



## SISTERSOUND BELIEVE IN MUSIC

SisterSound, the Lexington Woman's Chorus, will treat you to a fresh look at music while applauding the camaraderie of being women in their "Believe in the Music" concert.

The concert, at 7:30 pm. May 17th and again at 2:30 pm. May 18th at the Park United Methodist Church (corner of Clay and High) focuses upon the emergence of women. The music of the concert recognizes who we are as women with songs from our heritage, "Appalachian Round"; songs of our ties to the earth, "In Time of Silver Rain"; songs of our love, "A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square"; and songs of our loss of love, "Letting Go."

"Singing is the 'undersong' of women's lives," says Nancy Ward, director of SisterSound. "It allows each of us to attend to our own needs and to join in an inner community of support and love." SisterSound and the music of this concert exemplify this concept.

SisterSound has organized a small ensemble which will premiere at this concert. Their music has been either written or arranged by members of the chorus. Also featured will be the Spirit Drummers, who will perform as a group in addition to joining the chorus on "Change of Heart." Be prepared for a surprise as well! Sometimes even the chorus does not know what may happen!

Tickets may be purchased at Kismet (John's Running Shop former location), Special Media, or from any chorus member. Advanced tickets: Adults \$4, Child \$3. Tickets

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## P-FLAG TO SHOW AWARD WINNING DOCUMENTARIES

The Lexington chapter of P-Flag will have its final meeting of the spring on Tuesday May 13th at 7:30 at the Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church (corner of Tates Creek Rd. and Armstrong Mill). This group is open to all parents, friends, and family members of lesbigaytrans individuals (who are also, of course, welcome to attend).

At this meeting we plan to show one or both of the films "All God's Children" and "Straight from the Heart." These excellent half hour documentaries show parents from various religious backgrounds who came to accept and even to celebrate their children's sexual orientation. Thanks to GLSO for lending us these films.

These films were made in response to the right-wing hate film "Equal Rights, Special Rights." Even if you personally have no difficulty with your religious beliefs, these films are a treat to watch and are highly recommended.

P-Flag of Lexington has been having some difficulty remaining organized since Rev. Ruth Fiscella left for California. To start up again in the fall we need some new officers. We are looking for anyone interested in supporting the work for understanding of lesbigaytrans people.

Although P-Flag was originally formed by and for parents, it has expanded to include any interested individuals. Come to this meeting or call Perry

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Peter: [pjtayl00@ukcc.uky.edu](mailto:pjtayl00@ukcc.uky.edu)

## PRIDE PROM '97

The Royal Sovereign Court of All Kentucky and Ebony Male are kicking off the Gay and Lesbian Season's festivities by taking the community "Over The Rainbow" with the first annual Pride Prom '97.

Scheduled for Sunday, May 18, at Club Machiavelli, 135 West Main St, this dance will be an opportunity for our friends and neighbors to celebrate diversity and promote human rights while having a magical evening together.

Come casual or formal; dress as you would for your dream prom. A Prom King and Prom Queen will be chosen. A photographer will be available to capture your special moment.

Pride Prom '97 will run from 8:00 pm. until midnight. Tickets in advance are \$5.00 for a single, \$8.00 a couple. \$7.00 and \$10.00 at the door. For tickets and more information call John at (606) 389-7081.

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Out On Video  
by Davina Warner

A couple of outstanding queer films are scheduled for video release later this month—*Stonewall*, the story of a fictional character who participates in the pivotal gay uprising of the 1960's, and *Beautiful Thing*, a critically acclaimed gay love story. Blockbuster Video (Richmond Rd. and Saron Dr.) and Video Hits (Tates Creek Rd.) are planning to have both titles on the shelf by the end of the month. Cut Corner will get *Beautiful Thing* in June.

But while you're waiting for these films, check out the just released *Set It Off*. This film stars Jada Pinkett, Queen Latifah, Vivica A. Fox and Kimberly Elise as four women who become outraged by a system that keeps them down and turn to crime as their way out. The film's female bonding and social commentary add a powerful dimension to what could have easily become a "four chicks rob bank" movie.

There is plenty of drama, action and violence, but the highlight is Queen Latifah as the very butch Cleo. Although I was dismayed to see Cleo's friends turn their heads in disgust when she first kisses her girlfriend (you'll be spared the movie audience's "Yuck"), I liked the angry, wild, unapologetic, tough, brave, loyal and very sexual portrayal of a lesbian.

