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## 8TH ANNUAL FALSIES AWARDS

### WILL HONOR ASHLEY KRUIZ

The Academy of Drag Arts and Sciences will bestow its Lifetime Achievement Award on Ashley Kruiz at the 8th annual Falsies Awards ceremony on Tuesday, April 6 at the Kentucky Theater in Lexington. The awards program spon-

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sored by the Imperial Court of Kentucky traditionally attracts sellout crowds for an over-the-top evening featuring world-class entertainers and presentation of awards for Outstanding Achievement in Hair, Makeup, Costume, Dance, Dramatic Performance, Comedy, Bartending, DJ'ing and more.

Although based in Atlanta and beloved by audiences in Louisville and throughout the Southeast, Kruiz began her career performing for the Imperial Court of Kentucky, (then known as The Imperial Court of the Bluegrass Empire,) and has remained active with the organization throughout the years. Her numerous titles include Miss Kentucky America, Miss Tennessee Continental, Miss Hotlanta International, Miss Gay Orlando and Miss Gay National. She was first runner-up to Miss Gay

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## Hate Free Rally

On April 4th, the Coalition for Hate Free Lexington, Lexington-Fayette Urban Co. Human Rights Commission and the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) will hold a Hate Free Lexington Rally in downtown Lexington at Triangle Park from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. This rally is commemorating the rally in November 2002 that protested the visit of Fred Phelps and is extending the concept to include all forms of hate. We want to have a large GLBT presence at this rally.

There will be entertainment including Mecca dancers, a step team, singing, speeches and more. The Hate-Free Zone Initiative will be unveiled during the rally as a next step in moving from a reactive mode to a proactive one in our community.

Posters will be distributed and pledges signed by area businesses and organizations to proudly declare their establishment as a "Hate Free Zone". These posters will help continue a broader dialogue in Lexington about

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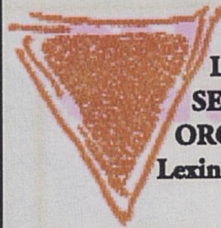
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**Falsies** Continental, Miss Gay USofA and National Entertainer of the Year.

Kruiz has appeared on several nationally acclaimed talk shows including Phil Donohue, Jenny Jones and Maury Povich.

A number of nationally recognized entertainers will be on hand to honor Kruiz including former Lifetime Achievement Award winner and Kruiz's "drag mother" Chelsea Pearl, Shawna Brooks, "The Dancing Diva" and Lauren LeMasters, "Queen of High Fashion" both of Atlanta, Bianca Paige of Nashville, Robin Dupree, "Bronze Beauty of the Universe" of Indianapolis, Margo Davis, "The Showgirl" and Taylor St. Martin.

An opening production by Reigning Empress 23 JD Vaughn and members of her female line will kick off the show. Proceeds from the evening will benefit charities of the Imperial Court including Moveable Feast, AVOL, The GLSO and Bluegrass Fairness. Tickets are \$10 at the door, which opens at 8 PM. Ceremonies begin at 9.

**Hate Free Rally** the meaning of inclusion. NCCJ youth leaders will design and distribute the posters and pledges throughout the community. Please turn out and help make this rally a success.

## **AIDS Walk for Life**

The 12th Annual AIDS Walk for Life will be on Sunday, April 25 at Triangle park. Raise pledges individually or as a team and join us to walk to benefit AIDS Volunteers of Lexington.

In addition to the walk there will be activities including a pre-walk party with music, entertainment, raffles, and team photos. Come join the fun and show your support. For information and to download pledge sheets, go to [AIDSVolunteers.org](http://AIDSVolunteers.org).

**Pride Gallery**  
**April 10 - May 8**  
**Carol Cross,**  
**Photographer**

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Beaux Arts Ball

Without further ado, the Beaux Arts Foundation, Inc., is proud to present the annual nostalgic, legendary, sultry and eccentric, bold and glamorous Beaux Arts Ball on Saturday, April 3rd, 2004.

Unleashed this year in a new venue, the Beaux Arts spirit will infuse the former Tobacco Warehouse of the Lorillard Loft Project by transforming roughly 40,000 square feet of space into the most boisterous art and culture events to occur this year.

