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Lexington Men's Chorus "Tis the Season"-Already?

Yes--- The holidays will soon be upon us and it is not too early to mark your calendars for the Lexington Men's Chorus Holiday Concert, "Tis the Season." The concert will be performed Saturday December 9th at 8pm and again Sunday December 10th at 3pm in the Recital Hall of the Singletary Center for the Arts.

LMC is beginning it's second decade with a new director, Tim Glasscock, and a new two concert season format. "Tis the Season" will feature such well know holiday fare as "O Holy Night," with for Miss Kentucky, Melinda Cumberlidge, a fanfare arrangement of "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentleman," and medley of "Deck the Halls," "The First Noel," and "Joy to the World."

There will be a twist to "The Twelve Days of Christmas," as LMC sings each of the days and gifts in a different musical style from monastic chanting to Italian Renaissance to Sousa marches. Assistant Director Richard Giles will lead the chorus in "Over the Skies of Yisrael," commissioned by the Seattle Men's Chorus for Solo and Men's Chorus as LMC continues it's tradition of attempting harmony in LMC...continued on page 2

SisterSound Concert

"A Night on Broadway," SisterSound's Winter Concert, will be on Saturday, Nov. 4, 8 pm at the Singletary Center for the Fine Arts. The evening will feature a collection of Broadway music, some by the full chorus and some by small ensembles. Music from *The King and I*, *Beauty and The Beast*, *All That Jazz*, *Cats*, and *The Sound of Music* will be included.

There will be old and new favorites ranging from the humorous "I'm Just a Girl Who Can't Say No" to the more lyrical "If I Loved You" and the shows topping "There's No Business Like Show Business." This will be one fun concert, do not miss it.

Tickets are now available at Singletary Ticket Office (254-4929.) We anticipate tickets will be available the night of the show but it is always advisable to call and reserve you tickets. Prices are \$12 for adults, \$8 for students and seniors, and \$5 for children under twelve. The women of SisterSound have worked hard in preparation for this concert and appreciate your support.

VOTE

Tuesday November 7
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Benefit Show

On Friday, Nov. 3 at 9 pm there will be a Benefit Show at Crossings for three Lexington girls (yes THREE) going to compete at Miss National at Large in Orlando, Florida later in November.

Latoya Bacall, Tuesday DeLaRouge, and Sundae DeLaRouge are excited to be preparing for nationals and invite everyone to come show support. Performers for the benefit include, Latoya, Tuesday, Sundae, Tiffany Andrews, Rena Starr, Shenna, Roxanne Cole, Lady Marmalade, and others.

Admission will be \$5.00. We invite everyone to stay for dance music after the show.

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all languages and traditions. S.A.N.T.A. (Disco Santa) may not be traditional YET, but the score calls for a "driving disco beat" that should fill the hall with holiday joy. Tickets are \$12 adult, \$10 senior and student and \$6 child and are available through the Singletary Ticket Office at 254-4929. Season Tickets are available at a 15% discount by calling Shelby at 231-0090.

Pride Center

The next meeting of the Pride Center Committee of GLSO will be on Thursday Nov 2nd at 7pm, 387 Waller. If you want to be involved in the plans for the new Center, this is the place to be. If you can not attend this particular meeting, or if you are reading this after the meeting has taken place, you can call Jane at 389-7698.

Our lease runs out at the end of February and we are actively looking for a new space. Our need is for at least 1,200 square feet of handicapped accessible office space that can be configured into a variety of meeting rooms. If you know of such a space, give us a call.

In addition to looking for a new space, the committee has a vision for the Center to become a larger presence within our community, with an office staff person, a phone line, a library and more.

GLSO has written three grants to foundations to help support this vision and we will still need the financial support of the community. If you are interested in working with us to make a difference in our community, please come to the meeting or give Jane a call at 389-7698.

PINK PAGES ARE OUT

The Pink Pages are in the mail and at various locations around town. There are many ads from gay and gay supportive businesses, professionals, and organizations and a quick reference guide with telephone numbers in the back.

