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SISTERSOUND SINGS OF LOVE

In a musical tribute to the joys and sorrows of love, SisterSound presents its winter concert, "Love Changes Everything", on Saturday, January 25. The Lexington women's chorus will perform selections that range from swing to soul and that map the landscape of romance from the first pangs of attraction to the delight or regret that only true love can bring.

The selections will be familiar. Audience members will tap toes to "When Will I Be Loved?", swoon to "Cheek to Cheek", and "Second That Emotion" right along with the singers. Playfulness and fun are the trademarks of a SisterSound concert. With the expert direction of John Roark and the feisty accompaniment of Lib Wilson, this chorus puts out a full sound and contagious spirit.

Those who have already joined SisterSound's local following will enjoy the bigger sound of this growing chorus. New fans will be glad they discovered it.

The concert will be held at the Singletary Center for the Arts on the UK campus at 8:00. Tickets are available from the Singletary Center for the Arts box office, 257-4929. Tickets are also available from Chorus members, and prices are \$15, \$10 for students and seniors, \$5 for children.

If you enjoy this concert, consider joining us as we start rehearsing again in February. More info about SisterSound on website: www.geocities.com/sistersound.

Fairness Annual Meeting

The Bluegrass Chapter of the Kentucky Fairness Alliance will be conducting its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, Jan 28, at the Lexington Public Library, 140 Main from 7 to 9 pm. We will be in conference room A which is on the lower level. There is free parking in the lot behind the Library. We are interested in hearing from all members of our community and everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served.

The purpose of this meeting is to elect up to three members to serve on the Steering Committee for a term of three years. The current members will give a brief report about Bluegrass activities during the past year including our involvement in the highly successful Hate Free Lexington Rally. Representatives from the state organization will also give a report about the upcoming General Assembly session and the efforts to pass a fairness ordinance in Covington.

Finally, steering committee members will be on hand to ...continued on next page

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Winter Concert
Saturday, Jan 25

8 pm



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receive your ideas as to what our priorities should be during the upcoming year. This is your opportunity to give us much needed input as to how we work to achieve fairness in the Bluegrass Region. If you need further information feel free to call our new telephone number 859-806-4114 or e-mail Jim Dickinson, Co-Chair at JLD50ALJ@qx.net.

MOVEABLE FEAST: 100,000 MEALS SERVED

In October 1998, Moveable Feast Lexington opened its doors in humble quarters in the basement of St. Augustine's Chapel. That first day, Moveable Feast served 25 households in Lexington/Fayette County, delivering food to people who were infected/affected by HIV disease.

On December 4, 2002 Moveable Feast delivered its 100,000th meal. Over the four years, more than 2,000 volunteers helped prepared and deliver hot, freshly cooked dinners, lunches and twice-weekly grocery bags. This nutritional support program has improved the lives of many people living with HIV disease and their dependent children

On a typical day, Moveable Feast delivers meals to 75 households. A core group of 200 volunteers puts in 200+ unpaid hours per week doing everything from food preparation to delivery and kitchen clean-up. From kindergarten-age children to great-grandmothers, from Kentucky natives to Indonesian international students, from gays and lesbians to Christians and Jews, volunteers have come in all shapes and sizes to help provide this essential nutrition service. We always can use more volunteers, call us at 254-2867.

Moveable Feast Lexington receives funding from a wide variety of sources and supporters. While a small amount comes from federal grant funds, Lexingtonians open their hearts and their pocketbooks to give more than \$60,000 annually. Through events such as Dining Out for Life and regular donors in the Kitchen Sink Brigade, Moveable Feast continues to deliver meals.

"Moveable Feast succeeds because Lexington and our volunteers see firsthand the need for hot nutritious meals for those living with HIV/AIDS in our community," said Michael Thompson, executive director of the organization. "Our volunteers and donors see every day the effort and the love that we collectively put into Moveable Feast," Thompson added. "Our clients see it in every hot meal they eat."

Community News

Tiffany & Co. Benefit Show

Another year has come and gone. Tiffany & Company would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the community who made 2002 our most successful year ever! Your kindness, generosity, and support of our benefits at Crossings allowed us to donate hundreds of dollars to Moveable Feast.

After three very successful years at Crossings, it has become necessary to begin the New Year at a new venue. We are pleased to announce that our new home for 2003 will be Club 141! This will allow us to reach more people and raise more money for Moveable Feast! Our first benefit will be Tuesday, January 21.

Doors open at 8:30 and there will be a \$5 donation. Show begins promptly at 10 pm. We will be having a 50/50 raffle and will also have prizes to be raffled throughout the evening. Come and join us in our new home as we celebrate another fabulous year of love and charity!

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

Valentines Gift Sale

There will be another opportunity to buy or sell craft and pride items at the Pride Center on Saturday, February 1st from 11 to 2. If you would like to set up a table, call Mary Crone for details at 266-5904 or email marycrone@aol.com.

Miss Bag Lady 2003

On January 15th, MorGay Productions will present a "Bag Lady" pageant at Club 141 that will benefit the children's Miracle Network. The evening will be filled with lighthearted fun and the comedic talents of the contestants. The show promises laughs for the audience as the contestants compete for the title of Miss Bag Lady 2003.

According to the rules, there will be no glamour drag allowed with facial hair acceptable. However, the rules specifically recommend contestants bathe prior to the contest. The contestants will compete in area of Bag Drag (Presentation wear), Beggar's Battle (Talent), and in Best Bag Drag (Evening wear). The best part is the it's all "tongue in cheek" so anyone who wants to, can participate. Prizes will range from "personal care" items to cash.

Club 141 will be the host site for the contest and will be open from 8:30 pm until 1 am. Silverado Jewelry and Gift Shop will be sponsoring some of the prizes to contestants. There will be a \$5 cover at the door with profits going directly to the children's Miracle network. Anyone interested in an application can pick them up at Club 141 or by emailing Fredia Morgan at MorGayPro@aol.com.

