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Actout presents The Twilight of the Golds

ActOut invites you to their production of *Twilight of the Golds* by Jonathan Tolins, directed by Robert Parks Johnson. Performances will be held at the Central Public Library Theater, 140 E. Main St., over two weekends in March. Curtain's at 8 pm on Friday 14, Saturday 15, and Saturday 22. There will also be a matinee on Sunday, 23, at 2 pm. Admission is \$8.

This drama is set in the not to distant future when geneticists are experimenting with testing for sexual orientation of a fetus in utero. Suzanne Gold (SarahKate Moody) is married to genetic researcher Rob Stein (Bill French), the son of Orthodox Jews who disapprove of what they perceive as their son's meddling with God's prerogatives.

When Rob submits his and Suzanne's unborn son to his colleagues' experimental test procedures, the baby appears to have a 90 percent chance of being homosexual. Rob thinks they should consider abortion. Suzanne confides in her mother, Phyllis Gold (Robin Roth), that she fears for the added burden her new family will face.

Mom's got a big mouth, and before long Suzanne's father, Walter Gold (Michael Thompson) and gay brother, David Gold (Andrew Hyde), are weighing in with their conflicting opinions about whether or not Suzanne should have an abortion. David, naturally, has strong feeling about his family members even considering this alternative. The Gold ...continued on page 2

Pride Month Planning

It is that time again. GLSO has set a meeting for Sunday March 9 at 3 pm at the Pride Center to start planning for Pride Month activities. All individuals willing to work on some aspect of Pride Month are encouraged to attend. Organizations are invited to send representatives. Members of this committee will make decisions concerning theme, scheduling of events and advertising. We hope to include some new activities this year such as a film festival. If you have some ideas or some time and energy, please join us!

Central Ky Council for Peace and Justice

The Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice (CKCPJ) will be holding their annual Peace Fair and Dinner on Saturday, March 1 at The Christ Church Cathedral in downtown Lexington beginning at 5 pm with dinner at 6 pm. The dinner will be vegetarian food catered by the Good Foods Co-Op Deli. Due to a limited seating, reservations for ...continued on page 2

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Twilight cont. ..family is foced to openly discuss their deepest feelings about homosexuality. How do they come through it? Join us for this thought provoking play. For related articles, see pages 16 and 17.

CKCPJ cont. the dinner are encouraged, call Jeff Freyman at (859) 233-8273. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children under 12. The keynote speaker will be Mayor Teresa Isaac whose topic will be "Working for Social Justice in Lexington."

The Peace Fair consists of a large variety of organizations that work toward peace, social justice and civil liberties for all people. Organizations are encouraged to set up information tables to distribute literature for their cause. Tables will be provided, call Melody Hickman at 254-5393. Admission to the fair itself is free and you are more than welcome to attend the fair without attending the dinner.

The CKCPJ has been very supportive of the GLBTQ community over the years. I would like challenge all GLBTQ organizations to participate. This is a great opportunity to network, make contacts, make new friends and allies and have fun in a safe environment. Dinner and speech from Mayor Teresa Isaac for \$8 is not a bad deal. Look forward to seeing you there.

Imagine America Town Meeting

On Saturday, March 15 at 11:30 am at the Kentucky Theater there will be an event quite unlike any other you may have attended in the past. Moderated by Lexington Mayor Teresa Isaac, the following speakers will address their hopes for the future of America:

Dennis Kucinich, Chair of the Progressive Caucus of the Democratic party and a possible US Presidential candidate. Kucinich is a strong supporter of workers' rights, civil rights, human rights and the environment. (www.thespritoffreedom.com or www.house.gov/kucinich)

Marianne Williamson, author of A Return to Love, Imagine, Illuminata, and other works. Williamson is an inspirational speaker who envisions new possibilities for our collective future.

John Robbins, author of Diet for a New America and The Food Revolution, Food Choices Affecting our Health, the Environment and the Global Food Supply. (ww.the-foodrevolution.org) This event is sponsored by EarthSave and a \$5 donation will be asked at the door. For more

Community News

Tiffany & Co. Benefit Show

Tiffany & Company invites everyone to our monthly benefit show for Moveable Feast! Join us at Club 141 on Wednesday, March 19th. Your \$5.00 donation will provide you a night of fabulous entertainment by some of your favorite Lexington entertainers! Scheduled to appear are: Tiffany Andrews, Mescha, Val E Sheridan, Miss Sheena, Cheyanne, Rayna Starr and our 2 very special guests; Caviar Towers and the reigning Empress of the Imperial Court of All Kentucky, Miss Nichole Diamond!