In addition, there are historic photographs of some of our "family" ancestors, and a look at the last century of queer history. GLSO would particularly like to thank Jordan Summers, editor, Rose Helfrich, co-editor, Ginger Moore and Scott Ackerman sales people for the many hours they put into making this edition a success. We would also like to thank the anonymous donor for paying mailing expenses and finally the advertisers, your support means a lot to us.

GLSO mailed out copies of the Pink Pages to most of our mailing list and to advertisers. These early copies were not printed to our satisfaction and have been redone by the Copy Company. (They agreed that the printing could be improved and were happy to put out a better quality edition.) Those of you who received one of the early copies may want to pick up the newer version at one of our many outlets.

The Pink Pages can be found at The Pride Center, Crossings, Club 141, the Kentucky Theater, Moveable Feast, Special Media Alfalfas, Metropolitan Community Church, U. U. Church, and at some of the businesses who advertised with us. We are also interested in distributing copies in rural Kentucky so if you know of a place that would like some, give us a call. Anyone wanting copies, call Ginger at 389-7698 or lexingtonglso@yahoo.com.

Community News

Fall Follies

Tiffany & Co. presents Fabulous Fall Follies to be held at Crossings on Wed., Nov 15. Showtime will be 10:00p.m. with a cover of \$3.00, all proceeds to benefit Lexington Fayette Co. Health Dept HIV/AIDS Program - Client Services.

Featured Entertainers: Tiffany Andrews, Rayna Starr, Roxanne Cole, Jacqueline Parrish, Miss Sheena, Briana Carey and very special guest Mescha.

Come down and see the changes we're making at Crossings. You'll especially like the new Solid Oak Bar - Bigger and better than ever!! So grab a cocktail and come and support a great show for a great cause! Keep an eye out for our big Christmas Extravaganza Show on Wednesday, December 13 also!

Interweave

Interweave, the Unitarian Universalist GLBTA group will be having its monthly after church lunch on Sunday Nov. 12. We are planning to go out to a restaurant this time so join us at about 12:15 at church and we will go from there. For more information about Interweave contact Davina at 271-6174 or artemis427@yahoo.com.

Volleyball League

The primarily GLBT volleyball league is continuing to play the first three sundays in November and the first two in December. Join us at Castlewood Gym between 4 and 6 pm. The tournament is set for Saturday, Dec. 16 starting a 9 am.

There will be free t-shirts, refreshments and trophies. No fee to enter. For more information, contact Mark Johnson at 252-2371 x541 or call Larry at AVOL at 225-3000.

Social Concepts

Social Concepts invites all interested women to join us at 6 pm for dinner at Charlie Browns on Euclid in Chevy Chase. We then will go to the SisterSound Concert at 8 pm at Singletary Center.

SISTAHS IN THE LIFE

Sistahs in the Life is social/support collective for Lesbians of African Descent. All black women ages 19 and older are welcome to join. The major objective is to identify a community of black women and bring us to the same space at the same time. We understand that there are degrees of "outness" so we strive to provide a safe, confidential and welcoming atmosphere. For more information call LeTonia 233-3751, or Joan 252-2657.

Moveable Feast,

October was a busy month for fund raisers for Moveable Feast. We appreciate the efforts of Niagara Falls, Tiffany Andrews, and The Court (which did two for us this month!) It takes money to continue to put food on the table.

It also takes volunteers. Delivering meals is very easy; you come in at 5:15 and fishish by 7pm (often earlier). You can usually get a specific route if you commit to a regular schedule. If you can drive a car

you can change a life. Please give us a call 252-2867.

Discussion Group

The GLSO Discussion/Support Group meets every Wednesday night from 7-8:30 at 2216 Young Drive, Suite 1. In November we are planning topical discussions in addition to our usual support and sharing.

Scheduled topics are:

Nov. 8th - The election and what it will mean to us, as GLBT people.

Nov. 15th - The age old question "What is dating???"

Nov. 22nd - Our families and the holidays.

Nov. 29th - What happens when a "relationship" begins?

The group is open to anyone, 18 or older. If you need sometime to be yourself, talk with others who have "been there," or just want to "gab" on one of the topics, come join us. Call Jane at 389-7698 with any questions or comments.