The evening promises fun and laughter with a few surprises thrown in for good measure.

LEX DRESS AND GENDER ALLIANCE

The next meeting of the Lexington Dress and Gender Alliance (LexDGA) will be Saturday, Jan 4 at 8 pm. Please email LexDGA@aol.com or call (859) 433-8388 for the location. See web site below.

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LexDGA is a peer social support group which meets monthly to discuss how gender affects our lives, to help members network with others with similar interests, and to assist members with the difficulties they face in navigating our bi-gendered society. Meetings are open, dress any way you feel comfortable.

If you live in Ky and want to know more about issues related to gender, check us out at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/TGinKY>. You can subscribe by following directions at the website or just send an email to TGinKY-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Men Of All Colors Together

Kentucky Men of all Colors Together (MACT) is meeting again in Lexington. MACT is a national gay multiracial organization which foster a supportive environment where friendships and partnerships can be celebrated free of racial and cultural barriers. For more information mactky.com, email mactky@aol.com, telephone Jon at 859 351-445.

Of related interest: The National Asso. of Black and White Men Together, Inc. have released a statement opposing the "black-face" performances of female impersonator Chuck Knipp. It is printed on page 11.

UK Group Forming

Anne Edwards, a therapist at the UK Counseling and Testing Center, is offering a therapy group for gay lesbian bisexual and transgender students. To qualify you have to be taking 6 or more credit hours next semester. Edwards describes herself as an out, gay woman, actively involved with Lambda and interested in reaching out to the GLBT community.

The group will consist of 6 to 12 members with a variety of backgrounds and presenting concerns. All members will either be self-identified as GLBT or be question-

ing their gender identity or sexual preference. The group will focus on many topics and will incorporate some of the inherent struggles in dealing with GLBT issues such as shame, coming out, and self-esteem.

If you are interested, please come to 301 Frazee Hall and complete a schedule so Anne can determine a time that will accommodate the largest number of people. Please call if you have any questions. 257-8701

Lexington Men's Chorus

The Lexington Men's Chorus wishes all a Safe and Prosperous New Year 2003. LMC will be on hiatus for the months of January and February, with weekly rehearsals for its Pride/June 2003 Concert to start on Sunday, March 8th.

The Pride Concert will be held in June at the new downtown Art Center. For membership and/or concert info, call: Kenneth 255-1974, E-Mail: kenneth@lmcky.org, Visit Web: www.lmcky.org.

If you are disappointed not to be able to see us again until June, take advantage of our Big CD Sale! LMC LIVE! (16 songs) CD=\$5, FACETS (12 songs) CD=\$5, Cassette=\$3. SPECIAL: Both CD's for \$8.

Send name and return address with check or money order made payable to Lexington Men's Chorus, add \$2 per item for Postage & Handling. Mail to: Lexington Men's Chorus, Attention: Music Sale, P.O. Box 1913, Lexington, KY 40588-1913

Lyons Leather / Levi Club

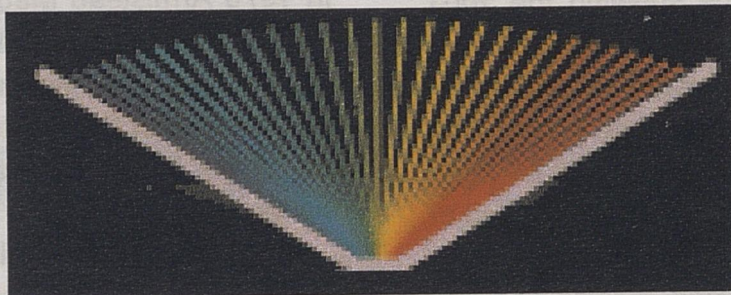
Curious about the leather lifestyle or the history of leather and BDSM? The Lexington Lyons Leather/Levi Club will host a meeting open to all those thinking about joining or just wanting to satisfy their curiosity. We'll meet at the Pride Center on Monday Jan. 13th at 8 pm. You don't have to be a member to attend; everyone is welcome. Dress is completely casual.

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PRIDE CENTER NEWS

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Discussion Group

If you want a little time and a place where you can be yourself for a couple of hours, please join us on any or every Wednesday from 7 to 9 at the Pride Center. The GLSO Discussion/Support Group is always open to new people dropping in to join us in interesting discussions. We meet at the Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave. For info contact the Pride Center at 859-253-3233, or Jane at email ladyjaneky@yahoo.com.

LESBIAN VIDEO NIGHT

Are you looking for a way to warm up a cold winter night? Join us for lesbian video night Friday, January 10 at 7:00 p.m. We'll be showing the 2001 independent film *Kissing Jessica Stein*. Jessica Stein lives an ordinary life. She has a secure job as a copy editor. She jogs daily. She lives alone. She is beginning to believe she will spend the rest of her life alone. . .until she does something surprising. When Jessica answers Helen's ad in the women seeking women personals, her life is changed forever. Heather Juergensen and Jennifer Westfeldt, who also wrote the screenplay, star in this smart, fresh and funny romantic-comedy. This film is rated R for sexual content and language.

GAYMES NIGHT

Remember the Pride Center is opened the fourth Friday of every month for Gaymes Night. Bring a deck of cards or your favorite board game and join us. Singles or couples welcome. Bring a snack to share if you are so inclined. All the fun begins at 7:00 p.m.

Young Adult Group

The Amazing Race 3, a CBS reality TV show has come to an end and competitor Andrew Hyde is back in Lexington. Beginning this month Andrew will be hosting 'Andrews Club', a social support group for GLBT folks in their twenties. Andrew is 21 years old and sees a need for a fun alternative to the bar scene. Sponsored by GLSO; Andrews Club will begin Jan. 11th and meet the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at the Pride Center. The group will plan activities and may go on road trips to Gatlinberg or even New York City!