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 every first Tuesday at the Pride Center. For information, contact Joan at 859-539-2657 or email Jweslie@aol.com

Join The Chorus

The Lexington Men's Chorus begins rehearsal for the Pride Month/June 2003 Concert on Sunday, March 2nd at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 2025 Bellefonte Drive. Weekly Sunday rehearsals are from 5:30pm to 7:45pm. Come to sing, join the auxiliary or become a "Friend of The Chorus" (with your tax deductible contributions).

The chorus is gay and gay supportive and is non-audition. Men's choral singing: music to your ears with harmony in your heart. For more information call Kenneth at 255-1974 or E-Mail: info@lmcky.org

"Men In Tights 2003" is just around the corner. Mark your calenders for The Lexington Men's Chorus' annual Drag

Show/Fundraiser on Wednesday, April 9th at 9pm at The Bar Complex. A night of illusion with door and raffle prizes too! Door Cover will be \$5 and don't forget your tipping money for the "girls".

Soul Force

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.

King's dream and life work was to move our society nearer to what he called "the beloved community." McDaniel believes that "an essential component of realizing that dream is for us to understand the injustices of yesterday so that we are better equipped to recognize and work towards ending the injustices of today."

Therefore, Soulforce has begun an indepth study of the Civil Rights Movement of the 50's and 60's. For the study group, each participant will be given free copies of two books about that era and will be asked to purchase a copy of <u>A Call to Conscience:</u> The Landmark Speeches of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. For information or directions, call Jamie McDaniel at 859-230-5625. www.SoulforceLexington.org

LEX DRESS AND GENDER AlliANCE

The next meeting of the LexDGA will be Saturday March 1st at 8pm. Call 433-8388, or email LexDGA@yahoo.com or see http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LexDGA for more information.

LexDGA is a peer discussion group which meets monthly to discuss how gender affects our ...continued on next page

lives, and to help members network with each other in a supportive casual atmosphere. You are encouraged to dress in any manner you feel comfortable and to bring a close friend who might wish to learn more. The LexDGA is not a therapy group and the meetings are not to be used as a dating service.

Past topics of discussion have included dealing with past and current guilt, coming to terms with our transgendered nature, coming out to friends and family members, and discussing how gender affects our role in society. We hope to have makeovers planned for the March meeting.

Men Of All Colors Together

KY Men of all Colors Together (MACT) is meeting regularly on Sunday, March 16 at the Pride Center at 7 pm. 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.

We plan to watch a video at this upcoming meeting. For more info email mactky@aol.com or check out our web site a www.mactky.com

UX Therapy Group

Anne Edwards, a lesbian and a therapist at the UK Counseling and Testing Center, is offering a therapy group for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students (minimum 6 credit hr). The group is meeting from 1 pm to 2 pm on Wednesdays and is co-lead by Dr. Colby Cohen-Archer.

There will be 6 to 12 members with a variety of backgrounds and presenting concerns. All members will either be self-identified as GLBT or be questioning their gender identity or sexual preference. Please call and ask for either Edwards or Dr. Cohen-Archer if you have any questions. 257-8701.

Lesbian Fifty Plus Group

by Ginger Moore-Minder

I want to start a new group for lesbians fifty and over and their allies. In January I attended "Silver Threads" a convention for 50+ women in St. Petersburg, FL. The St.Pete, Tampa area has several very active groups for women in their fifties and I thought it would be fun to start one here. I have been advertising in the "Meeting Place" to let people know that do not get this newsletter and to increase our attendance.

The first outing will be Saturday, March 15. We will go to The Red Seville Restaurant on Limestone in front of the Main Library at 6pm. A section has been set aside for us and a special menu of Spanish and Latin (Not Mexican) food has been arranged. At 7pm we will be entertained with Flamenco dancing. At 8pm we will go across the street to the Act-Out Play, "Twilight of the Golds". It promises to be a very special evening. Reservations and tickets to the play are required by March 12, call 253-3233 or 276-0673. Let all your friends know.

LYONS LEVI / LEATHER CLUB

The Lexington Lyons / Levi and Leather Club meets at the Pride Center on March 10 at 7:30. We welcome new members and individuals interested in learning about our organization.