Queen ("I only play a lesbian in the movies") Latifah delivers a convincing, multi-dimensional character as do the other women. These women aren't perfect, and they don't pretend to be. Perhaps, more than anything, that's what sets this movie off for me--the realness of the characters. They are not cold-blooded criminals, but insecure women who are trying to take control of their lives.

In another recent video about women controlling their lives, *The First Wives Club*, look for lesbian comedian Lea DeLaria's cameo. When the first wives visit a lesbian bar, DeLaria steals the scene as an adoring fan of Goldie Hawn's insecure "older" actress, Elise. Hawn and DeLaria hit the dance floor until Bette Midler drags Hawn away yelling "She's going

home with me!"

Ask your local video store to order your favorite queer videos, or more of them if they are always out. If we rent them, they will stock them..

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MISS GAY LEXINGTON  
JAMIE HAYRE AKA TRACY TAYLOR  
Interview by Terry Mullins

Q: When did you decide to become Miss Gay Lexington (MGL)?

A: Its been an ongoing process for about three years. I've been preparing myself, planning for it, entering the contest. Not placing the first time, first runner-up the second and won the third. The third time's the charm. Because I feel like if your not ready, its not your time.

Q: What's involved in holding the title of MGL?

A: Representing your community (Lex-Fayette Co), other female impersonators, and former MGL's. But one of the best things is that I am asked to help a lot for charity. I have lost friends and have friends suffering. Getting to do my part to help makes all the sore feet and late nights worth while, and just warms your heart.

Q: How do you identify yourself in terms of your sexuality?

A: A gay male. A SINGLE gay male.

Q: How would you address yourself to the ignorance of those that believe that because you do drag you are a transsexual person?

A: I would tell them to just spend some time with me. They'll see that I'm not. I enjoy being a boy and I also enjoy being Tracy Taylor. It's an escape.

Q: Is becoming MGL an experience you have shared with your family?

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## PRIDE PLANNING WASSON AWARD

The next Pride planning meeting will be held at the downtown public library on Monday May 19th, at 7:00 pm. We will continue with pride planning and most importantly discuss the Wasson Award.

It has been suggested that we give a yearly award to a community group that has contributed to the lesbian/gay/trans community, as well as to an individual. We need to discuss the pros and cons of this idea, what criteria we would use in determining a winner, and so forth.

If you have any opinions on this matter, come and share them with us. Wasson nominations can be sent to the GLSO P.O. Box. 11471, Lex. 40575. Pride planning meetings are open to all interested community members.

## PRIDE '97 BLUEGRASS RAINBOW ROUND UP

Even as you read this, the GLSO Pride pamphlets are being delivered to, or are in fact waiting for you at the local bookstores, businesses, and bars. You can also find a list of Pride Events in this issue of the *GLSO News*. A complete schedule will be printed in the June issue.

If you did not get information to the Pride Committee in time for the pamphlet, it is possible to still be listed in the *GLSO News* June advertising. Call Mary Crone (266-5904) or Bill (255-5469) Do it now!

## INTERWEAVE

Please join us for our next luncheon

Sunday, May 11th at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Lexington (UUCL) immediately following the service (app. 12:30 pm.). We'll enjoy a potluck lunch at the picnic tables outside, so please bring a dish to share. If you forget to bring a dish, join us anyway. There will be plenty of food to share. If you have the money, you can contribute a dollar or two since we are now buying a main dish in advance to insure we have enough.

The UU service at 10:45 on May 11th, will be in honor of Beltane, the ancient fertility festival of Spring. An excellent choice for Mother's Day, which will also be celebrated, if not in the traditional fashion.

During the potluck we will be discussing our Pride Service and an adult forum on "Queer Awareness," both to be held in June. For more information about Interweave or the Unitarian Church, please call Davina at 245-5301.

## BOARD ELECTIONS

The GLSO Board has an election every year in June for half the board positions (5). We are now looking for people interested in running for the Board. We ask for a commitment from each member to attend one monthly meeting and to choose one or two additional responsibilities such as attending networking meetings, assisting with the newsletter, etc. We still have only two lesbians on the board, Where are you?

You may want to come to a board meeting to see how we operate (and what fun we have). Board meetings are always open and can be found listed on the calendar. Our next meeting is at the MCC building on May 14th at 7pm. If you want more information about serving on the Board call Duane at 271-1407.

