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THE HAPPY HOUR A New Play (in two acts) By Stephen Currens

After a few years off the ActOut Theatre Group is coming back with a brand new play. Lexington will be the world premier of "The Happy Hour" by Stephen Currens. Stephen has been a successful play write for many years having had the play, "Gorey Stories", on Broadway in 1978 and revived at UK last year. Stephen is from Versailles but lived in New York for several years before returning to the area. happy that very **ActOut** is has let us primer his new work. The play will open April 21st at the Downtown Arts Center & will play the 22, 23, 28, 29, and 30 and May 5, 6, and 7. All shows at 8:00 pm and are \$15, \$12 for students. TIME:1980-86 PLACE: a Mid-American Town and memories of New York City "At the prime age of 33, Seth Seabrook is at a loss to explain why he is still alive", and is perhaps a bit guilty that he is. You see, he has fled the City and the early 80's AIDS crisis for the supposed safety of Mid-America where he "hopes nothing will happen", but alas it does. Struggling with a sense of overwhelming loss and the implied culpability of those who have fallen victim to what society called "that gay disease" as well as his own, self doubts, Seth places himself in counseling with what turns out to be a thoroughly unprepared therapist; GUS. Seth finds that he must not only work through his grief, fear and spiritual doubt, but also must educate his icilv clinical and unenlightened counselor.

Directed by J. Michael McCullough and starring in alphabetical order; Bob Campbell as Aaron, Bill Chandler as Gus, John LaMar Cole as Paul, Paul Dick as Doc, Bill Glover II as Gordon, Matt Kelder as Chance, Max Reid as Seth* and Burley Thomas as Jack.

LGBT Grants Available This September

years, Just-For the last four incredible team **FundKY** and an volunteers have raised one of million dollars to create an LGBT endowmentfundforKentucky. The endowment is Endowthe Cliff Todd called after the ment Fund, named Cliff tremendously generous Todd who sparked the fundraising drive with a \$500,000 match grant. Debra Hensley and Ernesto Scorco-chaired who have sone, four campaign are the year announce that startpleased 2011 Cliff September, ing in endowment grants will Todd be awarded by JustFundKY to groups who are carrying on the fight against LGBT Kentucky. discrimination in

The number and amount of awards will depend on the earnthe endowment. The ings of is to not disturb commitment awards fund's principal. The the made only from the will be from the endowment earnings availwill be that awards SO help from year to year to able **LGBT** meaningful fund work around the state.

It is anticipated that at first the awards will mostly be in the \$1000 to \$5000 range. However, as the fund grows additional fundraising is conas ducted, the expectation is for the number and magnitude of the awards to increase.

For more information and for details as to how to apply for a Cliff Todd Endowment Fund Award, go to JustFundKY.org.

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ICK Has It Going On in April

Get ready Lexington because the Imperial Court of Kentucky has some fun things planned for you in April.

Since the March newsletter, there has been a date and venue change for the Falsie Award's. This will now be on Sunday, April 3rd at Bogart's Lounge inside the Crowne Plaza, Campbell House. Bogart's is a fabulous location with an old Hollywood feel, just perfect for this event. Come share the excitement of this event. Doors open at 7pm with the show starting at 8pm. Check us out on facebook or our website, www.imperialcourtkentucky. information. com for more On Sunday, April 17th, at the Barrel House on Manchester Street, it is YOUR chance to shine girls. We are having what we are calling the "Inner DIVA Pageant". We are inviting our "real girls" to come and experience all of the fun we have performing. It will be like our closet ball where you introduce yourself as you normally look, then you and a queen has one hour to transform into a Diva, at which time you will come out and work a number. Is your Inner DIVA just dying to come out? Well, this is for you. Contact me on facebook for an application and more information. Nothing to do the night of Easter That is why we have scheduled something special for you that night. Yes, on April 24th, beginning at 9pm at Crossings the Imperial Court of Kentucky will be presenting a "Gospel Show". time to come and get in the spirit (as well as some "spirits" in you... shots