Patrons flocking to the Ball are masked from headdress to stiletto, by feather or plastic wrap, steal mesh to lots of flesh, styrofoam, latex, cotton and everything else you think impossible. Masquerade attire is a must, normality a hush!

The event eases into the night as the doors open with a cocktail jazz social at 7 pm. The night heats up as the hours tick filling the space with an array of talent from Drag shows to several Fashion shows, from the beats of Club Dubb to the thunderous dance of electronic artist superstar Behrouz. (Recently received best "Breakthrough DJ™" in the world award by Dancestar Inc. for 2004)

As the party continues into the morning hours for charitable will, it is our intention to pledge an exceptional gift from all of our proceeds of the Beaux Arts Ball to benefit Moveable Feast of Lexington- a non-profit organization that provides meals to those living with HIV/AIDS as well as HOSPICE patients in the Lexington/Fayette county area.

Come experience the rumor, as the Beaux Arts revolution will again, redefine sensuality. All pre-event tickets are \$17 per person, ticket includes free ride on shuttle from downtown to the event.

## 40+ Women's Group

All lesbian and bi-sexual women over 40 are invited to attend our regular meetings and social events. In April we meet at the Pride Center on Sunday April the 18th, at 2 p.m. (Third Sunday to avoid Easter) After the meeting we will pick a restaurant and go out to eat.

We are going to Red River Gorge for the weekend of May 14-15. The deadline for cabin space has passed but you can join some of us who are camping. For more info call Ginger 253-0061 or email her at ggclr@hotmail.com.

We have a lot of events planned for April with two different phone numbers to call for details. We will go as a group to Thunder Over Louisville on Saturday, April 17, to see the airshow over the river including fireworks after dark. The next weekend some of us will go to The Rolex Three-Day Event at the KY Horse Park, April 22 - 25. Cost varies depending on number of days attended. Call 879-0599 if you are interested in joining us either weekend.

That phone number is also for information about the following events for which we have not set a specific date: Comedy Off Broadway, Brett Butler Show and Elayne Boosler Show, Keenland Spring Racing, and a trip to the Modern Art Museum in Cincinnati.

You can call Ginger 253-0061 if you are interested in joining us to see Robbie Bartlett at the Poor Man's Derby on April 30 at The Legends Ball Park, from 9 pm to 1 am. Also call Ginger about a trip to Louisville's Speed Art Museum, High on Rose to hear blues, and a Legends game. We are planning to go to Berea for their yearly Art Festival in May unless that is the same weekend as our trip to Red River Gorge.

## Pride Month

The Pride Month Committee is seeking participation from all interested people. We will be meeting on Thursday, April 8 at 7 pm. at the Pride Center.

Here is our calender of events. Please contact Terry if you are planning an activity during June.

- June 2 Miss KY Pride Pageant
- June 4 - 6 Imperial Court Coronation
- June 10 Dining Out For Life
- June 11 Lesbian Movie Night
- June 12 Pride Reading
- June 13 Bowl-a-Thon
- June 18 -27 ActOut Play
- June 20 Pride Picnic
- June 27 Volunteer Awards Banquet

Venders interested in setting up at teh picnic should call mary 266-5904. There are additional events in the planning stages including a youth event. If you are interested in volunteering come to the meeting or give Bill a call 253-3233. This is a gereat way to meet people.

**NOMINATIONS for the Wasson and Rainbow Community Service Awards** are now being taken. These awards are for ;the individual (Wasson Award) and the community group (Rainbow) that through volunteerism has done most for our community in the last year or years. Anyone can nominate a person or group for these awards. Write a short paragraph so people will know of their accomplishments. This year any individual can vote by coming by the Pride Center in the first week of June.

## SisterSound

SisterSound is in rehearsal for their May concert. For more information call Patti (806-0243) or Toine(276-0753), or see sistersound@hotmail.com.

## Men Of All Colors Together

KY Men of all Colors Together (MACT) is a local chapter of a national gay multiracial organization which fosters a supportive environment where friendships and partnerships can be celebrated free of racial and cultural barriers. For information email MACTky@aol.com, call 859-351-4453 (Jon) or see www.mactky.com

## Lexington Lyons Levi/Leather Club

The Lyons meet every other month at the Pride Center. The next meeting will be in April. Anyone interested in learning more about the Club is welcome to attend. We will also be meeting for brunch at Mia's on Sunday April 25 at 1 pm. Please join us. The Lyons are proud to be a GLSO Pride Patron of the GLSO Pride Center.