## KY BOYZ

The American Boyz is a support and social group for all kinds of people who were assigned female gender at birth, but who feel that is not an accurate or complete expression of who they are. Our membership includes butches, tomboys, masculine females, drag kings, female fags, f2m crossdressers, f2m transsexuals, bigenders, transmen, passing women, transgenderists,, intersexuals, and other gender variant people on the f2m continuum, and our significant others, friends, family, and allies.

We are open to anyone who is interested in the concept of gender who is supportive of the purpose of the group. Information on Ky-Boyz is available at: KY Boyz, P.O. Box 118, New Haven, Ky. 40051. We may also be reached online at ALPJHAWAMP@aol.com..

## NEW HIV SUPPORT GROUP

If you have been to traditional AIDS support groups and left feeling there was something lacking, you will probably want to check out this group.

This is a group for discussing topics beyond aches, pains, and meds. We hope to focus on emotional and spiritual needs. Since we are new at this, the floor is open for discussion of whatever is on your mind regarding the HIV challenged person.

This group is not limited to those that have HIV, but is open to anyone who is touched by the virus. If you have some issues that you have not had addressed anywhere else, come check us out. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7pm at 387 Waller Ave. For additional information you can call 299-4458.

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## ASK US

As you may know, GLSO is listed with ASK US as a resource for people who call that service. We receive several calls a month from Ask Us, giving us the number of someone who wants information or help from the gay community.

Ask Us would gladly refer people to other queer organizations. If you have person willing to be called by Ask Us and willing to return phone calls, call Ask Us at 255-2374 and talk it over with them. Their number will be listed in our directory from now on.

## WORKING CLASS KITCHEN PRIDE EVENT

Working Class Kitchen is planning a reading on Sunday, June 8th at Alfalfa's Restaurant from 6 to 9 pm. There will be a \$6 cover that will include coffee, tea, and dessert. We are looking for people who would like to read their work, poetry or prose. For more information, please call Kelly at 277-6168.

## PRIDE PICNIC ATTENTION VENDORS

Lexington's Annual Pride Picnic, scheduled for Sunday, June 15th from noon to 5pm, attracts a large number of lesbian/gay/trans people from our community. This year we will be returning to the country to picnic at Windy Knoll Farm. We have some great entertainment lined up and we expect a good turn out.

If you've been looking for a place to sell your art, crafts, or business wares, consider reserving a vendor space at this year's picnic. Vendor spaces are free this year, but you will need to bring your own tables or displays.

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We are also looking for businesses to donate merchandise and gift certificates for raffle prizes. Proceeds will benefit the picnic fund, as in previous years. If you make a donation, your business will be recognized at the picnic and in the *GLSO News*.

Contact Davina at 245-5301 to make donation, to reserve vendor space, or for more information.

## RAPE CRISIS CENTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Lexington Rape Crisis Center is in need of volunteers. All volunteers are given extensive training, free of charge, to provide them with the information and skills to staff the Center's 24-hour hotline. Volunteers answer the hotline in their homes. Shift choice is flexible.

Upon successful completion of training, volunteers will answer the crisis line, provide support for victims and their loved ones, meet immediate victims at local hospitals, support victims at court, and provide referrals for follow-up services.

The next training program is as follows:

May 16, Friday	5:30-8:30p.m.
May 17, Saturday	8:30-4:30 p.m.
May 19-20-21 (Mo.Tu.Wed.)	6:00-8:30 p.m.
May 27-28 (Tu,Wed)	6:00-8:30 p.m.

All volunteers must be at least 21 and a six month commitment is required. For more information, call Teresa at 253-2615.

## MADISON COUNTY GAY PRIDE EVENTS

The Foothills Echo for Fairness chapter of the Kentucky Fairness Alliance will be sponsoring Gay Pride events during June 19-21 in the Madison Co. area. These events will include an interfaith service, an art salon, and a LGBT Pride picnic.

More information about this pride weekend will be included in the June newsletter. If you want to get involved or if

you want more information about the Foothills Echo chapter contact John Cutright at 606-623-5763 or Marta Miranda at 606-986-2470.

## QUEER FRIENDLY BUSINESSES

There are a number of queer friendly business in and around Lexington, many of them well known, but others less so. The Pink Pages that has been published for the last five years, will not have a '97 edition unless some individuals or a group steps forward soon.