Tales of the City, by Armistead Maupin

Book Review by Mary Crone

In 1976 Armistead Maupin began a newspaper serial that captivated readers of the San Francisco Chronicle, became a series of best-selling novels, and finally a television miniseries. Since all six books in this series were published by 1989, it is time to alert younger readers, and perhaps others who missed them, to these outrageously funny and engaging stories.

Maupin creates delightful characters that are often ridiculous, but also loveable. They are of all persuasions and weave in and out of each other's lives in unpredictable ways: loving, plotting, celebrating, grieving, and retuning to surprise the reader in the next book.

There are fantastic adventures, contrived coincidences, and...well what can you say about novels that include Jim Jones in one of the plot lines. It all adds up to tremendously enjoyable books.

We do not have a complete set of this series on our library shelves; if anyone has a few to donate, it would be appreciated. We have *Tales of the City*, *Sure of You*, and *Significant Others*. We need *More Tales...*, *Further Tales...*, and *Babycakes*.

Served 100,000 Meals... and Counting



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Upcoming Events:

January 20: March with Us at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Parade — in the morning downtown (contact us for more info)

January 28: Meet with Us at our Annual Meeting with special speakers and updates — at the downtown library at 7pm

February 1: Learn with Us during our Training for Lobbyists during General Assembly — Pride Center at 2pm

P.O. Box 22032
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Do Sodomy Laws Affected You? by Asha Leong

This is a historic moment for our community -- the U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear Lambda Legal's challenge to Texas's "Homosexual Conduct" law, which criminalizes oral and anal sex by consenting gay couples and is used widely to justify discrimination against LGBT people.

In the middle of the night, John Lawrence and Tyron Garner were dragged out of John's apartment, arrested, and forced to spend the night in jail, after officers responding to a false report found the men engaged in private, consensual sex. John and Tyron were frightened, shocked, and humiliated. Once convicted, they were forced to pay fines and are now considered sex offenders in several states.

We now have a tremendous opportunity -- a chance to convince the nation's highest court to address the widespread

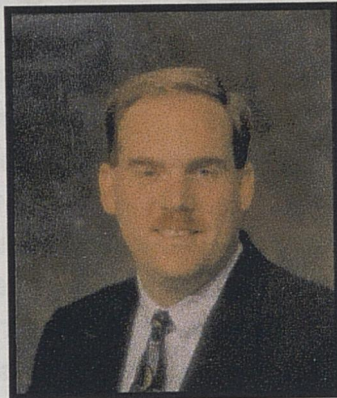
harms caused by Texas's law and others like it. Sodomy laws are used as an excuse for generally denying basic rights and equal treatment to LGBT people. We are branded as criminals and treated as second-class citizens.

These laws are also widely used to justify discrimination in our everyday lives -- to deny us employment, to block custody or visitation with our children, and even to intimidate us out of exercising our First Amendment rights. Now is the time to strike the final blow in a decades-long struggle against these laws and for justice and equality.

We need your help. Tell us how sodomy laws have affected you. Speak up. Speak out. Make history.

Asha Leong is the Outreach Associate for the Southern Regional Office of Lambda Legal Defense in Atlanta, GA. Web page at www.lambdalegal.org

There is another article and contact information from Lambda Legal on page 17.



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The holidays have come and gone. We're well on our way into the New Year. And you haven't replaced your shabby old calendar yet?

Get 'em while you still can:

The 2003 "Working Girls" Calendar

While last year's calendar sent up old movie stars, the 2003 calendar is a tribute to "Working Girls." Hush, now, not that kind of working girl. We're talking doctors, waitresses, judges, mechanics ...



Each calendar is full color and features many of your favorite local entertainers, just a \$14 donation. Find them at several Lexington locations, including Silverado Jewelry and Gifts, and The Bar Complex (see Kenneth), or from any Imperial Court Board member. You may also purchase them online using PayPal at www.feastlex.org.

All Proceeds benefit Moveable Feast Lexington.

Hear ye, Hear ye...

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Look for more info at <http://kentucky.impcourt>.

Religious and Spiritual Resources

INTEGRITY

Integrity, a support group for Episcopalians and friends, meets at St. Michael's Episcopal Church at 2025 Bellefonte. Our next monthly meeting is Sunday, Nov. 11th from 4:00PM to 5:30PM. The topic for discussion is "Coming Out to God" and "Internal Homophobia." If you have questions, do not hesitate to contact the Rectors, David Boyd or Sandy Stone at 859-277-7511 or email Jbintegrity@aol.com.

Wiccan / Pagan

A GLBT Wiccan/Pagan Study Group is meeting regularly. If you are interested in discussing your spiritual beliefs with other pagans, please call Iggie at 859-492-9904. Two meetings are scheduled in January. The location changes so call for place. January meeting will concern the laws and principles of Wicca. We are planning potlucks to mark the sabbats. Let us come together in celebration to share the love of the Goddess and God. Blessed Be!

Jubilee Fellowship

The Jubilee Fellowship meets most Thursdays at the Pride Center at 7pm. We do not stay at the Pride Center the second Thursday but gather there and then go out somewhere in Lexington for that evening. We generally sing songs of praise and worship between 7 and 7:30 and then read bible passages to study together. We are currently studying the Book of Acts which is about the Foundation of the early Church. This is appropriate since we hope to start Sunday Morning Worship Services in January.

Unitarian Universalist Church

The Unitarian Universalist Church welcomes visitors any time. There are now two services every Sunday, at 9:30 and 11:15. We are a liberal church that welcomes all people. There are many opportunities for fellowship, spirited discussion, and social justice work. There is a teen group that is inclusive of LGBT youth. For more information about UU Church check the web at www.uucl.org.

