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"Arson in the Flames Desire"
by Jeffery Boord-Dill
directed by John Adams

GLSO invites you to a Mystery Dinner Theater and chili cook off on Wednesday, May 21 at The Bar, 6 pm for chili and 7 pm for the show. "Arson in the Flames Desire" is a work of fiction based on events that might have happened shortly after the fire at 59 Megowan St. March 16, 1895. The play was written for GLSO and the characters are based on real citizens of Lexington of that time including the infamous madam Bell Breezing.

It is an audience participation mystery and a prize will be given to the person who figures out who set the fire. Was it Belle Breezing (Rose Coleman) herself or perhaps Billy Mabon, Belle's "Dandy Man" (Bill Chandler). Maybe it was Pearl Hughes Belle's housekeeper (Shirley Rogers) or "Big Tit" Lil Davidson one of Belle's girls (Patti Owens). It could even have been Patrolman Ed Tichner (Josh Paugh) or William Singerly, Belle's "angel", a wealthy gentleman of exotic tastes (Jeffery Boord-Dill the author himself.)

The dinner part of this dinner theater will be provided by participants cooking up their best chili, competing to win a prize. So if you've been told that you "make the best chili" or if you just think you do, bring a pot and you could win the prize. If you want to enter the chili cook off please call Terry at 252-2867 or 576-5262. We need to know how much chili we will have. Proceeds will go to support GLSO.

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The Imperial Court of Kentucky has become the first GLSO Rainbow Sponsor. The Court has been a major financial supporter for years and with this pledge they have outdone themselves. They have donated at the \$3,000 level and will be honored at all Pride Month activities and on a new sign at the Pride Center. With this support and our Pride Month sponsors (listed on page 11) GLSO can begin to plan for a larger Pride Center in the future.

The Court's Coronation XXII will be the first weekend in June, see page 5. In May, the Court presents the Entertainer of the Year Finale - "Hooray for Hollywood", on May 21st at Club 141. Doors open at 8:30, show at 9:30. \$5 donation at the door.

Female Line members JD Vaughn, Lady Marmalade, Jenna Jive, Rachel RaChel, and ...continued on page 2

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**GLSO Annual Dues &
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Opinions expressed in the GLSO News are those of the authors and don't necessarily represent those of the GLSO Board. Submissions are welcome and staff reserves the right to edit submissions and advertisements as well as the right to reject submissions or advertisements.

Val E Cheridan will all be competing for the title of Entertainer of the Year. They have all worked really hard putting together exciting and entertaining shows this year, with donations totaling over \$2,200 to date.

The entertainer with the highest total will be crowned Imperial Court of Kentucky 2003 Entertainer of the Year by the reigning Entertainer of the Year and host for the evening, Empress 21 Nicole Diamond. A fun and exciting evening of wonderful talent.

GLSO Rummage Sale

The GLSO Pride Center rummage sale will be on Saturday, May 10 (rain date May 17) from 8am at 219 Loudon Ave. We are looking for donations. Clean out your closets and bring items to the Pride Center starting May 3 through May 9. Please wait until the day of the sale to bring large items such as furniture to the sale site. It would also be extremely helpful if your donated items are pre-priced and clothes are sorted according to size. Volunteers will be needed on May 8 and 9 to sort and price items at the price center and again on May 10 to help work the sale.

For information about donations, setting up a craft table, or volunteering to help, call Ginger at 859 253-3233, Sharon at 859 338-1046 or email lexingtonglso@yahoo.com.

Pride Month

The next two meetings of the Pride Planning Committee will be on Sunday, May 4 and 18 at 2 pm at the Pride Center. **Deadline to get your event advertised in the Pride Pamphlet and in the newsletter is May 15.** Include date, location, time, cost and other details. Send all information to Bill at Terry_Mullins@msn.net and to lexingtonglso@yahoo.com. The calendar is filling up so you need to attend the May 4th meeting or call Terry (252-2867, days) to get an event onto the calendar.

The first weekend in June, the 6th through the 8th, will be the Imperial Court Coronation Events (page 5). The Men's Chorus Pride Concert will also be that Friday the 6th, (page 14). Other events are highlighted on page 3. Anyone willing to work on some aspect of Pride Month are encouraged to attend the meetings. Please join us!

Community News

Pride Picnic

The Annual Picnic will be at Windy Knoll Farm on June 15. We are very excited to announce that **Robbie Bartlett** will be performing at the picnic this year. She will bring in more people so plan to carpool and come early to get a space. Vendors should call Kelly to reserve a space as soon as possible (225-6389). We need volunteers to help us with planing and to raise money to make the picnic a great event. We do not charge admission so we are hoping to have a silent auction as well as a raffle. If you would like to participate, come to the meeting on May 4 at the Pride Center. Or call Kelly or Mary (266-5904). Volunteers is a great way to meet people!

PRIDE MONTH AUTHORS READING

The Pride Reading for local writers will be from 7 to 9 on Saturday June 14 at the U.U. Fellowship House, which is the farm house beside the church. Please call Kelly at 225-6269 if you would like to read, chant, or sing your work. You can present anything you have written: story, poetry, fiction, non-fiction, song, or erotica.