Metropolitan Community Church

October was a great month at MCC. We enjoyed participating in the Kentucky Fairness picnic at Windy Knoll. At MCC, we've been enjoying studying the Apostles. A Native American worship service was enjoyed by all. MCC'ers walked in the Lexington Alzheimer's Walk and also at the YWCA Spouse Abuse "Take Back the Night 2000." A Ghost Train ride was a great time to celebrate the Halloween season. An All Saints Day Remembrance was held to remember

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our loved ones who are with God and the service included reading their names.

In November, MCC looks ahead to a number of important issues in its Fall Congregational Meeting. A Veterans Day Remembrance service will be held Sunday, November 12. A Service of Thanksgiving will be offered on Sunday, November 19. MCC invites you to come and be part of God's all-inclusive love. Don't settle for tolerance- expect celebration! Worship is offered every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. at 385 Waller Avenue, beside Imperial Plaza.

STOP THE HATE RALLY

A Stop the Hate Rally and Vigil will be held from 6:30pm-7:30pm in Lexington's Triangle Park on Sunday, November 5. A number of progressive

groups are collaborating on the effort. Representatives from Kentucky Fairness Alliance, and Bluegrass Fairness will be participating.

HUGS of the Bible

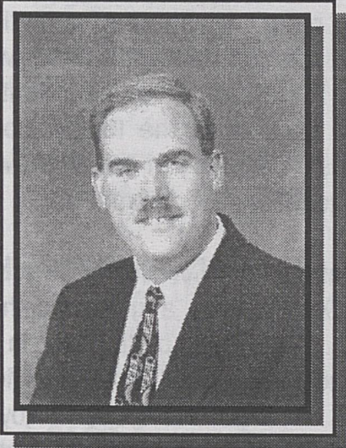
Starting this fall, Dr. Lisa Davison, Assistant Professor of Old Testament at Lexington Theological Seminary, will be leading HUGS of the Bible: Hearing, Understanding, and Growing through Study of the Bible. We are a totally inclusive body of Christ, seeking ongoing community with one another as well as reaching out to welcome and affirm all God's Children including but not limited to Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, Transgender and Allied Persons. We are not connected to the Seminary.

We plan to meet on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you have questions call Lisa at her office

at 252-0361, Ext. 257, or e-mail ldavison@lextheo.edu, or contact Dotti Berry at dotti.berry@mindspring.co, or mobile phone 489-4791.

WOMEN WRITERS CONFERENCE

Plans are under way for the 22nd annual Kentucky Women Writers Conference: "Claiming Identity Through Writing," four days of writing workshops, readings, and panel discussions to be held March 22-25, at the Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning. Invited participants include Maud Casey, Janice Eidus, Mary Daly, Linda Scott DeRossier, Pat Mora, Nancy Mairs, Kelly Norman Ellis and Crystal Wilkinson. \$120 with some discounts. Full details available by December 1. Call 254-4175 for more information or e-mail: kywwc@hotmail.com



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"Living With Pride:

Ruth Ellis @ 100"

Two films by African American Lesbian film maker Yvonne Welbon will be shown on Thursday, Nov. 9th at the Central Library Theater followed by a discussion with the film maker and a reception. Diversity Films, The Humanitarium: Center for Culture & Diversity, and the University of Ky. Women's Studies Program are sponsoring this event. Some additional films and discussions will take place on UK campus.

The featured film on Thursday will be *Living With Pride: Ruth Ellis @ 100* and will be shown second at 7:30. The film has received audience accolades for best documentary at both the San Francisco and Los Angeles Film Festivals. It is particularly fitting to be able to see this film just a month after Ruth passed away in her home in Detroit.

Born July 23, 1899, in Springfield, Illinois, Ruth Ellis was the oldest "out" African American lesbian known when Welbon undertook the project of making a film about her life. Ms. Ellis was considered a national treasure among the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community, known as much for her energy as for her deep commitment to human rights. Author Alice Walker called her a woman of "power, audacity, and joy."

