



# The GLSO NEWS

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### Pride Center Has a New Home

The lease has been signed and the Pride Center of the Bluegrass has a new home for the next three years. Actually we will not be moving far, just downstairs at 389 Waller Avenue. After looking all over town we couldn't beat the rent, space, location, and parking. We take possession February 1st.

We want the new Pride Center to be someplace really special that the whole community can enjoy and be proud of. The aim is to create a space that can be used for a variety of purposes.

Now the work begins and...WE NEED YOU!

The first order of business will be renovating the space to furnish a large area for social gatherings and meetings, a smaller meeting room/library, and an office. We will be doing the renovation work ourselves so if anyone is involved in the construction trade and can help with expertise or materials we need you.

If you are someone with decorating talents we need help selecting a pleasing color scheme and window treatments.

It's also time to start thinking about furnishing the new Pride Center. We need office furniture and supplies, couches, armchairs,

lamps, tables, bookcases, a microwave, coffee maker, television, VCR, stereo system, and artwork. We will accept donations of new or slightly used items or cash.

If you have artistic talents you can help by creating a logo for the new Pride Center of the Bluegrass. We want to establish a symbol that will represent the vitality and diversity of the community we serve.

If you can provide any help, be it your time, talent or ideas, materials or furnishings, financial assistance, or just good old moral support and encouragement please contact Jane Minder, Pride Center Committee Chair at 389-7698 or ladyjaneky@yahoo.com.

The support we have already received from many members of the community has been very encouraging. GLSO and the Pride Center Committee would especially like to thank those who responded to our end of the year fund drive. You donated over \$1,000 dollars to benefit the Pride Center.

As the Pride Center of the Bluegrass moves into the new year there is a new spirit and determination to better serve our community. We hope you share that spirit and will be an active part in the future of this important community resource.

### Mardi Gras Ball

On Saturday, Feb 24, AVOL is hosting their first annual Mardi Gras Ball, a Black Tie Masquerade. It will be held at the Kentucky Horse Center (not the "Horse Park"), 3380 Paris Pike. Doors open at 7:30, opening ceremony at 8 pm.

This promises to be a spectacular evening with a cajun buffet dinner, dancing, and entertainment. A live band, "The Rock Stars Of Soul" will create a New Orleans atmosphere that will dispel any winter doldrums you may be experiencing. Come costumed, black tie formal, or fabulous.

The hostess for this event will be Miss Whitney Boyles, Miss Kentucky 2000. The emcees for the evening will be Brain and Cathleen Collins. This is a major Fundraiser for Avol and tickets are available at \$50 per person. (Call AVOL 225-3000). Come join us for an evening of New Orleans style revelry!

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## A NEW HOME for MCC

by Rev. Mel Bailey

Faith Metropolitan Community Church announces its new location at 145 Burt Road, Suite 7. The new site is part of a continuing journey to a "new vision" for this church, formerly known as Lexington's Metropolitan Community Church. Since March of 2000, the church has been pastored by the Reverend Mel (Melody) Bailey, an ordained minister in the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. UFMCC is a worldwide Christian denomination of over 300 churches in fifteen countries.

In the last year, Faith MCC has undergone changes in its worship style, leadership, bylaws, and even its name. Changing its name to "Faith" MCC, the church strives to invite and include all people seeking a loving relationship with their God. "Faith" defines the people who come together for worship. Faith MCC is a unique church with a special message and ministry. The church invites others to share in the quest to help all people feel included in God's love.

As a member of UFMCC, Faith Metropolitan Community Church shares a rich Christian history and tradition dating back to 1968, when Reverend Troy Perry met with twelve others in the denomination's first worship service. Faith MCC, as a member of UFMCC, is a church with a purpose. UFMCC celebrates life in a manner combining diverse Christian traditions. A three-point gospel empowers people to Christian salvation, Christian community and Christian social

action to the world.

UFMCC takes risks for human rights and has served as a vanguard of civil and human rights movements including efforts in the mid-1990s to end the ban on lesbian and gays in the U.S. military, respond to human rights violations in Brazil, and fight the radical religious right. Since its earliest years, UFMCC led marches, promoted demonstrations and staged sit-ins to gain justice for lesbian and gay people.

UFMCC offers love and healing. Compassion is at the heart of every Metropolitan Community Church. Christian love is embodied through the ministry of Faith MCC. Health and wholeness of spirit, mind and body are fostered. The Pastor conducts Holy Union ceremonies as a way to celebrate and bless the joining of same-sex couples. Metropolitan Community Churches have risen to meet the unforeseen challenges presented by the AIDS/HIV health crisis. UFMCC has been at the forefront in development of networks to provide education, care, comfort and hope.

