful attack on LGBT equality, conservative extremists in Frankfort have chosen to go further. On Wednesday Fischer also filed HB 226, proposing a Constitutional amendment that would prohibit the state from ever extending legal protections to LGBT people.

Of course, KFA does not expect these bills to be the end of hate-filled language perading legislation this season. KFA will

monitor for other attempts to file and to pass bills banning gay adoption and foster care. KFA has already set in place various dates for lobbying efforts including February 2 to oppose the anti-Fairness bills.

The flip side of the coin is that KFA realizes that its mission includes more than maintaining the status quo. As a result, KFA will lobby for passing bills that positively effect TGBL persons such as a state-wide fairness bill. Of course, lobbying dates exist for supporting positive legislation: February 15<sup>th</sup>'s Support the Statewide Fairness bill, February 22<sup>nd</sup>'s Support the School Harassment Coalition, and March 9<sup>th</sup>'s Friends & Family. Official KFA e-mail reports the following in regards to GLBT-friendly legislation:

"Reps. Kathy Stein, Mary Lou Marzian, Reginald Meeks, and Darryl Owens stepped up for Fairness as sponsors of **HB 369, the statewide Fairness bill**. This crucial piece of legislation would include lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) Kentuckians in existing protections from discrimination in the areas of employment, housing, public accommodations, and credit.

"No one should be fired from a job, denied an apartment, turned away from a restaurant, or refused credit based simply on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression. But currently, Kentuckians outside Covington, Metro Louisville, or Lexington/Fayette County have no legal recourse when they're subjected to such discrimination. Passing the statewide Fairness bill will help ensure that every Kentuckian is able to work and live freely."

Of course, KFA needs help and hopes that the BLTG community will step up to the plate; therefore, KFA is providing some tools to help people get involved. Already through various outreach activities such as phone-a-thons and one-on-one contacts,

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members of KFA and the GLBT community have sent nearly 400 e-mails to Senators and Representatives as well as hundreds of signed statement sheets, and nearly 100 people have agreed to meet with legislators face-to-face.

Obviously, these numbers represent a great start, but the battle has not ended, and it is not too late to get involved. KFA has made it possible for people on the KFA e-mail list simply to open an e-mail and click on a button to express disdain for prejudiced legislation.

Also, KFA always looks for more volunteers to meet directly with their

legislators. A KFA employee will meet with any volunteer to prepare and coach that person for a meeting with a legislator. Check out the web sites listed in the box below to identify your representative, to find out the current status of bills that have been introduced in the legislature, to read KFA information or to commit to fairness.

If you are not on the state KFA e-mail list or are not involved and want to be, please contact the KFA office at 502-897-1973. Stand up for fairness and help KFA insure a better Kentucky and a better future for all LGBT persons.

## Important Web Addresses and Contact Information

The link to find out who one's legislator is:  
<http://www.lrc.ky.gov/whoswho/whoswho.htm>

A newer site that helps keep people informed of various bills:  
<http://kentucky.gov/services/billwatch/>

The most up-to-date information on KFA:  
[www.kentuckyfairness.org](http://www.kentuckyfairness.org)

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## One World Film Festival

Again this year the One World Film Festival is showing a series of FREE films in February and March.

**Children of Heaven** Sun. Feb. 12, Central Library Theater 2 & 4:30 reception 3:45

Ali is the son of impoverished parents living in Tehran. He loses his little sister's shoes and knows this will add to the financial stress of his family. His sister, Zahra, reluctantly agrees to hide the predicament from their parents by sharing Ali's beat-up sneakers. This film provides an entrancing look at everyday life in Iran while presenting a lovely story of tenderness and youthful determination.

**Travellers & Magicians** Thur. Feb. 16 Central Library Theater 7:30 pm

Buddhist lama and filmmaker Khyentse Norbu has made a beautiful film, the first film shot in the Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan. Dondup is a westernized government official who wants to leave his post in a remote Bhutanese village for the excitement of America. Missing the bus, Dondup is forced to hitchhike, encountering an assortment of fellow travelers.

A Buddhist monk teases him about his desire to escape his beautiful country. This monk tells a mystical fable of another young man, a magician in training, who is also seeking escape. The film weaves in and out of these two stories as the travelers pass through the extraordinary landscape of Bhutan.

