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### **Imperial Court of KY Rocky Horror Drag Show**

The Rocky Horror Drag Show will be presented by the Imperial Court of Kentucky on Tues. March 7, at Club Z 1, 141 W. Vine. The production, an adaptation of The Rocky Horror Picture Show, will feature Cammie Dietrick as Frank -N Furter; JC Lewis as Riff Raff; Phoenix Gaye as Magenta, Alyssa Williams as Columbia and Dale Lee Hodge as Rocky. The doors will open at 8pm and the production will begin at 9:30. Cover will be \$5. Proceeds will benefit the charities of the Imperial Court.

Other members of the cast include: Brad Shepherd as Brad Majors; J.D. Vaughn as Janet Weiss; Hunter Hayes as Dr. Scott; Chris Rhorer as Eddie; and Larry Stanley as Narrator.

Members of the chorus of Transylvanians include: Eden Towers, Jenna Jive, Carmen Alexxxis, Sabrina Nicole, Mya St. James, Bill Chandler, Donnie Perry, and Cheyenne.

For information, contact Larry Stanley [LDStanley09@aol.com](mailto:LDStanley09@aol.com) or 859-312-3816.

### **Falsies Award Show**

The annual Falsies Award Show, sponsored by the Imperial Court of KY, will be held Tuesday, March 21, at the KY Theater in downtown Lexington, featuring special guest and Co-Mistress of Ceremonies Trai La Trash, well-known NYC entertainer and past Empress of the Imperial Court of New York. (picture pg 3)

The Awards Show now in its ninth year recognizes achievement in the community, especially in the art and craft

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### **Lexington Pride Idol 2006**

The Pride Idol Contest gets under way Friday, March 3, 9:30 pm, at Crossings. On Thurs, March 16 the next preliminary will be at Mia's at 8 pm. Other preliminary contests will be at Third Street Stuff (5/ 14) and at The Bar Complex (5/ 26).

Pride Idol was great fun last year and we hope that more people will come on out and give it a try. Contestants are allowed to use on screen words with their karaoke music in the preliminaries.

You can pick up applications at any of the participating locations or at the Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave. (Call to be sure someone is here 253-3233) Applications may be mailed in to GLSO, prior to the night of any competition along with a \$10 non-refundable registration fee. Or you can turn in the application and fee the night of a competition.

Up to twenty individuals will compete at each preliminary. Audience members will vote for their favorites with ballots that purchased for \$1. The winners will participate in the semi-finals at the State Theater in May. A panel of judges will then select 10 of these individuals to compete in the Finals at this year's Pride Picnic in June. Everyone at the picnic will then vote for the next Pride Idol.

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## Fairness Oscar Party

The Bluegrass Chapter of the Kentucky Fairness Alliance invites the GLBT community and its allies to a fundraising party in celebration of Oscar Night on Sunday, March 5. The festivities will begin at 7 p.m. at the Racquet Club clubhouse at 3900 Crosby Drive.

Gay themes have influenced the ever-famous/notorious Hollywood box office for years. This year marks the first time that a movie dealing explicitly with gay content could walk away with the best film of the year award. Brokeback Mountain, Capote, and Transamerica have all received exquisite critical acclaim. That is something to celebrate.

Attendees should come dressed in formal, foux formal or dressy attire to enjoy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Members of the Imperial Court dressed as starlets will be on hand for photo opportunities. Attendees may choose a starlet to be picutured with and have a lasting memory. You will also have the chance to bet on your favorite Oscar picks.

Entrance to the party is only \$25. However, for a \$50 donation you will receive a free drink ticket, and for \$100 you will receive two drink ticket and a free photo with a starlet. While a KFA representative will admit people at the door, KFA strongly encourages you to make reservations due to space limitations Go to. <http://eqfed.org/kyfairness/gala2006.htm> to make your reservation.

**Fairness Political Update...page 8**

**Lobby Day - Thurs. March 9**

## Pride Month Planning Meeting

Everyone is invited to this first meeting of **Pride Month 2006** planning. We are meeting on Monday, March 6 at 7:30 at the Pride Center. We hope that organizations that are planning Pride Month events will send a representative to this meeting. Anyone else wanting to participate is welcome to attend - we need your help.

This committee will be deciding on a theme for 2006, setting up a calendar, planning the Pride Picnic, and considering new events. Have an idea for something new and fun? Let us know. If you are interested but can not make this meeting, leave a message with Bill at the Pride Center 859 253-3233.

# Community News

## Falsie Awards Show

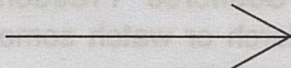
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of gender illusion. This year two people will be installed in the Falsies Hall Of Fame begun last year. Awards will be presented for Outstanding Achievement in Wardrobe, Hair, Dance, Make-up, Technical Support, Dramatic Role, Male Role, Supporting Role, Special Performance and DJ'ing.