In order to encourage the success of new queer owned or queer friendly businesses, *GLSO News* is open to publishing short articles about your establishment. Of course, we would also like you to advertise with us. Give us a call or send in an article to our PO. Box. Here are two new businesses that you may want to check out.

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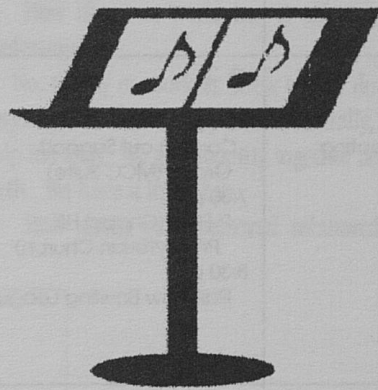
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# *Believe in the Music*

## *Sister Sound*



*Saturday, May 17, 1997 7:30 p.m.*

*Sunday, May 18, 1997 2:30 p.m.*

*Park United Methodist Church*

*Corner of High and Clay*

*Admission: Adult \$6.00 advance sale    Child \$3.00 advance sale*  
*\$7.00 at the door                            \$4.00 at the door*

*Tickets: Special Media, Kismet or Chorus members*

# MAY 1997 CALENDAR

Use the Directory  
on the last page  
to confirm meeting  
times and places

## 1 THURSDAY

7:00 p.m.  
Men's Chorus Practice  
(Central Baptist Church)  
7:30 p.m.  
UK LAMBDA (231 UK  
Student Center)

## 2 FRIDAY

7:30 p.m.  
Gay/Lesbian AA

## 3 SATURDAY

9:00 a.m.  
Frontrunners (Arboretum)

## 4 SUNDAY

10:45 a.m.  
Unitarian Universalist  
Church  
11:30 a.m.  
Metropolitan Community  
Church  
7:00 p.m.  
Ebony Male  
7:00 p.m. Dignity (MCC  
Suite)

## 5 MONDAY

7:30 p.m.  
Pride Center Task Force  
8:00 p.m.  
AA Step Study

## 6 TUESDAY

7:00 p.m.  
Coming out Support  
Group (MCC Suite)  
7:30 p.m.  
P-Flag (Chapel Hill  
Presbyterian Church)  
8:30 p.m.  
Rainbow Bowling League

## 7 WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m.  
Frontrunners (Woodland  
Park)  
6:00 p.m.  
HIV/AIDS Support Group  
8:00 p.m.  
Gay/Lesbian AA  
8:00 p.m.  
Ball Room Dancing  
(Club 141)

## 8

7:00 p.m.  
Men's Chorus Practice  
(Central Baptist Church)  
7:30 p.m.  
UK LAMBDA (231 UK  
Student Center)

## 9

7:30 p.m.  
Gay/Lesbian AA

## 10

9:00 a.m.  
Frontrunners (Arboretum)

## 11

10:45 a.m.  
Unitarian Universalist  
Church  
11:30 a.m.  
Metropolitan Community  
Church  
12:30 p.m.  
Interservice Potluck  
(U.U. Church)

## 12

7:15 p.m.  
GLSO Board Meeting  
(MCC Suite)  
8:00 p.m.  
AA Step Study

## 13

7:00 p.m.  
Coming out Support  
Group (MCC Suite)  
7:30 p.m.  
P-Flag (Chapel Hill  
Presbyterian Church)  
8:30 p.m.  
Rainbow Bowling League

## 14

6:00 p.m.  
Frontrunners (Woodland  
Park)  
6:00 p.m.  
HIV/AIDS Support Group  
8:00 p.m.  
Gay/Lesbian AA  
8:00 p.m.  
Ball Room Dancing  
(Club 141)

## 15

7:00 p.m.  
Men's Chorus Practice  
(Central Baptist Church)  
7:30 p.m.  
UK LAMBDA (231 UK  
Student Center)

## 16

7:30 p.m.  
Gay/Lesbian AA

## 17

9:00 a.m.  
Frontrunners (Arboretum)  
7:30 p.m.  
SisterSound Concert

## 18

10:45 a.m.  
Unitarian Universalist Ch.  
11:30 a.m.  
Metropolitan Community  
Church  
2:30 p.m.  
SisterSound Concert  
7:00 p.m.  
Dignity (MCC Suite)  
8:00 p.m.  
Pride Prom

## 19

7:00 p.m.  
Pride Month Planning  
Downtown Public Library  
8:00 p.m.  
AA Step Study