Film maker Welbon uses interviews, photographs, archival footage, and dramatize recreations to create a touching portrait of Ruth Ellis. The extensive interviews with Ruth are particularly enchanting. As a child, Ellis lived through the race riots of 1908 in Springfield that resulted in the formation of the NAACP.

As an adult in the middle part of the century Ellis lived with her companion of over 34 year, Cecilene "Babe" Franklin in Detroit Michigan. They provided a meeting place for the African American gay community in their home. (Many gay bars discriminated against African Americans at that time.) An entrepreneur, Ruth was the first woman to own her own printing business in Detroit and taught herself photography.

When Welbon searched for archival footage of black gay and lesbians from the 1940' through the 1970's, she found none. "I made my own" she says, using actors to recreate what Ellis and her friends (most still closeted) told her about those days.

By 1979 many of Ruth's contemporaries had passed away and she was living a more isolated existence in a senior citizens building. When a young woman came to teach the residents self-defense, Ruth, then 80 years old, decided to take another leap of faith. She invited the young woman to dinner, and came out to her. This young Lesbian was charmed by Ruth and promptly introduced her to the post Stonewall community of gays and lesbians in the area.

In her 80's and 90's Ruth Ellis became a treasured member of the national LBGT community, traveling to many women's music festivals and sharing her history and her spirit with younger generations. Yvonne Welbon captures the wonder of Ellis's life story and her ongoing ability to live with Pride.

Before this film, we will be showing another of Welbon's documentaries at 6:45, *Remembering Wei Yifang, Remembering Myself*. This

autobiographic documentary charts the influence of the filmmaker's six-year experience as an African American woman in Taiwan. Wei Yifang, Yvonne's Chinese persona, finds Taiwan to be a "racism-free zone".

Welbon juxtaposes her experience with that of her grandmother who immigrated from Honduras to work in South Dakota in the 1940's, facing American racism that had not previously been part of her life. Linking their stories with that of earlier women in their family, the richly textured memoir blends dramatic sequences with documentary footage.

Variety magazine comments: "Yvonne Welbon's pungent commentary on racism and self-realization sings with ideas. Welbon as a creator shows purpose and ability."

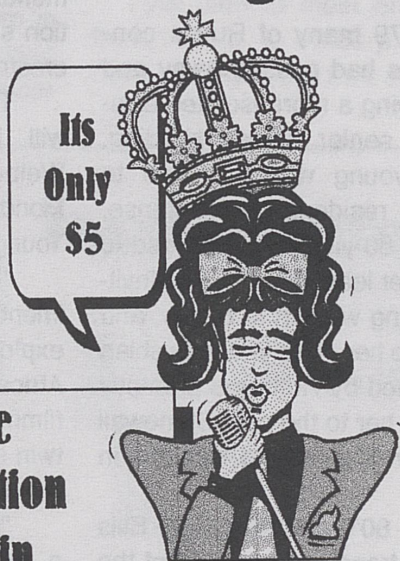
The Women's Studies Program will be showing two other of Welbon's documentaries on Monday, Nov. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Young Library Auditorium

"Missing Relations" is an experimental dramatic documentary which explores loss and denial in an African American family through the filmmaker's story of her kidnapped twin sisters, erased from family history for 24 years.

"Sisters in the Life: First Love" is a dramatic documentary/narrative starring Donna Rose, a thirtysomething black lesbian. It is based, in part, on Welbon's first experience with love as a fourteen-year-old.

On Friday November 10 at Noon in Student Center Room 206, Yvonne Welbon will present "The History of African-American Women Filmmakers", a talk and video presentation. The public is invited to attend.

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Election Confusion??

Here are Jeff's Picks

by Jeff Jones

Based upon my years of following local campaigns, elected officials, and voting records on GLBT issues, GLSO has asked me who I feel are the best choices in the upcoming Nov. 7 election. These are again my personal choices and do not reflect the views of GLSO or any other of the groups with which I am affiliated.

I have chosen the following candidates based on these criteria: public policy statements about GLBT issues, voting records where applicable, ability to win, and voter education materials from the Fairness website (<http://www.fairness99.org>).