Sunday, Feb. 19 Central Library Theater  
**Daddy and Papa** 2 pm and **Out in the Heartland** 3:15

**Daddy and Papa** is a delightful documentary exploring the growing phenomenon of gay fatherhood. Through the stories of four different families, the film delves into some of the particular challenges facing gay men who decide to become dads. From surrogacy, foster

care, and interracial adoption, to the struggle for full legal status as parents, **Daddy and Papa** presents a revealing look at some of the gay fathers who are breaking new ground in the ever-changing landscape of the American family.

**Out in the Heartland** explores the human impact of the campaign to ban gay marriage in Kentucky. Through the stories of gay parents in our state, the film examines how their daily lives in neighborhoods, churches and schools are affected by the anti-gay rhetoric that is part of this campaign. Some of the gay parents in the film will participate in a panel discussion following the screening.

**Rize** Thurs. Feb. 23, Central Library Theater 5:30 and 7:30 pm

**Rize** an uncommon documentary, explores the phenomenon known as krumping and clowning, a radical social innovation occurring in the South Central and Watts areas of Los Angeles. The dance, krumping, is athletic, fast, aggressive and visually stunning. Reminiscent of martial arts and of African dance, krumping also borrows moves from strippers and gymnasts. The Clowns, true to their name, wear outrageous makeup and costumes. Mature teens and adults. Krumpers face off one-on-one to out-krump one another. The annual culmination of this competition is Battle Zone.

**Osama** Sun. Feb. 26 Worsham Theater UK Student Center 3:30

The first film to be made in Afghanistan after the fall of the Taliban, **Osama** indicts the former extremist government by portraying oppression as part of the fabric of everyday life. The heroine, **Osama**, is the 12-year old daughter of a widowed Afghan doctor who is forced to stop working by the Taliban. Left without a means of income, the mother dresses up her daughter as a boy and sends her out to work with a

sympathetic shopkeeper. The Taliban then force her along with all the boys on the street into military training school, Barmak shot this film in Kabul and recruited his non-professional cast from orphanages and refugee camps. Violence and adult situations.

**Divan** Thursday, March 2, Kentucky Theater 5 pm and 7 pm.

When her parents divorced, filmmaker Pearl Gluck left her Jewish Hassidic community with her mother. As an adult, she seeks to repair her relationship with her father by traveling to Hungary to retrieve a family heirloom, a couch upon which esteemed rabbis once slept. In Hungary she is deeply affected by the historic evidence of the devastation of the Jewish communities.

Gluck says the divan become "a concrete tool... for yearning, contemplating, and reflecting on the world I left behind." The documentary is enriched by the voices of other young Jews who choose to leave the fundamentalist branch of their religion.

In March we will also be showing **Crash**, a film about racism, and **Up the Ridge: A U.S. Prison Story** from Appalshop. See details in the next newsletter.

## Annie Proulx

Author of "Brokeback Mountain",

Annie Proulx wasn't sure if any magazine would publish her short story "Brokeback Mountain," when she wrote it in 1996. But *The New Yorker* published it and it won an O. Henry prize and a National Magazine Award. Now the movie version is a leading Oscar contender. This is taken from an Associated Press interview she did recently.

The writing of this story did not flow easily for Proulx, taking, she says, twice as long as writing as a novel. "I had to imagine my way into the minds of two uneducated, rough-spoken, uninformed young men, and that takes some doing if

you happen to be an elderly female person. I spent a great deal of time thinking about each character and the balance of the story, working it out, trying to do it in a fair kind of way."

Proulx was not involved in making the film but she likes the outcome. "When I saw it I was astonished. While I was writing the story (the characters) became embedded in my consciousness. They became as real to me as real, walk-around, breathe-oxygen people. It took a long time to get these characters out of my head so I could get on with work. Then when I saw the film, they came rushing back. It was extraordinary, just wham, they were with me again."

"Jake Gyllenhall's Jack Twist... wasn't the Jack Twist that I had in mind when I wrote this story. The Jack that I saw was jumpier, homely. But Gyllenhall's sensitivity and subtleness in this role is just huge. The scenes he's in have a kind of quicksilver feel to them.

"Heath Ledger is just almost really beyond description as far as I'm concerned. He got inside the story more deeply than I did. All that thinking about the character of Ennis that was so hard for me to get, Ledger just was there. He did indeed move inside the skin of the character, not just in the shirt but inside the person. It was remarkable."

