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ActOUT Presents:

"Last Sunday in June"

It is not too late to see ActOUT's latest play, *Last Sunday In June*, written by Jonathan Tolins and directed by Homer Tracy. On Friday, July 1 and Saturday, July 2 at 8 pm join us at the downtown Central Library Theater. Free parking is available behind the library.

"Last Sunday in June" is a farce that lampoons the stereotypical "gay play." It takes place in an apartment on Christopher St., Greenwich Village, New York City where a group of friends gather to watch the Pride Parade. Michael (Marc Roland) and Tom (Brian Rollins) are the happy couple whose apartment serves as a meeting place for their friends.

Their friends are multi-generational which helps give perspective on the gay community including how time has changed us as individuals as well as changed our community. As our culture becomes more mainstream are we assimilating and losing something of value? The characters have a variety of opinions on that issue, ranging from celebration to cynicism.

We get to know these men and their opinions as they watch the cross-section of gay life parading by. The friends are played by Darrell Maines, Ken Waibel, Bill Chandler, Nathan Henegan and Bradford Spears. There is one female character, Susan (Heather Adkins), who gives her own perspective.

This play has received great reviews and ActOUT is doing an excellent job of presenting it for our enjoyment. ActOut will also be holding auditions for its next play, ***Southern Baptist Sissies***, starting July 6. See page 2.

Jamie McDaniel Wins Wasson

Jamie McDaniel was presented with the Wasson Award for OUTstanding volunteer work for the GLBT Community at the Pride Banquet this year. Jamie has accomplished a lot. He worked with others in founding SoulForce in Kentucky and within a year became the leader of the group. With SoulForce Jamie has studied and taught the principles of non-violence, planned and executed demonstrations, and pushed himself to model being out even in stressful circumstances.

In 2005, Jamie traveled to Colorado Springs with SoulForce to protest at James Dobson's Focus on the Family headquarters. ...continued on page 4

Rainbow Community Service Award

The young people of the Gay Straight Alliance for Youth (GSA) won the Rainbow Community Service Award. These young men and women, ages 14 through 21, are making a real difference within their schools and communities. Over the last four and a half years, 80 to 90 youth have attended meetings at the Pride Center. It is

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ActOUT Tryouts Southern Baptist Sissies

ActOUT's next production will be Southern Baptist Sissies, by Del Shore. The director will be David Senatore. The characters have a variety of opinions on that issue, ranging from celebration to cynicism. This is a heart rending and controversial play, concerning young men battling between their fear of damnation and their true sense of sexual identity. Each character follows a different path to find self-acceptance.

Auditions will be on July 7th and 8th at 7 pm at the Pride Center or by appointment. To schedule an audition time call 859 338-2874 or E-mail dsenatore@bankofthebluegrass.co

Rehearsals will be start on July 11. Actors will only be called when needed. The play will be presented September 2-3, and 9-10, with two shows on Saturdays. ActOUT is a group of professionals & amateurs open to anyone with the willingness to present works by and for the gay community.

For information, or to arrange an audition time contact David by phone at 859 338-2874 or email dsenatore@bankofthebluegrass.com

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Wasson Award: *Continued from front page*

Last year he was one of the national coordinators of the protests at the 2004 Southern Baptist Convention. He wrote a youth curriculum concerning GLBT issues and the bible that was distributed as part of the protest. Jamie also volunteered with Fairness on the No On the Amendment Campaign last fall.

Jamie was one of the leaders of the Rally and protest organized when Fred Phillips came to Lexington several years ago. He also worked on starting an active PFLAG group in Lexington and has been an advisor for the Gay Straight Alliance for Youth. He put together information about African American leaders who support LGBT rights and passed it out to marchers on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, thus reaching some people that may rarely hear from us

Other examples of his person to person educational work: Jamie bought frame in a Christian store and discussed with the clerk, in front of several other customers, that he wanted this for pictures of his gay and lesbian family. He also came out to two door to door Christians and when they invited him to their Southern Baptist Church he said yes, he would visit. So he put on a big Gay Christian button and went to Rev. Fugate's Clays Mills Baptist Church. The same Rev. Fugate that did the "patriotic" 4th of July rally several years ago.

Jamie is a man of great personal courage and kindness who has continually made it a point of talking to people he knows are not yet "with us." He has made a big difference to our progress.