On Sunday, February 11, Faith MCC will offer a "Blessing of Relationships" to all couples living in loving, committed relationships. All are invited to join in worship on the special Sunday before Valentine's Day. Worship begins at 10:30 a.m. The church mailing address remains P.O. Box 306, Lexington, KY, 40584. For more information, call (879) 255-4016.

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# Community News

## Pride Month

It is time to start to organizing for Pride Month. A meeting has been set for Tuesday, February 6 at 7 pm at the Pride Center. Remember, we are downstairs now. Anyone who would like to become involved is encouraged to attend. We are in need of a chair or even better, two co-chairs.

This is a fun way to become involved in the community. A number of events are already being planned. A central calendar will be set up at this meeting. All organizations are encouraged to send a representative with information you might want on the calendar.

## Miss Valentine 2001

The Imperial Court's Miss Gay Valentine Pageant will be held on Valentines Day, February 14, at the New Club 141. Admission is \$5 and the show will start at 9:30. This is one of our most anticipated events of the year so come out and cheer for your favorite "sweetheart". Application packets are available from the reigning monarchs, EV or Tracy.

## GLSEN

The Kentucky Chapter of the Gay Lesbian Straight Educators Network (GLSEN) had to cancel its meeting on Jan 20th because of bad weather. It will be rescheduled. Contact Gina Cooper at Xarechanging@webtv.net. GLSEN is a national organization that focuses on reducing homophobia and creating a safe and welcoming

atmosphere for both educators and students in public schools. Membership is not limited to teachers or administrators. Locally, GLSEN is involved in the Fayette Youth Empowerment Network (FaYEN) which has similar goals. FaYEN will be meeting on Feb. 7 at 7:30 at the Pride Center.

## SisterSound

SisterSound is rehearsing on a regular basis in preparation for a concert in May. We welcome new members, no audition required. Rehearsals are on Sunday evenings from 6 pm to 8 pm at Landsdowne Cumberland Presbyterian Church at 333 Reading Rd (off Bates Creek).

## Social Concepts

A local production of the The Vagina Monologues will be presented at the Singletary Center on Monday, Feb. 12. See page 12 for a review of the play. Social concepts members are invited to get together before or after the concert. All tickets \$15. Singletary Box Office, 859-257-4929. Call Ginger for info (389-7698) or email gg40504@hotmail.com for .

## Discussion Group

The GLSO Discussion Group meets every Wednesday in night from 7 to 8:30 at 2216 Young Drive, Suite 1. Young Drive is located off New Circle between Richmond and Winchester Roads. If you need some support and encouragement please join us. For information call Jane at 389-7698 (evenings) or ladyjaneky@yahoo.com.

## GLSO Library

We are forming a committee to develop a lending library of GLBT materials including books, videos and other informational media. If you would be interested in working on this project contact Jane at 389-7698 or ladyjaneky@yahoo.com.

## GLSO YOUTH ADVOCACY

On Thursday, Feb 15 at 7 pm we will be meeting at the Pride Center to discuss the possibility of starting a Gay Straight Alliance for youth in Lexington. We would particularly like to encourage young people to attend.

GLSO has materials from the National Youth Advocacy Coalition which will help get us as we clarify our goals and discuss policies and procedures. We are looking for support from a variety of organizations within Lexington.

## Judy Shepard in Berea

Judy Shepherd, mother of hate crime victim Matthew Shepherd, will be speaking at Berea College on Thursday, Feb. 15 at 8 pm. This is one of several programs that are open to the public and held at Phelps Stokes Auditorium.

## BOOKWORM SALE

The Bookworm, Inc. cordially invites you and your guests to a private customer sale to be held at Faith Metropolitan Community Church (formerly Lexington MCC), 145 Burt Road, Suite #7 (new address), on Saturday, Feb. 10,

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2001, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Bookworm offers items of interest to minorities, feminists, and gays and lesbians. Wholesale prices remain in effect. New books at \$4.95 or less; music CDs (most of them are \$7.50); new videos; previously viewed videos (\$5.95 each); pride jewelry; plenty of T-shirts; and much more. For directions or any questions, call The Bookworm in Lexington at 971-9792.

### **Moveable Feast,**

Movable Feast needs help for delivering meals. It is easy; you come in at 5 pm and are through by 7pm (often earlier). You can get a specific route if you commit to a regular schedule. If you can drive a car you can change a life. Please give us a call at 252-2867.

