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LEX. PRIDE IDOL CONTEST

GLSO's Pride Committee is beginning its two-month search to find Kentucky's most talented vocalists to compete in the first Lexington Pride Idol Contest.

The contest will start with preliminary rounds at local bars and coffee houses. The preliminaries will be on:

Tues., April 5 9pm at Mia's

Tues. April 12 9pm at The Bar Complex

Friday, April 22 10pm at Crossings

Tues., May 10 9pm Club 141

Thurs., May 19 8pm at Third St. Stuff

Tues., May 31 9pm at Club Liquid

Up to twenty individuals will compete at each hosting location in the preliminaries. There will be 3 to 4 contestants chosen by the audience from each location. Applications are now available at each of these locations and at the Pride Center. Contestants should bring their application and the \$10 entry fee to the preliminary contest they wish to enter.

The preliminary contests will be in the form of karaoke and on screen words will be allowed but not required. Each contestant will perform one song between 3 and 4 minutes long. Bring your own music. We will test your music prior to the event to be sure it is compatible with our system.

The audience will be the judges at the preliminaries. Everyone attending will receive one voting ballot with their admission fee (where applicable.) Additional ballots may be purchased for \$1. Any contestant that is not chosen in a preliminary, is welcome to ...continued on page 2

Moveable Feast Fundraisers

Moveable Feast is having two speed dating nights in April. Speed dating is a structured event where individuals get to meet a number of potential dating partners for brief conversation. At the end of the evening, participants fill out forms that indicate if they are interested in exchanging contact information with any of the people they have met.

On Thursday, April 21, straight people are invited to participate and Friday, April 22 is gay night. The cost is \$25 and space is limited to 32. It will be held at the Canary Cottage, 121 Clay Ave. Call Canary Cottage 226-0308 for reservations.

A second fundraiser is planned for Derby Day, May 7. Abbra Cadaver and Columbus' Devil in Exile will be among the bands playing for your entertainment. The party will be from ...continued on next page

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PRIDE IDOL CONTEST enter at another hosting location. This will require another entry fee.

In the second round, the 21 preliminary winners will perform for our panel of judges. The judges will select 12 from this group who will go on to compete in the finals at the Pride Picnic at Windy Knoll Farm on Sunday, June 12. (Not on Father's Day this year)

For the final competition, contestants will be asked to memorize two songs. The audience at the picnic will be the judges and will pick Lexington's 2005 Pride Idol! The winner will be asked to sing once more for the crowd. He/she may pick one of the songs selected for the competition or another of his/her own choosing.

The grand prize will include a trophy, a gift certificate to Disc Jockey, and studio time at Grooves Professional Recording Studio to produce 10 copies of a two song CD. And, of course, the title of Lexington's 2005 Pride Idol!

Moveable Feast Derby Party continued

3pm to 10 pm. at 2420 N. Cleveland Pk. Directions: Drive out Winchester Rd. 5.5 miles beyond New Circle Rd. Turn right onto Cleveland Rd. It will be the 1st large house on the left with stone gates. Admission is \$30 per person or \$50 per couple. Call Moveable Feast 252.2867 to purchase tickets in advance or they can be purchased at the gate.

Wishing Chair 10th Anniversary Concert

Miriam Davidson and Kiya Heartwood invite you to their gaia CD Release and 10th Anniversary Concert on April 2 at UK's Memorial Hall. Their very special guests for the evening will be The Reel World String Band. The concert starts at 7 pm and is preceded by a workshop/discussion at 5:30.

Tickets are available in advance for \$15 through the UK student Center Ticket Office and at the door for \$17. Kids under 12 are free. The concert is sponsored by the UK Lavender Society and by the UK Women Studies Program,

Miriam and Kiya appreciate the generosity and support from so many in the community during the recording their new CD, Underdog.

Community News

The Imperial Court

The Imperial Court of Kentucky would like to congratulate all the winners from its ninth annual Falsies awards, held March 29th at the Kentucky Theater. Special congratulations are in order for the first round of Falsies Hall of Fame inductees Cammie Dietrich, Tracy Taylor, and Eden Towers. Each of these three performers have excelled in any number of the categories presented annually.

Looking to the future, please plan on joining the Court for Miss Derby Pride May 4th at Club 141. Doors open at 8:30, Pageant at 9:30. For an application, please contact Board President Nicole Diamond at NicoleDiamond1@aol.com or Regent Emperor 23 Donnie "EV" Royse at Emperor19EV@aol.com.