In addition three new categories have been added: Outstanding Achievement in Pop Performance, Hip Hop Performance, and Country Performance. Other awards include: Miss Congeniality, the ICK Community Service Award, the Ruby Wizard Award, the Phoenix Bird Award, the Annie Cummins Bartending Award, the New Image Award, and Newcomer of the Year.

The featured performer, Trai La Trash, has graced the New York cabaret circuit with her solo shows like "So Over the Rainbow" at NYC's Duplex. She has appeared in HBO's movie "Angels in America." Her role in the revival of Mae West's "The Pleasure Man" drew mention in New York Magazine. Her live performances have helped raise thousands of dollars for charities all over the country.

Other entertainers will include Phoenix Gaye, Eden Towers, Cammie Dietrich, Nicole Diamond, Natalie Gaye, Tracy Taylor, Lady Marmalade and members of The Bar Complex show cast. The doors at the Kentucky will open at 8 PM and the show will get underway at 9 PM. There is a \$10 donation at the door. Proceeds will benefit Moveable Feast, that prepares and serves home meals to persons with HIV and clients of Hospice, Inc.



For information, contact Larry Stanley at [LDStanley09@aol.com](mailto:LDStanley09@aol.com) or 859-312-3816.

## Milestones

We often do not celebrate some of the major events in our lives publically. Our Engagements, Union Ceremonies, Anniversaries and New Baby Arrivals may be acknowledged by our close friends, but they have yet to make the Herald Leader. It is time for this to change. It would be great for our community to know how many of us are celebrating our lives together in significant ways.

GLSO invites you to submit any announcements of events important to you for our new Milestone Column. For \$5 you can print an announcement in a 2.5 by 1 inch space. In addition to the milestones listed above, we will include birthdays, graduations, or any other event that is of importance to you.

## SisterSound

### New Members Welcomed

SisterSound is now in rehearsal for their May 20th spring concert. There is no audition required to join SisterSound, anyone is welcome to show up at a rehearsal and give it a try. Rehearsals are at 6 pm every Sunday at Landsdowne Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 333 Redding Rd.

Call Patti at 806-0243 or email [sistersound@hotmail.com](mailto:sistersound@hotmail.com) for information.

## Moveable Feast

**If you can drive a car, you can change a life.** We are in great need of drivers to deliver food to our clients. You can volunteer once a week, twice a month, or whatever fits your schedule. We know that the gas prices are discouraging but having a hot meal is life saving for many of our clients. Bring a friend along to share the work & the cost. **Call 252-2867**

## Rainbow Families

Rainbow Families of Lexington (RFOLKY) is an organization for gay and lesbian parents and our children in the Lexington area. Our mission is to show our children that there are other families like theirs. We invite you to join us. To become a member call Jen at 533-3083 or join <http://Groups.yahoo.com/groups/rflokky>.

We have events planned for the next few months. We are planning to go to Chuck E. Cheese Saturday March 25, from 11 to 1. In April we will have an Easter egg hunt. Check the April newsletter for date, place and time.

## The Bar Complex

224 East Main

We have a number of upcoming events at the Bar Complex. On Friday, March 10 we will present the Miss Bar Complex pageant. On Fri. March 17 we are hosting the Victims Of Desire Male Revue. On Fri. March 24 join us for The Disco Ball: Friday Night Fever @ The Bar

## Ballroom Dancing

Anyone willing to teach Ballroom Dancing for GLBT folks at a reasonable cost? There are a number of people interested in learning to dance but Arthur Murry doesn't seem the place for same sex couples to go.

If you would be willing to teach or are interested in classes, call Bonita at 266-1696.



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## Kentucky Fairness Alliance Family and Friends Lobbying Day THURSDAY MARCH 9 9 TO 2

Fairness needs your support in Frankfort. Please plan to come to the Capitol Annex to lobby on March 9. We will be meeting in the cafeteria of the annex at 9 am. You will receive training of how to talk to your representative about pending legislation. See page 10 for information about the bills that have been introduced so far this session.

## 40+ Club

The 40+ Club is a group for women over 40 (and their younger friends) who are interested in attending a wide variety of activities together. We usually meet the second Sunday of each month for planning. In March we are not sure about our meeting time so please contact Ginger at 859-253-0061 or [ggclr@yahoo.com](mailto:ggclr@yahoo.com) for information or to be added to the mailing list.

## Gay Pride Union of Kentucky

The Gay Pride Union is a newly formed peer support group for the GLBT Community in Somerset, KY. For more info email: [Alexstalcup@yahoo.com](mailto:Alexstalcup@yahoo.com)

## SOULFORCE

Soulforce is a national, interfaith movement with the goal of freedom for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people from religious and political oppression through the practice of relentless nonviolent resistance.