## UK Support/Therapy Group

The UK Counseling & Testing Center offers a weekly Therapy /Support group for GLBTQ folks to talk about issues related to their sexual/relational orientation. The group is led by Anne Edwards, Psy.D. and Colby Cohen-Archer, Ph.D. Students taking at least 6 credits at LCC or UK are eligible. The group is meeting on Mondays from 1-2 . Anyone interested in joining is encouraged to call 257-8701.



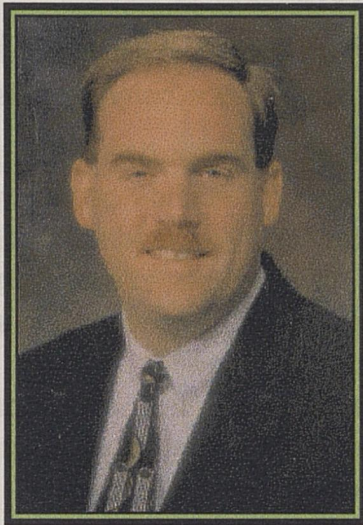
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## PRIDE CENTER NEWS and ACTIVITIES



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You may want to **call** to be sure a volunteer is here.

### **LESBIAN VIDEO NIGHT**

Stop by the Pride Center at 7 pm Fri., April 9 for the 1983 "groundbreaking" (The Boston Globe) film, Lianna. Independent filmmaker John Sayles (Passion Fish, Lone Star, Casa de los Babys) wrote and directed this "sympathetic, realistic portrait" (Boxoffice) of a wife and mother, who leaves her husband for a woman. You won't want to miss this lesbian film classic, so bring some popcorn and someone special to lesbian video night in April. Lianna is rated R. **COMING IN JUNE** - Gina Gershon in Prey for Rock & Roll.

### **DISCUSSION GROUP**

The discussion group meets every Wednesday night at 7 pm at the Pride Center and is open to all. We strive to make this a safe space where you can be yourself. We discuss a wide range of topics, some serious, some hilarious. Some people join when they are coming out or have just moved to Lexington, others attend because they enjoy the conversations. For more info contact Jane at lady-janekey@yahoo.com

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LexDGA is a peer discussion group for anyone who transcends gender norms or is questioning their gender identity. This includes transsexuals, intersexuals, effeminate men, masculine women, drag kings, drag queens, gender queers, gender questioning individuals...and more. We meet the first Saturday of each month at 8 pm. Email Kelli for info and location [kellindel@hotmail.com](mailto:kellindel@hotmail.com).

Family and supportive allies who would enjoy discussing trans issues are also welcomed. This is not a therapy group.

### **Pride Library Article see page 18**

### **Gay Straight Alliance for Youth**

The Gay Straight Alliance is open to all youth ages 15 - 20. You do not have to label yourself to join. We meet every week at a private location. Sometimes we just hang out and talk, other times we have a program. Thanks, Tiffany, for the show and the discussion of drag.

For information contact Mary Crone at 266-5904 or [lexgsa@yahoo.com](mailto:lexgsa@yahoo.com) or [www.lexingtongsa.com](http://www.lexingtongsa.com)

### **Sistahs in The Life**

Sistahs in the Life is a support group for Black Lesbians and Bi-sexual women. Join us for provocative discussions about our lives and experiences. We meet at 7 pm every first Tuesday at the Pride Center. For information contact Joan at 859 539-2657 or email [Jweslie@aol.com](mailto:Jweslie@aol.com).

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### Integrity

The April meeting of Integrity, a support group for gay and lesbian Episcopalians and friends is usually held the second Sunday of each month. However since Easter falls on April 11th, the April meeting will be rescheduled to Sunday April 18th. The meetings are at 4 p.m. and are held in The Chapter Room of Saint Michael's Church on Bellefonte Drive. Light refreshments will be served and all are welcome! For further information please call Sandy Stone at 277-7511 or email [stmintegrity@yahoo.com](mailto:stmintegrity@yahoo.com).

### SoulForce

Soulforce Lexington follows the principles of non-violence practiced and taught by Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr. to confront "spiritual violence" against GLBT people. Members come from a variety of religious backgrounds. They initiate conversations with conservative religious organizations and develop other projects to address the negative messages coming from these organizations. For info call Jamie at 859-230-5625 or check out [www.SoulforceLexington.org](http://www.SoulforceLexington.org).