Women on the Edge calendars are available at 50% off - \$6 each. Contact Michael Thompson at Babalvr@aol.com or (859) 258-2997.

The court will be hosting an auction of erotic art at Gallerie Soleil (363 W. Short Street) on May 15th. If you have a piece you would be willing to donate, contact event chair John Ridener at Ursaloco2@aol.com.

SisterSound

SisterSound is in rehearsal for their upcoming concert which will be Saturday, May 21. Titled "A Musical Feast", the concert will feature a variety of songs about food. To add to the fun, SisterSound will include an all time favorite, "Big Legged Woman," in their performance.

Ticket information will be printed here next month. For information email Patti at paowens@excite.com or call 806-0243. www.geocities.com/sistersound

Robbie Bartlett

Robbie Bartlett, a community favorite, will be singing at Lelia's Resturant on Saturday, April 23 from 7 pm to 11 pm. Lelia's is located at 735 E. Main St in downtown lexington. There will be a \$5 cover charge. Reservations are recommended, call 335-0004.

Robbie is an extrodinary singer with a wide rang of styles including Jazz, Rhythm and Bues, and Rock. If you have not heard her sing, treat yourself to an evening out.

Bar Complex Events

The Bar has added some regular events to our weekly calendar. Beginning, Tuesday, April 5, we will host regular Karaoke Nights every Tuesday in the Gilded Cage Cabaret. Hosted by Ray Ray, Rayna Starr's Butch Brother, this is sure to be a lot of fun. We have a large selection of all-time favorites and you can also bring your own song selections.

Also new at the Bar will be "Drago Bingo" at 9 pm pm every Wednesday, hosted by Allyssa Williams and Hunter Hayes. Come on out for some fabulous Prizes. Bring you own ink sampler in your favorite color.

Rainbow Families of Lexington

Did you know that there are approximately 4 million gays and lesbians that are raising an estimated 10 million children, in the United States? Did you also know that Lexington families are included in those stats - and we have our own gay parenting organization right here in Lexington? If you are a gay or lesbian parent of a child of any age, then you should check us out.

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Rainbow Families of Lexington (RFOL) is gearing up for Spring! Bring your sunglasses and sun screen to Jacobson Park on Saturday April 23rd. The group will be gathering from 12-3 for kite flying and a pot luck lunch.

In May, we are going to gather up the kids for crafts! We will be presenting the kids artwork at the GLSO center during Pride month and also at Lexmark's Diversity Day event on June 24th.

In June RFOL will hold it's official kick-off celebration. It will be loads of fun with games, prizes, food and fun! More details to follow, but this is one event you won't want to miss!!

For more info. on these events or to join the group, call Jen at 523-3083 or email jen_cheryl@yahoo.com. Join our group <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/rfolky>

Lyons Levi/Leather Club

The Lexington Lyons meet every third month at the Pride Center. Their next scheduled meeting will be in May. Contact Paul at 312-9346 for more information about the club.

BEAU ARTS BALL

The Beau Arts Ball will be on Saturday, April 2 at the Black Horse Garage next to Arts Place. Tickets are \$17 in advance and \$25 at the door and can be purchased at CD Central or the Pride Center.



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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/lexDGA>

The Lexington Diversity in Gender Alliance meets on the first Saturday evening of the month (April 2th) at a private location. Doors open at 7, the meeting starts at 7:30. For information contact R.K. Isaac at 859 979-0374, or email phreak-izh@yahoo.com. Or contact Alexis at alexisz@gmail.com.

We welcome all people who transcend gender norms or who are questioning their gender identity, including transsexuals, intersexuals, effeminate men, masculine women, drag Kings, drag Queens, gender queers and more. Family and supportive allies who would like to learn more are also welcomed. We discuss a variety of topics. This is not a therapy group.