The Lyons recently donated a copy of *A Handbook on the Leather & BDSM Lifestyle* to the Pride Library. This notebook has information about the BDSM lifestyle gathered from a variety of sources and is particularly designed for the gay male audience. It includes information about the history of the leather tradition, terminology and current day Pride material. It is available for loan from the Pride Library.

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Promoting equality for all people regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity in sixteen central Kentucky counties.

Let's work together to make central Kentucky better!

If you're planning a celebration of same-sex marriage or civil union, consider talking to us about placing an announcement in the Herald-Leader.

If you're an employee of Ashland, Inc. (including Valvoline or Speedway/SuperAmerica), contact us about efforts to extend health coverage to domestic partners.

If you want to volunteer for our efforts to promote equality for all Kentuckians, contact us about our committee opportunities. (see page 15)

Our new Lexington phone number: 806-4114

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LESBIAN VIDEO NIGHT

In honor of Women's History Month, we'll be viewing *Aimee and Jaguar* Friday, March 14 at 7 p.m. This 1998 drama is based upon the true story of two women, one German and one Jewish, who fell in love in Berlin during World War II.

Maria Shrader and Juliane Kohler won best actress awards at the Berlin Film Festival for their performances as the title characters. The film is in German with English subtitles. The version that will be shown has not been rated.

(For additional information about gay men and lesbians in Hitler's Germany, see the article on page 16 or check out the documentary Paragraph 175 from the Pride Library.)

Xena at the Pride Center

by Jane Minder

It's been two long years since Xena, the Warrior Princess and her gal pal (wink), Gabrielle traveled the world, fought bad guys (and girls), died and came back to life, hung out with goddesses and gods, traveled through time, and generally kicked ass where ever they went. Are you are still suffering the effects of Xena withdrawal? Or maybe you are an "X:WP Virgin" who missed out on the whole phenomenon. Well guess what? THEY'RE BACK!!!

Join us for the return of Xena and Gabrielle at the Pride Center, on Saturday, March 15th at 1pm. Every third Saturday of the month we will get together to watch several episodes of this classic series, in order, commercial free, in the newly issued DVD format. See their journey from the beginning and decide for yourself when all that "lesbian subtext" started.

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.

Art for Fun

We are proud to announce a free art group which will meet on the first, second, and fourth Saturday, from 1pm to 4pm at the Pride Center. The group will be led by two local artists with occasional guest artists. Informal instruction will be given in such arts as drawing, pastels, watercolors, acrylics, oils, sculpting, or whatever medium you'd like to work with. The goal is not to produce great artists but to help you release your creative energy that was no doubt squelched in elementary school.

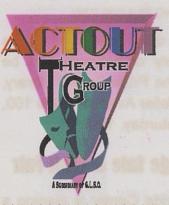
This group plans to do gallery hops here in town, and trips to Louisville and Cincinnati art museums. Some art history and appreciation will be taught. The group will be drop-in so you do not have to attend every session. Come see what fun it is to enjoy the process of creating without too much concern for what is created. Art for fun will be offered from March to May.

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 outloud about, we will listen. For information contact the Pride Center at 859-253-3233, or Jane at email ladyjaneky@yahoo.com.

GAYMES NIGHT

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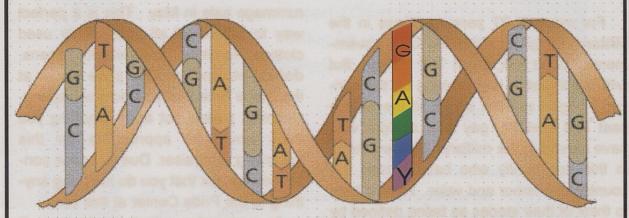
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The Twilight of the Golds by Jonathan Tolins



Directed by Robert Parks Johnson

Starring, Andrew Hyde, Michael Thompson, SaraKate Moody, Robin Roth and Bill French

Performances will be presented at The Lexington Public Library Theater, 140 E. Main St. and are scheduled as follows.

Fri. March 14, 2003 at 8:00 p.m.

Sat. March 15, 2003 at 8:00 p.m.

Sat. March 22, 2003 at 8:00 p.m.

Sun. March 23, 2003 at 2:00 p.m.

Admission is \$8.00 Please call 253-3233 or 252-2867 to reserve tickets. Tickets will also be available at the door for each performance.