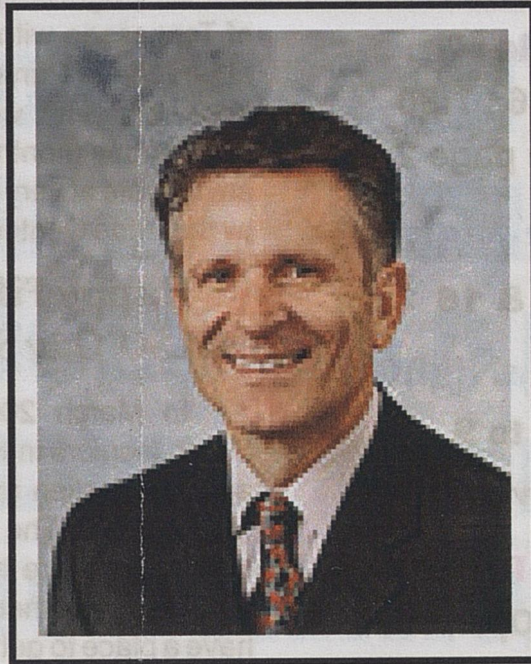
Jamie McDaniel is the coordinator of our local Soulforce group and created the web site for national Soulforce. Go to [www.soulforce.org](http://www.soulforce.org) to find information about the Soulforce Freedom Ride starting in March or watch some videos available for purchase.

For more info about local activities, email Jamie: [jamiemcd@insightbb.com](mailto:jamiemcd@insightbb.com).

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# Pride Center News

389 Waller Ave. 859 253-3233 Mon. - Fri. 10 - 3 Sat 10 - 2

## PRIDE CENTER OPEN

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EVERY SATURDAY 10 - 2

WED EVENINGS 5 - 7

THURSDAYS 3 - 7

2ND SATURDAY FEB 11 6 - 9

## PRIDE ART GALLERY

ARTIST: PHILLIP R WIGHT

Phillip Wight has a display of his art at the Pride Center this month. He does pen and ink drawings with water color tones. He is a professional Calligrapher with styles in Gothic and Script Art. Mr. Wight is from New Orleans and arrived here after Katrina.

Mr. Wight is a graduate of the University of Tennessee with a major in Art. He also attended the Parson's School of Art in New York. His work will remain on display for most of this month and a number of pieces are for sale at very reasonable prices. Come by the Pride Center and take a look. .

## Pride Center Activities

### Pride Month Meeting

Monday, March 6 7:30

open to all - see page 2

### Lesbian Movie Nights

Thursdays March 2 & 16 7 pm

### Second Saturday Nights

March 11 - 6 to 9

Join us for the movie **RENT**

### DISCUSSION GROUP

Every Wed. 7 pm Open to all  
Jane: ladyjaneky@yahoo.com

### 40 + Women

Please contact Ginger at  
ggclr@yahoo.com for information.

### Lexington Insight

A group for Gay Men

March 3 and 10

Pride Center 7:30

everyone is welcome to attend

We need advisors for our  
GSA for Youth.

If interested, call mary at 266-5904

## Happy Fifth Anniversay GLSO Gay Straight Alliance

In March 2001 Sarah Martin, Emily Scarr, (seniors in High School), Mary Crone and Ann Detjen met in the Pride Center to start a GSA. The internal walls were being built, there were hammers, saws and step ladders everywhere, but we were excited to have a place to get started.

By the third meeting there were 14 young people and four advisors. We were thrilled at the turn out. We soon were meeting every week and now also meet once a month or so on Saturdays to make it easier for the out of town teens.

At first, gay boys were in the majority, with some straight and lesbian girls. Last year we had our first regular attending straight boys and now our lesbian, bi-sexual, and straight girls outnumber the boys. Over 150 young people have attended more than one meeting. Gay and straight teens together are changing the atmosphere in our public schools (see page 18) and in our country. They are awesome!

We are looking for new advisors - particularly men. If interested, call mary 266-5904.



*The* 10th

# FALSIES

TUESDAY MARCH 21st

THE KENTUCKY THEATER

DOORS @ 8 P.M.

CEREMONY @ 9 P.M.

\$10 DONATION

*Featuring Special Guest Emcee*



# Trai La Trash

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*Presented by The Imperial Court of Kentucky*

## KY FAIRNESS ALLIANCE

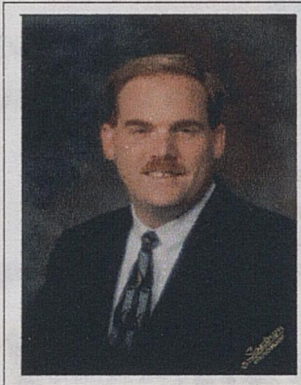
KFA continues its lobbying efforts in Frankfort to insure equality for all GLBTQ persons. KFA recently enjoyed a win with the passage of HB 270, the school harassment bill. Anti-gay conservative Mark Harmon of Danville introduced two amendments to the bill that would allow teachers or school administrators to not enforce the bullying policy if it conflicted with their personal religious beliefs. These amendments gave teachers a defense for condoning discrimination against GLBTQ students. KFA rallied for the bill without the amendments, and HB 270 passed without their inclusion.