"I think this country is hungry for this story. ...I hope that it is going to start conversations and discussions, that it's going to awaken in people an empathy for diversity, for each other and the larger world. People tend to walk out of the theater with a sense of compassion, which I think is very fine

After the story was published Proulx got letters from individuals., "some of them absolutely heartbreaking," she says. "Perhaps the most touching ones are from fathers, who say, 'Now I understand the kind of hell my son went through.' It's enormously wonderful to know that you've touched people, that you've truly moved them."

## **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

*This article was taken from a Resource Kit for Black History Month published by GLADD, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation with input from several organizations. It is available on the internet.*

There is a misconception that black families are more homophobic than other families. This is simply untrue. Homophobia is homophobia. Family and the church are cornerstones within black communities, and the strong presence of these two institutions creates unique socio-cultural complexities when it comes to addressing sexual orientation.

Coming out can mean isolation from both of these institutions. In many cases, a silence exists around sexual orientation. One cultural norm is that GLBT people should not talk about their sexual orientation in order to keep his or her place within the family, the church and the community.

This silence can endanger a person's health and well being. A number of organizations have been formed within the black community to address this silence. For example, For Those We Love is a PFLAG group in the Washington D.C. area that provides specialized support for black families, with the goal of reducing the silence and isolation of individuals and their families.

Some African American do not identify as gay even if they do have same gender relationships or sexual partners. Terms like "on the down low" and "same gendered loving" (SGL) have developed to be inclusive of people who are not comfortable labeling themselves as gay or lesbian. HIV/AIDS prevention programs, for example, have effectively used the term "men who have sex with men" or MSM in their outreach.

While silence has created a disconnect to a gay identity for some African Americans, so has institutional racism. The mainstream GLBT community has been predominantly white and too often not inclusive of African American culture and

values. This has been changing in recent years but there is still a way to go. Accepting the labels people choose for themselves is one way to be inclusive. Another is to make visible the many African Americans who have contributed to GLBT culture.

*Here are a few short biographies of GLBT African Americans featured in this Resource Kit.*

**James Baldwin** was raised in a religious family and became a preacher at the age of 14. When he graduated from high school in left preaching behind and moved to Greenwich Village. In 1948 he moved to France and simultaneously published his first novel "Go Tell it on the Mountain" which made him famous. Baldwin was openly gay and used autobiographical material throughout his writing career. His novel "Giovanni's Room" is considered to be a gay classic. Several of Baldwin's books can be found in the Pride Library.

**Alvin Ailey** is the director of the world renowned dance company that bears his name. He started as a dancer and took over the dance troupe in 1953 when his mentor died. His choreography was influenced by many other artists working in New York City in the new modern dance sphere. His unique contribution was the inclusion of jazz, blues, gospel music and themes as well as a distinct African American perspective. He is now one of the best known choreographers and is credited with making modern dance accessible to a larger audience.

**Cary Alan Johnson** is the former Executive Director of Gay Men of African Descent, an advocacy, support and HIV service organization. Johnson has also served as Regional director for Amnesty International in D.C. in NYC. He was the Representative for Africare in Kigali, Rwanda and worked with the United Nations High Commission in Bukavu, Zaire. Johnson is an accomplished author with work features in *Brother to Brother* and *Sojourner*.

## *Religious and Spiritual Resources*

### **Lexington Friends Meeting**

The Lexington Friends (Quakers) invite you to our Sunday Service at 10:30 am. We are located at 649 Price Ave, between 6th and 7th, parallel to N. Broadway. There is adult discussion between 9 and 10:15 and singing for 15 minutes before the service. Child care is available during the discussion and classes for children are during service.

Quakers have no clergy or sermons and we believe that all of us have access to spiritual truths within ourselves. We do not have a creed. We are deeply involved in working for peace and justice within our city, state, and country. We believe in the equality of all people and work to improve the lives of all people.

Our services are unprogramed meetings which means we sit together in silence until someone is lead to speak from the silence. Such spoken words are usually brief, and there may be several messages or none. Our form of worship is similar to meditation but is definitely a shared experience. We believe that in such periods of quiet waiting we can open to spiritual resources which will enable us to live more calmly, compassionately, and creatively in this chaotic age.

### **St. Mychal The Martyr**

It is the mission and goal of St. Mychal the Martyr Parish to provide a new kind of church for Central Kentucky; a church that welcomes all people because of their uniqueness and giftedness. We are a liturgical church whose worship is filled with ritual and whose heart is filled with joy and hope.