Bring a lawn chair or blanket in case it is a beautiful night. Candles would be nice also. We may sit in the memorial garden behind the Fellowship House. There will be beer, wine, and soft drinks as well as snacks for sale at reasonable prices.

Parenting Group

There is interest in starting another GLBT Parenting group. If you want to talk about the possibilities contact Erin at erin.stevenson@uky.edu or call the office and leave your name with Ginger 253-

Soulforce

Soulforce Lexington has biweekly meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the home of Jamie McDaniel. Soulforce follows the principles of non-violence practiced and taught by Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr. in their attempts to confront religious organizations that practice "spiritual violence" against GLBT people.

According to McDaniel, the goal of Soulforce is to encourage all people "to see that GLBT people are part of God's "creative given" and that God takes delights in all the beautiful individuals of his creation." See an article about recent Soulforce action in Cincinnati on page 14. For information or directions, call Jamie at 859-230-5625 and check out the web site at www.SoulforceLexington.org

JUNE GLSO BOARD ELECTIONS

The GLSO Board has elections each June at the Pride Picnic. A number of board members' terms are up so we have five positions open. Contact Terry at 252-2867 days if you are interested. Board meetings are always open so attend any third Mondays at 7:30 to see what we do. The next one is May 19

LEX DRESS AND GENDER ALLIANCE

The Lexington Dress & Gender Alliance will meet Saturday May 3rd at 8 pm. We're a discussion group for transgendered persons of all flavors (crossdressers, transsexuals, butch, femme, drag performers, androgynes, gender questioning, gender queer, and those with other or no labels). We encourage allies and significant others of trans* people

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to participate. Please view <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LexDGA> for information about our mailing list or call 433-8388 or email LexDGA@yahoo.com for meeting locations.

Meetings are free and you are encouraged to dress however you feel comfortable. We do not offer therapy or counseling.

Men Of All Colors Together

KY Men of all Colors Together (MACT) is a national gay multiracial organization which fosters a supportive environment where friendships and partnerships can be celebrated free of racial and cultural barriers. Meetings are held on the third Sunday of each month, at 7pm in the GLSO Pride Center, 389 Waller Avenue.

The next meeting will be May 17. For directions, additional information, or transportation to the meeting: email us at macetky@aol.com, telephone at 859-351-4453 (Jon). web site: www.mactky.com There will be a National Convention in Kansas City MO., July 18-27.

Sistahs in The Life

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



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Lesbian Fifty Plus Group

The Fifty Plus Group had several successful outings in April. We went to Woodsongs at the Kentucky Theater twice, then out to eat afterward. The last time we sat outside at Natasha's and had baklava. The weather was perfect! We spent time at Keenland and the Rolex 3-day event. We have a BarBQ, more Woodsongs, and a trip to the Cincinnati Zoo planned for May. There may be more trips in between. We plan to call each other if we just want company to do something. We have plans to go to a winery, Women's festivals, casino hopping, connections, and the Berea Arts Festival, among about 50 other events.

The group is growing about a member a day, mostly due to the advertising in the newspaper. We are advertising under "clubs and organizations". Please invite your friends to join us and we will have a great time. The next get together will be the 11th of May. Call Ginger at the Pride Center for more information, 253-3233.

Rape Crisis Training

The Bluegrass Rape Crisis Center is offering their excellent training for crisis line and medical advocacy volunteers in June. Call Brandy at 253-2615 for information. Volunteers answer the crisis line in their own homes. A 6 mo. commitment is asked.

The Pride Art Gallery

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

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PRIDE CENTER NEWS



389 Waller Ave. 859-253-3233 Mon-Sat 10 - 3

LESBIAN VIDEO NIGHT

Join us this month Friday, May 9, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. for Fried Green Tomatoes. This 1991 film based upon Fannie Flagg's novel stars Kathy Bates, Jessica Tandy, Mary Stuart Masterson and Mary-Louise Parker. Although the film has often been criticized by lesbian audiences for its depiction of the relationship between Igdie Threadgood and Ruth Jameson, it offers a heartwarming story with some great laughs along the way.

Discussion Group

The GLSO Discussion/Support Group meets every Wednesday at 7 pm at the Pride Center. We are always open to new people dropping in to join us. We discuss a whole range of issues. If you have something that you need to think out loud about, we will listen. For information contact the Pride Center at 859-253-3233, or Jane at email ladyjaneky@yahoo.com.

GAYMES NIGHT

Remember the Pride Center is opened the fourth Friday of every month for Gaymes Night. Bring a deck of cards or your favorite board game to the pride center for an evening of fun and games. All the fun begins this month at 7:00 p.m. Friday, May 23.

Xena: The Saga Continues

We have been having a great time every third Saturday watching the story of Xena the Warrior Princess and her companion Gabrielle unfold. This month we will be view the episode that introduced us to the Amazon nation and made Gabrielle an Amazon Princess.

Join us as at the Pride Center, on Saturday, May 17th at 1pm when we get together to watch several episodes of this classic series, in order, commercial free, in the newly issued DVD format.