Women's Spirituality Group

The Woman's Spirituality Group of the Unitarian Universalist Church is a social support group where we learn about and celebrate the sacred female energy within the universe and within ourselves. Our January meeting will be on Friday the 17th at the home of Mary Crone, call 859 266-5904 for directions or information. We meet at 6:30 for pot luck and at 7:30 for the program. All women are welcome.

We will be doing dream work at this meeting. If you would like to know more about your dreams, place some paper by your bedside and write what you can remember of your dreams when you first awaken. Your unconscious is worth visiting. Join us~

The Pride Art Gallery

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

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NABWMT Opposes "Blackface" Drag Performance

The National Association of Black and White Men Together, Inc. have released a statement opposing the "blackface" performances of female impersonator Chuck Knipp. Mr. Knipp, a white gay man from Mississippi, is currently touring the United States, performing in blackface makeup as one "Shirley Q. Liquor." Mr. Knipp describes Ms. Liquor as an "ignunt" unmarried woman, raising 22 "chirren" on public assistance.

"We find the Shirley Q. Liquor performance objectionable on three fronts," stated NABWMT National Co-Chair Wendell Reid. "First, this performance resurrects distorted racist caricatures common to the blackface performances that became popular in nineteenth century American vaudeville. Second, the Shirley Q. Liquor character is constructed on a negative and degrading image of women. Third, the character is based on the classist stereotype that people who need public assistance are fundamentally lazy. On all three counts, this act offends current sensibilities of what is appropriate."

"Although we recognize Mr. Knipp has a right to free speech, we also recognize that the owners of the performance venues where he is being scheduled have the right to refuse this kind of speech," added NABWMT National Co-Chair Paul Cloutier. "Particularly given the LGBT community's collective experience with heterosexist oppression, we call on establishment owners in our community not to extract monetary profit from such a racist, sexist and classist performance."

In opposing the Shirley Q. Liquor performance of Chuck Knipp, the National Association of Black and White Men

Together joins more than 60 community organizations that have taken a similar position.

Founded in 1980, the National Association of Black and White Men Together is the oldest multiracial, multicultural gay men's organization in the United States. The NABWMT Statement of Purpose reads as follows: The National Association of Black and White Men Together is a gay, multiracial, multicultural organization committed to fostering supportive environments wherein racial and cultural barriers can be overcome and the goal of human equality realized. To these ends we engage in educational, political, cultural, and social activities as means of dealing with the racism, sexism, homophobia, HIV/AIDS discrimination, and other inequities in our communities and in our lives.

GLSO News DEADLINES:

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January 15**

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here on time.**

Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

1929 - 1968

by mary crone

Every January we celebrate the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. I am glad it has become a national holiday and yet every year I sense the man and his beliefs becoming more distant, replaced by a simplified version of who he was and what he stood for. And his message was narrowed even during his life time.

King was a charismatic leader of the civil rights movement of the late fifties and sixties. Not the only leader by any means, but the one that the press and the white power structure in general seemed to be the most comfortable with. Some people believe that he was not radical enough, did not call for fundamental change, or softened his words when speaking to power. I disagree. King spoke compellingly, about many issues, chief among them racism, classism, the immorality of war, and the importance of nonviolence. Non-violence in itself is such a revolutionary concept that it is difficult to grasp in a world dyed red with the blood of humanity

Dr. King made me proud to be human. Here are some of his words, selected from a variety of sources, to stir your thoughts during this month in which we honor him.

"In the final analysis, the rich much not ignore the poor because both rich and poor are tied together. There is nothing new about poverty. What is new however is that we now have the resources to get rid of it. A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death.

"All too many of those who live in affluent America ignore those who exist in poor America. To ignore evil is to be an accomplice to it. The contemporary tendency in our society is to base our distribution on scarcity, which has vanished, and to compress our abundance into the overfed mouths of the middle and upper class until

they gag with superfluity.

"There is nothing but a lack of social vision to prevent us from paying an adequate wage to every American citizen... There is nothing except shortsightedness to prevent us from guaranteeing an annual minimum-*and livable*-income for every American family."

"I received a letter this morning from a white brother in Texas which said: "All Christians know that the colored people will receive equal rights eventually...(but you expect too much too soon.) The teachings of Christ take time to come to earth." All that he said here grows out of a tragic misconception of time. It is the strangely irrational notion that there is something in the very flow of time that will inevitably cure all ills... I am coming to feel that the people of ill-will have used time much more effectively than the people of good will. We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the vitriolic words and actions of the bad people, but for the appalling silence of the good people. We must use time creatively, and forever realize that the time is always ripe to do right. Now is the time to make real the promise of democracy, and transform our pending national elegy into a creative psalm of brotherhood. Now is the time to lift our national policy from the quicksand of racial injustice to the solid rock of human dignity. (MLK, Letter From a Birmingham Jail)"

"The ultimate weakness of violence is that it is a descending spiral, begetting the very thing it seeks to destroy. Instead of diminishing evil, it multiplies it... Through violence you may murder the hater, but you do not murder hate. In fact, violence merely increases hate.... Returning violence for violence multiplies violence, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

Join the march on January 20. More importantly, discuss his words, work for justice, affirm his vision.

Pegasus Offers Great Travel Options

Pegasus Travel Inc. is a local company that has served the varied travel interests of Kentucky's LGBT community since 1989. Pegasus has a long term relationship with the Gay Lesbian Service Organization, donating 1% of their ticket sales for every traveler that has booked tickets with them and **mentioned GLSO**. They currently have a \$20 airline ticketing fee which is the lowest in town; most are \$35 to \$40.

The travel industry has changed. Many people now find their own tickets on the internet, although from personal experience I can say that Pegasus has consistently been able to find me cheaper and more convenient flights.