"This program is made possible, in part, by funds from the Lexington Arts and Cultural Council Community Arts Development Program."

will be Friday, 28. Bring a deck of cards or your favorite board game to the pride center for an evening of fun and games. Bring a snack or soda to share if you would like some munchies. We have a microwave for warming food. All the fun begins at 7:00 p.m.

Pride Center Library Highlights: "Gays in the Military"

By Jane Minder

For most GLBT persons "Gays in the Military" brings to mind the U.S. government's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy. But with the threat of war looming on the horizon I began to think about all the people past and present, gay and straight who have served in the military. I know people in this community who have served our country with honor and valor. I would hate to think of their stories as being defined by the political issues of our time. In some small way I hope that this month's selections of fact, fiction and biography, will honor their service.

Conduct Unbecoming: Gays & Lesbians in the U.S. Military by Randy Shilts (UB 418.G38 S556)

Dog Tags by Alexis Jude (F Jude D654)

Gays in Uniform: The Pentagon's Secret Reports edited by Kate Dyer. (UB 418.G38 G38)

The Lieutenant by Andre Dubus (F Dubu L721)

Lieutenant Nun: Memoir of a Basque Transvestite in the New World by Catalina de Erauso (CT 1358.E7 A3)

Matlovich the Good Soldier by Mike Hippler (HQ 75.8.M3 H667)

Privates by Gene Horowitz (F Horo P961)

Sailors and Sexual Identity: Crossing the Line Between Straight and Gay in the U.S. Navy by Steven Zeeland (VB 324.G38 Z44)

Serving in Silence by Margarethe Cammermeyer (HQ 75.4.C36 C36)

These and many other books and videos on a wide variety of subjects can be checked out at the Pride Center Library, located at 389 Waller Avenue, Suite 100, open Monday-Saturday, 10-3.

GLSO Rummage Sale & Craft Fair

The GLSO Pride Center is planing a rummage sale in May. This is a perfect way to get rid of all your gently used clothes, furniture, knickknacks, linens, dishes, etc and help the pride center at the same time. As you do your spring-cleaning, please put aside anything you think would be appropriate for this upcoming fundraiser. Due to space constraints we ask that you do not bring anything to the Pride Center at this time.

In conjunction with the sale, we will set aside an area for a Craft Fair. Crafters may need to provide their own tables and will need to pay a fee or donate part of their income for the day. We will be heavily advertising this event and are looking for a large turn out so this would be an excellent way to make the transition from a hobby to a business.

To complete the fair atmosphere, we would like to have a food wagon offering hot dogs, chips, drinks, and funnel cakes. If anyone has a food wagon they would like to donate for the day or knows how to go about renting one, please let us know.

Look for more information in the next newsletter. We will need volunteers to sort and price items to help work the day of the sale. Call Ginger or Sharon to volunteer, for additional information about donations or about selling crafts, or if you have information about acquiring a food wagon. Pride Center - 859 253-3233, Sharon at 859 338-1046 or email lexingtonglso@ yahoo.com.

The Imperial Court of Kentucky Spring Menu

With all the snow, you'd never know that Spring is upon us! But the Imperial Court has not been setting on its butt waiting for the snow to melt. We've planned a "Spring-Full" of events to keep you entertained.

Today's Specials

Dates & specifics to be announced as they become available ill Game Show Night The ICK takes over the Bar

Complex for its versions of your favorite TV game shows.

Hair Care 2003

Posh Salon, the ICK, and many local stylists have teamed up to provide your dream makeover while benefiting the designated charities of the ICK.

The 2003 Falsie Awards

The ICK moves into the State Theatre to honor many local supporters & performers, as well as to bestow its Lifetime Achievement Award.

http://kentucky.impcourt.org/

Andrew's Club: Fear Factor

Andrews Club for GLBT young adults has kicked off with a bang. Members gather at 7 pm at the Pride Center and often go from there to other locations in Lexington. It meets on Saturdays March 8 and 22 and is open to young adults 18 and up. If you are a somewhat older, come anyway and see if it fits your needs

At one of the February meetings, Andrew arranged a game of Fear Factor. As seen on NBC, everyone competed in outlandish competitions ranging from eating sardines and transporting crawfish in their mouths, to climbing a 40 foot rock wall and hanging upside down by a bungee cord for an extended period of time.

"It was hysterical watching everyone compete so ferociously," Andrew said, "Luckily I was just the host." The fierce competition ended with a champion who was awarded the coveted "Andrews Club Champion" T-shirt.