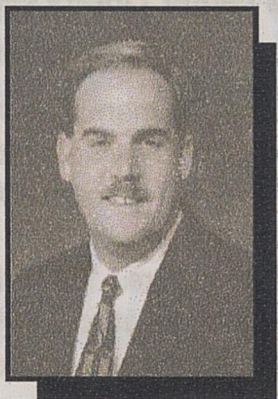
UK Support Group

A GLBTQ support Group is meeting at UK. We talk about issues that can sometimes be difficult to discuss including: coming out, flirting, sexuality, spirituality, family, employment, relationships, homophobia. This group is free and for UK/LCC students only. Facilitators: Colby Cohen-Archer, PH.D and Sherry Rostosky, PH.D. Call 257-8701 or crcohe2@uky.edu

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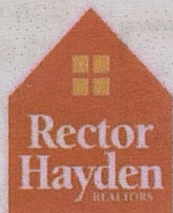
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Pride Month Committee

The Committee planning Pride Month 2005 will meet again on Thursday, April 14 at 5:30 at the Pride Center. We need a few more volunteers so swing by after work. We are keeping these meetings short. We will be discussing the Pride Idol Contest and the Pride Picnic.

This committee is open to everyone; we invite you to show up and get involved. We are looking for someone interested in hosting a Pride Reading, an event where people share various forms of writing such as, poetry, essays, and stories. For information call Mary at 266-5904 or the Pride Center at 253-3233.

40+ WOMEN

The next 40+ Club meeting will be on Sunday, April 10, 2pm at the Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave. Come with ideas for activities you would like us to undertake. Plan to join us after the meeting for a meal at a local restaurant. All women over 40 and their friends are welcome to attend. For information call Ginger at 253-0061.

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Pride Center Library Highlights: Poetry

By Jane Minder

April 2005 marks the 10th celebration of National Poetry Month. It was inaugurated in 1996 by the American Academy of Poets to celebrate poetry and its vital place in American culture. The Pride Center Library joins this celebration by offering you the following gay and lesbian poetry selections:

Cooper, Dennis. Dream Police: Selected Poems (PS 3553.O582 B69)

Davenport, Sharon. Between Us: Poems (PS 3569.L47 D247 B552)

*Doty, Mark. Sweet Machine (PS 3554.O798 D725 S74)

*Phillips, Carl. Pastoral (PS 3566.H476 P293)

*Pratt, Minnie Bruce. Crime Against Nature (PS 3566.R35 C75)

*Sappho. Sappho: Poems and Fragments (PA 4408.E5 S180)

*Stein, Gertrude. Lifting Belly (PS 3537.T323 L5)

*Whitman, Walt. Leaves of Grass (PS 3201 L439)

Collections:

Son of the Male Muse: New Gay Poetry (PS 595.H65 S66)

Dykeywords: An Anthology of Lesbian Writing (PS 8287.L47 D997)

*Poet's biography can be found on the American Academy of Poets web site at <http://www.poets.org/index.cfm>.

The Pride Center Library, located at 389 Waller Avenue, is open Monday-Friday from 10-3. Celebrate National Poetry Month and check out the library today.

Miss Derby Pride

Wednesday, May 4th

Club 141



Doors @ 8:30-- Show @ 9:30

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Research Study of Same-Sex Couples

Dr. Sharon Rostosky and Dr. Ellen Riggle at the University of Kentucky are looking for gay/lesbian/same-gender loving couples (at least 23 years of age and together at least two years) to participate in a study of spiritual and/or religious values. Couples will participate at a time convenient for them and will be compensated \$50 (\$25 each) for their time (approximately 1 1/2 hours).

During this session, the couple will be interviewed (together) about their views and experiences with spirituality and religion within the context of being a couple. The interview will be taped and later transcribed and then all interviews will be compiled for analysis.

Each couple member will also be asked to individually (and confidentially) complete a questionnaire about him/herself and his/her relationships. All information that is collected will be treated confidentially. Couples interested in hearing more about this study are asked to call (859) 257-7880 or email: rostosk@pop.uky.edu.

Frontrunners/Frontwalkers

In April Frontrunners/Frontwalkers will again meet on Wednesday nights at 6:45 pm and Saturday mornings at 9 am at the U.K. Arboretum. We will discuss moving over to Woodland Park at an earlier time. By mid-April we may have decided to move to contact us of updated information, or with questions. Contact Hal Kutter or Ken Waibel at 294-7944.

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On Sunday May 1st, also known as May Day, Soulforce and over 1000 gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLTB) individuals, couples, families, and heterosexual allies will converge on the headquarters of James Dobson and Focus on the Family in Colorado Springs. A collective MAYDAY will be sent out to challenge the misinformation about GLBTs that flows to millions of people daily through James Dobson's radio broadcast, website, e-mail alerts, video, audio, and print materials.