I am only listing Fayette County candidates in contested races. Fortunately some of our elected officials with the strongest voting records on GLBT issues are unopposed in the general election. I am biased in my choices against third party candidates unless: a) there are no other decent candidates in the race from a major party (pure protest vote) or b) they are in a race where they have a reasonable chance of winning.

You can view incumbents voting records thanks to Bluegrass Fairness at: <http://www.fairness99.org/fairness99/votingrecord.htm>

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39th District: Robert Damron (2)

45th District: Bob Duncan (3)

56th District: Joe Barrows

62nd District: Charlie Hoffman (2)

LEX-Fayette URBAN CO. COUNCIL:

2nd District: Jacques Wigginton (4)

6th District: Al Mitchell (5)

7th District: Willy Fogle (6)

8th District: Robert Moreland

9th District: Jennifer Mossotti

Clarifying Some Positions:

(1) Baesler's previous record on GLBT issues while in Congress was poor, but he appears to have educated himself greatly since then. He has publicly expressed support for an inclusive hate crimes law and overall appears more sympathetic.

(2) Damron and Hoffman have poor voting records on GLBT issues. They did vote to support HIV/AIDS funding. I give them an edge over their unknown Republican challengers because Democrat-controlled committees have shown themselves to generally be more favorable to GLBT issues.

(3) Duncan's positions on GLBT issues are unknown. His challenger, Stan Lee, however, is the chosen successor and ideological heir to Stan Cave, the most anti-gay legislator from Fayette County.

(4) Wigginton voiced his support in the Lexington Herald-Leader for vigorous enforcement of the ordinance while his opponent, Lonny Demaree, viewed the ordinance as unnecessary.

(5) Mitchell voted against the Fairness Ordinance but did support a resolution opposing the anti-gay HB 485. Mitchell says he supports job protections but not housing protections. His challenger, Dale Edinger, Jr., is on record with a number of anti-gay editorials and says the ordinance is redundant. So, Mitchell is probably a better choice than his opponent. (see below for another opinion-ed.)

(6) Fogle and his opponent Larry Ashlock are both supportive and good guys. Fogle, however, put his

neck on the line for our communities with his vote for the Fairness Ordinance. I feel he deserves our communities' support in return.

6th District City Council Race Important for GLBT Community

by Michael Taylor

Al Mitchell, the incumbent 6th District City Council member, voted in the minority against last years successful Lexington Fairness Ordinance. Mr. Mitchell stated in an October 14th Herald Leader interview that he would try to repeal the Fairness Ordinance if he is re-elected.

Dale Edinger, Jr., running against Mitchell in the 6th District, said in the same Herald Leader Interview that he thought Federal and State laws covered such discrimination and that a local ordinance is therefore redundant. In conversations with Mr. Edinger since that interview, he has said that based on what he now understands, he "doesn't know why he wouldn't be supportive, of the Fairness Ordinance.

Mr Edinger appears to be a compassionate, reasonable and fair-minded individual. He talks with ease about knowing gay people as friends and neighbors. He describes himself as a blue-collar family man who wants to eliminate waste in the city budget and bring back tax dollars to our neighborhoods. He is also critical of the current City Council's lack of support of the efforts of the Ethics Commission.

The neighborhood of the 6th District are the Meadows, Deep Springs, Rockwood, Hi Acres, Warrenbton, Hermitage Hills, Lex. Manor, Johnson Heights and Eastland. I encourage all Fairness minded people in the 6th City Council District to support Dale Edinger.

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by Kelly O'Ferrell

Samantha wandered around her back yard as if for the first time, her mind seeking the answers in the night. Whenever she had time, like this, to herself, her mind had been asking that same drive-you-crazy question - "What if ...?". What if she made the wrong decision? What if she'd done things differently all those years ago?

She had written out the pros and cons. She had even weighted each one like her friend had told her about. She'd said "YES!"; she'd said "NO!" - all in her head.

So, she just stood there and looked up into the sky so black that each star was visible. Sam was so tired of thinking about this decision that she decided to give it all a rest for a while. But she realized that she would have to replace the obsession with something else, so she began to count down, slowly from, "oh, pick 20," she thought.