It's free and everyone is welcome. We are hoping for a big crowd so bring a friend and some snacks to share. For more information call the Pride Center at 253-3233 or email Jane at ladyjaneky@yahoo.com.

Andrew's Club

Andrew's Club, a social support group for GLBT folks in their twenties, will meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturday each month at the Pride Center at 7 pm. Andrew Hyde is 21 years old and sees a need for a fun alternative to the bar scene. Although this group was started out of a need for activities for this age group, it is not exclusive. We do ask you to be at least 18 for legal reasons. If you are older than 29 you might fit in just fine.

Sponsored by GLSO, Andrew's Club will plan activities and may go on road trips to places of interest. If you have an idea for a fun activity, please come.

Art for Fun

A free art group is meeting on the first, second, and fourth Saturday, from 1pm to 4pm at the Pride Center through May. The goal is to help you release your creative energy that was no doubt squelched by teachers or parents. (Well, the wall may not have been the best canvas.) Two local artists will give informal instruction in drawing, pastels, watercolors, acrylics, oils, sculpting, or any medium you would enjoy working with. This is a drop-in group, you do not have to attend every session. Come see what fun it is

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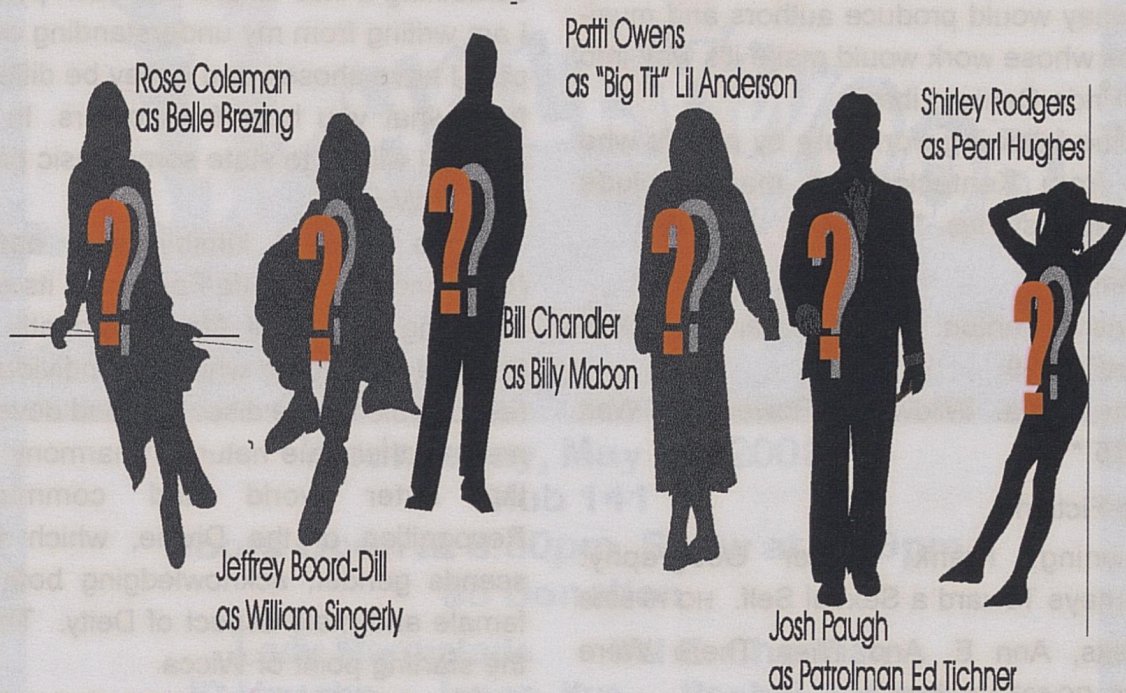
All of these people are guilty of something,
but only one is guilty of this particular crime.

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by JEFFREY BOORD-DILL

Directed by Jon Adams



This fictional play is based on events that might have happened
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Can you solve the mystery,

and do you know who makes the best chili in Kentucky?

Wednesday, May 21 The Bar Complex Showroom

Dinner at 6 pm Showtime at 7 pm Tickets \$8 at door

to enjoy the process of creating without too much concern for what is created.

PRIDE CENTER LIBRARY

Highlights: Kentucky Spotlight

By Jane Minder

On the "first Saturday in May" the eyes of the world turn to Kentucky and the Kentucky Derby. So what better month to highlight Kentucky GLBT authors and artists? It should come as no surprise that the state that produced such creative legends at Barbara Kingsolver, Robert Penn Warren, Thomas Merton, and Rosemary Clooney would produce authors and musicians whose work would make it's way into the Pride Center Library.

The following works are by people who are from Kentucky and many include Kentucky stories. **

Fiction:

Johnson, Fenton. Scissors, Paper, Rock. F JohnF S419

Watts, Julia. Wildwood Flowers. F Watt W675 **

Non-Fiction:

Browning, Frank. Queer Geography: Journeys Toward a Sexual Self. HQ 76 B833

Weeks, Ann E. And Then There Were Nine. RC 607.A26 W395 **

Poetry:

Abnorman. Subway Stops PS 3551.B588 A153 S941

Gale, Tina. Becoming PS 3569.L47 G152 B398

Music:

Lexington Men's Chorus. Facets. AUDIO CD Lexi F138

Support Kentucky talent and check out some of these books and CDs this month. These and many other materials can be checked out from the Pride Center Library. The Pride Center at 389 Waller Ave, is open Monday-Saturday, 10-3.