Among his untruths are claims that gay people want to destroy marriage and the family, that homosexuality can be prevented and cured by 'reparative therapy', and that homosexuals have a mental disorder caused by family problems and bad parenting, devastating families with misplaced guilt and exacerbating the often desperate shame of gay children everywhere.

Additionally, Dobson's influence on public policy decisions and electoral politics is unrivaled and his access to the political pundits, the White House and Congress is unfettered, channeling his misinformation into the ears of the national policy makers. His attempts to make America a fundamentalist "Christian" nation, by imposing his narrow interpretation of the Bible on all Americans, jeopardizes the civil liberties and religious freedom of all people and threatens the integrity of our U.S. Constitution.

The purpose of Soulforce is freedom for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people from religious and political oppres-

sion through the practice of relentless nonviolent resistance. Soulforce intends to confront Dobson's anti-gay and anti-American rhetoric, and celebrate OUR families. Activities include nonviolent trainings, a picnic and rally in the park, and bringing truth about our families directly to Focus on the Family, holding hands as we walk through their building and eating in their lunch room.

Contact local SoulForce Coordinator Jamie at 230-5625 for local information or see www.SoulforceLexington.org or www.soulforce.org.

Actors Guild of Lexington **World Premiere Play - *Checking In***

by Brian Hampton

directed by Richard St. Peter

What is it that keeps six friends from high school, now living totally different lives, in touch with each other after all these years? Is it a genuine love for each other? Or because no matter how tough things get in their real lives, they can rely on each other for a good laugh or a good cry?

Come to Atlantic City for the night and find out for yourself as you meet six remarkably different people, including one gay man, struggling to make their way in the world, and reconnecting with each other. Through laughter, tears, and self-discovery you will see why they need to stay in touch-- because of the family they have become...and the family they will always be.

Checking In has been a hit with audiences in its earliest readings, and now Actors Guild of Lexington is pleased to bring it to life in its world premiere production. It will be playing the first three weekends in April, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights and Sunday matinee. Call Actors Guild of Lex. for ticket information.

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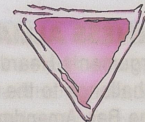
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GLSO Newsletter Calendar

April 2005

To schedule events at the Pride Center, call Bill at 253-3233
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>More information about many of the events are in this newsletter. You may want to call or email the group to confirm the date and time, see the directory on back page.</p> <p>Pride Center may be abbreviated - PC Call for Place may be abbreviated- Call</p>						<p>9a Frontrunners/walkers 7p <i>Wishing Chair 10th Anniversary Concert-UK</i> 7:30p Dress & Gender Alliance (Call for place)</p>
<p>9:15 & 11a UU Church 10:30 a St. Mychal 4p Integrity @ St. Michael's 6p SisterSound Rehearsal</p>	<p>Pride Center open til 6pm 8p AA Step Study (call for place)</p>	<p>7p GSA (call for place 266-5904) 8p <i>Pride Idol pre-contest @ Mia's</i></p> 	<p>Pride Center open til 6pm 7p GLSO Discussion Group-PC 8p AA Step Study (call)</p>		<p>Pride Center open til 6pm 7:30 p Gay/Lesbian AA (call for place)</p>	<p>9a Frontrunners/walkers</p>
<p>2p Women 40+ Club-PC 4p Integrity @ St. Michael's 6p Imperial Court Mtg -PC SoulForce (call Jamie 230-5625)</p>	<p>Pride Center open til 6pm 7:30 p <i>Fairness-PC</i> 8p AA Step Study (call for place)</p>	<p>7p GSA (call for place 266-5904) 8p <i>Pride Idol pre-contest @ The Bar Complex</i></p> 	<p>7p GLSO Discussion Group-PC 8p Gay/Lesbian AA (call)</p>	<p>5:30p <i>Pride Month Committee Mtg-PC</i></p>	<p><i>Newsletter Dead-line</i> Pride Center open til 6pm 7:30 p Gay/Lesbian AA (call for place)</p>	<p>9a Frontrunners/walkers Arboretum</p>
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Weekly Activities:

- Mondays:**
 8pm - AA Step Study (Call for Location)
- Tuesdays:**
 7pm - GSA (Gay Straight Alliance)
- Wednesdays:**
 7pm - GLSO Discussion Group
 8pm - Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for Location)
 9pm - Rainbow Bowling League Southland Lanes
- Fridays:**
 8pm - Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for Location)
- Saturdays:**
 9am - Frontrunners/Walkers @ UK Arboretum
- Sundays:**
 9:15 & 11am - UU Church Worship Services.
 10:30 - Mass, St. Mychal The Martyr.
 4pm - Integrity @ St. Michael's
 6pm - SisterSound Rehearsal @ Landsdowne Presby. Church.
 7pm - LMC Rehearsal @ St. Michael's Episcopal Church.