Andrew Hyde, from CBS' The Amazing Race reality TV show, started this group in January and looks forward to all the group has planned for 2003. The group will have a different activity each meeting ranging from hiking, going to the movies, weekend trips to places such as Gatlinburg, and New York City in June. Andrew will be speaking during New York's Pride Events.

"I'm completely psyched that everyone is having such a blast. It's a very laid back group and is absolutely open to everyone," Andrew stated. For info contact Andrew at KYAndrew1@aol.com.

The Imperial Court

As you can see by the ad on the preceding page, The Imperial Court has many fun activities planned for Spring. The Falsie Awards, The Game Show and Hair Care 2003 are all in the works. If you want

updated information, check our web site at http://kentucky.impcourt.org/.

The Entertainer of the Year shows are under way; two successful shows have already raised over \$1,000. Members of the Court have traveled to Connecticut and Long Beach recently for coronations. We are excited about planning our Coronation 22 which will be in early June.

Our Calendars are now on sale for \$7. Get one at this bargain price. And last but not least, Congratulations to Jenna Jive who was crowned Miss Gay Valentine on Febuary 12.

Mystery Dinner Theater Actors Needed

GLSO and ActOut have commissioned a short play to be presented in May. There are six parts for actors, no previous experience necessary. Tryout are scheduled for Thursday April 2 at the Pride Center with three male and three female parts.

This will be basically a one act play that opens up to audiance participation as folks try to solve the mystery of who set a fire at Bell Breezing's House of ill repute. If you are really interested, we suggest you call Terry before the tryout date at 576-5262. He may asign parts in advance of the tryout date. So give him a call and sign up to have some fun.



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Call number in Directory for Location.

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BLUEGRASS FAIRNESS Annual Meeting Report

by Allan Barger and Laura Harris

The yearly General Meeting of the Kentucky Fairness Alliance Bluegrass Chapter was held on January 28 at the Lexington Public Library. State Senator Ernesto Scorsone opened the meeting by thanking Fairness for its work. He shared his thoughts on the upcoming legislative session, where he is filing a Senate bill to protect state employees from job discrimination based on sexual orientation. He emphasized that the most effective approach with legislators is to make a personal contact.

The 2002 Annual Report highlighted some of Bluegrass Fairness's activities and successes: being visible (and winning the Best Float) in the Lexington July 4th parade, the fundraising dinner at Portofinos, and the strong planning and participation in the Hate-Free Lexington rally. Former steering committee members were recognized with plaques of appreciation: including former co-chairs Fe Myer, Theresa McGrann and Miss Fairness, Jeff Jones! Also honored were Robin Maley, Jerry Neff and Melanie Otis. Cindy Downey was honored as Bluegrass Volunteer of the Year.

Fundraising is crucial for Fairness' ongoing work and the concession trailer downtown on July 4th, the annual dinner and t-shirt sales are successes that will continue. Scott Ackerman was recognized for his significant sponsorship for the 2002 dinner. Scott Perry was recognized for raffles he organized at Crossings during the past two years, netting significant funds for Fairness' work. The steering committee also announced that we will be a significant financial spon-

sor for the GLSO Pride Month this coming June. Look for our ads in the GLSO newsletter. Those interested in hosting fundraising parties or events for Fairness should contact us by phone or email.

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After conversations with Bluegrass Fairness, the Lexington Herald-Leader has indicated a willingness to publish Same-sex Union Announcements. We are seeking one or more couples who have recently had a union ceremony, and who are willing to be named in a statewide newspaper, to pioneer these announcements. If this is you, please contact us.

Bluegrass Fairness' Outreach Committee has information tables at many local events and is planning a Family Legal Issues seminar. Outreach is communicating with Central Baptist Hospital about their deletion of "sexual orientation" from the non-discrimination form required by Community Action Council. Letters to the editor in the Lexington Herald Leader were spear-headed by Allan Barger, who is a community columnist for 2003. Fairness also plans to work with other area media to gain visibility for LGBT issues. If you can work on Outreach issues, contact us.

Fairness worked with an employee of Lexmark to successfully establish domestic partner benefits there. This year Fairness focuses on Ashland, Inc., a major Kentucky employer. Ashland employees are encouraged to state their need for DP benefits with support from Bluegrass. We plan to meet with Lexington's Mayor Isaac about DP benefits for city employees.