The U.U. Church of Lexington welcomes visitors at any time. Worship Services are at 9:15 and 11 am every Sunday. We are located at 3654 Clays Mill Rd, one block from Man O'War as you drive towards town.

Unitarians define community in terms that are inclusive, not exclusive. We have gay, lesbian, bisexual, straight and transgender members, members of a variety of racial and cultural backgrounds, and interesting people from all walks of life. Over the next few months we will be sharing activities from a UU Welcoming Congregation Curriculum to encourage church members to deepen their understanding of GLBTQ issues. Visitors are welcome to join us. for details about films and discussions see [www.UUCL.org](http://www.UUCL.org).

### Dignity

Dignity is a national organization working for respect and justice for all gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons through education, advocacy and support. The local group meets on the second and forth Sundays at 6 pm. For place and other information, contact Richard at 850 494-1933.

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**The Orthodox Catholic Church of America**

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# *Miss Kentucky Pride 2004*

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## Miss Glenn Goes to Frankfort

By Sarah E. Glenn

9 am March 16– Met at Pride Center, met several new people. Also discovered member of extended Pagan church family there; arranged to ride together for moral support.

9:30 – 10:30am – Drove to Frankfort, learned that the elevators in parking garage are numbered top to bottom, not bottom to top. No wonder things are done backwards there! Tunnel connects garage with Capitol, so at least we didn't get rained on. Went through checkpoint, provided ID. Security decided I was not an axe murderer and gave me a little yellow dot to wear. Onward through the tunnels, following our Fairness guide, till we reached the cafeteria.

10:45 – 11:15am Congregated in basement cafeteria with other rally participants, discovered mutual fandom connections (X-men, X-Files, Lord of the Rings, etc.). Felt my age when I had to explain that 'The New Mutants' was a precursor to 'Generation X' (sort of like explaining that Paul McCartney was in a band before Wings). Learned that Boom-Boom had been renamed Jubilee. Must admit I preferred Boom-Boom (I was a Welcome Back, Kotter fan).

11:15 am – Rally started. Fairness people handed out target signs and provided markers for us to add personal message. Sign did not stay on my back, eventually disappeared into crowd without me. Fairness bumper sticker on front remained due to superior monitoring.

The rally was great. I had been afraid I would wimp out and try to hide in the crowd. Instead, I thought I was wimping out because I couldn't shout or sing loud enough. Ernesto Scorsone, Martha Barnette, Katherine Goodman, and other leading lights of our community spoke.

Cynthia Cain of the Lexington UU church also spoke, flanked by several elderly people carrying the UU banner. I am often amazed at the number of seniors who are supportive. She told us of the two UU ministers in New York that have been charged with marrying same-sex couples. Gotta love those UUs! NY wants to levy all sorts of fines on them.

Wishing Chair led us in a sing-along of 'Higher Ground', followed by 'Chapel of Love'. It was lots of fun; I have enjoyed Kiya's music since I met her at UK. I wish I had brought my drum; we Pagans love a good sing-along. It was a great way to end the rally on a high note.

12:15 pm – Sent out into the Capitol with the suggestion that we speak to our senators and reps. Extended family member and I went in search of them. Unfortunately, it was the lunch hour and many of them were trying to grab something to eat before the afternoon session. They only had 8 more days to get through all the bills. Left messages scrawled in my execrable handwriting.

The only politico we were able to meet with in person was Ed Worley. He told us that 90% of the calls he received were in favor of the marriage amendment. He had to represent the will of the people, or he would be out of a job. This underlines the importance of calling in about important issues; call often, folks, especially since they have a toll-free number.

1:45 PM – Left the Capitol after getting turned around a time or two. It's a maze, folks, even with signs. Reminded me of my old Dungeons & Dragons days; I expected to be attacked by orcs (or at least giant rats) at every turn. Emerged into daylight at last, knowing I had fought the good fight. Unknown yet what treasure will be reaped.