Bi-weekly:

- 6pm - The Imperial Court SoulForce -Call Jamie 230-5625

Monthly Activities:

- Mondays:** 7pm - GLSO Board Mtg. (3rd Mon.)
- Tuesdays:** 7pm - Fairness (4th Tues)
- Wednesdays:**
- Thursdays:**
- Fridays:**
- Saturdays:** 8pm - Diversity in Gender (1st. Sat.)
- Sundays:** 2pm -Women 40+(2nd. Sun.)
 7pm -MACT (3rd. Sun.)

KY FAIRNESS ALLIANCE

Oral Arguments Heard on Legal Challenge to the Gay Marriage Ban Amendment

By Jim Dickinson

In November, 2004, two members of the Bluegrass Chapter and KFA, Willie Boddie and Charlotte Wood, filed a complaint challenging the validity of the Constitutional Amendment in the Franklin Circuit Court. Because it was an election contest, the complaint presented two very narrow questions: (1) Did the amendment violate the Kentucky Constitution because it contained more than one subject matter and (2) was the language purportedly banning civil unions so vague that an intelligent voter could not understand the meaning of the amendment?

After the Complaint was filed, the Secretary of State, the Office of the Attorney General and Kent Ostrander and Sen. McGaha have all filed Motions to Dismiss. Hon. Bill Rambicure, the attorney of record representing Wood and Boddie, filed a response on Tuesday, January 18, 2005, in which he forcefully reiterated the arguments set out in the complaint.

On February 28, 2005, Judge Crittenden of the Franklin Circuit Court heard arguments concerning the Defendants' Motion to Dismiss the ballot question complaint filed by the attorneys representing Charlotte Wood, Willie Boddie and Rev. Pennybacker. within one amendment.

Attorneys representing Grayson and the intervenors, Kent Ostrander, ED, Kentucky Family Foundation and Senator McGaha presented oral arguments. The Attorney's General Office did not participate in the arguments.

Crittenden had obviously read the briefs carefully and asked several pointed questions of the Defendants as to the scope of the language and what effect it would have on private contract rights. He also commented that the amendment would keep attorneys busy for the next ten years.

The attorney representing Secretary of State Grayson commented that it was their position that the amendment would not affect private contractual rights and basically reiterated their position in the briefs that the ballot language was valid because it had tracked the language of the authorizing bill and related to the single subject of marriage.

Bill Rambicure represented the Plaintiffs (Boddie and Wood) in this matter and made an excellent presentation of how the confusing and ambiguous language of the amendment made it impossible for a reasonably intelligent voter to understand what the amendment meant or what its effect would be. He also pointed out that the amendment could abrogate private contractual rights such as those offered by a private company because it would necessarily entail action by the court to validate an agreement in contravention of the amendment.

Rambicure also noted that the amendment could very well prevent public agencies such as UK from ever considering a domestic partner benefits provision for its employees. Specifically he commented that given the language in the amendment it was not clear at what point a bundle of benefits would mimic that of a marriage and hence be invalid. For that reason alone a voter could not intelligently decide how to vote on this issue.

It is hard to get a read on how Crittenden might rule. He was engaged

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in the arguments and neutral in his tone and demeanor. He did express the belief, however, that he was not sure whether an evidentiary hearing was really needed. Rambicure pointed out that we needed to complete discovery so that full extent of the ambiguity of the ballot measure could be understood.

Crittenden did not rule from the bench. The case is under submission for a ruling.

Volunteers Needed

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- *to write articles for this newsletter
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Home Buying/Selling

by Mary Crone

The thought of home Buying and Selling can be stressful for many people. Some of that stress comes from a lack of knowledge about the process. For other individuals that have always rented, home ownership may seem out of their reach. This is not necessarily true.

With these issues in mind I sat down with Scott Ackerman of Rector-Hayden Realtors, sponsor of this months newsletter and one of our Pride Month Sponsors, to learn some of the basics to share with you. Part of what I learned is that the help of an experienced, committed Real Estate Professional can help reduce the stress and guide you along the path to reach your real estate goals. If after reading this you have additional questions, please email me and I will address them in next month's follow up article.