Rainbow Award ... *from front page*

their energy and commitment that creates and maintains this group of diverse and welcoming young people.

The GSA includes gay, straight, lesbian, and bisexual self-identified youth as well as some that do not want a label. And what have these young people done to help our community? Many of them are Out and Proud in some of the most homophobic places in our country - public high schools. When I say "out" I am including those who are out as allies, speaking up for their BLGT friends even in uncomfortable situations. These young people are changing the minds of their peers and the professionals that work in their schools. Here are just some of the examples of their courage:

One male sophomore requested that he be allowed to take PE - gym class with the girls instead of the boys. Girls and boys are occasionally brought together for PE units such as volleyball. He felt more at home in that situation so asked the teacher to let him stay when the groups separated, the boys to tackle football and the girls to flag football. And the teacher agreed.

An English class was asked to write a romantic story. A GSA member wrote his story about two young men and read it aloud to the class. (A very quiet class.)

During rush, a freshman in college talked to members of each fraternity he was interested in about their acceptance of gay members. He wanted to be honest about who he was and wanted a group that was welcoming. He found several.

A high school senior did an independent writing/acting project in which he came out to the audience. His friend, a straight young man wrote an article for the high school paper in which he included a gay reference. ("If I was gay...") The principal objected, saying that gay students could be offended. The young man in the previous example, spoke up to say that he was gay and that he found the comment to be supportive. It didn't get into print, but that principal got his consciousness raised.

All the GSA youth are making a difference by not trying to hide who they are, by being themselves, whatever orientation that might be, and by speaking truth to power.

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Congratulations to all Wasson Award Nominees

Jim Dickinson

Larry Collins

Jane Minder

And to

Jamie McDaniel,

July 4th -Fairness

The Bluegrass Chapter of KFA is planning to be in the 4th of July parade in downtown Lexington again this year. You can join them at 1 pm on Midland Ave, beside the Herald-Leader building. They need volunteers to help build the float and to help staff the information booth downtown on the 4th. Contact Scotty at Ssaltsman1@netzero.net for information

Garage Sale

GLSO is planning a Garage Sale for Saturday, August 6. We need donations so clean out a closet and bring items to the Pride Center on Saturday, July 30 or during the following week. Call to be sure a volunteer is here. If you have large items to donate you can call Cheryl at 859 523-3083. The sale will be from 8am to 2 pm so at the Pride Center on Sunday, Aug 6.

Rainbow Families

Rainbow Families of Lexington (RFOL) is an organization for gay and lesbian parents and their children in the Lexington area. Our mission is to show our children that there are other families like theirs.

We have three events planned for July. On Sunday, July 10 there will be a RFOL Party. Call Jen at 533-6260 for time and location. On Wednesdays., See page 6

Quirk café & coffee

Just fifteen mi. away from Lexington, Quirk café & coffee, owned by Laura Joans and Sherry Patys can be found on Railroad St. in Midway, KY. Initially created as a small tea room in. The café started in a boutique mall on the north side of our downtown railroad tracks.

Last Sept., after a great article in Southern Living Magazine, we outgrew that location and moved to our beautifully restored early 1900's building with original tin ceilings, brick and wood interior and a charming patio.

The café atmosphere is filled with Midway charm and history along with an eclectic collection of abstract art and local photography, gifts, handcrafted pottery, cards, Elmwood Inn teas, whole bean coffee, and coffee and tea ware. We adjoin Odyssey Books, owned by Walt Mates, an independent bookseller, and the Thoroughbred Theatre which seats up to 150 and has featured great local groups including Beleza and The Bats!!.

We feature a variety of live music in the café every Tue. night from 5:30 p-8 p. The ever changing musical talent includes jazz, folk, pop, classical cello, dulcimer, the blues and more. We serve our full menu on Tue. evenings and Odyssey remains open with a contemporary and often edgy selection.

Our menu offers a variety of salads, soups, sandwiches and wraps. We serve 23 different gourmet press pot coffees &

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July 6 and July 20 we will get together at Shillito Park for Play Date, at 7 pm.

We invite parents as well as those who are just starting their journey to parenthood to join RFOL. To become a member call Jen at 533 3083 or join

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/rfolky>.

Diversity in Gender Alliance

The Lexington Diversity in Gender Alliance (LDGA) will be meeting the **second** Saturday night in July at 7:30. Call for location. We will return to meeting on the first Saturday next month.