### **Tina Gale: Wymmin Performing Arts Night**

Welcoming all Wymmin, Bi, Dyke, Lesbian, Nongender, Straight, Transgender, and those missed by the assignment of these words. Bring your words, music, and talents to share on the evening of Sunday Feb., 11, from 7 to 9 pm at Alfalfa's.

The evening will feature Spoken Word Artist Tina Gale reading from her new book, *Wet*. Tina's readings bring home the power of her words - please join us. Snacks and coffee will be available, donations requested at the door. For more info call Tina at 859-913-3620.

### **BINGO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

GLSO can earn \$200 by providing volunteers to work at Bingo games on the fourth Friday of each month. Tom Collins is organizing volunteers. We need you even if

you only can do it one time. The money will help pay the rent for the Pride Center. Call Tom's work number at 1-800-420-7431 and ask for Tom Collins. Thanks

### *Imperial Court News*

This has been a very busy month for the Imperial court of KY as we planned and prepared for the Bluegrass Celebrity Squares, which was held on January 30 at the State Theater.

Several people from our court took a break and attended the CBT investitures held in Cincinnati over the weekend of January 10- 12. Empress XV Natalie Gaye, Emperor XVIII Kevin Fillips, and Emperor XIX Donnie "EV" attended the Friday night investitures at Shooters. All received CBT titles for the year.

On Saturday evening Emperor XVII Kevin's alter ego, Winona Cellars, participated in the tough drag show put on by Emperor X of the Cincinnati court, Darren Smith. Emperor EV attended as well, but arrived after the show was over.

On Sunday evening Princess Royale Rayna Starr and Empress XIX Tracy Taylor performed at Miss Queen City, which was the culmination of the weekends festivities. Also in attendance were Empress XV Natalie Gaye, Empress XVII Chanda Lier, and Emperor XIX EV, who assisted as a judge. Several other court members attended the weekend festivities including Bobby, Mike, Jason, Kip, and Chaz. Visiting from out of town was Empress XIV Jennifer Ellsworth from Texas. Congratulations to Ashley West, the new Miss Queen City.

Don't forget Miss Valentine, which will be coming up on Valentines Day, February 14, at Club 141.

### **Lobby for Fairness**

The statewide Fairness bill has a new number--HB 116--and it now includes gender identity, as well as sexual orientation, as protected from discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations. Please contact your representative and ask them not only to support this bill, but also to sign on as a co-sponsor for HB 116. We've been told that this bill, like HB 7 last year, will not get a hearing in the Judiciary Cmt. again. So, we need to have so many sponsors that they can't ignore it for next year. The number to call is 1-800-372-7181.

Please consider going to Frankfort to put a face on Fairness for these legislators. They have to see that we're not going away, and we'll keep pushing 'til they get wise to the fact that we're their constituents also and we need to be protected as citizens of Kentucky. ANY Tues., Wed., or Thur. during the month of February we welcome you to join our lobbyists. Or, our special lobby days are as follows:

Trans Day--2/8  
Lexington Day--2/1  
Religious Leader Day--2/22  
Parents and Families Day--2/27  
CampusDay--3/1

If you want to go, call the Fairness line at 296-7812 for information. Someone will meet you in Frankfort and brief you on what to do. They will have information sheets for you to use and to give to legislators.

## *The Vagina Monologues*

In The Vagina Monologues, playwright Eve Ensler gives voice to a chorus of lusty, outrageous, brave and thoroughly human stories. This Obie Award-winning play, a lively and liberating series of monologues, combines painful subjects with sharp, incisive humor. This hilarious, groundbreaking play has rocked audiences around the world and will be featured in Lexington for one night only, Monday, Feb 12 at the Singletary Center for the Arts, 7 pm. Tickets are available for \$15 from the Singletary Center Box Office 257-4929. Proceeds will benefit the Bluegrass Rape Crisis Center & Actor's Guild.

Directed by Deb Shoss, this local production stars Debra Hensley as playwright Eve Ensler; with Kathy Stein, Rev. Kelly Flood,

Cathy Rawlings and Missy Johnston. This play is a celebration of women through the looking glass of the vagina. The audience will leave with the sense that 'vagina' should no longer be a taboo word. A post-play discussion moderated by Nikky Finney, and featuring the cast and UK Women's Studies Director, Joan Callahan will follow the performance.