Another change in the travel industry is that there are now many tours, vacations, and opportunities for LGBT folks who wish to travel with other LGBT people or who seek advise on independent travel. Pegasus can assist you in exploring the many options and booking vacations that will fit your needs. Pegasus is now offering to donate 10% of their earning from all travel sales to GLSO supporters.

Many countries and destinations that once sat quietly on the sidelines are now actively marketing to gay and lesbian travelers with useful and information guides, web sights, and a host of tempting itineraries and activities. Gay and Lesbian travel pioneers such as RSVP Vacations, Atlantis and Olivia have greatly expanded their products and destinations reflecting the varied interests and diversity within our community.

RSVP, which once offered only a few cruise charters each year, now sports African Safaris, land tours to Ireland and Peru, a Tahitian resort stay, a Prague and Budapest river cruise and land tour, and a Thailand cruise with optional land packages.

Olivia Vacations for women, known for

their cruise charters to the Caribbean, Alaska and Europe, has added back roads active vacations that offer biking, golfing, walking, and kayaking in destinations such as Costa Rica, Bryce Canyon, Thailand, Ireland, and more. Olivia also recently announced that they will have a "kids and family week" at a Florida Club Med for the first time in the fall of 2004.

Pegasus has proudly supported numerous community activities and organizations since its inception. Their many years of experience can help sort through the many options to select the ones that are reliable, best fit your budget and offer the options that are of greatest interest to you. They will also save you time and increase your awareness of travel possibilities. The next time you are planning a cruise, tour, or are looking for the perfect place to stay, give Pegasus a call at 233-1644 or 1 800-228-4337 toll free outside of Lexington. **Be sure to mention that you are a GLOS supporter** and we will send them 10% of our earning on any vacation you book through us.

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This is the third in our series about GLBT travel options. The other articles included Gentle Adventure Retreats for Women which offers a combination of eco-adventure activities, unique experiences with local cultures, bodymind teachings, and opportunities for personal discovery. Meriah Kruse has developed retreats in Maui, Hawaii over the last four years and last year added a retreat in Pawley's Island South Carolina co-lead with Mary Crone. If you mention GLSO, Meriah will donate \$25 to us for every person that goes on one of these retreats within the next year. Call Meriah at 276-4962.

QVacations offers GLBT tours. Info at www.qvacations.com. David Galinsky offers \$50 to the GLSO for everyone that travels with him and comes through info in this newsletter.

FREEDOM TO MARRY DAY

February 12, 2003

National Freedom to Marry Day -- February 12th -- is a time to call attention to the ever-growing support for ending discrimination in marriage. Linking the themes of equality and love, as we remember Abraham Lincoln's birthday and Valentine's Day, NFMD is a great chance to engage and educate allies about this part of the civil rights movement. One of the best vehicles for educating and enlisting support is the process of requesting an endorsement of the Marriage Resolution, a one-sentence statement of support for the freedom to marry.

This year the call to action emphasizes families. We suggest that LGBT organizations ask families to endorse the Marriage Resolution, announce their support, and have them speak publicly during the week of February 12th, educating others and joining with similar efforts taking place around the country.

Families speaking about their personal experiences can help others understand the importance of the freedom to marry. Civil marriage is the legal safety net that our society provides to support committed couples. Same-sex partners share the same responsibilities as heterosexual couples, and they deserve the same rights and protections.

Recognizing same-sex couples' right to marry strengthens all families and the community. Supportive heterosexual couples can reinforce this message by speaking right alongside same-sex couples at educational events and press conferences.

ACTIONS STEPS

Start a family endorsement campaign. Identify people in your area that will endorse the Lambda Legal Marriage Resolution. Fax endorsements to Lambda Legal, the national clearinghouse for Marriage Resolutions, at 212-809-0055 (or

mail them to Lambda Legal, 120 Wall Street, Suite 1500, New York, NY 10005).

Plan an educational event for the week of February 12th. Announce your success with the Marriage Resolution, listing supporters as families or individuals. Have couples speak about their support for marriage equality. For more ideas, visit the Marriage Issue page at www.lambdalegal.org. Let Lambda Legal know how you are participating.

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

Personalize the issue with stories of real same-sex couples. Prepare talking points in advance addressing typical concerns and responses. Tailor the Marriage Resolution endorsement request to the audience, such as pointing out the many individuals and organizations that have endorsed the Marriage Resolution from Coretta Scott King to the California Council of Churches.

For a checklist of steps for when approaching others for a Marriage Resolution endorsement, examples of how families have been harmed by denial of access to marriage, talking points, and select endorsements of the Marriage Resolution, visit the Marriage Issue page on Lambda Legal's website.

RESOURCES

The Marriage Project, Lambda Legal
National Freedom to Marry Day 2003
<http://www.lambdalegal.org/cgi-bin/iowa/issues/record?record=9>

The Marriage Resolution
<http://www.lambdalegal.org/cgi-bin/iowa/documents/record?record=143>
212-809-8585

CELEBRATE LOVE AND EQUALITY - NATIONAL FREEDOM TO MARRY DAY!

If you are interested in helping with a project for Freedom to Marry Day, attend the Fairness meeting to discuss the possibilities. See front page for Fairness article.