LDGA is open to all people who transcend gender norms or who are questioning their gender identity including transsexuals, effeminate men, masculine women, gender queers and more. Family and supportive friends are welcome. This is not a therapy group.

There are two articles on Intersex Identity on pages 20 - 21

Wishing Chair

Wishing Chair has a number of upcoming summer events. They will be holding a Recording and Songwriting Workshop for Teens on Monday, July 25, at the Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning from 1-4 pm.

On Saturday, August 6, they will be performing at The Alternative, 1032 Story Ave., Louisville at 9 pm. Call 502-561-7613 for information.

And finally, on Saturday, August 27. They will be in Lexington to participate in Summer Sounds between 7-9 pm at Cheapside Park, 215 W. Main St. . This is a free event and is outside so we suggest you bring a lawn chair.

Lyons Levi/Leather Club

The Lexington Lyons meet every third month at the Pride Center. Contact Paul at 312-9346 for more information about the club.

Teas along with fresh baked scones. Dropping in for one of our luscious desserts, a cup of coffee and a long talk with a friend or a good book is the perfect afternoon!

The café is open Tues 10a - 8 p, Wed - Sat 10a - 5 p and Sun 11a - 4 p. Carryout, large party seating and catering available. (859)846-4688.

Announcing A New Group

LEXINGTON INSIGHT

What's That?

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First meeting Friday July 1st.

Place: Pride Center

Time: 7:30 p.m.

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MACT KY

Men of All Colors Together

MACT is a chapter of the National Association of Black and White Men Together. We have social get-togethers regularly. For more info email MACTKY@aol.com.

The National Association will hold it's 25th annual convention, "Building Bridges... in Our Communities and in Our Lives," on July 6-9, 2005 in Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Save The Pride Center Campaign

Thanks to everyone that helped make tPride Month a success. GLSO made more of a profit this year than in past years and that money will go towards our rent and other expenses.

What can you do to help save the Pride Center this month? We have sent out a letter requesting donations and would appreciate any help you can give us.

We are planning a garage sale on Aug. 6 and would love for you to clean our your closets and bring us your stuff. We start accepting donations on Saturday, July 30.

We also need additional volunteers to keep the Pride Center open on a Saturday or one evening a week. And, we need new board members. Call 253-3233

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Pride Center Library Highlights:

Recent Additions

By Jane Minder

Here are some of the latest books that have been donated to the Pride Library.

Fiction

Finale: Short Stories of Mystery and Suspense edited by Michael Nava (Call number: PS 648.H57 F491)

Franny the Queen of Provincetown by John Preston (Call number: F Pres F834)

Holy Hell: A Lillian Byrd Crime Story by Elizabeth Sims (Call number: F Sims H761)

Other Girls by Diane Ayres (call # F Ayre 087)

Non-Fiction

Amazon Spirit: Daily Meditations for Lesbians in Recovery by Eleanor Nealy (Call number: HV 5139.N43 A489)

Gay and Gray: The Older Homosexual Man, 2nd ed. by Raymond M. Berger (Call number: HQ 76.B475 B496 2nd ed.)

Gomorrah & the Rise of Homophobia by Arthur Frederick Ide (Call #: BS 680.H67 343)

Trials of Oscar Wilde by H. Montgomery Hyde (Call number: KD 372.W54 T821)

Autobiography

Except for One Little Problem: Memoir of a Life in Hiding by Joan Denson (Call #: HQ 75.4.D46 A3)

To All the Girls I've Loved Before: An AIDS Diary by J.W. Money (Call #: RC 607.A26M742)

These and many other books can be checked out from the Pride Center Library. at 389 Waller Avenue, Suite 100. If you have new or gently used books, videos, DVDs, audio recordings, or CDs on GLBT subjects or by GLBT writers or performers the Pride Center Library gladly accepts donations. Any materials donated are tax deductible. Donations can be left at the Pride Center.