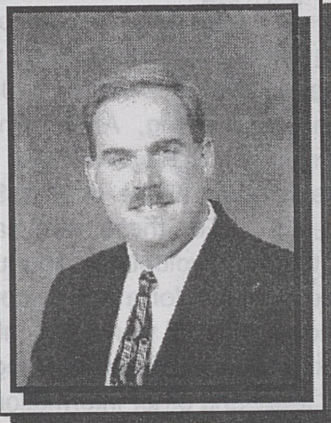
You do not want to miss this production. Ensler digs into the heart of what it means to be a woman, an individual and a survivor. Writing in the Village Voice, Blanche McCrary Boyd said, "The brilliance of The Vagina Monologues lies in its ability to bring every woman to a common identity, like an international AA meeting for vaginas."

A galaxy of stars, including Whoopi Goldberg, Glenn Close,

Susan Sarandon, Winona Ryder, Calista Flockhart, Rosie Perez, Amy Irving, Julie Kavner, and Kate Winslet have performed the collection of intimate vignettes -- culled from interviews with scores of women -- that make up the 46-year-old playwright's script.

Last year, Ensler joined the V-Day College Initiative, in which colleges across the country stage the monologues as part of a V-Day of awareness about violence against women. Even the most educated, established feminists wake up to their own encoded hypocrisies when they see the play. They also laugh very, very hard.

Sponsors to date include: Tate.Hill.Jacobs: Architects, Inc; Terry Otis & Karen Deprey; Debra Hensley, Hensley Insurance; Dr. Magdelend Karon; Ky Commission on Women; and Dr. Susan Neil.



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## Focus on GLBTQ Youth and Young Adults

### Youth Support Needed

by Mary Crone

It is no surprise to our community that it is difficult to be young and gay. Middle and High Schools are rampant with homophobia. The social intolerance and harassment puts a lot of pressure on young people who are questioning their sexual orientation, whether they are the object of the harassment or not. It used to be easier to stay in denial, to put off the internal struggle for a few years, or to know but pass as straight during difficult adolescent years. Now, our entire culture is more familiar with what it means to be gay, lesbian, or bisexual and for some kids this means increased support but for others it means verbal and physical assault, low self-esteem and other psychological problems.

Last month we printed an article from the Stop Youth Suicide Campaign. That organization has also printed a flyer recently that has more information specific to GLBT youth. A 1997 Univ. of Minnesota study reported that gay and bisexual male youth are 7 times more likely to attempt suicide than their heterosexual peers. Another study the same year found that this group was 14 times more likely to attempt. Lesbian or questioning young women are also at increased risk but the statistics are not as high for them.

In addition to suicide there are other damaging outcomes. Studies indicate that LBGQT youth are more at risk to be victims of family violence, to be homeless, to drop out of school, to abuse drugs, and for girls, to become pregnant. (Trying to

prove they are not gay perhaps?)

The news is not all bad. Many of our young people are coming out at an earlier age because they are proud of who they are and ready to join our community. They are organizing support groups, becoming social activists, and looking for jobs, colleges and careers that will support their intention of being proudly queer.

All of the youth, proud, ashamed, or most commonly somewhere in between, need our support. What can you do? Here are some suggestions.

- Attend the GLSO Youth Advocacy meeting on Thursday, Feb 16 at 7:00 at the Pride Center. We will be discussing starting a Gay Straight Alliance independent of the school system. (Mary Crone)

- FaYEN will be meeting on Feb. 7 at 7:30 at the Pride Center. This network is working to make our schools safe for all students including changing school policies about harassment.

- Join GLSEN, Gay Lesbian Straight Educators Network. Contact Gina at [xarechanging@yahoo.com](mailto:xarechanging@yahoo.com)

- Come out to your nieces and nephews and talk to them about homophobia.

- Log onto the Stop Youth Suicide website: <http://community.kentucky.com/realcities/stopyouthsuicide.com>. Questions or concerns? Call 859-225-5628, or email: [stopyouthsuicide@yahoo.com](mailto:stopyouthsuicide@yahoo.com)

- If you think that someone you love is at risk for attempting suicide, call: Teen Suicide Hotline: 1-800-999-9999 or 24 Hour Crisis Hotline: 1-800-928-8000

### GLBT Student Conference

The Midwest, Bisexual, Lesbian, Gay, Transgender, Ally College Conference, held annually at universities throughout the Midwest since 1993, focuses on issues that GLBT persons continually face.