and cocktails available). Who says we can only get happy in church? Come and watch your favorite queens as they perform everything from old southern gospel numbers to down home, touch your soul, church songs and everything in between. I'm sure there just might even be a sing-a-long before the night is over. Yes, we are ALL loved and this is our time to celebrate that. Happy Easter This will be special so everyone. come on out and have a great time. Wednesday, April 27th, Crossings, we are having our annual Miss Derby Pride Pageant. Bring out your finest Derby wear and compete for a crown and title of your very own. Contact me on facebook with your email and I will send you an application. Then, on Wednesday, May 4th, we will watch as all of the winners 1st runner ups from the and qualifying pageants during Reign 29 compete to see who will be named "Entertainer of the Year". to be announced. and location more fun Watch for upcoming shows in May as the candidates for monarchs of Reign 30 of the Imperial Court of Kentucky schedule their own campaign shows. This is always an exciting time so come out and support. And watch our website because tickets to Coronation 30, D.I.V.A.'s Live - Past, Present, and Future - "A Celebration" will be on sale very soon. Come and celebrate as we celebrate 30 years of service to this community. It is going to be a very special weekend. Get your tickets and reservations soon. Didn't I tell you there would lots of fun to be had in April with the Imperial Court of Kentucky? Until next month... Hugs, Kisses, and DIVA Wishes from H.M.I.M. Empress 29, Helena Handbasket. Love ya'll.

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Peace in the Midst of Turmoil By Pastor Karen Taylor

My spouse's favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:6-7, "Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God which surpasses every thought will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." As she always says, if you pray don't worry, if you worry why pray? Sounds like a nice "Christian" thing to say. But there are some deep truths in these words that if we take them to heart we will see a peace that passes all understanding. Is it really possible to have peace of heart and mind when everything in your life seems to be in hyper-speed? There are so many demands put on us and that we put on ourselves these days, coupled with the concerns of these trying times we are in as a nation, where do we go for answers, help? I would like to share some scriptures with you that have helped me through some difficult and trying times in my life. Always keep in mind first and foremost that God loves you with an everlasting love. His greatest desire is to love you, comfort you, and support you in and through all trials. What do we find ourselves thinking about a lot of the time? If you are like me, more times than not I'm thinking about those items of concern. Take a look at what Paul tells us in Philippians 4:8 "Finally brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendableif there is any moral excellence and if there is any praise-dwell on these things. " This has been a challenge for me lately. Problems at work, concerns with my family-both natural and

church family, I have had the tendency to think about "what ifs" instead of what is true, honorable, and lovely. No matter how deep of a hole you think you are in remember that God has a way out! Psalm 34:14, "Turn away from evil and do what is good, seek peace and pursue it." Yes, pursue it, seek it, simplify your life if need be to obtain it. Psalm 119:165, "Abundant peace belongs to those who love Your instruction.." Following God's simple commands leads to Isaiah 26:3-4, "You will keep the mind that is dependent on You in perfect peace, for it is trusting in You. Trust in the Lord forever, because in'Yah, the Lord,' is an everlasting rock." Trust that God has you in His hand, like a child trust that his/her parents are caring for them. They have no worry. The everlasting rock points to God's persistent protection for His people. In one of Jesus's final messages to the disciples before His crucifixion, He left these words, John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives, Your heart must not be troubled or fearful." The disciples were fearful of what would happen when Jesus left them. We are fearful when we don't know what's going to happen next. But there is a peace we can know (experience) through having confidence in the love of Christ. Romans 5:1, "Therefore, since we have been declared righteous by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." To be declared righteous by faith is another way to express salvation. Through salvation we have made My Bible footnote peace with God. reads, "We have peace in some manuscripts can be read as 'let us grasp the fact that we have peace.' That peace is an objective, settled fact because Jesus has accomplished it once and for all." It has taken me years to even (continued on Page 13)