## 20

7:00 p.m.  
Coming Out Support  
Group (MCC Suite)  
8:30 p.m.  
Rainbow Bowling League

## 21

6:00 p.m.  
Frontrunners (Woodland  
Park)  
6:00 p.m.  
HIV/AIDS Support Group  
8:00 p.m.  
Gay/Lesbian AA  
8:00 p.m.  
Line & Partner Dancing  
(Club 141)

## 22

7:00 p.m.  
Men's Chorus Practice  
(Central Baptist Church)  
7:30 p.m.  
UK LAMBDA (231 UK  
Student Center)

## 23

7:30 p.m.  
Gay/Lesbian AA

## 24

9:00 a.m.  
Frontrunners (Arboretum)

## 25

10:45 a.m.  
Unitarian Universalist  
Church  
11:30 a.m.  
Metropolitan Community  
Church

## 26

8:00 p.m.  
AA Step Study

## 27

7:00 p.m.  
Coming Out Support  
Group (MCC Suite)  
8:30 p.m.  
Rainbow Bowling League

## 28

6:00 p.m.  
Frontrunners (W. Park)  
6:00 p.m.  
HIV/AIDS Support Group  
8:00 p.m.  
Gay/Lesbian AA  
8:00 p.m.  
Open Dancing (Club 141)

## 29

7:00 p.m.  
Men's Chorus Practice  
(Central Baptist Church)  
7:30 p.m.  
UK LAMBDA (231 UK  
Student Center)  
8:00 p.m.  
Bluegrass Colts members  
9:00 p.m.  
B.C. non-members

## 30

7:30 p.m.  
Gay/Lesbian AA

## 31

9:00 a.m.  
Frontrunners (Arboretum)

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A: No, because my mother and my family just found out that I am gay about six months ago and it is just a matter of protecting them. I love my family and I love my mother but sometimes when it comes to family you just have to protect them. Not between what's right and what's wrong but maybe just for the betterment of their health.

Q: Where are you from?

A: Eastern Kentucky.

Q: What part?

A: Clay County...Manchester.

Population 18,000, county wide; city limits 1,200. It felt like one sometimes.

Q: How about at work, has it affected you professionally?

A: No, all my co-workers know what I do and they support me and they love it; actually, they help me a lot. We go shopping together and so forth. We have a lot of fun.

Q: How about your personal relationships.

Has it changed your relationship with your friends or their attitudes toward you?

A: Well, with my friends nothing has changed. With acquaintances it has actually helped. I'm more out going, more of a socialite.

A: Are you planning on pursuing any other titles?

A: Yes, I am planning on pursuing other titles. One of the reasons I started doing drag was not to work inside a bar every weekend, be a regular somewhere and be there forever. I love the pageants, pageant season is my time in drag. Come pageant season, look out! One of these days, I want to be in a Miss Gay U.S.A. or Miss. Gay America pageant...and win, of course!

Q: Immediate goal?

A: Is yo run for Bluegrass Entertainer of the Year.

Q: What would you say to other lesbigay's that never come around to see a drag show to make them understand what you are doing?

A: It is an art for.m...the art of female illusion.



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## Bluegrass Rainbow Round-Up

**R.I.S.C.:** Sun. June 1st. Coronation @ The Radisson-6pm.

**Front Runners:** Sat. June 14th. 9am @ U.K. Arboretum.

**A.V.O.L.:** Fri. June 6th Friend to Friend Appreciation, Club 141 & The Bar Complex. 9-11pm

**Lexington Men's Chorus:** Pride Concert @ Art's Place-Sat. June 14th. \$5 cover. 6 & 8pm.

**Unitarian Universalist Church:** Sun. June 8th. Pride Service-10:45am.

**Pride Picnic:** Sun. June 15th @ Windy Knoll Farm noon - 4pm.

**Working Class Kitchen:** Sun. June 8th @ Alfalfa's \$6 cover. 6pm-8pm.

**Dignity:** Pride Pot Luck & Mass Fri. June 13th @ Don's 6pm.

**Lifemaps:** Mon. June 9th & Mon. 16th \$10 cover. 7-9pm

**Solstice Celebration:** Fri. June 20th @ Unitarian Church 7-9pm.

**Turn About:** @ The Bar Complex Wed. June 11th. 8:30pm.

**BAR NIGHT:** Sat. June 21

**Queer Awareness:** Unitarian Adult Forum. Wed. June 11th. 7-9pm.

**Lexington's Metropolitan Community Church:** Pride Service Sun. June 22nd. 11:30am

**Thoroughbred Invitational Bowling Tournament:** Southland Bowling Lanes-weekend of June 13, 14, & 15th.

**Volunteer Awards Banquet:** Sun. June 22nd. 5pm @ The Hilton in Lexington Green.

**Lexington's PRIDE '97 Schedule of Events**



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for other times. HERBS PLUS can be reached at (606) 881-9022 for answers to any questions you may have.