This year's conference, under the theme of "Out and About: Breaking the Silence, Breaking the Boundaries, Breaking the Labels," is being held at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Feb. 16-18. Topics to be discussed include sexuality, HIV/AIDS, gender issues, sexism, racism, classism, ageism, ableism, and homophobia.

Keynote speakers will include actor Wilson Cruz; Shane Windmeyer, coeditor of "Out on Fraternity Row: Personal Accounts of Being Gay in a College Fraternity;" and Deirdre McCloskey, author of "Crossing: A Memoir," among others. Entertainers will include Pansy Division, Joni Laurence, Amasong, Annie Chey, HIS Kings, and Staceyann Chin.

Registration at the door is \$45 per person. For those who can't afford that rate, volunteer opportunities are available for a \$10 discount (four hours worth of work). A conference kit that includes a flyer, registration form, and other information is available on request.

To learn more, write to MBLGTACC 2001, c/o Jessie Baugher, PO Box 2202 - Station A, Champaign, IL. 61825; call 217 333-1187; or visit the web site [www.uiuc.edu/ro/mblgtacc2001](http://www.uiuc.edu/ro/mblgtacc2001).

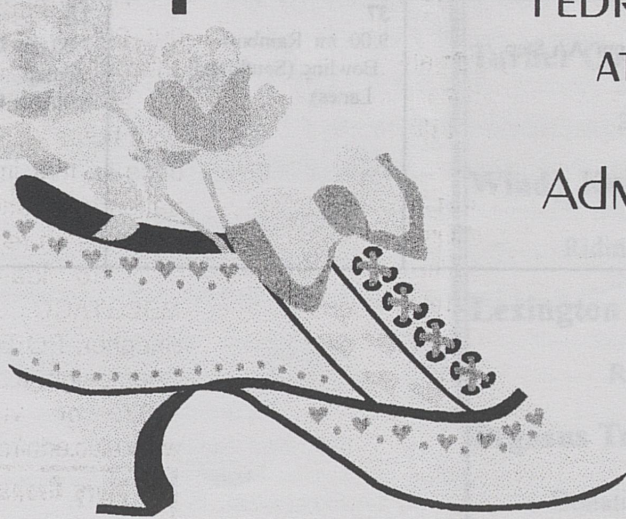
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### J. Mark Chambers

One of our new sponsors this year, featured on last month's Sponsorship Page, is J. Mark Chambers, CPA, PSC. Mark is a certified accountant who has been working in the field for ten years. He has lived in the Lexington area for 5 years, and is originally from Eastern Kentucky. He received a bachelors in business administration from Pikeville College.

Now that tax season is almost upon us, you may be looking for someone with Mark's expertise. He can help you with your individual or business tax return. He also offers small business consulting, management advise, bookkeeping services, financial planning, and computer assistance.

Mark has offered to donate 10% of your tax preparation cost to GLSO, AVOL, or Moveable Feast. Mention his ad in the GLSO News and choose the community organization you would like to help.

Mark can be reached at 266-8877 or at [jmarkc@gte.net](mailto:jmarkc@gte.net). His office is at 1025 Dove Run Rd., Suite 107A.

## One World Films

This year the One World Film Festival will focus on the lives of women in a variety of cultures. All the viewings will be free and open to the public. Check the March GLSO for five more films to be shown.

On Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 7 pm, *Seven Sisters* will be shown in the State Theater inside the Ky Theater. *Seven Sisters* is a new vision of Appalachia which powerfully evokes the coming of age of seven women through their rural to urban migration. This is a story of heroism, not in a grandiose, earth-shaking way, but through a collection of small acts of sacrifice, courage and generosity. At the center of it all are seven strong willed and colorful women-one family and the fierce bonds that hold them together.

Patrick Donohew, the director of this documentary and a native Lexingtonian, will be joining us to discuss his work after the viewing. A number of the sisters in the film will also be present to answer questions. A reception will follow the film.

On Sunday, March 4, *Voyages* will be shown at 2 pm at the Central Library Theater, downtown. This film

was voted best Feature Film at the Jerusalem Film Festival, 1999.

*Voyages* is set in the present and concerns itself with the after effects of the Holocaust. It tells three linked stories focusing on the lives of three elderly Jewish women who find themselves facing new situations and struggling to make sense out of their history.

On Wednesday, March 7 *Mississippi Masala* will be shown at Lexington Community College at 7 pm. This story centers on a Indian family that lives in Greenwood, Mississippi managing a road side motel and participating in a community of other Indian families. Growing up in this country and feeling more a part of the american culture than her parents, the daughter Mina becomes interested in dating Demetrias, an African American. Both families struggle to come to terms with this blossoming relationship.