20, 19, 18, 17, "Slower," she heard, "slower and breath."

16 15 14 13 "Slower, deeper,"

12 11 "all night, all your life..."

10 9 "no where to go."

8 7 "Reach up now before you get to six."

It wasn't so much a thought as it was a feeling, and her arm raised up above her head and she touched something hard, yet safe. Afraid to move, afraid to stay, afraid of zero, Samantha moved toward the hard object.

As she came closer, she knew she was touching a star. A star so delicate and soft she was not afraid and yet so hard that she could sit and rest. When she had settled into a

comfortable place, she realized that her feet had left the ground.

"What if I fall? What if I die?" Sitting there, dangling her feet from a star, she decided to just go along for the ride. Somehow with this thought her whole body relaxed again.

So, she leaned back and watched, as the star took off into the night.

"No one is watching," the star murmured, knowingly.

"Then why do I feel I must make the right decision, always wanting to measure up to something I can't even see?" Sam asked back.

"No one is watching," she replied.

"5" she heard in the distance.

Sam knew that she wanted to know before the count was zero. She wanted to know before her life was over.

The star flew fast and stopped abruptly, shining a tunnel of light down a path. Samantha watched, as a story unfolded with characters coming and going - all of it moving and flowing with great ease and speed.

And she watched as she saw a child - herself - show up. Noticing that the things the child left undone lead down different paths - and yet, as the star gently pulled back - how all the paths lead to where she stood counting in her own back yard.

Samantha knew she was close to understanding. The star stayed still and rested and waited.

Samantha looked hard and long at all the roads and all the little paths. She followed each with her eyes. Some meandered, some were straight, some moved far away from the main road. But, eventually, all of them lead to where she stood counting.

And, as Samantha took a closer look, she realized something even more - that each path the woman, that she, chose eventually lead to something, someplace, someone wonderful.

"Reach for your place now and know that all decisions lead to one place - the place you came here for."

And Samantha reached and felt the ground beneath her feet and the paths melted away before her eyes.

"No one knows your path. No one can watch from here but me," the star whispered.

"4" she heard.

"That's it!" Samantha thought. I want to make my own decisions without so much fear. I want to live this life - this one life!"

"3"

Samantha closed her eyes and saw once more the paths. This time she remembered seeing people crying at some and laughing at others. But no matter which road or path, Samantha had made the choices and found the flows.

"2"

She was never alone on any of the roads for very long.

"1"

From that far up she could see ahead on the path. There had always been someone waiting ahead for her.

The star nudged Sam as she lifted back into the night sky.

"Zero," Samantha said out loud with peace and resolve at last.

"Everything I've ever done was necessary - not good or bad, right or wrong - but necessary, to get to where I am right now."

And when she thought about it, she liked where she was and how

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she'd gotten here.

"It's just one decision," she thought. "What if I just pick one and trust that if it's not the best one for me then circumstances will change and I will intuitively know what to do next."

Samantha walked inside her house, letting the screen door bang close behind her and stood in the kitchen as the coffee brewed, the smell filling the room. She breathed in deep, not just to smell the wonderful aroma of the coffee, but because she had room in her body to breathe now.

For now, she wanted to draw the path she had seen from the star.

So, she poured the coffee into the tea cup she dearly loved and wadded into her space and time until France came home.

I wrote that story in 1996 when

I decided to just write the next word in my head.

I've been thinking that there's a right and wrong decision. I've forgotten that I can always change my mind. And, embarrassing to admit, I've made a bigger deal out of it than it requires.

After I wrote that story, I drew my own map in '96. I saw that all of the decisions I made - relationships, jobs, where to live - brought me to a place I enjoyed - sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly and painfully.

Even when I picked something familiar but not necessarily good for me, the pain from that decision led me to something or someone absolutely wonderful.

Perhaps it's simply a matter of flipping a coin sometimes and trusting that The Universe is watching.

VOTE

Need Another Good Reason to Vote Democratic? Having a little trouble voting for Scotty? Michael Moore, cultural observer and political critic, has pointed out an interesting outcome if Democrats regain control of the US House. Twenty two members of the Congressional Black Caucus are in line to head committees and sub-committees due to their seniority in the House.