One victory does not win the war. The struggle is far from over. KFA is working to defeat the Anti-Fairness Bill (SB 178) and the "Civil Wrongs" Amendment (HB 226). The latter is a proposed constitutional amendment that would prohibit the state from ever enacting "any statute, ordinance, administrative regulation, rule, or policy to create a legal basis for a person to claim

minority or protected status other than on the basis of race, color, religion, disability, familial status or national origin, birth sex, or age." In laymen's terms, if this was voted into the Ky State Constitution, the state would not be allowed to enact legislation that would protect GLBTQ persons.

On a positive note, KFA fully supports SB 99, the Statewide Fairness Bill. This bill will help insure that GLBTQ Kentuckians outside of Louisville, Lexington, and Covington can enjoy equal rights. KFA needs your support!. For information about lobby days and more ways to be involved go to <http://eqfed.org/kyfairness/lobbycenter.html>

Nothing moves votes like a visit from a constituent, and nothing makes more of an impact on a legislator than the personal stories of people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender and our allies. March 9 is friends and family day in Frankfort, and that includes all GLBTQ individuals. Join us in the cafeteria of the Capitol Annex at 9 am for training on how to talk to legislators. We will be talking to them from then until about 2 pm. Please Come Out and join us in Frankfort.



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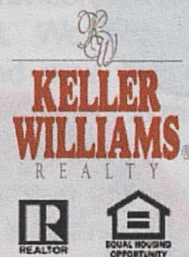
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HIV/AIDS Branch

# GLSO Newsletter Calendar March 2006

To schedule events at the Pride Center, call Bill at 253-3233  
Visit us on the web at: [www.webspawner.com/users/glsogxnet](http://www.webspawner.com/users/glsogxnet)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>The 2006 Lexington Pride Idol Preliminary Contest Dates:</p> <p><b>*Friday, March 3rd. 9:30 p.m. at Crossings, 117 N. Limestone</b>  <b>*Thursday, March 16th. 8:00 p.m. at Mia's, 120 S. Upper St.</b>  <b>*Friday, April 14th. 8:00 p.m. at Third Street Stuff, 257 N. Limestone.</b>  <b>*Wednesday, April 26th. 8:00 p.m. at The Bar Complex, 224 E. Main St.</b></p>						
9a and 11a UU Church 10:30 a St. Mychal's 6p SisterSound Rehearsal	8p AA Open Discussion/Speakers (call for place) 278-7103	7p GSA (call for place 266-5904)	7p GLSO Discussion Group-PC 8p Gay/Lesbian AA Call for place 278-7103	Center Open 10a-7p 7p Lesbian Movie Night-PC	7:30p Lexington Insight @ the Pride Center 7:30 p Gay/Lesbian AA (call for place) 278-7103 <b>9:30p Pride Idol Contest @ CROSSINGS</b>	Center Open 10a-2p 2p Narcotics Anonymous call for place 278-7103
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## Weekly Activities:

**Mondays:**  
8pm - Gay/ Lesbian AA  
Discussion/Speaker (Call for  
Location) 278-7103

**Tuesdays:**  
7pm - GSA (Gay Straight Alliance)

**Wednesdays:**  
7pm - GLSO Discussion Group  
8pm - Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for  
Location) 278-7103

**Fridays:**  
8pm - Gay/Lesbian AA  
(Call for Location) 278-7103

**Saturdays:**  
2pm Narcotics Anonymous  
278-7103

**Sundays:**  
9:00am & 11 am - UU Church  
Worship Services.  
10:30 - Mass, St. Mychal The Ma  
6pm - SisterSound Rehearsal @  
Landsdowne Presby. Church.

**Bi-weekly:**  
6pm - The Imperial Court  
SoulForce - Call Jamie 230-5625  
7:30pm Lexington Insight

## Monthly Activities:

**Mondays:**  
7pm - GLSO Board Mtg. (3rd Mon.)  
7pm - Lexington Lyons (2nd Mon.)

**Sundays:**  
2pm - Women 40+(2nd. Sun)  
4pm - Integrity (2nd Sun)  
4pm - Gen Y Integrity (3rd Sun)

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.

Pride Center may be abbreviated - PC Call for Place may be abbreviated- Call



## Recipes from Over The Rainbow

The GLSO is collecting recipes for our cookbook, "Recipes from Over the Rainbow." We are asking the community for submissions. Along with your submission, we are asking you to share a personal story, to be printed along with the recipe, about how The GLSO or any of its programs (The Pride Center, GSA, Discussion Group, Art Gallery, Library, etc...) has had an impact in your life or someone's life you know. Please add your story to end of the recipe. If you have a recipe you want to share without a personal story, that is perfectly OK, too.