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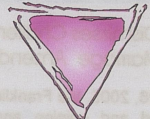
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>More information about many of the events are in this newsletter. You may want to call or email the group to confirm the date and time, see the directory on back page.</p> <p>Pride Center may be abbreviated - PC Call for Place may be abbreviated- Call</p>		5:30 Quirk Cafe & Coffee Live Music in Midway Every Tuesday			7:30 p Gay/Lesbian AA (call for place) 8p ActOut presents Last Sunday In June @ Public Library 7:30 Lexington li First Mtg.	8p ActOut presents Last Sunday In June @ Public Library
9:15 & 11a UU Church 10:30 a St. Mychal	INDEPENDENCE DAY Join KFA @ 1:00 on Midland Ave to march in the parade.	Drago Bingo @ Club Liquid every Tuesday. (proceeds to benefit the Pride Center) 7p GSA (call for place 266-5904)	7p GLSO Discussion Group-PC 8p Gay/Lesbian AA	Pride Center open til 6pm 7p ActOut Auditions for Southern Baptist Sissies	7:30 p Gay/Lesbian AA (call for place) 7p ActOut Auditions for Southern Baptist Sissies	7:30 p LexDGA (Call for place)
10a UU Church 10:30 a St. Mychal's 2p Women's 40+ Group-PC 4p Integrity @ St. Michael's 6p Imperial Court Mtg.-PC	7p Bluegrass Fairness-PC 8p AA Open Discussion/Speakers (call for place)	7p GSA (call for place 266-5904)	7p GLSO Discussion Group-PC 8p Gay/Lesbian AA	Pride Center open til 6pm	Newsletter Dead-line 7:30 p Gay/Lesbian AA (call for place)	
10a UU Church 10:30 a St. Mychal's SoulForce (call Jamie 230-5625)	7:30 p GLSO Board Mtg. 8p AA Open Discussion/Speakers (call for place)	7p GSA (call for place 266-5904)	7p GLSO Discussion Group-PC 8p Gay/Lesbian AA	Pride Center open til 6pm	7:30 p Gay/Lesbian AA (call for place)	7:30 KFA & Actors Guild Murder Mystery Dinner Theater 233-0663
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Weekly Activities:

- Mondays:**
8pm - AA
Discussion/Speaker (Call for Location)
- Tuesdays:**
7pm - GSA (Gay Straight Alliance)
- Wednesdays:**
7pm - GLSO Discussion Group
8pm - Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for Location)
- 9pm - Rainbow Bowling League Southland Lanes
- Fridays:**
8pm - Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for Location)
- Saturdays:**
9am - Frontrunners/Walkers @ UK Arboretum
- Sundays:**
9:15 & 11am - UU Church Worship Services.
10:30 - Mass. St. Mychal The Martyr.
6pm - SisterSound Rehearsal @ Landsdowne Presby. Church.
7pm - LMC Rehearsal @ St. Michael's Episcopal Church.
- Bi-weekly:**
6pm - The Imperial Court SoulForce -
Call Jamie 230-5625

Monthly Activities:

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

Court Dismisses Challenge Against Marriage Amendment

On May 26, 2005, the Franklin Circuit Court issued an opinion and Order dismissing the case that had been filed by two members of the Bluegrass Chapter and KFA, Willie Boddie and Charlotte Wood, along with the Reverend Albert Pennybacker of the Interfaith Alliance. In their complaint they contested the validity of the Constitutional Amendment on the grounds that it violated the Kentucky Constitution because the language purportedly banning civil unions was so vague that an intelligent voter could not understand the meaning of the amendment, and because the ballot language asked the voters to vote on more than one subject matter. The following is a brief summary of the highlights of that opinion.

At the beginning of its opinion, the Court noted that it was rendering a very limited opinion: "The need, wisdom, and economic and social desirability of the amendment is not before this Court. It would be overstepping judicial bounds to pass judgment on the value and the worthiness of the legislative purpose."

In addressing the vagueness argument, the Court noted that the complainants had pointed out that a number of potential legal and relational rights were arguably affected by the Amendment. Such rights and legal relations could include among other things hospital visitation, medical/health care decisions, decision making capacity for burial and funeral arrangements, domestic violence claims, and the ability of businesses and local governments to provide health insurance or bereavement leave to domestic partners.

With respect to these allegations the Court observed, "This Court agrees with the Plaintiff's contention that the above enumerated relational and legal rights and responsibilities may be affected by the passage of the Marriage Amendment.

This Court is not particularly persuaded by the generalized response to these issues, as exemplified, 'the amendment does not prohibit employers from giving domestic partner benefits if that is what they feel is in their best interest.'... To borrow a phrase from Louisiana District Court Judge William A. Morvant, "says who?"