Rep. John Conyers of Detroit will become the Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, Rep. Charles Rangel of New York will be the chair of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, and Rep. Julian Dixon of California will head up the House Intelligence Committee. Three of the most important committees in Congress will be led by African Americans for the first time in our history.

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We are looking for more people and ideas for future involvements, such as: Mentoring, Community Education, Development of the Pride Center, Youth Support, and more events for our community. **Your subscription helps support all our work. Thank You!!**

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Imperial Court

The Imperial Court has had a busy last few months. Congratulations to Sapphire (aka James Duff) the new closet queen. She won in a fiercely contested and close contest.

Imperial Court of Kentucky attended Cincinnati's Coronation Ball on September 16th. The Imperial Sovereign Queen City Court of the Buckeye Empire celebrated Reign IX Emperor IX Will Fugett and Empress IX Booshee Rayburn led the ISQC-CBE in a great year of fundraising for local charities in Cincinnati and surrounding areas. Congratulations to Will and Booshee!

There were visiting Courts from all over the nation in attendance at Coronation X. Representing Ky were: Kip Kelly, Susan Womack, Imperial Crown Prince XIX Christopher Rhorer, Emperor XV of KY Paul Johnson, Empress XV of KY Natalie Gaye, Emperor XVI of KY Elvin Harkins, Empress XVI of KY Chanda Lier, Emperor XVIII Kevin Phillips and the reigning monarchs Emperor XIX Donnie Royse (EV), and Empress XIX of KY Tracy Taylor. Cincinnati's end of the year theme was "That's Entertainment: A salute to the silver screen." At the end of the Evening the new Monarchs of Cincinnati were crowned: Emperor X of all Ohio Darren Smith and Empress X of all Ohio Charity Case. Our court looks forward to working closely with both.

The following morning was the Victory brunch and awards presentation. Emperor XIX Donnie Royse won Best Costume: Male for his Austin Powers themed Entrance. Empress XIX Tracy Taylor won the annual Emperor to Empress award

from Emperor IX Will Fugett.

On October 8th the Imperial Court of KY hosted a picnic at the Limestone Club. About 45 people attended and almost \$200 was raised for Moveable Feast. We thank the following for their in-kind donations: Thomas and Josh, Rufus at Denny's, Sam and Grace Sears at South Van Events, Emperor XIX EV, and Empress XIX Tracy Taylor.

On October 18th The Imperial Court of KY held an audience participation night of "Drag Wars". Several local entertainers including: Tracy Taylor, Natalie Gaye, Eden Towers and Carrie Lysle performed numbers picked by the audience. For those of you that missed it was a fun and different event. Look for more like it in the future!

On October 21st The Imperial Court of KY represented the Bluegrass Empire at Adornment III of The Barony of Louisville. Congratulations to Baroness II Kelly O'Bryant and Baron II Ron Hatfield on a very successful and productive year; their status was changed from Regent due to outstanding leadership. Good luck to the new Baroness April Rains and Baron Jimmie Reed. Best Wishes to the Barony of Louisville!

Club 141's Diva of Darkness

was hosted by the Court on October 25th. The Diva of Darkness winner was Cheetah Chandler.

With their July election still in recent memory, the Monarchs, Tracy Taylor and EV both brought several court members up to Cincinnati in September and to Louisville in October. Empress 15 (and President of the Board of Directors) Natalie Gaye, and Emperor 19 EV emceed the Louisville ball with great success. Both these cities have court organizations that actively visit our fine city as well. The Louisville Barony is a relatively new organization but sure know how to hold one fine weekend-full of events.

In December, Miss Mary Christmas, the courts annual Christmas Drag Pageant will be looking for contestants. This has proved to be a perennial favorite for the Christmas season. If you are not a member of the court, you may apply for membership. There is a Kentucky residency requirement but these rules, however, do not allow citizens of the Louisville Barony to join the Imperial Court of Kentucky. Annual dues are \$5. Currently there are close to 100 dues paying members of the Imperial Court of Kentucky.