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9:15 & 11 am UU Church World 10:30 Mass @ St. Mychal the Martyr 2 pm 40+ Lesbians meet PC 6 pm SisterSound Rehearsal Landsdown Presby Church 4 pm Hate Free Lex Rally Triangle Park	4 7 pm GSA for youth ages 15 to 20 (Call for place - 266-5904) 8 pm AA Step Study (Call for place)	5 7 pm Sistahs in The Life - Pride Center 7pm GSA youth ages 15 - 20 (Call for place) 9 pm Falsies Awards - KY Theater	6 7 pm Discussion Group 8 pm Gay/Lesbian AA Pride Center Open every Wed until 7 p	7 7 pm Pride Month Committee Meeting open to all - Pride Center	8 7 pm Lesbian Movie Night, Pride Center 7:30 pm Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for place)	9 Pride Center Open 10-5 Opening Reception Carol Cross Pride Gallery Photography Show 5 til 9
9:15 & 11 am UU Church 10:30 Sunday Mass, St. Mychal 6 SisterSound 6 pm Imperial Court PC 7:30 Soulforce Happy Easter	11 pm AA Step Study (Call for place) 6 pm Imperial Court Special Meeting	12 7 pm Gay Straight Alliance (Call for place 266-5904) Pride Center open til 7	13 7 pm Discussion Group Pride Center 8 pm Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for place) Pride Center Open every Wed until 7 p	14 GLSO News Deadline	15 7:30 pm Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for place)	16 Pride Center Open 10-5pm 40+ Group, Thunder Over Louisville call 879-0599 for info
9:15 & 11 am Worship Services UU Church 10:30 Sunday Mass, St. Mychal 2 pm 40+ Pride Center 7 pm MACT Pride Center 6 SisterSound Rehearsal, Landsdown Presby Church	18 7 pm GLSO Board Meeting, Pride Center pm GSA (Call for place) 8 pm AA Step Study (Call for place)	19 7 pm Gay Straight Alliance for Youth, ages 15 - 20 call 266-5904 for info & place	20 7 pm Discussion Group 8 pm Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for place) Pride Center Open every Wed until 7 pm	21	22 40+ Lesbian Women - Rolex Three Day Event call 879-0599 for info	23 Pride Center Open 10-5 pm AVOL AIDS Walk For Life - Triangle park
9:15 & 11 am UU Church 10:30 Sunday Mass, St. Mychal the Martyr 1 pm Lyons Brunch at Mia's 6 pm Imperial Court PC	25 7pm GSA for Youth ages 15 - 20 call for place 266-5904	26 7 pm Fairnes Streeing Committee, Pride Center	27 7 pm Discussion Group 8 pm Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for place) Pride Center Open every Wed until 7 p	28	29	30 Meeting at the Pride Center may be abbreviated to PC Call for Place may be abbreviated to Call

## Coming Home for Easter

By Rev. Ken Waibel

Most of us have had the experience, positive or negative, of parents who tried to expose us to some form of religion. Well intentioned though they may have been, this experience is often tainted by their personal prejudices and the prejudices / misunderstandings of that religion or denomination. For us GLBT persons the "church" experience is often a very bad one, especially when that church loudly professes the "sin" of homosexuality. Religion becomes hate; Church becomes a pain and often God becomes invisible or the enemy.


It is very sad to admit that we GLBT persons are not the first victims of well-intentioned churchgoers. Over the millennia most religions seemed to choose a common enemy - a certain "immoral" person or tribe - that becomes the evil outsiders that are not welcome. For the Hebrews it was the Gentiles, for Jesus' own people it was the Romans and Samaritans. Later in history as the Christian tribe split into factions they began finger pointing at one another declaring the other to be "excommunicated" and not welcome at the table. Very "righteous" groups said that "all people were equally loved in the sight of

God" and then closed the doors to Blacks and refused to allow women full participation in worship. Modern Christian denominations are certainly not the only religious groups that have chosen to exclude. Thankfully some things have changed in modern times. Sadly it seems that a new enemy has been chosen.

In this new millennium it is more important than ever for those of us who are religious minded to stand up and declare that the extreme right wing does not speak for us and that even well intentioned church leaders do not speak for all of its membership. Regardless of background or religious foundation we know our own personal holiness and dignity in the eyes of the Eternal One.

Separating ourselves from church - refusing to go at all - only furthers the misconception that we don't belong there. If our church leaders and membership see the wonderful families that we are, the great commitment of love that we are willing to make, and the depth of our Spirituality then they will come to understand the error of their ways. "Come home for Easter."