We invite you to our services on Sundays at 10:30 am with Rev Ken Waibel performing mass. There is also Saturday Vespers at 5 pm. We are located at 1350 Eastland Dr., Suite #5, off Winchester Rd.

St. Mychal is a member of the Orthodox Catholic Church of America, a national denomination that is gay supportive, performs blessing of gay unions, welcomes divorced people, and ordains women into the orders of Deacon, Priest and Bishop. The Orthodox Catholic Church is one of about three dozen offshoots of the Roman Catholic Church. For more information visit : [stmychalthemartyr.org](http://stmychalthemartyr.org).

St. Mychal's has space available for meetings and receptions. Call 859 389-9418 or email [kypadre@aol.com](mailto:kypadre@aol.com).

## ***ST. MYCHAL THE MARTYR PARISH***

**Sunday Worship 10:30**

**Saturday Evening Prayer 5 pm**



**1350 Eastland Dr. #5**

**(859) 389-9418**

[www.stmychalthemartyr.org](http://www.stmychalthemartyr.org)



## Jubilee Fellowship

The Jubilee Fellowship continues to meet every Sunday for Worship at 11 am, at 713 East Loudon Avenue. We also have a Sunday school class at 9:30 on Sunday mornings and a Friday night prayer meeting at 6 pm.

We also have a support group for people wanting to discuss hurtful or abusive behavior on the part of with mainline Christian churches.

### Κοινωνία

meets every Friday night from 7 to 8:30 pm., We are also welcoming of people in recovery from addictive behaviors. The group is facilitated by Rev Sandy Nabozny who has a Masters in Human Services and over 20 years of experience. Her co facilitator is Karen Taylor who has three years experience in leading similar support groups. She is also an ex-ex gay group leader. For information call 514-5518.



## Unitarian Universalist Church

The Unitarian Universalist Church is a welcoming congregation. We do not just accept our GLBT church members, we support the work for justice and equal rights including the right to marry.

We invite you to attend our worship services, Sundays at 9 and 11 am. We have an active teen program that usually has GLBTQ youth and/or sons and/or daughters of GLBT parents. Call Mary Crone for information. 266-5904

We are a church that honors many spiritual traditions. There are Yoga classes every Monday night and Sunday Sanga, a Buddhist group, meets at 10 am every Sunday morning for discussion.

Our Adult Exploration classes are held on every Wednesday evenings in February. There will be a group watching and discussing Bill Moyer's interviews with Joseph Campbell on The Power of the Myth. On Feb 22 we will watch a video on appreciating the epic of evolution as a sacred myth.

Also on Feb 22, there will be the first of two sessions on the poetry of Emily Dickinson who's father was a Unitarian Minister. We will be starting a class that examines the Historic Jesus, using materials from historian and theologian. Call Mary Crone for current information 266-5904. Child care will be available.

### INTEGRITY

Integrity is excited to announce a new group specifically for young adults ages 18 to 30. Gen Y Integrity will be meeting on the third Sunday of each month at 4 pm at Saint Michael's Episcopal Church, 2025 Bellefonte Dr. Join us on February 19..

Our regular Integrity meetings will continue on the second Sunday of every month at 4 pm. In February that will be on the 12th. We have lively discussions about everything from current events to spiritual growth. Everyone is welcome to attend.



## INTEGRITY

GLBT People of Faith bringing your spirituality to a new level.

Discussions also about current events, politics, books, and you!

Join us on the **Second** Sunday of every month at 4:00 p.m.

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Relevancy of spirituality for young adults 18-30+

Join us on the **Third** Sunday of each month at 4:00 p.m.

**St. Michael's Episcopal Church**  
2025 Bellefonte Drive



For more info.: (859) 243-0998  
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## A Day In The Life of A Lesbian by Jackie Cobern

One day I was on my way to the Pride Center looking forward to having another day keeping the doors open, enjoying friends when they came in to visit. I decided I needed more gas before the gas prices went back up.

I pulled in and pumped \$10.01 and was thinking well it will be a little less than that because I have a special gas card. I was working hard on getting my 50 cents off per gallon chance. I had already done it once before.

I had started wearing my Pride necklace all the time and you can tell by looking at me I am a Proud Lesbian, I don't hide anymore. I went to reach for my wallet in my back pocket and it wasn't there. I thought, "Oh my God. What am I going to do?" I went into the store and looked at the two clerks behind the counter and they looked at me waiting to start checking me out. I had to inform them I have no money.