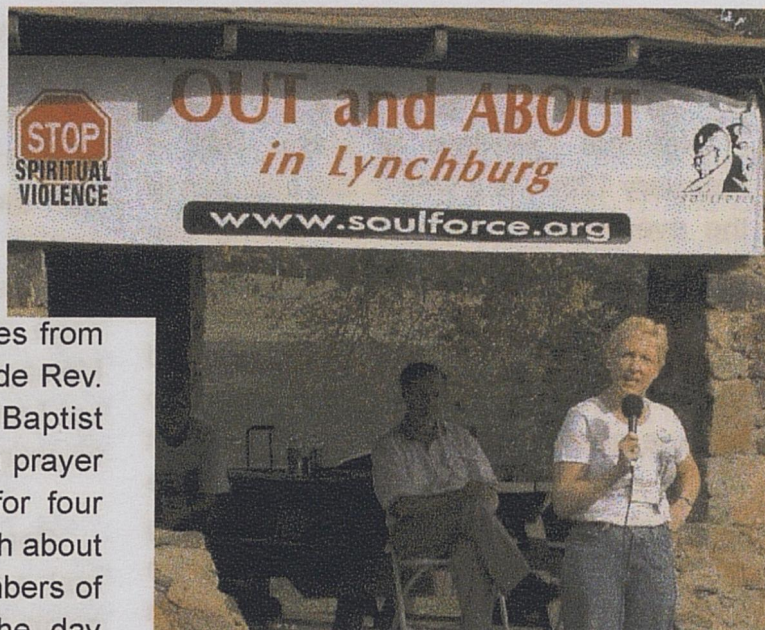
Soulforce In Lynchburg Lisa Davison Stands Firm by Jamie McDaniel

Last October, the Rev. Dr. Lisa Davison, a professor at Lexington Theological Seminary, along with hundreds of GLBT people and allies from around the country, gathered outside Rev. Jerry Falwell's Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Virginia for a prayer vigil. Soulforce volunteers stood for four hours in an attempt to bring the truth about gay people to Falwell and the members of Thomas Road Baptist Church. The day before, members of Soulforce organized "OUT and ABOUT in Lynchburg," the first-ever pride festival in Jerry's hometown. Hundreds of people attended, including several groups of students from Lynchburg-area high schools and colleges.

"The purpose of the weekend events was to alert, educate, and begin to mobilize the residents of Lynchburg to stand up and speak out against the toxic rhetoric spoken by Christian fundamentalists like Rev. Jerry Falwell," said Rev. Mel White, co-founder of Soulforce Inc.

"The pride event celebrated who we are and who God created us to be. The vigils called attention to the fact that fundamentalist rhetoric leads to violence and suffering for God's GLBT Children." Rev. Mel White and his life-partner Gary Nixon moved into a home across the street from Thomas Road Baptist Church in September and have been attending morning worship services there every Sunday. Rev. White had ghost-written the autobiographies for Jerry Falwell and other Christian fundamentalists before he reconciled his sexual orientation with his Christian faith

During "OUT and ABOUT in Lynchburg" Dr. Davison addressed the issue of people



using the Bible to condemn and shame GLBT people. As anti-gay hecklers yelled at her, Dr. Davison took a strong stand for truth and defended gay people from Bible abuse - urging people to study the scriptures.

Returning to Lynchburg and was especially important for Dr. Davison because she is originally from Virginia and completed her undergraduate work at Lynchburg College in 1988. Dr. Davison joined the faculty at Lexington Theological Seminary in 1996. She is ordained by Disciples of Christ denomination and occasionally is in the pulpet at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Lexington.



Soulforce bases their nonviolence training on the work of Martin Luther King Jr. and Ghandi. We encourage GLBT people to join the larger Lexington Community on January 20 for the Martin

Luther King Holliday March. Fairness, the Unitarian Universalist Church and other groups would love to have you join them. The march usually forms inside the Civic Center between 9:30 and 10 that morning. If construction is still in progress, check the Herald Leader for meeting place.

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The company offering this plan is Care Entrée, a six year old firm started by Judith Henkels, who worked in the headquarters of a major health insurance firm. When she saw the reduced rates that insurance companies were able to get from the doctors, hospitals and other medical service providers, it occurred to her that these same low rates should be passed directly to the consumer, eliminating the insurance company's role as a "middle man".

Under the a Care Entrée plan, you sign up for a "membership" which gives you to access to medical providers at reduced rates. The monthly fee is either \$49.95 for all services excluding hospitals, and \$64.95 to include hospitals. These fees cover the entire household, and include reduced rates on prescriptions, dental, vision, hearing aids, chiropractic, doctors and ancillary. Both plans also come with a

\$2000 accident policy.

Care Entrée members access a network of providers, just like insurance policy holders do. The network has over 200 participating doctors in Lexington. Hospitals that participate in the plan include Central Baptist, St. Joe's and Lexington Clinic. Prescriptions are provided through Kmart, Kroger, Walmart, Eckard Drug, Rite Aid and Medicine Shoppe. There are also vision care providers.

If you have been concerned with the cost of your health insurance or if you have been un-insured, please call Ginny Grulke at 859-536-5849; or visit www.InstantMedicalSavings.com.



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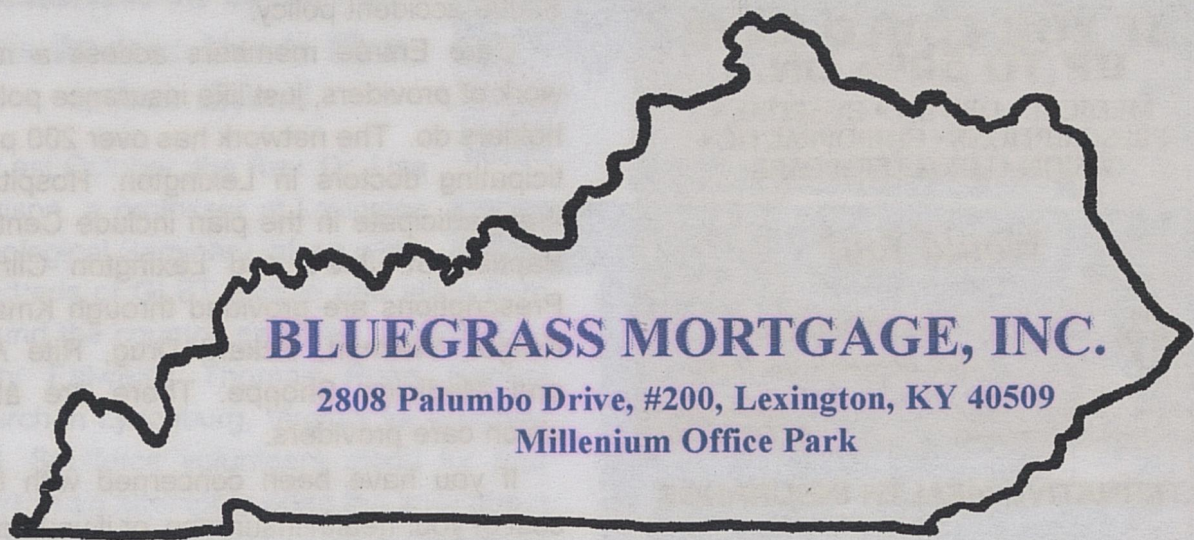
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Couples Relationship Workshop