This is a love story that also gives the viewer a glimpse into the lives of Indian immigrants to this county. The film raises questions about the relationships among minority cultures within the United States, and about the various guises of racism.

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Jewelle Gomez, Don't Explain: Short Fiction, 1998 isbn 156341094X

Cherry Muhanji, Her, 1990, isbn 0933216661

Helen Elaine Lee, The Serpent's gift 1994, isbn 0684801604

Audre Lorde, Zami. A New Spelling of My name, 1983, isbn 0895941228

Catherine E. McKinley (Editor), et al Afrekete: An Anthology of Black Lesbian Writing, 1995, isbn 385473559

Lisa C. Moore, Does Your Moma Know? An Anthology of Black Lesbian Coming Out Stories, 1998 isbn 0965665909

Kathleen E. Morris, Speaking in Whispers: Lesbian African-American Erotica, 1996, isbn 1879427281

Ann Allen Shockley (born in Louisville, Ky. Retired librarian from Fisk University, Tenn.), Loving Her, 1997 (reprinted edition) isbn 1555533299 First published in 1977, first book to deal with lesbian interracial relationship.

April Sinclair, Coffee Will Make You Black, 1994, isbn 0380724596

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by Patrick Buck

*This is an edited version of the article Patrick wrote. You can read it in its entirety at <http://members.aol.com/jordsvin/jordsvin.htm>*

Well, it was one for the history books, but now it's over! By the time you read this, George W. Bush will have become, deservedly or otherwise, our president. Although he won a substantial minority of the lesbian/gay/transgendered vote, for most of us, myself included, his election represents one that we lost. I'm not surprised. The White House has been going back and forth between Democrats and Republicans long before we were born, and probably will still be long after we are gone.

Despite some voices of alarm and borderline (?) paranoia raised from within our community, we are NOT going to concentration camps. Folks, Vice President Cheney has an openly lesbian daughter with whom he maintains a good relationship. The gradual move toward a more secular society will continue, and we will eventually catch up with Western Europe as a more tolerant, inclusive society. The only reason we are behind them to begin with is that Europe for centuries dumped its unwanted religious fanatics here.

Here are some suggestions for weathering the next few years. I am endeavoring to present a variety of alternatives appealing to lesbian/gay/trans individuals of varying

theologies, ethical systems, and political affiliations.

First of all, look out for number one. If you are living in an intolerant community which looks likely to get worse, get out! You are ultimately responsible for your own well-being. My partner and I have agreed never to move to a state with an anti-sodomy law.

LBGT individuals tend to be urban, well-educated, and childless, we have some disposable income. Take some of that money and send it to your local lesbian/gay/trans organization. Then join the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the American Civil Liberties Union...If all you do is bellyache about the current political situation while doing nothing about it, don't expect me to waste my time listening to you! While our community will weather the storm, reproductive rights are probably in much more trouble. Would you be willing to give money each month to ensure that women wishing to terminate a pregnancy can afford to travel to where they may do so safely and legally? There are many minority communities outside our own who represent potential allies, and now is the time to start reaching out.

If you TRULY feel that your life is in danger, then buy a gun and bullets and learn to use your firearm responsibly and safely. You have a right to defend yourself. If it became widely known that lots of us had concealed-carry permits, you can bet the gay-bashers would think twice. OK, I just

came out of the closet; I'm NOT a pacifist and I'm against gun control! Plus, if things get REALLY ugly, an armed community is a much less attractive target.

As for the ongoing AIDS epidemic, I suspect research will continue unabated, if for no other reason than that it is rapidly moving away from being a "gay disease" in this country. In the meanwhile, protect yourself and your partner(s) by practicing safer sex, and encourage others to do likewise. Many young gay males are engaged in high-risk behavior.

Finally, quit supporting the bigots. If every gay or bi Catholic priest and bishop, celibate or otherwise (and before I turned Heathen I knew plenty in both categories), put down his chalice, walked away from the altar, and told why, that institution, arguably one of our biggest and most powerful enemies, would lose much of its power. If every lesbian/gay/trans member of an anti-gay religious group resigned and took his/her money, time, and talent elsewhere, those denominations would lose a LOT and get a HUGE wake-up call!

Dare to live as an openly lesbian/gay/trans and civic-minded individual in what is still and almost certainly will remain one of history's freest and most prosperous nations. You will not only be contributing to your own well-being, but also be passing on the precious gift of greater freedom to those who will come after us!

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