Spiritual Resources

WICCAN PATHWAY PART 4 BASIC PRINCIPLES OF WICCA

BY IGGIE

I have been working on basic principles for two weeks now and as I sit down to type on March 20, the war has started. I hope that when you are reading this, the war is done except for the clean up. May the gods protect our soldiers and bring them home soon. So mote it be.

Spiritual paths are personal and mean something a little different to each person. I am writing from my understanding of the path I have chosen and it may be different from what you hear from others. In this article, I will try to state some basic principals of Wicca.

Love for and kinship with nature, Reverence for the Life Force and its ever-renewing cycles of life and death. A Positive Morality, in which the individual is responsible for the discovery and development of their true nature in harmony with the outer world and community. Recognition of the Divine, which transcends gender, acknowledging both the female and male aspect of Deity. This is the starting point of Wicca.

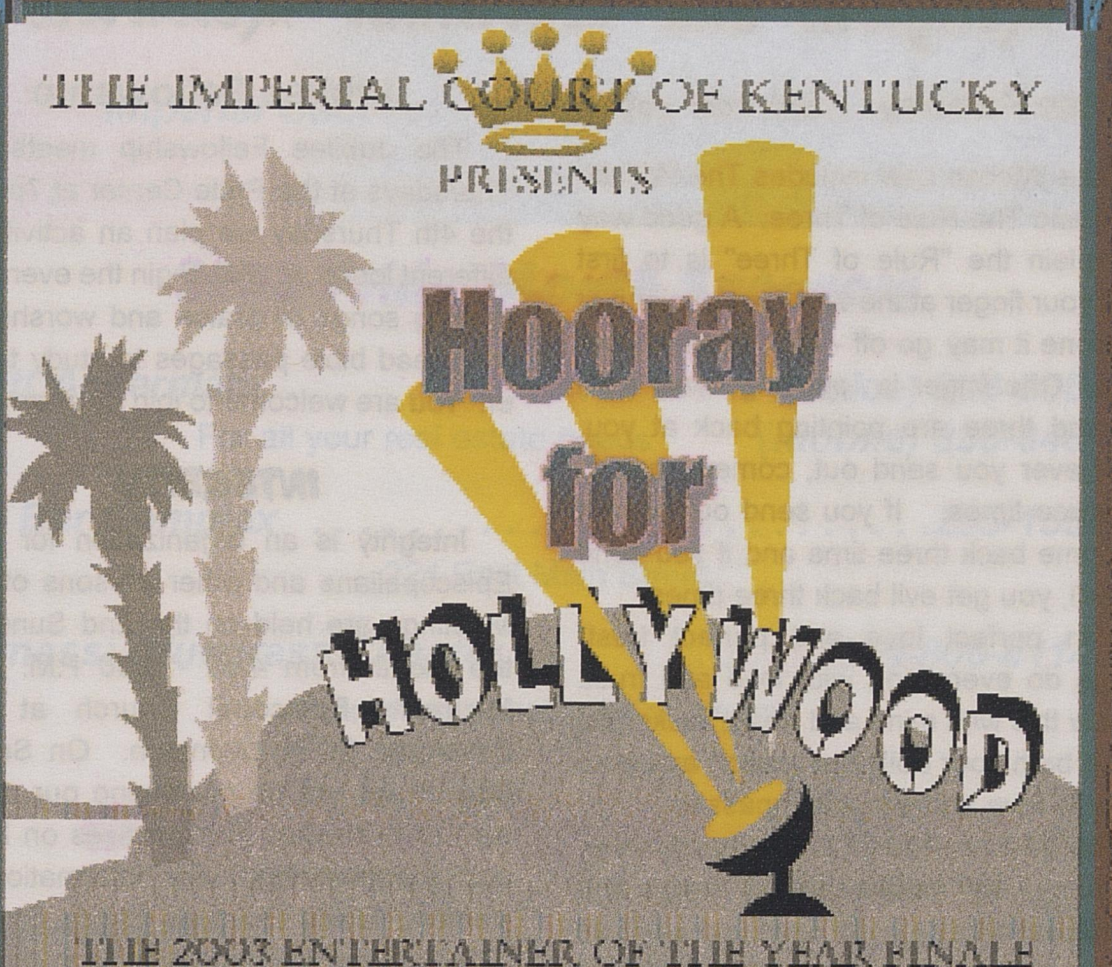
The following is a poem that I have heard many times but do not know the author. It has the basic principles in it and I will explain the phrases one at a time.

Bide the Wiccan Law ye must,
In perfect love and perfect trust.
Eight words the Wiccan Rede fulfill: An' ye
harm none, do what ye will.
What ye send forth comes back to thee.
So ever mind the law of three.
Follow this with mind and heart,
Merry ye meet, and merry ye part.
Blessed Be.