Real Estate Agents can work with clients in several different roles. They can work as a Seller's Agent helping a homeowner get their home sold. They can act as a Buyer's Agent assisting clients who want to buy a home. They can also work in a Limited Dual Agency role representing the Seller as well as the Buyer for a home the agent has listed.

When an individual starts thinking about buying a home Scott recommends they select an agent to work with them as a Buyers Agent. In this role the agent will help the buyer find the right home, preview the home for maintenance and repair concerns, negotiate price and other contract terms, secure competitive financing, select qualified inspectors, and navigate the myriad of details involved in the purchase process.

When selecting an agent the buyer will

want to select someone who is experienced, knowledgeable, professional as well as someone they can trust and talk with. Asking friends, family members, work mates, or social contacts that have recently purchased a home about their buying experience is a good way to find agent referrals. Once chosen, your agent will help to guide you through the largest purchase most of us will ever make. It is critical that the agent is a knowledgeable, caring partner in this effort.

Most companies in the Central Kentucky area share information on their listings through a database known as the Multiple Listing Service (MLS). This allows member agents to have access to information on all listed properties and the ability to show those homes to perspective buyers. Your Buyer's Agent will be able to show you any and all listed property regardless of whom it is listed through.

They can also represent you if you want to build a brand new home. Most builders regularly cooperate with agents who represent buyers that want to buy a newly constructed home or build a new home from the ground up. This will give the buyer the opportunity to select the home style they want and amenities that are important to them. This opportunity to personalize can be rewarding and helpful for buyers that have specific or atypical needs. Because of the number of selections and details involved in the building process, having your own buyer agent advocate can be extremely helpful.

Another great piece of news about a Buyer's Agent is that the seller typically pays their fees. As I will discuss more fully later in this article, when the seller list their property with an agent they agree to a commission/fee for the agent's services. As part of the cooperation agreement through the MLS, member

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real estate companies and agents have agreed to share the commission between the Seller's agent and the Buyer's agent. As a result of this agreement, the buyer gets the benefits of agent representation at no additional costs. Why would a buyer not take advantage of this opportunity to have their own advocate?

In the role of a seller's/listing agent, the agent will assist the seller in the preparation, pricing, and marketing of their home as well as guide them through the contract process once an offer is received. The agent will make recommendations to the seller for cost effective "spruce ups" to help the property sell more quickly or for more money.

Helping the seller establish value for the property is an crucial part of the agent's service. A property's value is established by comparing the subject property to similar properties that have recently sold in the same neighborhood. The listing agent is a guide and sounding board for the owners from before a property is listed thru the closing and transfer of the property to the new owners.

When sellers contract with an agent to represent them they agree to a commission or fee for the agent's services. This fee usually covers all of the seller's marketing, advertising, as well as advice and consultation and is paid at closing from proceeds of the sale. There is no standard fee that all real estate companies charge; each firm sets its own fee structure.

When interviewing agents, sellers are best served by hiring an experienced, professional agent who has a proven track record of success, strong negotiation skills, and a broad based marketing plan. Hiring a less qualified agent just because they

agree to charge a lower commission could cost the seller thousands of dollars in lost equity due to a lower sales price or longer time on the market. An effective, committed agent is a key partner in maximizing the seller's equity.

The Limited Dual Agency role is legal in Kentucky with the approval of the Buyer and Seller. This is the representation type buyers can unexpectedly find themselves with when they call and set an appointment to view a listed property with the listing agent. In this role the agent has a duty and responsibility to disclose all known defects, condition issues and facts about the property to the Buyer.

The agent, however, cannot disclose personal or confidential information about one party to the other without the consent of that party. For instance, an agent acting as a Limited Dual Agent should not disclose a seller's motivated position to sell because of a divorce or illness to the buyer, or disclose to the seller that the buyer will pay more for the property than formally offered without first obtaining permission from the buyer or seller to share that information.

Due to the complex nature of real estate transactions Scott has chosen not to work in a Dual Agency role with his clients in an effort to avoid even the appearance of a conflict of interest or concerns that he would favor one party over another. Scott will represent clients who have a home to sell and clients who want to buy a home, just not the buyer and seller for a single piece of property.

Tune in next month when I will outline the buying process in an article entitled "Homebuying 101".