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## On Grieving

by Kelly O'Ferrell

"Grief is a most peculiar thing; we're so helpless in the face of it. It's like a window that will simply open of its own accord. The room grows cold, and we can do nothing but shiver. But it opens a little less each time, and a little less; and one day we wonder what has become of it." *Memoirs of a Geisha*

By the time you read this article it will be three years since she left. I know, you can't be thinking anything I haven't thought before - "Good Lord! Get OVER it! It's been three years, for Pete's sake, let it go; move on; GET ON WITH YOUR LIFE!!" That's why I'm writing this article. Not to say that I'm not getting over it, but to say that, for me, grief has been about more than "getting over it". It's like the ocean waves that lift me up and down. When I forget to go with the flow, it's like a roller coaster that jerks me from side to side until I am gently reminded, "It's time for the ride to come in for the night and for me to get off of it until tomorrow."

I remember right after she left that some of my friends were also in shock. It made them aware that it really can happen and to be mindful of their relationships. And I saw from the inside something I had heard about - that my grief went on while their lives went on. While I sat in this house, went to work, hung out with them - even dated - I still saw their lives going on and yet, somehow, I felt stuck in this feeling, that moment, those words. Every now and then, even now, alone in my house, I find myself staring around the room remembering - things, times, her. Then, I get up and go on.

I was sitting in a room full of people who I have known now for 11 years. I don't know most of their last names or where they work, but I know some of the

most intimate details of their lives. I sat there in peace one Saturday morning. I had on the jeans I've owned forever - the ones with the hole in the knee. I remember playing with the fabric around the hole, listening to people talk. My fingers were drawing a pattern on my jeans and I began to realize something. There's a rhododendron bush in my back yard and when Tam and I moved into the house, the backyard needed some work, so we enlisted some help. In the process, the rhododendron bush ended up with a big hole right in the middle of it.

My fingers were drawing the outline of the rhododendron and I that you'd never know there'd been a big hole cut in it. Over the last three years, it's filled in. It's as if the entire bush spent the last three years helping fill in that one spot. If you look deep enough, which I have done, you can see exactly where the limbs were cut.

I knew in that moment, that my life has no more been in limbo than the rhododendron has been. I've spent the last three years filling in my life. I've kept my house and my dog Lucy happy and healthy, dated some, changed jobs a couple of times, increased my income, made new friends, stayed tight with my old ones.

I remember about a year or so after she left, I was missing - something. Unfortunately, I was also dating someone. I say "unfortunately" because it couldn't have been pleasant for the woman I was dating. We had some fun times, but the hole that was there when we met just three months after "she" left simply became all she was dating after a while. That time taught me that people in pain may not always make the best decisions. But, if we don't die as a result of a decision, we will live through it.

Anyway, I remember feeling that heaviness. I asked myself - "Kelly, what are you missing? Are you really missing her? After all this time, do you ...continued next page

want her back?" And I heard, "No, I don't want her back". And in that moment I knew that what I wanted was how I felt when I was with her.

I want that comfort, love, ease, laughter, looking forward to seeing her, loving to hang out with her year after year, telling her everything, not being afraid of her anger or mine because nobody was going anywhere, laughing at ourselves, talking about hard stuff, hearing her voice on the phone, or looking up at work and seeing her unexpectedly walking towards me. I miss how I felt when I was with her. There was a rhythm to my life like the ocean tide.

It is true - grief is like a window that opens before I know it. I feel the cold air blowing across my skin and realize that I am back there again. Today, a new experience can slam a window open - like on New Year's Eve. A woman I was dating simply went for a walk with a new friend of hers and I

didn't know it until I went looking for her to hang out with. Suddenly I couldn't separate her and her friend from "them". All I could hear in my body was, "I've had an affair"; all I felt was the sheer agony of those first few days three years ago. It took a couple of days for me to come back fully to the present.

The window opens less and less. Sometimes I get up and close it because I do not want to feel it. Sometimes I just sit there and live my life with it open and eventually I realize that it's closed again. More often than not, I am happy and content. Grief takes time - I do not know how much. It's been three years and I still miss many things. I was driving to work this week and a disco song came on the radio and I instantly remembered our drive back from Cleveland, OH when we went to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. We'd bought a couple of disco CD's and had the most fun singing and dancing on the way home. And the wave washes over me.