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**Hooray
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THE 2003 ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR FINALE

Wednesday, May 21, 2003

Club 141

Doors Open at 8:30pm, Show at 9:30pm

\$5 Donation

Lady Marmalade Val E. Cheridan

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The ladies of the Female Line have put on some fabulously entertaining shows for you over the past several months, the "Entertainer of the Year" series raising over \$3000. Come out to see just which one of these gals has raised the most money, earning the title of "2003 ICK Entertainer of the Year."

Many more of your favorite local entertainers are scheduled to appear, including Nicole Diamond and Natalie Gay!

All proceeds benefit the designated charities of the ICK.

<http://kentucky.impcourt.org>

Religious and Spiritual Resources

Wiccan Pathway ...cont. from page 8

The Wiccan Law includes The Wiccan Rede and The Rule of Three. A good way to explain the "Rule of Three" is to first point your finger at the wall (don't point it at someone it may go off - lol). Look at your hand. One finger is pointing away from you and three are pointing back at you. What ever you send out, comes back to you three times. If you send out good it will come back three time and if you send out evil, you get evil back three times.

"In perfect love and perfect trust" means do everything with love and trust. "Follow this with mind and heart," asks you to use both your ability to reason and your ability to love and show compassion.

The Wiccan Rede, "An' ye harm none, do what ye will" means that with magic and in your everyday life do what you want as long as it dose not harm anyone including yourself.

"Merry ye meet, and merry ye part" asks you to meet everyone in an open and friendly manner and leave as friends. "Blessed Be" is a blessing to close with. "So mote it be" means this is my will.

This is only the basics of Wicca. You can contact me to learn more. Next Month I will be writing about Midsummer and it's meaning. There will be a potluck for Sabbat Midsummer. The potluck is planned for Friday June 20 from 7-9 pm but we may move it to Saturday at a park so watch for a notice next month. Everyone is invited in honor of Pride Month. If you would like to come to one of our meetings, please call me for Info. Iggy can be reached at 492-9904. Please support Pride Month. Blessed Be

Jubilee Fellowship

The Jubilee Fellowship meets most Thursdays at the Pride Center at 7pm. On the 4th Thursday we plan an activity at a different location. We begin the evening by singing songs of praise and worship and then read bible passages to study together. You are welcome to join us at any time.

INTEGRITY

Integrity is an organization for GLBT Episcopalians and other persons of faith. Meetings are held on the 2nd Sunday of the month from 4:00 - 5:30 P.M. at St. Michael's Episcopal Church at 2025 Bellefonte St. in Lexington. On Sunday, May 11 we will be continuing our discussion on "Christian Perspectives on Dating and Relationships." For information call Rectors, David Boyd or Sandy Stone at 277-7511 or Stmintegrity@yahoo.com

Unitarian Universalist Church

The Unitarian Universalist Church welcomes visitors any time. There are now two services every Sunday, at 9:30 and 11:15. On May 4 there will be a first Sunday brunch starting at 10:15.

The Woman's Spirituality Group will be meeting at the home of Mary Crone on Fridays May 2nd and 16th. If the weather permits, we will have a bonfire. Call for info or directions (266-5904).

A Course In Miracles study group meets from 1 to 2:30 on the first and third Sunday afternoons of each month at the church. Anyone is welcome to attend, no prior knowledge or experience necessary. For info call Leslie Dodd at 266-9990.

For more information check the web at www.uucl.org.

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LMC Pride Concert

The Lexington Men's Chorus presents their Pride Concert, "Let The Sunshine In," on Friday, June 6th 8pm at The Singletary Center For The Arts (on U.K. Campus at Rose and Euclid). We will be celebrating songs from the 60's.

Break out your tied-dyed tee shirts, brush the dust off your earth shoes, put on your love beads with your peace symbol and be sure to wear some flowers in your hair, because LMC is flash backing to those "I'd like to teach the world to sing" days.

Tickets are \$15.00 and available through SCFA by calling 859-257-4929. Also available from Chorus members. For information about this concert or the chorus call 255-1974, or email info@imcky.org

Feel free to wear your best 60's outfit and come hear songs by The Beatles, The Temptations, The Beach Boys, The Mamas And The Poppas, the Fifth Dimension and more. There'll be solos, duos and ensembles, and some surprises. Lots of Love and Peace Out. Yeah Baby!!!

Soulforce Vigil for Rev. Kuiken

by Jamie McDaniel

Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati took a stand for the gay community and now their pastor has been brought to trial. Rev. Stephen Van Kuiken is a joy-filled minister serving in the Presbyterian Church (PCUSA). His church has a "Statement on Inclusion" which declares that "marriage between two persons, man and woman, or a man and a man, or a woman and a woman, is the same in the eyes of the Session of Mount Auburn Presbyterian Church" and that "Christian marriage services be held in our church for homosexual as well as heterosexual couples."

An anti-gay member of the Presbyterian denomination had filed a complaint against Rev. Van Kuiken last year. Over twenty other complaints have been filed across the country, but this was the first to go to trial.