Type of Recipe: \_\_\_\_\_ (Appetizer, Main Dish, Veg. etc)

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ (Can remain anonymous)

Title of Recipe: \_\_\_\_\_

Ingredients:

Instructions/Steps:

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Recipes can be can be dropped off at The Pride Center, mailed to  
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[thomasc@kmsf.org](mailto:thomasc@kmsf.org) or [lexingtonglso@yahoo.com](mailto:lexingtonglso@yahoo.com).

*Recipe continued - or space for your personal story*

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## STAGE TWO

by Jackie Cobern

This is about "being out" and at the same time not "being out". I have been out since I was a 15 year-old girl. I came out in anger to my family and society as a whole. I was a ward of the state the last 3 years of my juvenile years. When the state turned me loose I went wild and did whatever I could to have fun. I was never big on relationships. Sure I wanted someone to love me and make me feel that special way that only that special someone can make us feel. You know what I'm talking about, and it's not about sex. Although that does come later if all goes well.

I am 43 now although I feel as though I am still in my early 30's. I have been in a few relationships, serious and not so serious. I don't think I have as much experience as a lot of my friends when it comes to relationships. Only one of my relationships lasted a year and we stayed pretty much to ourselves. My other relationships were either intentionally kept a secret or were so short we never had time to socialize.

Sometimes I wondered what was wrong with me? Why did they leave me? I now believe that I was just a person that crossed over their paths on my way to where I am today. I don't regret having known them. They have helped me to get to where I am now. My first gay experiences weren't bad, just maybe lonely. We were affectionate mainly in the bedroom. In my longest lasting relationship, we hardly ever touched affectionately.

Several years have gone by where I have chosen to stay single out of fear of being hurt again. I have had no problem being an open and very proud lesbian these past few years. I have now allowed someone to get close to me (in that special sort of way. I must admit I am terrified, but in the most amazing wonderful way. But I

have become aware that I can't touch my girlfriend among other gay people without getting butterflies in my stomach.

I was working on my computer one night and it hit me like a ton of brick. In past relationships, there was always a part of me that wanted to hold hands or caress her face and enjoy being at gay functions. I did go to a music festival and boy was that a culture shock. I came home with a thirst for the love and affection that those women gave to each other there so freely. Even to strangers who showed they needed someone to say, "Hey I care because your Family."

Now I have a girlfriend yet I am finding it hard to be affectionate around other gay people. The other night I wanted to hold her hand and I couldn't get myself to reach out and take her hand in mine and just hold it. So finally I called her up and just told her what I realized and asked her to help me on this. She said no problem dear, I'll help in any way I can.

This woman is willing to help me find that part of myself that so badly wants to be free to show her affection. I am so excited about this journey I am about to go on with this beautiful woman. I feel like I have been given a second chance to finally express all the love I have kept pent up for so many years. I'm not saying I am ready to go out and start kissing and holding hands in front of the 'straight' community, but I'm willing to start trying to in my community.

Love truly is a gift. We shouldn't wait in the dark fearing what others might say or do. Don't destroy love with harsh words or, on the flip side of the coin, no words. If you love someone say it now, you might be gone in the next moment and they may never hear you say it again. Hug and kiss them when you feel like it, you don't know when you may have another opportunity.

We are fighting for our right to love one another, so lets do that. Hate and anger only beget more hate and anger. Telling or showing our friends and partners we love them brings so much more joy into our lives.

## Betty Friedan and The Lavender Menace *by mary crone*

It is Women's History Month. I became a feminist, or realized I already was one, in 1970 or so and have been a member of NOW (National Organization for Women) for most of the last 35 years. Betty Friedan, one of the founders of NOW, just passed away last month. She helped change the lives of American women.

Friedan wrote and published *The Feminine Mystique* in 1963, describing the American housewife as frustrated and isolated by the post war American culture. As women took to the streets to demand equal rights, Friedan was frequently at the head of the march and often shouting from the podium about the many form of discrimination women were only beginning to name for themselves. In the early 70's she was even called "more of a threat to the United States than the Russians"

Friedan was a strong-willed agitator,

not one to win converts through well mannered debate. She was known for her public disagreement with other feminists and as one of the leaders who initially believed that lesbians were a danger to the feminist movement.

According to Rita Mae Brown, the term "Lavender Menace" was "coined in 1969 by members of NOW who believed that lesbians were becoming a public relations threat to the women's movement. This term is often attributed to Friedan. It was certainly true that by 1969 lesbian feminists were beginning to make their concerns known within the feminist movement. Friedan and other NOW leaders told lesbians that their radicalism was hurting the movement and that they should to step back or even out.