However with respect to the narrow issue before the Court as to whether the language of the amendment had been properly framed in the ballot, the Court dismissed this allegation, noting that with minor exceptions the ballot measure was identical to the legislation passed by the General Assembly.

The court also rejected the argument that the ballot impermissibly combined two different subject matters in one measure. The Court found that the definition of marriage and the ban on a legal relationship substantially identical to marriage were sufficiently related to each other to pass constitutional muster.

For the time being, it is not clear as to whether the various relational and legal rights and responsibilities of unmarried couples will be affected by the passage of the Amendment or not. It was because of these concerns relating to the potential effects on legal and relational right and responsibilities of unmarried couples that the plaintiffs initiated this suit. Obviously, the concerns in the challenge were regarded by the Court as being justified. Unfortunately, as reflected in the Court's opinion, it still remains unclear how these issues will be resolved in the future.

The attorneys handling this case have carefully reviewed the opinion and decided for a variety of tactical reasons not to file an appeal. It is difficult under the best of circumstances to secure a reversal of a circuit court decision. In addition, this case was filed for the limited purpose of challenging the ballot proposal in the hopes that the lower court would follow the precedent set by the lower court in Louisiana which voided a

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Congratulations to our newly elected monarchs,
Emperor 24 J.C. Lewis and
Empress 24 Phoenix Gaye

Fairness Court Decision....

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similar proposal because it contained two different provisions. Unfortunately, the Louisiana Supreme Court reversed the lower court. Although this case was not mentioned by Judge Crittenden he was certainly aware of that decision. More likely than not the appellate court would favorably refer to the Louisiana case and affirm the decision.

On balance, one could legitimately infer from the Court's ruling that it was not real happy with its decision but felt constrained to dismiss the case because of the existing Kentucky case law rejecting similar arguments. However, one could also infer that the court believed that some of the issues raised in this case should be considered in the context of a full, frontal constitutional attack against the amendment based on equal protection and due process arguments.

As to the possible success of such a challenge, there is some good news. Recently in Nebraska, a federal district court invalidated a constitutional measure substantially similar to the one passed in Kentucky. KFA will continue to monitor this case and if and when the right set of facts develop in Kentucky, a legal challenge may be filed in federal district court. This decision will only be made after KFA has received input and advice from a variety of national organizations such as ACLU, Lambda LegalBluegrassfairness.org., NGLTF and the HRC. These organizations are coordinating to a large extent the various challenges that are now being made to the state constitutional amendments and KFA as always will be sensitive to their strategic concerns.

If you wish to read the Franklin District Court opinion as well as the Nebraska decision please go our website at Kentuckyfairness.org

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Actor's Guild of Lexington and the Bluegrass Chapter of the Kentucky Fairness Alliance have entered into a conspiracy to bring you an entertaining evening of mystery and suspense in downtown Lexington.

The Mystery Dinner Theater will be held on July 23 at the Radisson Hotel. Cocktails (cash bar) will be served at 6:30. The dinner (and the mystery) will begin at 7:00 in the ballroom. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased by calling the Actor's Guild box office at 233-0663.

A muscular bald headed man, who used to be a gay escort that advertised his wares on the internet and also moonlighted as a reporter with suspicious White House press credentials will meet an untimely demise sometime during the dinner. Your task will be to solve the murder by identifying the culprit with a series of clues that will be presented throughout the evening.

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Prizes will be awarded at the end of the evening to those who solve the mystery. Possible suspects will include a colorful gang of nefarious persons ranging from Ms Crimson to Mr. Lavender with Mr. Cobalt and Baby Pink joining into the fray. But keep your eyes on Major Mustard who has a fetish for ropes or possibly Hunter Green. (Is he the one with the knife and is he a she or vice versa?).

And the foregoing paragraph may be a clue or it may all just be a red herring. Come and find out what out what suddenly happened this summer. The game is afoot and we need your help in solving the mysterious death of Jeff Cannon.

Hospice Offers Spouse Loss -Grief Group

Learning To Live Through Grief: Spouse Loss is a group for those who are coping with the death of a spouse. The group provides an opportunity to share experiences and thoughts with others who have experienced a similar loss.

The group meets for six sessions Tuesdays, Aug. 9 - Sept. 13, 6-7:30 p.m. at the Bluegrass Center for Grief Ed. and Counseling. For info or to register for the group, please call Roxanne Ruggles, 277-2700, extension 419. The registration deadline is Thurs., Aug. 4.