Acts Booked for Pride

By R.J. Deacon

Director, DJ and drag diva, Chi Chi LaRue is one of the most recognizable names and faces in the history of adult film, her fame far surpassing that of most superstars she has created over the past several decades. Beginning in the press department for Catalina Video, a label she now owns under her company Channel 1 Releasing, it wasn't long before Chi Chi LaRue's creative spark set afire directing some of the highest selling releases of all time. Multiaward winning and an Gay VN Award Hall of Fame inductee, Chi Chi has branded her name and image creating everything sex toys to candles to Chi Chi LaRue water, all sold at her adult boutique, Chi Chi LaRue's, on Santa Monica Blvd. in the heart of West Hollywood. In 2005, Chi Chi LaRue became a DJ and now tours with porn stars from her movies, selling out nights in clubs all over the world. Chi CHi LaRue was also named one of the Top 100 Most Influential People of the GLBT community by OUT Magazine.





India Ferrah, seen on Logo TV's RuPaul's Drag Race Season 3, claimed the national title "All American Goddess 2008" at just 21 years old and is the youngest "Goddess" to date. India has been intriqued and involved in the art of female impersonation since the age of 12.

She decided to pursue her career after seeing & being inspired by such great entertainers as Sable Chanel, Alyssa Edwards, Chelsea Pearl, Dana St James, Layla Larue, Latoya Bacall, Jacqueline St. James, Enya Salad, Kristina Kelly, Jessica Jade & many others. For many years she has worked hard to obtain the desire, the drive & the attitude to further herself as a female impersonator. "I put my all into my illusion, such as, designing & making my own costumes, gowns, mixing own music, doing my own hair & make-up, as well as helping other entertainers." India says.

India is from the Roanoke Valley area in Virginia. She has lived in Lexington, KY and Dayton, OH in recent years.

GSA/UK OUTsource Resource Center Annual Fundraiser Gayla

On April 21, GSA/ UK OUTsource Resources Center will hold its an-**Fundraiser** Gayla. nual The event is free and open to the public, features drag performances by the Imperial Court and local UK performers, and all proceeds go to benefit LGBT organizations on UK campus. The gayla will be held this April 21st from 7p.m. - 9 p.m. in the Small Ballroom of the UK Student Center. More information is available on Facebook at: https:// www.facebook.com/event.

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What: family day at Jacobson Park (food, games, fun) When: Saturday, June, 4, 2011 12:00 - 3:00 Where: Jacobson Park For further information call PastorKaren@502-545-6355

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Crossings Celebrates Contemporary Latino/a

Lexington, KY – The Latino/ Latina community is the largest immigrant population in Kentucky, and many aspects of Latin-American culture (food, music, traditional celebrations and dance) are embraced statewide. Yet, contemporary Latino/a art is rarely seen in central Kentucky.

LAL's aims to bring more visibility to this sector of contemporary art through its upcoming exhibition, Crossings. The exhibition is LAL's first solely focusing on Latino/a and Chicano/a artists living in America. Artworks explore issues of immigration and trans-border crossing experiences as well as the points at which gender, labor, race, class, sexuality and cultural identity intersect. LAL accepted a proposal for Crossings from guest curators Marta Miranda, Andres Cruz and Diane Kahlo. The three are activists in the Latino/a community as well as artists. With media ranging from painting and photography to mixed media instal-

lation, the curators chose 6 artists from Illinois, Florida, Texas and Missouri as well as 8 from Kentucky. Diane Kahlo says she and her co-curators would like "viewers to walk away with either a greater understanding of some of the journeys expressed in the artwork, or perhaps a new-found curiosity to learn more about Latin American culture, history, politics and art. Our hope is to provoke dialogue." Stephanie Pevec, LAL Executive Director, states the importance of presenting an exhibition with alternate ideas and philosophies. "The more we explore the various aspects of contemporary art, the more informed we become as a society. LAL looks forward to the opening of Crossings in our continued effort to understand ourselves and the world around us through the lens of current visual art." Opening on March 25 at LAL @ Loudoun House, Crossings runs through May 15. Gallery admission is free and hours are Tuesday through Friday 10am to 4pm, and Saturday through Sunday 1p to 4pm. More information can be found atwww.lexingtonartleague.org.