I asked to use the phone to call a friend. I'm nervously playing with my necklace while calling a friend to see if she could bring me some money to pay for my gas. When I offered to clean my friends apartment if she would do this favor for me, the clerk interrupted me to say that she would allow me to go get my wallet after she took some information down from my car. She said she had cleaned too many houses to have me make a promise to do that.

My gadar did not tell me she was a sister but I did think she knew I was a lesbian, I didn't pass for straight even before the rainbow necklace. Or perhaps looking for my wallet in my back pocket was a big clue. In any case, she decided to trust me to go get my wallet and return with the money.

Although it may seem like a small thing, this felt like a triumph to me. It showed me that the overall community of Lexington is becoming more accepting.

We need your financial support to keep the Center open and to continue these community based projects. Subscribe to the newsletter or give a subscription to a friend.

Pride Library    The Gay Straight Alliance for Youth    Pride Month  
ActOut Theatre Group    GLSO Discussion Group  
40+ Women    The Dress & Gender Alliance    The Pink Pages  
Speakers Bureau    Lexington Insight - men's social & support group

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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 UK Lavender Society.....uklavender@yahoo.com  
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 UK Lambda (Sara & Dave) info@uklambda.com  
 Berea College ACE League (Ryan) 859 985-3633  
 Centre College (BGLAD-Mykol).....238-5332

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Jessamine County.....885-4149  
 Lexington, Fayette County.....288-2437  
 Madison County.....859 723-7312  
 Woodford County.....873-4541  
 U.K. Adolescent Medicine.....323-5643

**HIV/AIDS Info/Services:**

AVOL, AIDS Volunteers Inc. ....225-3000  
 Lexington Health Dept. (Julie).....288-2362  
 HIV/AIDS Legal Project.....502 584-1254  
 HIV Support (Somerset).....679-7478 or 678-5814  
 Cumberland Region (SEKY-Pat).....606 864-3776  
     or 888 425-7282  
 Barren River Region.....800 559-4448  
 Louisville Region (Gerl).....502 574-0161  
 Northern Kentucky Region.....859 341-4264  
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Alcoholics Anonymous (Tom).....373-0494  
     Office.....276-2917  
 Al-Anon (office).....277-1877  
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 Bluegrass Fairness.....859 806-4114  
 Council for Peace & Justice (Richard) 277-6101  
 Fairness of Louisville.....502 893-0788  
 First Link (formerly-Ask Us).....313-5465  
 International Gay Bowling (Steve).....276-3058  
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 imperialcourtkentucky@yahoo.com  
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Lex. Lyons Leather/Levi Club (Paul).....619-3650  
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 Lex. Human Rights Commission.....252-4931  
 Lex. Men's Chorus (Kenneth).....255-1974  
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 www.moonshinebears.com  
 Narcotics Anonymous.....278-7103  
 People for Unity & Fairness.....803-1130  
 CUFCCK@aol.com  
 Pride Alliance of Central KY. (Gary) ..859 236-4547  
     (Shane) 859 854-0596  
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 PFLAG (Ed).....(859) 200-9512  
 Pegasus Travel.....253-1644  
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 Sienna (Gender Identity Issues).....502 346-5298  
 SisterSound (Patti).....806-0243  
 Sistas in the Life (Joan).....252-2657  
 24 hr. Crisis Line.....1 800 928-8000  
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 MCC Louisville (Rev. Dee Dale).....502 587-6225  
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 KY Pagan Forum ..... http://go.to/kypaganforum/  
 RainbowWind (Pagan-Sarah).....273-2455  
 Soulforce (Jamie).....859 230-5625  
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**GLSO News Deadline**

**FEBRUARY 15**

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Please put Newsletter in the subject line.



A word of thanks to our Hosting Locations.  
The following local establishments have been very gracious in offering without hesitation, to help GLSO and the 2006 Pride Committee make this event a true success. And it is with profound gratitude that we say...

... Thank you, One and All.