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## **Pride Center Library Highlights: Biography By Jane Minder**

One of my great passions in reading has always been biography. In elementary school I devoured titles like Helen Keller: Toward the Light, Booker T. Washington: Leader of His People, Annie Oakley: The Shooting Star, and Paul Revere: Rider for Liberty. I can remember reading John F. Kennedy's book Profiles in Courage and thinking how grown up I was reading a book written by the President.

But you know, I never remember anyone in those books who was gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered. Its funny now to think that 40 years after I read Florence Nightingale: War Nurse, I find out that her only passionate relationships were with women. Something was definitely missing, but there is nothing missing from these biographies. Read about people like us.

Accidental Activist: A Personal and Political Memoir by Candace Gingrich. Call number: HQ 75.4.G56 A171

Becoming a Man: Half a Life Story by Paul Monette. Call number: HQ 75.8.M64 A3

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Heart's Progress: A Lesbian Memoir by Claudia Bepko. Call number: HQ 75.4.B47 A3

Naked Civil Servant by Quentin Crisp. Call number: HQ 75.8.C74 A35

Our Three Selves: A Life of Radclyffe Hall by Michael Baker. Call number: PR 6015.A33 B168

Prick Up Your Ears: The Biography of Joe Orton by John Lahr. Call number: PR 6065.R7 Z77

Rita Will: Memoir of a Literary Rabble-Rouser by Rita Mae Brown. Call number: PS 3552.R698 Z468

These and many other books and videos can be checked out from the Pride Center Library, at 389 Waller Avenue. Open 10 to 3 Mon. - Sat. and we are trying extended hours: Mondays, Tuesdays, and Saturdays until 5 and Wednesdays until 7. Call to be sure a volunteer is here 253-3233

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School of Architecture- Cash, Check  
[www.beauxartsball.org](http://www.beauxartsball.org)- Credit only

Louisville: General Eccentric, Highlands- Cash, Check and Urban Design Studio, S.3rd. St.- Cash, Check

All Check(s) must be made payable to the Beaux Arts Foundation.

Tickets are \$23 @ the Door, and will only be sold April 3 from 6 pm to 10 pm at the Downtown Arts Center Box Office and in front of the Downtown Design Center.

The Beaux Arts Foundation Inc. is a non-profit organization comprised primarily of architecture students. Our mission is to raise funds for Lexington-Area organizations that provide direct services for those affected by HIV/AIDS, and to promote Architectural creativity and the Arts.

## **MR. KENTUCKY LEATHER**

On March 13 David Ganim of Cincinnati, OH was chosen Mr. Kentucky Leather 2004 before a capacity crowd at Club 141. Mr. Ganim was sponsored by the Serpent Bar of Cincinnati and will represent Kentucky in the International Mr. Leather contest to be held in Chicago, IL over Memorial Day weekend, May 27-31.

The contest, sponsored by the Imperial Court of Kentucky with the assistance of the Lexington Lyons L/L club, was the culmination of a weekend of activities that included a Leather and Lace Fantasy show and a "Meet and Great" reception. Net proceeds from the weekend's events will go to the Leather Archives and Museum in Chicago, IL. Donnie Ray from Louisville, KY was the

First Runner-Up and Greg Barker from Cincinnati, OH was Second Runner-Up

Judges for the event were the Rev. Dan Newman, Mr. Tri-State Leather 2001; Rick Storer, Executive Director of the Leather Archives and Museum; Andrew Keisker, Great Lakes Drummerboy 2000; Master Deborah, Past President of NLA-KY; and Thomas Smith, Mr. International Rubber 1999. Chuck Schramm served as Den Daddy and James Knight was Tallymaster.

Larry Stanley, Emperor 22 of the Imperial Court of Kentucky, was Master of Ceremonies and presented the Leather Archives with a check for \$500. from a previous Court sponsored event that had the Leather Archives as its beneficiary.

NYC Leather artist Ira Smith donated two of his signed prints and the Lexington Lyons donated a Leather Basket for a Silent Auction which raised \$450.