Bachelor/Bachelorette Auction

By Orvis Kean

The second annual Bachelor/ Bachelorette Auction will be held on Thursday, April 21st at Bogart's Lounge in the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Doors open at 6pm and the show starts at 7pm. event is open to 18 and up. How it works, we put people up for auction, highest bidder gets to go to dinner with the auctionee. We provide the dinners. Along with the Bachelor/Bachelorette auction there will be a silent auction with items including A Night at the Green-1 night stay at Hilton Green and VIP Pass to Comedy of Broadway, Pamper Me Basket, Lover's Leap Gift Basket, Whole Foods Gift Basket, Keeneland Gift Basket, and much more. Admission price is \$10/\$5 with student ID. All proceeds benefit the services of the GLSO and Pride Festival. If you would like more info or to volunteer to be auctioned, please email orvis@also.org.

Volunteers Needed for Pride Festival

We are still unteers for the 4th Lexington Pride Festival. would like vou to please contact lexpridefest.org. Grea

volunteer chair for this year's festival. Also new this year, we will be having our kick-off party at Barrell House starting at 10:30pm on Friday, June 24th. Guest DJ is DJ D STU from California. Pride Festival on Saturday with performance by DJ D STU, India Ferrah, special quest host Chi Chi LaRue and of course at 9:30 Amber. Then after the pride festival, please join us back at Barrell House for an after party starting at 11pm. Chi Chi, India, DJ D STU and others will be entertaining you there. for the kick off party, of course pride is free and \$10 for the after party. More info, contact orvis@glso.org, jamie@glso. org or chad@lexpridefest.org.

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Legends Show Date Set

On May 25th, the GLSO Pride Festival proudly presents an evening with the Legends of Lex-Performers scheduled inaton. include Chelsea Pearl, Shasha Grant, Natalie Gaye, Jenna Jive and Latoya Bacall. More to be announced. The event will be looking for vol- held at Natasha's Bistro on Main annual Street. Doors will open at 8pm If and the show at 9pm. Admission volun is \$10 and the event is open to greg@ 18 and over. Proceeds to benis our efit the GLSO and Pride Festival.

Peace in Turmoil

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get the glimpse of this reality that I now have. As Christians we need more than anything to not just read the word, but meditate on it, let the full essence of it settle into your heart and soul. Let it become a part of you. God has promised us that His peace He will leave with us, not like the world leaves (which I see no peace in the world myself), but His everlasting peace that passes understanding. human our

As children of God we possess fruits of the Spirit as declared in Galatians 5:22. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, self-control..." When we find ourselves lacking in any of these areas we must go to God and ask for help with it. Personally, I never ask for patience because I know what

He will do to develop that fruit in me. So I choose instead to ask for peace; because if I ask for peace then patience will accompany it. When I am at peace I'm not in a hurry, I don't get flustered, and I have the confidence I need to wait patiently on the Lord. There is a way to peace even in the midst

of difficult times. To experience it you must pursue it, make any necessary changes in your life to obtain it, and practice walking in it. I have also learned through the years that trying to walk this reality out in my life is much easier when I join myself to others who also believe. A three stranded cord is not easily broken.

When I join myself to others in the faith I find strength, encouragement, support. If you are in a situation right now where strength, encouragement, and/or support would be a help, I invite you to join us at Open Arms of God Ministry on Sunday morning, 10:30, at the Pride Center. God bless you this coming month.

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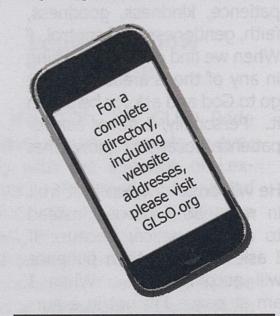
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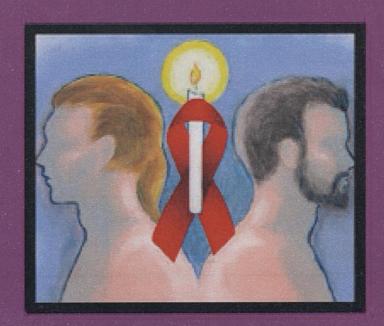


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