Pride Month Event Registration

Deadline for Inclusion in Pride Month Pamphlet Monday, May 9

The Pride Month Committee has established a calendar of events for June 2005 and has set dates for a number of events. We are asking all groups that are planning an event to call Bill at the Pride Center Office (859 253-3233) before you choose a date so that we will have as little overlap as possible. Events such as the ActOut play that happen over several weekends can overlap with other events. These dates are set

Fri, Sat., Sun. June 3, 4, 5 Coronation The Imperial Court

Saturday, June 4 Pride Gallery Opening

Saturday, June 11 Bowling

Sunday June 12 Pride Picnic GLSO

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Unitarian Universalist Church

Sunday Services at 9 & 11

The Unitarian Universalist Church welcomes gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people to all our worship services, educational programs, and other events. Please note that we have changed the time of our early service on Sunday to 9 am. We are located at 3564 Clays Mill Rd.

Unitarians have a variety of beliefs and spiritual practices. There are Christians, Buddhists, Pagans, and Humanists within our congregation. We enjoy talking about our various points of view.

Interweave, the LGBT support group, will be going out to lunch after the service on April 17. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at about 12:15 and decide upon a restaurant.

On Sunday, April 24 there will be a Passover Seder Dinner at the church. We will gather at 4:45, begin the reading of the Haggadah at 5 and have dinner at 6. Anyone interested in attending should call Mary Crone at 266-5904.

At 7 that same evening, there will be a Full Moon Ritual Drumming Circle. LexCUUPS (pagans) also sponsors a drum circle on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of

each month from 7 to 9 pm. Learn rhythms, play with the drummers, or dance. Drums are provided. Call Margaret Spickler for info at 333-0911.

On Wednesday night there are adult education programs that are fun and educational. Mary Crone will be leading a discussion on the interface between science and spirituality starting on April 13 and continuing for 5 sessions.

National LGBT Interfaith Conference in Michigan

American Friends Service Committee

Together in Faith 2005, a national multiracial, multigenerational Conference for spiritual lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender & ally activists is planned for August 5-7, at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, Michigan. Rabbi Michael Lerner, Mandy Carter, Meg Riley and Barry Lynn will be speaker at this event.

Workshops are designed to provide new information and tools to help participants create LGBT-affirming cities and faith communities. Admission is \$75. To register online visit www.togetherinfaith.com. To register by phone or to volunteer call Amanda Sharrai, Program Associate at 734-761-8283 ext. #3.

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As the office manager of the Pride Center, Bill Chandler quite often receives calls requesting referrals for a wide variety of services with an emphasis on the business being GLBT or GLBT supportive.

Calls have come in for Doctors (General Practitioners), Dentists, Attorneys, Plumbers, Electrician's, Auto Mechanics, Realtors, Accountants, Cleaning Services, Therapists and others. People have also called for suggestion of places to dine, live, work and play.

Many of these requests are easy to answer but others are not. Therefore, in addition to the Pink Pages, we are creating a list of gay and gay-friendly businesses and service providers.

There is no charge to be added to this list.

If you would like to be added to our Referral List, please fill out the form below and mail it to GLSO Referral Service, P.O. Box 1172, Lexington, KY 40588 or email your information to us at lexingtonglso@yahoo.com. Please put Referral Service in the subject line.

Call the Pride Center with any questions: 253-3233. We are open from 10 to 3 Monday through Friday.

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If there is more information you would like to include please feel free to do so. Mail to GLSO P.O. Box 1172, Lex. KY 40588 or email us at lexingtonglso@yahoo.com. Put Referral Service in the subject line.

Religious and Spiritual Resources

Lexington Friends Meeting (Quakers)

The Lexington Friends welcomes visitors. We meet for Worship at 10:30 at 649 Price Ave. Price runs parallel to N. Broadway between W. 6th St. and Delcamp Dr. Some Friends arrive at 10:15 to sing for 15 minutes before the service. Since our services are quite different from most other religions, information about our beliefs and approaches to worship may be helpful.

Lexington Friends Meeting is an unprogrammed Quaker meeting. We have no clergy, and there is no sermon, no order of service, and no sacraments. Our worship is similar in form to silent meditation, but definitely a group experience. We sit together in silence and out of that silence some individuals are led to speak. Worship usually lasts about one hour.