Andrea Hildebran, executive director of state KFA, reported on door to door visits in Northern KY that found good support for a Fairness Ordinance. KFA can now show legislators that there is public support for Fairness protections. She reported that Bluegrass Fairness is the largest KFA Chapter, but other ...continued on next page

Kentuckians are organizing in other regions of the state with support of the KFA. Matt Nicholson, KFA's community organizer, announced Fairness lobbying efforts beginning February 4th and continuing every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday until the session ends. State KFA has a long-term focus on coalition building and family law issues.

The established goals and priorities for Bluegrass Fairness in 2003 include schools and youth safety, domestic partner benefits, supporting regional counties outside of Fayette, Latino issues and educating people about Fairness laws. All committee meetings are open to any Fairness member. The meeting days sometimes vary, call for exact time and place. Here is contact information:

Steering Committee Fourth Tuesday at the Pride Center Jim Dickinson 252-5801 or Cindy Downey at 539-2703

Outreach Committee Usually the first Thursday, Laurie Davison 294-7521

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Fans of drumming will be happy to know Ubaka Hill is returning as well as Cheri Lunn, and, new for 2003, Rhythms of Aqua. Comedians Marga Gomez and Vickie Shaw are also scheduled, and this year for the first time, SWF will add spoken word to the line-up with the eloquent poetry of Robin G. White and C.C. Carter.

Women can also choose to shop in the crafts area, attend a variety of informative and fun workshops, or sit in the sun and soak up the warm spring weather. This year, as a special bonus, the first 300 women to purchase four-day tickets will be eligible to win a 7 day vacation at a woman-owned resort in the U.S. Virgin Islands. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Pat Cobb at 904-725-8079 or www.gaywomyn.org for a complete guide to the 2003 Southern Womyn's Festival.

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Paragraph 175 Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals by mary crone

The Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington D.C. is now showing a special exhibition called The Nazi Persecution of Homosexual, 1933-1945. After mid March, it will travel to other areas of the country. Some of the information in this article was taken from the Museum's reports on its exhibit, and some is from *Paragraph* 175, the documentary directed by Rob Epstein and Jeffery Friedman and narrated by Rupert Everett. This documentary is available in the Pride Library.

The period of the Weimar Republic between the two World Wars was a time of growing acceptance of GLBT people in Germany. In the early 1930's, an estimated 350,000 gay men and lesbians lived among Berlin's four million residents. There were many same-sex "friendship leagues", clubs, cafes, and dance halls.

In January 1933, the Nazi Party took control of the German government. They had won the majority of seats in the election with a call for law and order, traditional values, and racial purity. Drawing on the "science" of eugenics (improving the "quality" of the human race through selective breeding) they began to advocate for the dominance of the Aryan race in Germany.

Nazi authorities accused homosexual men of carrying a "contagious degeneracy" that would weaken the nation. They immediately shut down homosexual gathering places, organizations, and publications. On May 6, 1933, Nazi student groups ransacked Magnus Hirschfield's Institute of Sexual Science, Berlin's most visible symbol of the movement for gay rights and legal reform. Four days later, much of the institute's library became part of the first public book burning. It was no doubt not a

mistake that the first books burned were by and about gay and lesbian people.

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Paragraph 175 of the German Penal Code, an anti-sodomy law, had been on the books since 1871. In 1935, Nazi authorities rewrote Paragraph 175 declaring "unnatural indecency" between men to be punishable by imprisonment, and expanding the concept of "indecencies" to include any interaction deemed to have sexual content.

Over the next several years, the German police forces gained greater authority for surveillance of suspected individuals. 78,000 men were arrested under Paragraph 175, one third of whom where convicted and sentenced to prison. Hundreds more were interned in concentration camps without a trial and with no legal recourse. All were subjected to brutal mistreatment at the hands of police, interrogators and guards. The requirement that gay men wear the pink triangle also dates from this time

In 1939, Heinrich Himmler, the head of the SS, ordered convicted homosexual men be sent to concentration camps upon completion of their prison sentences. Within a short period of time, other gay men and lesbians were sent to the camps without any judicial procedure. At the camps,

gay men as well as other prisoners came under the policy of "extermination through work." Although they were not sent to gas chambers, at least three quarters of these men perished.

Lesbians were not marked for extermination but were persecuted under the Nazis. They were required to wear a black triangle indicating they were part of a larger group of social deviants and were sent to concentration camps where they often died from starvation.

When the documentary Paragraph 175 was shot, less than ten survivors could be found and not all of these agreed to be interviewed. The interviews with these survivors and their ...continued on next page

poignant stories create a vivid record of this period of our history. Paragraph 175 is available in the Pride Library.