The national Soulforce group quickly organized a vigil in Cincinnati to show support for Rev. Van Kuiken and the members of Mt. Auburn. Mel White conducted a training in non-violence preparing 125 people who stood outside the closed-door trial holding signs that read "Stop Spiritual Violence" and carrying a banner that stated "We are all equal in the eyes of God."

On April 21st, a decision was rendered by the Permanent Judicial Commission (PJC) of the Cincinnati Presbytery and the Prosecuting Committee.

"CHARGE: That the Rev. Van Kuiken performed and/or condoned and facilitated the performance by others of same-sex marriage ceremonies at the Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church which were in violation of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) W-4.9001." "We find the Rev. Van Kuiken GUILTY of this charge."

The decision went on to issue a "rebuke" to Rev. Van Kuiken and order him to perform marriage ceremonies only between a man and a woman.

Rev. Van Kuiken says the rebuke is somewhat encouraging as the penalty could have been more serious but leaves him in limbo, as he will continue to perform marriages for couples regardless of sexual orientation. He plans to appeal the guilty verdict because he believes that the decision of the PJC is theologically wrong and contrary to Scripture.

Soulforce is an interfaith movement committed to ending anti-gay teaching and policies in religious institutions. Information about Soulforce Lexington is on page 3 or website, www.SoulforceLexington.org

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My Story by Katherine Collins

My story begins at the ripe age of 10. Up until that time I seemed to have been a normal and happy boy. Sigmund Freud would have been proud. But at age 10, femininity began to have a certain attraction that I couldn't understand. I didn't consider this abnormal. I was extremely naive. It was about this time that I began to envy the girls. I hated sports and found it increasingly difficult to make friends.

I was beat up once in high school, not unusual for someone who doesn't quite measure up to the macho standards of teenage males. And even though I dated frequently, I felt uneasy. Something wasn't quite right.

My first attempt at college was a disaster. My sexual orientation was a question that plagued my mind. I didn't think I was gay, but what else could it be? Why did I still have these doubts? I knew that something was not right.

I was always fond of art, so I enrolled in art school hoping that I would discover my true self. Apparently, my self-doubt and frustration were evident to one of my teachers. He suggested that I look into transactional analysis. Sounded pretty heavy. But it was merely a group therapy session. I learned to talk about my feelings. I also met a cute girl and we soon became best friends. We were married two years later and life took a whole new turn for me. My feelings of self-doubt and confusion were miles away, I thought. I had two sons. God certainly blessed me when they were born!

But the pendulum was about to swing back. We had been married five years when the feelings returned, only gradually at first. It was like a crack in the foundation and eventually the water leaked in more and more. I was smoking grass on a regu-

lar basis. This seemed to dull the pain and make me forget about this annoying attraction to women's clothes. I felt ashamed of these feelings. Damn! I just wanted to be normal!

It seems that I had my life planned out just right. I finally had a good job, two wonderful kids, a beautiful wife and a nice home. WHAM! God said "I have other plans for you". I began having panic attacks. My feminine feelings were back in a big way. My wife couldn't understand why I was so distant. Could I risk telling her after all these years? It would be the end of our marriage.

I secretly began to buy women's clothes. I felt ashamed and after two days I would throw everything away. One week later I would do the same thing again. Cold sweats. Fast heartbeat. My hands would shake at work. "What the hell is happening to me?" The next shopping trip included more clothes, and shoes the time. I needed to put them where they couldn't be found. I began to feel very guilty. The shame and guilt weighed heavily on my mind.

My marriage was going down the tubes and I felt helpless to stop it. Marriage counseling was the next step for us. Months went by. I was spiraling. I wanted the counseling to help us. I loved her! No! Can I be honest? No! I started to lie. "I cannot possibly go on vacation right now," I said. It gave me time alone. Tremendous guilt. Then it happened.

It was the week before Christmas, 1997. My youngest son, fifteen years old at the time, became suspicious. I was discovered! There may never be a more painful time in my life. The shame and embarrassment were more than I could bear. I cried for two days. At first my wife tried to understand. "It will never happen again", I said. But I could not keep my promise. One month later I moved out. ...continued on next page

That same month I was fired from my job of ten years because I was transgender. The sexual harassment was the last straw. I had to make a clean start.

Alone, totally alone. Nineteen years of marriage ended in divorce. My children couldn't bring themselves to talk to me. It would be two years before they could even talk to me on the phone. I was lucky enough to find a support group. I immediately started counseling to learn to accept myself. I learned to like myself better than ever before. I'm definitely not as angry and withdrawn as I used to be. I gave up drugs and I made new friends that understand my situation. They have helped me through some very difficult moments.

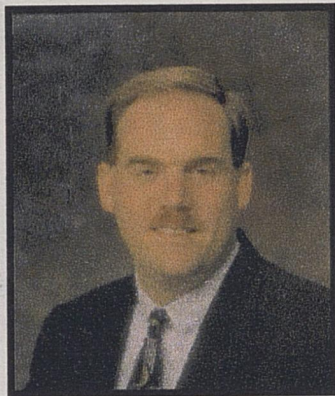
My children are able to talk about it. Even if they do not totally understand, they are willing to have a relationship with me. We have become much closer. I've been able to start producing sculpture again.