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Ky GLSEN

Gina Cooper

GLSEN, The Gay Lesbian Straight Educators Network, is all about bringing teachers, schools, parents, students and communities together in the fight to end anti-gay harassment and discrimination. We all know that middle and high schools are difficult for students who are perceived to be gay. Too often the results of harassment include teen dropouts, suicide, drug use

Starting GLSEN-KY is my way of using what I know to do some good. It is a result of the harassment my son had to endure at Somerset High School based on his perceived sexual orientation. We begged School Administrators to take action against the students harassing Brad. After three written death threats and the school's continued lack of response, we decided it was up to us. We got the second ever Office For Civil Rights "Commitment to Resolve" signed by a School District.

We did not feel this was enough, since the OCR "Commitment" would expire one day. We are currently in a Federal Civil Lawsuit with the District and with several specific employees of the district. We hope that by taking it into the legal system, the school administrators and teachers will come to understand the seriousness of this issue.

GLSEN-KY is currently building a coalition with other groups across the state to work towards making changes in our schools. We want to reach a variety of people who can help us in this work. We are willing to go into the schools and educate teachers and administrators about the effects of harassment and their responsibility to stop it. Our basic

message is that the hate, harassment and discrimination must stop.

In October we kicked off our membership drive. There is strength in numbers and we would love to have you join us. Memberships are as follows: \$15.00 Member (limited income), \$35.00 Member, \$50.00 Household \$100.00 and up. Ten dollars of each membership donation is sent to GLSEN National and the rest stays with the Chapter that collects it.

The National GLSEN money helps the chapters with brochures, grants and much more. Each Chapter uses it's money for keeping

the Chapter alive. It may be used for office supplies, printing, transportation of it's members to other important meetings, etc.

We are also taking donations of office equipment such as an answering machine, a computer even if it is an old one, office supplies such as stamps, printing paper etc. ALL donations are TAX DEDUCTIBLE and can be sent to GLSEN-KY P.O.Box 400, Ferguson KY 42533. Further information can be obtained by calling Gina Cooper at 606-676-9412

First Both Parent Legal Adoption In Kentucky

Larua Drew and Janette Wolak have accomplished the legal adoption of each other's biological children, making them both legal parents of both kids. This is the first such adoption in Kentucky and is a great legal precedent for other couples seeking the same legal protection for their families. It is also a great excuse for GLSO to begin printing pictures along with our news coverage. Don't they look great?



Charley, Laura, Janette, and Brent

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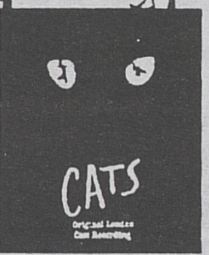
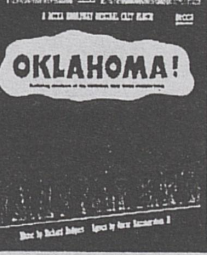
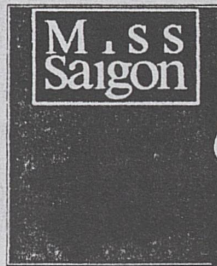
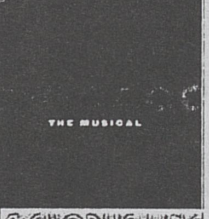
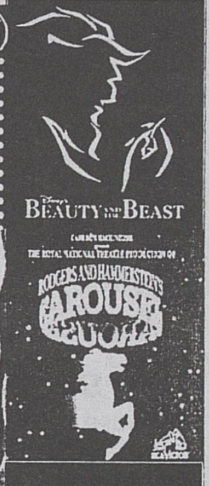
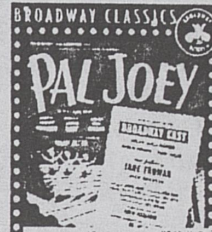
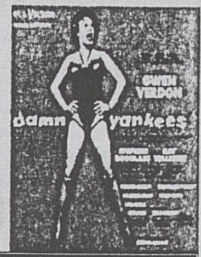
Saturday, November 4

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