Unprogrammed meetings tend to be theologically diverse. Although Quakerism has Christian roots and although many persons in our meeting identify themselves as Christian, all persons seeking spiritual experience and clarity are welcome, whether or not they identify as Christian. Since there is no creed, a significant number of persons whose background is Buddhist, Jewish, or Universalist feel comfortable among Quakers.

Our approach to the spiritual is mystical. We believe that authority lies in the leadings of the 'Light Within.' Individuals are free to use different names for this spiritual experience (e.g., the 'Inner Light,' the 'Christ Within,' the 'Inner Teacher'). We have no clergy because we believe that all of us have direct access to this inner teacher. Nor do we place authority in scriptures or the Bible, though we may find texts to be helpful spiritual guides. We recognize that texts are human creations

and can be flawed or can outlive their value. So our emphasis is on seeking 'That of God Within.' There is no effort to prescribe what the seeker must find, so we have no creed.

As we sit together in silence, Friends "listen" to learn how we are led. If someone is led, he or she may speak from the silence. Such spoken messages are usually brief. Some weeks there may be as many as a half dozen spoken messages during the hour, and occasionally we sit in silence for the whole hour.

Our beliefs also influence how we live (or try to live!) our lives. That's a long story we are happy to share, but briefly, we have a strong belief in the equality of all people (we all equally have 'that of God within'), so we work for social justice on a number of fronts. In addition, because we all have this inner spark, most Friends are opposed to killing and, particularly, to organized killing. Most Friends work for peace and many but not all Friends, are pacifists. We reject violence and war as a way to resolve conflict.

In our culture, many people are uncomfortable with prolonged silences. But we generally find the silence to be rich and a time to slow down and reach for a profound center within. Many times the messages of others speak to our own conditions. It is not unusual for newcomers to find this experience very moving.

The Clerk ends the worship by shaking hands with the persons beside her. Following a brief period of announcements, we introduce ourselves and share our thoughts. We find this to be a way of getting to know one another that builds community.

Please pay us a visit some Sunday. Adult Discussion from 9 to 10:15 am. Singing at 10:15 and Meeting at 10:30 am.

St Mychal The Martyr

St. Mychal The Martyr Parish holds services every Sunday at 10:30, with Rev Ken Waibel performing mass. We are located at 1350 Eastland Dr. St. Mychal is a member of the Orthodox Catholic Church of America, a national denomination that is gay supportive, performs blessings of gay unions, welcomes divorced people, and ordains women to the orders of Deacon, Priest and Bishop.

The Church is one of about three dozen offshoots of the Roman Catholic Church, and is open to married, divorced, and single individuals, welcoming all persons regardless of the blessings or problems of their lives. We have space available for meetings and receptions. For information call 389-9418.

INTEGRITY

Integrity a support group for gay and lesbian Episcopalians and friends meets on the second Sunday of each month at St Michael's Episcopal Church on Bellefonte Drive. The group will be gathering on Sunday April 10 at 4pm in the Chapter Room of the church and welcomes a very special guest, state Senator Ernesto Scorsone. Light refreshments will be served and all are welcome to attend.

Open Door Fellowship

The Open Door Community Fellowship has an outreach Bible Study group for gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgender individuals in Lexington. Open Door is a Spirit-led, Bible-centered, open and affirming Christian Church spreading the awesome news of Jesus Christ's unconditional love for ALL people. Individuals raised in charismatic churches may particularly enjoy how we worship together. We have retained the spirit in an atmosphere of acceptance. For information contact Rev. Cori Wood @ 859-264-7006 or see www.opendoor-cf.com/index.html

Kaleidoscope Disciples of Christ

Kaleidoscope is an open and affirming congregation committed to building a community that crosses all boundaries and is welcoming to all people regardless of including race, gender, ethnicity, and sexual orientation.

We meet every Sunday at 11 am at the Lexington Theological Seminary, 631 Limestone, in the Mary Ann Sanders Chapel. There is plenty of parking around back. Please join us.



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Student Groups

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UK Lavender Society uklavender@yahoo.com
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UK Lambdainfo@uklambda.com
Berea College ACE League (Ryan)..859-985-3633
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Anonymous HIV Testing

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Madison County859-723-7312
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HIV/AIDS Info/Services

- AIDS Volunteers, Inc225-3000
Lexington Health Department (Julie) ...288-2362
HIV/AIDS Legal Project502-584-1254
HIV Support (Somerset) ..679-7478 or 678-5814
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Lexington Friends Meeting (Quakers)..254-3319
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