Total transition requires patience. It begins with extensive therapy. It is custom-

ary for most MtF transsexuals to make these changes over a five year period. The Electrolysis alone will take two years to complete. I have my first surgery scheduled for June, 2003. I live full-time as a woman, except at my job. Having experienced the loss of my job three years ago, I know how important financial stability is.

I know my journey is far from over. One of my goals is to give something back to a community that changed my life, maybe even saved my life. I hope that this short glimpse into my life has helped you understand a little better what our journey involves.

If you would like more information about the Louisville Transgender Support Group you can reach us on line at cindylee98@aol.com. You can also call our information line at 502-346-5298 or write to us at PO Box 20256, Lou. Ky 40250. The Dress and Gender Alliance is a support group in Lexington, see page 3 or contact Lee at 433-8388.



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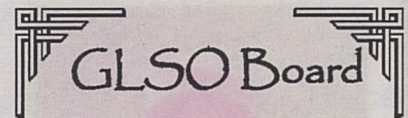
Tierney is having informational meetings on Tuesday evenings, 7 pm at Four Points Sheridan on New Town Pike. His office is at 288 Hillsboro Ave. Apt 4 and he can be reached at 576-3188..

Falsie Awards

On April 8, the Imperial Court of Kentucky honored individuals within the community for their outstanding achievements. The Falsie Award Show is an annual event that recognizess the hard work of many who help the Court raise money for charity or support our work in some way. This event was hosted by the Reigning Empress of the Imperial Court of Kentucky, Nicole Diamond and Andrew Hyde from the Amazing Race 3. Some of this Year's recipients were:

- JD Vaughn - The Diamond Diva Award
- Godiva Amore' - Newcomer of the Year
- Jenna Jive - Outstanding Achievement in Hair
- CammieDietrick The New Image Award
- Kenny - The Annie Cummins Bartending Award
- Jeff Henken - Niagra Falls Community Service Award**
- Jeanette Wylde - Lifetime Achievement Award**

We would be glad to print the names of other recipieints next month if someone will email the information or leave it with the computer in the small meeting room. -ed



Elections

We are planning
for the future.

If you would like to
get involved contact
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252-2867 days

Board meeting are
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Bluegrass Fairness

Fairness always needs volunteers. Here are the standing committees, meeting dates and the people to contact if you want to get involved. Contact us at (859) 806-4114 or info@bluegrassfairness.org.

Steering Committee Wed, May 28, 7 pm downtown public library, Conference Room C. Contact Jim Dickinson at 252-5801 or Cindy Downey at 539-2703.

Outreach Committee Wed, May 14, 7 pm at Laurie Davison's house (294-7521)

Fundraising Committee Monday, May 12, 7 pm at Jim D's house (252-5801).

Volunteer Committee Tues, May 20, at 7 pm at Charlotte Wood's house. (259-0854)

Communication Committee Media- Allan Barger, 254-4605, Phone Tree-Jennifer Crossen, 299-7410, Website - Matt Levy 859 737-2535.

Legislative Committee, Surveys candidates, coordinates citizen lobbying efforts. Jennifer Crossen 299-7410.

DP Benefits Committee To assist

employees in negotiating domestic partner benefits with their employers. David Cupps 268-3274 or Charlotte Wood 259-0854. Si usted habla español, puede colaborar con nosotros en nuestro trabajo en la comunidad hispana. Si puede ayudar, favor de llamarnos o mandarnos correo electrónico. Gracias por su colaboración.

Webmaster. Our current webmaster is moving out of state next Fall and needs to train a replacement. Responsibilities include maintaining the website and the listservs. Check out the site at www.bluegrassfairness.org.

Outreach to surrounding counties. We currently have two steering committee members other counties: Scotty Saltsman from Madison County and Matt Levy from Clark County. Scotty is spearheading the effort to form a Madison County Chapter of Fairness. (859-200-8969 or at ssaltsman@adelphia.net) We support LGBT folks and their allies in the surrounding counties until they are ready to form chapters of their own.

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The owner, Robyn Stockwell, offers a wide variety of services to pet owners. She provides pets with the care that they need in their own home while the pet owners are away. The pet stays in a secure, familiar environment, following their customary routine and diet, while avoiding exposure to illness from other animals, and receives loving individual attention from a professional Pet Sitter.

Robyn is also experienced in administering medications and injections to many different types of pets. In addition, she is certified in Pet First Aid by the American Red Cross. Rainbow Watchers can also exercise pets that must stay at home for extended periods of time while their owners are at work.