At the Second Congress to Unite Women held in New York City in 1970, lesbians decided to use the term as a source of pride rather than a badge of shame. They wore lavender T-shirts emblazoned with "Lavender Menace" across the chest and argued that their concerns were interwoven with those of straight women. *continued on next page*

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Lesbians used the term "compulsory heterosexuality" to draw attention to the assumption that all women were straight and that their issues were "women's issues". They argued that the tendency of the press, politicians, and quite a few men to label the more outspoken feminists as lesbians was a divisive technique that NOW should stand in opposition to. And "standing in opposition" should include welcoming lesbians and taking their issues seriously.

During and after that Second Congress, straight and lesbian feminists talked with each other at greater depth and lesbian were fully welcomed into NOW. The chapter I joined in 1971 had a discussion group for straight and lesbian women to get to know one another. Perhaps if I had joined I would have come out years earlier.)

In spite of Friedan's initial distrust of lesbians, and her irascible, difficult personality, she helped forge the woman's movement of the last forty years. Perhaps we could use a few more like her as we continue to strive for equal rights.

Many issues remain. Poverty is increasing and a lot more women than men are poor. Our right to control our bodies is in danger; in addition to abortion, emergency birth control and the right to alternative insemination may be targeted by the right wing. Violence against women and children including rape and spouse abuse are still prevalent. Lesbians still do not have the rights we need to protect our families. Perhaps it is time for you to join NOW. Go to [www.now.org](http://www.now.org) and see all the issues they are working on.

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## You're the One for Me, Morrissey

*By Lori O'Connor*

He has been praised as "the greatest-ever lyricist of desire" by one biographer. The British music magazine *New Musical Express* named him "most influential artist ever." His former band, The Smiths, was even dubbed "the greatest rock band of all time."

Extravagant praise but most fans of Morrissey would not disagree. He has inspired writers, musicians, intellectuals, filmmakers, working-class adults and sensitive teenagers alike. The adoration expressed during a Morrissey concert is intoxicating, and inspiring. Men rush the stage. Tearful women sing along to his lyrics with hearts in their throats.

Although a gay icon, Morrissey has set himself apart by refusing to label himself as gay or straight thus surrounding himself with an aura of mystery and fueling passion in the hearts of both men and women.

Steven Patrick Morrissey was born May 22, 1959, in Manchester, England, to Irish immigrant parents. He was a shy, sensitive boy, "a good kid", as he has sung about himself. Intelligent and imaginative, he was a

lover of literature, music, and films. Oscar Wilde and James Dean were among his idols. He worshipped and identified with outsiders, the marginalized. In 1982, he met guitarist Johnny Marr, formed The Smiths, and began composing highly literate songs influenced by his favorite sources, such as the Shelagh Delaney play and movie, *A Taste of Honey*, a story about isolation and the power of imagination.

With wit, anger, and compassion, Morrissey has written about social problems, political issues, unrequited love, and alienation. The Smiths with Morrissey as their centerpiece were a refreshing alternative to the over-commercialized, slick and often soulless mainstream pop music of the 80s.

Although his music was melancholic, Morrissey was a comforting even hopeful voice during the oppressive and repressive years under the influence of Margaret Thatcher and Ronald Reagan.

From the beginning of The Smiths to the present, Morrissey has been the focus of controversy for his nonconformity. He publicly announced his hatred for the British royal family and Margaret Thatcher and spoke out for animal rights.

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His most intriguing statement, however, appears to have been the announcement early in his music career that he was celibate. This confession was perhaps the ultimate declaration of his independence from the expectations of society.

Morrissey was bored with male and female gender roles and desired liberation from them while proposing the idea of what he called the "fourth gender" where people could just be human and not merely defined by a sexual orientation. He stated in an interview that "sexual terms just segregate people, it's all monotonous and an insult to their individuality."

Morrissey's propensity for all things nontraditional extend of course to his lyric writing. Reviewers have often found his lyrics just as obscure as his personal life. Morrissey explains that this is because he doesn't subscribe to any kind of songwriting rulebook. He has rejected rigidity and narrow-mindedness in his music career as he has done in his personal life.

The subtle and changeable meanings of his lyrics, however, have often led to misinterpretations and controversy. A major scandal arose 1992, when Morrissey appeared at Madstock, the reunion concert for the 1980s band Madness. Journalist Chloe Veltman wrote: "draped in the Union Jack flag, a symbol of arch nationalism, and singing songs with such perturbing titles as "Bengali in Platforms" and "National Front Disco", Morrissey's acerbic references to "England for the English!" at Madstock failed to appeal to the media's underdeveloped sense of irony." Morrissey was ostracized in England and eventually exiled himself to Los Angeles in 1998 where he connected with the Hispanic community in which he has a huge fanbase.

While embracing the world of the outsider, Morrissey has actually sought to bring the outsider in from the cold. He has in fact stated that his favorite writers were

ones who spoke for everyone and that was his own goal. He despises "separatism, that certain groups can be put into absolutely defined categories."