Jessica C. Bollinger L.C.S.W. is offering a relationship workshop for gay and lesbian couples starting on Monday, Jan 6 and continuing for three weekly sessions of three hours each. Participants will be offered new and effective communication skills, ideas for re-establishing the excitement and connection of your early time together, and awareness of how to use your relationship for mutual healing and fulfillment.

The cost is \$150 per couple for three evenings. Call Jessica at 850 552-6533, space will be limited so sign up now. jessica is a cetified Imago Relationship Therapist. Visit imagoconnection.com.



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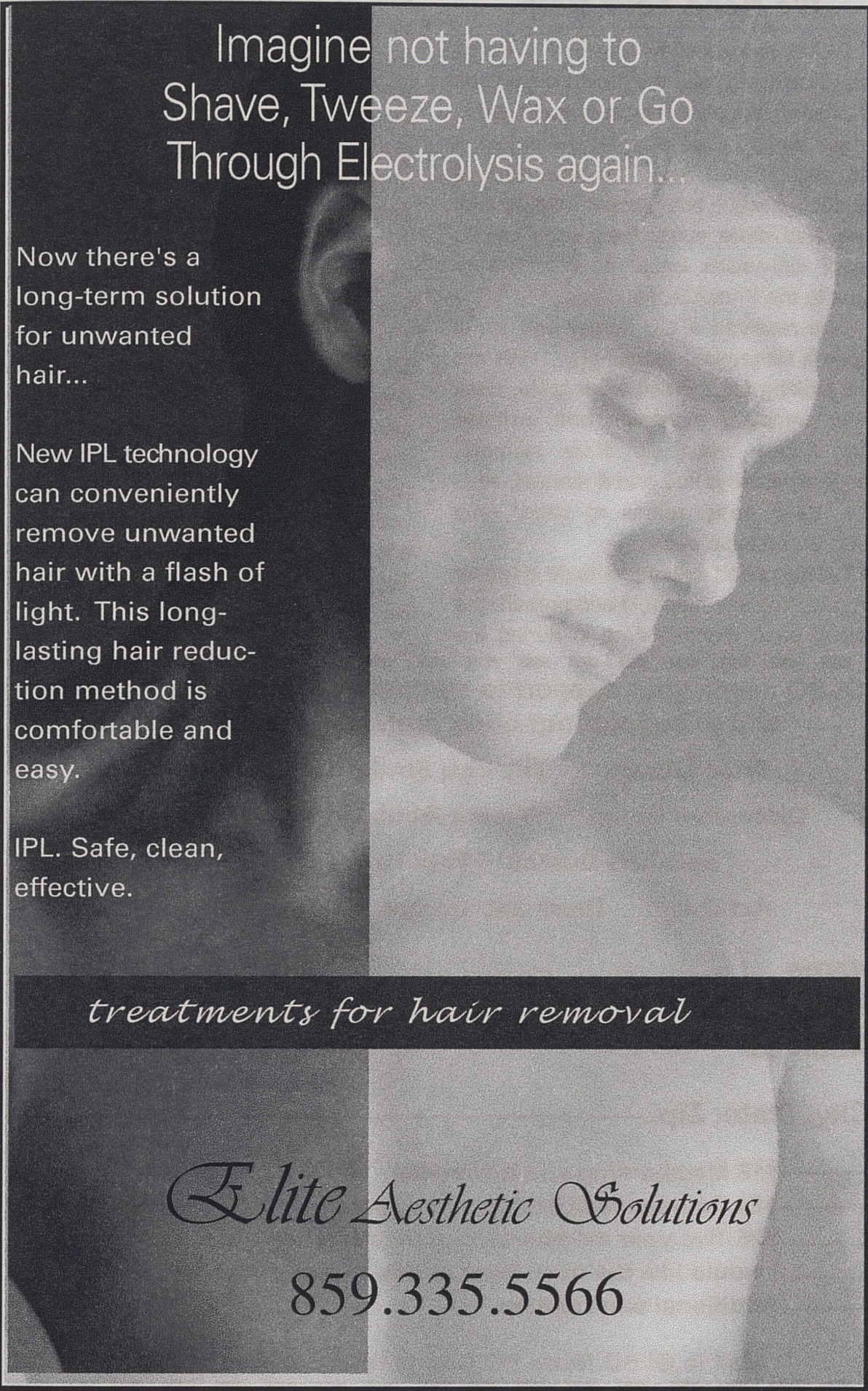
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We Need Your Help

GLSO has recently received a Xerox printer on which we are now printing the newsletter. We did not have to purchase it, but we do pay quite a bit for the color ink and maintenance kits. The newsletter is still cost effective but it would help us a lot if we had more subscribers (see below) and if individuals could donate time or items to the Pride Center Office.