Each pet care visit or mid-day dog walk averages thirty minutes in length. They can also transport pets from your home to any Lexington area location and back. House sitting services are available for residents who do not own pets

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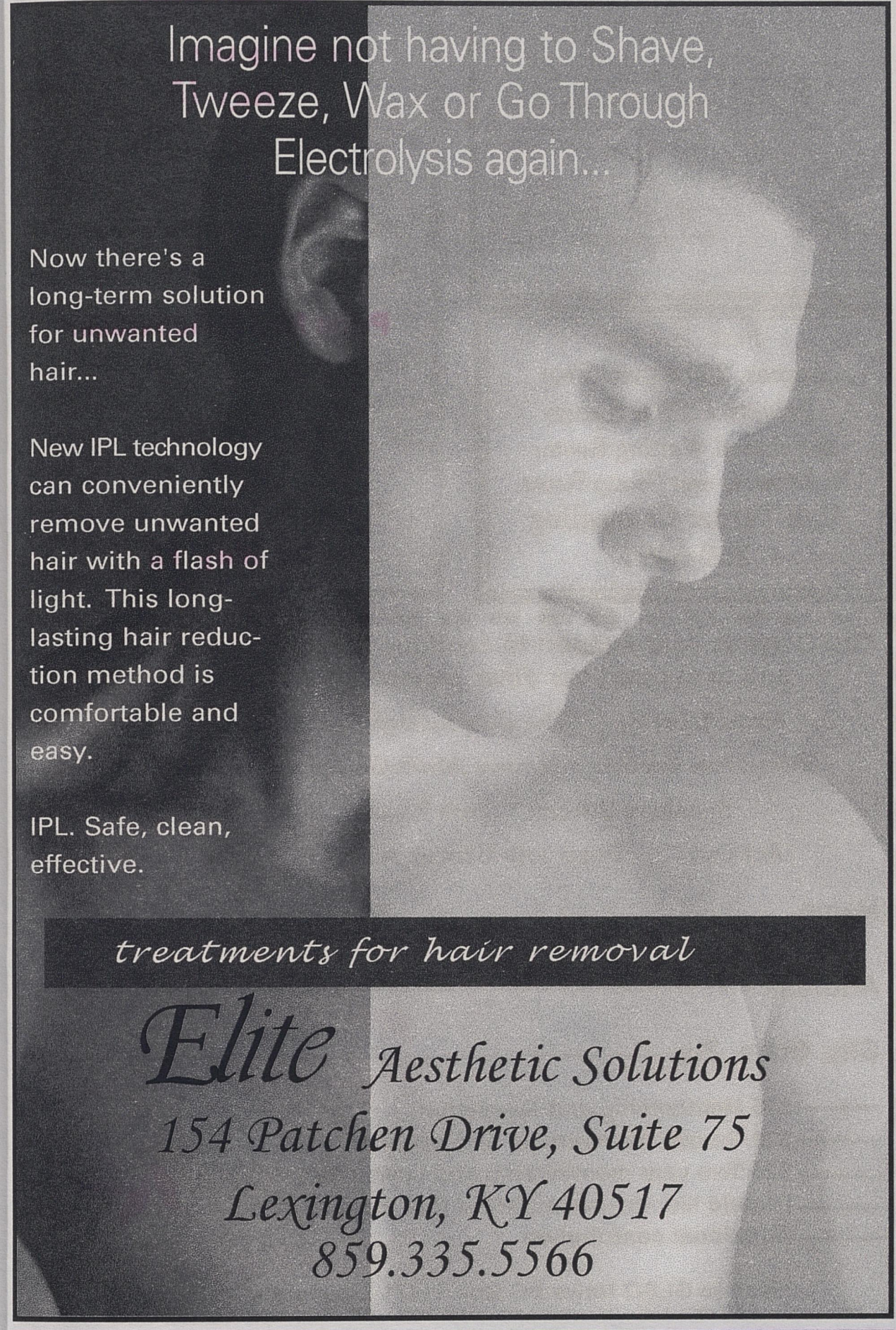
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Travel and Benefit GLSO

Pegasus Travel Inc. has been a supporter of GLSO since 1989. They will donate 10% of their earning from all travel sales if you mention GLSO. There are now many tours, vacations, and opportunities for LGBT folks who wish to travel with other LGBT people or who seek advise on independent travel. Pegasus can assist you in exploring the many options and booking vacations that will fit your needs. Call them at 233-1644 or 1 800-228-4337 toll free.

Here are some examples of GLBT vacations: RSVP offers African Safaris, land tours to Ireland and Peru, a Tahitian resort stay, a Prague and Budapest river cruise and land tour, and a Thailand cruise. Olivia Vacations for women, known for their cruise charters to the Caribbean, Alaska and Europe, has added back roads active vacations in destinations such as Costa Rica, Bryce Canyon, Thailand, and Ireland. Call us for any travel needs.

Gentle Adventure Retreats for Women is offering a September retreat in Pawley's Island South Carolina entitled "Moving into Joy," co-lead with Mary Crone. We will stay in an ocean front home with beautiful views. Activities offered include kayacking, movement workshops, meditation, guided imagery, journal writing, bicycling, swimming, and great food. A five day pass to Brookgreen Gardens is included. Meriah also has retreats planned in other locations. **If you mention GLSO, Meriah will donate \$25 if you go on this retreat.** Call Meriah at 276-4962 or Mary at 266-5904. email meriah@gentleadventure.net or check out all the retreats at www.gentleadventure.net



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by May 15

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