This has been Morrissey's lifelong theme and main appeal to his fans. As one writer commented, "more devoutly than any other pop icon, Morrissey embodies the outsider." Devotees, especially his Latino fans, relate to his deep experience of alienation in our modern world. "It is his obsession and affiliation with the margins of culture and society - all that is unpopular, ugly and damned- that fuels this uncommonly extreme devotion of his fans."

"Morrissey sings to the disaffected, and God knows alienation is part of the assimilation tradition, the equal and opposite reaction of the immigrants drive to blend in," said one Latino fan. "We ache; Morrissey soothes."

Morrissey's forthcoming album is titled *Ringleader of the Tormentors*. Recorded in Rome, it is scheduled to be released internationally in April 2006.



### *Mya St. James Chosen Miss Gay Valentine*

Mya St. James was selected as Miss Gay Valentine 2006 in the annual pageant sponsored by the Imperial Court of Kentucky at The Bar. Georgia Peach was the First Runner-Up. Other contestants were: Sabrina Nicoll; Paris BaCall; Adrianna Armand; and Adviana Fuentes. I

The event raised \$690. for the charities of the Imperial Court.



## *Sex Ed. in Public Schools* *One of the Frontlines in our Struggle* by Jodi Peters

Parents with strongly conservative views are using disputes over sex education curricula to push an intolerant agenda. Much of the following has been gleaned from the Christian Science Monitor and National Public Radio and is presented by a parent concerned for teens facing anti-gay bullying.

In the past three years 20 new bills in 16 states have surfaced attacking sex education, with increasing scrutiny of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender issues, according to the Sexuality Information and Education Council of the US (SIECUS). While sex education has been accepted in American public schools for generations, same-sex issues have become a new lightning rod for conservative groups.

Although it includes lessons on nutrition and violence prevention, among other topics, some parents in Massachusetts are upset by a proposed health-education bill because it recommends teaching children about homosexuality. The state's public schools would not be mandated to teach the courses and parents could remove their children from sex-education classes, as they can now, under state law.

The "opt out" right is at the center of the debate in Lexington, Mass. When parents inquired about pulling children out of any discussion of homosexuality at the school they were told it was not an option because such talks would not be related to sexuality but to diversity.

Similar skirmishes are happening across the country. In Spokane, Washington the school board rejected a revised curriculum that included materials on gay and lesbian subjects because it felt the material was not objective enough.

The board of education in Montgomery County voted in 2004 to permit discussions about homosexuality. A group of parents called the Citizens for a

Responsible Curriculum responded by suing the school district. The district is writing another curriculum.

Groups that support sex education, including information on homosexuality, say the goal is awareness and safety, not indoctrination. "There is this whole myth of the homosexual agenda," says Ms. Fox of SIECUS. "But really it's about keeping young people safe" from situations such as antigay bullying.

The clash in Massachusetts culminated last April in the arrest of one father, after he refused to leave a meeting at the school until his demands were met. Some, including educators, feel he is purposely confusing diversity with sex education to push his agenda, and that his request is unfeasible. The father who was arrested, David Parker, was objecting to his son having access to the book "Who's in a Family?" which portrays all types of families including same-sex parents.

"Kindergartners talk about their families every five minutes in class," says Laura Tully, spokeswoman of Lexington C.A.R.E.S, a group formed in response to the arrest so that all students, it says, feel welcome in the school district. "These are real families that are in our classrooms. This is not some abstract culture-war issue."

According to a 2004 poll by the Kaiser Family Foundation, Harvard University, and National Public Radio, the majority of Americans favors not just sex education, but also discussions of homosexuality if it's presented in a "neutral manner".

## **GSA'S IN KY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

There are very positive changes in our public schools, most brought about by teens themselves. Henry Clay, Tates Creek and Brian Station all have started GSAs this year. Dunbar and Lafayette have supportive groups where GLBTQ youth can be out. Shelby Co. has asked for assistance in starting a gay supportive group. The times they are a'changing.

# Religious and Spiritual Resources

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## An Open Letter to all GLBT People

*Pastor Cori Wood, Jubilee Fellowship*

Dear Rainbow Nation:

I am writing this open letter to the GLBT community here in Lexington and the surrounding area. My purpose is to invite you to return to the God of your youth for those of you who had an experience with God during your years growing up. For those of you who have never given God an opportunity I invite you as well to taste and see that the Lord is good, not religion and not church attendance but the Lord Jesus Christ.

God, in the past few days and weeks, has been stirring in me to communicate this invitation to you all. God has instructed me to invite as many people as I can to submit prayer requests from March 1 until Easter April 16th.

During this time we will be praying over them every Friday night at our Fresh Encounters prayer meeting and at our Sunday service. Because this is an action that God has told me to do and not just an idea I came up with, I believe there will be a great demonstration of God's power in the lives of those people who submit prayers requests as well as for those who are mentioned in the prayer requests.