**Lexington's 2006 Pride Idol Preliminary Contests Calendar**

Friday, March 3 at 9:30 pm - **Crossings**  
117 N. Limestone.....233-7266

Thursday, March 16 at 8:00 pm - **Mia's Restaurant & Bar**  
120 South Upper Street.....455-9903

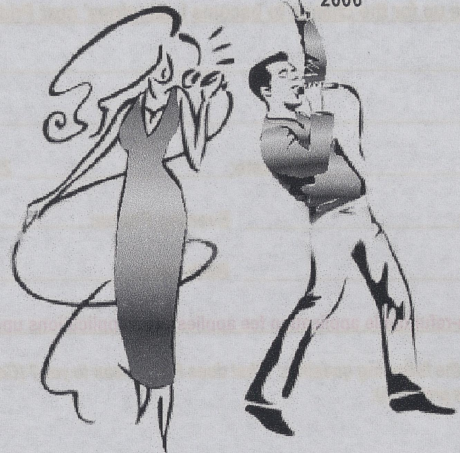
Friday, April 14 at 8:00 pm - **Third Street Stuff**  
257 N. Limestone.....255-5301

Wednesday, April 26 at 8:00 pm - **The Bar Complex**  
224 East Main Street.....255-1551

Mail applications to: **GLSO Pride Idol**  
P.O. Box 1172  
Lexington, Kentucky 40588-1172

\* **Questions - contact Bill Chandler at the Pride Center 859 253-3233**

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**Application  
Destinations  
&  
Regulations**

The Lexington Pride Idol Competition was created as a fund-raising idea for the GLSO Pride Center of the Bluegrass and the 2007 Pride Committee. Please know your participation in this event whatever the out-come is greatly appreciated and we thank you and encourage you to just have fun.

**Loose Item**



### Application Form

Sign me up for the chance to become Lexington's next Pride Idol!

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**A \$10.00 non-refundable application fee applies to all applications upon remittance.**

Please answer the following question: *What does Pride mean to you? (Contents may be inserted into the program):*

*I understand that I will not be compensated for my performance during the pre-selection process or during participation in Pride Idol, except if I am the grand prize winner. I also agree to follow the rules and regulations set by the Pride Idols' sponsor, GLSO and the 2005 Pride Committee. The information provided here is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the Gay & Lesbian Services Organization of Lexington, Kentucky reserves the right to reject any application during the pre-selection process. (If you are denied participation in the pre-selection process due to time constraints and or any other reason the application fee will be refunded.)*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to compete at: \_\_\_\_\_ On: \_\_\_\_\_



### 2006 Lexington Pride Idol Contest Rules

1. To be eligible to participate in this contest, entrants must reside in the state of Kentucky.
2. To enter, fill out the official entry form provided and mail it in along with the \$10.00 entry fee, or have it readily available to give to the person(s) who will be collecting the entry forms at the location where you wish to participate. Application acceptance will begin 2 hours before the scheduled contest at each participating location. There will be up to 5 contestants chosen by the audience from each of the hosting establishments. Should an applicant not make the top 5 selection during a preliminary contest competition, they may enter again at any of the remaining hosting locations, this will however require another entry fee. After the preliminary rounds, a total of 20 individuals will then be asked to perform for our panel of judges in the Semi-Finals round at the State Theater- where there will be 10 finalists chosen. These 10 finalist will be eligible to participate on stage at this years' Pride Picnic on Sunday, June 11, 2006 before a live audience who will be the final judges. **(Remember applications may be mailed in prior to any scheduled preliminary contest. Be sure to include your \$10.00 entry fee.)**
3. The Preliminary contest will be in the form of karaoke and on screen words will be allowed but not required. Your performance will consist of a song between 3-4 minutes long. You will need to bring your own music and you should be aware that not all karaoke music is compatible with every system. We will need to test your music prior to the event so factor this into your arrival time to accommodate.
4. If you are chosen to participate at the Pride Picnic you will need to memorize your songs, provide music to the songs you will sing and will only be allowed to sing songs that are between 3-4 minutes long. You will need two songs for the competition and will have the option of a third song should you win the title. *(You may also chose to sing one of your other two songs for this purpose).*
5. There is only one (1) grand prize winner who will receive; a trophy, a gift certificate from the Disc Jockey in Lexington Green, and studio time at Grooves Professional Recording Studio to produce 10 copies of a two songs cd. And of course the title of Lexington's 2006 Pride Idol!
6. In claiming your prize you acknowledge that the GLSO has the right to publicize your name, photograph, voice, and the fact that you are the winner for promotional purposes without providing you financial compensation.
7. All contestants must sign a Talent Release Form and provide professional background information.
8. Voting: Individuals attending these preliminary contests will receive one voting ballot with their admission fee *(where applicable)*. Ballots and/or additional ballots may be purchased for \$1.00 each during the competition.

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