KFA \$25,000 Gift Challenge!

We are pleased to announce a \$25,000 challenge gift that has been offered to the Kentucky Fairness Alliance (KFA) by longtime member and supporter Cliff Todd. Cliff is excited about encouraging other member contributions at all levels over the coming months.

Our work in 2005 is more critical than ever; protecting our families and local

Fairness ordinances in Kentucky will take everyone's support and involvement. We are also gearing up for the 2006 legislative session where anti-gay adoption and foster parenting legislation is expected to be introduced.

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Integrity a group of GLBT Episcopalians and friends meets on the second Sunday of each month at St Michael's Episcopal Church. The gathering is at 4pm in the Chapter Room of St Michael's at 2025 Bellefonte Drive. The July gathering will be Sunday July 10. For additional information or questions please call Markus at 859 243 0998 or email Integrity at LexIntegrity@yahoo.com.

St. Mychal The Martyr

St. Mychal The Martyr Parish invites you to our services on Sundays at 10:30 am. We are located at 1350 Eastland Dr., Suite #5, off Winchester Rd. St. Mychal is a member of the Orthodox Catholic Church of America, a national denomination that is gay supportive, performs blessing of gay unions, welcomes divorced people, and ordains women into the orders of Deacon, Priest and Bishop. Call 859 389-9418 or email kypadre@aol.com for information

Jubilee Fellowship

Jubilee Fellowship of Lexington welcomes members of the GLBT community and their friends to join us in growing as a community of believers in Christ who are fanatical about loving people with God's unconditional love.

We derive our name from the biblical reference of The Jubilee or Grand Sabbatical Year. This Jubilee year was a time to proclaim liberty and rejoicing throughout the land.

Likewise, we at Jubilee Fellowship recognize that Jesus became sin for us and suffered the punishment for our sins so that we could experience the benefits of Jubilee every single day. We desire to live our lives, spend our money and use our talents in such a way that we will bring about the release of many through our acts of obedience to God.

If this vision sounds like something you would like to be a part of please contact our Pastor Cori Wood by e-mail at jfellowship@aol.com or call 859 264-7006. We have a big vision and a big God.

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Unitarian Universalist Church Of Lexington

The Unitarian Universalist Church is a welcoming congregation that not only accepts GLBT people but celebrates their lives. Please join us any Sunday for our service at 10 am or for another of our activities.

There is a Drum Circle on the 4th Friday of each month during the summer from 7 to 9 pm. Learn rhythms, dance, or just enjoy the music. Drums provided by the UU Pagans.

The Humanist Forum will meet on Wednesday July 13 for a lively discussion. The Humanist Forum promotes an ethical, democratic, naturalistic way of life that challenges irrationality, encourages critical thinking, and promotes the separation of church and state.

Unitarian Universalism has its roots in Protestant Christian theology but affirms the wisdom and value of all faiths as well

as the importance of intellectual inquiry. In our churches, no one is asked to ascribe to any creed; each of us finds Truth in our own way, and each of us is responsible for our own journey. We come together so that we may learn from each other and so that we may share our joys and our sorrows along the way. We seek to show, to a world increasingly divided by artificial boundaries, that people of different beliefs can come together in peace.

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Intersex

This article is in part a summary of a recent interview with Dr. William Reiner by Claudia Dreifus published in the New York Times. There is also information included from the Intersex Society of North America (ISNA)

Dr. Reiner, a psychiatrist and urologist, has become a leading specialist in the treatment of children born with an intersex condition, which is a term most often used to refer to ambiguous genitalia and sometimes includes genetic and hormonal evaluation.

"I like working with these children," Dr. Reiner says "They've had atypical life experiences, and they tend to be extraordinarily sensitive and vulnerable. They see as aspect of what it means to be alive in a different way than the rest of us.

Dr. Reiner started learning about intersex conditions in the early 1980's when a 14-year-old "girl" came to his office and declared "I'm a boy, not a girl.

At birth this child didn't have a recognizable penis, but rather something that appeared like an enlarged clitoris. He had a partial testicle on one side. Internally, he was half female, and he looked more female than male. Since infancy, his parents had raised him female. (The interview did not say if he had been operated on at birth to reduce the "clitoris" to an "acceptable" size.)