You want to know where the God of the Bible is -submit a prayer request. You want to know if God loves you and cares about what is going on in your life-submit a prayer requests. Give God an opportunity to show up in your life. By submitting a prayer request you are inviting God to show up.

God is calling you home. Please do not harden you heart. It is time. It is time to rediscover who you really belong to, who has been waiting for you while you tried job after job, lover after lover, drink after drink, and one T.V. reality show after another to fill that God shaped hole that can only be

filled by the Lord God Almighty.

You may submit prayer requests several ways: by phone, (I will be the only one listening to messages left in this manner), by e-mail, by dropping them in a locked box attached to the outside of our building, or by coming by the church during one of our service times.

We meet every Sunday for Worship at 11 am. We have a Sunday school class at 9:30 on Sunday mornings and a Friday night prayer meeting at 6 pm.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me using one of the methods below. I look forward to hearing from you as well as rejoicing with you upon you receiving an answer to your prayer requests.

*Friendship, Loyalty, and Love,  
Pastor Cori Wood, Jubilee Fellowship*

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## **Koinonia**

We also have a support group for people wanting to discuss hurtful or abusive behavior on the part of mainline Christian churches. Koinonia meets every Friday night from 7 to 8:30 pm., We are also welcoming of people in recovery from addictive behaviors.

The group is facilitated by Rev Sandy Nabozny who has a Masters in Human Services and over 20 years of experience. Her co facilitator is Karen Taylor who has three years experience in leading similar support groups. She is also an ex-ex gay group leader. For information call 514-5518.



## Unitarian Universalist Church

The Unitarian Universalist Church is a welcoming congregation. We do not just accept our GLBT church members, we celebrate their lives and advocate for equal rights.

We are a church that honors many spiritual traditions. There are Yoga classes every Monday night and Sunday Sanga, a Buddhist discussion group, meets at 10 am every Sunday morning.

We invite you to attend our worship services, Sundays at 9 and 11 am. and to our Adult Religious Exploration classes and discussions on Wednesday nights from 7 to 9. The first 3 Wednesdays in March there will be a class exploring Evolutionary Spirituality. We will watch videos by Connie Barlow, a science writer, and Michael Dowd presenting various aspects of The Great Story, their name for the sacred epic of evolution taught with awe and joy. Session 3 will include material from Ken Wilber, and the last session on March 15 will concern the next 250 years, what are the positive and negative events/changes likely to happen in our future.

On March 15, Richard Mitchell and Betsy Neale will start a series of four classes on the Historical Jesus, using materials from historians and theologians. Richard and Betsy identify themselves as Quaker Universalists, There will also be a class on Sustainable Living on Sundays. Call Mary Crone for current information 266-5904.

### Quakers

The Lexington Friends (Quakers) invite you to our Sunday Service at 10:30 am. We are located at 649 rice Ave, between 6th and 7th, parallel to N. Broadway. Quakers have no clergy or sermons and we believe that all of us have access to spiritual truths within ourselves.

Our services are unprogramed meetings which means we sit together in

silence until someone is lead to speak from the silence. Such spoken words are usually brief, and there may be several messages or none.

We do not have a creed. We are deeply involved in working for peace and justice within our city, state, and country. We believe in the equality of all people and work to improve the lives of all

## Integrity

Integrity is excited to announce a new group specifically for young adults ages 18 to 30. Gen Y Integrity will be meeting on the third Sunday of each month at 4 pm at Saint Michael's Episcopal Church, 2025 Bellefonte Dr. Join us on March 19..

Our regular Integrity meetings will continue on the second Sunday of every month at 4 pm. In March that will be on the 12th. We have lively discussions about everything from current events to spiritual growth. Eveyone is welcome to attend.



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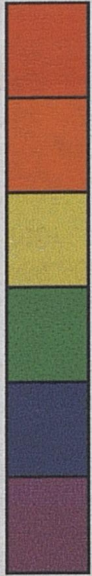
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We invite you to our services on Sundays at 10:30 am with Rev Ken Waibel performing mass. We also hold Saturday Vespers at 5 pm. We are located at 1350 Eastland Dr., Suite #5, off Winchester Rd.

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. The Orthodox Catholic Church is one of about three dozen offshoots of the Roman Catholic Church. For more information visit : [stmychalthemartyr.org](http://stmychalthemartyr.org).

St. Mychal's has space available for meetings and receptions. Call 859 389-9418 or email [kypadre@aol.com](mailto:kypadre@aol.com) for more information.

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 Louisville Youth Group.....502 894-9787  
 MACT Men of All Colors Together (Jon)....351-4453  
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 www.moonshinebears.com  
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 Rainbow Families of Lex. (Cheryl).....533-6309  
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**Religious Groups:**

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 Jubilee Fellowship (Rev. Cori).....859-514-5518  
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 MCC Louisville (Rev. Dee Dale).....502 587-6225  
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