Eugenics: Past and Future by mary crone

As noted in the preceding article on Paragraph 175, Hitler used the "science" of eugenics as a jumping off point for his attempt to exterminate Jews, Roma people (gypsies), and others who were a threat of his imagined racial purity. However, the idea of improving the human race by selecting for "better" genes did not originate with Hitler nor did it end there.

The ActOut production of *Twilight of the Golds* suggests a future where sexual preference may be able to be identified in the womb and selected out through abortion. Is this possible or probable?

In the United States, eugenics became popular early in the 20th Century. Between 1905 and 1974, 70,00 Americans underwent forced sexual sterilization.

In Virginia the Lynchburg Colony was established to sterilize children and teens that the state judged to be "defective and unfit to reproduce." The characteristics that were targets were mental illness, mental retardation and epilepsy. These were considered to be inheritable family traits at the time, although little scientific understanding of genetics existed when the project started.

The Winston Salem Journal, a daily paper in North Carolina, has recently been publishing reports on North Carolina's sterilization program that started in the 1920 and continued until 1974. According to their research, most of the sterilization done before WWII focused on poor white women although some men were also castrated.

Following WW II, the focus shifted from a poor white women to poor black single mothers. In the 50's and 60's some experimental methods where used including

sterilization with intense x-rays and with radium implantation. Several deaths resulted from these procedures.

The records unearthed by the paper reveal that some individuals were sterilized due to "sexual perversion." One Black man, age 36 with 5 children, was castrated because he was a "sexual pervert and homosexual."

Forced procedures may not be practiced in great numbers today, but women now seek ultrasound and amniosynthesis to determine characteristics of the fetus they carry with the intention of having an abortion if they discover undesirable traits. In India and China where boy babies are much preferred to girls, it is not uncommon for women to seek abortions if their fetus is determined through ultrasound to be female. Many women undergo tests for fetal abnormalities such as downs syndrome with the intention of aborting fetuses that are "abnormal."

Our ability to test fetuses in the womb, to select for traits we or our society deems valuable and to eliminate undesirable traits is become increasingly possible. At the end of February there was a Symposium sponsored by the Lexington Theological Seminary entitled Moral Values and Dilemmas in Bioethics. Two of the presentations were: "From Pre-Natal Testing to Designer Children: The Pastor as a Guide on the Path to the Future" and "Improving Ourselves: Biomedical Technology as the New Means of Grace".

It would be interesting to see if people who are working hard to make abortion illegal would change their minds if sexual preference becomes identifiable in the womb. Or perhpas at that point they will be able to change preference by medical intervention. Before that time, I hope "gayness' will be seen as the gift to the world I believe it to be. Every day you talk to someone about your positive feeling about being queer, you increase the liklyhood that gayness will not disappear from the world.

One World Film Festival

Now in its fifth year, the One World Film Festival bring films about cultural diversity to Lexington and invites you to attend free of charge. Because of the ice storm, we will be showing the films that were scheduled for February 16 and 18 at the end of our schedule in mid-March.

The first two films in March are feature films by women directors in honor of Women's History Month. On Sun, March 2 we will show *Honey and Ashes* at the Young Library Auditorium on UK campus. Parking is available in lots around the Library off Woodland Ave. The Women's Studies Program, which is cosponsoring our festival this year, was particularly instrumental in scheduling this film.

Three women in an unnamed Islamic country want to live of their own choosing but are limited by the traditions of male dominance. Leila keeps her relationship hidden from her strict father. Naima, a successful doctor, is pressured by her family to enter an arranged marriage. Amina has few options when faced with an abusive husband. The lives of these women weave together in unexpected ways portraying a society where patriarchal authority limits the freedom of women.

The next two movies will be at the Central Library Theater at 7 pm. On Tues, March 4, join us for a lighthearted Mexican movie, Danzon. Middle aged Julie lives a rather ordered life, which includes dancing the traditional Danzon with her partner of six years, Carmelo Benitez. One day Carmelo disappears and Julia goes in search of him. She is befriended by a cross dresser who gives her affection and fashion tips. Her search for Carmelo freesher from her rountine and enables her to find a new way of being in the world. This is a buoyant colorful film filled with music. A demonstration of dance will be

performed before the film.