## THE WATERING HOLE

"What is a 'Great Good Place'? According to Ray Oldenburg (author of the book by the same name), it is an informal meeting place where citizens can gather, put aside the concerns of work and home, and hang out simply for the pleasures of good company and lively conversation" ...making a contribution to the well-being of individuals and to the fabric of our society.

One of the Great Good Places in our community, *The Watering Hole* can be found at 147 N. Limestone St. Its central downtown location makes this intimate, quiet and casual neighborhood pub an ideal spot to gather before dinner or dancing or after the play.

A little cleaner and brighter (and a lot less smokey), the pub features sparkling waters and ice cold beers to go with pool, darts, pinball, Karaoke, and refreshing conversation.

Try *The Watering Hole*. Spring hours are from 7pm until 1am ....closed on Sundays. See you there!

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## MR. SMITH'S

Mr. Smith's Coffee House is located in Georgetown at 146 S. Broadway and well worth the trip. You can take Georgetown Rd out of Lexington and that will become Broadway when you enter Georgetown.

Mr. Smith's has an atmosphere that celebrates diversity and is open every day of the week. There is live music on Thurs. thru Sun. Evenings. Wishing Chair will be playing at 8:00 pm. on Sat. May 3rd. and 17th. Tracy Walker will be playing rhythm and Blues on Sat. May 10.

## ANTI-GAY VIOLENCE

According to several recent studies, hate violence against lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered people increased nationally. A survey by the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs (NCAVP) found that hate crimes against gay people increased six per cent nationally, with sharp rises in Virginia (206%), Cleveland (64%), and Los Angeles (55%). Some cities experienced a decline, such as Phoenix (60%), and San Francisco (3%). In the Bay Area, however, attacks against transgendered people more than doubled and 40 percent of the perpetrators were law officials.

The report also notes that attacks in 1996 were more violent and caused more serious injuries than in 1995, with the most common weapons shifting from hurled objects to bats and clubs. Another study, conducted by the San Diego City and County Hate Crimes Registry, revealed that all hate crimes in that county are on the rise, increasing 47 percent. For more information contact Jeffrey Montgomery (Triangle Foundation) at (313) 537-3323.

Locally, GLSO began gathering hate crimes/discrimination reports in 1993. Interestingly, 1993 saw the highest number of reported incidents. The coordinator of the project, Jeff Jones speculates that the number of incidents hasn't declined so much as that the victims aren't reporting the; most usually don't.

The most common type of incident here in Kentucky involves harassment or threats...often by phone or even E-Mail. As far as other categories, the most commonly reported besides threats involve threats by police and public officials.

In 1996 there were seventeen plus separate incidents reported to GLSO, Lexington Fairness, KFA, and Jeff Jones via Lambdanet. "Plus" because some of the

incidents are reports of on-going problems. These seventeen involve both violence, threat of violence, and discrimination and involve twenty-nine individual types of offenses. Thus, one caller reported on-going harassment, pets poisoned, threats to his and his partner's lives, and refusal of police to assist.

Here are some profiles of anti-gay violence and discrimination reported to Kentucky Fairness Alliance. Many thanks to Maria Price for providing this much needed documentation and reporting. The individuals names are withheld for their privacy.

Boone County, KY (reported in April, 1996)--A gay disables gay, white male who lives in a rural area has been repeatedly threatened by his neighbors at the end of his lane. They told his African American lover that they are with the Klan and once stopped his car on the road and told him, "get out of the car and we'll bash your brains in." He was able to speed away. The Victim's Advocate worker told the man not to call the police anymore, because "They are sick of him." He had called them only three times in the past eleven years.

Sebree, KY A woman who was being recruited for a job in the city of Henderson was accused by a woman at a competing company who also wanted the job of being a lesbian. When the job was reclassified from temp to full time, she was not offered the job.