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## **Carol Cross**

**Pride Gallery April 10 to May 8**  
**Reception April 10 5 to 9**

Ever since I can remember I've been fascinated by photography. Growing up in Portland, Oregon gave me ample opportunity to play. It started with one of those Kodak instamatics; you know, the ones with the flash cubes that spin. I remember taking that camera to the Grand Canyon when I was six years old. Then my parents got me a knock-off version of a Rolle 120mm camera at a garage sale. I liked the fact that you saw the image you were shooting upside down through the view finder.

Next came the ultra-hip Disc camera when I was 13, again a Kodak product. The negatives were the best. They reminded me of the View Master I had a child. It wasn't until 1986 when I took my first actual photography class, an elective in high school. That's when I got my first Pentax K1000, which I have continued to use since.

I went Cornell College in Iowa, where I

continued my study of photography, both in my coursework and on trips to Mexico and Scotland, where I had a chance to explore my passion for capturing new images. I received my Bachelor's degree in Art in 1993, and after a brief time in Colorado, still taking pictures, I returned to Iowa for an internship at the Abbe Creek Gallery. There, I had a chance to learn the work of an independent photographer.

In 1996, I became the staff photographer at the Emma Goldman Clinic in Iowa City (an independent clinic for women). I photographed fundraisers, open houses, and the rest of the staff for the newsletter, and I helped create an educational slide show of the various services and products associated with the clinic.

In 2000, I moved to Kentucky with my husband, and in 2001 we had a daughter. She is currently my favorite model, though it's hard to get her to sit still for very long. I am still taking pictures with my trusty Pentax K1000 (though now I have two of them).



**TUESDAY, APRIL 20  
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# REPEAT OVERDRIVE WORD FIND

BY REINETTE JONES

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List words are spelled backward, forward, up, down, and diagonal in the puzzle.

## REPEAT

abba	arrghh	baba	baas	beebee
boo-boo	bye-bye	cancan	chow chow	coco
coocoo	Dada	grigri	haha	hawkshaw
hmm	juju	kaas	kakapo	kavakava
kinnikinnick	litterer	lulu	lusus	madam
mama	man to man		meme	nana
nene	odd	otto	papa	pawpaw
pooh-pooh	queue	side by side	so-so	Su-su
tartar	titi	too-too	tzetze	uhuh
up-and-up	vivid	wah wah	pedal	waw
word-for-word		wow	yo-yo	yum-yum

## OVERDRIVE

abs	avo	any	aka	ask	bank
bad	bate	been	blade	buy	cog
coy	cows	dams	din	far	hoar
hobo	hog	hon	hot	hue	jet
jut	mass	maw	mob	nor	nod
pad	pee	rad	rag	ray	rot
said	sat	say	sea	ska	ski
tip	toot	two	wag	wen	yew

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## BLUEGRASS FAIRNESS

Fairness had its annual meeting in January and elected new officers. Cindy Downey and Scotty Saltsman are the current co-chairs. David Cupps presented the financial report for 2003. Bluegrass brought in \$22,000, spent \$11,000 and transferred \$6,000 to KFA for a net of \$5,000. The current balance on hand is \$14,000. (Auto-donations from Bluegrass members that go directly to KFA not included) Netta Brooks was introduced as the new Eastern Kentucky organizer for KFA. She has an office in Lexington and can be reached at 396-525.

Scotty Saltsman led a brainstorm concerning what Fairness should focus on this year. Highest priority was given to stopping the KY anti-gay marriage amendment in committee and stopping the anti-gay adoption bill. There was also interest in voter identification, strengthening ties with non-gay allies, and increased outreach to faith-based groups, Latina/o and other under

represented groups.

Bluegrass Fairness meets on the last Tuesday of the month at the Pride Center. Join us at 7 pm and get involved!

## Kentuckians for the Commonwealth

The Central Kentucky Chapter of Kentuckians For The Commonwealth (KFTC) is a progressive organization that includes work for gay rights among their projects. GLBT people need to be aware of and supportive of KFTC and other groups that are allies to us. We also should consider being active participants in a variety of non GLBT group, becoming allies in the work that is being done to make our country more free and more just.

KFTC has an anti-discrimination work team that has participated in the work for GLBT Rights. Leah Ottersbach is the coordinator of this team as well as organizer for the chapter and invites GLBT individuals to their meetings. Contact them at [jlynjenks@msn.com](mailto:jlynjenks@msn.com) or at 254-3585.

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