On Sat, March 8, we will show When We Were Kings, which won the Academy Award in 1997. In 1974, Muhammed Ali was past his prime but agreed to fight George Foreman who was ten years younger and the heavyweight Champion of the world. Don King received financial backing from Mobutu Sese Suko, dictator of Zaire, and "The Rumble in the Jungle" became a major cultureal event. The film includes scenes from the musical festival that King produced featuring James Brown and B.B. King. There is also commentary by Norman Mailer and Spike Lee.

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Lagaan has been rescheduled for Sunday March 9 at 3:15 pm at the UK Worsham Theater in the Student Center. It is a long movie but there will be an intermission and Indian food will be served.

Set in 1893 during the British occupation of India, this romantic costume epic combines sports, politics, romance, comedy, drama, and musical numbers. A British Captain levies a cruel land tax (a lagaan) on the farmers in his district. Bhuvan rallies the farmers in opposition and agrees to play a cricket match to decided if they will pay no tax or twice the tax that has been levied. A highly successful "Bollywood" film and Academy Award nominee for best foreign film.

Pride Month Planning
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INTEGRITY

Integrity will be meeting on Sunday, March 9th at 4pm to discuss "Dating, Relationships and Morality: Christian Concepts for GLBTs." We'll discuss how people can have faithful relationships without defaulting to outdated, traditionalist paradigms.

Integrity is a group of LGBT Episcopalians and friends who meet monthly to offer mutual support and encouragement. You can join us at St. Michael's Episcopal Church (2025 Bellefonte Drive, Lexington), email us at stmintegrity@yahoo.com,or call the church at 859-277-7511.

Jubilee Fellowship

The Jubilee Fellowship meets most Thursdays at the Pride Center at 7pm. On the second 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.

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 March 2 there will be a first Sunday brunch starting at 10:15. On other sundays there will be social justice discussions between the two services.

For the worship services on March 2 and 9, Reverend Cynthia Cain will deliver a homily concerning the transformative potential of expressing grief within a supportive community.

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

The Humanist Forum meets for discussion on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 pm in the middleschool classroom. Everyone is welcomed. For more information about the church, check the web at www.uucl.org.

Women's Spirituality Group

The Woman's Spirituality Group of the U.U. Church is a social support group where we learn about and celebrate the sacred female energy within the universe and within ourselves. All women of any spiritual belief are welcome. We will meet on Friday, March 21 to celebrate the Spring Equinox at the home of Mary Crone, call 266-5904 for info or directions.

We will be delving into our dreams once again. If you put pencil and paper beside your bed and write down whatever you can remember first thing upon awakening, you will be able to capture more and more of your dream life. We will not interpret your dreams for you, but will listen and reflect on what the images say to us. We meet at 6:30 for pot luck and at 7:30 for the program.

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WICCAN PATHWAY PART 2 OSTARA/SPRING (VERNAL) EQUINOX

By Iggie

As I am writing this it is the end of January and I am wishing Ostara were here because it would likely be warmer. Ostara/Spring (Vernal) equinox is the first day of Spring (around March 21). Is it also called Eostar and Alban Eiler (Caledonii Tradition).

It is the season of rebirth, when we as humans, along with the animals, realize that we need Mother Earth to sustain our lives. We feel life around us beginning to grow and we rejoice. The Earth warms and we shake off the winter blues. It is time to prepare for planting and growing, time to get out and explore the brand new world around us.

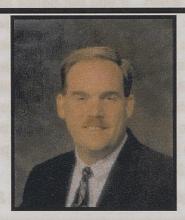
The equinox is the point in time when light and darkness (i.e. day and night) are of equal length. This day was the predecessor to the Christian holy day of Easter, which children now celebrate by decorating

eggs. In many pagan traditions eggs were eaten to promote prosperity and fertility.

A simple way of marking the first day of spring is to get up before sunrise and take a walk in a park or the woods. As the sun rises, welcome Mother Earth and ask her and Father Sun for their blessings and renewed life. Then returning home, enjoy a good breakfast and prepare your home and garden for spring.

Next month I will write about Beltaine. which is very special to me. For more information about Wicca, paganism or my study group feel free to call me at (859) 492-9904. The study group is open to anyone interested in learning more about Wiccan and pagan beliefs. Blessed Be

(Ed note: In the Jewish tradition, an egg is placed on the Sader Plate for the Passover dinner. It is interesting that many people I have celebrated Passover with have wondered why the egg was included since it is not part of the story. I tell them it probably came from pagan practices, and that it is a symbol of renewed life. That is



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