We received a CD burner and some paper in December, thanks guys. We are now looking for a small work table, desk lamp, computer extension arm, writable CDs, floppy disks, zip drive, scanner, Adobe Photoshop 5.0 and a manual, scissors, trash bags, reams of paper (any color) and mouse pads.

We also need volunteers to do a variety of tasks. You can help fold and prepare the mailing each month, come in during the

week or on a couple of Saturdays a month to keep the center open, write articles for the newsletter, or help organize a social event. (A Valentines party would be fun!) Call Ginger and have your name added to our list if you have time to offer or items to donate. Call the office at 253-3233 between 10 and 3 weekdays.

Although the newsletter generates money, the Pride Center is a different case. We do not charge for individuals or groups that use the center for meetings although we do ask for donations and groups are usually as generous as they can be. The rent and expenses of keeping the center open is about \$1,000 a month. Anyone that has an idea for fundraising or would like to help with that work is encouraged to join our fundraising committee. The next GLSO board meeting is Jan 21, we invite you to attend.

GLSO needs your support to continue operating the Pride Center and to support our other projects. Please subscribe

**Pride Library The Gay Straight Alliance for Youth
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| GLSO Discussion Group (Ginger) | 253-3233 |
| GLSO News (Mary) | 266-5904 |
| Subscriptions (Ginger) | 253-3233 |
| GLSO Speakers Bureau (Mary) | 266-5904 |
| Youth Gay Straight Alliance (Mary) | 266-5904 |
| GLSO on Line | lexingtonglso@yahoo.com www.bluegrasspride.org |
| Pride Gallery | 225-0094 |

Student Groups

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| Morehead State University (Ned) | 606-783-2294 |
| UK Lambda (Sara & Dave) | info@uklambda.com |
| Berea College ACE League (Dale) | 859-985-3633 |
| Centre College (BGLAD-Mykol) | 238-5332 |

Anonymous HIV Testing

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| Jessamine County | 885-4149 |
| Lexington-Fayette County | 288-2437 |
| Madison County | 859-723-7312 |
| Woodford County | 873-4541 |
| U.K. Adolescent Medicine | 323-5643 |

HIV/AIDS Info/Services

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| AIDS Volunteers, Inc | 225-3000 |
| Lexington Health Department (Julie) | 288-2362 |
| HIV/AIDS Legal Project | 502-584-1254 |
| HIV Education Youth Group | 278-7494 |
| HIV Support (Somerset) | 679-7478 or 678-5814 |
| Cumberland Region (SEKY-Pat) | 606-864-3776 or 888-425-7282 |
| Barren River Region | 800-559-4448 |
| Louisville Region (Geri) | 502-574-0161 |
| Northern Kentucky Region | 859-341-4264 |
| Purchase Region | 800-522-8289 |
| Moveable Feast | 252-2867 |
| VOA (Mark) | 254-3469 |

Community

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| Alcoholics Anonymous (Brian) | 245-7471 |
| Office | 276-2917 |
| AL-Anon (Office) | 277-1877 |
| Bluegrass Belles (Marjorie) | 278-2608 |
| (Ann) | 502-672-8673 |
| Bluegrass C.O.L.T.S. (Morris) | 225-9169 |
| Bluegrass Fairness | 859-806-4114 |
| Council for Peace and Justice | |
| (Richard) | 277-6101 |
| DOJ Pride (Robin) | 231-8526 |
| Fairness of Louisville | 502-893-0788 |
| First Link (was Ask-Us) | 313-5465 |
| GLSEN-KY (Gina) | 606-677-9010 |
| G/L Defense Fund | 502-589-2896 |
| International Gay Bowling (Steve) | 276-3058 |

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| KY Leather Productions (Larry) | 253-0185 |
| Kyians for the Commonwealth | |
| jlynjenks@msn.com | |
| Lexington Lyons Leather/Levi Club | |
| (Thomas) | 272-0408 |
| Lake Cumberland Gay Alliance | |
| roger@hyperaction.net | |
| Lexington Dress & Gender Alliance | 433-8388 |
| Lexington Human Rights Commission | 252-4931 |
| Lexington Men's Chorus (Kenneth) | 255-1974 |
| Louisville Youth Group | 502-894-9787 |
| Men of all Colors Together (Jon) | 351-4453 |
| mactky@aol.com | |

Moonshine Bears of KY (Bobby)

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| 494-2625 | |
| Pride Alliance of Central KY | |
| (Gary) | 859-236-4547 |
| (Shane) | 859-854-0596 |
| Pridealliance@yahoo.com | |

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| PFLAG (Jim) | 266-3934 |
| PFLAG Berea (Ed) | 582-0933 |
| Pegasus Travel | 253-1644 |
| Rainbow Bowling League (Steve) | 276-3058 |
| Richmond Q Club (Larry) | 859-623-7720 |
| Sistersound (Patti) | 243-0243 |
| Sistahs in the Life (Joan) | 252-2657 |
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| 24 hr. Teen Crisis Line | 1-800-999-9999 |

Religious Groups

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| HUGS | 257-7880 |
| Interweave (Unitarian-Mary) | 266-5904 |
| Integrity (Episcopal-Rev. Stone) | 277-7511 |
| Jubilee Fellowship (Beverly & Corina) | 264-7006 |
| CWBM121893@aol.com | |
| MCC-Elizabethtown (Rev. Cathy) | 888-340-6223 |
| MCC-Louisville (Rev. Dee) | 502-587-6225 |
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| KY Pagan Forum | http://go.to/kypaganforum/ |
| RainbowWind (Pagan-Sarah) | 273-2455 |
| Soulforce (Jamie) | 273-2746 |
| www.SoulforceInKentucky.org | |
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Articles and Ad Space: Jan. 15

Ads we know are coming: Jan. 20

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