Whitley County, KY A man who had worked as a substitute teacher while completing his certification, was hired at the Whitley Co. High School upon finishing. Six days later, the Superintendent met with him, and fired him, telling him "You're an endangerment to children" and "Parents don't want you in the classroom." The Kentucky Education Association said they would not get involved.

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**THE QUEER AS A THREE DOLLAR BILL CAMPAIGN**

In October, GLSO will print an "Out and Proud" page of individuals who would like their names listed as financial supporters. The minimum cost is \$3 for a single or couple's name, and \$4 to \$5 for a statement. Those who send extra amounts with their subscriptions can also request to be listed on the "Out and Proud" page. Your contributions help us with our work in community education, social events, and support of other lesbian, gay, and transgender organizations.

## THE CHURCH LADY

By: Margaret Christopher Cartwright

The text for this month is from Samuel I Chapter 20. This is the love story of Jonathan and David. Some information has been taken from *People Like Us* by Rev. B. R. Van Alstine.

Jonathan was the son of King Saul. Handsome young David, who played the harp and had become a famous war hero, was brought to meet Jonathan. The scripture says "the soul of David was knit with the soul of Jonathan and they loved each other as they loved their souls." Jonathan takes off his clothes and all his weapons and gives them to David as a sign of his love for him. When Saul found out about his son's love for David he conspired to kill him. The two men continued to see each other secretly. Jonathan always warns David of his father's plans for him. They kiss in greeting and cry when parted. David was the more sensitive of the two, and always cried more than Jonathan.

David was persecuted by Saul and he went to Jonathan to ask him why? Jonathan didn't believe his father was planning to kill David because "he tells me everything he does, important or not." When David replied, "Your father know very well how much you like me, and he has decided not to let you know what he plans to do, because you would be deeply hurt," Jonathan agreed to help David.

David's plan was to hide himself in a field. He directed Jonathan to tell Saul that David had left for a family reunion. The, if Saul said "Good!", he would know that there was no plan to destroy him. But, if he became angry, then he was plotting David's demise. David tells Jonathan "If I have to die, I would prefer that you killed me rather than your Father." Then they left for the field where David was to conceal himself. David again made Jonathan swear his great love for him; for he loved him as he loved his own life. They worked out a plan to let David know if he is to leave or not. Jonathan was to shoot 3 arrows. If the arrows are to be collected by a young boy, then David must flee.

When Saul learned that David was gone,

## GERTIE MAE NOE

*Dear Gertie Mae,*

I need some help with a dilemma I'm in. A few weeks ago, my lover and I were out for the evening and when we returned the house had been broken into. The only things that were taken were the music CD's. The problem is that we're pretty sure we know who did it. There had been a friend of a friend over just a couple of times, who seemed to be infatuated with the music and made himself a tape from some of the CD's.

What I would like to know is should we confront him about what we think or not? It is difficult to say nothing, as we run into him at least on a weekly basis. The police were called that night, and are aware of our suspicions. Should we just let them do their job?

Missing My Music!

Dear Missing,

First, "Let the police do their jobs?!" Ha! My experience with the Detectives of Lexington's finest is they couldn't find their ass with both hands if you gave them the clue that it was behind them!

Now to the question as to whether you should say anything to your suspected thief. I would say "definitely not," unless you have definite proof, which it sounds like you don't. So, the best revenge is to treat him just as if "sugar wouldn't melt in your mouth" when you see him out, while all the time giving him the subtle hint that you know that he did it by never inviting him back to your home again. This will just make him insane wondering what you're up to.

But, what is even more important to you is to forgive the thiev'en S.O.B. He took advantage of your fine hospitality and now he has to answer for that to his inner being and/or to the Higher Universal Force (whatever his perception of that may be). It isn't something you need to concern yourself with any longer.

Love and kisses

*Gertie Mae*

*Questions or Comments for Gertie?*

*GLSO News Attn: Gertie Mae Noe*

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he became "furious" and told Jonathan "You are the son of a perverse, rebellious woman! For as long as David lives on this earth neither you nor your kingdom shall thrive." When Jonathan answered "He's done nothing wrong. Why should he die?", Saul threw his spear at Jonathan.

Jonathan knew then beyond any doubt that his father planned to kill David. He was so enraged by this that he refused to eat that

day. The next day he went to the field where David was hiding and met one last time with him. They made a pact between them saying "God shall be with us and between my descendant and your descendants forever and ever" David then rose and left for the city.

Come see us, we talk about things like this in Church!

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