At puberty that one testicle began producing enough male hormones to masculinize him. This child wanted Dr. Reiner to help convince his parents he was male and he wanted surgery so that his phallic structure looked more like a penis. Dr. Reiner agreed to do both.

Since that first experience, Dr. Reiner has seen dozens of children with anomalies of their genitalia. "These children moved me. When you hear someone declare with such clarity that

they know themselves far better than the experts, it is life changing."

There are around 1,000 intersex babies born every year in the United States. Dr. Reiner believes that there are six different conditions that cause children to be born with ambiguous sexual structures. The majority are the result of something gone wrong early in a pregnancy, where the fetus is exposed to an inappropriate amount of hormones in the uterus.

In the past, when an intersex child was born, they were sent home without surgery to be raised as the gender that seemed most likely. ((In a more distant past, these children were often thought to be gifted and were made into shaman)

But starting in the 1950's, the medical approach became more intrusive and surgery was recommended to parents to solve the "problem" by changing the

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child's genitalia. The vast majority of the children with "severe inadequacy of the penis" were converted to "female" surgically and then raised as girls.

There are also genetic female children that are operated on to reduce the size of a clitoris that is "too large." Yes, there are actually measurements that doctors decided upon to say how large a clitoris is allowed to be.

These surgeries are an attempt to "normalize" the child. Many doctors believed that with a little cutting and pasting, a child assigned and raised as the gender chosen by the doctors, would not question their gender identity in the future. Gender identity was seen as socially and culturally taught.

There are several problems in this approach. A large number of surgically altered intersex individuals develop an internal sense that they are not the gender their parents tell them they are. Some of them knew this from childhood, others developed the awareness at

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puberty. The other problem is that many intersex people find that the surgery interferes with their ability to have any sexual response in their genitals.

Forty years after these surgeries became common practice, adults began to find out what had been done to them. The Intersex Society of North America (ISNA) was established in 1993 by Cheryl Chase to bring together adults seeking information about what had happened to them. Some of these adults were questioning their gender identity, others wanted to know what surgery had been done and why. ISNA has become an advocate for intersex people and is asking the medical community to stop operating on children. (See their mission statement in the next column.)

Thanks to ISNA's hard work, a growing number of doctors and other professionals now understand gender as far more complex than the appearance of external genitalia or the results of hormonal and genetic evaluation. Exactly what constitutes gender identity is still somewhat of a puzzle.

When Dr. Reiner started working with intersex individuals, he retrained in psychiatry so that he could help his patients with the psychological aspects of their condition. During that process, he became aware of ISNA and eventually accepted a position on their Medical Advisory Boards.

In his research, Dr. Reiner has discovered that about 60 percent of the genetic male children raised as female have retransitioned into males. Other intersex individuals do not consider themselves either male or female, but somewhere in the middle. Some of these people say their gender is "trans".

Dr. Reiner advocates a patient centered model, agreeing with ISNA that no surgeries should be done on infants, but only on individuals old enough to decide for themselves. Dr. Reiner also suggests that "if . . . physicians want to know about a person's gender identity, we have to ask them."

The Intersex Society Mission Statement

The Intersex Society of North America (ISNA) is devoted to systemic change to end shame, secrecy, and unwanted genital surgeries for people born with an anatomy that someone decided is not standard for male or female.

We have learned from listening to individuals and families dealing with intersex that:

- ♦ Intersexuality is primarily a problem of stigma and trauma, not gender.
- ♦ Parents' distress must not be treated by surgery on the child
- ♦ All children should be assigned as boy or girl, without early surgery.
- ♦ Professional mental health care is essential. Honest, complete disclosure is good medicine.

Recent Progress

In early May, 2005, the San Francisco Human Rights Commission issued A Human Rights Investigation into the Medical 'Normalization' of Intersex People, declaring that the standard medical approach to intersex conditions leads pediatric specialists to violate their patients' human rights.

"In issuing this report, the San Francisco Human Rights Commission has essentially declared me a human being," said Cheryl Chase, Executive Director of ISNA.

"They have agreed that I—and children born like me—deserve the same basic human rights as others."

Chase, who was born with mixed sex anatomy internally and externally, went on: "No longer should we be lied to, displayed, be injected with hormones for questionable purposes, and have our genitals cut to alleviate the anxieties of parents and doctors. Doctors' good intentions are not enough. Practices must now change."

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